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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

The story of the Earle brothers, founders of the \$30,000,000 Blaney Park, is typically the history of much of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

It is the tale of a northland's evolution from a swagging, lusty exploitation of forests, only 50 to 75 years ago, to a twentieth century era in which the natural resources of fish, fur, game and even climate have become overnight attractions for leisure-bound dollars of midwest cities.

Between these two extremes of the cycle is agriculture, dependent upon soil and climate for its survival and growth, and hence inevitably limited in potential development.

"Tough country." That's the Upper Peninsula which stretches from Ironwood to Sault Ste. Marie and south to Menominee, according to one contemporary writer.

Here is a region long on blue sky lore, the immodest child of George Bishon's Upper Peninsula Development Bureau, but devoid of any sort of adequate, modern facilities to accommodate city-wise tourists.

The bluesky, so-called, has served to keep in the faith and courage of its natives and to attract curious travelers into its domain. Yet good housing and good restaurants are few and far between, as any travel-experienced citizen will concede in competition with other areas of the country has suffered much. It will continue to suffer until its resources are developed. We could introduce adequate facilities for the traveler's comfort.

In spite of this handicap, the Upper Peninsula has managed to forge ahead. Everyone who visits this "tough country," however, senses a promising future as well as an enriched present and a glorious, crimson past.

"If we had known then what we know now, Blaney Park might have been a different place," says H. Harold Earle, president of the Wisconsin Land and Lumber Company, a Michigan corporation which owns and operates the Blaney Park resort, midway between St. Ignace and Escanaba on U.S. 2.

In 1927 when my brother (Stewart E.) and I began Blaney Park, we were just ten to twenty years too young. Consider the history of Blaney for a minute, and you'll get an idea of what it was.

In 1878 my grandfather, Charles J. Meyer, induced the Chicago & North Western railroad to lay tracks to a sawmill town which he named Hermanville after his younger son. At a cost of \$100,000.

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An Example For Others

Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur have set an example of teamwork in military and naval association which other agencies of America and its allies, both military and political, might follow with profit.

From small beginnings in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, the two Pacific commanders have fought their way westward and northward to a focal point where their forces recently converged and front which they have begun a new drive into vital enemy held territory.

Today, with the same effective cooperation which characterized the earlier campaigns, the army and navy in and around the Philippines are concentrating their main effort on successfully completing the greatest task of the Pacific war to date—the winning back of these all-important islands.

Last summer when President Roosevelt was in Honolulu, the top men of the army and navy in the Pacific met here with the President to project the planning of the war into its present scope.

Now it has been revealed that Admiral Nimitz, recently visited General MacArthur's headquarters in the southern Philippines, where they presumably discussed the moves now being carried out to drive the Japanese from the islands.

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(Honolulu Star-Bulletin)

PRETTY SOON IT WILL BE TIME TO START serious thinking and planning for 1945 Victory Gardens. Let's hope they get bigger and better than ever; it's good for the national food stores, and splendid fun and exercise for the gardeners themselves.

BY THE WAY, SPEAKING OF GOVERNMENT: have you attended a Birmingham City Commission or School Board meeting lately? If you in a township zone to one of your officials' meetings? Doesn't good citizenship demand such attendance, now and then? Believe us when we really want you to see how life functions.

MEN IN SERVICE

AT KEESLER FIELD

KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 14—Tests to determine their qualifications as pre-aviation cadets are being given to four former residents of Birmingham, Mich., who are now undergoing the Army Air Corps Training Command's processing at Keesler Field, Miss. Those reporting here were: Mr. Richard Varnum, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ruttman, 2210 10th Ave. N.E.; Mr. William Toothaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Toothaker, 716 W. Lincoln.

Pfc. Nicholas R. Koths has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koths, 1128 Emmott, that he has received the preliminary citation. This citation was awarded to members of his group, the 322nd bomber squadron, Pfc. Koths also wears a campaign star for the battle of Britain.

15TH AAF in Italy—Second Lieut. Charles V. Booth, 21, who has been in Italy since August, has arrived in Italy and taken up his duties in a heavy bomber squadron, the 15th Air Force. Lieutenant Booth, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles V.

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Local Initiative Necessary

The permanent and profitable development of any community, including Birmingham, depends upon the spirit of its citizens and their utilization of local resources of money, materials and intelligence.

Contrary to much present day thought, our development does not depend upon the amount of State money spent in our vicinity or the amount of Federal cash that can be sucked in. These funds may provide a spur, but if their acceptance involves surrender of local spirit the final plight of the municipality will be worse than before the money arrived.

We are not saying that we should forego all advantages that come from outside sources. We suggest, however, that, very often, the time and energy expended in looking outside aid could effect substantial development. Moreover, a city or town grows through the initiative and ability of its people and no temporary advantage is worth the sacrificing of these attributes.

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People's Column

Booth, reside at 845 Fairfax road, Birmingham, Mich., formerly attended the University of Michigan where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Word was recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Johnson of Franklin Village, from their son, Ronald, that he is now stationed at Arlington Heights, Ill., where he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division and is now in the 1st Cavalry Division and is now in the 1st Cavalry Division.

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio—Announcement is made today by the Technical Service Command headquarters here of the promotion of Second Lieut. Robert C. Hamilton to the rank of first lieutenant. He is assigned at ATSC in charge of the B-26 Engine Test Section, the Power Plant Laboratory, Hamilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Hamilton, 516 Fulton.

St. Robert F. Bliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bliss, of Orchard Lane, Southfield township, recently completed an orientation course at a strategic air force base in England.

LT. (J.G.) Robert L. Spencer, who has been transferred from naval duty in the South Pacific to the 15th Air Force, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spencer, Bloomfield Hills, for the weekend of Feb. 22-23.

THURSDAY, for his new station in the East.

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Happenings of Long Ago

60 YEARS AGO

February 21, 1895
"During the recent blizzard Washington was short of almost everything except Congressional cash."

"At last the truth is out. The ex-president of France is a cigarette fiend. No wonder he resigned."

"The great blizzard proved the existence of many warm hearts in unexpected quarters and was therefore a blessing in disguise to many."

"Village election will soon be here. Good men should be nominated and elected. The present board is a good one. Push 'em along."

For the sake of the young lady it is hoped that the French Count who is to marry Miss Anna Gould City not belong to the no-account family."

"Mountain woodchoppers in Connecticut claim to have slain heaven the other day. It has always been supposed that those poor devils live more of another place."

"Messrs. Frost and Turk, of Pontiac, are managing a forty-day expedition through California, and are having a grand prospect of success. They head their invitation 'Forty Days in a Pullman.'"

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CRIMEA X-RAY



House denied this week that Birmingham residents were responsible for the disturbance outside the building last Friday during a dance, when police were called in an effort to disperse the crowd.

A contest to determine the identity of the Birmingham girl who will take the leading role in the Junior Chamber of Commerce home talent moving picture 'We're in the Movies,' will start next week, it was announced today, full details will be revealed in next week's Eccentric.

5 YEARS AGO
February 22, 1940
"The older of the two will on the Lincoln avenue site is giving trouble and may have to be replaced by a new school. The school on the first Monday in June with a series of afternoon classes to continue through Lent."

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