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We'll Save Daylight, Too

We see where city commissioners are going to put Birmingham on daylight saving time...

Youngsters, of course, will welcome the extra hour of daylight. Mamma can be expected to do nightly battle with her charges...

Sports enthusiasts likewise will appreciate the change to fast time. Men who can whack a golf ball, go swimming, horseback riding or for a drive in the family jalopy for an hour longer each day...

But as Detroit goes, so goes Birmingham. We trust that the City of Detroit will make good use of that anticipated \$50,000 in additional revenue it expects to obtain from increased use of its recreational facilities...

For the 154 evenings during which Detroiters enjoy an hour's more recreation, the city will get an average increase of \$325 in the daily receipts at the various parks, boat liveryes, etc. We believe Detroit councilmen missed a bet in not shoving the time up several more hours...

And who'd miss the sleep? We'd be getting lots of sunshine, wouldn't we?

A regional defense and economic pact, uniting Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, was signed last week by representatives of these countries...

The five of the nations of Western Europe have decided to cooperate in the development of their economy, and, if necessary, to cooperate with each other in mutual defense.

The Moscow propaganda will immediately treat this treaty as a pact aimed at Russia, but the truth is just the reverse. The danger that emanates from Russia has produced the pressure that caused the five nations to get together in the face of a common peril.

'Tis Washington

By The Duchess

Is a Dark Horse deal brewing? What are Taft and Dewey thinking about as early as now...

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Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 8, 1898

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Or were tendered a farewell party by the members of their parish in Troy last Wednesday evening...

You can have all kinds of music for only 10 cents at the little church on the corner this evening. We will expect to see you there.

Stewart Marsh has gone to Grand Rapids to accept a position in the Widdicombe Furniture Factory. We wish the lad good luck.

The D & P Electric has a smoking compartment on their new cars which is most enjoyed by the lovers of the weed and most appreciated by those who do not indulge.

Mrs. J. Herbert Dove who has been operating an operation at Harper Hospital for the past two weeks is greatly improved. Her relief to her many friends here.

The parties who have been accustomed to entering a certain wood house and helping themselves to the contents thereof had better buy a load of wood for they are known and are now being watched.

The women of Birmingham have received national recognition for what they are doing in beautifying local cemeteries. Their praise was printed in the Park and the Birmingham City publication which is circulated all over the United States.

THEY ARE DOING IT

THE CHARTER OF THE LIONS CLUB

The Charter of the Lions Club will be received at a dinner to be held at the Fox and Hounds Inn next Wednesday evening. Representative from the Chicago publication which is circulated all over the United States.

Elliott S. Nichols, M. F. H. of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club will judge the hunters and jump at the horse show being held in Detroit on Saturday at the Detroit Riding Club.

A. J. Adams, Detroit truck driver, suffered injuries Monday morning when his truck struck the rear of a car driven by Taylor Menzies of Clawson. The accident was caused by a heavy fog which limited visibility to only a few feet. Menzies was uninjured.

While damage was slight, Birmingham firemen had a busy day when they responded to a call Sunday, ranging from fire in a basement to one in a motor car. The alarm gave little chance to rest, up when a series of grass fires got out of hand—all at the same time.

A local man was given a long sentence for public intoxication for which he was ordered to appear before the public twice each month, for five months, and renew his pledge to refrain from drinking.

Troy Township has been alerted to be on the lookout for a rabies infected dog which is roaming wild. The animal has threatened several persons, especially children. All in the vicinity are asked to report the animal to report its presence to the authorities.

FIVE YEARS AGO April 8, 1943

Damage to shrubs, gardens and trees, by rabbits, has been so wide spread through Birmingham and vicinity that a representative of the state conservation department will confer with H. H. Corson, acting city manager. Live trapping may be resorted to, so that the animals can be released in other sections.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain is in Philadelphia where she is attending the conference on international affairs. She will report the findings of the conference at the next international affairs class Tuesday morning.

Brookside School announces a competition for student awards. This is open to both boys and girls who will be invited to enter grades from three to six this fall.

The Taylor Bros., contracting firm from Birmingham has been awarded the \$18,019 contract for the Southfield approach for the new Detroit Industrial Express way. Work will be started at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clark Dunn will entertain 300 service men at the regular U.S.O. in the Downtown YMCA next week. The party is in honor of their two sons, Dr. Lewis E. Dunn, lieutenant (j.g.) and Lt. (j.g.) James W. Dunn.

"Seal Coat" repairs to sections of West Maple and Brown street will be completed in the near future, according to the report from street officials. At present, repair men are working on the West Maple Industrial Express way. Work has been completed on most city streets, and within a few days.

Court Manager

Ralph Dunbar son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dunbar, Santa Barbara drive, Lathrup township, has been appointed court manager of Birmingham Tennis Club. It was announced this week.

NO NEED to look far and wide, just refer to an Eccentric Classified.

Doing Their Best to Make It Boil



Designs Novel Set for Ergasterion Production

Robert Lohman, art instructor of Cranbrook, has designed and executed a novel unit set for Ergasterion's production of "Joan of Lorraine" to be presented in the Cranbrook School auditorium on April 15, 17 by two casts. Lohman, formerly connected with the Art Academy, has employed a basic column pattern which fits in as well for a shep-cold background, a cathedral, a palace interior, a roadside and a prison. The color scheme of the set is purple, accented by luminous trimming set against a neutral background.

Lighting of the spot cluster variety will accentuate portions of the stage in use for each particular scene. Lighting assisted by Robert Bull, and general construction assistant is Dudley Penhal. All lights employed in the set have been made at Cranbrook.

Use a Live Lamb In charge of properties is Mike Redfield. Most homesome of properties to be gathered in a live lamb, which will be housed during the production in the month's animal house. Costumes which range from fourteenth century historical garments to modern dress will be under the general charge of Dolg Roby.

Peter Meloney will have charge of the incidental music. This will include a recorded score of some twenty units and will employ three recording machines.

Skull Loin Young Housewife: "I want some lamb, please." Butcher: "Yes, ma'am; which part?" Young Housewife: "Oh, you know—the part you eat mint sauce with."

People's Column To the Editor: I wish to take this opportunity to compliment The Eccentric on its full page display of the voting machine sample ballot contained in the issue of April 1.

Certainly no voter having read your explanation should be subjected to any confusion whatsoever in the use of the April 5 election. This is a fine method of educating the public and one which should have some real fruit.

FORBES S. HASCALL, Attorney for the City of Birmingham.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

This little miss is nicely in focus. And the background is left out of focus since it is outside the depth of field.

Probing the Depths—Of Field ONE of the phrase definitions when it is focused at 10 feet and an aperture of f/11 is used. If, on the other hand, we use an aperture of f/2.8 and focus again on an object only 10 feet away, our depth of field is only 9 to 11 feet. This illustrates our first rule. With a given lens, depth of field decreases as the size of the aperture increases.

Now suppose we try our f/11 aperture again. This time, let's focus on an object 16 feet away instead of 10. Our range of sharpness here, instead of being from 9 to 15 feet, is from 10 to 30 feet. And from this we get our second rule: the greater the distance between the camera and the object focused upon, the greater the depth of field.

These three basic rules, then, provide all the knowledge you need concerning depth of field—enough knowledge to use this property of lenses when you wish to include background details or eliminate them, as you wish. But remember, these are general rules. The depth of field at a given distance and aperture with your personal camera is something you must check on, probably by your camera manual.

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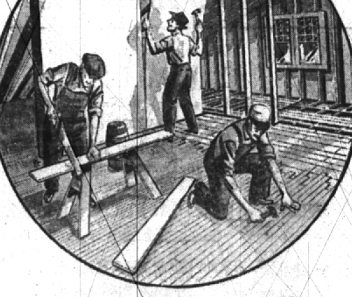
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