

What Senator Moody Really Said—

In a June 21, 1951, editorial under the caption, "Turning Into A Politician," we commented on a statement presumed to have been made a few days before by U.S. Senator Blair Moody in his talk before the Detroit Bar Association.

The source of our facts was from a news story printed in The Detroit Times. That story stated that Moody said "Republicans who control big business are as much a menace as communism" and that the Reuther brothers, John L. Lewis and William Green have been the only spokesmen who did not place selfish interests above the interests of the nation."

REGARDING THAT PRESUMED statement, we commented: "If Moody has been quoted correctly, he is fast becoming a political demagogue and will, we venture to say, unnecessarily lose some of the effectiveness for good that he otherwise might achieve as a United States Senator from Michigan. (Apparently, Blair, you are inclined to travel the

route of the Trumanesque rabble-rouser in an effort to win votes for 1952. For goodness sake, don't get so excited in your first months on the political road.) Since printing the above comment, we have had correspondence from Senator Moody in which he disclaims the accuracy of the Times' story, and forwards us further light on the subject.

WE ARE, NATURALLY, glad to get the real facts on Blair's speech, and to make proper amends here. For, in a letter to the Senator, we told him that we really do have high hopes for his public career—far higher than we'd expect from the orthodox holder of a public office.

Incidentally, The Times itself corrected its original news story on Senator Moody's speech, which we reproduce here:

Senator Moody explained: "My statement was that some Republican have repudiated the bi-partisan policy set up by the late Senator Vandenberg and that if their policies had been in effect five years ago, both Asia and Europe would have been lost to the Communists. "Certain Republican leaders have done an about-face since the death of Vandenberg. Senators like Aiken, Lodge, Tamm and Morse have lost control of the situation and control has fallen to men whose thinking seriously jeopardizes the peace of the world."

"I said that these policies of the extreme rightists play into the hands of the extreme leftists, completing the circle that so often happens in history."

THE TRUTH of Senator Moody's words, we agree, ought to find acceptance by any American who knows the records of some of what he calls "Republican extreme rightists."

So, Blair, go to it in your long journalistic career, prove again to the whole people of this nation that "the pen is mightier than the sword!"

Tax Confiscation

So far as we know, the annual tax levies imposed by the federal government upon the people of the United States amount to more cash than any nation ever "confiscated."

Always dominated by selfish politics, the Congress and the New & Fair Deal executives have become callous to the amount of money they hi-jack from the citizenry. They have now been getting by with it for nearly 20 years. In that length of time the average federal politician can assume that his position is a privileged one, so he keeps on extracting the dough.

That has been done by rulers for centuries. . . . When finally the rascals were thrown out by revolution or by votes. . . . Some day it will happen in this country.

G.O.P. in Michigan

Last week Owen J. Cleary, chairman of the Michigan Republican State Central Committee, met with a group of prominent elected Republican officials, and they formed a committee to propose policies and platforms for the 1952 campaign.

Well, boys, there are plenty of policies and platforms that you already have made, still good for the present and the future. Did you ever realize that what your party needs is found in the definition of the single word: "COURAGE"? Plus a willingness to hitch that word to another: "FIGHT"?

Quit playing internal "politics" yourselves, and carry to the people the facts surrounding the danger of our drifting into state socialism.

From Our Point of View

Gov. Williams says the State will have an \$80,000,000 deficit by June of 1952. Republicans say it will amount to only half that. But the public knows that, in any event, more taxes will be required to meet the State's annual expenditures. So, Taxpayers, whether the added tax will be hidden or open, it will come from your personal earnings in the last analysis.

While Congress is clamping lids on meat prices, it would be an excellent idea for them to put a ceiling on the pork barrels which continue to roll out of Washington.

The Good Book says the just shall inherit the earth. They better move fast before the unjust grab the feast of it.

So They Say . . .

Cyrus S. Ching, director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service: "In a democracy, we haven't found any way to settle those things (labor disputes) by compulsion, thank God."

John Burke, official, National Better Business Bureau: "Direct selling is a means by which millions of people get things they want and favor it."

Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary: "The British Commonwealth and Empire and the United States need each other and must live and work together."

Nicholas Nyary, former Hungarian official, now in this country: "If the Russians should come to this country tomorrow, they would know what to do and what people to liquidate."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

BOARD WAS APPOINTED, THEN FORGOTTEN.

On May 10, 1915, the then Birmingham village council passed Ordinance No. 65, "accepting the curbs contained in the bill of Martha Baldwin . . . of certain lands for park purposes, providing for a Park Board and the appropriation of certain moneys for the improvement and maintenance of said park."

The park referred to was that at Southfield and W. Maple, which curbs are involved in the suit which will determine whether or not the city can build the so-called Murray.

A hasty check of the city's official minutes between mid-April and mid-June of the following year does not show the village council reappointed the member whose term had expired.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert, City Clerk Irene Hanley and several city commissioners, questioned about the existence of this park board, admitted the board had not been appointed for many years.

Whether there is need for such a board today, it seems that it properly exists if the city is to execute the terms of Ordinance No. 65. Along with a new plan board, an off-street parking committee, perhaps the city commission also should appoint a Martha Baldwin Park Board.

It seems to me that those who should give serious thought to the subject are the ones who should be appointing the police department.

Boiled in Oil



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Cleared from Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background of The Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

July 12, 1901

Seven days of unalloyed happiness have been enjoyed in June by the Michigan Press association at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Nothing happened to mar this eventful affair and everyone returned enlightened and most happy.

John Barker and Miss Malin Henderson were married one day last week. Success and happiness are bound to come to this young couple of charm and wit.

We are proud of our new sidewalks. They are a credit to our village. One or two such busy summers as this and the wood walks will be a thing of the past.

The 4th was quietly celebrated in this place with no serious injury. A young lady's dress caught fire from an exploding sky rocket but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

It is not the fault of our street commissioner that many weeds are springing up in the wood walks. These are on private grounds between the fence and sidewalk and in places outside his jurisdiction.

20 YEARS AGO

July 16, 1931

F. F. McKinney, Earl G. Potter and John S. May were successful school board candidates. Officials report 1,255 voters exercised their rights during this hotly contested election.

Although admission fees are raising only half the necessary funds to operate Barnum school, it will remain open. Louis Handal, school business manager said, however, adult hours may be dropped unless attendance increases.

Stockholders and depositors will meet in Baldwin high school next week to consider ways and means of opening the First State Savings bank. This announcement was made yesterday by Thomas H. Cobb, bank president.

Birmingham paused yesterday

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

WHAT'S THE THRILL: There is a question haunting about 90 per cent of the adults in our world and only the kids can answer it. We stupid grown-ups would like to know what thrill the youngsters get out of deliberate disobedience.

A few kids indulge in this pastime and make a lot of us adults pretty sour. In general, but it's more or less like a man being bitten by a dog—his apt to not like dogs of any kind any more.

Last week it was brought out that the board of education was paying a bill amounting to nearly \$200 to replace glass brick stained into small pieces around Barnum school.

NOT A WEEK goes by but what police are asked to check new houses which have been "assaulted" by a gang of destructive kids. They tear walls apart which are still under construction, break windows, destroy floors and ceilings, and splash paint all over the place.

Window breaking carries over into homes that are occupied, in some cases endangering persons within them. It also spreads to the local schools. We who are grown up simply cannot understand why it is done. We feel there must be a reason and if we knew what it was, could possibly do something about it.

EVERYONE in the city of Birmingham, property owner or renter, constitutes his direct or indirect share toward the building and maintenance of good schools. We approve of the building operation boards spending money for facilities that are not strictly educational because we want the kids to have those things.

When things like this glass brick around the pool come up what are

to pay tribute to George F. Johnson, for over a decade an ardent worker among the young people of the community. The athletic director of Baldwin high school died Monday after an illness of more than a year.

The annual Rotary-Exchange golf battle saw the Rotarians at the top of the score by 19 strokes yesterday afternoon. The successful team retained the cup they won last year for the first time in three seasons.

5 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1946
Mrs. Thomas Reaney, 664 W. Lincoln, has been awarded the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom, in recognition of her war work for the relief of British subjects. The award has come from the British Embassy in Washington.

Local merchants, in spite of their personal intentions, have been forced to advance prices on many items. They report slow buying on the higher priced wares and that several local women have signed pledges to refuse to buy these items until prices are again "normal."

With the theft of tires becoming common in Birmingham, Police Chief J. P. Hackett has asked residents to aid police in stopping the practice. Tightly locked garages are one method and the immediate reporting of any loiterers to police another, Hackett said.

Something new in crime. Mrs. E. K. Kelsey, 1205 Eaton road, told police 75 baby White Rock chicks were destroyed Monday morning when her home Mrs. Kelsey said apparently the chicks were killed under the brooder as she went to investigate a noise in their yard.

Paul William Dutton, 3, toured Birmingham for two and a half hours on his tricycle Sunday afternoon when his father and police joined neighbors in a search for the tot. Paul was found by Mrs. A. A. Addison at the corner of Woodward and Harmon shortly after 5 p.m.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be held confidential unless requested. Letters must be limited to 250 words.

To the Editor: Just a brief note to let you and your staff know that Oakland Hills appreciates very much the splendid news coverage which The Eccentric gave the USA Open Championships held at the club, both before and after the tournament.

Both the stories and the pictures were as good as those appearing in any newspapers in the country which have come to our attention. Their excellence reflects a great deal of credit on your staff.

FERRIS B. ALLEN, Pres. Oakland Hills Country Club

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487 WILDS

To the Editor: What I appreciate the sincerity of the letter of the Planning Commission Chairman (Mrs. Peter B. Loomis) as presented in a recent issue of The Birmingham Eccentric. I do not feel that there is just the side there presented. I am, beginning to see how "Democrats" and "Republicans" — or "Whigs" and "Tories" — solve, with honest, sincere and intelligent citizens seeing vastly differently on the same issues.

AND I do not think the intelligent or far-seeing citizen is just on one side. It requires equal vision on both sides.

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ASSETS		
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U. S. Government Bonds	528,235.81	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	75,000.00	\$ 935,557.32
First Mortgage Loans	3,443,430.12	
Loans on Savings Accounts	73,283.87	
Properties Sold on Contract	76,469.61	
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	15,233.34	
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	88,873.81	
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	2,912.48	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,635,760.55	
LIABILITIES		
Savings Accounts	\$4,205,336.92	
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	100,000.00	
Loans in Process	90,304.54	
Other Liabilities	2,464.16	
Specific Reserves	2,418.74	
General Reserves	\$195,237.79	
Surplus	40,000.00	235,237.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,635,760.55	

State of Michigan ss.
County of Oakland ss.

I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings & Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER L. MORELAND, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of June, 1951.

HAZEL E. LAWLER, Notary Public
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