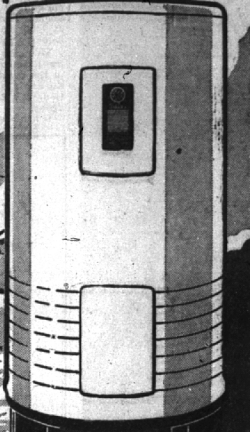


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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By Gene Alteman

LELAND—This is a tale of nostalgia.

It is a story about J. Lee Barrett—Detroit's suave No. 1 ambassador and promoter of civic superlatives—manager of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, and his vacation retreat on South Manitou Island on Lake Michigan.

We viewed the distant outline of the Manitous—North and South—from a window of Karl Metzger's print shop here at Leland.

In the foreground are fishermen's weathered, bronze-brown, baldheaded men, bronze with tan, had set up his easel to paint. A family was having a picnic in the village park where a charcoal iron smelter once stood. Children were playing on the sandy shore, for the waters of Lake Michigan are numbing cold. Hundreds of gulls swarmed, notably about wood piling that line the narrow harbor entrance.

Between this tranquil scene and the faint silhouette of South Manitou are 18 miles of blue water.

Tracy Grosvenor, mail boat skipper, knows the Manitous. His conversation about life on the islands was a pleasant relief from dingy, troubled memories of teenage boys undergoing military training at Grayling.

"Back in 1908 my father was a logger on North Manitou," said Tracy at the wheel. "Before then the island had a popular summer lodge for Chicago tourists. Many times the dining room served 100 people. When the lumbermen came in 1908 for a second timber harvest, the tourists left. Years later the island was acquired by William R. Angell, former President of the Continental Motor Company of Detroit and Muskegon, and Roger Sherman a Chicago attorney. They operate it now as a sportsmen's club and cherry farm.

We stopped at North Manitou to deliver parcels of food and to pick up two bags of cherries for the Coast Guard. Thence we journeyed on to South Manitou whose natural harbor, curved like a new moon, is praised by sailors as being the best on Lake Michigan.

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Berkley Judge Bids for Job as Cty. Prosecutor

Judge J. Harold Steffes of Berkley, who will make his bid for the office of Prosecuting Attorney in Oakland County in the September 14 Republican primary, expressed his views this week of the qualifications he believes necessary for the proper execution of the duties of that office.

"The office of prosecutor is one of our most important local offices and touches directly and indirectly upon the lives of every individual in Oakland County," states Steffes. "Publicizing of the policies and activities of the Prosecuting Attorney's office can be an open invitation to criminals to visit us or a warning to them to stay away or be jailed."

A practicing attorney for the past 14 years, Judge Steffes has served the City of Berkley for seven years as municipal judge.

Interested in Delinquency As the father of three boys, Judge Steffes says he is especially interested in the problem of juvenile delinquency. He believes "it is the sacred duty of every citizen to give his utmost to assist in the correction of youthful errors and to promote a change in the course of the wayward minor."

If elected to the office, the judge promises "to cooperate with every person and organization which establish influence for the betterment of our youth. I will appoint a qualified investigator to work in close cooperation with State, City and County Police and juvenile authorities to place advanced delinquents in healthy corrective environments and to consult with parents regularly so that the cause of difficulties may be corrected or removed."

In consultation with the prosecutor's staff Judge Steffes announced, "I will appoint only qualified experienced lawyers to my staff in order that taxpayers may receive a real value for the money expended for salaries. I do not believe in making the Prosecutor's Office a training ground for the inexperienced."

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