

Third Article In Series on Reapportioning

(As a public service to the community, The Birmingham Eccentric presents the third in a series of four articles concerning the two reapportionment amendments which will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot. The information is being supplied by the Oakland Citizens League and the Civic Research, Inc., of Pontiac, both of which are non-partisan organizations devoted to research and education in government.)

On the Nov. 4 ballot, voters will be asked to decide on which of two methods to re-apportion the state legislature. Proposal No. 2 provides for apportioning the legislature on the basis of population alone. Proposal No. 3 takes into consideration not only population but geographic, social and economical interest.

Proponents of the proposal to reapportion the legislature on the basis of population alone declare that representation in both houses of the legislature should be on the basis of "people," not fractions, not areas, nor special groups.

Proposal No. 2, backed by the Michigan Committee for Representative Government and the CIO, provides for a Senate of 33 members and a House of Representatives of 99 members. For senatorial districts the plan calls for dividing the state into 33 districts, as nearly equal as possible in population. Each district would elect one senator and three representatives.

A FORMULA has been devised which divides the state population by 33, and then sets up a senatorial district if the population of an area contains between 85 and 115 per cent of this ratio.

Oakland County, with a 1950 population of 395,909, falls into the bracket entitling it to a state

Many local readers of these paragraphs have told me that they gain mental and often spiritual uplift by reading them. That, of course, is reason enough to write these. Yet, I think most of these thoughts you already know... need only to be reminded of them again.

entire western half of the county as one district and the eastern half would be divided in two. Carried to its logical conclusion, this formula of giving representation in both the Senate and House to counties based in their population—four counties—Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Saginaw—strongly pro-labor counties—would in effect control the state legislature to the exclusion of all other counties.

This has led to the accusation that Proposal No. 2 is a "CIO grab for power."

TO MAKE CERTAIN that the legislature would reapportion itself every 10 years, Proposal No. 2 would give responsibility to the secretary of state. Proposal No. 3 gives responsibility to the state reapportionment commission.

Both Proposal No. 2 and Proposal No. 3 deal with the same problem but in radically different ways. Both proposals appear to meet major objections to the present reapportionment system, which is inoperative because of refusal of the legislature to do its duty.

If a person accepts the principle that numbers of people should be based on both population and area should be considered in determining representation in both legislative houses—opposite to the federal constitution plan—Proposal No. 2 is available.

However, if a person believes that a balance legislature based on both population and area should be considered in determining representation—and that no one section of the state should be in a position to control BOTH houses, Proposal No. 3 is available.

The final article next week will seek to evaluate both proposals.)

RC Disaster Crew Will Hear Talk On Main Problems

Exactly what to expect if an air raid or other disaster strikes Oakland county will be explained to Red Cross and civil defense volunteers and registered nurses on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

A county-wide meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. in Longfellow school, Royal Oak, to explain key roles of these groups in any major disaster.

Miss Helen Flanagan of St. Louis, will be the main speaker. She will talk on the problems of operating mass shelters for homeless refugees; types of nursing services needed in disaster and the importance of community planning.

Miss Flanagan will also be heard during the afternoon session of the county's civil defense officials, headed by Dr. John S. Lambie of 280 Westwood, Detroit, 15.

Mrs. Hermilio Rodriguez, Jr., of Royal Oak, head of nurses' recruitment for the Red Cross, pointed out that solving the problems which Miss Flanagan will discuss is a part of the disaster training program. Trained volunteers, ready for immediate call, she added, is the first step in being able to cope with mass disaster.

Social Workers Needed By Red Cross to Serve In Veterans Hospital

Men and women with training in social work, psychology or allied fields are urgently needed by Oakland county's Red Cross chapter, according to Mrs. George McCormick, 675 N. Eton, chairman of welfare aides.

"People who have this training and are not working steadily right now might find this a good way to keep active in social work," Mrs. McCormick said.

She explained that the work for the Red Cross would include home service cases as well as work with men at the Dearborn Veterans hospital.

"These workers would not only be keeping active in their own field, but would be giving help to people who really need it—in a field where training really counts," Mrs. McCormick added.

Red Cross offices at Pontiac and Royal Oak are prepared to accept registration of these volunteers.



PETER JIMMY TOMMY PAT
Jimmy is back home to play with three of his seven brothers. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Sister Kenny Center Cures Polio Victim

Jimmy is home again! Back home, completely recovered from a bout with polio, is Jimmy Morse, 9, one of eight sons of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Morse of 2195 West Maple Road.

On July 15th, Jimmy was starting his third week of summer camp when he was taken ill. His parents picked him up that day and drove him home. He had contracted polio. He was taken to the Sister Kenny Polio Center in Pontiac where someone had to be with him 24 hours a day until he was out of danger.

Then began long sessions of muscle exercises twice a day. Jimmy progressed rapidly. In six weeks he was well enough to be released from the Kenny Center.

Now, once again, he is well and strong and very happy to join his brothers in play in the best of all possible places—home!

Jimmy was very fortunate!

OTHERS ARE BURDENED for longer times with the disease. Last year about this time, The Eccentric carried a story about Mrs. Donna Fischer's fight with polio. Mrs. Fischer, a Birmingham resident, had just begun her first class in training at St. James Episcopal church. The next day she was stricken with polio and rushed to the Sister Kenny Center at Pontiac.

That was the last she saw of her children, Kim 3 and Kicky Lynn, 1 year 11 months, until nearly a month later when she was able to sit in a wheel chair and be taken to the lobby at the Center for a brief session with her brown-eyed babies. Those who remember her story may be interested to learn what happened to her.

MRS. FISCHER was treated at the Sister Kenny Center until January when she was permitted to return to her home. For several months afterward, a Kenny technician treated her at home each day. In June, the family moved to Cleveland where Mrs. Fischer has been able to continue her treatment at the Cleveland Rehabilitation Center.

Last Friday she reported by telephone from Cleveland that she is feeling fine and has just about

totally recovered. Her right arm still bothers her but she is able to care for her now three children. She also said that she is able to take complete care of her house without outside help.

She said, "I haven't found a job yet that I can't do. I can tie shoes, zip zippers, put up my hair and everything. We think the Kenny center is wonderful!"

THE SISTER KENNY Center, a United Foundation agency, is on the second floor of the Oakland County Contagious Hospital, Medical Superintendent of the Center is Dr. Ethel Calhoun, 767 Lakeside.

So far in 1952, the Kenny Center has treated 128 polio cases. In addition 44 patients were brought in for observation and subsequently were diagnosed as having diseases other than polio.

Dr. Calhoun said, "We have had more severely ill patients this year and more severe cases have been early. We had several bad cases in August. Our case load—the number of patients in the hospital at one time—has been as high as 90 this year."

"We have also had more bulbar cases—the type of polio in which the patient has difficulty swallowing and breathing. We have three cases in respirators and one on a rocking bed. A rocking bed, just as the name implies, is a bed which rocks from the center like a teeter-totter and provides a simple form of artificial respiration."

ANY DOCTOR may take a patient to the Center and work with Dr. Calhoun's staff. A greater degree of help can be given if the patient is admitted to the hospital as soon as the illness is diagnosed as polio.

"We have the greatest hope of successful treatment if we get a patient immediately when polio strikes," Dr. Calhoun said.

The minimum cost for polio treatment is now about \$20.00 per day which is borne by

United Fund contributions, assisted by hospital insurance for those who have it.

Besides Dr. Calhoun and patients' private physicians, the Center has two doctors from Oakland County on 24-hour call.

To Block DPW Door Birmingham city commissioners have approved the appropriation of \$175 from the contingent fund to remove the garage door from the west side of the department of public works building and block the opening up with masonry. The west section of the garage then will be used for tool storage.

Set Assessment Hearing A public hearing on the assessor's roll for the road oiling of Warwick from Abbey to Manor, Elm from Elm to Forest, and Hazel from Hazel to Hunter has been set for October 20 by the Birmingham city commission.

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Doctor to Display Unusual Exhibit At Medical Meet

Lawrence W. Gardner, M.D., of 18782 Glenwood, will present an original scientific exhibit on "Hemochromatosis" during the 31st annual meeting of the American College of Pathologists in Chicago next week.

Dr. Gardner is director of laboratories at Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital, 1, Detroit, and director of the medical laboratory technology

department at Mercy college. His display will be one of 20 to be presented at the meeting which will also be attended by members of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

It will contain 70 Kodachrome transparencies and a presentation based on clinico-pathologic study of four cases at Mt. Carmel. A complete review of all existing literature on this rare disorder will be included.

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