

GOP's New Chairman

See where the Grand Old Party has picked its retiring chairman, Hugh J. Scott, from office, and selected a New Jersey lawyer-industrialist, Guy G. Gabrielson, in Scott's place.

Meet Achathina Fulica

Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Forestry Plant Quarantine say that some of the snails have been discovered on the West Coast and it is believed that some of them are in the East.

The snails are found in large numbers in Hawaii where they have destroyed crops and vegetation, and on other Pacific islands.

Eating chicken with one's fingers ought to be a more accepted custom. After all, a well-cooked chicken is deserving of the touch of the human hand.

A current humorist argues that the art of caddy-ing is still the only type of job that pays off for holding the bag.

Education is a long and unfinished process. Perhaps that is why we'll always have with us the unfinished man.

Michigan Taking An Active Part in National Program to Aid Handicapped

WASHINGTON — President Truman finds some time to take a special interest in the blind, deaf and crippled—all the physically handicapped. The extra-purse he personally puts behind efforts to give them a break is an unspoken tribute to the polo-crippled man who gave the nod which landed him eventually into the Presidency.

Anyhow, he appointed a "President's Committee." And it's not just "another committee," but a mobilization of some 300 top people from every phase of American working life to help the physically handicapped.

Condemn Newspapers

"The good editor," declares James S. Pope, of the Louisville Courier-Journal "has to wake up angry every morning."

After all, it depends upon the functions of an editor. There are some who believe that the editor should excite the emotions of his readers in order to get "results."

From the philosophical viewpoint, however, the race gains very little from emotional jags, whether they affect editorial pages or other methods of influencing people.

In Spokane, Wash., recently a 185-pound panther got into the cage of a 312-pound gorilla. After a two and a half hour battle, the gorilla lost its right arm, and was shot by attendants.

There seems to be no end to the mania for days, weeks and special occasions to be commemorated and, perhaps, promoted in this nation each year.

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Happenings of Long Ago

80 YEARS AGO August 18, 1869 Rochester's excitement Saturday spread as far as Birmingham, when two human skeletons were found in the cellar of the Wm. Burgess store, which was undergoing repairs.

While several boys were swimming in the western Lake recently, a large pickerel grabbed the hand of Tommy Smith. The boy fought the fish off, only to have it grab the other hand.

The July crop report for the state estimates a yield of only about eight bushels of wheat per acre, the poorest crop in years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Manistee, on their way home stopped over one night with their old friend, Miss Della Crosby and they were charged from Birmingham, very much, even if it was short.

A report has it that the village authorities are preparing to purchase some spectacles which will be worn by the inmates of the jail to see a bicycle when it is being ridden illegally on the sidewalks.

20 YEARS AGO August 22, 1929 Normal returned to the back to normal after a running gun battle between armed bandits and police.

Sheriff Frank Schram today ordered members of his posse to arrest couple found parked on lonely roads. "We aren't arresting them because they are 'petting,'"

Fire in the Green Pheasant gift shop, West Maple, threatened the downtown section, Thursday, and drove three persons from their apartment over the shop. Mrs. F. H. Sterling and Miss A. T. Nims, who were arrested in connection with the fire.

The Rev. Warren E. Jackson, former pastor of the First Baptist church and now of Teacup, will be the guest preacher for the Union services to be held at the Baptist church.

R. D. Lynd, 'Y' secretary, has been named as the new secretary of the Y. He is in an effort to ease the situation that exists here. His members will be notified by letter.

5 YEAR AGO August 24, 1944 Fire Chief V. W. Griffith announces two promotions within the ranks of members of the Birmingham fire department.

St. R. Stinnett, Detroit, received head injuries Saturday night when the car in which he was riding struck another, parked at the side of the street, causing tire repairs. The parked car, owned by Marion L. Fitzgerald, also of Detroit, was damaged.

Cliff Clark, Jr., Hensley has moved into his newly arranged office on the first floor of the new building at the corner of Main Street and University.

Paul Strachan, a crusading member of the executive committee, prefers legislation to set up an independent agency to serve as a clearing house for all matters pertaining to the physically handicapped.

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, left Sunday night for Ft. Benning, Ga., where he will serve as acting chaplain for the next six weeks. This is the third summer of his rehabilitation, a federal-state set-up.

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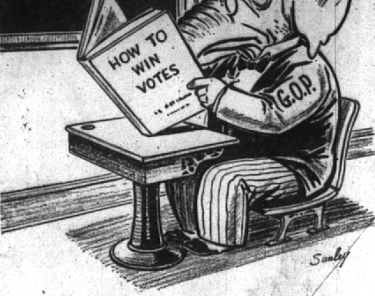
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Refresher Course

Test 1940 Congressional Elections HOW TO WIN VOTES



State Has Plans for Improving 1,110 Miles of Highway With Federal Aid

WASHINGTON—Money for Michigan roads is involved in the Senate debate on the \$300 million appropriation for the federal-aid highway system.

Allocations were made to the states last year for the 1950 fiscal year in the amount of \$450 million in federal aid.

Michigan had 1,110.05 miles of highways costing \$75,716,000 programmed, planned and under construction in the federal aid highway system on May 31, 1949.

Plans Are Approved Actually under construction were 286.5 miles costing \$46,855,000. Plans were approved but not construction had not yet started on 245.9 miles for which the total cost was \$11,660,000.

Wins Culver Award George J. Limp, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Limp, 1030 Covington road, has been awarded the Culver award for his work in the Woodcraft camp.

Ann E. Holmes has been engaged to fill the position formerly occupied by Larned Goodrich, according to Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland. Miss Holmes will teach social studies, while Goodrich will take over the guidance of the boys enrolled at Baldwin high school.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Pictures of people at work will be among your most successful snaps. A plain background such as the sky will help to make your subject stand out.

Picturing People at Work your subject for pictures of people at work. Their natural working position will take care of the pose automatically.

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"Any Way You Slice It"

By HAL P. BURGE

"Backward, turn backward, oh Time in your flight, make me a child again just for tonight!" I don't know exactly what reason the poetess Elizabeth Akers Allen had in mind when she penned this request in her well-known poem, but it is a cliché that her reason would be vastly different than mine, because my personal wish is to be a little boy again, so that I might spend a summer at Camp Algon-quian at Burt Lake.

During a recent vacation in the Indian River territory of Northern Michigan, I visited Herb H. Twining's famous Algon-quian, camp for boys between the ages of 7 and 17.

Twining has spent the past 25 years of his life in developing Algon-quian into the excellent camp it is today and this season its Silver Anniversary is being celebrated.

Here in Birmingham are men who have attended Algon-quian as a camper or counselor who will experience a certain nostalgia as their minds wander back to camping days...

Now and then they reminisce along the mile of beautiful Burt Lake shore line which is camp property and re-engage in the waterfront activities.

Herb founded Algon-quian in 1925 and after steady development and improvement down through the years, many authorities have called it the finest and most complete camp in Michigan.

The camp is Herb's full-time occupation. That fact, coupled with his years of experience, is undoubtedly the reason why it is ranked so highly.

Evidence of Herb's interest in safety is displayed in numerous ways throughout the camp property which includes 130 acres.

It would be hard for me to imagine how the average American (and family) routine could begin to guard its members as they are guarded here.

Many measures are used to combat homesickness which, by the way, is a rare camp disease.

Associated with Herb in the direction of the camp are his sons, Bob and Dick. The family residence is in Ann Arbor where the boys were brought up.

Down through the years many of Michigan's finest athletes have served at the camp in various capacities.

But while posing is easy it's wise to look beyond your subject. By doing this you can check the background and make certain that it includes no elements which will mar your picture—telephone wires, scraggly bushes, trees which appear to sprout from your subject's head.

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