

Faith in one's own self, in one's ability to reach an honest goal, to achieve success in some cherished field of activity... Faith in one's own ability to reach an honest goal... even faith to be a Good Citizen.

75TH YEAR—NO. 7

# The Porritt Property in Commission

## THIS and THAT

Lawlessness outside of prison is what makes prisons necessary... President Truman has a new, modest bed for himself in the newly renovated White House... As this is written, the Tigers have lost their first three games...

## To Discuss Growth of B'ham Area

Professor Arthur Dunham of the University of Michigan school of social work will aid in a discussion of the problems and needs of the growing Birmingham area at a meeting at the Baldwin Public library auditorium, Thursday, May 8, at 8 p.m.

## GOP Would Trumpet Victory Dem's Bray for Confusion

Two local men, one a Democrat and the other a Republican are about to launch a civic crusade that seeks to give Birmingham the nation's largest per capita vote at the fall election. The twin is Clark J. Hallock, 508 Oakland, and John P. Mackay, attorney.

## Highways Not Dumps, Laws State

"A few jail sentences with the attending publicity will, in my opinion, put a stop to this careless thoughtlessness on the part of a relatively few people..."

## City Studies Plan Board Site Report

How the Porritt property will be developed now appears to rest on the decision of the city commission. The commission Monday night received the recommendations of the city plan board and started the task of becoming acquainted with the developer's plan for the area.

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The property, bounded by Adams and Villa, not only in the Reid-Paterson development. The board met with adjoining property owners to discuss the proposed plan and the residents' opposition to the feared traffic hazards and the development of business property on Adams road.

## CONFERENCE

The Birmingham city commission, if they want to hold the confidence of the taxpayers, will have to maintain a close watch on the agenda items they are called to consider and act upon.

## Birmingham City Commission

As the worst floods in 20 years recede from the banks of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, Oakland county is rallying to aid of thousands of homeless flood victims.

## Birmingham Over Top In Red Cross Drive

Gar A. Sweezy, fund campaign chairman for Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, says more than \$11,000 has been poured into the chapter office for flood relief.

## City Submits 1951 Delinquent Taxes

The city commission Monday night received a report of the delinquent taxes for 1951. The total amount was \$1,022,575.30.

## Sun's Rays Start Small Fire in Hardware Store

Shin shunting through a bottle of inflammable liquid, this spark in the Birmingham hardware store window, 189 North Woodward, started a fire which was contained in Birmingham about 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

## County Red Cross Lauds Birmingham Blood Bank

Church women of Birmingham have been commended by Oakland Red Cross authorities on the sponsorship of their second Mobile Blood Bank here.

## City Studies Meter Money, Library Sum

The city commission Monday night was presented with two night financial problems to wrestle with before it approves the 1952-53 budget.

## Intermediate Ball Try-outs Saturday

Birmingham's intermediate baseball try-outs will be held Saturday, May 5, at the Pierce school playground at 9 a.m.

## Bank Robbery in 1902 Recalled by Old Issue

Officers, described a man he had seen in Birmingham the Wednesday before. Deputy Sheriff Richmond was told by a description of the man who was immediately recognized by detectives of that city.

## Walnut Lake Girl Wins District Bee

Mary Roberts, sixth grade student at Walnut Lake school, won the district spelling bee at Baldwin school Friday. She will be a contestant in the state finals to be held in Detroit on May 9.

## No Date For Rec Board

The city recreation board meeting, postponed from April 17, has no definite date of meeting. Director Frank Whitney stated that he didn't know when or if the board would make up the April meeting.

## THIS REALLY PAID OFF!

Carl C. Clarke, 3677 Brookside rd., Bloomfield Hills, recently used our Classified Advertising to advertise a number of household items, including antique and paintings. When we asked him how the inexpensive Classified did for him he replied: "I used Classified Ads in several newspapers with very little results. With The Eccentric, however, amazing results came, especially with our antique and objects d'art. We not only reached many individuals, but also collectors of art."

## Taft Petitions To Be Circulated In Oakland County

An Oakland county Taft-for-President club was organized Wednesday night under the direction of Miss Denice of Detroit, director of Taft clubs throughout Michigan.

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## Who remembers the May 1, 1902, robbery of the Birmingham Exchange bank?

It was 50 years ago today that this then quiet little village was shocked to learn that while residents slept, their bank had been broken into. Although there was no actual loss, nevertheless Birmingham buzzed with the news of the robbery. The Eccentric recounted the event in detail in its following issue under the two-column heading BOLD BANK BURGLARS.

## THE INVESTIGATION

continued rapidly and within a few days the robbers were being held for questioning. Officials learned that the men had fled on a handcar stolen from the railroad and abandoned it near Royal Oak and rode on to Detroit with a farmer delivering produce to the market there.

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## THE DEVELOPERS

told commissioners that the company had never built one-family homes of the type sought by the city. The developers pointed out that the duplexes would be better constructed and larger than one-family homes, with bigger side yards.

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