) Thursday, May 20, 1948 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

We're Willing Birmingham citito Invest zens will heartily
ager 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 spirit to

money. It costs you money for paint to keep your house in good condition, for grease and oil to keep your car function-

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. So it is with Birmingham—regardless of what a certain few people declare. These few believe Birmingham will continue to attract future residents because of—not in spite of—bumpy streets filled with pot holes and ruts, inadequate sewers which are continually backing up, and a water

and rus, inacquate sewers which are continually backing up, and a water main system that "appears" to be entire-ly satisfactory. We go along with the vast majority of civic minded citzens who want Birming-ham to progress, not, stand still or slide backward. Three basic progressive ele-

backward. Three basic progressive elements are streets, severs and water. 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 The people of the United States Gardens

are asked to plant 20,000,000 home gardens for the purpose of increas-

home gardens for the purpose of increasing food production.

It is pointed out that hundreds of millions of human beings are living on a
barg subsistence digt and that every bit
of food produced in Birmingham gardens
means that much food available for such
men, women and children. Food, it is
pointed out, can be a powerful ammunition.

It is quite possible for many families in urban areas to increase their food sup-plies by taking advantage of unused space in and around their homes. Even the inexperienced can acquire necessary information from available agricultural information from available 'agricultural experts and, altogether, the production of foodstuffs will amount to something in the battle against world starvation. Besides, consider the fun you'll have and the money you'll save.

President Truman is playing a stren-uous political game; these days. The for-mer haberdasher, now and then, aeems to get all tied up; trying to keep his political shirt on, he must stand up against the socks of his enemies. At times, one may agree that he has lost his independence.

Many Years of Service learning of Service learning on July 1. During those 18 years, Hackett, as all public officials are, has been subjected to the praise and criticism of local residents who believe they have good suggestions for local law.

eriticism of local residents who believe they have good suggestions for local law enforcement. However, it is not the purpose of this editorial to comment on the merits of those suggestions.

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; secondly, a bit of regret in dropping the role of an active police officer, an occupation which has more than its share of adventure.

We know Chief Hackett has given Birmingham the best police administration

We know Chief Hackett has given Birmingham the best police administration that he knows how to give; for this he is to be sincerely credited. Ralph W. Moxley of Ypsilanti, who will succeed Hackett, also will have big things expected of him. Our complete cooperation as haw abiding citizens will be extended to Moxley, as it has been in the past to Hackett. Hackett.

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. This long has been a Birmingham policy. It goes back to the days when this community had to curtail days when this community had to curtail the use of water for lawns and gardens, because of an annual summer shortage. Birmingham depends upon deep wells for its water; growing rapidly within its city limits, the Commission feels that all available water and the commission feels that all available water supply should be serviced to city residents who, after all, are the taxpayers who maintain city government.

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

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# of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO May 20, 1898

John Messen we take 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. As Mr. Hannon stepped from his car to squeeze himself into the small space between them in order to remain alive.

Miss 1 in the car to remain alive.

NOTICE: I forbid all shooting oreaking of shrubs and bushes an changing water courses on my pro-perty. M. Baldwin.

A mad dog at Oxford has given that community the chills, hiting 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 conductors, ask any of our local conductors, ask any of our local conductors.

The Village Improvement So-ciety have obtained permission to place the fountain 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 re-yeared things. It pulled John into the bond. However, he hung on, awam to shore, and is now boasting about his catch. Good work, John.

swam to shore, and is now locating about his catch. Good work, John.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
May 17, 1928
Miss Mabel V. Hager, drawing instructor in the Birmingham public schools, has tendered her believe that the street of the stre

The 1928 Baldwinian, official yearbook of Baldwin High School, is off the press. The book is reported to be larger than in former years, and gives a much more complete coverage of the student activities. Marion Quarton served as editor-in-chief.

At a special meeting, Bloom-field Hills Village commissioners put their stamp of approval on the proposed paying of Lone Pine road. The payement will be 24 feet wide, and will cost an esti-mated \$40,000.

FIVE YEARS AGO
May 20, 1943
Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore,
in his speech Monday noon to the
Rotary Club, stressed the increaing juvenile problem as it touches
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Cashand County and the make
mingham on its splendid record in
this field, citing it as outstanding
in the national picture.

Claire Rock Scan. Ballwin High senior is appearing every Tuesday and Thursday evening over WJE. She is the soloist on the Free and Easy program.

A woman has had locked beneated the police for help. Buttonasted to the foliar car the other day asked the police for help. Buttonan Bob Djunn went to her aid and used a tricky little gadget which the department removed from a car thief some time ago. We wont describe it—timight put ideas in the wrong heads.

The Crashrook Summer School

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.

Labor Is Always on the March



## 'Tis Washington

By The Duchess

Only in a Democracy . . . Would a member of congre-et permission from the speake

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Somehow Taft has found time to be a good golfer. He's a con-tope of the Son Last year in the Son Last year in the Son Last year in the Last going 36 holes, he shot 91-82 173.

Some of his golf rivals were At-torney General Tom Cirk, Mar-garet Truman, Bing Crosby and Miss America.

Democratis are seeking a good hot issue in this election year. Republic and the seeking a good hot issue in this election year. Republic a President and congress in November if they don't actually hand the Democrats acase against them.

Nearest thing so far is a decouple of the thing of the total the thing of the total the total thing of the total thing

Never before has the free ex-change of accurate and unbiased information of what is going or in the world been as important as it is today".

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Such reporting by an independent press and radio is seen as a requirement for world peace".

This was said in Germany at a meeting significantly sponsored by the Bavaria Publishers' Associatory Government, and American Jurnalists.

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unity newspapers, to publish a
similar edition as part of a local
campaign to secure the renewal
of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. May 13, 1948

ments Act.
If you still have copies, we should appreciate greatly your sending us two (one for another Chicago League with the same purpose in mind) by return AIR-MAIL SPECIAL.
Our hearty congratulations

ur hearty congratulations on outstanding efforts in the e of world trade. MRS. R. J. VANDERWAL, 1st Vice-Pres. and De-

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IRS. R. J. VANDERWAL, at Vice-Pres. and Program hairman, League of Women chairman, League of Women c rdinance.
The City of Birmingham Ordains: That the City of Birmingham Ordains: That section 6 of Ordinance No. 237 be needed to read as follows:
Section 6.
The rates to be charged for services ruished by said Segage Disposal Plant tall he leviced upon each lot or parcel