

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

The country seems to be churned into a lather by the Great Debate. People are writing more letters to editors than these gentlemen have received in years. An editorial in almost any paper which takes either side in the great argument is sure to be blasted by those who don't agree. It's an odd coincidence, but almost everyone you meet has made up his mind. Sort of like the old Southern judge who decided his cases at the outset of a hearing, just so he wouldn't be prejudiced by the evidence.

The strange thing about most debates is that the subject usually concerns something which may or may not happen some time in the future. Debaters invariably are seers, and seek to persuade you that if their course is not followed that the future is dull indeed. In the present case we have two antagonistic forces which agree only on one thing, the desire for peace. One would obtain it by administering a sound thrashing; the other would obtain it by putting off as long as possible the administration of such thrashing.

Whoever wins the Great Debate will not necessarily be right. Only the future will show which antagonist was reasoning most soundly. In the meantime, while waiting for the absolute truth to emerge, we can only wait and hope. Debates are always like that: sometime later the true victor appears.

But there can be no debating about known facts. For instance, who can argue at next Sunday is not Mother's Day?

And because next Sunday is Mother's Day, it does not seem fitting that every merchant in town should do his level best to exploit the day. I've always felt that the best gift any Mother ever receives whether on Mother's Day or at any other time, is to have a visit with her son or daughter. Nothing you can give her can be a substitute for yourself. But if you can't visit with her, then do remember her in some way.

Not long ago we were discussing the methods used in making ladies' blouses. We had been shown a low priced line of blouses, and we turned one inside out to see what they were made of, and how. When we saw how the material had been cut, how it had been filled with cheap double stitching, we realized that the way to buy a blouse is from the inside out. Seeing this poorly constructed blouse reminded me of the shrewd moonshiner who was trying to sell his old jalopy to a thirsty neighbor. When he knew the neighbor was watching the canny still operator deliberately filled the radiator with a clear fluid from out of a jug which was usually used for distilled spirits. The neighbor, who not only was invariably thirsty but was a great procrastinator, saw the liquid bargain and rushed over to buy the car. But what was in the jug was only water.

So when you look at the outside of a garment only—a blouse let us say—its like watching your neighbor fill his radiator with a jug. Look and see what's in that jug. Look at the inside of a blouse. And for an assortment of just about every kind of blouse—or tailored shirt—you should see what's at the Village Store. We have just about any kind of a blouse you'd like, in many different fabrics. Right now there is a large selection of peasant blouses, which are ideal with a cotton skirt for the warm days ahead. Why they call them "peasant" blouses, I don't know; for they're fit for a queen.

Almost another ton of White Stag summer wear reached the Village Store this morning. That's a lot of weight that cost a lot of freight. In this shipment you will find just about any color and style of summer garment you can desire. We don't have to tell you older customers about the quality or style of this line, nor do we have to urge you to buy it. For the last three years a big percentage of the ladies in Birmingham have gardened, played golf, washed dishes, and entertained in these delightful clothes. But don't wait too long if you would have those pleasant color combinations which make summer and White Stag synonymous.

In about another five weeks the schools will be through for Summer, and then will come those glorious vacations. If you're planning to go to the seashore, to the mountains, or to a dude ranch, or up in the Northern wilds, you'll be needing proper clothes. The Village Store has great varieties of vacation apparel now. So if you know your plans for the summer, make your departure easier by not having a lot of last minute shopping.

We are still amazed at the number of people who visit the Village Store for the first time. If you're one of those who have yet to make such a visit, won't you stop in and browse around? You'll soon learn why so many of your neighbors make the Village Store a habit.

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Birmingham, Troy School Elections Stated June 11

Registration for annual school elections June 11 in Birmingham and Troy townships set underway this week. In Birmingham registration starts Friday, 11, at the board of education offices in the Hill school building. According to Superintendent J. H. Hester, nominating petitions for candidates for members of the board of education can be filed with the secretary of the board, beginning Saturday, May 12. Each petition must have signatures of 50 qualified voters.

FINAL DAY FOR FILING nominating petitions will be Tuesday, May 22 and registration ends June 2.

Four-year terms of Birmingham school board members Mrs. Louis Spanglin, 487, Arlington and Amos Gregory, 1216 Dorchester expire this year.

In Troy township, terms of board members Elmer W. Low, 1705 Big Beaver road, and Raymond J. James, 8232 Rochester, expire. Registrations will be taken at the school board offices starting May 12. Nominating petitions can also be filed for the first time that day.

One of the petitions being circulated in the Birmingham district is for Charles James, 1791 Stanley. A spokesman for the board of education said Wednesday several other petitions were out but none had, as yet, been officially filed.

Ziegler Promises Improvement of Stephenson Hwy.

State action has been promised on the improvement of the Stephenson highway-Rochester road intersection, according to Troy Township Supervisor Norman R. Barnard.

State Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler informed Barnard by letter that he had personally looked over the intersection and was satisfied with it. He added that the state will put "into shape" as soon as weather conditions permit.

Barnard had sent a letter to the commissioner pointing out that the intersection creates a hazardous traffic condition. Former Supervisor Charles R. Ryan also wrote a letter of protest to Gov. G. Wren Williams.

The supervisor said he wasn't sure just what the commissioner meant by putting the intersection "in shape."

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Four-Team Local Softball League Now Planned

An organizational meeting of the Birmingham YMCA-City Recreation Men's softball league took place Monday under the guidance of Walter Morgan of the 'Y' Management committee.

Representatives from Michigan Bell Telephone, Post Office employees, Birmingham merchants, and an unsponsored group were present. It was decided to proceed with plans to form a four-team league playing Monday through Thursday evenings.

Games will start at 8:30 p.m. with the official schedule getting under way June 4. Entry fees, contracts, playing rules, equipment, rule interpretations and administration problems were discussed.

Practice sessions will begin immediately and arrangements for diamonds will be made through the 'Y' office or Recreation commission. Players are needed and young men interested can contact the Birmingham YMCA.

The next managers' meeting will be held May 21 when contracts and entry fees will be accepted. Deadline for entries is June 1 and for fees June 15.

Local Cindermen Seventh in Central Michigan Relays

Birmingham's track team placed seventh out of 24 class B schools entered in the Central Michigan relays at Mt. Pleasant Friday.

The Maple sprint medley quartet took the only first for the Birmingham team with a time of 2:43.8. Running were Ron Phillips, 440; Jim Laine, 220; Lance Miror, 220; and Ronnie Pacer, 440.

Exorse repeated its class B championship with Ladington runnerup.

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Only Minor Changes In Traffic Fines

While not revealing the exact nature of any changes in Birmingham's proposed schedule of traffic fines, Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley did say Monday that only minor changes were expected.

"It appears that our drastic changes will be made in our schedule," he said. "We are making a study of what other nearby communities are doing and aim at uniformity."

Moxley will present his suggested changes to Judge John Gaffil, probably this week. Upon completion of the judge's study, the schedule will go to the city commission for approval.

On Tax Roll

Unpaid special assessments totaling \$1,944.60 have been carried to the city's 1951 tax roll. These assessments for streets, sewers, water mains and other assessment district items were past due and unpaid as of May 1.

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High Twelve to See Parade of Progress

General Motor's "Parade of Progress" will highlight the May 14 meeting of the Birmingham High Twelve club at the Community House. The exhibit consists of a stage display of jet propulsion, the story of light, advancements in the field of rubber and other items of scientific research.

Members are invited to bring their teen-age children to the dinner meeting, providing reservations have been made.

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