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Women in the Armed Services have a permanent place in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps...

The WACs will have a maximum strength of 1,000 officers, 17,500 enlisted women. The WAVES and Marines will have 1,000 officers and 10,000 in the ranks...

While the admission of women into the armed forces of the country has been opposed by many individuals, there seems to be no reason why they should not be permitted to serve in certain fields...

There are some people who have little confidence in American womanhood and are alarmed at the entry of women into the armed services...

We are not among those who have found this opinion of American womanhood. We feel that women in the armed services continue to be the same type of good citizen that they were before induction...

Our Mental Flop-Houses A prominent American educator, speaking in Montreal, Canada, asserts that 555,000,000 man-hours a day are spent listening to soap operas...

The educator, Dr. J. B. Nash, of New York, referred to the United States when he says one of every seven persons goes nightly to see pictures which are an insult to the intelligence...

Dr. Nash is on pretty solid ground in his criticism. Unfortunately, however, he does not go far enough and enlarge his broadside so as to include some of the other spectacular activities of Americans...

Epithets Won't Beat the Reds It is about time for Americans to understand that they cannot overwhelm communism or develop democracy by verbal denunciation of the Russians...

When we make representative government work in this country and when we demonstrate beyond doubt that the private enterprise system works for the average man, woman and child in this country...

Of course, it is all right to extend assistance to the free nations of the world, now threatened because of the overwhelming military power of Soviet Russia...

In the process there must be evolved some method of protecting the constitutional rights of minorities without trampling upon the equally valuable rights of the majority...

Lieut-Gov. Eugene C. Keyes has nominating petitions for both his present job and that of Governor, on the Republican ticket...

Is it not ironical that the United Nations, set up to preserve peace, also agreed to the partition of Palestine, which resulted in a war between the Jews and the Arabs?

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1948 Model Vs. 1932 Model



No. 14: The City Attorney Must Be Familiar With Wide Range of Subject Matter

By George Wm. Averill. The City of Birmingham is entirely a creature of statute and its actions are governed by the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan...

The work of a city attorney involves problems which seldom come before the average legal practitioner. There are questions of taxation, problems of special assessments, questions of liability for injuries due to defective streets...

Other detail he must supervise are the legal aspects of levying taxes, administration of city accounts, bond issues, and other fiscal matters.

The attorney represents the city in all civil actions. These include investigations of claims against the city and collections of fines, taxes and claims in favor of the city.

Prosecutes Some Cases He prosecutes all cases in the local justice court involving violations of city ordinances.

St. Louis Cardinals Have Baseball Show Navarre Field, Monroe, will be the scene of a baseball try-out camp on Friday and Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, conducted by the St. Louis Cardinals...

To Make Home Here James Weddell of Edmonton, London, England, arrived in Birmingham on Saturday to make his home here permanently. His family is expected sometime before Christmas.

Suffers Heart Attack Charles B. Charnatz, former camera column editor of The Birmingham Eccentric, suffered a heart attack three weeks ago. He is being treated in the Woman's Hospital in Detroit.

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO July 22, 1898

Members of the B. H. S. Class of '56 held their third annual reunion last Wednesday and Thursday. Many hours were spent joyfully recalling the old days of their school years here.

An insect with a long name is injuring the horse chestnut trees. Some cotton baling tied around the tree, just below the branches.

WANTED—Every man, woman and child in town who sees a piece of paper blowing around our streets to pick it up and put it in one of the baskets placed here and there for that purpose.

A false alarm of fire made our north firemen shed barrels of perspiration Wednesday in their heroic efforts to save the town.

The device of a Lansing woman for riding the sidewalks of bicyclists may be used here if we cannot get some legal action from our so-called village marshall. This good lady simply turns the hose on 'em.

The limb of the cherry tree had held little Cheever Highy for some time while he ate cherries to his heart's content. Apparently, the little fellow ate too many for suddenly the limb broke and plunged him to the ground where he hurt his wrist and hand.

TWENTY YEARS AGO July 26, 1928

The Oakland County Fair will open at Milford on Aug. 3, according to fair officials. The new exhibitor's building will be completed and ready for use at that time.

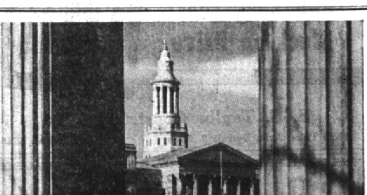
Birmingham police were successful in their search for "Alfie" after he became lost last Friday. He was found under a stone in a neighbor's yard, and you will admit that's a queer place, even for an alligator.

Clarence Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cummings, was injured in a fall from a height of hand trucks at the Birmingham Theatre Saturday afternoon as a part of the regular children's matinee.

Dr. Arthur Newell says that, contrary to reports which seem to be circulating around town, the River Rouge is not a menace to the health of Birmingham residents.

NEXT WEEK: The City Health Officer and his departmental duties.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Any vacationist might be proud to bring home a shot such as this to mark a city which he has visited.

Pictures to Mark A Visit SEVERAL weeks ago we urged vacationists to seek three types of pictures...

Such pictures, as we pointed out, then, provide a round-up story. How effective this story will be, however, depends on how well the pictures tell it. As a result, you'll want effective pictures of every type.

Naturally, then, you'll want to strive for striking pictures of buildings, monuments, or other architectural features which show where you're been. You'll find that the surest way to get such snapshots is to study the scene, not from one angle but from several, using your picture up in the camera's viewfinder several times until you find the best angle from which to shoot.

Today's picture, for example, gains in interest through the use of the foreground columns to "frame" the building in the rear. Obviously, the photographer might have pic-

tured this building from any of dozens of angles. But he chose his particular angle so as to have good composition and to secure the three-dimensional feeling a frame of this sort gives.

"Framing" is one of the oldest tricks for lifting snapshots from the commonplace. But it's only one. You may find, for instance, that an unusual camera angle is all that you need; pictures of statues taken in this way—with the statue outlined against the sky—often are truly striking.

The choice of how you picture any building is, of course, up to you. And your success in picturing it will depend upon you, also. One thing you should remember at all times: don't tilt your camera. Tilt it up and your subject's vertical lines of a building appear to converge, making the building appear to be falling. So, if you plan to include the whole structure, move back far enough so it's all included in the viewfinder of your camera when the camera's level.

—John van Gulder

infested with mosquitoes which might endanger the health of local families. The Birmingham Real Estate Board now has 22 members, with the admission of eight persons to membership this week.

Mrs. H. L. Waldrip, in her library report, says that Birmingham is a bit of the old theory that spring time is poem time. She says more books on poetry are taken out during the hot summer months than any other period in the year.

Birmingham housewives are being congratulated on the 3,688 pounds of used fats which they collected and turned in to the salvage committee during the month of June.

A rifle club is being formed in Birmingham under the auspices of the Recreation Board. Memberships will be accepted by sons 12 years and older.

The annual swimming page of Barium pool will be held Wednesday on Chestnut. The program this year will be built around a South Sea Island theme.

There's a giant tomato growing in the gardens of the R. Bradleys on Morehead. Mrs. Bradley says they have already picked four ripe tomatoes, and there 54 on the vine now.

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People's Column. July 13, 1948. To the Editor: The Junior League of Detroit, Inc. wishes to express its deep appreciation for your cooperation at the time of our presentation of the 'Follies of 1948'.