

Britain's Old Lion of Resistance



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned from Old Files of The Eclectic—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO November 8, 1901 Mrs. Emerson and daughter of Ypsilanti spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Miss Flower and a wonderful time of conversation was had.

Frank Ash of Birmingham joined Messrs. Freer and McPherson of Detroit for a trip to Howell last Friday.

Visitors with the family of Samuel C. Mills the past week were Miss May Stevens of Elton Rapids and Dr. H. E. Stevens of Cymet, Ohio. A good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farmer who moved to Birmingham from Royal Oak two weeks ago intending to buy a place here are living with her mother.

A party of gentlemen, consisting of John Rainey, George and Jack Purdy, Webster Bray, Will Adams, George Bingham, John Redwood, Mason Leonard, Russ Haskins and Will Lakin left Wednesday last for Newberry, they expect to bring back all the deer in northern Michigan.

20 YEARS AGO November 12, 1931 Several veterans of the World War are making realistic scenes for the next Village Players production, "Journey's End." The men are duplicating battle scenes and sounds and are constructing a full scene in Birmingham. The front line dugout, complete in every detail.

Gordon Lefebvre, 556 Oak, has accepted a position with a newly organized Detroit firm of production engineers. Lefebvre has, for many years, been one of the best known men in the automotive production field.

Through the efforts of the Community House employment bureau, 137 persons found employment during the month of September. According to a state survey, this placed Birmingham fourth in the

ing the record-breaking attendance. And your splendid summary of Dr. Ralph Sockman's timely sermon made it possible for those who could not get in, to read the plot of his message. Our grateful thanks to you and your staff for this service. THE REV. EMIL KONZAK, Pastor, First Baptist Church.

People's Column
The Birmingham columnist letters for this column. All letters must be legible and must be accompanied by a return address. No return will be made to the writer.

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Lord Russell's Double-Talk

Being of a high intellectual nature is no assurance that a person possesses intelligence... meaning that the noun in this case is heavier than the adjective. Many people have intellects, and can perform in certain areas the intellectual processes. But intelligence, we believe, includes the practical ability to think.

The ancient proponent of free love declared that it was British money and brains that developed Iran's oil, therefore Britain should be allowed to retain its economic interest in the enterprise.

WELL, BY THE same token, who was it that built up Britain's former successful industries, now in the hands of the Socialist stern? Ah! his Lordship didn't go into this latter phase of the subject. Personally, we think he and his type, if permitted to operate affairs not strictly intellectual on this earth, would end up in bankruptcy.

The old codger admits that he is a Socialist, and that capitalism as practiced in the U. S. A. never can spread the abundant life as well as Socialism can.

In our book, he is some kind of a faker who lives in a world of intellectual double-talk. He has contributed less to the lasting, practical world of mankind than a good carpenter or plumber or bricklayer. Anyway, that's how we feel about him at the moment.

From Our Point of View

Twentieth Century Wonder, American style: Having an occupant of the White House whose personal nature changed after he left the U. S. Senate had become President of the United States; an eloquent example of what political power can do to inflate a man's vanity to the extent that he soars far above the patriotic interests of the whole American people.

Poor old Joe Louis! A great fighter, a great American... finally he has taken the knock-out from a chap named Rocky Marciano, 10 years younger than the former world's heavyweight champion boxer. Only 37 now, what will Joe do next? Whatever it is, we hope it will be leavened with the same fine spirit of sportsmanship that marked his long ring career.

So They Say . . .

Michael V. DiSalle, Price Stabilizer: "Our objective must be to keep from increasing prices and to reduce them wherever possible."

Kwaja Nazimuddin, Prime Minister of Pakistan: "We have no enmity with any country in the world."

Thomas C. Desmond, N. Y. State Senator: "One of the fundamental weaknesses of our democratic system (is) the financing of political parties through favors."

New York Times editorial: "This nation has to take a multi-billion-dollar sock in the economic solar plexus."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

A Birmingham woman got the surprise of her life the other day—and so did a local auto dealer. Here's why: The woman bought a new car some weeks ago, then last week discovered water was leaking out the radiator. Back into the dealer's garage for an inspection where it was decided the radiator needed to be pulled out and the leak widened. A couple of days later, happening to be in the vicinity of the garage, the woman stopped in to see how the job was coming along. She was told the car appeared right for her to drive away, and the car was released. THE LADY had only driven about five miles when the car started acting up. First it sounded like someone banging on a lot of tin canisters, she explained. "Then it started to leak in another minute or two smoke started coming out from under the hood and the car quit entirely—right in the middle of the highway. She got to a phone, called the dealer's garage. Shortly a mechanic was at the scene. As he lifted the hood, he exclaimed, "No wonder you've had trouble—there isn't any radiator. Her car's back in the garage while it awaits the brand new motor she insisted upon. Birmingham's new telephone directory is due for distribution Dec. 12, 1951. The local Bell Manager, Walter B. Fausse,

Challenge to Churchill

The great Socialist experiment of the British labor government has been overthrown, for the moment, and Winston Churchill's Conservative Party has taken over.

In six years of former Prime Minister Attlee's control, England has declined economically, lost most of its world empire, and now faces problems as great as in the last analysis—as those that were presented when Hitler's bombers almost took over in World War II.

Having no abundance of natural resources, Britain faces an almost insurmountable economic barrier.

ITS LABOR, well organized, has been told it could be visited by Santa Claus from the cradle to the grave... unmindful of the fact that Santa's "gifts" have to be paid for.

Labor still will expect the venerable Churchill to grow a white beard, too. Alas! and alack! the teeth of the British lion are getting too old to chew up rugged bones.

100 Years of Ice Cream

Just one hundred years ago a Baltimore chap worked out a process that made ice cream available to the general public; so ice cream is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As an American food and delicacy, we join all who would raise mountains of ice cream. Too much appreciation for its existence can be expressed by those who like, or love it.

Personally, though, as we mentioned to our wife the other night: "... but there is no ice cream available today that is as good as what my mother made at home when I was a boy..." whereupon my better-half replied: "... oh, tuch... for years you, like all other males, say the same about your mother's cooking."

"THE TRUTH IS that every wife knows she is as good, or better, a cook than her husband's mother. What makes the difference is that you husbands no longer have the youthful, zealous appetites you had as kids... in fact, I believe that my years of good cooking for you have placed you on the gastronomical defensive!"

Anyway, ice cream is still great stuff.

By George Wm. Averill

Dec. 15-16—Dream of a Rarebit Fiend, 1906. High and Dizzy, Harold Lloyd, 1920. The Navigator, Buster Keaton, 1924.
Dec. 29-30—Wild Bill Hickok, William S. Hart, 1923.
Jan. 19-20—Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1903. Tollable David, Richard Barthelmess, 1921.
Jan. 26-27—The Strong Man, Harry Langdon, 1926. The Professor Patient, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, 1917.
Feb. 2—Beau Geste, Ronald Coleman, 1926.
Feb. 9-10—The General, Buster Keaton, 1927.
Feb. 23-24—Camille, Greta Garbo, 1936.
Mar. 1-2—The Three Musketeers, Douglas Fairbanks, 1921.
Mar. 15-16—Orphans of the Storm, Lillian and Dorothy Gish, 1922.
Once you've paid to get inside the Village and Museum, the movie is free. Two showings—1:30 and 3:30 Saturdays and Sundays only.
FRANK R. DAVIS, 584 Towne—creator of mechanical arts at the Museum, says the purpose of these films is to get adult residents of 14 the metropolitan area, who've never been to the Village, to come out and see it.
Some were utterly silent, others talked like little magpies. Some refused to give even a hint as to their identity, others jerked off masks as soon as they came through the door. Mouths below half-masks, wore wide, happy grins.
THEY CAME, one and two at a time, they came by a dozen, each carrying that tell-tale sack, each with the warning of a "trick" on a treat. Every one was greeted joyously by the dog, who was probably having more fun than the whole crowd put together. He's one of the best citizens in town

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

"HELP THE POOR!" It started at 6:30 when upon opening the door we were greeted by a pink cat and bright red devil, without a word the pair walked in and stood looking around. The dog sniffed their feet and wagged its tail. Still they stood silent. The devil's face leered and a pink tongue slid out between the stiffly starched, snug teeth. Small hands held a huge sack forward and behind the mask dark eyes rolled to cast a quick glance at the dish of candy on the end table. The cat patted out between the stiffly starched, snug teeth. Small hands held a huge sack forward and behind the mask dark eyes rolled to cast a quick glance at the dish of candy on the end table. The cat patted out between the stiffly starched, snug teeth. Small hands held a huge sack forward and behind the mask dark eyes rolled to cast a quick glance at the dish of candy on the end table.

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