

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

This may be news to some folks: There's going to be an election in Michigan Nov. 7.

With Generals Eisenhower, Bradley and Patton, Omar Bradley and a million or so Yaaks on the victorious march in France, Belgium and Germany, newspaper headlines have been dominated by happy war news. Approach of V-Day in Europe has put domestic affairs into their normal aspect. When do we celebrate?

World history is rushing past with breath-taking speed. Even a prospect of 16 years' reign by one President at the White House—something we would not consider seriously in normal times—scarcely evokes more than a mild discussion from the Man on the Street.

It's the war, war, war—and a fervent hope for a quick victory—that we're thinking about this September, 1944.

When you go to the polls Nov. 7, you will receive a general election ballot for state and local candidates.

This change in voting was authorized by the Michigan state legislature at the suggestion of Republican legislators and Democrats are rolling up their sleeves, too, for a vigorous Republican legislative session. They will lend an ear long enough for presentation of the candidates' messages.

To put the state ticket on its own feet, freed from any influence of a national political trend, legislators provided for a separate ballot that listed nominees for President and Vice President.

Now the same Republicans are beginning to wonder.

In the first place, will the average voter remember to mark TWO tickets instead of one?

The disastrous column on the state ticket will carry, as its party insignia, the picture of President Roosevelt. Roosevelt Republicans wonder if Joe DeLoach will mark an "X" alongside Roosevelt's picture, or if he is voting for Mr. Roosevelt.

If enough people do this, then any advantage enjoyed by Governor Kelly as the incumbent at Lansing might be nullified, so goes the reasoning. It is a bit far to carry your worrying this far, but such is the honest case of one Republican nominee on the general ballot.

"Secondly, there is the much-discussed Detroit News public opinion poll, known as "Detroit Spooks". Conducted along the established methods of the Gallup polls, where by a cross-section of population is used by trained interviewers to determine mass trends, the Detroit study has revealed a 63.36 per cent preference for President Roosevelt and a 36.64 per cent preference for Governor Kelly among metropolitan landlubber.

Running an election and running a war is the double responsibility of American democracy.

If public opinion polls of recent years are any index, domestic issues still are of more interest to American voters than international affairs. Despite our newest venture into world politics, we're concerned primarily with the things which are immediately about us and which concern our daily living. Self-interest remains the key to much of our thinking.

That boy who's overseas, our gasoline rationing, shortage of sugar for canning, overtime wages and food prices—these are part of our war-time thinking.

How much will the war influence our judgment on Nov. 7?

A lot of Michigan candidates would like to know the answer.

"Skunk At Its Worst"

It is customary in every nation to award medals to members of the military forces who distinguish themselves in the line of duty. These medals are a nation's admiration and respect for the ones who receive them. Of course, it is only fitting that this custom should find universal approval.

Thinking along these same lines, why should not the nation make "awards" to all who, in civilian activities in times of war, are conspicuous and aid to the enemy? Not the least of such awards ought to go to those who engineer and participate in strikes in war industries.

So we suggest that Congress create a Commission to create "awards" to strikers and their leaders.

To the leaders who, for selfish reasons, formerly strikers, why not design for them a medal to be called "Skunk At Its Worst?" On it should be several clusters of concentrated skunk juice; the higher the striking leader, the more potent should be his "medal," insofar as odor is concerned.

To the lesser leaders whose designs could be executed by the strikers, we leave to your imagination, Dear Reader.

Our only suggestion is that these designs include every type of unwanted animal, with its respective odor, that they set forth various kinds and piles of animal-fertilizer, that even some of them reveal the distorted faces of some of our politicians.

It is often difficult to eliminate excessive optimism from the rosy prospects that are dangled before our eyes. It is hard to get a direct statement as to the cost of air travel.

Recently, Dr. D. H. Davenport made a survey of the post-war period for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation. He concludes that air express travel will increase seven-fold and air express thirty-fold within five years of the end of the war, with passenger fares at 35 cents a mile and express at thirty cents a ton-mile.

The findings of the expert are considered conservative by many officials connected with aircraft manufacture and transport lines. Nevertheless, it may be assumed that the rates quoted will develop considerable business for aircraft lines and that, as business warrants, special planes will be developed for cargo and for passenger service.

avenue will have a sister thoroughfare in Southfield avenue, parallel artery west of the former.

The strictest eligibility rules will be adhered to this year in the 7th annual Mr. Hart also says that the team, besides having the requisite for scholarship, are now in many cases around Birmingham's business section Saturday afternoon when the Civic League's Day parade will be held in this city.

"If plans now under consideration materialize, 1939 may be down in Birmingham's history as the greatest year in its long life for parades, floats and pageants."

This was in evidence yesterday following a meeting in Detroit held by the Automobile Club of Michigan, State Highway Department officials and George H. Averill, publisher of *The Centric*.

"I love your bicycle! Take a good picture. Either of those endeavors may net you prize money as well as a free bicycle."

"Jack: 'Woman! don't interest me. I prefer the company of men.'"

"Bill: 'Why don't you say you are broke and I'll come with you.'"

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War Atrocity In Belgium

The rapid advance of Allied troops across Belgium and into Holland undoubtedly prevented the Germans from carrying out plans to devastate the areas surrendered. Moreover, the necessity of attempting to save their hides prevented the Nazis from wreaking vengeance upon the French and Belgian people.

Occasional stories come through, however, that indicate what might have happened. Harold Denny, New York Times correspondent with the American First Army, says that the Germans "are leaving ugly memories behind them." He says that "atrociously" because "no subject is one likely to find more inaccuracies."

Plomion is a farming community of 800 inhabitants and about 120 houses. In addition to the men slain, nearly forty of the homes were burned by a German force of about sixty young S. S. men who had been quartered there for six days.

ALCOHOLICISM AND MOST POLITICIANS UTTER statements that are beyond the essential value of the subject or topic being considered.

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Bits of Birmingham

City Manager Harold Carson told the City Commission Tuesday night that he guessed Mayor Corbin the two policemen for the peak hours. He said that at least two residents had called the police department and reported difficulty with Ekber men selling candy.

The Southfield Kwassa club has set Oct. 4 as the date for its election of officers. Nominations were made last evening in a regular club meeting at the Southfield large on the club's social calendar are an auction sale next month and a bingo party in November.

Attending the coaches' rules meeting in Detroit Monday evening was the chief representative of the changes in high school football rules were Hal Helmer, Jack Brodzinski and Roy Lester, all members of the Birmingham public schools.

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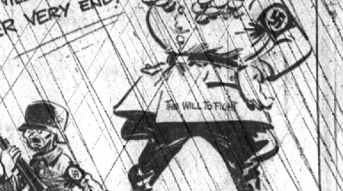
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There's a Vast Difference



in city court, listed as victims on police report: Victor Edgar Carwell, D. J. Zitz, Laurence Thompson, Walter Lawson and Alex Hill. All of Detroit; Allan Pate, Birmingham; Joseph Krus, East Detroit; and Victor Martens, Wayne.

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

Meats, Fat, Red stamps. All through 22 and 24 through 25, good indefinitely.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps A-4 through 28 and A-6 through 25, good indefinitely.

Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33 each good for five months and new stamps will be issued next month through February, next year.

Blue Takers Farwell

If you got none blue tickets in your purse, better see them now. Blue tickets will be good only for Aids to Play with Until Next Sunday. The Office of Price Administration says you can use them as you wish, ways have used them. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 17, retailers will be selling blue tickets in conjunction with ration change. Any shopkeepers will be asked to give them out for free.

Birmingham Police had a busy time over the week end and youthling Vice Admiral Rossell R. Wacker, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, was listed as complainant. While that at Ford Field, Dearborn, during the week commencing yesterday for the USS Dearborn. Word that the complainant would be able to make out his stock out.

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RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE

CORNINGS' EL PASO Woodward Ave. at Cobble Highway 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m. 7 days a week. Open 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Open 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Open 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Open 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Open 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.

DIXIE Diner 255 E. Merrill. Week days 6 a. m. to 8 p. m. Including Saturdays. Closed All Day Sunday. And Every Evening.

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