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Man to Live How long should a human being expect to live? The answer, in years, has increased considerably in the past fifty years. The life expectancy of the average individual has increased, although much of the gain has combined in the development of better methods of caring for bables and younger children.

ods of caring for babies and younger children.

Scientists have pointed out that man seems to suffer from premature deterioration. In the animal world, a dog has a life expectancy six times its growing period and the same is true of a horse. If man, then, who is physically mature at twenty-five lived in proportion to the animals, he would have a normal span of 150 years.

This may look like a long time, but there is no telling what the next few centuries will produce for men and women. I nevily established pharmaceutical-medical research foundation will attack be problem of degenerative diseases from which ten million Americans suffer and which kill 600,000 every year. The men back of the research movement point out that in the last century sars and Dr. Edward L. Bortz says: "Man has to nearly approached the possible life

not nearly approached the possible life span." He points out that in increasing the life of individuals, the added mature, fruitful years represent a great gain for

Truitui years represent a great gam tor humanity. We hope Dr. Bortz is right in his as-sumption. At the present time, mankind hasn't done much with his 30 years of extended life but add that much more to the confused thinking of the world.

Know Your These may be a few million smells in the world, but the scientific perfume chemists tell us that each one contains, to some degree, the four

basic essences.

It may surprise some people to know that one of the essences is the distinctive odor of animals, like wet goats and dogs. Others are: fragrance, as of flowers; acidity, as of vinegar or camphor; burntness, as of tar.

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Recently, Ernest C. Crocker, an in-dustrial chemist, has completed an "odor directory" listing more than five hun-dred pleasing aromas. He identifies, each aroma by four digits, each digit indicat-ing the intensity of the four essences men-tioned above. He says that proper appre-ciation of odor is important to joyous living and urges us not to "look down our noses at odors, but sniff them up instead."

This is about the time of year when most of us begin yearning for the "good old summer time." Particularly this cold

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Our local weather this winter has been unusual, to say the least. And while Monday and Tuesday were comparatively "warm", the weather bureau warns that cold weather is not yet past.

According to the 1947 Fire Department report, last year saw 10 fires from overheated furnaces. Another 34 resulted from some defect in chimney, smoke pipe or furnace, which overheating aggravates.

pipe or furnace, when aggravates.

Be smart; play safe. Watch your heating plant carefully so you'll keep a roof over your head.

We see where the city is cleaning the debris from the bed of the River Rouge in order to forestall future spring floodings along its course within the city limits. This will be the immediate benefit, but it will also make future development of the proposed Rouge River parkway that much easier and more beautiful to behold:

Just to remind you that, beneath the layers of ice and snow in your yard and garden, floral life waits for the warnith of spring to come to bloom; equally true is the fact that hope, expectancy, builded upon faith and works, can bring one out of today's difficulties and troubles into a better day—a day that can, through the miracle of Love, arrive even to-morrow!

We agree that classroom discipline is vital to the success of teaching youth. When a girl insists on wearing slacks in a classroom, why should she be allowed to do so—when all the other girls wear dresses? Would a teacher allow some boy to wear girl's attire?

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50 YEARS AGO

Hon. Sam'l Smith, our little giant congressman, is fighting the proposed reduction of postal service for this section. He says the service in "his office" is poor enough now, without curtailing it by congressional sanction.

Baldwin High debaters are in line for the state meet today as a result of their victory over How-ell Wednesday night, when the decision of the judges was unani-mous. The team is composed of Norma Martin, Leland Gunn, and Mildred Patterson.

Harry Brooks has returned to his home in Southfield, the proud his home in Southfield, the proud America for a long distance flight in a light plane. The award-was made at the completion of his 472-mile hop to Miami.

Mrs. Nancy Thomas, librarian, announces the appointment of her new assistant, Alies Geruline Medwill improve the already excellent service which Raidwin Library has been offering in the past.

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their luncheon meeting Monday

J. S. Bugas, FBI head in Michigan, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Baldwin PTA Tuesday. He will speak on the activities of that Federal body during the first year of the way.

Week ends are "wailey" in this vicinity. Air raid sirens are tested Fridays by Berkley, Detroit and Royal Oak; Saturdays by Bloomfeld Hills and Pontiac and Mondays by Birmingham.

Yes, it's true. There are alto-gether too many dangerously iey walks which would be made safe with just a little time and work, or a little rock salt or ashes.

More than 1,000 attended the lee Carnival at Quarton Lake last Saturday when Nancy Newman was crowned Queen. The program of competitive sports showed the usual array of fine talent.

STATE OF MICHIGAN— The Probate Court for the County of Galland.
the Probate Office in the City of Poulise, in said County on the Sub day of January, A. D., 1248.
Persent: Hon Arthur E. Moore, Judge



### People's Column

To the Editor: Jan. 29, 1948.
We are told in a letter from Birmingham that your paper on January 22 carried a nie article regarding one of out former students—difford in Dung Clifford in the Company of the Editor of the

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