

Albion Band Gives Program Before School Assembly

The Albion college band of 55 pieces, under the direction of Conway Peters, was presented in a concert Baldwin high school on Friday afternoon, in the school auditorium. The Assembly Club made arrangements.

The band opened with "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by Sousa, and followed with "Marche Slave" by Tchaikowsky. During "Stars in a Velvet Sky" by Clarke, a solo by Robert Souter of Detroit was heard.

Featured on the program was "Sweethearts, a Musical Fantasia." This included the Royal Seven singing "I Was Born in Old Wyoming;" Robert Saxton playing the drums; three of the flared players walking down the aisle and serenading a few of the students, and members of the band playing and singing "The Big Top Parade." The assembly was closed with "The U. S. Field Artillery March," by Sousa, and "Eight On Albion," by La Vigne Peters.

Name Top Speller At Girls' School

Marjorie Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Booth of Quorton road, were the crown and spelling champion of the entire lower school at Kingswood. It was announced at the school. The bees, held last week, are part of the annual spelling bee sponsored in Michigan by the Detroit News. Marjorie proved her superiority over school-mates in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

Last year's champion at Kingswood School, Jean Alice Potter, has been promoted into the 10th grade, and is thus no longer eligible to enter competition.

The grade-school spelling bees held simultaneously on Friday, March 31. The school champions will later meet, to determine the district winner.

Lost Status

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LANSING, April 6.—To tax or not to tax, that is the question. Once again an administration at Lansing is confronted with the very distasteful prospect of imposing additional taxes. If the estimated \$25,000,000 deficit for the current fiscal year is to be reduced and if expenses and receipts of the forthcoming fiscal year are to be balanced, the state administration must obtain more money from one source or another.

And there's the rub—who is going to pay the Piper? State Treasurer Miller Duncker believes that the sales tax should be increased from 3 to 4 cents. The revenue from the additional cent would be designated for the sole purpose of paying off the \$25,000,000 deficit. Treasurer Duncker would have it tagged the "Murphy tax."

Brown Opposes New Taxes
Auditor General Vernon J. Brown offers a seven-point budget-balancing program to solve the state's financial position without creating another levy or increasing an existing tax.

1. Abolish payroll increases ordered by the civil service commission, and thus save "at least" \$1,000,000 a year.

2. Amend most commissions, boards and bureaus created by 1937 legislation, thus saving "at least" \$1,000,000 a year.

3. Revise formula for distribution of state aid to public schools to equalize districts that raise no school taxes locally and other districts which get more than they need, thus saving \$13,000,000 a year.

4. Revoke property tax law and tax intangible property at a special low rate. Intangible property is now taxable at the same rate with real estate property, the rate being higher than the yield and hence not being enforced. The 1937 state tax commission started a movement to enforce the intangible property law. Gov. Murphy called it off.

5. Plug sales tax loopholes, thus collecting "several millions."

Hope on Sales Tax
The auditor general is confident that efficient enforcement of the state sales tax, together with certain changes contemplated to aid collection, would result in an additional \$10 million for the state treasury.

6. Point in Brown's program—Adopt a sane and sensible welfare plan.

7. Strict enforcement by the administration to the end that every item of public expense.

McCallum's Tax Plan
Senator George McCallum, taxation committee chairman, has introduced a bill revamping the state tax commission to assess personal property at either of the following rates: 5 per cent of the annual income derived from stocks, bonds, etc., or one quarter of 1 per cent of the par value, whichever is the greater.

The present personal-property tax (now unenforced) averages 2.7 per cent of the par value, 19 times as much as the McCallum proposal.

Exemptions: Government bonds, annuities, life insurance, and benevolent institutions, G. A. R. and Y. M. C. A. and similar groups, banks and trust companies.

He Broadcasts as He Dribbles
The governor, president of the Michigan Anti-Saloon league, has let it be known that he will accept the governor's duty as governor to carry out the will of the people to the best of his ability—in other words, to permit the sale of liquor under rigid control.

"Control," however, may be tightened up to require midnight closing for restaurants and saloons at 4 p. m. and ends at midnight usually abstains from taking a drink prior to going to work.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1939.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of John M. Walker, deceased.

Walter W. Houston, administrator of said estate, has filed with me a petition praying for license to sell a certain real estate therein described.

As a condition of said license, it is hereby appointed for hearing and sale on April 10, 1939, at 10 o'clock a. m. in open court in the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, Michigan.

Attest: My hand and the seal of said court, this 1st day of April, A. D. 1939.

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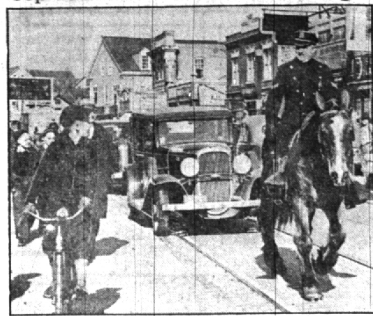
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MAURICE E. FINNEGAN, Deputy Register of Probate.

Cop Takes to Saddle to Lose Weight



"Ride! Ride!"—that was the order of Mayor William Kane of Woburn, Mass., to three hefty coppers on the town force. Here's 210-pound Sergt. William Dever obeying, white-tailed, a bit surprised at the sight of a mounted policeman on a Woburn street, gaze at him.

When he finishes work at mid-night, he is often in a mood for "relaxation" in class of loafers.

Maed DeWoe of Charlotte, "her social representative" of Governor Dickinson on the state legion commission formerly was sentenced that the state system was wrong and that the state should get out of the legion business. Today, long after the "ride-out," he finds that he has checked his mind that state monopoly is the only way to get the best deal.

Democrats' Policy
Democratic leaders at Lansing have adopted the Republican policy which has prevailed at Washington. They have, with one exception, to mind no money and their capital on the issue.

Spokesmen in the Senate and House have already indicated that some of the 1939 bills may be the following:

1. Labor—A "Cassack" labor relations law, eliminating severe restrictions upon workers and employers who are covered by the Wagner act for interstate commerce, would include Democrats with welcome common material.

Civil Service—Effort will be made to show that the legislature is virtually "paralyzed," civil service in its insistence that many workers should be exempted and that less money should be spent in administering the act. (Bill has passed the House.)

2. To show that the legislature is paralyzing too far to the right? Democratic leaders are secretly hopeful that it will. The old game of politics is still being played.

Making a Monkey of Her
A woman arriving in England after a short visit to the Continent was asked the usual questions by the customs officer at the landing port, "Anything to declare, madam?"

"No," she replied sweetly, "nothing."

"The madam," said the official, "am I to take it that the fur tail is hanging down under your coat is your own?"

The Dog Will Do It
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Doctor—All babies do that.
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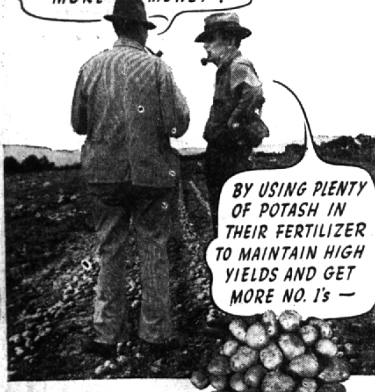
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