We Support Kim Sigler

Insofar as the government of the State of Michigan is concerned, we believe that next Tuesday's primary election day is of utmost importance in the history of this great commonwealth.

We are particularly concerned, as we trust that you are, who is nominated on the Republican ballot for Governor; for, it must be remembered these days, that the Republican winner will undoubtedly be elected in November against his Democratic opponent.

Seldom in the history of this or other States, as well as in the history of the United States, has there been more need for electing the proper men and women to public office.

Issues of extreme vital importance are facing the people of Michigan.

The man who sits in the Governor's chair at Lansing during the next two years, after January 1, will help or hinder the personal freedoms and the personal earning power of every one of us.

Four candidates are presenting themselves on the Republican ticket for your consideration next Tuesday. For weeks, now, you have read about them in the newspapers, listened to them over the radio, perhaps have met them as they went about Michigan.

Three of these four the editor of this newspaper knows; they are Edward Jeffries, Mayor of Detroit; Vernon J. Brown, present Lieut.-Governor; and Kim Sigler, fighting former special prosecutor of the State Graft Grand Jury. We do not know Raymond J. Kelly at all.

The latter, expecting to "cash in" because his name is the same as that of the retiring Governor, is, in our opinion, merely an opportunist. He seeks to win the soldier vote by making special bonus-offering appeals; most of the other "planks" in his campaign are the usual platitudes that any candidate can offer at any time. He probably is a nice chap; but a Governor must be more than "nice."

Jeffries, several times Mayor of Detroit, was elected a year ago on a four-year term of office; we don't know "Jeff" intimately, but we think he ought to remain faithful to Detroit and stay on his present job—parts of which, we must admit, he hasn't done as well as expected. "Jeff" is running, largely, on a pledge to return a sixth of the sales tax to cities; he even applauds the idea of "kicking grafters out of State government," which we believe he is sincere about.

Then there is Lieut.-Gov. Brown. We've known him intimately for more than a score of years; we have visited at each other's homes; we have watched him as a member of the State Legislature for a number of terms, years when he acquired the appelation of "tax expert"—but even during that time the venerable gentleman never acquired a reputation for ousting political bosses or other evils that existed in State government.

Mr. Brown, let us declare, is personally an honest man; within the realm of his department, when he was Auditor-General, he acquitted himself better than many of his predecessors, certainly insofar as intelligent accounting was concerned. But when did he ever raise his voice against conditions that, during the past two and a half years, have come to light?

He did little or nothing to correct the overall picture of Michigan's deteriorating government, even though, as a former weekly newspaper editor and publisher, he knew that he could get Michigan newspapers to support him in any clear program of "cleaning house."

No, the chief reason that Vern remained quiet was that, some time, he hoped to become Governor, (laudable in itself, of course); and to become Governor one may assume that he can get there by "going along with the boys in control of the Party."

So, past 72 years of age, he has "inherited" the goodwill of the present retiring Kelly administration, and wants to be our Chief Executive.

Now, Folks, it has been somewhat difficult for us to campaign for an opponent of an old friend like Vern Brown, as we told him personally. But the editor of this newspaper, aware of the fact that the whole world is tottering for lack of courageous leadership, had to make a choice between Brown and another candidate who entered the field: Kim Sigler—and we decided to cast our support for Mr. Sigler; incidentally, we've known him for nearly a score of years, too.

Kim Sigler, recognized for many years as an able lawyer in southwestern Michigan, was asked nearly three years ago to become special prosecutor to State Supreme Court Justice Leland W. Carr, who was the Grand Juror for a One-Man Grand Jury set up by the Legislature.

With his usual vigor, Sigler began his job. Up to the time he was dismissed late this winter, he had won 41 convictions, seven of them former State Senators, 10 of them former State Representatives! Did that not prove that graft and bribery existed in State government?

He had ready two other indictments; one against State-wide gamblers, the other against bribers mixed up in trying to defeat an anti-chain banking law. Just prior to that, you will recall, Judge Carr was elevated to the State Supreme Court, and Judge Louis A. Coash appointed to succeed him.

Immediately upon the heels of Sigler's defeat in the McKay case, wherein the presiding Judge directed a verdict against him, a special committee was appointed in the State Senate, to investigate the Grand Jury's expenditures; heading that committee is Senator Ivan T. Johnston, of Macomb County, who himself was under investigation by Sigler for allowing gamblers and other law violators to operate while he, Johnston, was county prosecutor of Macomb County.

In the light of what has since followed, with Johnston's committee doing everything possible to discredit Sigler and the Grand Jury, it is easy to see why strong opposition to Sigler's entrance for the Governorship developed. Sigler has publicly called Johnston "a grafter," and Sigler is collectible—which means that Sigler must have the evidence.

So here we are, about to select a Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan. Sigler, unlike his opponents, has a publicly proven record that he can and will fight corruption in State government. A Governor, with ability and courage, can accomplish for the whole people those elements of self-government that assure decent and honest consideration for all classes.

There are many other praises we could sing for Sigler . . . . . but, insofar as the rather well-posted editor of the little old Eccentric is concerned, they all add up to the fact that Kim Sigler gets our vote next Tuesday. And we do hope that most of you who read this will be like-minded!

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MICHIGAN VOTERS WILL BE THE JUDGE THIS TIME

We have known George and his partner, Mr. Whitehead, for many years and note that the people appreciate them.—The Buckeye Informer for May, '96."

"Prof. E. F. Waldwo is untiring and ceaseless in his life work. Just as soon as his work closes here he goes to the Ferris Industrial school at Big Rapids to teach for a number of weeks. When his work closes there he will conduct two State Normal schools, one in Wexford county and the other in Montmorency county. This work with his Birmingham school just about fills a year without a skip and still the Prof. enjoys life and is happy. Regular exercise on his bicycle no doubt contributes to his usual good health."

20 YEARS AGO
June 10, 1926

"For the enlightenment of all, and to discount the many false rumors afoot, Charles Shain, village president, drug store owner, and equestrian of no mean repute, announced today that his arm has been temporarily disabled, and that the condition was brought about, not in the line of self-preservation or in conjunction with the Comstock meeting Monday evening, but through an unforseen upset a la Prince of Wales.

"Mr. Shain's horse, a gentle creature, became mired in some freshly tamped dirt. In an effort to dismount quickly, the rider fell, striking a section of hard ground and sustained a slight fracture of the shoulder. When asked if he would ride the animal again, Mr. Shain smiled a benign smile and answered 'Yes'."

"With the formal acceptance of the new tax roll by the Birmingham Village commission, a new high valuation mark for Birmingham real and personal property has been set. According to the new tax roll, the 1926 assessed valuation has been placed at $12,582,600 marking an increase of $3,922,900 over the figure accepted one year ago. Never in the history of the village has a single year shown such a remarkable increased value. In percentage figures the 1926 assessed valuation is 46 per cent over that of 1925."

"Approximately 80 of the 151 members of the village Players, local amateur theatrical organization, were present at the annual meeting and election of directors at the Community House Wednesday evening of last week. Reports were made by Waldo Fellows, president, Rolfe C. Spinning, secretary, and Mrs. Frank Briscoe, treasurer. They showed the Players to be in good financial condition, possessed of much enthusiasm, and facing the prospects of staging their first fall show in the new playhouse in October. It was voted to increase the membership from 150 to 200 this year."

5 YEARS AGO
June 12, 1941

"Boy Scouts in Birmingham held their annual spring Court of Honor at the Community House last Friday. A capacity crowd of Scouts and friends attended. Spencer Peck son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck of Hanna street, a member of Troop B-3, was awarded his Eagle badge. It was the only Eagle honor given at this Court."

"The familiar white church on South Woodward avenue—home of the United Presbyterians—is closed, for the time being at least. The pastor, The Rev. Joseph A. Mears, has been called to a new pastorate at West-Newark, N. J., and Tuesday of this week they moved."

"Birmingham's liquor store was closed Tuesday as employees here and elsewhere in the district joined the strike for higher wages for store clerks."

"The back door of McBride's tea room was found open last Thursday morning. A bag of change, worth $17 was missing."

"Congratulations to C. Leland Guinn, of 475 Park, a member of the city engineer's department. Despite his work here and his family obligations, Leland found time to study to complete work for a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree at Lawrence Institute of Technology. The degree was conferred Sunday at the Institute of Arts auditorium. He was honored by election to Lambda Iota Tau for high scholarship.

"Incidentally, Leland's degree was enhanced with a 'Summa Cum Laude' which in plain English means highest honors."

"We know that the coming horse show had people out at the Hunt Club in an uproar, but we didn't know how serious it was until the following tale came to us. It seems that young Skippy Rohey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fohey, brought his mare, 'Marylegs,' to the club a month or so ago for schooling. For the past week or so William Lambert, manager, had been telling the grooms to stop feeding Marylegs so much; she was getting too fat. Then one morning last week one of the grooms came to the stables and found Marylegs with a colt—a complete surprise to both the club and the Foheys. The colt has been named 'June Bug.'"

Birmingham Colonel First Non-German to Command Tempelhof

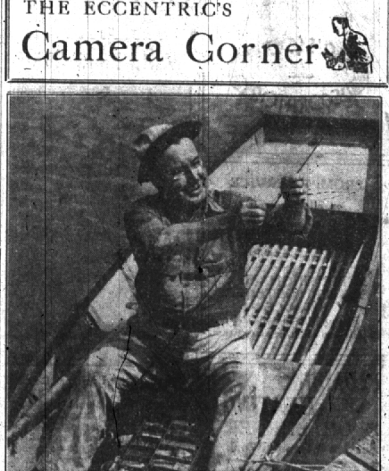
First non-German to command the great Tempelhof airdrome at Berlin is Colonel William G. Booth, 763 Pilgrim. Tempelhof is the Berlin terminal for the European Air Transport Service which operates more than 11,000 miles of military airlines linking London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Vienna, Athens, Sophia, and almost a score of other key installations in Europe.

Colonel Booth moved his organization into Tempelhof last June and has since completely rebuilt the wrecked and ransacked establishment, drawing on the engineering he learned at the University of Michigan and applied as a civilian between World Wars I and II.

The Tempelhof commander learned to fly during World War I and maintained his affiliation with military aviation. He participated in the Louisiana maneuvers as commander of the 107th Observation Group and came overseas in September, 1942, as executive officer of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group.

A year later he commanded the 315th Troop Carrier Group in England. When the Ninth Air Force began moving onto the Continent after D-day, Colonel Booth was drawn into the Staff to plan the details for movement.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



This close-up viewpoint eliminated unnecessary background detail and concentrated all attention on the subject.

WHEN you snap a picture, do you get close enough to your subject?

This is one of the best ways to make your pictures simple and unified. Get close enough to eliminate objects and details that have nothing to do with your picture subject. Let your subject appear large enough to "dominate" the picture.

To make your pictures include just enough, and not too much, use your view finder carefully. Decide what you want to take, point the camera at the chosen subject, and then move forward until the image in the view finder shows just the part you want. Then estimate the distance from your lens to your subject, focus accurately, and snap the picture.

Most cameras, including box cameras, allow you to snap pictures when you are as near as six to eight feet from your subject. Some focus for closer distances. And, if you add a close-up attachment over your lens, you can snap pictures at three and one-half feet or nearer.

However, here's a tip, if you can't get as close as you'd like with your camera, and still keep your subject in focus—or if you've got a picture that includes too much already—don't worry about it. Take such pictures as best you can, then trim or "crop" the picture as you like it—and have just the section that interests you enlarged. That's the way many professional photographers work, and it's one method of picture taking that always gives good results.

But, generally speaking, make it a rule to take pictures near enough to your subject—as in our illustration this week—so you exclude everything that doesn't help your picture idea. It's a simple method, but it's also one that will definitely help you make better pictures.

John van Guilder

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ELECTION NOTICE

Primary Election

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1946

To the Qualified Electors of
The City of Bloomfield Hills—

Notice is hereby given that a General Primary Election will be held in the Municipal Building, East Long Lake Road, City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1946, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator and Representative in the State Legislature; also for nominating candidates for County Offices as prescribed by Act 351, P. A. 1925, as amended.

Proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Bloomfield Hills will also be voted upon at this election.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

NORVIL B. FARRELL
City Clerk

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Primary Election

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To the Qualified Electors of
The Township of Bloomfield,
Oakland County, Michigan—

Notice is hereby given that a General Primary Election will be held in the Township Building, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1946, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

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MRS. MYRNA L. SMITH
Deputy Township Clerk

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
June 11, 1896

"Oakland county jail has been empty for several days, an unusual condition of things."

"An accident happened to the carpenters on J. F. Stephen's house last week Wednesday during the forenoon, by the scaffold giving away, five men were on the staging when the crash came. Messrs. Brayman, Dunning, Butts, James and Logan. Three tumbled and two saved themselves by hanging and climbing into the windows which fortunately were close by. Mr. James Dunning suffered the most by having his collarbone dislocated. Enos Brayman was bruised up considerably, but only lost a day or so while Mr. James escaped without a bruise. They fell about twenty feet and are thankful they fared no worse."

"Edward Crawford, of Southfield, has been seriously ill for some weeks past, but is now convalescent and his many friends are correspondingly hilarious. Mr. Crawford is 78 years old and is now good for another quarter of a century, we hope."

"The property formerly known as the Interlaken Club House, at Pine Lake, Oakland county, Mich., will be opened on or about June 15."

"George H. Mitchell of the Birmingham Eccentric, who went to Atlanta with the Buckeyes, is a model citizen and postmaster.