

WANTED: Man to Grind Axe



Happenings of Long Ago

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

50 YEARS AGO
January 16, 1903
Wm. Kidd was at the wheel of a P. & N. snow plow Monday week when the snow began to rise in the tracks and whirled the spokes in such a manner that he received a broken left arm.

15 YEARS AGO
January 29, 1938
Under the direction of City Manager D. C. Egbert, four new neighborhood rinks have been prepared for skaters this winter.

39 YEARS AGO
January 12, 1913
Birmingham commissioners have given their final word to Troy and Royal bank residents on the question of fire protection.

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Birmingham's 300,000 gallon water storage tank has been completed and is ready to become a part of the city's water system.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE
BY ALICE E. MORGAN
Maybe we're foolish in the head or something, but isn't this snow wonderful?

Remember a chap named Adlia Stevenson? Not many weeks ago he was on the minds and tongues of millions of Americans.

WE OPENED the front door and grinned as the poosh soft past us like a lithe black streak.

18 Is Too Young to Vote

It is no easy accomplishment . . . this business of being able to reasonably take part in the civic processes of self-government in this nation.

EVEN THOUGH SOME of them are as well fitted as many adults, the remainder of them between 18 and 21 are not.

Expect Federal Honesty

No honest citizen of this nation, interested in the legitimate services that his government should provide him, is inclined to revolt against paying his share of taxes.

reached the point of revolt; that's why they turned out the New-Fair Deal for the Eisenhower Honest Deal.

Danger to U.S. in Treaties

Do you know that your liberties, under our U.S. Constitution, can be abridged by the use of the treaty method?

fluence upon the popular mind . . . "I had a good deal, during last winter, to try my patience, for the government possesses in an exquisite degree the art of worrying a foreign representative without giving him even the consolation of an insult.

Same Old Story

A Message from Moscow. "This is a hard climate and an American finds many things to try his patience . . . One of the most disagreeable features that he has to encounter is the secrecy with which everything is done.

"A STRANGE SUPERSTITION prevails among the Russians that they are destined to conquer the world . . . To a feeling of this sort has been attributed that remarkable patience and endurance which distinguish the Russian soldier in the midst of the greatest privation."

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Revelations that our portion of the United Nations staff is infested with Communies and pro-Comms is not tend to increase our faith in that organization's ability to defend a free world.

figures! His native sense of humor, no doubt, plays a major part in keeping him fit and fighting.

Howard R. Jones, of the University of Michigan, recently declared that "if business paid as little attention to its product after it left the factory as schools do with their graduates, business would go out of business."

Recent telescopic photographs of the moon reveal, in greater detail than ever before seen, how that dead planet is all pock-marked with holes and craters.

Nature is a generous giver. For example, it is estimated that if mankind had to pay for the light of the sun, the cost of one 12-hour day of sunshine for the whole earth would be more than 100 million times a million dollars.

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Isn't that man Winston Churchill a most remarkable chap? Although 78 years of age, the Ancient Warrior and Statesman apparently works harder than many, many men half his age.

For months many have predicted that, should the Republicans win the Nov. 4 election for President, plus control of Congress, there would ensue a wide-spread series of investigations into the federal government.

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So They Say . . .

H. L. Mencken, author: "Opera, in English, is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

S. Woodward merchants below Lincoln avenue last week were in the local news again after a lapse of a couple of years as Birmingham city commissioners briefly discussed the possibilities of access drives in front of those stores.

year includes three important attitudes: keep and improve your standards of values, keep your friendships in good repair so you can be of service to them in time of need, and participate in life rather than watch it go by.

Horace Carpenter, Jr., the main store already is as big physically as it can get, and it is doing as much business as it is possible to do.

Several plans were considered, but eventually something must be done to improve traffic conditions along this portion of the U.S. highway through our city, and to eliminate pedestrian and parking hazards.

"Friends are one of life's treasures—keep them and be of service to them, not expect them to be of service to you.

Nobody's asked for it, but here is my nomination for the worst lighted intersection in Birmingham—Woodward and 14 Mile road.

FOR MANY YEARS, both the city and the state have recognized that eventually something must be done to improve traffic conditions along this portion of the U.S. highway through our city, and to eliminate pedestrian and parking hazards.

"And a person can stand by the roadside and watch life go by him, or he can march in the parade and be a part of the moving scene. I want to be a marcher, not an observer."

One matter local motorists don't want to park is the solution to the Birmingham parking problem. The history of local off-street parking seems to have been a series of jack rabbit starts, then crashes into walls of public opposition, then quick burials.

CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert seemed to think well of Main's idea, because Egbert added, "Maybe we should let it stay like it is until there is more business development there and thus possibly more of a demand for it."

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Women's fashions seem to be a matter of kneees come, kneesy go. First Presbyterian Minister W. Glen Harris' approach to a new

'Tis The Season! For Large Tree Planting, Removals and Power Sawing (Diseases Diagnosed) Phone LI 2-8132 Days or Evenings Trim in the Dormant Season JOHONNOT TREE SERVICE Degree in Forestry, M. S. C.

After spending a day in Detroit with his daughter, Julius Rindel of East Maple will board a train for Tampa, Florida, where he will spend the winter at the home of his son in the land of sunshine, alligators and oranges.

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President McBride and Commissioner Bell will leave soon for Lima, Ohio, where they will study the practicability of installing a pumper on Birmingham's large fire truck.

WHEN WILL YOU BE SUED? This is the heyday of damage suits, when a shabby stepladder can cost you \$12,500, and the curiosity of a neighbor's child may paperize you for life. Guard against such catastrophes with a . . . COMPREHENSIVE PERSONAL LIABILITY POLICY \$25,000 PROTECTION—\$12.00 A YEAR HUGH C. WHITE MULTIPLE LINE INSURANCE AGENCY

Saturday Kirk Hoagg of Willetts street left for New York City. He will be gone a week, attending the huge auto show being held in that great metropolis.

Hugh C. White 217 Pierce St. Opposite Municipal Bldg. Birmingham, Mich. Telephone Midwest 4-3610

Supervisors are again in session and our A. H. Porter is very busy looking out from Bloomfield. He always does. The tax commissioners are with them and they are making Andrew watch out a big bit.

50th BIRTHDAY PARTY Friday, January 16

We hear from Rogers City that a man there is selling 1,000 chances a handful, at 25 cents each, with a promise to give the lucky winner, "An elegant chance," he says, "for the widows and orphaned blessings of womanhood."

1903 1953

Howard Sumner has been engaged as a staff member of the Barium junior high school faculty according to a board of education announcement. Sumner came here from Saginaw.

You're invited . . . to a BIRTHDAY PARTY Friday, January 16

Birmingham's 300,000 gallon water storage tank has been completed and is ready to become a part of the city's water system. The tank has been moved to city property just south of the G.T.I. station from its previous location which will soon become a superhighway. It was first erected in 1924.

You, our customers, who have made our first 50 years happy and successful, are cordially invited to visit your nearest Edison customer office any time after 9:00 a.m. Come in and share our birthday cake with us. We'll be happy to see you.

Weights and measures ordinance was passed by commissioners Monday, creating an official seal of weights and measures for Birmingham. Officials promise strict rules which must be followed by all businesses selling bulk goods.

DETROIT EDISON 50th YEAR OF ELECTRIC SERVICE 1903 1953

Neighbors called to neighbor and the scrape of shovels and concrete was a symphony all around us. Trees had lost their harsh outlines. Fence posts were little white crowns. Birds landed in shrubs, sending little snow furrils from twigs as they landed. Their chatter was louder than usual as they discussed the best possible spot to find breakfast.

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A flake of soot floated down from a chimney and made a tiny black speck on the whiteness of the lawn. One landed on the back of our hand. Another time it would have been mildly annoying to have the black, greasy smudge. In the new snow, somehow, it wasn't.