

## Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

That the Republican party of Michigan is due to undergo a face-down, drag-and-drag fight in the 1944 primary is now regarded as a fact to be highly probable, if not practically certain.

The decision of Vernon J. Brown, an ace vote-getter, to become a candidate for the party nomination of lieutenant governor rather than for the office of auditor general which pays \$20,000 more a year is predicated on Brown's conviction that Keyes had definitely aligned himself with Fugate McKay, the Republican national committee man, and that Republicans should have a clean-cut choice between an "anti-McKay" slate for governor and lieutenant governor and a "pro-McKay" slate for the same offices.

It is no political secret that Auditor General Brown had previously announced that he was a candidate again for auditor general because of "undisputed business" in which he was greatly interested.

Brown indicated arguments to the effect that he could perform greater public service as auditor general than as lieutenant governor.

Finally Brown became convinced that, for the good of the party, Republicans should be afforded the opportunity of nominating candidates for governor and lieutenant governor who were acknowledged to be opposed to McKay. His decision to become Kelly's running mate, subject to primary approval, was predicated entirely on a personal belief that the people of Michigan had been good to him, as expressed in democracy through party ballots, and that he should support the party's efforts, as crystallized at the Detroit convention to rid itself of so-called "boss control."

The governor's office expects that this choice will be given to Governor-elect Murray B. Van Deven as Read-Keyes ticket, supported by McKay.

There also is speculation that Kelly may not take a primary defeat without making an effort, at the November election to express his keen displeasure over the persistent opposition of Keyes to the Democratic camp, possibly by a vote arranged deal of political coalition.

A factional split will be welcome for the Democrats who apparently have settled on State Chairman Earnest Brooks of Holland as their choice for the governorship after weeks of hesitation and unsuccessful attempts to draft Fland, Van Wagener, Fry and others. As Republican factionalism grows, democratic hopes will rise.

Auditor General Brown's knowledge of state government is pronounced in the spring of the newspaper published at Mason who served ten years in the state legislature and succeeding six years' service as state auditor general. He is known to be dry; his newspaper will not accept alcoholic beverage advertising, and in fact has even secured certain advertising lines of the editor's personal files.

He is a Protestant and this is a point against Kelly, a Roman Catholic. He is a farmer by original vocation and owns a farm today; Kelly is a lawyer. He has been a vigorous supporter of generous appropriations for civilian defense; Kelly is a distinguished veteran of World War I. Those implying wall is a constant reminder of his own personal sacrifice as a soldier-patriot. Brown is an upstart; Kelly hails from metropolitan Detroit.

Back of his new decision is a belief that the office of lieutenant governor, in today's modern world of many complexities, should be elevated into new dignity akin to that of an "assistant governor." This official would be truly a partner to the governor and thus

### Thanks, Mr. Martz!

For a goodly number of years John E. Martz served Birmingham as its Mayor; recently he relinquished this honor to Ray A. Palmer, although remaining still a City Commissioner. As Mayor, Mr. Martz presided over the Commission meetings ably; as Mayor, he made many personal speeches at various local functions; always he was gracious, to the point; he made numerous trips to other places in the State, on business for his community, without compensation. He merits the thanks of every local citizen for his devotion to his duties. This praise, indeed, is little reward for his endeavors—but already he possesses that precious inner conviction of having been a faithful public servant, real neighbor to his fellow-citizens. (Incidentally, Mrs. Martz should also come in for some praise, don't you think? She spent many hours alone while her spouse was absent on City business.)

### Are You Helping?

Annual personal canvass of homes in this area for raising funds to support the Community House started this week; \$16,000 is the sum needed for this most worthwhile project. Hats off, folks, to the people who voluntarily are giving time and effort to raise the money—also to those who contribute. Without the Community House, Birmingham certainly would be deprived of a place where most of the Birmingham and surrounding organizations hold their meetings. It is YOUR Community House—it, please. (Then you'll willingly support it.)

### Recreation Director

John (Jack) Brotzman, physical education director at Barnum junior high school, has been selected to lead the summer recreation program for Birmingham this year. Here's hoping that he and those who participate in the program enjoy themselves; here's hoping, too, that Birmingham's recreation program be placed on a standard of financial support sufficient to make it amount to something year-around in the life of this community.

### THE AVERAGE HUMAN BEING (AND MOST OF US ARE AVERAGE), in or out of public office, is no saint. Placing some of them in beautiful buildings, whether they be the White House, Congress, Supreme Court, the Kremlin, or New 10 Dispense responsibility of the office upon him.

### WHILE THE MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES are striking hard at the enemy on a variety of battlefronts, many workers still back home are equally (?) striking too. Some day the New Deal will receive properly earned credit for the unconstitutional coddling of certain labor groups—when the boys come home and get a chance to vote again.

### IT IS AXIOMATIC THAT "ONCE A BUREAUCRAT always a bureaucrat." Folks so attached to governmental payrolls dislike to be dislodged, even when the need for their services is over. Public opinion, alone, will remove them.

### Key's rise as an unknown comet into the Michigan political sky dates to the 1940 primary when candidates vied for one nomination. He is a crusader at heart and a man who thinks of himself as a knight battling for the people in a world of scheming, greedy politicians. Key's vigorous support of generous appropriations for civilian defense; Kelly is a distinguished veteran of World War I. Those implying wall is a constant reminder of his own personal sacrifice as a soldier-patriot. Brown is an upstart; Kelly hails from metropolitan Detroit.

### CHANGE OF PLANS

Application for hearings on the battle of production to be fought by growers and producers this year and to emphasize the importance of retailer and consumer cooperation in utilizing this production to the greatest possible extent. It is sponsored by the Michigan Food Council and the Michigan Press Association.

"Public realization of the importance of Michigan's role as a

### Tornadoes and Cyclones

Tornadoes are destructive, rotary storms of small extent, occasioned by a vertical disturbance of the atmosphere. They are tremendous whirlwinds, moving rapidly, however although, as we understand them, the collapse of structures in their path is due to the creation of a vacuum in which interior pressure of buildings causes them to explode.

The area of a tornado is much smaller than a cyclone, although the latter also involves a circular motion. The cyclone covers vast area, sometimes as much as five miles and, toward extreme violence. The true tornado bounces along the earth, its twisting funnel giving visible evidence of its approach.

### Price Control Working

The answer, it seems to us, is in prices that we pay. In 1914 sugar sold for five cents but it hopped to 32 cents a pound. In 1941 sugar was six cents and it is now about seven cents a pound.

This comparison of prices in our two wars is nothing more than illustrative but it demonstrates the difference. The greatest gain from price control, however, is not yet apparent. After the war we had an economic collapse, crushing farmers, wage earners and business men. We may not have a similar debacle, when this struggle ends, and price control will go far to explain it.

### DESCENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPON Montgomery Ward Co., through the use of Army troops, suggests that the American Eagle has become a vulture, seems to us. When such acts happened in Germany many years ago, the democracies of the world referred to them as "acts of the Gestapo." Looks as though some of the high-up Washington boys are drunk with power.

### IT TAKES MORE THAN A MERE SLOGAN to reform the people on this earth. The leaders in any nation who promise world-wide Utopia had better keep their own taxpayers informed a little, if they expect their international plans to win public support.

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### Drive Emphasizes State's War Roll As Food Producer

A number of Birmingham business firms are having a part in the first annual "More Michigan Food Month" being observed during May. Gov. Harry F. Kelly recently issued the month for the event, and Birmingham food committees and business firms are having an active part in the drive.

Gardening effort is considered important in the local campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to focus public attention on the battle of production to be fought by growers and producers this year and to emphasize the importance of retailer and consumer cooperation in utilizing this production to the greatest possible extent. It is sponsored by the Michigan Food Council and the Michigan Press Association.

### RATIONING AT A GLANCE

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps 48 stamps a good indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps 48 stamps 38, good indefinitely.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 38 and 31, each good for five pounds and definitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of cane sugar through February next year.

GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast states, A-10 coupon, good through June 30.

FUEL OIL—Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through June 30.

SHOES—Airtight stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

### Local Board Receives New Instructions On Sale of Used Goods

New instructions to the Birmingham ration and price boards of the OPA indicate that persons selling used gas stoves, electric refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, metal coil springs, typewriters or photographic equipment must first get the proper price ceiling figure from their local board.

The new order from Washington is intended for persons selling at private sale and for dealers.

"How to Know the Ceiling Price of Used Goods" lists items that many used items such as beauty and barber shop equipment, furniture, tools, hardware, lamps, musical instruments, sewing machines and many other items usually sell for 75 per cent of the retail price.

The items selling at more than \$2 must have a price tag attached. The local board suggests that dealers mark certain of the various used goods.

## Happenings of Long Ago

### 60 YEARS AGO

May 10, 1894

"Many strangers spent last Sunday in our beautiful village."

"J. R. Nye has ceased bartering in our village but we have still three shops as no one here is grizzled or unkept."

"Nice weather now."

"The woman who asks for things seldom gets them. While they are asking some other woman reaches out and takes them without asking."

"Inaac R. Strong is now a Birminghammer and is snugly settled with his family in the house owned by George Shadbill on Brown street."

### 20 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1919

"For two hours Tuesday evening the local fire department worked to save the house and family of Peabody at Gilbert Lake when an enormous straw stack accidentally set fire to the house during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Peabody."

"The Third Annual Field Meet for the ladies of the Oakland county, the meet is to be held in Royal Oak at the High School on Thursday afternoon, May 22."

"The executive board of the community house at a meeting last Monday afternoon in the membership committee, which under the able direction of Mrs. W. A. Layton met last week, 84 members for the support of the building fund."

"Mothers Day will be observed this Sunday by several of the ladies of the community house. Many private individuals who will wear the symbolical red or white carnations on their hats and tributes will mark the day which Governor Grovesback set aside for Mother's Day."

"Eighteen members of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club left last night for northern Michigan where the club is holding its annual spring hunt for two weeks with headquarters at P. H. Haggren's lodge on his 10,000 acre ranch at Atlanta, Michigan."

### 5 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1939

"In order to give voters an opportunity to learn all the points of view and to create the proper change to a third class district, the Birmingham League for Women Votes, under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Malcolm Welby, that is his seat to the University of Michigan for the purpose of securing information."

"The greatly enlarged program sponsored by the Birmingham League for Women Votes, which will be held on Monday, June 19, it was announced this week by Dr. W. A. Layton, recently appointed head of administration of the work."

"The local board has recently received a new leaflet to dealers on the home of Mrs. Lewis B. Sappleton of Arlington district. The Pontiac a tentative budget which placed the total assessed valuation of the city in excess of \$16,000,000."

"At a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lewis B. Sappleton of Arlington district, the Birmingham League changed its name to the University of Michigan Alumnae association."

"Reservations are pouring in for the bridge-lunch, to be given next Tuesday, by the Women's auxiliary of Christ Church Granbrook, at the Guild Hall."



## Public Warned of New Forgery Plan

Birmingham and Oakland county were warned today against cashing checks of any type, with the caveat being only a social security account number identification. The warning was issued by Albert W. Becking, manager of the Oakland county field office of the Social Security Board.

"Recently there has been an attempt to set up a new type of fraud involving the use of social security numbers," Mr. Becking said.

"Individuals have presented what appear to be payroll checks of a reputable business. These checks are marked with a social security number and a check number. The social security number is obtained in order to be used as identification, and probably is one of several used in this type of fraud."

"Let's persuade some capable women to run, and let's elect them," Mrs. Loomis said.

Sincerely,  
KATHRYN T. LOOMIS  
(Mrs. Peter B. Loomis)  
1648 Dorchester Rd.,  
May 7, 1944.

### SALVAGE MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open ends and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last City collection day of the month; keep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put at curb on your last City collection day of the month. Copper engravers' plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, M.A.G.A.ZINES, SCRAP PAPER—Pick-up of these may be arranged by calling the Salvage Desk, at the Municipal Building, Phone 1230 between 9 and 11 a.m. and 5 o'clock Mondays through Fridays. Regular city curb pickup first Friday of each month.

PECK'S Cash and Carry Suits, Topcoats, \$1.09 Plain Dresses. CLEANED AND PRESSED For Delivery Phone 230 WOODWARD—NEAR MAPLE

### WABEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

## Pay By Check!

Cancelled checks afford the safety of a receipt for each bill paid—and your check stubs detail each expenditure. Open a Pay-As-You-Go Checking Account with as little as \$1.00. No minimum balance required.

"I can see it now... a little form... chickens... me coming in from work... that spinch off your face... cows... you shaving"



### THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

If you want some good picture subjects, like the time to visit a farm. It's well worth it when you can get results like this.

Picture making on the farm is something that many town and city folk are likely to overlook. But you can have a trip into the country, and a visit to a farm, is a fine thing for anyone with a camera. When you go out on a picture-taking expedition be sure to choose your subjects carefully, because, as you know well, when you have to take to send to the service you always welcome a photograph of familiar scenes that recall happy days and hours.

Picture making on the farm is one of those things that might bring you with daylight if you're up that early or before the dawn. If you take even the earlier you get started the better, because then you can make a series of pictures as the farmer milks the cows, feeds the chickens, tends to the horse, and turns the stock out to pasture.

Working step by step or picture by picture is the best way to get an excellent way to approach any picture.

John van Ouden

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