

Adlai Playing Smart Game of Politics

This man Adlai Stevenson is playing an exceptionally artful game as he seeks to win the Presidency in November. In his Detroit talk Labor Day the Democratic candidate dwelt upon the problems of labor unions, and he took several verbal whacks at the Taft-Hartley law.

Stevenson knows, of course, that the record and reputation of Harry S. Truman since 1948 is no royal flush that can win the 1952 election pot. Stevenson knows that Harry's stock is pretty low with the American public.

So why should he emulate the Truman type of 1948 campaign, and go about making tirades as Harry did on his famous "whistle-stop" campaign?

Stevenson fully realizes that, if he is to retain many disgruntled Democrat votes, plus nobody-knows-how-many independent votes, he must not talk and act like Harry.

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know-tow to any pressure group; he will serve ALL the people; he opposes big federal government; etc., etc.

Indeed, much of what he did say would be expected and applauded at a Republican rally.

Except for his diatribe against the Taft-Hartley law, with his promise to scrap it and write another law "that is equally fair to labor and management," Adlai's Detroit speech was slanted to make friends and influence people . . . for Nov. 4.

HE KNOWS HE WILL get the dyed-in-the-wool Democratic vote, regardless of what he says and does. But he's playing for that disgruntled Democratic crowd and that independent crowd . . . and to suit them he now and then talks like a liberal Republican.

Pretty smart campaigning, we think. Erudite Stevie won't be any push-over . . . and the sooner "like" learns this and does something about it, the better off he'll be.

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While traffic is a necessary evil, most of us try to see that all unnecessary vehicles are steered clear of the street upon which our own home is situated.

Thus we can sympathize with the Eton road homeowners who for many months have been trying to keep the south half of Eton road purely for residential use.

Their particular concern has been the large trucks which have been using Eton as the easiest and most direct means to and from the industrial area which lies immediately north of the residential section.

LAST WEEK MOST OF Eton residents agreed to the widening of their street to 29 feet. It presently is only an 18-foot strip pavement. We know the concession was a difficult one for residents to agree to, but feel it was the correct one.

However, a certain amount of truck traffic will continue to use Eton, and that fact should be recognized and accepted. But we agree that it should be used primarily for local truck traffic. City officials, the police department and Eton

residents should continue to politely but firmly discourage short-cutting trucks from using the street.

INCIDENTALLY, WE ASSUME it was an oversight on the city commission's part last week in calling for the Eton widening assessment roll to be spread 85 per cent against the abutting property owners.

The commission about two years ago decided, in connection with the widening of East Lincoln, between Adams and Eton, that because it was a semi-arterial street, the city-at-large should assume an extra 10 per cent, or a total of 25 per cent, of the Lincoln widening assessment.

Eton also is a semi-arterial street, according to the commission's own decision. Therefore, we believe the city should also assume 25 per cent of the cost of the widening of Eton, unless there are unusual circumstances which as yet haven't been brought to light in public hearings so far.

We trust the commission will rectify the oversight at the time the Eton assessment roll is confirmed.

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"You take my wife," Uncle Abern says, "she sees a hat that looks good in the window and she just can't sleep until she has it. Once she gets it home and tries it on she finds out she's not a store virgin and on her it don't look good. Didn't think enough before buying."

THAT, HE maintains, is about the way politicians spend money. They aren't quite sure whether those voters wanted the road in that spot or not, but they wanted a road so they're going to get it. And what if it's not just where they thought it was going to be, it's in the same county, ain't it?

Uncle Abern gets pretty sore every time he sees one of these pictures showing a dollar bill all sliced up.

"Golly," he's apt to say, "if the mint had trimmed the margin on that one a little thinner, I'd be broke."

He maintains all the green part of the bill goes to the government and all the citizens get is the white edges. They're getting awfully narrow.

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tops in their shoes, but by golly the family has the latest in television and a new car every two years.

THE GOVERNMENT, he thinks like that, too. If some country builds a plane with two city last December, delivery on the light machine has been held up repeatedly. It was, however, finally delivered immediately after arriving here.

WHAT'S ALL this got to do with the Thinker's party?

Well, Uncle Abern says if the politicians would adopt his policy, put their feet on the porch rail (or the woodbox and think, they wouldn't have so much time to spend money. Furthermore, if they thought long enough about a problem it would die a natural death and wouldn't need any money.

By the time one problem was dead and buried, at no cost to the taxpayer, half a dozen more would have been hatched and turned over to the politicians," Uncle Abern says.

"By jingoes, that would give the boys a lot to think about and cut their spending time, maybe, someday, I could have a little bit of the green print on the next dollar bill I get my hands on."

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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 Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO September 12, 1902 Chonita, a mare owned by Dr. C. M. Gaymale, is making wonderful progress as a race horse under the guidance of Trainer Frank B. The mare has been used to haul the good doctor's rig about town and has apparently developed amazingly well. Her track records are already outstanding.

A beautiful cane, hand carved and richly ornamented, is the latest gift to a child from his son in the Philippines. It is a beauty and will doubtless help Mr. Chatfield to grow old with grace and charm.

Don't forget the time or place of the oratorical contest next Wednesday evening, at the U. P. Church. The small sum of five cents will be charged to pay expenses. Out of town people are especially invited.

No. 60 was the lucky ticket in the drawing conducted by Jas. Van Every last week because he held that ticket Andy Bowden now owns a new \$10 Columbia graphophone and \$5 worth of new records.

County Clerk Brown has received from Lansing the deer licenses that will be issued to Oakland County hunters this year in the number of 175. Attached to each license are three cards along with the holder of the license to ship three deer from the hunting grounds. A book of affidavits accompanies each book of licenses.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Without attempting to solve the present political problem, the people of this nation now face as they contemplate the increasing cost of government, or to decide where government spending should stop. I can't help but wonder about this dangerous practice of deficit spending in times of relatively great prosperity.

The Democratic administration has been constantly reminding people of late that "times never have been so good." Yet each minute this same administration is taking the nation deeper and deeper into debt.

IT IS CERTAINLY apparent to me that if the government continues to give us this peculiar "prosperity" and piles on more debt, then the kind of government we have, and yet keep going further into debt—how in the world is that debt ever going to be reduced, let alone paid off?

More and more the people with whom we are taxed and taxed to provide equality of everything for those who, for various reasons, have not earned such equality.

I DON'T PRETEND to know just where the point would be reached, but it is obvious to me that the government then would dominate a completely regimented society.

50 YEARS AGO September 18, 1907 The resignation of School Board President Lee E. Joslyn was accepted by the board of education at its Sept. 15 meeting. Ross S. Campbell, former Detroit attorney and resident of Franklin Village, was named to succeed Joslyn.

Birmingham MOMS will hold their annual Tag Day this Saturday to raise funds for hospitalized veterans. The group makes bi-weekly visits to area hospitals supplying the little "extras" for the men.

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asserted that if this trend is not discontinued, the states gradually will give up all of their responsibilities and the federal government will absorb them.

For many years now the process Farley described has been going on. Unless an intelligent effort is made to strengthen the financial position of the state and local governments, they may be added to Washington, D. C.'s rubber stamps or become entirely non-existent.

NEITHER DOES HE have to accept federal bonuses in connection with the crops he grows. Thus by refusing this federal service and cash, he risks himself of the rash of federal officials whose business it is to see that those who get government money comply with the regulations under which it is available.

President Truman, now that he is not running for re-election, has described himself as "a private in the rear ranks." That self-imposed demotion has long been awaited.

State and federal conservation

agencies are taking advantage of beaver talents, reports the National Geographic Society.

Conservationists have relocated beaver colonies in areas where beaver-size dams are needed to bring in flood control and the preservation of natural resources.

THE BEAVERS' success has been so marked that they now are being dropped in boxes which open upon contact with the ground in some western states.

If they don't perform as expected, they are removed. Such was the case in Oregon where they failed to follow engineering plans. They had moved the dam site.

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