

Happenings of Long Ago

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A New Industry Announcement Comes Here

Just as, over the past 30 years, Birmingham and adjacent areas have enjoyed growth through the development of roads, stores, offices and residential buildings...

Not only will the type of industry it is, free from smoke and manufacturing noise, continue to set the pattern of this area's industrial development...

Located practically "in the country," employees of the Dearborn Motors Corp. will enjoy conditions better than are found in crowded cities.

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson reports that the Post Office department had been issuing twenty to thirty special stamps a year...

The House appropriations committee declined to pay \$500 for a juke box for the card filing section of the Library of Congress.

A lawyer asked a woman who was a witness, "How old are you?" The woman glared and said nothing.

Is Your Home Dangerous?

We have called attention many times to the danger that nearly lurks in the average American home...

One survey of a large city reveals that more than half of such deaths are caused by falls.

The safety experts suggest that the number of accidents caused by tripping over objects and rugs on floors is of such size as to suggest caution in every home.

It will take only a few minutes to look over your home and eliminate some of the accident hazards.

Parents who do this may save their children from suffering and themselves from unnecessary medical expense.

There is a growing number in this country who believe that this government ought to practice economy...

Scientists are working on a formula to make odorless limburger cheese. Never having eaten it, we wonder if elimination of the appeal to the olfactory sense will strengthen its appeal to the palate.

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in costing about \$100 thousand per mile. Ordinarily divided highways with one-lane pavement in both directions cost about \$200 thousand or more per mile.

There is inflation also in highway use. Passenger car traffic is up nearly 25 per cent compared with 1948; industrial traffic is up 30 per cent.

5 Years Ago JULY 6, 1944

Charles Morris, Roger Booth and Karl Pfeiffer were big Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor held at Christ Church, Cranford, Monday evening.

John B. Hubert, 1465 York-shire, manager of the Highland Park Savings Bank was the victim of daylight robbery last Friday afternoon.

Thomas E. Wilson, Bloomfield Hills, has been appointed director of industrial relations and personnel at the GM-C. T. Moore and Coach Division.

School children are again being asked to get behind the lagging war bond drive and help out Birmingham on the CMC Tour.

20 Years Ago JULY 3, 1929

In the drive to improve the looks of their community, recently passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of industrial advertising signs within the village limits.

R. J. Corvill, president of the Birmingham board of education, is named to the village planning commission. His reappointment was made by the board at the expiration of his term of office Monday night.

Speeding at 40 miles an hour here last May took Talking Pong, Flint, 340 years old, in Justice Floyd S. Buck's traffic court. Pong was arrested May 26 by Patrolmen J. W. Green and J. J. Brown.

It's getting so a police officer can't tell if any degree of effort. Motorcycle patrolman Earl Walker left his motor on the street in Grand Rapids, Mich., Monday night.

50 Years Ago June 30, 1899

Deputy Sheriff George Fay is about as busy and alert as any officer in the state, and like the sleuth that he is, he never sleeps.

Chas. Parks and Cassius Carter, have the contract to paint, paper and plaster the new building at Leach's corner.

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On Growing Old I hope that I shall grow old gracefully. And not be dull and querulous and stale. When I am old I will be content with that. That people will not depend on me.



Lobbies Don't Like Donations Over \$499 Else Report Must Be Filed in Congress

WASHINGTON—Phantom lobby support is on the increase, a survey of reports to the Clerk of the House reveals.

A major purpose of the 1946 lobby law was to make it matter of public record where lobbies got their money. But the law does not require the names of those contributing less than \$500 to be reported.

Some lobbies are using this loophole to avoid telling Congress where part of their money comes from. They urge contributors not to give more than \$499, and thus are able to conceal their identity.

Investors League is pushing a bill introduced by Congressman Fred Crawford (R-Michigan) which would end double taxation on corporation dividends.

The Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc., recently launched a "lighters for freedom" membership campaign aimed at raising at least \$7.75 million in the next two years.

Highway Use Addition No. 1. This bill is a continuation of the highway use addition act of 1948.

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BY HAL P. BURGER

He's a man that doesn't like strangers, is big Ed Maloney, general owner and host at Top-in-a-Bee Hotel at Mullet Lake, near Cheboygan.

They tell me that Ed Maloney has been doing this to his guests for a number of years and it must be so because no one could display the natural charm and confident grace of this big Irishman without going through the very natural process of developing it.

He does such a wonderful job of welcoming guests and acquainting them with the wonders of the surrounding territory that the Cheboygan County Chamber of Commerce couldn't begin to pay him what he would be worth as a member of their staff.

"No sir," he answered, "I was born and raised in Cheboygan." Further questioning revealed that his father came to America from Ireland in 1878, and arrived in Michigan later that same year.

Ed Maloney will tell you that Top-in-a-Bee was taken from the name of an old Potawatomi Indian chief and means, "bear's big heart." It is the oldest resort in northern Michigan and its founders had the choice of the whole peninsula.

I was one of several hundred Michigan Press Association guests at Top-in-a-Bee over last week-end. We were entertained royally and while praise of the beautiful countryside monopolized every conversation, sooner or later everyone mentioned the capabilities of our host.

He sets the pace for rest and relaxation at his place. While working strenuously about 18 hours of every day, he dresses casually and conducts his activities in a free and easy manner that makes his guests feel that he is enjoying himself even more than they.

Ed has traveled all over the United States and as a veteran of World War I, he has seen many foreign countries. He is educated in the schools of Cheboygan and at the universities of Michigan and Detroit.

That his pleasant manner is contagious seems to be borne out by the fact that his numerous employees emit the most friendly enthusiasm. The desk clerks, the many college boys who wait on tables, and most of all, Mike O'Bradovich, the waterfront director who takes his broad and pleasant smile into the dining room at meal time to double as head waiter.

I'll wager that many newspaper folk all over the state are being nice to everyone they encounter this week because Ed Maloney's pleasantness is still fresh in their minds.

FBO Does Its Business Without Help of Any Appropriation from Congress

WASHINGTON—There's a Michigan man in Washington who looks enough like Truman to make a White House secret service man Frederick "Fritz" Larkin, of Flint, is the same size and with the same foot and provided for at times, the same expression.

This Michigan "Truman" has an interesting job in the State Department. He's chief of FBO, The Building Operations of Foreign Building Operations would please the most economy-minded. FBO asked for no appropriation from the Congress.

Duties have expanded since Chief Leland E. King, Jr. (he's from Michigan, too—a native of the State) was identified at congressional hearings on FBO projects in 240 cities in 68 foreign countries.

This FBO business is concerned with all realty holdings of the United States abroad. As our military and naval forces have expanded, we have all matters concerning housing, real estate, design, and construction of our embassies, legations and consulates.

Probably this former president of the American Institute of Architects in Flint never thought he would some day worry about a building in Liberia. As our command of modern American structures on the Ethiopian plateau; in the Congo; in the Philippines; in Canton and Formosa; or getting residences for chiefs of missions in Peking at an altitude of 12,500 feet.

He didn't use magic for money. Just defrayed the entire cost by recovering surplus property, making lend-lease settlements, and utilizing credits due the United States government. The FBO has done two things. Larkin says, it has recaptured assets—otherwise probably unavoidable—lost and provided for representatives abroad with buildings in consonance with our added international prestige in the eyes of the world.

Some successes have been achieved. In Indo-China (French) a good new governor tries to establish a dominion-like autonomy. In the Philippines, the United States kind of deal with their republican leaders in Indonesia and the Dutch are ready for the progress to report that India and Pakistan have decided to consider the United States as members of the British Commonwealth.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

ONE of the surest ways of testing how good an eye you have for pictures is to occasionally aim your camera at the commonplace—a row of pipes, a stack of building blocks, the very bricks in the street.

Patterns of this sort, "pattern pictures," offer a challenge all their own. Only by proper composition—both of arrangement and light and shadow—are such subjects made interesting. All of this camera-user's skill is needed to picture prosaic subjects.

Yet, because they call for such skill, such pictures provide a method of gaining progress in composition. Trying them helps to acquaint you with the balance of highlight and shadow, helps to develop a feeling for good composition.

And, perhaps even more important, it trains you to look for the patterns and details which can add immeasurably to pictures of every type or subject.

There is, to be sure, no hard and fast rules to help you in making pictures of this sort other than the fundamental rule of studying the scene from numerous angles through your camera's viewfinder. It's a case of look and see! Rows of pipes, stacks of building blocks, may be uninteresting from one angle, interesting from another. Only by viewing them from several positions can you find the best angle.

One other hint may help you in your efforts in this direction, however: use a small lens aperture when possible, to give depth to your pictures. For in a picture such as today's, the pattern effect would quickly be lost if every pipe or brick in it reasonably sharp focus in your print.

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