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Tipping Our Hat To The League of Women Voters

Much of this earth's best human en-deavors have been inaugurated and car-ried on by volunteers, men and women interested in a worthy cause or project!

Many times we have printed the paragraph above . . : because, over a long period of time in the newspaper business we have had opportunities to observe the truth in that statement.

the truth in that statement.

At this particular election time we are reminded of this truth by witnessing the local activities of the League of Women Voters. This Birmingham organization, part of a national group, is deeply interested in problems of government, and at each election tries to bring to as many voters as possible non-partisan facts about the various candidates and issues.

So far as we know, the League of Women Voters is the largest and most energetic selection of American people voluntarily dedicated to the improvement of conditions in local, state and the fed-eral governments, insofar as getting in-formation to the public is concerned,

THEY NOT ONLY gather non-partisan facts and present them through news-papers and bulletins, but they also sponsor civic rallies, where candidates are presented to the public; at which time question and answer periods are held so that the voters may, first-hand, learn what candidates stand for and what spe-cific issues involve.

While the League consists, as its name implies, only of women in its member-ship, many men—especially husbands— contribute both money and ideas to assist it in achieving its objectives.

The Birmingham Branch of the League of Women Voters was formed here in 1933, and now has a membership of 265.

They have done much to aid in raising the standards both of candidates and actual public officialdom . . . and they realize that much more must be done along these lines to preserve our system of self-government

So here's to the League of Women Voters!

REAL VOLUNTEERS in the performance of the most important job confronting the American people.

Long may they live to develop civic consciousness in a public that needs civic regeneration.

regeneration.

The "Veep's" Tactics

Vice-President Barkley is going about the country these days (and we don't know at whose expense, either) making speeches to help Democratic candidates win at the Nov. 7 election.

The "Veep", an old consumer at the public trough for a generation, resorts to every trick in the politician's bag to win over his audiences.

win over his audiences.

He really enjoys politics ... which has provided him with a nice living much of his life.

his life.

To the "Veep", it's largely a game to outwit the other side, regardless of what you do or say at the moment for, after all, desart the public love to kidded and often to be film-flammed?

State Re-apportionment

For many years Michigan legislatures have failed to carry out their constitu-tional obligation of, every 10 years, re-apportioning House and Senate seats ac-

apportuning noise and senate seats ac-cording to population.

The result is that, controlled by rural legislatures, in some out-state counties one person is equivalent to three persons

in an urban area, insofar as representa-tion in the Legislature is concerned. Shall we expect any legislature to do this job according to the rules of justice and equity? Of course not.

That is why the Constitution should be amended, placing final responsibility for corrective-apportionment in the hands of one elected official—who, unlike the legislature, can be brought into court and made to do his duty every 10 years.

We Can Remember When-

Not only Detroit, but most of its suburbs have serious traffic problems. For example, we can remember when one safely could start walking across Woodward avenue here without having to look either way; when old Nick Mooney, our one-man police force, handled Sunday traffic with the help of a manually operated semaphore at Woodward and Maple.

But that was nearly 30 years are

Maple.

But that was nearly 30 years ago.

Our worst traffic problems locally are
on Saturdays. City Fathers really have a
problem on their hands to alleviate the
situation.

From Our Point of View

Come to think of it, Secretary of State Dean Acheson seems to us to look like England's former Prime Minister; Mister Chamberlain . . . umbrella and all.

Why should one expect so astute a practical politician as Harry S. Truman to do everything possible right now to prevent further inflation, when by so doing he would offend millions of voters? doing he would offend millions of voters?
After all, war or no war, national survival or defeat, there's an election coming up Nov. 7, and isn't Little Harry fundamentally dedicated to winning elections, whatever the other costs may be a survival or the survival of the

With all due respect to the honest efforts of labor leaders to gain more power in governmental birdes, their ultimate objective, if successful, would be to bring about something very close to Socialism. That'ls why Gov. Williams is caught in the pattern of such a system, as he continues to woo Michigan labor to his side or should we say that the CIO, already having trapped the scion of wealth, hangs on to him as a mere political device to "fake over"? With all due respect to the honest ef-

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America last week called for a strengthening of the nation's spiritual and moral defenses as we increase our military defenses. What a glorious challenge to a glorious state for human desting. . and what a long way off is the date of achievement.

"Look as pretty as you can. Put a little something on—or take a little something off, if necessary", a group of school teachers were advised by the Galesburg, Ill., supt. of public education. In other words, "be classy in the classroom."

Wonder if somthing like this might not have taken place in the minds of Truman and McArthur when they met for two hours at Wake Island: McArthur

... "what a little guy, both in physical and mental stature, this Missourian turns out to be." Truman . . "Gee, what I'd give to have the mind, appearance and public respect that you have, Doug!".

Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky now asks the United Nations to quit "being fough" and show a willing-ness to discuss |world peace with the Soviet. Doesn't Vishinsky know that the Soriet. Doesn't Vishinsky know that the UN was set up to maintain world peace? ... of course he does. As a leading Communist, Vishinsky is merely acting like one, and the UN knows that it cannot trust the word of anybody who represents the present crowd in the Kremlin.

So They Say . . .

Chou En-lai, Premier of Communist China: "The United States Government has been proved the most dangerous enemy of the Peoples' Republic of China."

W. Stuart Symington, chairman, National Security Resources Board: "One of the greatest discoveries of the past war was that women are able to do practically anything that men can do."

Louis Johnson, former Secretary of De-fense:

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"Years and years of preparedness to
avoid war, if successful, are vastly pref-erable to a single year of unlimited war."

George C. Marshall, Secretary of De-fense:
"We must have some system of uni-versal training."

Ernest L. Stebbins, doctor:
"When research scientists get the recognition movie stars have, you can say
the country is growing up."

Eleanor Rootevelt, author:
"The success of democracy depends upon an enlightened citizenry."



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentri The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 Years Ago
OCTOBER 25, 1900 ,
I will pay a reward of \$100 for instance of the arrest stole cats from my farm. Should the information come from the payson who bought the oats I will petter him from the follies of his indiscretion.

again, surely without warming sur-users. We notice several communities have adopted an early closing of stores. A survey here showed the merchants feel eight o'clock is late enough to stay open and would permit them more time with their famillies in their own homes.

The amount to be raised by tax-tion in Bloomfield township for he coming year is \$1,204.67. The school tax in this township will e \$4,015.

COTOBER 30, 330 Red Creat vorteers will begin their annual roll call Saturday, with a thorough canvass of the village planned. Mrs. H. H. Cor-son, chairman, said workers had already been appointed for the community has been divided.

Building activities here, during clother, show a decided advancement, according to City Manager the building cannot be used with Donald C. Exhert. Permits in activation of \$79,955 were issued during the month, with \$75,955 for making the month, with \$75,955 for making the month of the construction.

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when buildings under constructions with the work of the calculations with the work of the calculations with the world's greatest paintings will be shown. The exhibit is open to the public with special arrangements being made for the attendance of the construction of the public with special arrangements being made for the attendance of the construction of the public with special arrangements being made for the attendance of the construction of the public with special arrangements being made for the attendance of the construction of the public with special arrangements being made for the construction of a construction of a construction of a new church. About \$125,000 still needed for the construction of a new church. About \$125,000 has al-

A pleasant surprise wariy was given H. G. Spencer last Tuesday, change club Tuesday how the reserving, it being his 43rd birthday. The members of his family and a few friends gathered at his home to wish him well.

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Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

20 Years Age
OCDER 30, 1930
Red Gross Workers will begin
their annual roll call Saturday,
their annual roll call Saturday,
and the strength of the strength of

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Thornlea Ploomfield Hills

Catastrophe

By BEATRICE McDONALD

The little light's gone out. O, fiddle, faddle . . . mutter, sputter . I can't locate the cream or butter:
As if someone had shut a shutter. My thumb is in the syrup spout.
I can't locate the cream or butter.
The little light's gone out.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER , By George Wm. Averill

- MICHIGAN'S EARTHQUAKES -

The earth's underpinning is little shakey these days—and I interest the shakey these responsibility it then was read throw the shake t

LOOKING AHEAD

By George S. Benson

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MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Gene Alleman -LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN IN DECEMBER?-

Election news these past weeks has been unusually quiet with only an occasional bellow of "socialism" to spice the atmosphere, G.O.P. still is hacking at the Americans for Democratic Action (A.D.A.)—mostly trying to find out just what it is.

Meanwhile the legislature continues in session—although recessed. The special session was called March 15 but has refused to adjourn to postpone action on Williams appointees until after the elections.

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Adjournment is expected to be in December instead of immediately following the election since many members dislike being called back during deer hunting season Nov. 15-30.

Good news from Korea ha lessened the anxiety felt ove another "all-out" conflict beft the casualty lists still roll in Michi gan now has more than 1,000 of this roster with over 160 dead and 200 missing in action.

And evidence of another war keeps cropping up. New 10,137 displaced persons the condition of the condition o

Young doctors of the state who were trained through armed the state who were trained to the state who were trained to the state who were trained to the state who were the state of the state who were the state of the state who was a state of the state who was a state of the state who was a state of the state of the state who was a state of the state of th

Economista now refer to this period as the "inflation of World War 114," hav-ing worked us through in-flation of World War II and inflation of the postwar per-riod.

riod.

Opinions still differ concerning the new building curbs. Will it mean depression as some home builders say, or stabilization of the building industry? None of the builders have yet reported applying for welfare.

Industrialists state that

but a small volume of defense work under way. But it ex-pects much more—and it also expects to turn out a "sub-stantial volumé" of civilian vehicles in 1951. spic when you've got less

with the pheasant season now well under way hunters report ar excellent year. Pre-war years suc-cess wasn't equalled but the nim-rods agree this is the best season since the war's end. Michigan's "Little Hoover Com-mission" now eyes the state high-way department, department of agriculture and state legal coun-seling services. The commission hopes to find ways to-cut bureau expenses.

A \$13,977,000 state conservation budget for the next fixed year wiil be recommended by the conservation commission to the legislature in January. The figure includes \$4,015,000 for parks operation, repair and development.

William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the U. S. served the shortest term. He died 31 days after his inauguration.

Maim Street

What do the ladies worry about? There now is an organization known as "Fatties Anonymous" which operates on the same basis as the antitippling organization. They bolater on eanother in the fight to push away from the table. Slogan: You'll be more table.

by Ralph Stein

