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74TH YEAR—NO. 22

HIS New Plan Board to Aim for Better Public Relations and THAT

By G.R.A.

Each State At Merciless Mercy Of Other States!
If you, as a citizen in the state of Michigan (and the same goes for citizens of other states) treat that your elected U.S. Senators and Representatives in Congress as the power in the federal government, you are not aware of the possibility of achieving that goal.

Michigan has two U.S. Senators, out of 99 in that state. Michigan has 17 Representatives, out of 435 in that branch of the federal government. This means that, out of 531 members of both Houses of Congress, Michigan has 19, or only 3.5 per cent.

Can you expect, in the realm of contemporary, practical, predatory politics (as practiced by the New Deal for nearly 20 years) that 96.46 per cent of a law-making body will ever be eliminated, even decently guided, by but 3.54 per cent of its whole membership? Certainly not!

Under Roosevelt, and now under Truman, the federal government has become a mere political device to "tax and tax, spend and spend," so that the "big" might stay in and, while in, increase their power and patronage over the people.

Indeed, both Roosevelt and Truman approved the idea that "we are in office must, at any and all costs, stay in—regardless of whether or not we operate unethically for the good of democracy."

AS A MATTER of fact, under the terrific increased centralization of power and authority in the Washington, D.C. government, any single state in the nation is, for all practical purposes, in the hands of an alien majority. By this we mean that each state's Congressional group, alone being interested in its state, is at the mercy of all the other states' members of Congress.

Then, should Michigan expect any great measure of fair treatment at the hands of the Congress operating in a mad scramble for the nation's wealth, through taxation. Once it gets into the federal treasury, the mad scramble for as much as each state can get ensues.

Added by the Executive branch of the government, the law-makers spend the money where it will get the party they "in" the most votes. Whether it be for subsidies, "pork barrel" projects, or jobs.

THE CURRENT federal situation is inevitable with the drift of centralized government in Washington. It has happened before in other nations.

Unless curbed, with the separate states reserving more legislative and tax powers unto themselves, the federal government will become an almost absolute monarchy.

Thus far, in this comment, I have presented the situation as it exists in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. That situation is destructive of self-government.

But we should not forget that, under our system of self-government, the people themselves have tolerated the growth of this federal tyranny. In the last analysis, they are to blame as much, or even more, than the public officials.

Wouldn't you ever forget that!

Whether it be the problem of a family, a couple, a large family or a community that is growing rapidly the sudden impact of extra expenses for dependents and upkeep accrues to both; that is the present dilemma of Birmingham, with its inherent necessity of high taxes.

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At last week Wednesday's organizational meeting of the new city planning board, Harry M. Denyes, Jr. was elected chairman and William M. Brown was elected vice-chairman of the group.

Denyes, an architect with Swanson and Associates, was chosen from a seven-man planning board appointed July 23 by the city commission.

At the time of the July appointment, Denyes was the only returning member from the former city plan commission.

IN A LATER INTERVIEW, Mayor Chad Ritchie, who with Commissioner Dean Reiter represents the city commission, reported that the meeting had 100% attendance. Other members of the planning board present were: George F. Green, George E. Marin, Wylie E. Groves, W. Coit Allen and William H. Burghum.

Ritchie said the meeting, which was devoted mainly to discussion of rules and procedures, went off very "fine" and he was quite pleased to see Denyes elected because of his background on previous boards.

City Clerk Irene Hanley announced that future planning board meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the next one scheduled for August 22.

A city ordinance requires that a city board must meet at least four times a year.

Among items on the Aug. 22 agenda is consideration of a rezoning request for rezoning from single family to Business A of several lots on the south side of Landon, just west of Ann.

Also to be discussed is a petition now before Troy township officials for rezoning to industrial 4.4 acres at the east end of Lincoln avenue.

The consensus at last Wednesday's meeting, according to Mayor Ritchie, was that future meetings would be opened to the public.

RITCHIE REPORTED that this was a very important subject and that much time was devoted in determining whether the meetings would be opened or closed.

The mayor said that if any questions arose that concerned a particular neighborhood in the city, everybody in that area would be notified of the meeting at which the questions and problems would be looked into.

Ritchie believes that "everybody should have a chance to be heard."

The newly appointed chairman Denyes said he

thought "everything went very fine" and that he was looking forward to doing good work on the board.

DENYES RE-AFFIRMED the mayor's belief that one of the biggest concerns of the board would be in the field of public relations. Denyes said he and the members of the planning board would "endeavor to keep everybody informed of the works of the group."

The operation of the board will be run on the "one-neighbor-to-another" basis so everybody will have their say and then the board will come up with recommendations on the particular issue or issues, Denyes declared.

He said the Wednesday meeting was strictly a case of organization and that for awhile the board would not "press into business too fast but would work into it gradually because many of the members were inexperienced."

Plan board members met Monday night with Charles Barr, Michigan State College planning expert. They went over Barr's recently developed Birmingham "master plan" in order to familiarize themselves with the facts accumulated by Barr and which form the basis for his recommendations.

HARRY DENYES, JR.
Board Chairman



UMPIRE ABOUT TO CALL BOB STEPHENSON OUT AT HOME
But four runs follow during Birmingham's 5th-inning rally.



GLENN STANFORD SCORES FOR MIDLAND
Run gives visitors 2-1 lead in 4th inning. (Joe Wheeler Photos)

Nine-Game Slate Faces Maples

A tough nine-game schedule faces the Birmingham high school football squad this fall, according to Coach Vincent Secontine.

Slate gets underway here Sept. 24 with Dearborn, a team which was undefeated last year. Other home encounters are with Ferndale, Hazel Park, Port Huron and Berkley. Away games are with Mt. Clemens, East Detroit, Westland and Royal Oak. (League teams indicated by asterisks.)

SECONTINE STATED that the teams which figure to be toughest in the Eastern Michigan League this fall are Ferndale and Port Huron. Both squads are reported "loaded" with veteran players.

Birmingham had a two-win, three-undefeated record in the league last fall, suffering defeat at the hands of East Detroit, Port Huron and Mt. Clemens, and drawing Ferndale and Hazel Park.

Groves Hunt Continues

Midland All-Stars Win, 10-7

By RAY DENNIS

A hard-hitting Midland Little League All-Star team defeated the Birmingham Little League All-Stars, 10-7, in an action-packed 11-inning game at Clara Knudson Memorial park Saturday afternoon.

More than 800 persons turned out for the tilt. Proceeds will be used to support next year's Little League baseball program in Birmingham.

LINEUP CHANGES were frequent as both managers used each man on their 21-member team. Due to a pre-game arrangement, no pitcher was allowed to hurl more than three innings.

Midland outlit the local squad, 17 to 6, however, the Birmingham All-Stars drew 17 bases on balls.

Trailing 7-6 in the ninth inning, the visitors tied the score when Ben Crosby tripped and came in on a grounder.

There was no scoring in the tenth, but Midland broke the ice in the eleventh as it made three runs on a combination of three hits, a walk and a Birmingham error.

Starting pitchers Terry O'Connor and Midland's Lonnie Berryhill hurled three innings of fine ball. O'Connor gave up one run and three hits and Berryhill allowed one run and no hits.

The visitors jumped into a two-run lead in the fourth as Roger Hard pitched for Birmingham.

HOWEVER, the locals came back in the fifth and racked up four runs on singles by Bill Appel and Chuck Poole and walks to Dick Sneek, Bob Stephenson and Bill Deer.

Birmingham made its last two runs of the game in the sixth, combining walks to Bob Vincent and Appel and a sacrifice by Bob Finkensadt.

Midland kept chipping away at the margin, scoring single runs in the sixth, seventh and ninth.

Winning pitcher was Tom Roberts, who pitched a complete game. Vincent was charged with the defeat.

Probably the outstanding player of the game was Midland's Berryhill. Besides hurling three innings of hitless ball, he played the balance of the tilt in the outfield and drove out a triple and home run.

Playing the full 11 innings for Birmingham were second baseman Dick Sneek and outfielder Chuck Poole.

FIELDING FOR both squads stood out. Contributing to the defensive plays were Midland first baseman Don Connor and Don Chabafes, first baseman, Vincent, outfielder and pitcher, Poole, centerfielder, and catchers Bill Finkensadt, all of Birmingham.

Only injury of the game occurred when Birmingham catcher Bill Gantor collided with his teammate Dan Fremody, third baseman, in the sixth. Gantor was removed from the game after sustaining a severe lump on the forehead.

The coach stressed the importance for boys in the tenth grade, who will play reserve team football to report at the Aug. 27 practice sessions and not wait until school starts.

He said, "We are thoroughly convinced that the establishment of a reserve squad makes our job a little easier when the boys are ready for varsity ball. They are given thorough schooling in football fundamentals."

Reserve team candidates will report to Coach Kermit Ambrose, coach of the varsity team, on Monday. A complete schedule of games has been arranged this fall for the reserves.

Tips Fail In Search for Suspect

Search for Lyle Groves, 28, of 611 Watkins still continues to be centered in Oakland county, a week after he escaped a police trap in Birmingham on Aug. 9.

Groves, wanted for questioning in regard to 13 dry cleaning establishments holdups in Detroit, one of which involved rape, fled Birmingham Thursday shortly before midnight in a car stolen from Birmingham patrolman Richard E. Brown.

The state police block, located around the Oakland Lake area Monday, failed to locate the man. Still under police scrutiny, the city was searched Tuesday by state police and sheriff's deputies after two motorists reported a man answering Brown's description in the vicinity.

KEEGO HARBOR state police post said no trace of the man nor the stolen car was found.

Although the state police are concentrating on locating Brown's stolen car, they feel Groves may have stolen other cars and plates and with the car paid for by state, busy area or on a lot it has escaped their search.

Four states, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana, have been alerted to be on the lookout for Groves after he eluded capture by state police and sheriff's deputies after two motorists reported a man answering Brown's description in the vicinity.

According to their report, Brown, standing on a corner, and gave him a "hard" time, and gave him a "hard" time, and gave him a "hard" time.

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Caught by Loader Chain, Girl, 3, Much Improved

TROY TWP.—Injured Aug. 8 when she was caught in the gear chain of a bailed hay loader, three-year-old Irene Sutermeister is reported much improved at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

The little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutermeister, 4695 Rochester road, was unconscious when she was caught in the machine. Troy township firemen were called to the scene and used a respirator on her before removing Irene to the hospital.

Mrs. Sutermeister said no one knew how the accident happened. Irene, she said, had gone to the barn to watch her father unload baled straw and may have fallen from the load or walked under the chain. She was caught about the head and neck and carried nearly 24 feet before the machine was stopped.

"ALTHOUGH THE skin was not broken, her face and neck were terribly swollen and swollen. Doctors at the hospital put a breathing tube into her throat as the only means of getting air to her lungs. That has been taken out now, and she can have very soft food," Mrs. Sutermeister said Monday.

"We are deeply grateful to the Troy firemen for what they did," she added. "Irene is able to come home this weekend."

LYLE GROVES, JR.
Photo taken this summer

City Slates Seal Coat Treatment

A total of 5.5 miles of concrete pavement will be sealed with a seal coat treatment this fall as further deterioration will be delayed until permanent asphaltic concrete surfacing can be applied.

City Commissioners Monday evening approved the City Manager's recommendation that the project be started. All pavement included in the project is at least 20 years old.

SEALING PROGRAM is:
1. Apply a seal coat this August and September on all pavements showing a serious deterioration.

2. Repair curbs, drainage structures, etc. of certain selected streets next spring and each spring thereafter.

3. Apply a permanent asphaltic concrete surfacing on these concrete pavements contemplating a program of the application of approximately 15,000 square yards of surfacing each year until all pavements requiring this treatment have been surfaced.

Eberhart stated, "It would appear that the application of the seal coat could be justified on the grounds of decreased maintenance cost for the concrete pavements involved. The seal coat of approximately 15,000 square yards of pavements for a period of approximately two years. We estimate that our patch work will approximate the cost of seal coating in that time."

ESTIMATED COST of seal coating this fall is \$10,000. The cost will be accumulated in the temporary expense account contemplating an appropriation direct from the gas and weight tax money, when the general fund will be reimbursed for the expenditure.

Streets included in the project are Frank, Woodward to Hunter; Eton, Maple to Webster; Lincoln, Adams to Hunter; Hanna, Southfield to Watkins; all of Willow Lane; Oak, east of Glenhurst to Lakeland; all of Pike.

Parfax, Suffield, Pigrit and Purkin from Maple to Oak; Lakeland Overbrook to Quarten; Lakeland from Maple to Oak; Lakeland between Oak and Rayville; all of Midland; and Henrietta from Brown to Maple.

Board Elects Same State of Officers
Southfield township school board has re-elected last year's officers at its annual meeting held Monday night. They are Fred Leonard, 18413 Dorset, president; Mark W. Rebbins, 23175 Farmbrook, secretary; Guy Sherry, 1645, treasurer.

The board voted to increase the salary of faculty members \$100 a year.

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