Young Reporter Gives Account of New Governor's Inaugural

(Editor's note—Bill Roberts, High School senior and an aspiring reporter, likes to see politics at first hand, so he sought and received permission to represent The Eccentric at ov. Van Wagoner's inaugural on Jan. 1.)

By BILL ROBERTS

Michigan's new governor, Murray D. Van Wagoner, is fast putting the executive office at Lansing on a smooth running basis, and things are likely to settle down soon to a humdrum routine. But that isn't the way I found it a week ago Wednesday morning when I landed in Lansing at 3 a. m., all set to see just how a governor is inducted into office.

Things were pretty much in a turmoil, for it happened that New Year's Eve coincided with the eve of a new administration, and there was reason for double celebration.

Van Wagoner Busy

However, there was little celebration for the governor-elect in that night, for in a large room on the second floor of the Porter Hotel, he was in conference with high Democratic powers, planning many of the appointments for state jobs, which had to be ready to present to the legislature on the following day.

The festivity, Mr. Van Wagoner missed, however, was being well taken care of by government employees and petty state politicians. The lobby of the Olds Hotel was one mad scene of confusion. There were no rooms left, and with the elevators overcrowded, the stairway was the best way to get from floor to floor.

Room number 241 was the press room and not being very tired, and rather short of cash, I decided to spend the remainder of the night there. When I arrived on the scene, three of my professional comrades were indulging in a little game of poker. Being a weak mortal I was tempted to join. In the course of the evening I lost 75 cents, however, I felt well repaid, for the first time in my life, and probably the last, I held a royal flush.

At the actual inaugural ceremonies, which were held on the east steps of the capitol building instead of the usual place, the House chamber, began about 9:30 as scheduled.

Held Outside

After meeting a friend, Wally Mitchell, who heads the United Press bureau in Lansing, we proceeded to the capitol at once. When we arrived at 8:45 there was still uncertainty as to whether the ceremonies would be held inside or out. After a confab, which decided that it would not rain or snow for a few hours anyway, it was decided to go outside.

The radio equipment was set up with much trouble; two American flags on the steps, and two other American flags and one state flag were hung from the balcony above. Before the official party appeared, one of the large flags which was hung from the balcony was blown down and two little banners on the capitol steps took an awful lashing and were off of their perch several times. Finally a patriotic state trooper removed them.

As the Governor's official party took their seats, the robes of the court justices and uniforms of the military guides added a note of solemnness to the occasion. The introductions at the inauguration were made by Charles S. Porritt, chairman of the Democratic Central State Committee, and the oath of office was given the new men by Chief Justice Edward M. Sharpe.

This affair, which lasted about 45 minutes, included the oath, a vocal selection, and a tune by the local high school band. Well over 1,200 loyal Michigan citizens braved wind and cold to stand on the damp cement sidewalks of Lansing to witness this 54th inaugural.

The Gun That Failed

An interesting episode to this occasion was the 19-gun salute which never went off. After the national guard had dragged it cannon all the way from Grayling to fire a salute to the new governor, the plan was spoiled because there was no firing pin in the gun. The shot had been placed in the gun, the signal was given, women and children were ordered to cover their ears, and then, yes, siree, the big moment had arrived; but no firing pin! (Address your telegrams in care of William Knudsen at Washington, please.)

At 11 o'clock I had lunch in the Elk's grill with several of the Lansing correspondents for the news services and the large Detroit newspapers. This was quite an experience for me, and it was very interesting to hear those men rehash the works of past administration and do prophesy what the future will hold.

From noon to five in the afternoon I was at the capitol. First came the opening of the Senate, where Frank Murphy, lieutenant governor, made a very excellent speech. Later in the day I met the man who write the speech and he was very glad to hear that it went over so well.

The reception in the executive offices followed and it was indeed an honor to meet the Governor and other big-wigs in the state government. G. Donald Kennedy, new Highway Commissioner, impressed me the most. Besides Mr. Van Wagoner but then, it might have been because of his very, pretty wife.

Banquet A Highlight

Perhaps the biggest highlight of the day was the banquet at 6:30. At this affair I was seated at the press table next the Hon. George of the Free Press. National Committeeman Ed Shields acted as toastmaster of this occasion and speeches were made by former Governor Dickinson and by Murray D.

The keynote throughout the banquet was bi-partisanship. Yes, there were just as many Republicans present as there were Democrats. The high officials in both parties were introduced by the toastmaster, Miss Dorothy (Dorothy) McAllister, of Grand Rapids, also national chairman of the women's activities in the Democratic party, and Theodore (Phil) Fry, state treasurer, proved to be about the most popular of those besides Van Wagoner, at this affair.

As one high Democratic official said to me, "Well, frankly, I would be in favor of a one-party inauguration, but then there's one advantage in a bi-party inauguration—you meet a lot of old Republican friends."

The ball, which started at 10:30 and lasted until 2:30 that morning climaxed a very tiring but wonderful day. About midnight the Governor and his wife led the 1,000 people assembled in a grand march.

A Tired Reporter

Much in need of sleep, with eyes that could hardly stay open, I left for home at about three o'clock in the morning. If these were not the happiest 24 hours which I had ever spent, they were surely the busiest.

Very seriously, however, the legislature and the people of Michigan, Republican and Democrat alike, expect great things of "Pat" Van Wagoner.

As the 12th Democrat in the state's history to assume the highest office, he inherits a long tradition of progress. He has proven himself by the appointments which he has made during the past week that he will not run the state along party lines.

I pray that he will not disappoint his electors, his friends, his associates, and above all, himself.

To Say Nothing of Pittsburghers

First we had hamburgers, and then cheeseburgers. Now I've discovered turkeyburgers!—Charles Collins in the Chicago Daily Tribune.

New Lions Club Committees Set

Richard Fleming, new president of the Lions Club, announced committee appointments at the meeting held last week, the first of the year for the new officials.

Inducted at the first meeting were Fleming; Robert Mossner, first vice-president; John Springman, second vice-president; Ralph A. Mahr, secretary; Rollan Webber, tail twister; Ernest Brown, lion tamer; and directors—Heber Gahm, Carson Bingham and James Kelly.

Committees are Publicity and Roar, James Kelly and Wilbur Spence. Auditing, Alfred Fox and Walter Moreland. Lions Education, Carson Bingham and Joseph Avery. Extension and Inter-Club Relations, A. C. McNaughton and Clare Scriven. Budget and Finance, P. G. Burnett, Ralph Mahr and Robert McGaw.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held Monday, Jan. 6 at the home of Emerson Brown.

I'll Leave It To You . . .

By JOHN DENLER

Well, the good old Yuletide season has sped into the past again and here we are—face to face with another new year! And unless I miss my guess, 1941 is going to take the cour- age and stead- fast faith of all us to an extent far beyond the call or suspicions of most of us.

Dexter

There is no use adding our selves about the good thing that will be in store for us during the next twelve months. For that will be a matter of course. But those of us who traditionally feel obligated to stand upon the threshold of a new year and look at the future through rose-colored glasses—they tend to leave me cold, this time.

I understand the psychology of the doctor who tells the man he shall only have to remain in bed for two or three weeks when in reality he will be up and around in six months. I appreciate the fact that he's only trying to soften the blow when he says three or four months, but I'd rather be up, although not at all definitely convinced I'm a hopeless case.

Not So Sure

But I am not so sure that I prefer to have him kid me this way. There are times when, knowledge of what lies ahead makes it possible to alter the course of events. Forewarned is forearmed, they say.

Let's look the situation squarely in the eye, so that if worse comes it won't be almost like a surprise.

Unless this people change its course the country is traveling today—and quickly—toward the war before 1941 is very old, which case we shall lose practically all, if not all, of our rights as free people—maybe for good. Maybe only for the duration of the war.

If you have a son or a husband or a father of draft age, you stand a good chance of losing him in 1941—if war comes. Your wealth and security—these are bound to dwindle in 1941 regardless of whether or not we become involved in the war. Taxes will considerably increase, we do, of course.

Some people in the "know" say that we ought to make 1941 a happy year, and that we should concentrating on defense and restricting our help for the allies to "short of war" measures. Others equally in the "know" are stronger at the montage supporting—figure that's war is inevitable and that we'd better plunge in as soon as we possibly can, if not sooner.

Up To the Public

It is up to the public to decide which group is right and which is wrong—what to believe in other words. It is not an easy decision, but it is one which must be made, and which should be made only after the soberest analysis and the most careful consideration. This is still a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, and any action which it takes merely reflects the popular will. 1941 turns out to be more bullish than happy, the blame will be found on the doorsteps of the people.

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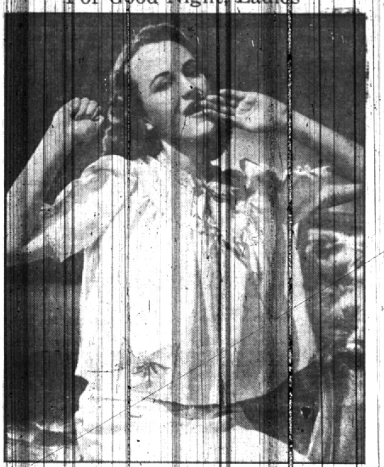
'No Foreign War' Plea Wins Support

Verne Marshall, chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, reads some of the thousands of telegrams received at his Cedar Rapids, Iowa, home in answer to his broadcast request for the names of "common people of the middle west" to be used as signers of a telegram the committee sent to President Roosevelt.

For Good Night, Ladies



Here is a dream girl ready for sweet dreams in a short crepe bed jacket that resembles perfectly with actual pink and pajamas for a truly feminine bonsoir outfit. The jacket has small necktine and yoke, back and front, and is trimmed with rabbit fur on embroidery and satin ribbon bows.

Hypnotism Expert On Adventure Series

The miracles of hypnotism, mental telepathy and mind reading will be revealed and demonstrated at the Detroit Institute of Arts Woodward at Kirby, next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12, at 3:30, when Dr. Jean H. Polgar, mental wizard from Budapest, appears there at the

Dr. Polgar has bewildered scientists the world over by the uncanny powers he has developed. He has been said to have the ability to read minds, influence the actions of others, and even to make transference of mental impressions. Dr. Polgar has been subjected to many baffling tests by scientific groups and has come through with flying colors in all instances.

NEW GRAYLING PARK

The Grayling Winter Sports State Park will officially open Jan. 12 when snow trains from Detroit are to arrive on that day.

The world's largest toboggan slide consisting of 1,650 feet will be built by the Civilian Conservation Corps on the Hanson Hills golf course.

Quite Cool Indeed

A hotel was on fire and the guests gathered in the front, were watching the flames.

"Nothing to get excited about," one traveling man was boasting. "It took my valet about five minutes to get out. Didn't like the kind of clothes they sell in Flint" how cool I was."

"Fine," remarked a bystander, "But why didn't you get your pants on?"

Book Percy Grainger To Play Jan. 18 In Symphony Concert

Percy Grainger, pianist-composer-conductor, one of the most versatile and most-admired of president-day musicians, will be presented as soloist at the two concerts of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Jan. 18, in Masonic Temple. He will appear at the Young People's program at 10:45 a. m. and at the pop concert at 8:30 p. m.

A third concert is scheduled during the week for the orchestra. This will be on the symphony's series of School Children's Free concerts—a special program played for 5,000 high school students at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Masonic Auditorium.

Victor Kuyper will conduct all three concerts, while Edith Rice Tilton will lecture at the Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning programs. The subject of the latter concert will be "Folk Songs and Folk Dances in the English-Speaking World."

The entire second half of the Saturday night pop concert will be given over to performances of compositions by Grainger. Of the six numbers by Grainger three will be played for the first time by the orchestra: Handel in the Strand, Fanfare "The Duke of Marlborough" and Children's March "The other three works already are established favorites—Mock Morris" Dance, Colonial Song and Shepherd's Hey.

As a solo concert Grainger will be the soloist in a first performance in Detroit of John Alden Carpenter's Concertino for Piano and Orchestra. Grainger has the distinction of having given the world premiers of the Carpenter work in 1914 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Since then he has been its chief authority.

Plan County Move To Boost Recreation

The Publicity, Tourist and Conventions Committee of the Boosters Club of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce will be host to 65 representative citizens from all over Oakland County, who have been invited to attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Building at 8 p. m. Friday, Jan. 10 for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of setting up a countywide organization dedicated to the job of promoting and advertising the recreational facilities of Oakland County.

Sleepy Driver Hits Car, Then a Tree

Robert W. Kennerly, of 2637 Gladwin avenue, Detroit, was arrested Monday at 3:12 a. m. for failure to carry a valid operator's license, following a crash on Woodward avenue. He told officers he felt sleepy, resulting in his machine first striking a parked car owned by Thomas Reaney, 343 North Woodward, and then hitting a tree. He paid $5 at the Violations Bureau and agreed to pay for other damages.

Nine Food Types Balance One's Diet, According to MSC

Whether a family eats heavy or light breakfasts or has dinner at noon or in the evening, it takes nine servings from nine types of foods to make a balanced daily diet.

The following daily outline is approved by home economics extension workers on the staff at Michigan State College:

Milk—For a growing child, 4 to 1 quart. For other family members, 1 pint or more.

Leafy, green or yellow vegetables—2 or more servings.

Tomatoes, oranges, grapefruit, or any fruit or vegetable rich in vitamin C—1 or more servings.

Potatoes, other vegetables, or fruit—2 or more servings.

Eggs—If not at least 3 or 4 a week.

Lean meat, poultry, fish—1 or more servings.

Cereals and bread—At least 3 servings of whole-grain products.

Fats and sweets—As needed to satisfy the appetite.

Water—6 or more glasses.

The group called "milk" includes dry and evaporated milk as well as fresh fluid milk. Skim milk, buttermilk and cheese also belong under this general heading.

When counting the eggs that go into the family meals, full credit is given for those in sauces, custards and baked dishes. Some eggs should be served as eggs—poached, scrambled, fixed or cooked in the shell.

Two Chinese coolies were arguing heatedly in the midst of a crowd. When an onlooker expressed surprise that no blows were struck, his Chinese friend said, "The man who strikes first admits that his ideas have given out."

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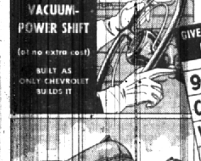

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