Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING—While the "Vandenberg-for-President" bandwagon is rolling along at accelerated speed, friends of the Michigan senior statesman at Washington are keeping a close watch on his political fences for another six-year term in the United States senate.

Here is an illustration, told for the first time.

Michigan has a sizeable bloc of Finnish votes. Many of these are in Upper Peninsula counties.

When the Russo-Finnish undeclared war was raging furiously, Michigan citizens of Finnish ancestry were outright sympathetic with pleas to finish guns, ammunition, trucks and other fighting material to the beleagered democracy.

Swept by compassion for the embattled Finns, Rep. John D. Dingell, democrat of Detroit, went so far as to introduce a house resolution authorizing the United States government to sell 10,000 of the new Garand semi-automatic rifles to Finland for only $1 each. With Dingell it was a matter of principle, not politics. He just felt that way about it.

Vandenberg Absent

On February 15 the United States senate considered consideration of a bill to provide for a $20,000,000 loan to the Republic of Finland by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

While congress enacted a strict neutrality act last summer, just prior to the outbreak of the European conflict, such neutrality limitations become operative only when the nations involved officially issue declarations of war. Furthermore, the President invokes the neutrality act through a proclamation declaring the existence of war.

Because American sympathized with Finns, just as they do for the Chinese, unneutral acts have been condoned by Congress if not openly participated in. The proposed loan to Finland was in the latter classification.

Senator Prentiss Brown advocated passage of the bill, pointing out that it was an advance of credit and that the money would be spent in this country to purchase American-made goods.

The debate continued, but Senator Vandenberg was absent from the scene. When the final roll-call was taken, the "Ayes" included Brown but not Vandenberg who was officially listed as "not voting."

On the day before Lincoln's birthday Senator Vandenberg had spoke at a Republican dinner in his home town, Grand Rapids. Taking a plane for Washington, he was grounded by a snowstorm in Pennsylvania at 3 p.m. Not until late at night could the plane take off with its party. And the Finnish loan vote was taken at 5 p. m.

Senator Clark of Missouri, also recorded as not voting, remarked when his name was called that he was paired with Vandenberg. "If the senator from Michigan were present and voting, he would vote 'yea.' If I were permitted to vote, I should vote 'nay'."

When the Michigan senator arrived belatedly at Washington, he stepped off the plane. And with him was none other than George H. Heideman, Finnish consul to Michigan!

Brown on Hatch Act

The date of March point clearly to the approach of the 1940 election.

Congressmen are anxious to re-establish a record of their actions so that, when the campaign is on, they may proclaim "I point with pride" or warn "I view with alarm."

Hence some statements are made frankly for public consumption. To a certain degree they are obviously exaggerated for political effect.

When the Hatch act was passed last year ostensibly to curb political activity of Federal employees, President Roosevelt said it did not go far enough. He favored extension of the Hatch act to state employees whose departments received federal aid grants. Senator Hatch's new bill was then introduced to accomplish this extension. It would effectively muzzle state machines, some of which have not been too cooperative with New Deal senator at Washington.

When the bill came up for consideration last week at Washington, Senator Brown proposed an amendment to forbid contributions to campaign funds by any beneficiary of any tariff, excise or otherwise of any contract with the United States or any of its agencies. This applied even to stockholders, officials and employees of corporations.

Brown recalled the $600,000 contributions of the DuPont family to the Republican campaign in 1936. He refreshened the memory of the Pew (Sun Oil) family's donations of $300,000 to the G. O. P. coffers. Suspicions by its absence will any mention of $600,000 advanced to the Democrats by the John L. Lewis United Mine Workers wing of the C. I. O. When Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina brought it up later somewhat gleefully, Brown explained that the Lewis loan had been fully repaid.

Counter-Attack

Actually Brown's move was not in behalf of the Hatch act. It was an obvious counter-attack.

This became evident when the junior senator cited Michigan's corrupt practices act governing political expenditures, and declared that Michigan had adequate protection today to control the situation in Michigan. He even raised the issue of state's rights.

Strangely enough, however, the Brown proposal has historic support. It was advanced by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt in his annual message to congress on the state of the union on Dec. 3, 1907. "Teddy" wrote: "Under our form of government voting is not merely a right but a duty, and, moreover, a fundamental and necessary duty if a man is to be a good citizen. It is well to provide that corporations shall not contribute to presidential or national campaigns, and furthermore to provide for the publication of both contributions and expenditures." Roosevelt advocated a congressional appropriation to finance party campaigns.

It was Senator Brown, unyielding supporter of the White House, who voted with Democrats and Republicans to defeat the Supreme court "packing" bill. Independent in his thinking, he refuses to be a rubber stamp.

And so the record is being written. It is a forceful reminder that 1940 is a campaign year.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session, said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 5th day of March, A.D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Arthur J. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Victor S. Denison, Deceased.

Arthur J. Jones, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described,

It is Ordered, That the 8th day of April, A.D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR J. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE BOTY
Register of Probate. 3063-52

STATE OF MICHIGAN In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. In Chancery.

No. 27651

Pelmotors Liquidation Corp., a Michigan corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Jacques Fleury, Peter Pfeifer, the unknown wife of Thomas H. Sommer, the unknown wife of Samuel D. Pretzfeld, Josh for the use and benefit of Henry L. Smith, and Jonathan Sprague and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, and unknown Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

At a session of said court held in the Court House in the City of Pontiac on the 4th day of March A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. George B. Hartrick, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the bill of complaint duly filed in said cause and by affidavit of John E. Marta, attorney for the above named plaintiff, from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are necessary and proper parties to the above entitled cause; and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it cannot be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them, are living or dead, or where, if living, they may reside if living, or whether the right, title, interest, claims, lien or possible right has been let them, or any of them, assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representation, or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such title, interest, claims, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will, and further, that the unknown wife of Samuel D. Pretzfeld and unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Samuel D. Pretzfeld and unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of Jonathan Sprague and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, and unknown Defendants

On motion of John E. Marta, attorney for plaintiff, it is ordered that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing Defendants be entered in this cause within 3 months from the date of this order and in case of their appearance or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy served upon the attorney for plaintiff within 15 days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, and in default thereof that said Bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

And it is further ordered that the said plaintiff cause this order to be published within 10 days in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County once in each week for 6 weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least 20 days before the time prescribed for his, her or their appearance.

GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Circuit Judge.

(A true Copy.)
LYNN D. ALLEN,
County Clerk.
By RUTH E. WINDIATE
Deputy.

Said suit involves the title to and is brought to quiet title to the lands and premises described in said bill of complaint as follows:

East half of northwest quarter of southwest quarter of Sec. 11, Town 1 North, Range 8 East, Novi Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

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Detroit, Michigan.
Cherry 2522
50-51-52-1-2-3.

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There's no law against handing out quarters, but when "Brother John," tight, Los Angeles Main street character, tried it he was soon enamored with police. Impatient indigents in line bade cranks and chatted a riot about the time John passed out his thousandth two-bit piece.

Do You Know?

That the Community House is the social and recreational center of Birmingham, the locale of lectures, recitals, parties, the meeting place of at least 30 civic organizations.

That as the clearing house for all civic welfare agencies, it contributes to the health and well-being of hundreds of Birmingham families by supplying clothing, food, fuel and medical assistance to those whose needs are not taken care of by public agencies.

That the Community House maintains a loan service of supplies for the sick, including invalid chairs, crutches, canes, wheel chairs, etc. Call and delivery service is available.

That you can contribute to the no-longer-needed wearing apparel and small household articles by THREE SHOTS—one at each of the three telephone numbers listed in that phrase. Or if you prefer to do so, you could not resist such pleas. Anyway, call them and see.

That the Employment Bureau provides service to employers and employees alike, without charge, and that in the past week over 500 people were registered in need employment.

That a fully equipped cafeteria is available for the serving of parties, and that a full-course noon luncheon is served each Thursday.

'Fish Hound' Tells Master of Bites

ADRIAN [illegible] of an old fisherman's dog [illegible] he never saw the officer Ralph U. Oliver on [illegible] canoe [illegible] Lenawee [illegible] Oliver [illegible] paddling through the [illegible] with the rocker manned at both ends [illegible] the water sighting [illegible] the bottom [illegible] watched the bobber, tugging [illegible] at the point leg when the [illegible] ...

RANDOM REMARKS.
James P. Shotwell, historian, ... believed that ... to end wars will not end it ...

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Campaign to Stop Mosquito Nuisance Urged by Birmingham Garden Club

The Birmingham Branch of the National Farm and Garden Club is asking aid of everyone in the community in a spring project for extermination of mosquitoes.

"Now that days are getting longer, skies bluer and a feeling of spring is in the air, we are looking forward with joy to the happy hours we will spend in our gardens—large or small—in the pleasant summer weather. In the spring and in the fall, when we are not bothered by insects, we forget what a nuisance they can be and how very bothersome the pesky mosquitoes do become. But we shall long be free from mosquitoes themselves known! They not only give us discomfort but they are also dangers from a health standpoint. For some years malaria has been found in Michigan. It was said by Mr. Harold Chapel, member of the Education and Conservation Committee of the Birmingham Garden Club.

The simplest and most effective way to destroy the pests is to get rid of the breeding places and, of course they are found in stagnant water, garden pools, tempty tin cans, streams, etc.

With the cooperation of Dr. E. P. Boardman, of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, who is most interested in this project, a very simple way of clearing up breeding places is to plant gold fish in pools or all bodies of water which will not become dry during the warm season. A few gold fish in a garden pool soon get very populous. The fish can be procured at reasonable rates for larger ponds.

Through scientific study this has been found to be safer and more effective than using arsenic.

For puddles and small streams, which will disappear later, crank case oil can be used.

Because "Clean-up Week" will soon be here, one of the most important ways of cleaning up is to clear away all old cans and containers which may become filled with rain water and thus make breeding places for mosquitoes.

Inasmuch as the mosquitoes fly, or are blown some distance from the breeding places, it would be well to clear all ponds within the limits. This undertaking would grow into large proportions with cooperation from farmers in Oakland County.

It Doesn't

Only two cowbell factories are now in the land—mainly because only dance band drummers and circus fans. As for the modern cow, it doesn't affect a lavaliere.—Milwaukee Journal.

Ask Vets Support Bills in Congress

Word has been received from Millard Rice, Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislative Chairman, that there are two bills **H.R. 2726** and the **Omnibus Bill H.R. 7925** before Congress at present that are of great importance to disabled veterans and their families. The following statement in part explains the benefits of these bills—and the active support of this legislation is asked, of all Veteran organizations and their friends, according to VFW officials.

"Your State is now paying its Old Age Assistance beneficiaries an average of about $16.47 per month whereas the Social Security Board is obligated to pay each state one-half of up to $40 per month. Its Aid to Dependent Children could be more generously federally matched, if the burden of providing for the dependent children of all deceased World War veterans were shifted from your State to the United States Veterans Administration."—Mrs. Fred Samuelson, Publicity chairman.

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ELECTION NOTICE

ANNUAL CITY ELECTION
CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL CITY ELECTION will be held in the City Office Buildiing, East Long Lake Road, City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1940, for the purpose of electing:

Two City Commissioners

One Constable

Polls will be open from 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.

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 1, 1940

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 of the lands and premises included in the Heights, a replat of Lots 421 to 508 inclusive and Lots 693 to 701 inclusive of Quarton Lake Estates, a subdivision of part of the Northeast quarter of Section 26, Town 2 North, Range 10 East, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Oakland in Liber 34 of Plats on Page 53.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

March 7, 1940

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