

Living a day at a time... being each precious minute of each day... that is all one is required to do to effect security and happiness. One must have a plan for one's future, of course, but that plan can best be executed by living each day first... not borrowing fancied worries of the future.

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## City Warned to Beware Dangerous Fumigation Gases

With the coming of spring and the general tendency to "clean up," Fire Chief V. W. Griffith reminds residents of Birmingham of Ordinance 919 which was passed by the city in October, 1945. Called the "Fumigating Ordinance" this was enacted to control the extermination of household pests and the fumigation of buildings by contractors who use cyanide base gases, or other poisonous gas, fatal to humans when exposed to them.

Griffith said that every person, or firm, who employs or contracts with one of these exterminating companies should determine that they have a Birmingham license to operate within the city. He stressed the fact that a license issued by any other city will not relieve them of the responsibility of operating in Birmingham. If a householder is in doubt of the validity of the license, the city clerk or fire department should be contacted to check on the validity of the operator in question.

"The use of these gases by any one other than an experienced and licensed operator is extremely dangerous," Griffith said, "as only three breaths are necessary to cause death. One Birmingham resident died from this cause prior to the enactment of the fumigating ordinance. As spring and summer are the seasons that most of the exterminating is done, check and be sure that the company you employ is capable and responsible. Remember, not every company advertising is licensed in Birmingham."

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The cost of building and equipping Southern Oakland and three more new hospitals in Greater Detroit will be met in a substantial degree through the \$19,720,000 campaign which is now under way. Ten hospitals in the area will be enlarged through the program.

*(Editor's note: What the construction of a new 200-bed hospital will mean in increased hospital care and better health for the residents of Southern Oakland County is told in a series of articles of which this is the second. Toward this project \$23,000,000 has been allocated by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund now beginning a campaign for \$19,720,000. The Fund's over-all program embraces ten leading hospitals in Greater Detroit to be enlarged and improved and four new ones to be built and equipped.)*

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**We Heard It Said By:**  
Mayor Milton F. Mallender: "I don't think the Michigan Senate should pass Bill No. 150, which permits cities to levy and collect specific or excise taxes. Cities require the permission to collect certain excise taxes, but not all kinds. From the way the bill is presently written, a city could impose local taxes on everything from payrolls to red neckties."

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## Army Officials Promise Curb on Low Flying Here

During the past several months local police, as well as officials at the Bert Airport, have received numerous calls from Birmingham residents concerning low flying and stunting planes over the city. Chief Ralph W. Moxley contacted Lt. William Watkins of the State Department of Aeronautics, who conducted an investigation.

Watkins' report stated that it was most probable that most of the low flying was being done by reserve members of the military forces based at Selfridge Field. Many of these men are residents of Birmingham and fly on their days away from work, including weekends. The temptation to attract the attention of friends and members of their family by buzzing their homes and stunting is given as the probable reason.

Lt. Watkins said that he had contacted military officials at all nearby army bases and had been assured by them that pilots found guilty of this practice would be discharged at once, regardless of rank or years of service.

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