

Brake Will Have Opposition As Candidate for Governor

Michigan's present State Treasurer, D. Hale Brake, has just announced himself as a Republican candidate for the Governorship in the coming 1954 primary election.

Vision Developed This Area

When Walsh, James & Wasey, a local realty firm, commemorated 25 years of activity in this Birmingham area two weeks ago, we got to thinking about the part that realtors and subdividers have played in the splendid development of this community.

THIS EDITOR'S ASSOCIATION with Birmingham goes back 33 years, to a time when Birmingham had a population of but

State Board of Cosmetology

Now and then you may read about Michigan's Board of Cosmetology, an agency that examines and licenses beauty parlor operators and their businesses in this State.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Reports from Washington, D.C. suggest that two local men are effecting tremendous improvements in the operation of the military defense system of the U.S.A.

Many rumors and actual statements are coming out that the Chinese Reds in North Korea are taking advantage of the current truce period to strengthen the Reds' military strongholds north of the 38th Parallel.

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strongest opponent for the Republican party's choice.

WHILE LEONARD HAS NOT yet announced himself, it will be remembered that he did run in 1952, and garnered a considerable number of votes.

This goeth the game of politics at the moment in one segment of our government.

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So They Say . . .

Bernard L. Montgomery, British Field Marshal: "If we win the 'cold war', we won't have a hot war."

Nathan Howard Gist, religious writer: "The most effective language is that which is simple and direct."

Oscar Wilde, author: "To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual."

Joseph K. Lookstein, Jewish rabbi: "What is needed is not more clergymen in politics, but more of the spirit of religion."

L. W. Youngdahl, Federal judge: "The drunken driver is as great a menace to the dignity of human life as is Communism."

Drawbacks of the Modern Age



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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Modern civilization has been having its difficulties in trying to end the existence of the very annoying house-fly. Only a few years ago the Department of Agriculture developed sprays which were thought to be the answer to these pests.

However, in a few years it developed that the sprays only had a temporary effect, and that the flies recently had an immunity to the sprays.

In Australia civilization has gone down to another defeat at the hands of the ordinary house-fly. The city of Canberra was so troubled with flies recently that Government officials thought they had the answer to the problem.

It is to be hoped that civilization will not fly off the handle before the problem is solved.

A suggestion I would make to the expanding television industry, which will soon be reaching into every corner of the United States, is that the industry stress Americanism, and the story of his country more frequently in its dramatic presentations.

The diet of psychological melodramas and murders has almost become monotonous on the TV screen.

Of course, the experts say that the listening and viewing public takes to "soap-operas" and that they are an excellent advertising medium for major sponsors. Evidently, this has proved correct since any radio listener knows that wholesale presentations of radio soap-operas have been standard programming for years.

HOWEVER, SINCE TV is expected to be more of an educational medium than radio and since it is expected to attract the attention of youngsters to a greater degree, I suggest that the patriotic theme, the story of the growth of our country, be stressed in more of the plays staged for television audiences.

Since television plays tend to be produced in the larger cities, just as plays which are staged in the city theaters, this difference is sometimes not appreciated.

The average American, who resides in the smaller towns or in the country, is a pretty normal animal, who enjoys a healthy attitude and philosophy. He will appreciate more TV shows dedicated to the country's growth, strength and history, and fewer psychological problem dramas.

Contrary to widespread reports which apparently have been circulating for several weeks, I AM NOT going to be Birmingham's acting postmaster. While awaiting reassignment one time in the Army, I worked a few days on Christmas season in the Chicago post office.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Halloween is kids' night. The night they get away with staying up late, making all the noise they want to, ringing doorbells like crazy and "bothering" the neighbors.

It's also the night they get excited, reckless, moved by the mob spirit to act without thought. If this is not enough, consider the fact that they are wearing a wide assortment of garments to make visibility practically nil.

There are more youngsters, bit, little and tiny, running around than than any other night of the year.

The air is quite apt to be heavy with the smoke of bonfires and of course, it will be dark. Whoever heard of going out on "tricks and treats" in daylight? Ridiculous!

IF LOOKS as though the problem of safety has been tossed right into the laps of every man and woman who ventures forth in a car that night.

Let's all remember the excitement of our own youthful Halloween nights and "proceed with caution" again this year.

Let's hope that the kids have a wonderful time with no more danger than a tummyache from the stuff they eat that night.

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