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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Whether the American people exercised good or bad judgment on November 7 is invariably a matter of personal opinion. It depends on what side of the fence you happened to be assuming that you weren't straddling the fence itself.

For example, Michigan voters rejected three of the four state proposals. Home rule for Wayne county again went down in defeat, along with an increase of compensation for state legislators and a constitutional change permitting legislators to run for state office.

The one surviving proposal was the constitutional plan whereby a municipality may supply and sell water to houses outside the city limits. If all four proposals had been defeated, proponents might have concluded that an informed public had blindly voted "no." Apparently the people did **THINK** about these constitutional changes. Whether their thinking was good or bad is another matter, and your answer will be governed by your own opinions.

Consider for a minute the problem of old age pensions. You may pay 1 per cent more on your earnings in 1945. It's a small price to pay for your pocketbook as well as your future.

Here is a subject close to the heart of the Townspeople. Public opinion polls have repeatedly indicated a majority of the people favor extension of social security benefits.

Five states voted on age-pension proposals Nov. 7. Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California rejected plans contemplating monthly payments between \$45 and \$60 to persons over 60 or 65 years of age, those who pay in some cases from specific sales taxes and in one case from general revenues. The fifth state, Colorado, adopted a modified age-pension act.

Your guess is as good as your neighbor's as to why the majority in the above states voted as they did. Was it to protect the state's

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Our War Psychology

Recently, over in Ann Arbor, we listened to Prof. Robert M. MacIver, head of Columbia University's Dept. of Sociology, discuss "The Devil and the Pease." The learned gentleman, fortunately possessing a keen sense of humor, in brief, declared that man generally muddles through periods of both war and peace.

Especially, he pointed out, is this so in democratic societies: such forms of government, he holds, never are prepared for war and, while finally in full war effort, never fashion a satisfactory post-war peace. Admitting, for example, that the United Nations must do everything to win victory by killing the enemy, he also declared that in fashioning a lasting peace the United Nations must not view the enemy as anything but human beings, like themselves.

To assume that the Nazis and the Japs (especially the Nazis) are completely different kinds of human beings than we are, and to fashion a satisfactory post-war program for them would, Prof. MacIver asserted, sow the seeds for another and worse World War. He believes that, aside from acceptable punishment in the way of requiring the Nazis and the Japs to rebuild areas they have destroyed, they should be treated largely as psychiatric cases; they should be re-educated to comply with democratic processes and average human morality and decency.

The Professor was firm in his belief that the war psychology of the United Nations was majorly erroneous, insofar as it influences the enemy to lay down its arms; he referred "to that great statesman, Morgenthau," whose contention that Germany be made a nation of farmers did much to put new fighting spirit into the Nazis. Prof. MacIver also said that the United Nations demand of "unconditional surrender" had the same effect in stimulating the enemy to keep on fighting fanatically. It was the conviction of the learned Scotsman that it is only human nature that the enemy should consider to resist extreme punishment until perhaps they were given some hope of personal salvation. Then, of course, the victors could impose terms consistent with plans for an enduring peace.

"Punk Time" in Yenan

Americans who are impatient with themselves lucky. They might be in Yenan, China, where there are three kinds of time—Shanghai, an hour faster than Chungking; Yenan, twenty minutes slower than Chungking; and Chungking.

This seems to assure sufficient confusion, but the situation is worse, because there are no watches or clock working in Yenan. Consequently, no one knows what time it is by any system and resort is had to "punk time."

"Punk Time" is so named because the hours are marked on a stick of punk, which is lighted. As the stick burns down, the hours are measured off.

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A MAN WHO had a great deal of money and a very short character proved that was all he was worth.

as editorial advocacy of this and that. We believe the chief function of the newspaper is to reflect public opinion through a thorough coverage of the news. The newspaper covers the news, the more it truly reflects public opinion, the more it is the fundamental honesty of a free press!

As we have said before, you and Joe Danks have some thinking to do about America's future. Let's weigh the facts.

Happenings of Long Ago

5 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1939
"Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills public service employees are having their first annual dinner at the Metropolitan Club being formed here for policemen, firemen and mailmen. Sixty-seven have thus far become members."

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"For the third time in a year the City Commission has rejected changing of the zoning ordinance which would permit multiple family residence at Woodward avenue and further back on Vinewood."

Sixty-three back porch to the brim with a variety of foods which will make tasty Thanksgiving week on officers of the new Metropolitan Club being formed here for policemen, firemen and mailmen. Sixty-seven have thus far become members."

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FORSYTHIA IN BLOOM

Now some residents of Birmingham are wondering just what kind of weather is in store for the city. They wonder if the fact that the Forsythia are in bloom at this time in Birmingham, are being prepared by the Community House for its distribution Wednesday afternoon.

"Baldwin high school students looked a little more important in their own eyes Monday when school reopened, for it is not Baldwin High the football champion of the Twin Valley League." And it is not the first gridiron championship to come to Birmingham?

Need Blood Donations

The treatment of wounded men, in the present war, is far better than that given fighters in any previous war. This is especially true of the men who fight under the American flag, because the nation has put their welfare above every other consideration.

The news comes from San Francisco that it is now possible to deliver fluid blood to Leyte Island forty-eight hours after it is drawn from a donor in that city. Moreover, the blood is seventy-five per cent efficient twenty-one days after being donated.

We have no expert knowledge as to the difference between blood plasma and fluid blood, but we understand that there are cases when a wounded man, who has lost oxygen as well as blood, requires liquid blood for recovery.

In this connection, a dispatch from Paris says that the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, declares, "There isn't enough blood being given by folks back home." The paper intimates that the medics have been able to store up only two pints of blood for every man in action, although they have a quota of five pints of blood.

We call attention to this matter, although it should be recognized that no serious effort has been made to secure blood donations in many areas of the nation. Evidently, donations in established centers have equalled the immediate demands of the service, but it is just possible that heavier casualties will make it necessary to call for a greater response.

The Stars and Stripes points out, however, that blood donations rise "when the war effort is in full swing and when the public adds that 'when the war news is good is when the blood is needed, because it takes blood—lots of blood—to make it good.'"

CONSIDER THE TERRIBLE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION here at home between our political parties. Consider the fighting that goes on within each party; consider how leaders in the New Deal often scrap openly; then don't wonder that it is difficult to create international understanding and unity.

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Many Birmingham Young People At 16th Annual Cranbrook Conference

The sixteenth annual Cranbrook conference of Oakland County, Mich., high school and college students, met at Christ Church Cranbrook, October 11th.

The conference was divided into two sessions, one for high school and college students, and the other for the general public.

Those attending from Birmingham were: Paul Hanson, Natry Merriam, Ruth Hargel, Bob Wray, Ralph Hargel, Martha Gruber, Condie Engel, L. Goodrich, and Gregory Peak, Ralph Dunbar.

Diek Adams, Jerry Hughes, Bill Gilchrist, Elmer Day, Durrell Kel-Brooks, Stalter in which he urged each delegate to keep values straight and to invest his or her life in the vocation which would serve the most people. He emphasized the need for youth to help raise moral tone of life, to help eradicate dangerous prejudices and to seek understanding between the mills.

At the first session, after a worship period conducted by Rev. Wm. Hill and a solo by Victor Barlow, Bennett, Ulrich of Birmingham, the assembly listened to an address by W. Gilchrist, Elmer Day, Durrell Kel-Brooks, Stalter in which he urged each delegate to keep values straight and to invest his or her life in the vocation which would serve the most people. He emphasized the need for youth to help raise moral tone of life, to help eradicate dangerous prejudices and to seek understanding between the mills.

The Sky's the Limit!

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Lathrap Towns News

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Mrs. Howard Stock, of San Diego boulevard, gave a "branch" Thursday in honor of Mrs. Eugene Hines' house guest, Mrs. A. J. Canning of Cleveland Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Canning were entertained Wednesday at the J. M. Stover home in Grosse Isle and Tuesday evening the Hineses had several neighbors in for a bridge supper. They reside at 27620 Santa Barbara drive.

Mrs. William Waddell, of Rockham boulevard, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Whitehead, of Coburn, W. Va.

Mrs. R. E. Elias, of Saratoga boulevard, spent five days last week hunting at Charlevoix. During his absence his sister, Mrs. Blomworth of Oyst. Mich., visited at the Seably home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Guy S. Peppatt, of Saratoga boulevard, took a hurried trip to New York City, returning Sunday.

Pvt. Joe Wahl, army accountant stationed at Norfolk, Va., is home on a ninety-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Ernestine Wahl, of San Jose drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Walker, of San Jose drive, will be hosts Thanksgiving Day at a dinner for 14 guests.

Lucy, Robert Anthony, Army flying instructor, and his brother Joe, radio technician, U. S. Navy, are home together. Mr. Anthony, of Detroit, they are the nephews of Mr. William Orth of the Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Marshall, of Goldenacre drive, will be hosts over the week end to four airmen stationed temporarily at Willow Run school. The Thanksgiving dinner will be then, as the fliers cannot get away for the holiday. Pvt. Bob Diederich will bring home four airmen from Willow Run for the coming week and along the same line, a note of thanks to neighbors who during the past month have sent "Welcome to our home for the boys who come home each week end with our son."

Arvo puts post-war jobs at 2,600,000 in "prosperous times."

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of the late John A. Marshall, deceased, as the same appears from the records of said court, to wit:

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna M. Hargel, Deceased.

Edward, Deed having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person in said court.

It is ordered, That the 11th day of November A. D. 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing and trial of said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice of the hearing and trial of said petition be given by publication of a copy of this order once in each of three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing and trial in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

JOHN E. MARITZ, Atty for Estate, 222 Woodward Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. For 4-13-44

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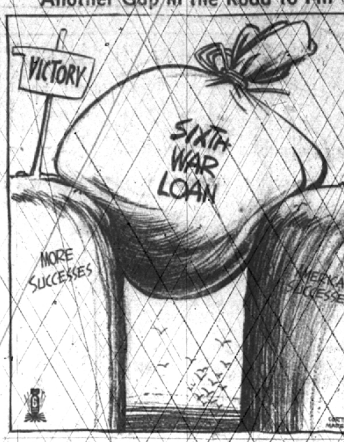
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Another Gap in the Road to Fill



Birmingham Boys At Headquarters Of U. S. Air Force

Two boys first knew of an airplane's prowess in England when they met in London several weeks ago, and they will be home from the war in a close cooperation with one another.

Before entering the Army, Col. Jones attended Auburn Polytechnic Institute and the University of Michigan and is a student of the U. S. Air Force Academy. He is the son of Mrs. Anna N. Jones, 740 N. Ann street and is a member of the U. S. Air Force. He has a brother, Allen, who is serving as a private with the U. S. Air Force in Oklahoma.

NEED RADAR MEN

Because of an acute need for men to train in radar, the Navy is looking for young men who have made the procurement of such things as their number one job. This year's men are being trained by Capt. Condy, Byron E. Prechter, officer in charge of lower Michigan Navy training and induction.

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