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Brown vs. Sigler

Apparently proceeding on the theory that the best defense is an offense...

Mr. Sigler, you know, is the Republican candidate who served for 23 months as special prosecutor for the State Grand Jury...

Mr. Brown, in his opening statement, said that "I will not stand for insinuations that the State government is corrupt and that Lansing is overrun by grafters."

Well, folks, the editor of this newspaper is fairly close to Mr. Sigler and does not recall that the latter ever said that all of the present or past governing officials of Michigan were crooks or grafters...

Certainly, Mr. Brown has a perfect right and duty to defend all honest past and present members of State government...

In brief, it appears that Mr. Brown is resorting to the old political trick, namely: the effort to draw the public attention from the main issue in this election...

We suggest to Mr. Brown that he confine himself to the main issues of the State's problems...

Should he continue his attacks, we are quite sure, he will find in Mr. Sigler an opponent whose verbal sword is very capable of finding vulnerable spots in the armor of any and all political warriors.

It is ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF TRUE CHRISTIAN charity to feed those parts of the post-war earth that face famine...

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Everybody Can Guess

The people opposed to the theory that the best defense is an offense...

The next war, according to other thinkers, will start with a bang. The bang being an atomic attack, delivered suddenly and without warning...

The Mind Must Be Free

If the truth is destined to make men free and the statement comes from excellent authority...

Obviously, it is impossible for, steeped in ignorance, prejudice, superstition or self-interest, to make an approach to the objective consideration of facts that tend to reveal the truth.

Consequently, those who are interested in the truth, as an objective of human endeavor, should seek to rid themselves of ignorance, prejudice, superstition and self-interest.

LET'S NOT BECOME SO ENGRAGED IN MINOR domestic troubles that we forget the great stake that we have in a properly ordered world.

IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE ABILITY TO MAKE money is a gift but certainly the ability to give it away wisely is also a gift that too few really possess.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 7, 1896

"We notice there is considerable complaint being made regarding the use of bicycles on sidewalks...

"Grand concert at St. James church on Friday evening, May 12th, 1896, for benefit of Ladies Guild. Wait for it. Watch for it!"

"The fountains are receiving a coat of paint and it is hoped the lamp posts will get some, too."

"Mr. James Sharp is erecting on Woodward avenue, between two miles south of this office and near the railroad, a beautiful home office."

"The annual routine of the weather or starting the morning cold and finishing the day with warm sunbathing was reversed Monday of this week..."

"At the regular meeting of the Village Players, held Saturday night at the Community House, the organization, which has 80 members, presented that the old Town Hall, given to the Players some time ago, was found to be in such a condition that it could not be repaired with any degree of satisfaction. He recommended that the Players consider a brand new building at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be paid for by individual subscriptions from the membership."

"Though the bookkeepers for the Community House Roll Call have not yet received their reports, yet, they are saying that there have been no discouraging reports received from the canvassers and that they are experiencing the good will and interest of practically the whole community in this annual drive. Mrs. Harry M. Krull, one of the canvassers, reports that she has secured 100% of the Roll Call."

"An incident that will live long in the lives of the four Birmingham boys is scheduled to take place at the Coliseum in Detroit when Sir Robert S. S. Barlow, Fowell, founder and 'Chief Scout of the World', will be the distinguished guest of the Birmingham community. He will pin to the blouses of Ivan Haack, Forest Fowler, Byron Winborn, and Colonel Wollaston, Eagle Scout Badges."

50 YEARS AGO May 8, 1941

"Winning for Birmingham consecutive year, Birmingham swept all class B competition last Saturday to take the annual Wayne Relays with 40 1/2 points. Baldwin now becomes the permanent possessor of the Class B trophy..."

"Three hundred men and women from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and vicinity gathered at a dinner Monday night in the Community House, their objective being to stimulate local enthusiasm for the relief of Britain."

"Twenty-eight young men left by bus at 6:30 last night for their year's training with the Army."

"Building in Birmingham for the month of April totaled \$112,290, bringing the year's total to \$393,077, contrasted to \$182,878 for the same period of 1945."

"A new church structure for Birmingham, the first to be built since the Baptist Church was constructed 133 years ago, will be started soon by the Redeemer Lutheran congregation, was announced Wednesday by the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Waggoner, Jr. The building is to be of Col-

'Well, I've Seen Cooler Perches!'

Scout Troop Holds Its Court Of Honor

The spring Court of Honor of Boy Scout Troop B-1 was held last Wednesday night, at which time a number of Scouts were advanced in rank, merit awards were presented and Bill Reusch received the award, advancing him to the rank of Life Scout."

This troop is sponsored by the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian church. Walter Waid of the Troop Committee introduced Brownson B. Jr., neighborhood Scout commissioner, who presented the new charter to the troop. This was received by A. S. McCall of the Men's Club."

Charles G. Kinnison of the Troop Committee introduced Scoutmaster R. D. Hilly who presented stars for service in the troop and also perfect attendance stars, and conducted the investiture ceremonies for new Scouts. The advance ceremony for second class Scouts was conducted by R. E. Fowler, community commissioner, while A. S. McCall conducted the ceremony for first class Scouts. Merit badges for Bill Reusch and Glenn Brown, Jr., were presented by H. Lee North of the neighborhood committee."

FREEZING INFORMATION This year's crop of Extension Bulletin E-208 on preservation of fruits and vegetables by freezing is now ready for distribution and may be had by addressing a note to the Bulletin Office, Department of Public Relations, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. These bulletins were much in demand last year when a lot more freezer storage plants and additional space in existing plants were opened. It is said that many more home freezer plants are in use in Birmingham than a year ago."

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Home Service Of Red Cross Would Assist War Brides

Red Cross Home Service of the Oakland County Chapter, Mrs. Sheldon Noble, chairman wishes to inform husbands and families who are expecting War Brides to contact the chapter at either one of the two Home Service offices so that records may be made of the current address of relatives to whom the War Brides are coming.

"When these wives embark from a foreign country, a list of passengers is sent to the Red Cross chapter at the port of entry into the United States. Mrs. Noble states: Upon receipt of this information the local chapter is immediately notified and advised as to the name of the ship and the approximate date of arrival. The Military notified the family members at either one of the two Home Service offices so that records may be made of the current address of relatives to whom the War Brides are coming."

Home Service offices of the Oakland County Chapter are located in Pontiac at 4100 Pontiac Bank Bldg. Tel. 4-3575 and in Royal Oak, 114 E. Fourth St. Tel. Lincoln 5-7700.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner Ridiculous, isn't it? Certainly - but it's lots of fun to make snapshots like this from time to time. Most amateur photographers take their pictures making pretty seriously and rightly so - but if you want to have real fun with your camera, you want to get into the habit of letting yourself go and making a really ridiculous picture occasionally. For instance, look at the snapshot we're using as an illustration this week. Who ever heard of using a tripod as a prop for a camera? And you'll find that such excursions from the path of very serious photography will provide you with lots of laughs, as well as give you many amusing pictures to add to your snapshot collection. John van Gulder

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