

Hand-Trapped Turtle
JONESVILLE (MPA)—George Houseknecht, Sr., was setting muskrat traps one day, when he found, by looking through a hole in the ice, what seemed to be a log just under the surface of the water, so he set a trap on it. When the trap didn't catch anything, he investigated and found a turtle. While he held on to a hind leg, his son chopped a bigger hole in the ice so the large turtle could be pulled out.

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Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING, March 8.—Michigan's state government today is thoroughly "Main Street." Only one of six recently elected officials (Secretary of State Henry Kelly) has more than 7,000 population. And Mr. Kelly is the only one in state politics, the governor and lieutenant governor and treasurer and auditor general and attorney general all having served in various capacities of responsibility at Lansing.

The legislature, too, reflects the "Main Street" flavor of the Fitzgerald administration, as most of the members of the house and senate come from so-called rural areas—towns under 10,000 population and farming districts.

Therein lies developed some interesting trends which merit watching.

More Home Rule?
 Whereas the legislature two years ago (with the Republicans putting up little resistance) gave the legislature general authority on a spending spree \$17,000,000 in excess of anticipated revenues, the 1939 law-makers have been talking much about economy and "home rule."

Backed by the State Association of Superintendents, Representative Audley Rawson of Cass City, the governor's own choice for the post of state's leader in the house of representatives, has introduced a bill to restore more local control in administering relief.

In brief, this bill would allocate one-third of a \$1,500,000 welfare appropriation to counties on a basis of population, one-third on a basis of relief cases during the past three years, and the remainder on the basis of immediate needs.

While officials in industrial centers suspect that rural supervisors are using "home rule" as an excuse to get their hands on more welfare funds, the administration is at the same time insisting that present handling of relief is top-heavy with salaries and unnecessary expenses. Economy is the key-word.

Will home-rule effect this saving of costs as reduced at the expense of cities, how will the voters in cities react? (Alderman Kronk of Detroit reflects some of the resentment against upstate control; he is sponsoring home-rule for Detroit by a movement to create a fifth ward.)

A Brake on Spending
 Governor Fitzgerald is not an advocate of state centralization of power. He, too, talks of "home rule."

At conferences with legislators he has suggested that the state administration should not solve home problems by acceding to fresh demands for more state funds. If the treasury is to be solvent, home communities must refrain from asking Lansing to shoulder more of their responsibilities, he has pointed out.

In the cause of home rule, therefore, lies the administration's hope of effecting economy in government. The trend for several administrations has been to create more bureaus at Lansing. Fitzgerald is trying to apply the brake.

Gambling Is Involved
 When it comes to moral issues such as gambling, however, home rule is a horse of another color.

The governor at first took the attitude that gambling was a matter for local law enforcement by the sheriff and of prosecution by the prosecuting attorney. Slot machines and gambling resorts, he said, should be controlled by county authorities and not the state. The reception of this policy was not cordial among rural people in general and among church people in particular.

In Macomb county irate citizens obtained a court injunction when a resort re-opened with brazen publicity. Last week that riot machine began to reappear. Operators anticipate a busy season in the resort sections of northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula where home rule in morality has been lax, especially when visiting tourists arrive with pockets well filled with cash.

The latest deviation of the home-rule policy in gambling is that the administration will not tolerate syndicate control—a syndicate being an organization responsible for local law enforcement in several counties. The complications are easy to forecast.

Civil Service
 Eight bills on civil service have been introduced so far at Lansing. Developments to date indicate that the legislature will yield to patronage pressure, repeal the present civil service law and open many jobs to competitive examination.

Blanketing many Democrats in State jobs was accomplished by the 1937 legislature under the title of "qualifying" examinations for all those hired prior to Jan. 1, 1938. For example, one state elected official discovered recently that the man on whom he was dependent for publicity releases is a Democratic county chairman. This state employee is protected by civil service. What is the Republican official going to do about it?

A check into the number of state employees added during the Murphy administration, however, has revealed the interesting fact that outright repeal of civil service might jeopardize the jobs of approximately 10,000 persons who were hired prior to Jan. 1, 1937—many of them during the first Fitzgerald administration.

Among the bills is one sponsored by Senator D. Hale Brake of Stanton which would compel all employees, hired between Jan. 1, 1937 and Jan. 1, 1938, under the "qualifying" examinations, to take competitive examinations. This bill would also eliminate all present eligible lists, and would exempt from civil service all divisional heads who were in a position to make policies.

Under Senator Brake's bill the Democratic county chairman, for example, could retain his job only by proving his competence through an open competitive test. The fairness of such an examination would depend, of course, on the civil service commission and its director—as would be the case in any administration, Republican or Democratic.

When President Sailed to 'War'



One of the few pictures of President Roosevelt as he watched from our neighborhood docks in the Caribbean his camera study of the commander-in-chief looking over a paper on the deck of the cruiser Houston, the executive's review ship.

No Peace!
 The next war will be fought in the air, say experts, judging from our neighborhood antics, it's already started.—Judge.

THE ANSWERS

1. About 600,000.
2. Yes, since the treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.
3. The British buy more than they sell in Argentina, for the \$'s the reverse is true.
4. 31,800,000.
5. In 1929, \$10,479, in 1932 \$1,828,000,000.
6. As of Dec. 31st, 13,257.
7. Jan. 1, 1934.
8. The granting of peaceful death to incurable sufferers.
9. In 1919.
10. Justice Van Dusen retired in May, 1937; Justice Sutherland in Jan., 1938; Justice Cardozo died last summer, and Justice Brandeis retired recently.

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At a special meeting of all the stockholders, duly and legally called, of the 218 E. Maple Corporation, held at the office of the Corporation, 218 E. Maple Ave., Birmingham, Michigan, Thursday, February 2, 1939, at which meeting more than two-thirds of the entire stockholders were present, either in person or by proxy, the unanimously resolved that the 218 E. Maple Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, and all of its assets, surrender its franchise and charter and dissolve.

Notice is hereby given to any and all creditors of said 218 E. Maple Corporation, that they must present any claims they may have against said corporation at the office of the Corporation, 218 E. Maple Ave., Birmingham, Michigan, on or before March 26th, 1939.

MAUROIS TO SPEAK ON WIT OF THE FRENCH

Andre Maurois, French biographer, writer, critic, essayist and member of the French Academy, has returned to America and will be the guest of the Detroit Town Hall, in the Cass Theatre, next Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Monsieur Maurois is today internationally known as an interpreter of English life and literature for he has dedicated his talents as a biographer chiefly to the great English figures—Shelley in "Ariel; The Life of Shelley," Disraeli, Byron and Dickens.

His lecture this week is on "French Wit in English and American Humor."

Last Flamboyancy of Chicago gangster's funeral might justify reference to them as last and riotous.—Arkansas Gazette.

Registration Notice

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

FOR

Biennial Spring and City Election

APRIL 3, 1939

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must be registered on or before SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1939, at 5:00 p. m.

Any person who is a Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, will have resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days and in the State of Michigan 6 months prior to the date of election, may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building on or before SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1939, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. The City Clerk's Office will be open to receive registrations on TUESDAY, MARCH 14, between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system do not have to re-register.

GEORGE C. BOOTH,
 City Clerk.

ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND
 STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on

Monday, April 3, 1939

from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TERRITORY BE DETACHED FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD AND ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO WIT:

All that property included within the plat known as "The Heights," a replat of Lots 421 to 508 incl., and Lots 693 to 701 incl., of Quanton Lake Estates.

Part of the N. E. 1/4 of Section 26, T. 2 N., R. 10 E. Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
 City Clerk.

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BRING in your pictures. Win a valuable prize. Day or night shots; inside or outside views; landscapes or portraits. Every kind of picture has a chance in this big amateur contest. Easy and simple to enter (see rules below). Entries from children and students welcome. Famous photographic authorities will act as judges. Prize winning pictures will be exhibited in special salon at The Photographic Shop. Don't miss this great chance to win a season's supply of film for other photo merchandise absolutely free.

- 1st prize—\$25.00 cash or supplies
 2nd " - 15.00 supplies
 3rd " - 10.00 films or supplies
 4th " - 5.00 films or supplies
- And 10 Honorable Mention total \$10.00 merchandise.
- (SEE CONTEST RULES BELOW)

1. Each entry must be accompanied by a sales slip showing that you have purchased at least one roll of film (any type) at the Photographic Shop of Birmingham, 168 E. Woodward, Birmingham, Michigan, during the period of the contest.
2. Open to anyone living in Oakland County except employees of the Photographic Shop of Birmingham.
3. All prints entered must be at least 5" x 7" in size. Note: If the pictures you wish to enter have not been enlarged to this minimum size, we will make the enlargement for you during the period of the contest only for the cost price of 50¢ for each negative. Prints must be mounted on 16 x 20 card for uniform display.
4. The contest opens March 15th and all entries must be turned in to the Photographic Shop of Birmingham by 9 P. M. May 15th.
5. Prize winners will be announced in The Birmingham Eccentric June 6th.
6. All entries will be held at the Photographic Shop of Birmingham until July 26th so that those who wish them back may have ample opportunity to copy for them.
7. The 14 prize winning prints will become the property of the Photographic Shop of Birmingham.
8. The decision of the Judges will be final, in case of a tie duplicate prizes will be awarded.
9. Prints should contain on the back exposure, date, camera and film used. You do not need to be a camera fan or expert in any sense of the word. The rules are few and simple. Plan your entries now.

Prize winning prints will be displayed at the Photographic Shop of Birmingham.

Pictures taken by Photo Flood or Photo Flash, portraits, landscapes, anything that you think is interesting.

USE THIS ENTRY BLANK

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Address _____

Telephone No. _____

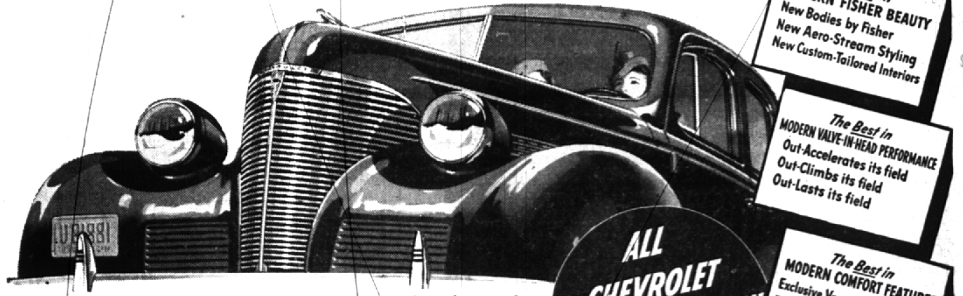
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