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Depends Upon Our Spirit

Permanent and profitable development of any community, including Birmingham, depends upon the spirit of its citizens...

Contrary to much present-day thought, our development does not depend upon the amount of state money spent in our vicinity...

German Pilots Ready to Fly

German labor leaders that they can provide enough German pilots "willing to lay down their lives for the air lift" is interesting and, as far as we can see, should be accepted...

The whole air lift has been a morale-builder for the Western democracies. Imagine the population of the German capital looking hopefully into the skies to see Allied planes on the wing...

Use of German pilots could be accomplished without building up German militarism, and we presume the deployment of pilots would be properly handled...

Now we know why Gov. Kim Sigler wasn't re-elected. He flouted superstition twice in auctioning off a bull at the 1947 and 1948 Michigan State Fairs...

It isn't what one wants and can pay for that upsets a nation's economy. It's what he wants and can't pay for that hurts. Social and economic planners, however, disagree with this fact...

The SCORE PAD

By Jim Gray. (Some and nonsense at the bridge table. Other jottings). The victory parade was drunk and noisy. I was counting upon his fingers...

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How to Influence Children

Anxiety of parents about the conduct of their children is understandable. Naturally, they are sincerely concerned. They want their boys and girls to grow into fine men and women.

There is a way in which parents can influence the conduct of their children. It is not by denouncing their customs or punishing the young people. After all, growing boys and girls require some form of amusement and social life...

Before older people complain of what younger people are doing, it behooves them to bestir themselves and see what they are doing for the boys and the girls.

Bolts, Nuts and War

The United States and Great Britain are soon to announce an agreement by which bolts and nuts would be standardized so that the two countries can make weapons, the parts of which will be interchangeable.

Under the pressure of military planning, the agreement will accomplish what some industrial users have been seeking for many years. There has been a rising number in the types and specifications of nuts and bolts, with variations measured in millionths of inches and variable degrees of turns...

Since the beginning of World War II the two governments have been trying to get a common basis for the manufacture of goods in war categories. From the industrial standpoint, the new arrangement will facilitate manufacturing techniques in almost all types of machinery.

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denance available to us in this somewhat ignominious but highly useful public sanitation work. "With pleasure. As you guessed I have been mentally rating the public taste with respect to oranges, apples, and bananas. Now I would not go so far as to say that my findings are conclusive. But I do observe a trend, a very definite trend toward the banana."

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Nature Lubbers THE WRETCH WHO PELTS BIRCHES THE LANDSCAPE RESUMER'S MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO November 11, 1898

At a meeting held Monday evening, voters in the school district declared themselves against the proposal of free text books. It was voted yesterday, however, to build a new \$3,000 school here.

Election is gone but not forgotten, and now we are beginning to shout Thanksgiving.

Hoys L. Conroy, the unique impersonator, will with the M. E. Church tomorrow evening, Nov. 12. He is the second number of this year's lecture course and all who hear him will have compound interest on their money.

Two men were caught violating our village law by putting signs on poles and trees. They were promptly stopped by the marshal but not until they had mutilated many trees and poles in the village limits. If our sister towns of Pontiac and Royal Oak would pass laws it would help us out quite a bit.

Our little city has reason to blush with shame over the conduct of some of our young people at the Salvation Army meeting in the M. E. Church last Thursday. Whispering and laughing during a religious meeting is rude, but laughing is unbecomable. The names of the "hoodlums" were noted and remembered, and they are hereby warned it had better not happen again.

Two workmen were killed and two others injured Saturday night in the collapse of the trestle on the new Grand Trunk right-of-way. Several cars, loaded with sand for the road bed, and an engine went down with the trestle, also.

Damage has been set at \$2,000 in the explosion and fire which wrecked the East Maple Show store Saturday night. Gus Bahim, owner, said the explosion was caused by a can of naphtha, used in cleaning hats, which had developed a leak.

Although nine attempts have already failed, drillers will continue their efforts to sink new well to add to the Birmingham water supply. The work is being done by the William F. Ward drillers of Detroit. About 2,000 feet have already been drilled at an estimated cost of about \$5,000.

Mrs. L. W. Merrindale, has received word that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ames of Bay City, were attacked in their home and robbed last week. Two men, however, the one keeping the aged couple under armed guard while his companion searched the house for jewelry and cash.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, was the speaker at the regular monthly PTA meeting held at the Pierce Grand school. His subject was "How Can Parents Best Establish Contact Between School and Home?"

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner. Propts camera care helps to insure good pictures. Have your camera checked by a dealer at least once a year.

Had Your Camera Checked?

ONE of our readers recently sent us several light-trunked snapshots. "What," he asked, "is the matter with these pictures? They are awfully dark and have some characteristic markings. And I have been extremely careful when loading and unloading film."

A little drop of printer's ink can make a lot of people think they are Eccentric. "I suspect, my correspondent, is somewhat typical. As a camera operator, he is working very, very hard in his inspection. Yet it's a good idea to remember that a camera is like a watch. A watch should be cleaned and regulated at regular intervals. So too, your camera needs adjustment or repair."

What Now, American Uncle?

CONFUCIUS SAY, "NO FOOD, NO CLOTHES, MUST GO BEAR."



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Five Years Ago. Mrs. Frank Haskins, state president of the League of Women Voters will be in Birmingham Monday to address a meeting of the group. The Birmingham club leads the state in membership in direct proportion to the number of eligible residents in the community.

The American Automobile Association has awarded a safety plaque to Birmingham for its splendid work during the past year in the pedestrian safety campaign waged throughout the country.

An intensive paper drive was conducted last week among vicinity schools, which was won by Holy Name with a total collection of 33,000 pounds. Through the Baldwin Defense Council, cash prizes were awarded to the winners which also included the seniors of BHS.

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PLEASE understand, this is not a criticism of anybody, but what I hope will turn out to be constructive suggestion. I would like you to reprint the following "open letter" which I sent to Vern Griffith, Birmingham, Ala. "Dear Mr. Griffith: I want to pay public tribute, as well as to give my own personal thanks to you and to your most efficient fire department. "In this fire my home and most remarkable job. The house burned down to the first floor ceiling, yet the only water that came in was the first water that fell through a hole which was made by a chandelier loose, and about a quart of water which leaked down on to the basement floor. "To the men who made this fire, I would like to have one bit of water damage, which in a second story fire is to me, a very remarkable accomplishment. Not a piece of plaster fell, no water on the floor ceiling, and could have leaked down there that night had there been anything in the house to catch the fire. "When a fire department can fight and lick a second story and roof fire of that magnitude, with absolutely no water damage, that is to the men who accomplished it. G. M. DWELLEY, 631 Southfield.

Colored Movies of Post-War France To Be Shown Sunday

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Michigan Mirror INTERESTING - THE NEWS By Gene Alteman

LANSING—Kim Sigler, Michigan ex-Governor, now a one-term-term. Elected two years ago in a reform crusade, he was marked by grand jury revelations of Lansing legislative graft, the colorful Kim will now be succeeded on Oct. 1 by a 37-year-old veteran of World War II, another political amateur, a man whom the governor casually selected to serve as a Democrat member of the liquor commission. This capital city is still catching its breath. Despite rising opposition, Sigler, largely from within the Republican party, the forecasted Dewey landslide had been counted on by state officials to afford a safe margin for Sigler.

What happened then? Since Dewey and Ferguson carried Michigan and since a Republican legislature was elected, it has become painfully obvious that many persons who voted for the public candidate did NOT vote for Sigler. This cannot be accounted for on the basis of persons who had been offended by Sigler during his grand jury days, successfully developed during his four-year incumbency as governor? The answer is no. Sigler was not a community man, working partnership with his state officials and with the legislature. His failure, such as Alger is remaining at Lansing, Sigler is not.

Television Not Yet a Serious Threat To Theater, Says Chairman of FCC

(Special Story From Our Washington Bureau) By Elizabeth Carpenter

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Does television mean curtains for the theater? Will people stand in queues, buffeted by the wind, the rain, and the snow to see when they can see all that without stirring from their easy chair? That is what motion picture owners anxiously are asking Wayne Coy, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

His answer is "Not Yet. Perhaps never if movie owners study television to see how it can serve their interests."

Not Serious at Present. At the present time, competition of television to the theater is not serious. Only stations are on the air. Only 600,000 receiving sets are in existence.

By 1950, Coy predicts there will be 400 television stations on the air. And receiving sets are being produced at the rate of 16,000 a week.

Aggressive, imaginative competition from the movie houses will, of course, serve to spur television to put its best foot forward. "Theaters are going to give customers a bigger money's worth than they have ever given before—pictures with better writing, better acting, better directing, better photography."

An intensive industry-wide study of television, Coy predicts, "will result in a three-way benefit: to the motion picture exhibitors, to television, and to the American people."

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