

It's Getting to Be a Habit in Michigan For Governors to Get But Single Term

Unless Harry F. Kelly breaks another precedent in Michigan history, he can look forward to two years of public service as Governor and no more.

The Republican secretary of state, victor in the G.O.P. landslide of November 3, upset one historical habit of voters in not changing their governor during a war. War Governors Austin Blair, Hazen Pingree and Albert E. Sleeper were all returned to office by a public which evidently cherished the old admonition against "swallowing loaves in midstream."

However, the custom didn't save the general, capable Murray D. Van Wagoner, smiling "Pat" to put the state well into the

thousands of his friends, from be buried beneath a 75,000 Kelly majority. The "war governor" will be retired in favor of an opposition candidate whose record in the World War was most distinguished, having been awarded the French Croix de Guerre for valor.

Another fact still remains: For seven successive elections, a majority of the voters of Michigan have switched allegiance. Every other year an opposition candidate has ousted the incumbent government—seven times straight!

Between 1892 and 1912 the Wolverine state was tagged by politicians as "Safely" Republican. Republican Governor Blair had put the state well into the

publican column during the Civil War. The memory of Lincoln became a rallying point in succeeding campaigns until the state remained G.O.P. for twelve elections until the turn of the nineties. Edwin B. Wiggins, Democrat, won in 1890 by only 11,500 plurality. The state then remained Republican until 1914 when Woodbridge N. Ferris defeated the Kelly to win by a plurality of 38,000.

Michigan then returned to its Republican voting habit until the Roosevelt New Deal swept across the nation like a tidal wave in 1932, and William A. Crompton, a conservative Democrat, became governor.

Since advent of the New Deal which hastened the development of the welfare state, legislation at Washington such as unemployment compensation and old age pensions, the state has been a public for two years and then Democratic for the next two.

William M. Brucker was the first victim of the Democratic upset in 1932. Every governor from that day on has held office for two years—and no more.

Here is the procession, just to refresh your memory:

1926—William M. Brucker, Republican.

1932—William A. Crompton, Democrat.

1934—Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican.

1936—Frank Murphy, Democrat.

1938—Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican.

1940—Murray D. Van Wagoner, Democrat.

1942—Harry F. Kelly, Republican.



Huge ten-ton bombs like these were used recently by raiders on German-occupied territories with devastating results. U. S. armed forces are being well-supplied with these messengers of destruction, photographed by the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

'Whoppers' for the Nazis

The bigger ships which make up the U. S. fleet included the battleship, the cruiser, the aircraft carrier, the destroyer and the submarine.

The battleship, which is designed to fight and cruise anywhere, is heavily armored, carries heavy armament and is of moderate speed, about 20 knots.

The battleship has a large fuel capacity and long cruising radius. It is heavily armored on the waterline and carries a thick armor elsewhere including the turrets. The ship's vitals are covered by a substantial protective deck of special steel.

Double bottoms of the battleship are split into numerous watertight compartments. There are other water-tight compartments throughout so that parts of the ship will be flooded without seriously affecting other parts. In the latest battleships, there are further subdivisions called "dividers" for protection against torpedoes.

The cruiser, of which there are the largest and light types, travels at the high speed of about 34 knots and is used to scout for the enemy or screen the rest of the fleet against surprise attack; also to escort merchant ships and prey on enemy commerce.

Mrs. Glassford Heads Old Hosiery Salvage

Mrs. Grace Glassford of Mulholland's department store, has been appointed chairman of silk hosiery salvage; it was announced Wednesday by John H. Harwood, general salvage chairman. Stores which sell hosiery have been asked to provide receipts for the old hosiery, which may be silk, rayon, nylon or mixtures. Collection starts Monday. Try an Eccentric Classified Ad for Quick Results.

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consumer division in Detroit.

Mr. Jacobs pointed out that the cost of living has not shown the sharp rise experienced in the last war, showing that government controls are working, but that it would have been more successful if curbs on all prices, including wages and farm products, had been applied last April.

Mr. Boyd said that because so much of the country's productivity is given over to the war, the lack of goods may cause some merchants to raise their prices.

Mrs. Mills emphasized the need for conservation in every walk of life, suggesting the slogan, "do over and make do."

A four-point consumer program was listed as: (1) take care of present possessions; (2) decrease buying; do without, and buy bonds; (3) pay past debts; and (4) support price control by watching, ceasing prices and by supporting rationing.

Mrs. John K. Ormond acted as chairman.

PROFESSOR

we fail to bring more closely to gether all people, regardless of creed and color and race and class—for if we fail in this the masses will rally to the cry of some demagogue and our freedom will vanish.

"Today we have a desperate need of getting people together, and I believe that we will become secure, if we can project programs that will bring into the spirit of neighborly cooperation the largest portions of our citizenry," said Dr. McClusky. "Individuals are like the various parts of the body, such a necessity, but only creating man when they properly are joined together; therefore, it is the way in which they are joined that makes individuals good communities."

"One of the best ways to get people together is to develop a recreational program that includes music, education, sports, or various festivals. This brings people together in the minimum of frictions, and is the very essence of fundamental social engineering. I want to praise Birmingham for its evident tendency in this direction."

Although he admitted the need these days to give of everything we can to the war effort, Dr. McClusky pointed out that we must maintain at least a minimum of cultural facilities to save our own selves, and he also emphasized the fact that rural life is the social balance wheel of a nation, for many rural folks annually take up residence in the larger cities—not only to maintain population figures, but to lighten the city perspective with those realities indigenous to the way of life of those who live close to the soil.

Prior to Dr. McClusky's talk, Mrs. Earle H. Cunningham, president this year of the Birmingham Community Council, introduced the members of local city and public school administrations.

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fail to ignore the responsibility thus entailed. National sovereignty may have to give way to some sort of international sovereignty, she said.

Most Saboteur Prejudice

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, pointed out that this is a conflict between two ways of life, that of authority and that of democracy. He urged that at the war's conclusions, the victors give the vanquished and look at the vanquished as human beings. The youth of Germany will need the great education to rid them of Nazi philosophy, he said.

The first speaker was John H. Harwood, managing editor of The Eccentric. He pointed out that no sane democracy has ever attacked another and that therefore, the long-time goal should be a world community of democracies.

However, democracy depends on economic stability, he pointed out, and economic stability can never come without peace. He emphasized that restrictions must be removed on world trade by lowered tariffs, and that the United States must change its policy of trying to sell to all nations but refusing to buy from all nations by imposing high tariffs. Harwood said that Russia would have a great deal to say about the reorganization of Europe and that laissez-faire capitalism may not emerge.

Dr. W. A. Harris, Presbyterian minister, pointed out that the coming treaty of peace must have a Christian basis, something which has never been the case in the past, he said. He said he did not believe that it was necessary to teach hate to the soldiers, in building up sentiment against a peace without retribution.

Have You Met . . .

The E. L. Deckers from Landonville, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Deckers are living at 629 Parrish road with their two children, Eddie III, who is 16 months old, and Mildred, who is just three years old. Mr. Deckers is with Behr-Manning Engineering, Al. only the Deckers family is very fond of Birmingham.

THIS AND THAT

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relied upon in the clinics, he responded to his civic obligations.

Last week election returns in many Michigan newspapers received this caption: "Republicans Sweep County." Well, I only hope that with its new "broom of public approval," the Republicans keep on sweeping cleanly in the interests of the whole people—for only with that kind of "housekeeping" can they, or should they, expect to remain in office.

"I'm getting so I like that guy less and less."

"Why?"

"He's the kind of guy who, when he pours you a drink and you tell him to stop, stops."

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practical for your whole house?

A small bathroom heater does a good job for short periods of time—an hour or two. It's fine if used in a small space. Why isn't the idea practical for heating a whole house? Or why can't electric heat be used throughout the house as a means of raising the temperature from 65 to 70 degrees?

There are two reasons. First, to achieve the cleanliness and convenience of electric heat, you sacrifice 80 per cent of the coal used to make electricity. Only ONE TON OUT OF FIVE is actually delivered to your home in the form of useful heat. This represents a loss—especially when you can burn coal in your own furnace at 50 to 60 per cent efficiency. Even using electric heat to raise your house temperature 5 degrees is not recommended today.

Second, electricity must be made the instant it is being used and on cold days each home would require about 80 times as much as it uses normally. The extra power plant equipment to produce enough electricity to heat houses on a cold day would be partly idle on a warmer day, and it would be completely idle all summer. But the expense would continue the year round, and to cover this all-year expense, the cost of electricity would be high.

All the above pertains to house heating. Electricity is, of course, highly economical for steadier uses like water heating, cooking or other uses of refined heat requiring closer control.

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'The Consumer And Inflation'

The morning panel discussion concerned "The Consumer and Inflation," with the speakers Mrs. Lindsey Mills, of Midland member of the Michigan Council of Defense; Charles Boyd, secretary of the Detroit Retail Merchants Association, and Samuel Jacobs, official with the OPA

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