A Change of Mind Might Solve Hospital Problem

Southern Oakland county's proposed

Southern Oakland county's proposed hospital expansion program appears to be crystalizing. But just what that crystal will ultimately be is still unknown. Whether we will have both Woodward General at 13. MHe and Coolidge and Oakland Hospital on Adams here in Birmingham is still in doubt. However, these steeps have been taken:

1) An architectural firm and a consultant have been employed by the Oakland truthers in connection, with their

sultant have been employed by the Oak-land trustees in connection with their 200-bed, \$3,500,000 structure on the Porritt site here. 2) The South Oakland Hospital Au-thority trustees have asked the Michigan Municipal League to prepare a legisla-tive amendment to the Hospital Authority Act to permit the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the Woodward General Construction.

From Our Point of View

In many sections of the nation con-nections between certain law-enforcing officials and gamblers is being disclosed by the Kefauver Senate Crime Investi-gating Committee. It proves again the fact that illegal gambling cannot exist unless certain public officials are "paid off," Behind the laxity of officials exists the laxity of those citizens whose desire to gamble makes the whole mess pos-sible.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the City of Detroit. That fact, naturally, suggests that De-troit has more than reached maturity. Insofar as material achievements go, the Fourth (or is it now the Fifth?) City has Fourth (or is it now the Fifth?) City has gone a long way. Civically, however, Detroit—like most of this nation—is yet in swaddling clothes. The citizens, by and large, neglect to perform those responsibilities: that attend the freedoms guaranteed by state and federal constitutions.

A New Yorker of cultural standing sent a New Year's telegram to all coin music distributors, requesting that they insert a blank record in all their machines "so customers can buy ten minutes of silence." The New Yorker, many will agree, has struck a responsive chord in the minds of millions of Americans who are weary of the impact of juke box discord in public places.

"Warlike austerity" is being recom-mended to all Americans by President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, to help meet the current world situation. Nothing wrong in that, naturally. All we citizens need is an example of the same the Truman administration cluding the elimination of all unnecessary federal non-war expenditures

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota is said to end all his letters to his constitusaid to end all his letters to his constituents by asking that they pray for him so he will get divine guidance. Knowing politicians fairly well, we'd guess that Humphrey and others-like him are satisfied with guidance from their respective political headquarters. Few politicians depend upon God when what puts 'em into office are votes—and, certainly, from the results of some elections, it's putting a lot of blame on God to assume that He had a hand in them!

So They Say . . .

Andres Martinez Trueba, President-elect

of Uruguay:
"We consider the United States worthy
of belief when it declares that it is a good
neighbor."

Harry S. Truman:
"If aggression is successful in Korea, we can expect it to spread through Asia and Europe to this hemisphere."

John J. Haggerty, U. S. Representative

in Yugoslavia:

"The statement 'I am an American' opens all doors."

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HOWEVER, BIRMINGHAM city com-missioners tend to view the actual con-struction of these two hospitals with

struction of these two hospitals with some misgivings.
At last week's meeting, Commissioner Dean Beier commented, "The Oakland hospital on Adams raad would pretty well take care of Birmingham's hospital requirements. Then why should the city leave Birmingham on the hook for the support of another hospital?"
Beier was referring to possible legislative permission to levy each year a 4-mill tax on Birmingham and other authority members to pay off the proposed evenue bonds for construction of Woodward General.

ward General.
Under terms of the authority, Birming-ham cannot withdraw without permis-sion of two-thirds of the member munici-palities. That—voting majority is a considerable distance away at the pres-

Commissioners Richard Patterson and Commissioners Richard Patterson and Chad Ritchie said a number of local persons they have talked with feel Bir-mingham necessarily doesn't want a hos-pital within city limits, and that perhaps it would be better if it were located a short distance away.

GENERALLY, COMMISSIONERS agreed that legislation permitting the SOHA to transfer its site and \$700,000 in financial assets to Oakland hospital (Oakland to resell its Porritt site) was perhaps the best answer.

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It is known privately that the SOHA
would jump at this solution to the wrangle. The SOHA has been attempting to
obtain financial aid from the Greater
Detroit Hospital Fund, which is raising
the money for Oakland hospital. The
effort has failed.

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By a slim 1-vote margin, Oakland hospital trustees originally approved the 13 Mile site for their hospital—if the legal snarls could be easily unwound. Those snarls were reported as being too tough and involving too much time to settle. Hence the second-choice selection of the Porritt 46 acres.

Our city commissioners, we believe, are on the right track in finding the answer for all concerned.

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The municipalities to the south of us

The municipalities to the south of us want a bospital on 13 Mile road.

We have heard of no concerted effort, by Birmingham citizens to have a hospital located within our city limits—as long as one is erected in the neighborhood, and soon.

THE SOHA WOULD SEEK enabling legislation permitting it to transfer its funds to Oakland hospital—providing Oakland hospital uses the 13 Mile site.

There is nothing in the contract be-tween Oakland hospital and the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund that requires a certain site to be used ... nor prohibits any particular site.

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sustees would change their minds and
definitely and finally agree to the 13 Mile
site, the SOAH would immediately press
for legislative permission to give its assets to Oakland hospital.
This, many believe, might solve the
situation to the best interests of everyone
involved.

Political Lags

Speaking recently on the subject of socialized medicine, William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, (AFL), declared:

"I am against socialized medicine.

'I am against socialized medicine ... Socialization and death have one thing in common; you camnot be either a little bit socialized or a little bit dead. It is whole hog, or nothing!

A Reciting the lowered health standards in Great Britain since that country socialized medicine, Mr. Hutcheson argues against adopting it in the United States. He knows the dangers of turning over to notitical bureaucrats too much of the destiny of a free people.

A Right now, the people have their greatest opportunity to observe how incompetent and inefficient federal bureaucrats on become when the impending disaster of another World War arrives.

ALTHOUGH THE TRUMAN admin-ALTHOUGH THE INDIAN administration, plus every member of Congress, has known for several years that Soviet Russia was building for world conquest, how feebly they have marshalled the resources of this nation to meet that disaster!

ter!

Even six months after our troops engaged in "police action" in Korea, this nation is just beginning to mobilize.

Such conditions (human nature being what it is in \$\frac{1}{2}\text{democracy}\) are perhaps bound to occur, in some measure, when a job is turned over to politicians.

Truly, then, if the American people accepted socialized medicine as the pattern for guarding their health, can they expect anything but "too little, too late"?

Running the Gountlet Again



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Birmingham Of Teday.

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Jan. 30 Deadline Set Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, village For Registration In

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 100 words.

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To the Editor:

Enclosed is a poem written this the Eccentric or the Baldwin public library but I'm certainly annoyed.

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(Editor's Note: The Escentric contacts public library officials at least once a week for possible news. If we get eny, we print it.)

A SUBSCRIBER.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

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themselves.

You see, the professional's price for the job may be quite high—high enough, at least, for the man of the house to save considerable money by doing things himself.

Here are some specific instan-

ces:
Outside of Philadelphia, the owner of a summer cottage needed a 5-foot chimney. He supplied the materials, and the bricklayer took two days for the job. The bill—\$97.

A Portland, Ore., housewife paid \$42.50 for a 1½-hour job—covering the sink drainboard with inlaid linoleum.

fixing a downtspont for \$2.40.

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Doctors tell us that man can get will.

LOOKING AHEAD By George S. Benson

MICHIGAN MIRROR

By Gene Alleman -LACK OF MONEY PERILS 'SUB-CAPITOL'-

Hardly had smoke from the in- els it is doubtful if ceilings will gural salute blown away when be imposed during the year. augural salitic blown sway when Governor Williams had legislative G.O.P. leaders in to puff a peace pipe and discuss a method of co-operation. Republicáns were sus-picious. Says Senator G. Elwood Bonine (R. Vandalia): / Republi-cans are willing do cooperate for judge Williams/ sincerty by his actions.

actions.

Asked if there were G.O.P.
"strings" attached to its cooperation, Williams would say only
let's watch this thing grow
awhite before we say anything
further."

In hudgetpinehad Michigan legislaten as committed to scrape up funds for civil defense. Some defense leaders urge consideration of a "sub-capitol" from which the state could be governed if the Lansing offices were bombed. The lawmakers look at the accounts and say nothing.

But an organization similar to the Forest Fire Service of World War II is being considered. Meth-cods of combating possible subver-in forested acreage was studied by state fire wardens at their annual meeting January 8-11.

The spectre of added taxes is stalking the legislative changers. Will it mean a personal income tax as was discussed two years ago? Most lawmakers taxes would be paid by the consumer! An alternative, more sales taxes, is lagging in popularity.

Corrections Commission nest Brooks returned from his wacation to step into a hail of criticism that he has been too lenient with his paroles. Says Brooks: "I have done nothing not within my authority".

Michigan farmers are asking if ceiling prices on grains will be applied during 1951. They will need to buy grains if they are to effect livestock increases. Since the national stockpile of feed grains (right precity a billion hush

The liquor contrel commission is still in a lather. Chairman Harry Henderson has been replaced by Allan B. Milham, the still have been supposed by the property of the propert

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that Michigan build a home for
its governors.

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ernor William' trip to Washington, procurement againstica
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The governor's supporters embarrassed him at a harmony barraquet by booing when it was announced that Republican Lieutenant Governor William C. Vandenberg had sent his regrets. Vandenberg says he forgot his tux.

other military equipment.

Michigan's 1949 "three man" grand jury law, requiring the grand jury law, requiring the for indictments, has been under fire of the State Bar of Mishigan and the state association of prosecuting attorneys. The new law enesse—a controvernial feature of the old "one-man" grand jury law.

The state groups criticise the new law as unworkship. During the past 18 months no three-judge militee was created by the 1950 segislature to study the matter, Kit Clardy, Lansing atternary, and co-founder of "Fighting Republican. Inc.," jumps back into the spotlight with a saits of Title and the spotlight with a saits of the spotlight with a saits of the sait of the

Cox Coal Co. Moves

As the 50th administration gets undersway in Lansing, the governor is house hunting. Owner of the house he rented (4275) emonth) for two years wants to sell. New state massion? With a \$21,311,232 deficit last year, leg-

Perverse Wind

By BEATRICE MEDONAL!

I wistched the rough wind take an old man's .hat, And lightly toos it down the slushy street, An old man dressed in gray, as trig and neat.

As he could be. Right through the slush and mo Of downtown rush and turbulence he weight Pursuing his chapseu. Close by there slood A vagrant gashed in shabiliness, whose hat Resembled more than adulting a mad Where counters feet had left their print, A young man who could run and sprint, Yet there he stend.

By BEATRICE McDONALD

Yet there he stood, His hat securely anchored on his head. O, artful aggravating wind, you would.