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So They Say . . . Harry S. Truman: "It is of immense importance to communicate the truth about the purpose and intentions of the United States to the peoples of the Soviet Union."

Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary: "No free people has ever asked through the ballot box for Communist rule."

Melvin Price, Member of Congress from Illinois: "Atomic attack might halt defense production and, through its frightfulness, even destroy our will to fight."

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tion to listen to and see what they think should be on the air.

Moreover, it is quite apparent that sophisticated programs, suitable to the metropolitan areas of the nation are utterly unsuited to many millions of people who reside in the smaller communities of the land.

Obviously, the continental mind, which flourishes in Europe is not yet indigenous to those who reside in the United States. Nevertheless, our radio and television programs reflect this mentality more than any other.

If those who control, through private enterprise, our radio and television programs do not, themselves, meet the problem of censorship, they may have to suffer more governmental controls.

We Hope It Isn't You

That \$1,015 the city commission invested last week in a portable radar unit to be used by the police department to crack down on speeders appears to us to be a wise investment.

Now that it is recognized as admissible court evidence, such a device seems to be the answer to much of our local speeding problem.

The police department, at first, undoubtedly will be besieged with requests to use the equipment on "our street".

Of course, the principal speedway stretches—such as N. Adams, W. Maple and Lincoln—are expected to receive main consideration when the radar-enforced program once gets under way.

IN THE FIRST 50 YEARS of the horseless carriage, almost twice as many Americans have been killed by automobiles as have died in combat in all our wars.

The eccentric's photographer will be on the scene when the first resident and the first non-resident are handed speeding tickets as the result of Michigan's first police radar unit.

We hope you won't be the one in that picture.

Schools Worth The Cost

Opening of the Birmingham schools for the 1951-52 school year, important as it is to the pupils, teachers and citizens of this area, constitutes but a small part of the tremendous procession of children making another advance in their progress toward education.

In the United States there is a general recognition of the right of every child to an education.

The governments of the commonwealths of the land have accepted the responsibility and public schools supported by public funds, offer educational opportunities to their sons and daughters as a matter of right.

NO PERSON CAN SAFELY assume that our educational processes, our buildings and equipment or our curricula and personnel constitute a perfect set up, but when we dwell on minor faults, let us not overlook the tremendous values that accrue to society through our educational program.

The prospect is that the cost of education, along with other services and commodities, will increase in the years ahead.

This is inevitable but, in consideration of taxation and costs, let us not forget the abundant return that accrues from an intelligently-developed population. It is worth much more than its costs.

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The Break for Which Russia's Been Waiting



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eclectic—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO September 27, 1901 Lost—A black plaited neckerchief Monday last between the Hupp farm and the German farm. Finder please leave at this office and oblige the loser.

After many years in business in Birmingham Frank Hagerman has sold out to James and Thomas Cobb who will take possession about the middle of next month. The new firm will conduct business as Cobb Bros., selling drugs and groceries.

Messrs. Geo. Nohl and Charles Worth of Duluth, Minn., are visiting in our midst. They are at the William Worth home. Charles is the son of Mr. William and an ardent kodak fiend here.

For 30 years our fellow townsman James St. Davonport has never seen his brother, A. S., until one day last week in walked the gentleman, big and fat, with two nice daughters—young ladies, Mr. Davonport railroaded it for 30 years as a conductor on the Grand Trunk.

Miss Nellie Lane of Plymouth has opened a dressmaking shop over Shelack Bros. market and is prepared to do work in a manner which will be sure to please all our fair ladies.

Work of laying the deep sewer on Woodward between Lincoln and Clawson roads has been started. A crew of eight men and two machines was assigned to the job and will work at full speed until all digging operations are completed.

Three one-act plays will open the current season for the Village Players on Oct. 16. Casts have been selected and several rehearsals already held. Officers of the organization say a splendid program has been mapped for the season.

Clyde H. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood of Greenwood is among the 100 young men selected for training at the aviation school at Randolph field. The appointment was announced by the War department.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

AN OPEN LETTER Dear Mrs. Stinson: Referring to your letter in last week's People's Column—my, my! You wanting each woman driver to have an extra \$500 means me. The idea of two weeks driving instruction with the police department is a little better, and we already have two week officers and here you go creating jobs for a dozen more!

WHAT'S MATTER, Mr. Stinson, some lady driver went to a parking place recently? Whatever it is, you certainly must have had some training in science involving a woman driver. But, seriously now, do you really think they are that bad? Maybe you didn't drive that night, and your scratch was one you collected, all by your little lonesome?

HOWEVER, during the daylight hours we think there are a few more women driving than men, because they have to transport the kids to and from school and do the family shopping. The bumped fenders are no more frequent among them than among the men in town. As a matter of fact, I think maybe they are a little better and a little more careful than the men.

B'ham Kiwanis to Hear Address On 'Heredit'

Nelson Watters of Michigan State College will speak on "Heredit'" at the Oct. 2 Birming-

The Leon Harts Carry the Ball for BEEF COOKING! Nothing compares with an electric range for cooking, in the opinion of football's famous Leon Hart and his pretty wife, Lois. "It's really fun to cook electrically," says Lois. "There's no guesswork involved, no fussing with heat adjustment. It's clean, cool..."

SEE YOUR DEALER or Detroit Edison BERMUDA SALAD BOWL (Runs Perfect Interference) 1 small head of cauliflower 1/2 cup of sliced stuffed olives 1 small head of lettuce Watercress 1/2 large peeled Bermuda onion, sliced 2 1/4 1/2 portions of Roquefort cheese 3/4 cup India Relish Dressing Toss sliced vegetables and crumbled cheese together with India Relish Dressing.

PRESTON DELANO

Comptroller of the Currency HAS ADDRESSED THIS REQUEST TO ALL NATIONAL BANKS

The Director of the Mint, Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, has informed me that, due to the acute shortage of copper, the Mint is unable to meet the present extraordinary demand for pennies and nickels. There are undoubtedly enough of these coins lying idle in various home containers to alleviate the shortage. Vigorous efforts are being made to have such coins returned to circulation. Your bank will render a real service to the country and to itself by encouraging your customers—through advertisements, broadcasts, posting of notices, or otherwise—to bring in their hoarded pennies and nickels for deposit or exchange into other currency.

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