

Time to Change Riders On the Political Horses

Although The Eccentric favors the election of Republicans this year to state and federal offices, as well as those within Oakland County, we do not do so with the feeling that all things and candidates Democratic are not worthy of decent consideration.

Indeed, many of the ideas of the Democratic party, over the years since Jefferson, have been mighty good for the nation. Yet we cannot define the New-Fair Deal type of politician as a worthy disciple of the ideas that Jefferson stood and fought for.

INDEED, SPURRED ON by the desire for personal power and perpetuation, Democratic leaders since 1932 have become the fore-runners, in our opinion, of a form of despotism that cannot live within the framework of a free nation.

We do not furthermore believe that such leadership is in keeping with the thoughtful and honest desires of many Democrats who yet cast their votes out of habit and a kind of political loyalty to what was once a great and good political group.

Too, we are aware of the delinquencies of the Old Guard/Republican party. We admit that within it, at various periods of our national life, certain predatory interests controlled it, fattening themselves in the process.

A REVIEW OF the favoritism and special privileges that have been granted certain individuals and groups during the past score of years proves this point. In brief, both parties being comprised

of human beings, are not free from evil, and both of them also possess values of goodness.

At this time, however, we believe the New-Fair Deal boys and girls have been in power long enough, and should be supplanted by members of the Republican organization. Apparently no single party can remain in office 20 years and stay able, honest and sincere.

We would argue along the same lines were the Republicans in power so long, and made the mess—internationally and domestically—that the followers of Roosevelt and Truman have made.

FOR, WITHIN THE PATTERN and spirit of true competition, is it not necessary to hire another set of public figures and ideas, so that the structure of our American way of life may not die upon the vine of a single political party?

It is not that Gov. Stevenson is incompetent or dishonest, himself. It simply is that Stevenson represents Trumanism and its record, and were he elected he would be barred from doing his own best because of his inability to divorce his administration from New-Fair Deal ideas and bureaucrats already firmly established in the federal government.

On the other hand, Gen. Eisenhower already is a national and a world figure. He is honest, he is intelligent. He will not tolerate around him the so-called Old Guard Republican controls, nor will he endure the "irony" type of close aides.

EISENHOWER KNOWS the international situation and its problems. He will not apologize for pinks and fellow-travelers in government. He knows how to operate a military establishment competently.

The election of Gen. Eisenhower to the Presidency should be like fresh cool breezes coming in after a long, smelly, hot day.

Let's thus help the Jeffersonian Democrats to purge their party of those who would give us the socialist state, by electing many other faces and other minds to leadership on Nov. 4.

And let's do it without malice or hate!

travagant spending, in centralizing too much power in Washington, and in their inability to set in motion a foreign policy that can keep us out of war.

Plenty of them no doubt will show this dissatisfaction when they cast their votes Nov. 4.

Both Eisenhower and Stevenson, naturally, want to become President. Only one of them can win. Which one of them, then, do you suppose will so conduct himself that he truthfully can say, when the election is past, "I'd rather be right than President!"?

What a queer case . . . that of the Scottish Doctor who, posing as a woman for many years, and using a female name, now announces that he is of the male sex, and intends to marry his house-keeper.

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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 Today.

50 YEARS AGO October 24, 1902 Lucien Humphrey who once lived here and had many friends is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Hildred Miller. Mr. Humphrey's home is now in the state of New York.

One morning recently John N. Heth, the popular proprietor of the Well Spring Dairy, had a breakdown and away went twenty gallons of choice milk and cream. Not a Birmingham housewife missed her supply, though, because John hustled around to get enough to fill every waiting picher and pail.

If our village marshal cannot hear all the shooting which bothers and annoys our sick people so much, why not chip in and buy him an ear trumpet?

The Ladies Literary club of this place is preparing to entertain the Oakland County Federation of Women's clubs on Nov. 10 at a meeting with held in the Library hall and a dinner will be served in the afternoon.

All the lady clerks of the popular Waiter Bros. & Robertson store of Pontiac were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis at this village one evening last week. A delightful luncheon was served and the evening passed all too soon.

20 YEARS AGO October 27, 1912 The Rev. David L. Woodward has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist church here to accept a charge at LaGrange, Ill. A pulp committee, headed by Raymond Peck, has been named to interview candidates for the Birmingham pulpit.

Charles Crandell, new superintendent of public schools in Birmingham, and Mrs. Crandell will be the honor guests at a reception at the Community House Wednesday evening. A musical program

has also been planned for the evening.

Village Manager James W. Parry is expected home this week from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has been attending the annual convention of International City Managers' Association. Police Chief John Hackett has been acting village manager.

Over 250 persons attending the political rally here last night heard the pleas and attacks made by Republicans and Democrats for office or party, who had a message for the people was permitted to speak at the affair sponsored by the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

5 YEARS AGO October 30, 1907 Economic Aspects of World Peace is the topic which has been selected for the Community Council's annual institute scheduled for Jan. 28, Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn are general chairmen for the institute program.

City commissioners Monday night reaffirmed their policy that fire protection would not be extended outside the city limits. Bloomfield Village residents, seeking protection for their school, were told that city equipment was not sufficient to risk and of the trucks answering outside calls.

Formal dedication of Howarth Memorial Park will take place Monday afternoon when Rotary club members will dedicate a plaque honoring the memory of John B. Howarth.

Vesper services opened the observance of National Girl Scout Week and the organization's sixth anniversary this week. The program was held at the Community House Sunday afternoon, with all troops represented by Scouts and their leaders.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Uncle Abner was telling a story the other night about two hunters . . . the one was a poacher, the other a hunter who complied with the law. He bought a license, hunted only in season, and never shot more than the legal limit.

The poacher started out very early in the morning. He shot the birds where he found them—on the roost, by a building, on private land, anywhere that he was fairly sure he wouldn't get caught.

He bagged his limit, but kept on shooting.

WHEN THE end of the day came, he skulked around a wooded patch until he was positive no warden was around, then went to his car and drove home. His family game birds for several days.

HE HAD AN excellent gun, a license, the clothes, the dog—everything but the shells. Happy, just the same, he wandered around the swamp, letting his dog sniff the birds while he enjoyed a day of perfect fall weather and the sun on his outdoors.

They've set their sights on the man they know is the best one for the job, and then on election day they stay home in flocks.

"They ain't above gettin' a vote here," said the warden, "but strictly accordin' to Hoyle, neither. If they know they can get away with it at the votin' booth, they'll do it. They want that man in there because they know he's goin' to play their kind of ball."

"I WISH I could make a speech—I'd tell 'em. I'd tell 'em that when they went out and registered all they had was buy the bullets. That registration was just gettin' 'em armed."

"The primaries are just dry shootin' to get the feel of the trigger. You ain't goin' to get no game until November and you ain't goin' to get it then if you leave the shells on the back porch."

"Sometimes I don't care too much whether I vote or not, but this year will day blame it this year's different! I've bought an awful lot of bullets and they sure ain't goin' to get no game we don't fire 'em."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Birmingham city commissioners and local police are concerned over the traffic congestion at Woodward and Maple. They've moved the two bus loading zones southward to new locations, will shortly be considering where the two taxicab stands are to go.

City officials also "talk with alarm" the left turns that motorists make from the right-hand turns directly across traffic. They say they have noticed taxi drivers and motorists violating this portion of the traffic ordinance.

I've noticed in the past few days that bus drivers and truck drivers are prone to do, too. Just a case of "Everyone's Doing It," I guess.

Merely because the city has purchased five more voting machines, this is no reason why the wife should wait till hubby gets home to supper before she casts her ballot Nov. 4.

If all the women would cast their votes during the day, the precinct workers would have the totals figured out more than 30 minutes or so after the polls close at 8 p.m.

If the women don't vote early but wait to go with hubby, I'll be safe in predicting that in this orthodox election there will be many sore, tired footies obtained from waiting in line.

In the heat of the summer, any dry spell is doubly annoying. But when the weather cools off a bit, it takes a good deal of conscious effort to become aware of the lack of rainfall.

Such is the case of the several weeks leading up to the comparatively little bit of rainfall the middle of last week.

The ground was extremely dry and hard, to which City Commissioner Dick Patterson can attest. "Some days back I wanted to put in some new shrubs," he explains. "The ground was so hard I had to soak the ground for hours before I could use a shovel."

Have you ever noticed the barbed comments that pass between news commentators at the "What's My Line?" moderator John Daly and panel member and gag writer Hal Block? "I am told there is no love lost between the two, either on or off the air."

I understand some wives become

annoyed when their husbands shy away from or even won't give out suggestions for dinner. The little women say they get tired of doing all the planning, so why won't hubby help with some ideas?

Gals, maybe it's because the fellows, having to select noontime lunches day after day, welcome the relief that comes from merely sitting down to the dinner table and accepting someone else's thinking and planning.

We know a service story writer who has had great returns in fact practically all of it returns.

I see where another party of Swiss mountain climbers is attempting to reach the top of Mt. Everest in the Himalayas. I'm sort of glad it is the Swiss, English, etc., rather than Americans who have been attempting this climb.

I'm afraid that if Americans ever were to reach the top first, they'd erect there a huge neon sign which would read something like "Smoke Old Lackysides—The Public's Best Friend."

Which also brings to mind an item I read recently in which it told of the Puerto Rican requirement that within the next

five years, all roadside advertising signs must come down.

Seems the tourists want to see Puerto Rico, not the signs. Americans could also see a lot of the United States; they have never seen before if similar measures were applied here.

Apparently some people still feel the cost of the new \$2,000,000 Birmingham high school was as high as it was because the school board employed "expensive architects."

But School Board Member Richard Sauberbrun is quick to correct this impression if anyone mentions it to him.

"Any statement that our new high school cost was increased because the firm which designed and supervised its construction was 'expensive' is factually untrue," says Sauberbrun.

"The architect's fee was a straight 6 per cent which is an accepted standard fee for such work by the profession. In fact, the fees on churches and commercial structures often run much higher."

"Again, statistical facts have unequivocally proven that the cost of our high school was way below the costs for similar space in this entire area."

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Are you reading the articles we have been publishing about the need for expanding the local public schools? They are written by Supt. Dwight B. Ireland, at the request of the Board of Education. These articles seek to convince you that you should support the forthcoming three million dollar bond issue in November.

Gov. Stevenson merely offers another deal from the old deck. Gen. Eisenhower wants to deal from a brand new deck, with all the jokers removed.

Last week, according to reports from California, 40 miles of its coast line were jolted by what is thought to have been a slight earthquake. Or could it have been just the echo of some of Harry's recent talks in the Golden State?

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