

National Guard President Truman Necessary

National Guard President Truman says that a strong necessary to the security of this country and that the organization now being implemented will take its place in the national military establishment as a force in being, available for immediate mobilization and service.

The National Guard now includes more than 100,000 men but is far short of its ultimate goal. A recruiting campaign will be launched September 16, and last two months, during which it is hoped to recruit a man a minute to provide 88,888 new guardsmen.

The President makes it clear that the goal is one that of the campaign and that, if the security of the United States is to remain inviolate, there must be other recruits for National Guard service.

The people of Birmingham should not overlook the importance of a well organized and well trained National Guard. While there is little reason to expect any rioting or disorder, there always exists the possibility. The National Guard represents a bulwark for law and order if ever the advocates of anarchy attempt the use of force for any purpose whatever.

Looks for a "Bust"

Paul Porter, last head of the OPA, paints a gloomy picture of our economic future and expresses the opinion that we will be lucky to escape another "bust." Mr. Porter believes that something could have been done to protect the little people of the nation, but doubts that there is anything for Congress to do now. He thinks it is too late and concludes that the consumer has been abandoned to the mercy of government appeals and exhortations which have been futile.

The politicians generally are beginning to agree that the high cost of living will be one of the major issues of the campaign next year. Already, they are getting themselves set to meet the ire of a public which is expected to be thoroughly aroused.

Few individuals work to bring about reforms that will not bring them in cash or other benefits.

Religion teaches men to obey their good impulses without waiting for Sunday services to come around.

The football fans are beginning to be impatient with the baseball world.

The situation in India makes us wonder who's exploiting them now, since the British left.

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Finds Huge, Invisible Stars

Huge stars, invisible to the human eye, are reported to have been lined up along the outer edge of the Milky Way, according to reports received by the American Astronomical Society.

The invisible stars were detected by heat rays a few months ago, but prior to that time their presence was unknown and unsuspected. Astronomers J. J. Nassau and G. B. Van Albada, of Cleveland, said that the stars were discovered by using infra-red rays in the same way that American troops detected Japanese soldiers by the heat of their enemies' bodies.

The astronomers report that the stars are gigantic and so large that if the sun were placed in the center of one of them, there would be ample room for the earth to continue its revolutions around the sun, 93,000,000 miles away and still be well inside the border of the star, whose diameter is estimated to be 200,000,000 miles.

Without the use of an enormous telescope and the full know-how about the infrared technique one has no way to check up on the astronomers. Nevertheless, there is no reason to suppose that the learned gentlemen are talking through their hats. The universe, still largely unknown to man, is of a vastness and immensity to elude the capacity of existing minds.

Accidents While it may do no good, we call your attention to the fact that nearly 100,000 Americans die from accidents every year and more than 10,000,000 suffer disabling injuries.

The National Safety Council estimates the total cost of deaths and injuries from accidents at nearly \$6,500,000,000. It looks as if the cost is high enough to make money-mad Americans stop and take notice.

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HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Conservation Commission, by order, hereby orders that for a period of thirty days, beginning on September 1, 1947, it shall be unlawful for any person to enter the Highland Recreation Area, located on the east side of the city of Birmingham, Alabama, for the purpose of hunting, trapping, or fishing in the area.

Penalty: Violation of any rule or regulation set forth herein is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1897

Charles R. Hoffman's pacing station did a fast act for himself last week when he won three heats at the Plymouth fair, getting a big prize of \$2.21. Charlie's chest is big this week as he tells friends. Rolling Joe will run at Redford.

The Michigan Military Academy opened last week under very favorable circumstances. There are 150 students enrolled, an increase of five over last year.

There is some uneasiness among the teachers and pupils of our school about the floor and the weight it carries. The building should be examined by a competent party, and supports placed at proper spots.

George Brayman has a vine of Hubbard squash that would turn a California squash grower green with envy. The vine is loaded, and they are all huge. One, measured by Ye-Ed, was 56 inches one way and 47 the other! What a pie, what a pie!

The people in Royal Oak were awakened one night last week by the strains of sweet music. They, the first thought they were dreaming until they learned their Birmingham neighbors, accompanied by the band, had decided to "do the town."

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 29, 1927

Lee A. White of Brookline has been named to the village commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ralph I. Cory. The new building, which is at the corner of Chesterfield and Oak streets, will be started soon.

The N. A. Starr Co. has been awarded a general contracting job for work on the new Junior High School. The new building, which is at the corner of Chesterfield and Oak streets, will be started soon.

Because of the reckless manner in which they drive, students of the local schools are facing an official ban on their use of cars. They are becoming a public nuisance, and the city is being forced to display a little regard for life and property," officials said.

Frank O. Gilbert, grand lecturer, will be present at the meeting of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., Thursday night. He will witness the work of the lodge, and make his official recommendations as to the progress in which the work should be pursued.

Harold M. Vaughn, agricultural agent, said that the crop this year will be a much smaller potato crop than usual. The report was given after he had completed a tour of many farms in the county, and was said to be due to adverse weather conditions.

5 YEARS AGO Sept. 24, 1942

Natural gas will arrive in Birmingham Sept. 28. The announcement comes from E. G. Campbell, division manager of the Pontiac branch of Consumers' Power, who states that it will mean considerable saving for all users.

An open house for the new Birmingham Junior High School will be held soon at the Barnum building, according to an announcement made by Superintendent D. B. Ireland Tuesday night. The additional facilities of the building will be shown and explained.

In an effort to improve the services of the Birmingham Post Office, two new men are being added to the staff, one carrier and one clerk. Melvin Cross, of Buffalo street, is the carrier, and will also do part time duty on the mail truck. Andrew Thompson of Townsend will take the clerical position.

The apple picking project is planned for high school boys and girls as a part of the YMCA activities. This will be fun, and will aid greatly in solving the manpower problem for local fruit growers and farmers.

Members of the AAUW opened their annual book sale Monday morning and report the sale of over 1,000 books the first day. Since the new books are still coming in, later buyers will face no shortage of titles and authors from which to make their selections, the committee reports.

NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 1947, at 2 o'clock P. M., the public hearing was held in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building in the City of Birmingham to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 221 of the City of Birmingham, known as Article 28, the same to read: "The Commission shall have the right to refuse to issue a building permit for buildings in Birmingham for the establishment of a special parking lot in certain areas, and special requirements against the property."

Copies of the proposed amendment are available in the City Clerk's Office.

TRINE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.

September 25, 1947.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Edna Reed Sawyer-Birmingham is hereby assessed for the year 1947, the sum of \$1.00, for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing an addition to the Birmingham Public Library, located at the corner of Third and Third streets, Birmingham, Michigan.

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A Policeman's Lot Is Not a Happy One



Birmingham MOMS Plan Marine Hospital Visits

Members of the Birmingham MOMS Club, made their initial visit to Marine hospital in Detroit last week, and came away with the knowledge that, without outside sources, the men there are allowed, one-half, package of cigarettes a month. They feel that most of the people of Birmingham will stand behind their efforts to bring these small pleasures that mean much to men confined to their beds after day, by supporting the Tag Day which will be held Saturday.

The club will cover two floors at Marine on their monthly visits. This one floor holds 95 men. With the second floor being visited, in the future, there will be considerable more demand on the club to provide for these men each time.

With the opening of the new wing at the Veterans' hospital in Detroit, the number there will be increased far beyond the 75 they have called on in the past. They make three calls a month here.

The proceeds of the Tag Day service, groups, with a much larger demand expected from them during the coming months. The recipients, and amount spent, are as follows:

Revolving Loan Fund - 100.00

Detroit U. S. O. 55.00

Dearborn Vets Hospital 225.00

Tuberculosis Sanatorium 50.00

Service Men's Christmas Fund 30.00

This represents a total expenditure of \$660.00, slightly more than was raised on Tag Day. The balance was made up by members of the club, in order that these little things that give them so much pleasure.

Mrs. H. H. Richardson is chairman of the Tag Day for 1947, and is being assisted by the following: Mrs. S. J. Jensen, Mrs. E. T. Appel, Mrs. F. W. Nienfeldt, Mrs. C. W. Mining, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. R. S. Adams, Mrs. covering Franklin M. Rogers, assisted by Mrs. Walter Rodgers.

The local MOMS are also bringing in work from the Marine hospital in Detroit and the Veterans' hospital in Dearborn, which will be sold in the recently opened Lantern Shop, here. The work is all sterling silver jewelry, and is shown expert craftsmanship. One veteran reported that this is his favorite work of art.

The club will meet today (Thursday) at the Community Club, 1000 Woodward Avenue, Dearborn, State president, will be the guest speaker.

Every Jones Hospital \$150.00

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

There's distortion here from tilting the camera. But it's distortion which is effective.

RULES—AND BREAKING THEM

SEVERAL days ago I happened to see a print which had been made for an advertisement. It showed a left staircase descending from the left, with a small boy, huddled on a step at the lower right, looking up at the picture.

This violated one of the rules of good composition—the rule that prohibits the camera from being tilted so that the center of the picture and not away from it. Theoretically, the picture would have been better had the boy been centered in the picture, looking down, or had he been looking up the steps from his position at the lower right.

However, it was this very violation of the rules which made the print effective. For the picture was designed to tell the story of a lost little boy—separated from his family and alone. Looking out of the picture, the small boy seemed to be cut off from his surroundings.

All of which goes to prove that the rules of composition, like other rules, can be violated if done skillfully. And if done with good reason.

This is a wise point to remember, too, if you make "angle" shots as a general rule, to be sure, the best practice is to hold a camera level. Otherwise your pictures are distorted—perspective is altered so that the finished picture does not accurately represent the subject.

But there are times when this is effective—as in today's illustration. Here the distorted horizontal lines of the foreground buildings serve to emphasize the statue while the vertical lines of the building in the background give a feeling of looking up. . . .

This is a case where the rule "hold your camera level" has been disregarded with good effect. In seeking unusual angles from which to picture your subjects, you'll often find it necessary to disregard this rule. But remember when you do so to study your picture when you do so before you snap and ask yourself critically: "Am I tilting my camera for good reason?"

The answer is: "Up to you. And the success of the final picture depends on that answer."

—John van Guilder

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