A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press is Democracy's First Line of Defense

The American people, The Right according to an esti-mate, spent one and two-thirds billions of dollars for reading mater in 1946—for newspapers, books and magazines.

This indicates that the people of the United States are voracious readers but the inportant thing to remember is that each individual had the privilege of selecting what he, or she chose to read. This is somewhat different from the situation providing in Thusia where the This is somewhat unlevest room he stud-ation prevailing in Russia, where the Government selects the stuff that the people read. It is different from what went on in Germany when Hitler took charge of the reading of the German people and set up the peculiar mentality that supported Nazism.

The important thing for every citizen of Birmingham to remember is that ac-body has the right to censor reading in the United States. This is a precious heritage of free people. It is the architect of intellectual progress and moral greatness, Let no American permit any authority to cramp or control what Americans

Heat from Cold Air! One of the amazing developments promised by science is the heating of homes and office buildings through the use of cold outside air or cold water. Some installations are being sested on a commercial basis.

The basic idea behind the paradox is that, even on the coldest day, the outside air or water contains some heat. By the use of a heat pump the scientist takes some of the heat from the air, or the water, cooling it still more and then water, cooling it still more and t pumps the heat inside the building.

The principle behind the operation is The principle behind the operation is the reverse of that used in electric refrigerators. These are cold inside because heat is absorbed by the refrigerant and carried outside the cabinet where it increases the heat, of the room. If the equipment in the refrigerator is reversed the heat would be removed from the room and put inside the cabinet. This is what the heat pump is expected to do in heating a building.

It should not be overlooked that the

It should not be overlooked that the equipment could be used for summer cooling through a controlled system permitting the operation to be reversed.

We are pleased to note that the State Highway Department goon will place traffic signals at the West Maple and Long Lake intersections on Telegraph road. As motorists who have occasion to use these crossings will testify, traffic lights are badly needed at these two points.

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What Will In 1946, according to the Department of Commerce, the people of the United States had an income of \$189,-000,000,000. This includes wages and salaries, dividends, interest, rent, social security, relief, pensions, discharge pay to service men and income from uniscorporated business, including farms.

The figures reveal that the per capita income for the country as a whole was \$1,200. It compares with \$575 average for 1940, but no one should imagine that it represents double the buying power of that year.

The measurement of national income, or per capita income, by dollars, does not present a true picture of the "prosperity" of individuals. The actual value of the dollars received by individuals depends upon what the dollar can purchase. In other words, it might be possible for an individual to receive a greater number of dollars in one year than another and still to be in a worse financial condition than before.

by a Bulgarian Court upon Nikola Pet-koy, anti-Communist opposition leader. Without going into the details of the proposal made by the English-speaking people to get the allied nations to review the sentence, it is worth noting that the Bulgarian national assembly recently passed a bill dissolving the Agrarian Party, which was led by Mr. Petkov. The Party's sixty-five deputies will lose their seats in Parliament. seats in Parliament.

cal party and terminate the membership of duly-elected deputies.

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Democratic? Not many Americans are familiar with the diplomatic exchanges between the United States and Great Britain with Russia over the death sentence imposed by a Bulgarian Court upon Nikola Pet-

It is very difficult for the people of this democratic country to understand how any nation, claiming to have a democratic process, can abolish a politi-

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiae, in anid County on the 23rd day of August 47 1 1047.

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Happenings of Long Ago

The pony ride feature at Belle lale is rather on the bum, judging from our experience there the other night. We rented a pony and rig at a dollar an hour, only to find the cushions had been left out in the rain, it e felt like stiting in an overnized pan of calf's-foot jelly.

Irom him by force.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 15, 1927
The long dreamed of Cranbrock
School long dreamed of will open
its doors to the students on Moniday morning. The faculty has been
chosen and will be beaded by Dr.
William Oliver Stevens as headmaster. Many noted names in eduVistadents attending here will be
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and their surroundings will be
among the most beautiful in the
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The two school student contests being aponsored by the new Birmingham Savings Bank are drawing much favorable comment. One for grade children is in limericks, while the high school students are competing in a "Know Birmingham contest."

Mrs. Fred E. Ross of Willetts street is entertaining her aunth affrica. Mrs. Trenoworth has many interesting things to tell of the "dark continent," many of which have never been known or realized here before. The casual manner in which she speaks of diamond which she speaks of diamond a diamond is something of a mystery, and certainly an object of great beauty and rarity.

SyEARS AGO
Sept. 10, 1942
An old fashioned village fair, in
which the handicraft of men,
women and children of Birmingham will be displayed, will open
Sept. 26 at the Community House.
This two-day affair will display
some amaging talent, as well as
offer us some unque centerain
ment in these stay-al-home times.

The 1942 tax collections here are far ahead of those of the previous year, according to a report by Miss Alice Upward, deputy city treasurer.

Falling asleep is going to prove very expensive for J. Clair Bra-sington of Fentiac. He not only pay for damage to public property when his machine crashed into a tree at Oakland and Hunter, and on into the railing around the underpass.

D. L. Pyle, former superintendent of schools at Georgetown, Ohio, has arrived in Birmingham and the schools at the schools at the schools at the school who resigned last June Mr. Pyle is the third man selected for the position of principal since that time.

Iron and steel. which has served
Birmingham well for many years in the water system, will on the author's fight this week as it goes in the water system, will one that more pictures are made of the long fourney toward becoming ammunition and arms against the Akin powers.

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People's Column

Aug. 25, 1947 To the Editor:

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We enjoy the Birmingham Eccentric away out here in "Ged's presses us most in The Eccentric is the constant decrease, after two years away from Birmingham, in tlems relative to those we knew but I guess that is to be expected. This community (Palo Alto) is in a good many ways like Birmingham.

JACK TREW
37 Linden Ave., Atherton
Menlo Park, Calif.

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City to Try Further Means of Halting Left Turn Violations

In order to provide motorists with a stronger reminder that city traffic regulations no longer permit a left turn from West Maple onto Pierce street, pavement markings will be applied at the intersection, city commissioners have agreed.

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