

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Watkins, Patterson and Renfrew Are Elected Fire Board Members

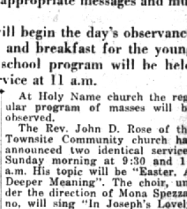
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Most of the good news of thought...

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Decision of President Truman not to be a candidate to succeed himself is good for the United States and, I believe, for the rest of the free world...

HE WAS LOYAL to his cronies. His judgment in selecting close advisors was not too good. Some of them were unable to function well, being limited in ability and experience...

TOO, WITH the possibility of strong Republican opposition, plus the fact that the White House...

So we join with all Americans who wish for Harry S. Truman, who leaves the White House...

Here is an excellent example of what all France: Edouard Herriot, President of the French Assembly, declares that the leaders of all political parties...

AMONG THE 10 delegates-at-large named Saturday at the state GOP convention is Dr. John P. Wood, 1131 Lyonhurst...



A FORMER Michigan governor and a Michigan resident, Murray D. Van Wagoner, has been named chairman of the Kefauver-for-president organization in Michigan...

Increasing in numbers in this country are people who say that they are not in feeling it wrong—that now more than ever...

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Easter Observances In City's Churches

Special Easter Sunday observances are planned for Birmingham churches featuring appropriate messages and musical programs.

At Holy Name church the regular program of masses will be observed.

AT ST HUGO of the Hills masses will be at 8:30, 11:30 and 12:45, with the solemn high mass being celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

SIMILAR services are scheduled for the First Methodist church at 9:30 and 11 a.m., with special sermons and music.

AT THE FINAL service, beginning at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W. Glenn Hararis, Ph.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church will speak on "The Cross and Great Living."

Drip Chasers Tracking Down City Water Leaks

Throughout the country men are active in affairs of an organization known as "Skip-Tracers."

THE SURVEY men use a specially adapted stethoscope. Kennen said, "and can hear a leak in a pipeline. This is slow, though, and often means testing every inch of the city's mains."

Good Friday Observances Planned Here

Birmingham's traditional Tr Easter services will be held this Good Friday in the First Baptist church, Bates and Willis, beginning at 12 noon.

Under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Council of Churches, the first service will be held at 7:30 a.m., a Communion service, with a family festival Holy Communion and sermon will be at 9 a.m., with a Communion and sermon at 11:15 a.m.

Two main services will be held at 9 and 11 a.m. with sermons by the minister, the Rev. Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel, with the Rev. Balthasar assisting in the choir.

ST. JAMES Episcopal will open its Easter observances with the junior choir singing for the Holy Communion observance.

ST. ANTHONY Lutheran church is also scheduling a 7 o'clock sunrise service with a festival service at 11 a.m.

STRICTLY FRESH

The New China News agency reports that Red China is ready to enter trade relations with other countries. If their trade partners are like their "volunteers" at the trade talks, the trade will be limited to insults.

Now that Britons engaged in atomic research and other secret government work must fill out questionnaires on their past and present political affiliations we may find out if there's a "Lord" McCarthy in Parliament.

Baldwin Library Financial Needs May Appeal Injunction To State Supreme Court

Baldwin public library board members met with city commissioners Thursday for a discussion of library finances and needs.

A summary of library activities prepared by Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head librarian, shows an increase of 5,985 registered borrowers during the past 10 years.

The increase in books does not appear favorably to the increase in existing borrowers.

Standards set by the American Library association, she said for the community of its size should be from 50 to 70 thousand volumes.

The library has three sources of revenue, an allocation from city taxes, borrowers' fees from persons living outside the corporate limits of the city and "penalties" from over-due books.

Although no definite decision was made by the two groups on what could be done to increase the funds of the library, several ideas were suggested.

Shain Memorial Park Dedication April 28

Dedication services for the Charles J. Shain Memorial park have been set for April 28, program committee chairman Clarence Vliet announced Monday.

To Battle Dutch Elm Disease

Elm bark beetles will leave Birmingham with a bad taste on their mouths if the city has its way.

Alert Clerks Credited With Preventing Blaze

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith credited the alertness of clerks in the Birmingham Drug store, 1220 South Woodward, for the prevention of a serious fire there early Monday afternoon.

May 4 Dedication For YMCA Building

Although several things have to be done in the new 'Y' building, officials were moved on March 30 and the first program activity took place on April 7.

AMENDMENT No. Two also passed by 796 to 626

Watkins will not be sworn in as a city commissioner until the meeting of Monday, April 21. He leaves today for Florida to meet his wife and daughter, now on vacation there, and return home with them.

IN AN ATTEMPT to learn whether the city commission proposal to amend the city charter would be approved at a subsequent election, The Birmingham Eccentric Tuesday mailed telephoned several commissioners.

Mayor Dean G. Beier commented, "I'm undecided. However, I feel the commission was right and if it is what the city needs, then I haven't done the job of convincing the people. There is a possibility that it may be put to another vote."

BEIER ISN'T convinced that the proposal should be on the November ballot, but he said the commission should consider placing the issue before the people again.

Patterson said he was pretty disappointed over the outcome. "I'm not sure if we should do. Perhaps bring it back (See ELECTION, Page 2)

2 Charter Changes Approved

A record number of 2,707 voters in an off-year annual city election turned out Monday and when their ballots were totaled up, it showed:

Birmingham Nears Top In Red Cross Campaign; Plan Personal Contacts

A Wednesday morning report from Chairman Sam Marshall, Jr., showed Birmingham \$175 short of its \$8,879,100 quota for the 1952 fund campaign of the American Red Cross.

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