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TELEIC and THAT By G.R.A.

HERES HOW A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IS USUALLY CONDUCTED

Now that Michigan has held its biennial primary election, when candidates for the various political parties are nominated, the voters will grid their loins for the campaign preceding the final Nov. 2 general election.

Both MEN are comparatively young, experienced campaigners, and should provide the voters with interesting issues.

Having had some personal experience in waging a gubernatorial campaign, as the late Gov. Kim Sigler's campaign manager in 1916, perhaps you'd like me to narrate the pattern of the usual campaign for this high office.

Both Williams and Leonard will have and end his lip to a dozen or 15 stops will be made each covered.

BANQUETS will be held by local supporters of candidate.

BECAUSE The accompanying newspaper reporters will be looking for new copy every day, the candidate will endeavor to include in his speeches some angle that will get them a headline for the day.

Many times, too, the reporters will suggest "angles" to the candidate for the reporters, being old hands at the game themselves, often prove helpful.

While a doubtful if any high priced advertising or publicity could have done a better job of promoting the candidate's name than it was in the days before the water works.

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To Save Ems, City Considers Spraying Law

Faced with the alarming increase of Dutch Elm disease throughout all sections of the city, Birmingham commissioners are considering adoption of an ordinance which will make proper control and treatment compulsory by requiring all elm tree owners to spray their trees.

The seriousness of the situation in Birmingham was pointed out by City Forester William Lebold, who told commissioners that there will be close to 200 infected trees this year against 26 infections in 1953.

Lebold said 70 reports had been returned from the laboratory, as positive and that there are more than 100 samples there awaiting analysis and report.

With \$200 trees already sprayed and about 2,500 more to be done within the next two weeks, Lebold admits he is already dipping into next spring's budget to the tune of about \$1,500.

Lebold's "allowance" was \$6,000, of which between \$4,500 and \$3,000 will be spent on the current spraying program, he estimates.

He has had inquiries in surrounding communities which had carried out a complete control program through spraying and is satisfied that losses can be held down by this method.

COMMISSIONERS brought up the question of the city's liability in the use of DDT program to destroy the Dutch elm.

MEMBERSHIP of the commission Williams said he is soon to meet with Harlan to outline the commission's program and pick the other commissioners.

REUSE Takes Exam For Postmaster Job Acting Postmaster Roland W. Reese, 1847 Webster, said today he is one of the civil service examination applicants for appointment as permanent postmaster for Birmingham.

Appliances are being taken at the local postoffice until Aug. 31 of the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

REUSE was named acting postmaster on June 7 after an eight months' wait while officials made their decision.

Water of lack of it, in Birmingham is an old problem, but the current water situation, which serious, is much better than it was in the days before the water works.

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Homecoming Ends In Tragedy for 3 Young Couples

Two Birmingham girls returning home from a "welcome home" party died when a car carrying them and four other companions ran head-on into a tree on Rochester road north of Long Lake road.

The accident occurred about 3 a.m. Saturday, claimed three other lives, and critically injured a sixth person.

THE BIRMINGHAM girls are Virginia Rae Engelhardt, 19, one of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Engelhardt, 1492 Villa; and June Alexander, 21, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie B. Alexander, 15653 Ruckingham.

Others killed in the crash were Kenneth Eskridge, 23, of 26 Vermont, Troy township; Donna Asher, 22, of 314 Lincoln, Clawson; and Ernest Day, 22, of 195 Vermont, Troy township.

THE LONE survivor, Jack Renaud, 21, of 300 Leroy, Clawson, remains in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac. He suffered head injuries and fractures of both legs.

THE CAR, a tangled mass of metal, was total loss. It took a half hour for an AAA truck to remove the car from the tree.

THE PARTY honored Day, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Day, who recently returned from service with the Navy in the Far East.

ESKRIDGE, an Miss Asher were office workers at the Ford Motor Co. tractor division in Birmingham.

Miss Engelhardt and Miss Alexander joined the group after the accident.

THE MERCHANTS of the village knew it, too, and were apprehensive of the danger, especially during dry spells for their entire property, stocks and crops could be destroyed in one fire.

THE ECCENTRIC in promoting a fire hazard, and reported: "The cry of fire sounded on our streets, they said, there was a fact that there wasn't a barrel of water inside the corporation, our hair stood on end, luckily, it was only a burning chimney on Clark Harris' house and John Ny smothered the flames with a peck of salt."

Several attempts were made to scale an artisan well in the center of the village but all resulted in flat failures. One such attempt was made near the Soldiers' monument, which stood at the intersection of Maple and Saginaw (Woodward).

WHEN WATER was not forthcoming, Sam Masters tried to recover the tubing put down in the drive well. Jack screws were employed and at the first hoist, pulled the pipe apart six feet beyond the ground surface.

Closed Meeting On SW Parking; Survey Is Done

Birmingham's seven city commissioners—or as many as can make it—plan to meet privately next week to discuss the southwest parking lot proposal before they undertake further public discussions.

The long-awaited report from Oscar Gunderson—submitted late last week and therefore not placed on the official Monday night agenda—would have been received in office last week.

HE BOWED to other commissioners, but that there was little likelihood of getting any parking in that area this week, therefore there was no real rush.

AFTER their private conference, tentative schedules for next Wednesday, the commission expects to set the date for that public hearing.

THE PROPOSAL, as it seems to be now, suggests that the city and benefited merchants share the cost of the facility, which is estimated at over \$100,000 for the property alone.

IN HIS report, Gunderson said parking demand in that area had increased "approximately 40 spaces" in the two years since he previously surveyed parking requirements.

ANN C. Hart, Polio Victim, Doing Well Latest Report Says A spokesman for the Philip A. Hart family said Tuesday that the condition of seven-year-old Ann was "satisfactory."

THIRD Policeman SOLTFIELD-Policeman Number 10 PROVE that there was a township former two-man force.

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Testimony Split for Analysis

By GEORGE WM. EVERILL An August 31 deadline for the submission of its report has been self-imposed by the three-man committee investigating the Cooper fire.

ONE IS carefully checking over statements of two policemen who arrived just before firemen at the June 14 fatal fire which claimed three lives.

THE second committee member is shifting his attention to the testimony of the three men who were at the fire, while the third is sorting out the eastern horizon of Pontiac, according to tentative sketches released Tuesday.

BOARD MEMBERS feel they can finish the investigation in the next 10 days, however, unforeseen delays.

FORMER Minister Gets County Post Appointment of a Birmingham man as friend of the court for the Oakland County circuit bench was announced this week from the office of Gov. C. Messersmith.

THE appointment was made on the recommendation of Oakland County circuit court judges H. Russell Holland, Frank L. Doty and George B. Hartrick.

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BIRMINGHAM WATERWORKS ABOUT 1904 It was located on south side of West Maple, east of bridge. (Stanley Ford Photo)