

"Wails and Miseries" Make News

The Hon. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States...

In this statement is found one of the basic factors which adversely influence the course of American life.

After all, if we consider the human race on the average, it is still in its swaddling clothes, crying, yelling and kicking.

"Divine Rights" Fade Out

For centuries, the "divine right" of kings to govern their people was accepted throughout most of the world.

The monarch has announced he will abdicate if fewer than fifty-five per cent of the voters favor his return.

We can see no signs of a depression—unless, that is, the U. S. Treasury runs out of money.

Michigan Mirror

By Gene Allman
A long-range legislative study of state government, patterned after the successful "Hoover commission" at Washington...

Frank Morris, Detroit Times Lansing correspondent, got an "exclusive" on this pipe-dream political conjuncture...

War Fleet Obsolete?

During the last war the United States built hundreds and hundreds of ships. When the conflict ended the nation had a tremendous reserve of vessels.

This is something of a mystery to us. It is surprising that vessels become worthless in less than ten years and to hear that a "replacement program" of ship construction may be in order.

Not Jailed for Communism

The conviction of eleven Communists in the Federal Court of New York does not mean the outlawry of the Communist Party, declares Attorney-General J. Howard McGrath...

Generosity to Friend and Foe

As of the end of June, foreign governments had received credits from the United Government in an aggregate total of \$26,700,000,000 in the last four years.

Certainly, the assistance that this country has extended to other friendly nations in an effort to help them overcome the losses resulting from the recent war is without parallel in the history of the world.

It is apparent that the United States wants peace in the world and is willing to spend some money in the attempt to get it.

Too much of the world news includes—the criminals, the morons, the freaks—and too few of the other people.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago NOVEMBER 3, 1899

Large bear signs were prominently posted throughout the city most of our ardent prohibitionists by the Halloween pranksters...

C Kidd has moved to Utica, but before he could leave town his house was filled with many neighbors and friends who presented themselves and his good wife with a nice rocker and stand.

Next Sunday at St. James church the Rev. Ryerson of Pontiac will conduct both the morning and evening service with the hour for the evening service set at 7 o'clock.

It is currently reported that Volney Nixon is so fond of bull-heads that no less than three and one-half bushels at one sitting will satisfy him.

Tomorrow, W. O'Neal, our popular furniture dealer, will play "give away" with his customers. Just stop in at store and make a purchase and see how lovely surprise he will have for you.

An evangelist, Cleveland Collins, and his passenger, Cleveland Collins, 24, and Arlington West, 18, escaped injury yesterday after their antiquated plane crashed at Crooks and Maple roads.

Repairs on the Lincoln avenue will be being completed today, but will not be placed in use until a later date, according to James Parry, city manager.

Thomas Klingensmith of Square Lake road announces that he has just sold a new Buick Buick sedan at the corner of Frank and Woodward.

Local Scouts plan an overnight hike to the "Pine Island" Lake for Nov. 16. They will work for the cabin, a gift of Col. E. S. George.

The Baldwinian staff has, this week, reached its goal in the current subscription and will begin publishing their year-end report.

5 Years Ago NOVEMBER 9, 1944 Birmingham has just reported its highest population yet.

Dean McAllister and Shepard Crim, high school students, appeared before the city commission Monday night and requested that a hockey rink be constructed on Quanton Lake.

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Another Lesson in Red Ideology



"Any Way You Slice It"

I'm not from Milwaukee and there is no reason why I should know, but any fool can have an occasional opinion and the bigger the fool the more of them he is liable to have.

"Platos Voladores" are they called by sheep herders and as near as I can translate that means "flying platoons," but I wouldn't swear to it.

"If you took these things seriously, or rather, in the way they are advanced by the press and radio, you could scorch your self to death in no time."

"There is no doubt in my mind that sooner or later the scientists of this planet or one of the others are going to be successful in conquering all of the obstacles that stand in the way of successful flight into the extreme stratosphere."

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English Pound, French Franc Confuses Usual U.S. Tourist Making a Purchase

From American Tourist (By Bureau) By Joseph A. Deas

PARIS—Out of all the current devaluation bills being passed in a hurry of argument for a "joint currency" with no one...

French Have Some Coins That fellow who has so much trouble with tips in England also got into a bit of trouble...

Get Plenty of Silver Coins Starting with a twenty dollar bill, here's what has been happening to American tourists all this summer.

Problem of Tipping The first confused reaction that most countries have seen "I've been robbed!" How could you change be right if it doesn't include some folding stuff?

So the tourist arriving in France from England is changing from a nation where paper money reigns supreme.

Twenty bucks in France brings the tourist six thousand francs and a variety of smaller stuff.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Pictures like this charming Super D Grafax shot by Constance Bannister deserve a well-planned album that show them off to best advantage.

MAKE YOUR SNAPSHOT ALBUM MORE FUN Many photographers miss half the fun of picture-making by not bothering to keep an album—or by keeping a dull, crammed one.

First, let's discard the idea that an album is a storage book for your prints or even slides. Only the best pictures should make a position on its pages.

Best albums are the ones which permit photos and pages to be removed. In this way you can edit the book occasionally, discarding bad prints for better ones.

Notice how they use different sizes and shapes pictures to form a layout. A spectacle shot will be given a full page, while less dramatic photos are used just big enough to fill the album.

Lastly, caption your pictures in the margins. You never see a picture which water Bobby had the broken arm.