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...of the male and the female...
...and yet both are as necessary to each other as north and south to each other's directions.

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14 to 16 Mile Rd. Fight Gains and THAT New Support

By George R. A. Estes

GBA will be back from his Florida vacation next week. During his absence, his column will be written by well-known local residents. This week's guest columnist is Howard R. Estes, a member of the Michigan legislature who is serving his third term in the Michigan legislature as the state representative for the 14th and 15th districts. A former Birmingham city commissioner and a member of the following House legislative committees: labor, institutions of mental health, education and chairman of the public health committee.

The opportunity presented to me as a member of the legislature to "speak" through the columns of the press to my constituents is deeply appreciated. My good friend George, who has kept us all well informed, during the past two years, on how the state government looks from the "front office," I shall attempt to tell you a few things about how we, as legislators, operate in the other parts of the Capitol.

First, however, I would like to know publicly those who have written me, expressing their viewpoints on the operation of the state government in general and on specific legislation in particular.

It has been stated that very few of us are actually in the name of their State Representative or State Senator. I am inclined to believe that this is true. My own circle of friends, of course, know that I have been their State Representative for the past four years. Many of them have signed my nominating petitions for a few years, and I am sure to endorse their applications for the office of notary public.

On the whole, however, many good citizens have few personal direct contacts with the officials of their government. The reason for this is that the identity of their most convenient contacts with their state representatives is not the representative or Senator, remain so distant that the officials' names must be searched for in order to transact business with them.

It would be interesting to me to receive from you a list of the teachers in the schools in my district, a tabulation showing the names of the State Representative who can name their State Representative and State Senator. Well, so long as you are getting better acquainted.

You may not know that for each member of your state government, there are 40 to 45 dollars placed in your pocket each year in his judgment as to how that money will be spent in the course of your state government. For that is the approximate amount that the state government is authorized to spend each year.

Trusting His Judgment

You are also trusting in his judgment to vote for you on about 300 bills each year in every regular session, any of which may alter your daily existence. For that is the approximate number of different bills that we have to consider at each regular session of the legislature. The subject matter of these bills ranges from whether you want the State to issue a license for a dog to whether you should get a shot of rabies vaccine before he is entitled to sport with his dog.

It can truthfully be said that when you send an individual to the legislature, you are sending the State Legislature, you are subjecting him to an education much better than any given in the finest university in the entire country.

Outdated Provisions

For that, I for one, am deeply appreciative. And, with this opportunity that is afforded me, would feel that I had neglected a duty if I did not thank all of you for the action which you took November in removing the Constitutional provisions, long out of date, which authorized the old salary schedule will feel that they can now afford to run for office.

Compare Equitably

This new salary schedule compares equitably with States in the United States. It is based on population and industry. Michigan was one of five states which this year revised their salary schedule.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of my constituents (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

From 1928 to the first of this year, the Michigan State Legislature received about \$1,100 per year and had to pay for expenses out of their own pockets. This year the amount for travel between home and Lansing, and for the democratic selection of the membership of the State Legislature, for the action which you took November in removing the Constitutional provisions, long out of date, which authorized the old salary schedule will feel that they can now afford to run for office.

Planning Birmingham

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An Open Letter to the City Plan Commissioners:

From George Wm. Averill

Gentlemen:

Did you know the City of Birmingham has a board of directors? Well, it has, and you are a member of it. You, together with your eight fellow commissioners, have the responsibility of determining the direction in which this city shall go—and what its ultimate future will be.

And, as a member of this general staff, your duties should be to determine the type of attack, issue the orders to properly carry it out, and then check to see if these orders HAVE been carried out. Too, you are on emergency call in the event that plans must be altered due to "unforeseen circumstances."

You were appointed to the Birmingham city plan commission by Mayor Milton F. Mallender on Sept. 27, 1948. You have met some 10 times since then. This is not long enough to really get a city plan rolling, it must be admitted. But it has been long enough to bring to light a trend, which, if not corrected immediately, will slow Birmingham's board of directors down to a creeping crawl regarding the city's future.

It is simply this: LEAVE THE PLANNING DETAILS TO YOUR APPOINTED SUB-COMMITTEES AND CONCENTRATE ENTIRELY ON THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE PLAN.

The city commission, just last year, spent some \$16,000 just to get out from under some of the minutiae that they were handling every Monday evening. They discovered they were handling so much administrative detail that their general objectives were suffering badly or being practically ignored. So they hired an outside firm of management consultants to streamline Birmingham city government to the point where regular city offices were made responsible for more of this detail, thus giving the city commission itself more time for more important business.

You, as a member of the city plan commission, can benefit from the city commission's experience.

Let's compare you further with a member of a board of directors or a military general staff. Have you ever known any of those progressive automobile company board of directors which passed upon the particular color of each and every car which rolled off its assembly line? Or of a general staff meeting which regularly approved or disapproved of weekend passes for the enlisted men? (These examples are in the extreme, of course, but you understand what is meant.)

No, the board of directors concerns itself in practically all cases with general company policy: how many cars will be produced this year, what the general design will be, how much of a raise company employees will receive, etc. The general staff determines what shall be attacked, how many divisions will be used, what kind of uniform the entire Army will wear, etc. The working details are left to the various company divisions and departments or lower military echelons. BUT THE DIRECTORS OR GENERAL STAFF ARE KEPT INFORMED ON PROGRESS OF THEIR GENERAL PLANS.

Commissioners, in your planning of Birmingham's future, keep yourselves free of encumbering administrative details. Delegate most of the actual working out of details to your sub-committees, thus permitting you to keep your eyes on the horizon. You should be viewing the panorama, not the blades of grass.

You will be continually receiving communications from the public on matters concerning some phase of city planning. Let these communications be channeled automatically into the proper sub-committee for study and action. If your sub-committee really needs assistance from the general staff, step in and help. But don't let them burden you with details and matters which, if given the responsibility and authority, they should take care of in a routine manner. Leave yourselves free to move about these sub-committees as much as possible to keep an eye on developments. Let the lower echelons do the work. If your sub-committee really needs assistance from you, they are contributing a direct share in the city's future.

In conclusion, here is a quotation from an editorial in The Eccentric of Nov. 24, 1948:

"City planning is a new adventure. Few citizens honestly know what it is all about. They can understand the mechanics of city planning only if they participate in it. That is why the Eccentric believes the city plan commission could not go wrong in appointing neighborhood planning commissions, one for each neighborhood. Neighborhood committees on neighborhood recreation, neighborhood streets, neighborhood sewers and water mains, etc., should be set up. Their findings should go to over-all city plan commission subcommittees on city recreation, city streets, city sewers, and city water mains. On these city planning sub-committees would be neighborhood representatives.

"At the top, the city plan commission itself should correlate, sift and analyze these group reports and fit them into a working program for the city."

"Only by active participation in city planning can the public become educated on the 'why and how' of planning. The public will also feel it has an active part in deciding what the community is to be. Once interest is aroused, first by inspection of their neighborhoods, it is logical to assume that this interest can be expanded to city-at-large problems. And when this latter point is reached, it should be continuously maintained."

Commissioners, keep your city plan group moving forward by:

- 1) Limiting your regular meetings to discussions of planning aspects which fit into the GENERAL program;
- 2) Delegating responsibility and authority to your various sub-committees; and
- 3) Gaining community-wide support by extensive neighborhood participation in the city's planning of its future.

Women Voters Planning UN Drive Here

Culminates May 16 in Town Meeting at Community House

To strengthen the United Nations and increase the opportunity for world peace, the League of Women Voters in 699 cities across the nation are attempting to interest every man, woman, and child in his UN.

Here in Birmingham each person not already acquainted with the developments at Lake Success will have a chance to learn more about the UN through its club, his home, or a flyer at his own front door.

Mrs. Stanley A. Cain, UN League Chairman for Birmingham and the Birmingham Area, announces the following local chairmen of committees for this project: Mrs. Brooks Marshall, neighborhood discussion committee; Mrs. Frank C. Smith, resource and library committee; Mrs. William Jackson, school committee; Mrs. Karl Ketchum, church committee; Mrs. E. M. Foster, Michigan committee; Mrs. Howard Liverance, discussion leader committee; and Mrs. Phyllis M. Marshall, neighborhood meeting committee. More than a hundred women in this league will be assisting these chairmen.

Hold Neighborhood Parties

Neighborhood parties centered on UN problems and accomplishments have already been held in almost two dozen Birmingham blocks. In fact, Mrs. Brooks Marshall, 812 Pitham, is the club and organizations in this area, there are two panel programs available. The first includes Mrs. E. M. Foster, Mrs. M. C. Hollister, Mrs. Mary E. Lutz, and Mrs. Stanley Cain who will be the speakers. The second, "Building" with Mrs. F. G. Garrison, is the President of the League.

On the second panel for audiences with more background in UN problems, Mrs. Brooks Marshall, Mrs. John K. Ormond, Mrs. H. M. Foley, Mrs. Henry Markle, and Mrs. S. Janet Duncan in debating "Can the UN Be Strengthened?"

Services Held For Former Hills Police Chief, W. A. Putnam

Funeral services for the late William A. Putnam were held Monday afternoon from the Farmer-Snyder funeral home in Birmingham. He was buried in White Chapel cemetery. Dr. William Marcho, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated. Bearers were three members of the Birmingham Hills Police department, leaving there to become a member of the motorcycle squad of the Oakland County sheriff's department. When the Birmingham Hills Police department was formed in 1927, he went there as police chief. He was in that position in March, 1934, due to ill health. In recent years he had been in charge of the Pontiac branch of Consumer's Power.

Surviving besides his widow are Mrs. L. Lane, an attorney in Pontiac and Mrs. Bertha Schmitz of Clarksville, Tenn.; one son, Clyde, also of Clarksville and six grandchildren.

State to Widen Telegraph Road During 1949

Widening of Telegraph road between the intersection of Northwestern Highway, is proposed for this year by the State Highway Department.

This was disclosed this week by Edwin Schwoppe, district construction engineer for the department.

"We anticipate that this widening will be done this year," Schwoppe said. It will provide an additional traffic lane in each direction.

Field crews started several weeks ago to check the right-of-way. Fuller emphasized that "We're apathetic, we always want to let George do it but George doesn't do it. His intention were really self-sacrificing."

Garbage Crews Don't Mind Playing 'Hide-and-Seek' But It Sure Slows Down Service!

Birmingham's garbage collection crews don't mind playing "hide-and-seek" with residents' garbage cans, but it certainly slows down service all over town while the game goes on.

To remedy this situation, DPW Director William Gunn this week issued the following orders to all residents:

- 1) All containers will be kept at or within five feet of ground level;
- 2) If kept in garages or other enclosed areas, unobstructed access must be provided to the collectors; and
- 3) Keep Side-by-Side

Adherence to these three measures will greatly improve the efficiency of the service, Gunn points out.

"Some garbage cans are located in the high service porches," Gunn explained. "During this winter weather, too often the steps are not clear of ice and snow. Under these circumstances, it is exceedingly dangerous for men to descend with a heavy load."

A great many other cans are kept inside garages or other enclosed places, he said.

Garages Found Locked

"There is absolutely no objection to this practice as long as the men are able to enter for collection without undue loss of time," Gunn said. "However, many of these garages are found locked and the collector must chase up the householder or miss the collection. In the latter event, it means that the collector must make an 'urgent' call. Both ways, it results in considerable loss of time and slows service."

Collectors want to empty all containers and unless they are close together, they may miss an extra can if it is not nearby. This can be overcome by having all containers side-by-side, Gunn said.

City Forester Attempting to Save English Elms on Linden and Aspen

Crews from the city's parks and forestry department this week spent about a week on Linden and Aspen roads endeavoring to control and eliminate a disease among the trees, endangering the 200 English elms lining the streets.

City Forester John Johannot has sent out a letter to Aspen and Linden residents advising them of what the department is attempting to accomplish.

Extensive Tree Feeding

"We are removing only the limbs which show cankers or red spots that are indicative of necrotic canker, the disease which is affecting these trees," Johannot explained. "To prevent spreading of the disease, we are spraying the trees, the crews are using a strong disinfectant containing mercury to sterilize their saws between cuts."

Plan Specialists to be Called in When Need Arises

No professional city planner will be called in to develop a plan program for Birmingham, the plan commission decided at its meeting last week.

Instead, the commission will consist with various specialists on the need develops.

"We are pretty well agreed that Birmingham residents have the material out of which the 'Birmingham Plan' will arise," stated Mrs. P. L. Loomis, plan commission chairman. "We feel we need no one to give us an overall plan, but we may need advice on specific parts of it."

Shrine stacks up with Birmingham as one of the strongest teams entered in the district tournament. Berkeley Birmingham they are Shrine, and the Shrine team, which has a season record of 12 wins and one loss and are paced by Shrine's 50-point team. Last week Shrine defeated St. Theresa 41-25.

Americans Are Forgetting What Made Nation Great, Newspaperman Tells Club

"We got to sell American back to the American people, we are going to preserve our democratic way of life," Walter W. Fuller, general editor of the Detroit News, told Birmingham Rotarians Monday.

A self-styled evangelist reaching Americans on the subject "Sliphop Americans," Fuller said he was disappointed in the fact that Americans were forgetting, little by little, the things that made the nation that added up to the American dream.

By and large, Americans have become exceedingly careless with their citizenship," Fuller told his listeners. "But this can be cured if they take the time and responsibility to 'keep themselves.'"

Three Lost Arts

He said there were three lost arts which the States are neglecting in their conversation, the art of reading, the art of prayer, and the art of prayer.

"We've sunk to a low level in our conversation. Most discussions are in terms of 'I've got to get back to gin rummy, bridge, cocktails and other small stuff.'"

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Commission Race Draws 3 Entries

Mallender, Martin and O'Gorman File Their Petitions

Birmingham voters at the April city election will find three men in the race for the two city commission vacancies. Two will be running for re-election, the third is a political newcomer.

They are Mayor Milton F. Mallender, City Commissioner William Martin and John S. O'Gorman, Jr., 147 Abbey Road.

Election day in Bloomfield Hills will bring the highest vote in years, since there is no contest in any of the three classifications to be voted upon. Incumbents Walter O. Briggs, Jr., Harry J. Klinger, and C. E. Otter have been re-elected to their city commission vacancies; Justice A. J. Richardson for reelection as justice of the peace; Dominick Vettriano for reelection as constable.

Completing 2nd Term

Although none has filed his formal acceptance of the nomination, last Saturday at a local meeting generally agreed that Mallender, Martin and O'Gorman will file acceptance papers.

Mallender, mayor for the second term, is also completing his second year term. Martin, who is mayor pro-tem, is finishing his first term.

O'Gorman, a local resident since 1935, is branch manager for the Johnson Service Co. in Detroit. He is a former member of the board of governors of the North-East Birmingham Property Owners association.

No Constant Yet

There will be no contest for the vacancies on the City Board. Last Saturday's deadline saw petitions filed for Mrs. John S. Amble and Merrill C. Dammage who are seeking reelection to the board.

Maple Cagers Face Centerline Tonight in District Play

By Bob Felix

Tonight on Permal's big floor, the Maple cagers will begin play for their sixth consecutive district tournament. The centerline, which also draws a bye in the first round.

Centerline has a season record of five wins and ten losses, meeting with the most substitutes. They are members of the Bi-City league in which they have a record of 12 wins and six losses.

Clawson and Berkeley are members of the strong Suburban league. Clawson, led by Van Dyke, rated one of the top class A teams in the state. Clawson finished the league standing and Berkeley fourth. Clawson has a season record of ten wins and six losses.

Residents Protest Parking Lot Exit Thru Knox Street

Six residents of the Poppleton Knox street area, who came to a meeting last week, are protesting with thunder in their eyes about a proposed zoning change which would allow a parking lot to be located on Knox street. The meeting, some 30 minutes later, convinced that the city plan commission should not allow the zoning change and was willing to listen to reason.

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