

Publicity Seekers In Their October 7th municipal election, our neighboring Detroiters are going to have to select from a list of 194 persons those 18 which they want to see on the next general election ballot.

According to Detroit records, 194 candidates greatly surpasses the former record of 122 back in 1941. A goodly percentage of the 194 "candidates" are in the race for nothing more than the publicity and free advertising which their \$100 filing fee will bring them.

What an unusual, and commendable, precedent these 194 candidates would set if each of them had entered the race only because they possessed the qualifications necessary in administering the multi-million dollar corporation that is the City of Detroit!

How fine it would be for Birmingham if a proportionate number of local citizens would volunteer for vacancies that periodically appear on the City Commission.

However, Birmingham can be thankful that its election ballots are not cluttered up with a lot of names of persons who think they can obtain some personal publicity out of entering the contest.

Victory Big Enough to Share

The repeated claim of Soviet Russia that it caused the defeat of Japan arouses some Americans but there is little use to be concerned with the claims made by other nations when they talk for domestic purposes.

It should not be overlooked, however, that Soviet neutrality in the Far East enabled the Russians to put their resources against Germany and that, for many months, the entry of Russia into the war against Japan was not desired by allied leaders. Moreover, the war against the axis aggressors should be considered as a unit. Nothing is to be gained by an attempt to prove that either participant made the greatest contribution.

The international argument along this line is somewhat similar to the discussion of partisans in this country who vie with each other in proclaiming that the Army, the Navy, or the Air Force defeated Germany and Japan. The truth is that each branch of the service contributed to the great victory achieved and that the result would have been different, perhaps, without the contribution of all three.

There is something about going to church that provides nourishment for the soul that cannot be gained by most people, any other place. Going to church, with desire for good in your heart, is like breathing clean, fresh air.

Tackle Local Problems First This week is "United Nations Week" throughout the country, during which a great many organizations have planned programs to bring to each community some of the accomplishments and aims of this newly created body.

The Birmingham chapters of the American Association of University Women and League of Women Voters are actively participating in the Detroit-Windsor observances.

These women—and a number of equally interested men's groups—are to be commended for their active interest in world affairs. This nation is fortunate in having such organizations keeping their collective eye on happenings in the world that will eventually affect the average American citizen. Their vigilance is characteristic of American freedom.

However, we cannot help but notice the local and state problems that are still unsolved and which such organizations could readily assist to a solution. Until these local matters are settled to the best interests of the majority, it appears more advantageous for these organizations to expend more of their efforts on a local or state-wide scale.

With the experience they gain in the solution of local problems, they are better qualified in attempting to settle national or international problems.

For how can nations settle international disputes until each of the 48 American states dissolve the barriers erected against interstate commerce? How can we of Birmingham find a settlement for international problems if we can't agree whether our own city streets are to be improved or remain unimproved?

By tackling and solving the local, small problems, the people of the world obtain the experience with which to settle the national or international differences of opinion.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1897
Burglars at Franklin were surprised while at work in Broughton's store when a gang of armed men surrounded the place. However, they actually didn't do anything when the men left the store with all their loot and made good their escape. Shout! Here in our town they'd have monuments at their heads by now!

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, national lecturer of the W. C. T. U., will deliver her lecture on "Wooling, Winning and Wedding," at the M. E. Church tonight. Don't fail to hear her.

Some people apparently hate to see a band in this town. One night last week an ex-member dropped in to the band room while the boys were at practice, and after most of them had gone home, gobbled the snare drum, claiming it was partly his, since all former members had chipped in to buy their instruments.

An experienced farmer man in Troy has sowed nine bushels of wheat on two acres of land; if it grows as well, he certainly will be able to take advantage of the new high wheat prices that are predicted.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 22, 1927
Among the registrants for the Cranbrook School for Boys this year is David (Gardner) Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth. David, who was born last Wednesday, is registered as a member of the school with the class of 1941. He is the school's youngest potential student at the moment.

The water ban in southern Birmingham has been in effect for months has been lifted. Dr. A. W. Nevitt, health officer, says that recent tests have shown that the water is free from surface contamination now, and there is no longer any need to boil it before using.

The fire which destroyed the old Tudor house, just outside the city limits, and the one which started very shortly after that in a vacant house on Kensington road, are believed to have been started by arsonists. Police and firemen are conducting a careful investigation, checking every available clue.

Police are checking every clue of the robbery Saturday of a local auto. The building was entered after the lock on the front door was broken, and the burglar escaped with \$10 worth of candy.

The mile of newly laid cement on Oak road is now open to the public. It is expected that four and one-half miles more, between Oak and Lake roads, will be laid before the cold weather halts all road construction work.

5 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1942
Birmingham officials are cracking down on reckless driving and speeding inside the city. They are also cracking down on reckless driving, and will spare no effort of violation. It is time someone took the lives of those who drive and walk the streets of our city, since the average driver has proven himself irresponsible.

The H. Smiler Co., of Chicago, entered the successful bid for the contract to paint the city's water tower. The gray paint was the primer coat already on hand for the company to begin the fulfillment of its \$1,271 bid.

The business section has been reorganizing the city of compressed air hammers as WPA workmen continue to remove the rails from the old Woodward and Main street bridge. The steel, which weighs about 87 pounds to the yard, is being trucked to the Ford Motor Co., and Great Lakes Steel, and will shortly be converted into implements of war.

The city is wondering what to do about the newburgs tag, bicycle tags, peddle tags and the like, which now cost double what they did a year ago. Some city in the East, according to Don Eberhart, tried a sort of plastic dog tag, but the dogs ate them all. Not afraid of the newbies and peddles doing likewise are you, Don?

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The Storm Before the Calm?



Local Servicemen Will Have Names on Roll of Honor
World War II to be enrolled on the permanent National Roll of Honor at the unfinished Washington Cathedral was announced today by the Rev. Merritt F. Williams, canon of the Cathedral and chairman of the national War Memorial.

He is Canon Shalleron, Lt. Cmdr. (D) USNR, of 4800 Beach Road, who served in the Pacific and Philippines Liberation campaigns. Names and service records of both the living and the war dead are now being enrolled in the nation's capital city on the known roll of honor, which will be enshrined in the proposed War Memorial Chapel of the Patriotic Transept.

Canon Williams, associate chairman of the Cathedral's national building fund campaign, a veteran of both world wars and chaplain of the United States Marine Corps, said that the roll of honor, which will be enshrined in the proposed War Memorial Chapel of the Patriotic Transept, is a national honor.

Names and service records of all servicemen and women of the recent and all past wars are welcomed by the National War Memorial Committee and the privilege of memorializing the names and records of the war dead and of preserving those of the living in thanksgiving for their safe return, is open to all," Canon Williams said.

"Enrollment of names and records, he added, is not contingent upon any consideration other than the expressed wish of families or next of kin."

The Patriotic Transept and five additional bays of the Cathedral have immediate objectives in a current plan to build a new campaign for five million dollars. The War Memorial Chapel, according to plan, will be dedicated by the President of the United States, and will be a national shrine for the names and records of the war dead and of preserving those of the living in thanksgiving for their safe return, is open to all," Canon Williams said.

These costs, then, should be borne by the City as a whole, as a special assessment rather than allocated over, at least, a five year, or even better, ten year period, which would also tax each taxpayer a very small amount a year.

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People Col. Sept. 11, 1947

To the Editor:
Anent parking meters! Birmingham as a rule is pretty honest and does not willfully violate the parking meter ordinance. But, the stress of haste or other reasons, we may forget to insert a coin in the meter.

However, we generally remember our mistake in a few minutes and will rush back to rectify the neglect, only to find a very vigilant policeman with pencil and ticket in hand.

Will the officer accept our explanation or give us the benefit of the doubt? No! Indeed! He's heard that story before! and in the line of duty, he has to write up the ticket so that another dollar may be added to the coffers of the police department.

Recently, it was stated in The Eccentric that since the installation of the meters, the collections and fines had totaled upwards of \$12,000.

Does the officer who patrols the parking meters contribute any other policing service to Birmingham during his eight hours of duty? No! He just sits there and waits for the next violation.

Property owners make no objection to paying taxes for schools, city offices, etc., but do resent the cost of parking meters, which are a few minutes forgetfulness. It's for keeping his thumb on the scales.

Until about fifty years ago there was little demand for nickel except for nickel plating, for the collection, and for nickel silver to make articles for domestic use and as a base for silver-plated ware. Since that time, and especially since 1921, hundreds of additional uses have been discovered for this metal, largely through scientific research.

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