

Don't Let Birmingham Become City X!

OBITUARY

Downtown Business District of City X, last surviving member of a family of City Downtown Business Districts, yesterday in the City of X, a one-time prominent member of the community.

He suffered an increasing paralysis due to the congestion of his main arteries of travel. Doctors worked over him with increasing vigor during the last days of his life but the disease had become so acute that little relief was possible.

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Beware That 'One Too Many'



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Held Its Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1902 Miss Lavina Farmer and Benjamin Brown of Saginaw were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Farmer last Monday.

Nine-tenths of our village people want electric lights and ten-tenths want the streets sprinkled this summer.

The Wilson Railway Gate company has been more than busy shipping gates way east for the New York Central.

5 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1947 Ralph C. Main was named mayor of Birmingham Monday at a meeting which also saw Theron Clark as mayor of Bell.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill, CRIME AND A COMMUNITY

I'm firmly convinced that it is the individual grains of sand, when collected together, that determine the contour of the beach. I also am convinced that it is the number of drops of water, when put in the same geographical location, that determines the depth of the lake.

REGARDING LAW enforcement, it is strict or slack—depending on what the individuals want for their community, their state or their country. J. Edgar Hoover, when it comes to the subject of law enforcement, probably knows more than any other man in the community.

WHEREVER an unsavory situation exists, it does so because we, as a people, have failed to prevent, detect and prosecute crime. We, as individuals, are responsible for existing situations.

"IF YOU as an individual, or your community as a group, casually dismisses a flagrant violation of the law, if you shrug off hoodlumism as 'juvenile highballs,' if you patronize a hoodlum because everybody else does, then you will get the kind of law enforcement you deserve."

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Losing a City's Trees

We doff our hat to the ladies of nearby Oxford, who carried to the State Supreme Court their fight to save the large, old maple trees that line their main thoroughfare.

The ladies opposed the tree removal, even though the Oxford city fathers had approved the cutting to allow the street to be widened.

Well do we remember when Birmingham's Woodward avenue was arched overhead with the foliage of old and beautiful elms, oaks and maples... only to come down in the late 1920's when "progress demands that we widen our main street to take care of increased through traffic."

It Needs a Burial

Tired, weary, worn, and out-of-ideas practical enough to restore more tranquility to both the domestic and international scenes, the New-Fair Deal is more than ready for retirement and burial.

This is not to say that everything done in the past 20 years in the U.S.A. was or is wrong; what was and is good, will remain.

And among the things that MUST GO are graft and corruption in high places, the disappearance of "crony government," and lack of general public confidence in many of our leaders.

Indeed, it is more than time for a change!

Tax Resentment

Ever-increasing is the public resentment against the ever-increasing taxes levied by the Truman administration and its supporters in Congress.

People explain: "We don't mind paying necessary taxes to support necessary functions of government, and to defend our country, but we do resent paying for extravagance, incompetency, and just plain predatory politics!"

Well, folks, why not cease calling it "the federal government" and begin calling it what it really is: "New-Fair-Deal, Unlimited—A Private Political Monopoly."

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From Our Point of View

After many days of investigating Owen Lattimore, a U.S. Senate Committee announces that the "expert of Far Eastern affairs" who is presumed to have helped us to get into the Asiatic mess, is guilty of telling "untruths, of acting defiantly, and discourteous, etc." Well, if Lattimore is guilty of wrong-doing, and can be punished, why isn't it being done? Or has Secretary of State Acheson turned thumbs down on such harsh treatment?

Remember those days when the American dollar was worth more than a Canadian dollar? How times have changed, now that the value of the coin of our good neighbors to the north is worth more than those that bear the solid countenance of George Washington.

A good question to use on one of those quiz programs would be: "Can you tell me how many chairmen the Democratic National Committee has had in the past six years under Harry S. Truman?"

Jesse James was courageous enough in his day to risk his life in holding up stage coaches and banks to get some dough. Your modern predatory politician hasn't the same quality of courage—he declares himself for the under-dog, and forthwith proves his descent from the canine family.

Every political party attracts all kinds of men and women, some good, some bad, the rest in-between. It is the job of the decent leaders in every party to see that the bad ones are kept from places of influence and trust. Otherwise the bad ones get their dirty fingers into the nasty "profits" that come from bad government. Very largely, this is what is wrong with the Truman administration ever since Harry forgot to ask people to pray for him.

So They Say . . .

Hjrold E. Stassen, candidate for Republican presidential nomination: "I am impelled to do everything in my power to change American foreign policy."

William L. Lawrence, science reporter, New York Times: "If we give Russia all our (atomic) secrets on a platter, she still couldn't catch up with us."

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

This week we are asking you indulgence. We're going a little astray, as far as being strictly realistic, and concerned, and letting our imagination have a slack rein on the type of thing we like to do best. Namely, we hope you like it.

I AM THE CROSS

Three things stand out in the events of that day—the mob, the storm and the Man. The storm was one of those violent things that you could feel as well as see and hear. The earth writhed and heaved like an animal in torment.

INDEED, MANY of the faces

floating there bore little resemblance to human beings. The bodies glowed with excitement and eyes blazed with the lust to torture to kill. They pressed close to the Man, those in front hemming Him from the right and those who fought savagely for places of their own in the front. As they shifted to and fro they fouled His Person with their spit and His soul with their voices.

Health Groups Sponsor Parentcraft Training

Under the joint sponsorship of the Oakland county health department, Pontiac health department and Oakland county health department, a new series of parentcraft will start Tuesday, April 22.

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