

Man easily adjusts himself to his situation in life. Suddenly thrust into great wealth and ease, he soon manages to get used to it. Thrust into poverty, he adjusts himself. His only fortune is change.

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Death Claims Harry Starr, Hills Manager

By G. R. A.

Election Candidate For Governor

By the time you read this column, Gov. Kim Sigler will have started a vigorous four weeks in the final stages of his campaign to elect his Chief Executive. He will have plenty to say. He will be on a dignified theme, with now and then a proper punch in all that he mentions. He will review his administration, pointing out its achievements, emphasizing reforms yet needed to bring more economy, efficiency, and executive responsibility to State government.

It isn't in the Sigler scheme of thinking to make outlandish "political promises." When he talks about the various services that the public wants, he will also include the part of the taxpayers of such services. He is willing to go along with every honest need for governmental service and asks the people—so long as the people are reminded that the attributes of self-reliance and self-support are still American virtues that ought to be retained.

Sigler's executive secretary for the past 21 months, I can tell you that there is nothing very serious about the operation of State government; ability, honesty, sympathetic understanding of the people's problems and willingness to stand for what you believe to be right. . . . these are the basic and fundamental tools that public officials need in order to do decent jobs. The same qualities are needed in private business, too.

It is tremendously important that voters should realize, in their consideration of candidates for public office, that ALL POLITICAL PROMISES IN THE LIGHT OF A CANDIDATE'S ABILITIES AND CHARACTER ARE PLUS THE FACT THAT YOU, THE TAXPAYER, FINALLY GET TO PAY THE COST OF THE SERVICES AND AIDS A CANDIDATE PROMISES YOU. . . . other words, the candidate tells you that he will give you more, more public service, yet reduce your taxes, mentally and morally disarming, and not fit for your serious civic consideration.

Violates Contract With City on Henrietta St. Job

Although the contract provided that the city must give permission before the job could be subcontracted, the contractor, who is Henrietta St. job, has been found to have violated the contract by subcontracting the job to a private contractor.

Without mincing words, this report is a rebuke to the contractor at Jackson prison who is shirking his job, both professionally and as a human being. The report, plus observations made by Corrections Commissioner Joseph Sanford and other city officials, the needed changes were made.

Mr. Sigler believes, as do the citizens of Michigan, that men in prison are deserving of capable and humane physical and mental treatment, to the end that they may be rehabilitated for the day when they are returned to society.

Drew Pearson, a great newspaper and radio columnist who thinks more of assassinating the character of some people than he does of butchering a hog on his Maryland farm, last week might be accused of his accuracy in "predicting things to come" in certain Republican circles in Michigan.

He recited his "prediction" of Sept. 12, and reminded his audience that he then named two of the automobile dealers who would be indicted by a federal grand jury for violating the corrupt practices act, when they contributed corporation checks to the Republican party.

Well, Mr. Pearson's "prediction" did come to pass last week. However, he failed to state that Michigan's Attorney-General Backlund, personally from Port Huron, telephoned him twice at Washington, (as I am informed), that certain dealers would be indicted; that Mr. Backlund gave the names involved, amounts of contribution, etc., etc.

With authentic information from the Attorney-General, how could Pearson be wrong? He said, "I am not in this comm. criticizing Backlund's official action. I always have, and always will, have every action revealed to the public good wrongdoing; all I wish to do here is to inform you of the 'inside' information on how Pearson got his facts straight when he said that certain dealers would be indicted." He claims to be 81 per cent accurate in making them. The 18 per cent inaccuracy springs from his inability to get advance "inside" news from those who really make the "predictions" he does make. Which, incidentally, is the only place where Pearson is correct in the falsification.

Wake up, Chum!—REGISTER



REGISTER at the Municipal Building ON OR BEFORE NEXT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13

In addition to regular office hours—8 to 4 daily—the City Clerk's Office will be open Monday, Oct. 12, 9 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 13, 9 to 5 p.m.; and on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9 to 5 p.m.

Police Outline Bike Safety Program; List State Laws

Through special efforts of Police Chief Ralph Moxley and Sgt. Henry Timm, a drive is being made in Birmingham to bring bicycle safety to the attention of local boys and girls. They are soliciting the full cooperation of local boys and girls by showing them the best safety rules, training them for safety, and aiding them in keeping their bikes in top-shape. The Harold Turner Ford Agency is cooperating in the drive by giving a bicycle to the boy who brings in a bicycle for inspection.

Inspection Start Today Rules which the police have drawn up for the bike inspection will be published in the next issue of this paper. The inspection will be held at the Police Department, 125 E. Feather, from 9 to 11 a.m. today.

Special Rewards will be given the boys from time to time in the form of passes to the local theaters and to the city swimming pool. The annual trip to Washington sponsored by the American Automobile Association will be given to the boy who brings in a bicycle for inspection.

Members of the Lions Club and other service clubs are furnishing the boys with white rain gear. The boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00, and the boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00, and the boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00.

Fire Recreations "Bicycling," he said, "is fun. It is one of the finest recreations for growing youngsters. It is healthful exercise in the fresh air, and helps build strong bodies and sturdy limbs. You, the police officers, certainly approve of anything that is helpful and at the same time a pleasure for the young people of our city."

It is with this thought in mind that we are conducting this program, as we want to keep bicycling a healthful and desirable recreation. The police officers are sure that this program will be a success. The boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00, and the boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00.

3 Water Mains, 5 Sewers Head City's List for Construction in 1949 Within the next 60 days, the various city construction projects now under contract will be completed and the engineering department will concentrate its efforts on the 1949 construction program. The city will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00, and the boys will be given a license each year, with the license cost \$1.00.

Planned for February In the event we secure bids, they will probably be rejected. (See WATER MAINS, Page 2)

Fire 'Epidemic' Gives Department A Busy Three Days

With Fire Prevention Week being observed here, there is great interest in the seven alarm local firemen responded to Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday. All were called out by circumstances which householders had been warned against in various fire prevention articles published under the direction of George S. Scott, marshal of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The greatest damage was at the home of Roy McCutcheon, 679 Lakewood, when sparks from a chimney ignited the roof. The fire had been kindled shortly after noon, and it was not until after 2 o'clock that the blaze was discovered by Mrs. McCutcheon, who noticed a piece of burning wood dropping past the window.

Chief Vern Griffith said the estimated damage would be \$2,000 for the building and \$500 for the contents of the house. The fire was caused when a driver parked his car and went away leaving a lighted cigarette in the car. The cigarette fell into the car and started a fire.

Another alarm was received when the motor in a washing machine started and burned out. The loss of this income would seriously affect the operation of the Birmingham public schools.

Regarding the fire, the statement reads: "The Birmingham Board of Education this week announced that it will stand on two state constitutional amendments regarding local school administration which local voters will find on the November 2 ballot."

The board asked that Proposal No. 3, which concerns the diversion of state tax monies, be defeated, while Proposal No. 5, governing the 15-month limitation, be approved.

In a strongly worded statement, issued through Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland, the board stated: "The continued diversion of sales tax monies to schools, townships, and cities will be necessary for the building and \$500 for the contents of the house."

Schools in the Birmingham district will be closed today and tomorrow to permit teachers to attend the annual Michigan Educational Association teachers' conference to be held in Detroit.

High School at State The Birmingham Board of Education this week announced that it will stand on two state constitutional amendments regarding local school administration which local voters will find on the November 2 ballot.

Don't Hesitate "Don't hesitate," he said, "to take action. The risk in prices has made it an emergency situation. The risk in prices has made it an emergency situation. The risk in prices has made it an emergency situation."

Will Organize The organizational meeting of the new Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce will be held next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Municipal Building. Election of a permanent chairman is expected at this meeting.

10-Point Work Program for Coming Year Is Adopted by Chamber of Commerce A 10-point program for the coming year was adopted by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night. The agenda was outlined at the chamber's first general membership meeting since organization of the group last January, and was enthusiastically endorsed by the members attending the meeting at the Municipal Building.

As proposed by Manager Charles Mortensen, after careful consideration by the board of directors, the program will be directed toward: 1.—Promotion of effective city planning by cooperating with, and assisting the new city plan commission in every way possible. 2.—Solution of the local downtown parking problem. 3.—Improvement of traffic and safety conditions. 4.—Community Recreation. 5.—Encouragement of assistance in the development of a community recreation program for the children and adults.

Birmingham Upsets Littleton, 31-6

By Duke Layland

Mighty Mt. Clemens, pre-season choice to win the Eastern Michigan League Championship, met Birmingham last Friday night under the lights at Pierce Field and were humiliated 31-6 by an underdog Maple eleven led by Bob Littleton who ran wild to score four touchdowns.

Birmingham won the loss and elected to receive. Fred Listebath, Bather co-captain, kicked to Dick Murray who was downed on the Maple 29-yard line. Two plays later Mt. Clemens suffered a severe loss when Ken Holmes, co-captain and right tackle, was injured and had to leave the game.

Defense Tightens The Maples picked up a first down as Murray and Littleton took turns running the ends. But Mt. Clemens tightened its defense and Birmingham was forced to kick. Waldo Boudie punted out of bounds, the Bather punter took the game, 50 yards to the Bather 43-yard line. Had Catter, Maple right half, and Campbell brought the ball down to the six from where Littleton went over to make the score 6-0 in favor of Birmingham. Campbell tried to run the extra point but was stopped by the Bather 31-yard line.

Start 93-Yard Drive Littleton went for a tackle for 19 yards, gaining the Maple a first down on Mt. Clemens 19-yard line. Campbell kicked to Dick Murray who was downed on the Maple 29-yard line. Two plays later Mt. Clemens suffered a severe loss when Ken Holmes, co-captain and right tackle, was injured and had to leave the game.

Expect W. Maple To Be Reopened Week from Today Next Monday and Tuesday, weather permitting, W. Maple between Woodward and Bates will receive new hickory surfacing. City Manager Donald C. Egbert disclosed this week.

It will take the police department on Wednesday a large group of the proper markings on the street, and it is hoped it will be open again for traffic a week from today, Egbert said.

In connection with the reopening of W. Maple, large groups of W. Maple merchants reminded the commission in a letter read Monday night that the widening was to be permitted parking on the south side.

Hold Over for a Week Several weeks ago the commission was asked to widen the street for 30 days in order to learn whether traffic needed the extra width to proceed smoothly before parking were reinstated.

The merchants' letter reminded commissioners that when the project was approved in June 1946, the commission advanced the argument that the widening would permit continued parking.

Commissioners Monday night thumbed through several sheaves of notes in an attempt to come up with a decision. They asked City Manager Donald C. Egbert to get all the pertinent data together and present it to them next Monday evening, when they will thresh it out.

Birmingham took possession of the ball but could not get moving. Boudie punted to the 15-yard line where the team was grounded. A ten-yard pass was called back and the Bather were penalized 15 yards for an illegal pass formation.

Fifth Maple Touchdown Trombly, again faded to pass but threw the ball into the arms of Murray, who was thrown on the 13-yard line. Campbell picked up for yards through center and Ed Boynton went over for the fifth Maple touchdown and the game's final score.

Mt. Clemens took Birmingham too lightly; they were looking forward to the game, which was next on their schedule. The Maples proved very convincing in the game, which was a team that lacks those requisites of a good outfit.

First down, 13 to 0. Second down, 13 to 0. Third down, 13 to 0. Fourth down, 13 to 0. Fifth down, 13 to 0. Sixth down, 13 to 0. Seventh down, 13 to 0. Eighth down, 13 to 0. Ninth down, 13 to 0. Tenth down, 13 to 0.