

Texas Is Anti-Truman

A considerable portion of the south and southwest is mighty disturbed about the State of the Union. Chiefly, they appear to want to get rid of New-Fair Deal political and economic policies.

Texas, for a good example, is in the forefront of this southern-southwest rebellion against the Truman administration.

The other day we received a clipping from a Texas newspaper, sent by M. W. Cochran, a former local resident. This clipping consisted of a resolution written and adopted by the Aransas, Texas, County Democratic Committee. It pledged its support to Gen. Eisenhower, as against Truman or any candidate of Truman's selection on the Democratic ticket.

This resolution criticized Truman's "lack of thrift, foreign policy, centralization of government, drift to socialism, graft and corruption," etc., etc.

EVERYTHING CONSIDERED, it was a terrific departure of the traditional south-southwest's political attitude. While for many years folks in those areas have been critical of the federal government, it is only during the past year or so that their leaders have come out openly for a definite change in leadership in Washington, D.C.

Perhaps 1952 marks the year that ends the New-Fair Deal philosophies that have been in control of the United States for nearly 20 years.

Laughing It Off It is good that most human beings have a sense of humor. This virtue is of great value to our lawmakers, whether they be in Congress or the State Capitol.

For example, recently Lower Peninsula State Senators referred to the Upper Peninsula as "nothing but waste land." This immediately prompted one U.P. lawmaker to suggest that his part of Michigan be annexed to Wisconsin. Another argued that the U.P. should secede from the Lower Peninsula and assume the name of "Superior."

Later, however, the "feuding" statesmen will forget their differences, and if you get around Lansing enough you might find them engaged in a friendly game of poker, or sipping soft drinks in a swanky soda parlor.

His Feet's Too Small The longer Harry S. Truman occupies the office of President of the United States the more trouble he seems to get into, the more our domestic and international problems appear to perplex him.

When all is considered, there should be no great mystery about these Truman

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill REMARKS AT RANDOM Birmingham Supt. of Schools Dwight E. Ireland informs this column that the reason for the special 3 1/2 mill school district special election was set for March 31 is this:

His 180-plus teachers this year want their 1952-53 contracts to contain an exact salary figure, rather than a tentative one as has been the practice in the past. A 3 1/2 mill revenue would, if approved, supplement the regular estate tax levy.

He said tentative contracts used to be issued the end of March or the first part of April, then were supplied with the real contract later in May after the board of education had agreed on what the teachers could be paid.

situations. With decent respect for Mister Truman, and the same for the high office he holds, how can you expect a quite mediocre man, now become quite conceited and arrogant, to measure up to so great an office... especially at this bewildering juncture in world history?

MIGHT AS WELL expect a second lieutenant to take over Eisenhower's job. Might as well expect today's fly-weight boxing champion to lick heavy-weight Ezzard Charles or Jersey Joe Walcott. President Truman, to put it mildly, has been projected, via politics, into a job larger than he can fill.

From Our Point of View

Demo Senator Kefauver's fur emblem is a conksin cap which he wore while campaigning in Tennessee. President Truman, we hear, doesn't look with favor upon the candidacy of Kefauver for his job. The fur emblem of the Truman administration is the mink... considerably flavored, we might add, with the odor of skunk. We might also add that corruption in the federal government seems to breed like rabbits... my, what strange offspring the donkey lets loose upon the political scene!

What a wonderful day it will be when Little Harry retires to private life. Then he can be himself... his own affable self... without the necessity of getting himself all mixed up in contradicting as he flounders his way along Destiny's Highway of Greatness.

It wasn't the famed 49'ers who went to California in those gold rush days who got the greatest gobs of the yellow stuff... why, folks, some of the biggest hauls of wealth ever made were done by organized predatory machine politicians who have descended upon cities, States, and now the national Capitol. A budget of fifty billions and up ain't no hay—even in the U.S.A.!

In election years, especially national ones, countless thousands of speeches are made by politicians in their efforts to win votes. While no admission is charged those who wish to hear these spellbinders, the fee is levied later—in the form of taxes.

It will be unfortunate, in the end, for the American people, if they have to vote for a Presidential candidate whose complete views on domestic and world affairs they do not know. By this we mean, of course, the possibility of the nomination of Gen. Eisenhower without his stating his position before convention time. This is not to say that "Ike" is not qualified for the job. But it is to decry the necessity of millions of Americans having "to make their purchases in the dark." Every public official should be required to state his views during a political campaign.

So They Say...

Dr. Irving Langmuir, noted chemist and Nobel Prize winner: "In the present state of the world, progress is a condition for survival."

Stanley C. Allyn, business executive: "Russia does not want a war. They want us to spend ourselves to death."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill REMARKS AT RANDOM

A white back, we read where a University of Wisconsin professor smashed his car into the side of one driven by a woman. He was convinced the lady's hand signals didn't mean anything. This incident seems to destroy the idea that professors live in another world.

The town council in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, has changed the name of Stalingrad avenue to Macedonia avenue. Wonder if property values have increased as a result?

Birmingham—Alabama, that is—police recently discovered a moonshine still underneath a cinder block building. They ought to have expected something of the sort, for when you poke around under a cinder block you are bound to run into "spirits."

An Oakland, Calif., garage attendant lifted the hood on a customer's car, and was astonished to see a Pekinese peered up at the motor. "An auto manufacturer can explain hours—but dogs?"

Ship That Wasn't Supposed to Come In



INVESTIGATION OF HUGE PROFIT IN SHIP DEAL

PROFITERS

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

50 YEARS AGO March 28, 1902 Tickets for the St. Patrick's banquet to be given under the auspices of the Ladies Literary Guild are in the hands of the members. As only a limited number will be sold, it will be best to secure them well in advance.

Probably not in many years has such a general epidemic of sickness prevailed in Birmingham and vicinity as the present season. Smallpox is also reported as near as Chicago and the schools are closed there in consequence.

The twentieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson was appropriately celebrated by over 150 friends of the family last week. The old people came early and spent the day visiting and eating a delicious dinner. The young people came in the evening for dancing, refreshments and frolic.

Two very pleasant and successful entertainments have been given in the form of New England suppers by the Methodist and Episcopal churches Friday and Saturday. Both were in honor of Washington's birthday, with appropriate decorations.

As tomorrow is the first day of March we are reminded of the old saying that the last two days of February and the first day of March are the indications for the three spring months' weather.

20 YEARS AGO March 3, 1932 A banquet tonight will open the 10 day drive to raise \$2,000 to offset the deficit resulting from the failure of the regular campaign last fall to establish funds for the Y building here. About 60 volunteers will join the Y board in the canvass of Birmingham and vicinity.

An 8 week course in Boy Scout leadership is being offered by Birmingham schools it was announced this week. The plan will begin here at the New Hampshire Republican school in northern New York.

Three to honor at the Bar

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

As we sat in the office last Wednesday afternoon thinking extremely unpleasant thoughts about the weather, our mind drifted back to the days when we were going to a little country school in northern New York.

Regular school vacations were jimmied around and washed to pieces by the weather. We were concerned. In areas where the kids were enjoying the usual one-day vacation, the long Christmas and Easter vacations, we were plugging along in class, dreamily.

February was our worst month. The bottoms fell out of local thermometer as the length was howled and there seemed to be no end to the snow.

ANY FARMER who lived near a gully, or cut in the road, made sure his roadside fences were taken down so his neighbors could bypass the gully and drive through his fields.

They hiked off across the fields to visit the kids who attended a school nearby. We went to neighboring towns to buy candy—and I must confess, pick fights with the "town" when their classes were dismissed.

SO, COME the day of February, we hung around home,

Walnut Lake Fire Dept. Taken Over By Township

The West Bloomfield township board last week Wednesday voted to take over operation of the Walnut Lake volunteer fire department.

Hallett said a building will be erected. When the Keego Harbor department secures the new fire truck, the engine there will be transferred to Walnut Lake and the Lake's present equipment will be put at Cass Lake.

Chief Dale C. Otmer's salary was raised from \$25 to \$75 a month. Southfield Board Meeting Postponed

TOWNSHIP CLERK Frank

"We're New In Town —But We Feel At Home" Local folks, including those we met at the bank, are doing a good job of making us feel as if we 'belong.' It's a nice feeling to know you are welcome when you move into a new community. Newcomers are most cordially invited to make our bank their financial headquarters.

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