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Happenings of Long Ago

We're Willing to Invest

Forward looking Birmingham citizens will heartily endorse City Manager Donald C. Egbert's recommendation to the city commission last week for a 10-year street, sewer and water system improvement program.

Naturally, such a plan is going to cost money. It costs you money for paint to keep your house in good condition, for grease and oil to keep your car functioning properly.

As we see it, this improvement program for Birmingham is just like painting a house or greasing a car—it is an investment designed to maintain the value of that house or car.

Yes, Mr. Egbert, we do want to make an INVESTMENT in the City of Birmingham. Proceed with your plans with the least possible delay.

Wanted: Home Gardens

The people of the United States are asked to plant 20,000,000 home gardens for the purpose of increasing food production.

It is pointed out that hundreds of millions of human beings are living on a bare subsistence diet, and that every bit of food produced in Birmingham gardens means that much food available for such men, women and children.

It is quite possible for many families in urban areas to increase their food supplies by taking advantage of unused space in and around their homes.

Many Years of Service

For the past 18 years, John P. Hackett has directed local police enforcement. Now, at 60, he announces that he is retiring on July 1.

Rather, we believe Chief Hackett today probably is caught between two emotions: one, a sigh of relief that he will soon be able to do whatever he has wanted to do in the past 60 years in the way of taking it easy.

We know Chief Hackett has given Birmingham the best police administration that he knows how to give for this he has to be sincerely credited.

New residents of the Birmingham area, who live just outside the city limits, may think our City Commissioners selfish by not allowing water to be piped and sold to them.

Going to a doctor may not help some people but it makes them feel better.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 20, 1898

John Hannon owes his life to the fact that he is thin. While taking his street car north the other day, he met a south-bound car at Farker's switch.

Miss Lizzie Mitchell, a popular school teacher in Holly has lost her voice. A great mystery to her physician.

NOTICE: I forbid all shooting, breaking of shrubs and bushes and changing water courses on my property. M. Baldwin.

A mad dog at Oxford has given that community the chills, bitten three boys and a cow, all of which went raving mad.

It takes cheek to secure passage over the electric road without money, but there are people who try it. Just ask any of our local conductors.

The Village Improvement Society have obtained permission to continue to maintain on the corner, and have done so.

John Baldwin knows how a fish feels, now. He hooked a ten-pound pickerel in the mill pond the other day, and Mr. Fish returned the compliment by pulling John into the pond.

Twenty Years Ago May 17, 1928

Miss Mabel V. Hager, drawing instructor in the Birmingham public schools, has tendered her resignation. She will be replaced by Miss Sarah Bobo, who has taught drawing in the Birmingham schools for the past three years.

The Michigan Bell Telephone figures released today show that the company expects an increase of 12,500 in the population of Birmingham during the next 16 years. This estimate would bring the population to approximately 240,000 by 1944.

Claude Gabel of the Gabel Creamery suffers severe burns Sunday as he filled the gas tank of his delivery truck. Gas dripped from the container onto the exhaust pipe of the truck and burst into flame.

Margaret Smith, a student at Michigan State College, is among the first of the new converts to a part of their time to servicing churches throughout the state.

The 1928 Baldwinian, official yearbook of Baldwin High school, is the largest ever published in former years, and gives a much more complete coverage of the student activities in that institution.

At a special meeting, Bloomfield Hills Village commissioners put their stamp of approval on the proposed paving of Long Pine road. The pavement will be 24 feet wide, and will cost an estimated \$40,000.

FIVE YEARS AGO

May 20, 1943

Probate Judge Arthur E. Moors, in his speech Monday noon to the Rotary Club, stressed the increasing juvenile problem as it touches Oakland County and the nation as a whole.

Claire Ross-Kean, Baldwin High senior is appearing every Tuesday and Thursday evening on WJL. She is the soloist on the Free and Easy program.

A woman who had locked herself out of her car the other day called the police for assistance. Patrolman Bob Dunn went to her aid and used a tricky little gadget which the department removed from a car the other time.

The Cranbrook Summer School of the Theatre is prepared for its second season. The work, this year, will be divided into two groups, one for junior and the other for senior students.

Miss Jean M. Barr, who served six months in a city prison camp, will speak Sunday evening in the Southfield Presbyterian Church. Miss Barr, a missionary in China, will tell of her work there and of life as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Stephanie Buckridge will present the students of her dance studio in their fifth annual affair, which is being given at the Community House on Wednesday night.

The rates to be charged for services furnished by said Sewage Disposal Plant shall be levied upon each lot or parcel of land within the city limits of Birmingham in accordance with said city ordinance.



'Tis Washington

By The Duchess

Only in a Democracy... Would a member of congress get permission from the speaker to go shopping?

But Helen Gahagan Douglas did in order that "congress should know what's going on in the grocery stores".

In the following day's session, she reported back that prices were up 25 per cent.

Have you noticed how many people now say they are all for Stassen's? It's more than the snowball philosophy.

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People's Column. To the Editor: Our only copy of the World issue you published last January has accidentally been destroyed. We had planned to use it next Monday, May 17, in an effort to persuade one of our community newspapers to publish a similar edition as part of a local campaign to secure the renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.