

Shape of Things to Come

Compromise Paves Way For Needed Hospital

In about two years, according to present estimates, the South Oakland county community, including Birmingham, will be able to use its long-awaited and much needed hospital.

This will be made possible as the result of last week's sudden announcement that the Oakland Hospital trustees had agreed to accept the 13 Mile-Woodward site of the Woodward general hospital group, plus the latter's \$500,000 in cash and \$200,000 in pledges.

**THESE FUNDS WILL BE** added to the \$3,500,000 already pledged to Oakland Hospital by the Greater-Detroit Hospital Fund.

The new \$4,000,000 hospital, one and a half miles south of Birmingham, is the design stage and may be ready for construction to start in six to eight months.

Thus ends a controversy of many, many months, that at times threatened to wind up in a battle of personalities.

From Our Point of View

City Commissioner Frank Rising's bandwagon for a new municipal swimming pool should have people hanging from the tailgate and riding the wagon bonnie. There's nothing like "cool, cool water" to lower heat-aggravated tempers of children and grownups alike. We're inclined to agree with Commissioner Lance Minor who says such projects are self-liquidating. Then we have the prospect, when the pool is paid for in a few years, that future profits can be pledged to improve other recreational areas. We hope Mayor Chad Ritchie's special "pool committee" finds the right combination to a paying project.

We've checked on those five new down-town curbside rubbish containers placed by the city last week. We can faithfully report that they were being used. However, there still was plenty of room for pots of the litter clogging the gutters. It is to be hoped that more, and more people come to use them. It is so annoying to be continually slapped in the face with flying candy wrappers, etc., etc.

So They Say

**Harry S. Truman:** "We cannot go it alone in Asia and go it in company in Europe."

**Douglas MacArthur, General, U. S. A.:** "The first blow in the next war may well be a decisive blow."

**Firmak E. Bear, head of soils department, Rutgers University:**

"There is reason to believe that many weeds make highly important contributions in mobilizing minor elements in the soil."

**George Santayana, 87-year-old philosopher:**

"A Christian calls himself a sinner, but he seldom regrets his sins and hardly ever corrects them."

**Otto Griebling, circus clown:**

"Comedy is sadness."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

REMARKS AT RANDOM

Resist that impulse to pile material from a house under construction. Regardless of the value of the stuff you take, that theft is termed a high misdemeanor and would subject you to a fine of \$500, or a year in prison, or both.

It would be much cheaper, in the long run, to get what little you need to finish your particular job in the conventional manner: buy it from a regular supplier.

One of the joys of motoring in Michigan, in my estimation, is the opportunity to eat a picnic lunch at one of the 3,000 roadside tables set out for the summer by the state highway department.

We noticed that most "visitors" place the cement of their

**WE THINK BOTH GROUPS** should be commended for this final decision. It is not exactly what was desired by some individuals, but it is a striking example of what results from discussions between men who are willing to compromise if the net result means a better standard for all the persons involved.

What Price Justice?

American justice, let yourself be reminded, is of many types and degrees. If you are poor and unable to hire a good defense counsel, for a given crime you may get the limit in prison. Or, depending upon the judge, you may get less than the limit, even placed on probation, if it is your first offense and the crime isn't too damning.

If you have money, your chances of serving the maximum sentence for a given crime is not so great. You might even beat the rap entirely... again, of course, depending upon the judge and, to some extent, the prosecutor.

All of which is merely preamble to reflections upon the case of Jim Adams, held by the Kefauver Senate Crime Committee to be as one of the nation's most notorious gamblers and racketeers.

**JOE WAS SENTENCED** by a New Jersey judge to from two to three years in that state's prison, and is eligible for parole in 18 months. Another sentence, for five years, could have been given Joe, but the learned judge suspended it.

So Joe, who has lots of money, doesn't get the limit for his crimes.

No wonder the feminine symbol of justice is blindfolded... for if she were able to see all that is committed in her name, she most certainly would blush with shame.

Legislative Lobbyists

Victor A. Knox, Republican speaker of Michigan's House of Representatives, has assailed John L. Lovett, general manager of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, for the latter's influence as a lobbyist in preventing the passage of a corporation profits tax to help balance the State's budget.

Knox, of Sault Ste. Marie, is very much upset by his belief that Lovett is a very powerful factor in what does or does not happen in the legislative halls in Lansing.

Well, we don't profess to know what Lovett or any of the other couple of hundred lobbyists did in Lansing this session. But this we do know from personal experience: Lansing lobbyists (and the same goes for other state capitals and Washington, D.C.) wield tremendous power in the shaping of legislation. At times, when they work together, they are more powerful than a Governor and the Legislature itself.

**SOME TIMES THEY USE** this power to help frame good laws some times they work solely for their own special groups, front whom they get their salaries.

Speaker Knox has spoken too late. He waited until the session was over. His voice would have sounded better had it been raised weeks, or even months, ago.

Incidentally, Lovett, an old veteran at lobbying, is quite able to take care of himself.

Forecasts Usually Right

Official weather forecasts, believe it or not, are right most of the time.

A survey, made some years ago, reveals that the weather reports are correct eight-five to ninety times out of a hundred and that the ratio is improving with the development of improved methods.

It is human nature for people to recall the day which was rainy, although the weather forecast was for "fair" weather, and to forget the numerous occasions when the forecaster called the turn correctly.

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lunches in the restaurants the state provides for, that purpose. This neat habit contrasts sharply with the messes between roadside tables—where motorists seem to compete in growing the greater amount of rubbish from car windows.

A considerable number of well established Birmingham residents would have me believe our community is still old-fashioned in its ideas, its likes and its dislikes.

Well, I find this hard to reconcile with the well-known fact that Birmingham is the greatest manufacturing center in the world. When store dummies are being dressed and undressed, there is more ultra modern than revealing to all passersby the com-



Happenings of Long Ago

**50 YEARS AGO**  
June 7, 1901  
The ladies of the Literary Club will please wear their colors pink and green at the meeting next Monday evening.

**Mrs. L. G. and Mrs. N. Weaver**, of Milford, have been visiting Mrs. M. E. Dewey the past week. As the ladies are all my friends they have been conducting themselves accordingly.

**During the ball game last week** Lloyd Campbell had the misfortune to break the bone in his middle finger on his right hand. He is getting along all right and is yet determined to play.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
June 13, 1906  
A two alarm fire at the York Glidley home, 324 Southfield, is believed to have started from sparks falling on a dry shingle roof. Fireman spread canvas over furnishings in the lower floors and managed to keep damages at an estimated \$2,000.

**Wylie E. Groves and Roland W. Reese** won four year term election for board of education offices. Voting Monday was the heaviest school board election in twenty years for the Birmingham district.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
June 11, 1931  
Cranbrook's first graduation ceremonies will see 19 seniors receive their diplomas. George G. Booth, founder of the institute, will deliver the commencement address.

**Over 200 witnessed the DeMo-**roy installation ceremonies at the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening when Gerald Hilly became master of the chapter.

**A group of local women who have** been organizing a pool for private swimming classes are starting out to raise \$2,600 to keep the pool open through July and August. School officials had previously said the pool would be closed during that time because of operational expenses.

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 500 words.

**To the Editor:**  
In a recent editorial you took Guy Nunn to task regarding his program, "The Voice of the UAW-CIO." We of Labor do not presume to be infidels; therefore, we welcome criticism.

Your contention that Guy Nunn is a poor labor spokesman can never alter a single kind word for management is unique and amusing. Just when has the Birmingham Eccentric or any of the press, that is the unmitigated voice of Big Business, commended organized labor?

Just when have the Republicans in Congress complimented President Truman and the Democrats? If such a thing has ever been a part of political debate it has become a lost art in modern times.

A well organized group of labor barons and exploiters of our natural resources, took over the Republican party and ran the country for so long that they assumed a divine right to spin it, in the long run.

**HOWEVER, IT IS NOT** the intention of labor to leave the impression that we hate anyone on account of their wealth, their color or their religion.

Most of us are confirmed Christians and want to share with all sorts and conditions of men, not only Christianity but also the material things we can produce so abundantly. As humble followers of Christ and believers of the Holy Scriptures, which say "The love of money is the root of all evil," we make no apology for our criticism of the selfishness of the rich.

Big Business, by its own attitude, asks for the criticism it gets from the law making halls of the nation and left no stones unturned in its attempt to defeat everything that spells greater security, well-being or peace of mind for the little fellow.

The NAM has thrown its weight around the law making halls of the nation and left no stones unturned in its attempt to defeat everything that spells greater security, well-being or peace of mind for the little fellow.

Only BUSINESS fought collective bargaining to the bitter end. It recently a U. S. Senate committee uncovered a relationship between two Detroit firms and the union. Big Business had encouraged the Ku Klux Klan. Some of us have vivid memories of when a U. S. Senate committee came to town to investigate business spine labor. Believe it or not, some of our very active members left town and have not been here in these parts since.

Big Business also opposed increased taxes for education, health

and safety laws, child labor legislation, minimum wage laws, social security and currently they are kicking around legislative proposals to provide universal sickness and accident insurance.

If Big Business had opposed a few of the social reforms of the 20th century, instead of all of them, we might find it in our hearts to forgive them.

**AS A HUMBLE** seeker of justice, righteousness and a richness of life no one can buy, I ask the good editor, whom, among the wealthy we should commend, and for what?

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**To the Editor:**  
Recently a group of mothers were discussing the price of admissions charged our teenagers for the Saturday matinee at our local theaters.

We have no quarrel with the 20 cents charged our grade schoolers, but most of us are trying to keep our older children on allowances and the 70 cents charged them lites so deeply into their spending money that they are staying away in droves to look at TV at home for free.

It seems to me that the theaters should add everything in their power at this time of TV competition to attract potential patrons to their local theaters. I have heard that in other cities, Cleveland in particular, they have special teen-

age matinee rates of 35 cents to 45 years of age.

**COULDN'T** A similar plan be worked out here? I think the increase in attendance would well warrant some action on this suggestion.

Let's hear some other comments from parents as to how they feel about life subjects.

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**"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:"**

With that simple opening, Marlan Knoll, a Michigan State College employee, began a letter to Michigan Bell. Because we feel her story concerns you, too, we quote from it here:

"I should like to express my appreciation for the courtesy shown me by the men on the construction crew when they were laying the tile and underground cable along Grand River in East Lansing."

"I do not see and although I have a fine dog it was a relief to know that the men were watching to see that I got around the bad spots in good shape. When I asked if things would be cleared away by the following morning, one man replied, 'I think so, but if not, they will be someone to watch out for you!'"

"Construction work is always unpleasant and especially so when one does not see. However, the inconvenience and irritation are considerably lessened when such courtesies are extended to the public."

Since you are concerned with good telephone service, we thought you'd be interested in Marlan Knoll's letter.

**It's people who make telephone service good!**

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