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Need for More of This Type of Administration

We have reference to the local board's statement last week that by December, 1949, the entire debt of the Birmingham school district will have been paid for...

Now if Washington could only put itself on the same good business day as our own...

But this is too much to hope for. But we here in the local school district can congratulate ourselves on having an extremely capable school administration...

It is this type of sound administration of public business that is seldom seen or experienced in most public places today...

This announcement by the local board reaffirms our belief that they know what they are talking about when they say the district needs a new high school...

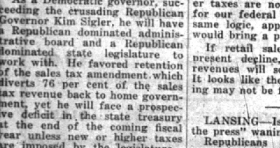
For the Public Good

The theory of the American Government, believe it or not, is that representatives will serve the public interests and legislate for the public good.

The practice, however, lacks a good many furlongs of coinciding with the ideal.

It is not difficult to understand why many Americans wonder whether a representative form of government will be strong enough to withstand the pressure of selfish groups...

Democracy suffers most from its careless friends, not its enemies.



LANSING—Governor-elect G. Mennen Williams has a tough job on his hands. As a Democratic governor, succeeding the crusading Republican Governor Kim Riddle...

Ironically enough, the man who counseled Governor Sigler on reforms for state government is slated to be replaced by a Democratic governor-elect.

A Hint to Russia

When Secretary of State Marshall came home to confer with the President about foreign questions, Mr. Truman appointed John Foster Dulles acting head of the United States delegation attending the meeting of the United Nations in Paris.

This was rather significant because the Russian propaganda line, following the re-election of Mr. Truman, was that the people of this country had repudiated a "tough" policy toward the Soviet and that Mr. Dulles, previously denounced as a war-monger, was among the opposition to the President's policy.

It was also made clear by the appointment that the Chief Executive had no intention of allying the Russians. Obviously, the selection of Mr. Dulles, who has been abused in the Soviet press and denounced by the Russians, was notice that appeasement is out.

Many Baldwin high school lads and lassies gave an extra "thanks" before piling into their Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner—Birmingham had just recovered the "Little Brown Jug" from Royal Oak after four long years!

As we went to press this week, we were 210 books behind in the reading of volumes the critics have said everyone should read during 1948.

The business of living ought to be equally as important as the business of making money. Too many of us are still concerned primarily with the latter business.

The day will never arrive when wars will be fought by untrained men or won by yielding to one's foes. Perhaps those are two reasons why the U. S. needs a military preparedness program.

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Even over the back fence among neighbors, there has been the power of the PEOPLE. This power is derived directly from NEWS.

A free press will continue to report honestly the news as it happens, and the American people will continue to give their own decisions—right or wrong—through their own appraisals of the facts at hand.

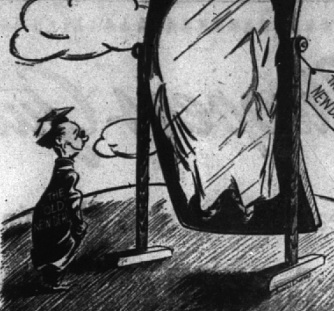
A free press will continue to offer personal opinion, qualified and openly presented as editorial expression of the newspaper editor. A reader has the right to agree or disagree with their own view or leader for newspaper publication.

If there is any mandate in the 1948 election, in Michigan or otherwise, it is a mandate for us to report truthfully, to interpret honestly, and to let the people choose their own path. In the fulfillment of this mission lies the real power of the press.

Detroit to Speak at Camera Club Meet

Leaders A. Berger, Detroit lawyer, will be the guest speaker at the Bloomfield Hills Camera Club meeting on December 10th.

For several years he was among the most prolific exhibitors of his own prints here and abroad. He now contents himself with prints, which while of salon quality at honest, sincere records of what he himself, considers good photo material.



Farmers Want Long-Range Price Supports As Insurance Against Declines

WASHINGTON, D. C.—What do the farmers want from the 81st Congress? A long-range system of farm price support, has first priority among farmers. They argue that depressions always start with farm price declines and it's the farmer who gets hit first and worst.

But there's not even agreement among the big farm-brokers on what products should be supported and how much. Cotton farmers want a higher support level than grain farmers. And vice versa.

Knotty Problems There are the knotty problems which must be worked out by the National Grange, now in session at Portland, Maine; the American Farm Bureau Federation, which convenes in Atlantic City on December 13; and the National Farmers Union which has scheduled an executive board meeting here in January.

Other requests from farmers will be: New York government bins to hold surpluses so they may obtain government loans. The 80th Congress cut out provisions for additional storage bins in extending the Commodity Credit Program. To get a government loan under the price support program, grain must be stored in government-approved bins.

5-Year Market There are the knotty problems in the international wheat agreement, which guarantees a five year market. A large and long-range soil conservation program with increased payments to farmers. These are the big things which farmers will want. More rural electrification, a national fertilizer program, the marginate tax repeal, and crop insurance are all sought by certain farmers in certain sections of the country.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO December 2, 1898 We have the weather is cold, thank you. We have the number of feet, hands, ears and noses as our customers, so we know all about it. The difference is, we are trying to make the best of it.

Thanks to W. S. Walker of Troy, this Birmingham school is not facing a winter of coal and fish. That farm made sausage sure is good, and our sausage is fat and friendly on it.

Rev. F. Tolleit of Detroit gave two very splendid sermons at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday. His earnest, straightforward speech made a most interesting time for his listeners.

E. C. Poppleton has filed a complaint. He says he feels some of the people who are taking these ought to at least give him one. "I put those on as little fellow on a darn cold day in 1889, and I sure think I'm entitled to one," he said. The editor thinks he should get one, too, because it's through these columns that the others learned they were there.

If you have \$20, I have a fine Chickering piano, bed room suite, three stoves and some other items of furniture it will buy. H. G. Lawson, Royal Oak.

Blomfield Hills police are pleased to report that in the past few weeks, Mrs. Betty Spencer reported that a man forced his way into her home in Pontiac, and when she refused to drive him to Detroit, he held a handkerchief soaked with chloroform to her nose, and as soon as she became unconscious, left with her purse.

Plans for the new system of nursing in the Birmingham streets will be presented to the city commission soon, it has been revealed. The plan is based on a new system, which will eliminate confusion for persons trying to find their way in unfamiliar sections of the city.

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The sky has been most beautiful today. There was a little early shower that put the world in order, washed away the soot from roofs and walks and prettied up the day.

The rainbow clouds were polished and the gray Ques scattered. Every tree down to its root. We freshened and the brown leaves underfoot. Were rearranged to scuff or blow away.

Winter so close, yet autumn lingers on. Reluctant to depart! Through rifts of gold. The ever-ecumenic sun shines warmly down, Marking a perfect day, a perfect sky. To keep against a stormy bye and bye.

William Clark, 18, was placed on two-year probation by Justice Floyd S. Buck after pleading guilty to maliciously destroying property. The charge was brought by Ray V. Grieman, who accused the youth of tampering with cars on his used car lot on South Woodward.

Frederick E. Searis will talk Rotary club members of the work done at the Henry Ford Trade schools at their meeting Monday. Searis, superintendent of the schools, will outline the course presented there and the training which they are specializing in for young men.

Plans are already being made here for the 1944 Victory Gardens. O. I. Gregg of Michigan State College will meet with Charles S. Rust, chairman of the local committee, Monday evening, at a public gathering, to aid local residents in plotting their gardens for the coming season.

Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne says Birmingham is heading the "mail early" pleas of officials. Two additional clerks have been on the parcel window for some time now, handling the extra mail which is being sent to sergeants and women overseas.

Another urgent appeal has been made by the Birmingham Chapter of the American Red Cross workers. Surgical dressings are desperately needed by many hospitals, and the reserve supply has practically vanished. Local workers are urged to contact leaders and volunteer their services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang Kriegl, formerly of Detroit, who are now living in their new home at 1321 Washington. Mr. Kriegl is a tool and die engineer with the Bundy Tubing Company.

COUNTRY FAIR AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 4th—1 P. M. TO 6:30 P. M. Community House

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

People's Column

To the Editor: I read with interest your weekly editorials and the one titled "The Wanderer's Column" from your November 24 issue, impressed me very much, particularly in that it is a bit too close to the need for community and neighborhood expressions as to the residents consider important.

There is in some communities a wide interest in the glare of spotlight and through this beginning medium I feel content to begin to express my fuller voice on the more general subjects. For example, I hope my neighborhood stays the same. I hope the people who are there now will see fit to remain. I hope that new buildings will blend into the present architectural environment and will be an asset to our overall neighborhood improvement.

These are the hopes of every citizen and I feel that you are untapping a way by which your readers can express their real desires. M. R. LILES 983 Wimbeldon

To the Editor: It was interesting to note in the "Wanderer's Column" the report that the Real Estate Editor of The Detroit News, Mr. E. A. Baumgarth, received national recognition at the retailer's National Convention recently held in New York city.

This prompts me to shyly advise you that Mr. Baumgarth was not the only speaker at the Bloomfield Hills Camera Club meeting on December 10th. His fellow exhibitors for advertising work including display, advertising, brochures and other material were: P. S. A. He will also tell of his trip to Mexico and show pictures taken there, both in black and white and color.

Berger is a member of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, Associate of the Photographic Society of America, serves as secretary of the Photographic division of the P.S.A. He is also an honorary member of the Birmingham Camera Club, the club of Detroit and the local club.

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Inspections of homes and stores for the new looking recently reduced by the number of people who are as much as 60 per cent within a few weeks.

Have You Met... Mr. and Mrs. J. W. and their children, Barbara and Paul, who have moved from New Britain, Conn., to 1283 Greenfield. Mr. Wolf is a heating engineer with Tuttle and Bailey.

