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No Time to Relax Our Pace

We quite agree with Dr. Robert Hascall that Birmingham is an unusual community. Dr. Hascall, head of the Wayne county training school at Northville, was among those panel discussion members who participated in last week's annual Community Council Institute. This year's subject was, "Wherein Are We Failing Our Youth?"

Explaining that he had read the Council's 35-page report on services to children and youth in the Birmingham school district during 1948, he then declared, "Birmingham sent not one child to a state mental hospital as feeble-minded, only one child was expelled from school, and only three appeared before the juvenile court. That is an expression of social conditions that hardly seems possible could exist in a community of your size."

Thank you, Doctor, for the compliment. But we hope your statement doesn't tell the community into a feeling that all's right with Birmingham, so now we can relax.

However far ahead Birmingham is compared to other communities, we still have considerable distance to travel before we can truthfully say to ourselves and the rest of the world, "We can make no further improvement."

Even should that day result, we would have a continual problem to prevent ourselves from starting to slide downhill.

But it is gratifying to all of us to hear from an outsider that Birmingham is one of the leaders in the race for social improvement. There's no reason why we can't stay out in front of the pack.

Chinese Face Soviet Demands

The visit of Mao Tse-tung, leader of Communist China, to Moscow, which began on December 16th and continues, has aroused considerable speculation as to the conversations going on between the Russians and their Chinese visitor.

The usual rule for such visits is three or four days, but, apparently, the Communist leader in China has not been able to reach an agreement with the Communists in Russia.

Some officials in Washington believe that Mao is seeking the return of Manchuria to China and a pledge from Russia that Inner Mongolia will not be annexed as was the case with Outer Mongolia.

If the Russians deny the sovereignty of China in these provinces, the Communist leader will face widespread discontent among his people.

The Russians, apparently, are not yet ready to give up their ambitious designs in China and the difference may lead to

something like a quarrel between the Communist countries.

This is one of the explanations given for the reluctance of the United States to intensify the clash that is under way with the Communists in China.

As every American knows, our consular rights in Peiping have been violated by the Communists and, as a result, American officials have been ordered to leave that country.

The State Department apparently believes that there is a possibility that a serious quarrel may develop between the Chinese and the Russians over conflicting territorial issues.

The Soviet Union, it is believed, seeks to extend the principle of the 38th Parallel, now the boundary of Russian influence in Korea, all the way across China. This means virtual Russian control of Manchuria, Outer Mongolia, Inner Mongolia and Sinkiang.

In these areas, Russia now exercises decisive political and military control and, apparently, seeks an agreement from Mao to make the arrangement permanent.

Remember Roger Williams

In this day and time when so many efforts are being made to regiment the minds of men, let us not overlook the anniversary that marks the arrival of Roger Williams in Boston.

The young Englishman is known to history as one of the most famous defenders of religious liberty in America.

He got into trouble in Massachusetts for denying the right of magistrates to punish persons for religious offenses and was banished from the Massachusetts Bay colony.

Fleeing south, Williams reached the shores of Narragansett Bay, accompanied by a few followers, bought land from the Indians and founded the city of Providence, where he established a government on the basis of complete religious toleration.

We call attention to his historic character because it is important for Americans of the present day, if they value their freedom, to understand the process by which they can be maintained.

It is not enough to assert the principle of religious freedom, but it is imperative to practice it, especially in regard to those with whom we differ.

To respect the religious rights of others is the first step in maintaining religious freedom for all.

The strength of the Communists in western European countries is going down, according to observers who assert that the people of these countries are beginning to recognize that the Communists are not a national party but an organization dominated by Moscow. Anything we can do to grease the skids so the Communies will go down much faster, will be greatly appreciated by all freedom-loving peoples.

American agriculture is becoming so rapidly mechanized that it is, indeed, a rare sight to behold a manure pile on many farms. Yet, without this ancient and valuable type of fertilizer, farms lose their fertility, and this eventually reduces crops. Mankind, it appears, is ever in a dilemma of some kind or other.

The latest word from Moscow is that Russia is for peace. Seems to us that we've heard that refrain before.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago FEBRUARY 9, 1900

Clark D. Brooks is president of the largest senior class ever to be graduated from the Birmingham high school. Other officers for this group of 19 students are: president, Harry A. Lowe, vice-president, Presley T. Hanna, secretary and Judson Bradley, treasurer.

Supt. Busby and a force of men with their gigantic snow plow were up and doing along the electric line Sunday night. Nor did they cease their labors until the sun was high in the heavens.

Little William Warner celebrated his first birthday anniversary last Friday, Feb. 2. He was the recipient of a very dainty little ring set with pearls and a garnet, and a handsome willow cracker.

Ben Eldred, who has been employed in a Detroit lumber yard for some time had one of his hands badly bruised by a falling log. He has been obliged to stop his labors for a number of days as a result.

About 40 young people from this place and Pontiac completely surprised Harry Williams last Monday evening, Feb. 5, the occasion being his 19th birthday. Plenty of delicious food and a number of jolly games filled the evening.

20 Years Ago FEBRUARY 13, 1930

Broken chains on a rear door trunk and finger prints are the only clues to the identity of the thief who robbed the Western Union office of \$209 sometime Sunday night last week. Genoa Celli, believed the thief had a thorough knowledge of the office lay-out.

Mrs. Stewart Hanley, Bloomfield Hills, one of the outstanding women golfers in the country, has been named to the American team to compete in international matches during the spring season. The team will play at the Genoa Celli, four-time woman champion of the United States.

Members of the village commission Monday night voted an increase of 25 percent in the salary of James W. Parry, city manager. In presenting the motion to the commissioners, John White said he felt it should be done at this time, and had not been solicited.

Miss Marjorie Robertson, teacher at Quanton school presented her resignation on Thursday last. The resignation was accepted and a letter of regret and best wishes sent to Miss Robertson because of her leaving Birmingham because of ill health.

Justice Floyd S. Buck yesterday fined Ervin Whitehead and John Emerich, both of Detroit, \$20 each. The men were charged with driving trucks loaded with lumber beyond the weight limit, through Birmingham.

50 Years Ago FEBRUARY 9, 1905

Wilson's drug store was band window won top honors for the Detroit area in a recent contest. Having the sixth year loan with the suggestion of making war bonds Christmas gifts, the window drew a great deal of local comment, and appraised all others entered in the competition.

John Scott, ex-European war correspondent will speak here Feb. 21. He will come to Birmingham under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters, and will address the Community House, The American Legion will bring first hand information from the "hottest" spots on the continent.

Audiometer tests conducted here last week at the Birmingham high school children are almost entirely free of hearing defects. Mrs. Gray Young, who conducted the tests, was assisted by Mrs. Anne Gillette. Only 38 cases of defective hearing were found. The total of deafness. This student had been considered "hard of hearing" prior to the scientific test.

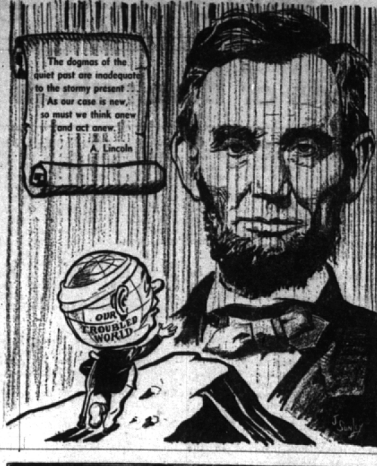
Mrs. Oliver Adams Green (Rhoda Starr), former superintendent of the Birmingham school system, died Sunday evening, shortly after being admitted to Mt. Carmel hospital in Detroit. She suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at her home in Royal Oak.

A girl's glee club was organized at Barnum school last week. Meeting each Wednesday, the group is "open to anyone who is willing." They are now working on numbers "Boat Song," "Boat Song" and "Little Black Swallow."

B'ham Midshipman Visits West Point

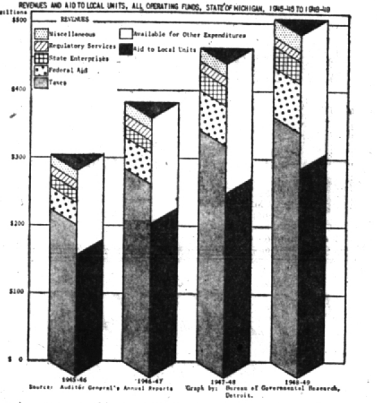
GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Midshipman Richard H. Roberts, U.S.N.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Roberts of 1075 North Woodward ave., Birmingham, Mich., visited the Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., between February 2-5, along with 120 fellow midshipmen from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. This was the first in a series of six exchange visits between the military academies planned for the academic year. During their four-day stay at West Point the midshipmen carried out the normal routine of the drills as well as various sports and social events and weekend social events. Purpose of the exchange visits is to maintain a high degree of

Lincoln Lesson for Today



Michigan's state government received \$506.4 million in its various operating funds in 1948-49 to finance the various programs which the state undertakes, according to a study just completed by the Bureau of Governmental Research, Detroit. Such receipts were 67 per cent greater than those the state received in 1945-46. Seventy-two per cent of the

was funneled through Lansing from Washington to the local units of government. During the past four years we've over one-half of the state's revenues are distributed back to local units. Local units of government—cities, villages, townships, school districts, counties and other special districts—and many citizens sometimes forget that this money



state's revenues this past fiscal year came from taxes—such as the sales tax, cigarette tax, corporate tax, gasoline tax, weight tax, intangibles tax and many others. Revenue from state enterprises, regulatory services, patents and convicts and miscellaneous sources accounted for 14 per cent of the total. The remaining 14 per cent came from Washington in the form of "grants-in-aid" to help finance those programs which Congress has decided at one time or another that the state or local units should undertake.

With the exception of the charges that the state makes for certain services, all its revenues come from taxes—direct or indirect—levied upon all of us as individuals, consumers or businesses. In most instances the tax money goes to Lansing. But \$73.1 million comes to Lansing via Washington. That money, nevertheless, is from the pockets of Michigan taxpayers.

Michigan state government paid to its local units of government 61.2 per cent of its total revenues in 1948-49. Most of this "aid" came direct from Lansing—having been raised by statewide taxes. But a portion of such aid

Wife To A Husband

I've got a lot of valentines. In the bottom dresser drawer. I looked at all of them today. I don't need any more. They take up so much room, and are Such trifling useless things To clutter up a dresser drawer Along with chains and rings And such as that. I need the space To put your shirts and socks, Not paper lace caresses. In a shabby velvet box. Yet women like to have their men Make love to them, my dear, And I am just a woman, too. Please don't forget this year.

"Any Way You Slice It" BY HAL P. BURGER

No matter how good a fan you may be, there are some sports that leave you more or less indifferent, especially when that sport is out of season.

If you are a racing enthusiast, for instance, it is hard for you to strike any degree of enthusiasm by imagining the ponies galloping around the oval at Hazel Park, hurdling, snort banks or kicking slush on each other, with you in the stands clutching your two-dollar ticket and screaming your lungs out for the goat of your choice to drop the anchor.

At high noon on the hot summer day it is mighty difficult for the most dyed-in-the-wool basketball fan to show any spark in behalf of his favorite winter pastime. Most sports fans are quite content to change their sports affiliations with the seasons, but there is one marked exception here in the midwest, at least. If, for any reason, someone brings up the subject of football nearly every winter ear shot perks up and takes notice.

This is true to such an extent that the sports pages of our newspapers usually give football top billing over most other events of a sporting nature. If anything happens along the football trails of our leading college and professional teams you can bet that the headlines will be devoted to it.

That is why alumni patronize the annual football busts with such enthusiasm. These busts are usually held in midwinter, but football is the main theme and everyone loves it. The Michigan State Alumni of Oakland County held theirs at the Birmingham Community House last Wednesday evening and a timely one it was. Plenty had happened on the football front at East Lansing just a day or two before the festivities and there was much to talk about.

Forrest Evashevski, State backfield coach, had signed as head coach at Washington State College and the announcement broke in the news on Tuesday. He was the head speaker at the banquet here and inherited what many would consider an awkward assignment. With him were other members of the Spartan coaching staff. There was Duffy Daugherty, line coach, who will stay on with head coach Biggie Munn. There was also Bob Flora, freshman coach, who was sitting on the fence as far as any official announcement was concerned. Would he stay or would he go? Undoubtedly he knew, but was not at liberty to make a statement, "cause like a gentleman he would rather his boss, Biggie Munn, would do that. Munn was in Mt. Clemens at another banquet.

The way it turned out the alumni and other interested spectators were all ears as Flora was introduced and was asked to say a few words. He said the usual thing, "I love my job and my associates. I also want to get ahead in the world. Believe me, folks, he concluded, this is the biggest decision I have ever had to make in my life." It probably was too, but as he talked, Thursday morning's papers were on the streets with the word that Bob Flora will leave MSC with Evashevski and will probably be the line coach at Washington State.

Then "Evy" took the floor and the alumni greeted him with more anticipation. The big ex-U. of M. quarterback displayed much calm and poise as he reeled through some well chosen phrases regarding his new opportunity as well as the job he is leaving.

In the audience were nearly all of Oakland County's leading high school football stars of last season and their coaches. The boys are trying hard to make up their minds on a college to attend when they receive their diplomas from prep school. They were in attendance as guests of Michigan State for the purpose of helping them to decide in favor of the host institution.

Now I ask you, did Evashevski have an opportunity to throw a monkey wrench in the works, or didn't he? You bet he did. He could mighty easily have made a bad bust out of the local Spartan Football Bust. If there had been any grievances or grudges on his part he could have squared them up with a few poisonous remarks, or even with an attitude of marked indifference.

Anyway, to his credit, "Evy" was never more enthusiastic in his praise for MSC. He arose to face the tense audience with rare calm and composure. He lauded the presence of the institution, John A. Hannah; he dwelled for a long time on the caliber of men in academic roles in the various educational departments of the college and he impressed upon the young athletes in attendance the value of a Michigan State College degree. Then he finished with an appraisal of Coach Biggie Munn and the members of his staff who will remain at the school that undoubtedly left the loyal alumni much impressed, not only with the coaches who will remain, but especially with the one who is leaving, the speaker, Forrest Evashevski.

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