

It is quite easy to commit an act...
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THIS and THAT

Sigler Is Proving McKay Influence in State Affairs

For a good many years this newspaper has been among a few Michigan journals that year after year endeavor to prove that such of the political and economic influence of the State as is exercised by the millionaire and former State Treasurer, was not good for the people of Michigan.

Especially during the terms of former Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald and the pious Eton county citizen, Luren D. Dickinson, did I seek to impress upon them the McKay controversy. In the Michigan's official business; I even sought to impress upon others, including present Lieutenant Governor Vernon J. Brown, this situation; when Muri H. DePoe, Charlotte, State Senator, was a member of the State Liquor Control Commission, I tried to aid him to leave that body. McKay's influence in State liquor purchasing.

Well, nothing official was ever done about it. I knew that "Eton" was a practical politician; a nice chap, but one who would not accommodate his friends in politics; some of you may recall an incident of letters between me and "Eton" when he was Governor during which he denied any type of relationship with McKay, but he traded upon the taxpayers' rights.

With Dickinson... well, to say that he was a politician with high tolerance of the McKay influence would be putting it mildly. This life-long enemy of liquor and bright lights, who got national publicity when he criticized sophistical and Governmental conduct in Albany, New York, this aged gentleman who taught Sunday school in Charlotte, and liked to have it given wide publicity... when, one time, I discussed Dickinson with McKay, he replied: "I wish to prove that McKay doesn't wish my administration."

It has taken the courage of Judge Leland Carr and Special Grand Jury Prosecutor Carl Sigler to bring to light many of the purchases in Michigan during the terms of both Fitzgerald and Dickinson. As this case develops more proof will be added, I assume. The whole thing thus far adds up to the suspicion that many of our State's affairs have had for years on the subject.

So, folks, it is nice, these days, to have someone stop me on the street or come in and say: "Well, I see that the Carr-Sigler Grand Jury is bringing to light many of your contentions about McKay influence in State affairs."

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Richard Phillips In Recreational Program Of Occupation Army

Warrant Officer (Jg) Richard Phillips, son of the Robert S. Phillips, 724 Madison street, has been placed in a recreational program of the 76th Division, now in the Army of Occupation in Germany. There he will teach the men of his regiment to develop their own films and print their own pictures.

Red Cross Aiding Swimming Classes At Barnum School

The local Red Cross Water Safety instructors, who are at Barnum school, are now being aided by the Red Cross in their efforts to assist anyone in acquiring ability and skill at swimming. They report they are receiving requests for a number of those who are in attendance at the swimming classes.

Red Cross methods of instruction are being used in the afternoon classes and the program is now being conducted so that each youngster who meets the requirements will receive a certificate. A beginner, intermediate, swimmer or advanced swimmer certificate, according to his or her ability, from the American Red Cross.

Jane McKee, tennis instructor at the Birmingham playgrounds this summer, announced she will be tennis instructor at the Adams School Tuesday afternoon. Classes are starting at the Barnum School at 3 P. M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Further information regarding this may be obtained by contacting the instructor.

The Air Gets Blue—It's Merely Smoke!

Lady Mirelyn, via pipe, cigar, or cigarette, dominates the atmosphere of the Birmingham Commission meetings each Monday night.

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Zoning Change To Be Studied Monday Night

Proposed changes in the city zoning and building ordinances are to be up for public hearing before the City Commission next Monday evening.

Of particular interest will be any changes in zoning and building restrictions on property in the southeast part of the city where a number of businessmen and firms have asked changes in zoning in order to allow permits to be issued for new buildings.

The requests have been studied by the City Commission and also the Zoning Commission and both bodies are believed ready to report their findings. Just how much work is to be done to meet the various requests for changes is not known, but City Manager H. H. Corson told the Commission members this week that a number of proposed changes had been drafted.

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Eight More Men Are Called to War

The following men were inducted into service during the month of July.

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Round-the-Clock Air Offensive



Trailing 24 hours of American air offensive against Japan, Okinawa, newly in use as an air base, will soon be the busiest in the world. Australians are campaigning in oil-rich Burma at Balikpapan and in the Borneo region at Tarakan and Jesselton.

Here's How The Japs Mistreated Brother Of Mrs. L. Fave, Beverly Hills Resident

The issue of the Eccentric published right after "Pearl Harbor" featured on its front page a very timely and descriptive report from Warrant Officer Richard Regan, telling of an expected Japanese attack. Regan was with the P. T. Boat Squadron III.

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Maple Garden Residents Hit New Airport

Objections to the new Berr Airport on East Maple avenue, voiced to the City Commission on Monday evening by a group of residents of East Maple Garden Subdivision.

A group of residents of that subdivision visited the City Commission where S. H. Knowlton, president of the East Maple Garden Association, read the group's communication. This asked for information as to proper procedure.

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Daryl and Carol Are At DeVaney Home For Rest from War

This has been a busy and happy week at the home of the Frank DeVaney, 375 Palm, where two of their children have returned home from the wars on brief visits.

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Pick Groups to Aid Returning War Veterans

Selection of a number of committees to assist returning war veterans, through the Veterans' Counciling Center, the Birmingham Community House, has announced this week by Dr. John S. Lambie, chairman of the executive committee of the Birmingham Office of Veterans' Affairs.

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Hold Funeral Here For Stanley D. Rea

Funeral services for 2nd Lt. Stanley D. Rea, of the Army Air Force, killed in a plane crash at Fort Sumner, Roswell, N. M., July 12, was held here Tuesday afternoon at Highland Park Congregational church where the young officer was a member. Burial was in White Chapel.

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