

I wonder just how the statistics on how many times we are critical, against the times when we praise others, would appear at the end of each week or year; perhaps it requires more thoughtful effort to offer deserved praise.

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Michigan Relocates to Relocote Wrecks

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

JUST A SIDE LIGHT ON THE CHARACTER OF A MICHIGAN LABOR LEADER

A few days ago I happened to come upon August Scholle, president of the Michigan CIO Council, who had stopped in Birmingham to make a small purchase in a local store. We visited briefly, and I later recalled an interesting experience I had in 1948, when I was the late Governor Kim Sigler's executive secretary.

Early in 1947 Gus had been appointed by the Governor to membership on the Michigan Department of Economic Development. During 1946 he had supported Sigler's Republican candidacy for governor.

In Sigler's administration the legislature enacted a labor bill known as the "Bona-Tipp act," which had stopped in Birmingham to make a small purchase in a local store. We visited briefly, and I later recalled an interesting experience I had in 1948, when I was the late Governor Kim Sigler's executive secretary.

AT ONE of these meetings Walter P. Reuther was present, together with many other labor leaders.

Eventually Sigler signed the act, and labor was displeased.

It was many months following this that, one day in the Governor's office, an emissary of Scholle's appeared with a request to see Sigler. He was directed to the front, and this is what I learned from him:

Gus Scholle was about to publish, in the CIO News, an article in which he was severely criticizing Sigler. In view of this, would the Governor like to receive Scholle's resignation from the Department of Economic Development?

I SMILED an answer something like this: "Of course not... Sigler appointed Scholle to this important job because he believes him to be honest. Sigler believes in and tolerates diverse opinions in his administration."

Anyway, I escorted the emissary into the Governor's office, where the situation was gone over again. Within a comparatively few minutes Sigler said to the emissary: "You go back and tell Gus Scholle that I want him to remain on the Michigan Department of Economic Development. I put him on that board because I believed him to be honest, able and vitally interested in Michigan's economic position. I still believe these things about him. I also firmly believe in the right of free speech and free press, and the right of people to disagree.

If Gus and I can't see eye-to-eye on certain issues in Michigan, that is no crime, either. You tell Gus to go ahead and publish his article criticizing my administration... to remain on the Board of the Department of Economic Development... and to drop in to see me any time he wishes.

You see, Folks, Gus is one of those labor leaders you get to like personally... and he's also honest and able.

New Football Field Under Construction

Construction of a new football field at Birmingham high school is proceeding satisfactorily, Frank Whitney, athletic director, said this week.

Lights for the new stadium, which this fall will replace Pierce field as the location for high school football games, have been erected and work given their first test last week.

Workmen now are reaping the benefits that were moved from Pierce field and erecting them at the new site, Whitney said.

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Philip Schlaack, Former Village President, Dead

A former trustee and village president, Philip Schlaack, 83, July 4 died following a brief illness. Born Dec. 25, 1870, in Big Beaver, he resided at 2325 Kilmer, Troy Township.

AS A YOUNG man, Philip and his brother, Frank, came in from the farm and sold meat from a wagon to the people of Birmingham. As this continued town constable George Fay forced them to obtain a license at the fee of \$1 a day or \$5 a year. He and his brother continued in the business from 1900 to 1912.

A carpenter by trade, he went into the hardware business in 1913, on the southwest corner of Maple and Woodward, later setting out to Siusser and McBride.

When Mr. Schlaack came to the village in 1890, his only lighting system was by kerosene. While he was on the village board, he was influential in giving the electric light franchise to the Detroit Edison company.

It also was during his period of service on the board that Birmingham got its sewer system.

SURVIVORS include his wife, the former Elsie Kilmer, whom he married June 25, 1914, in Bowling Green, Ohio; a son and daughter, Norman of New Jersey and Mrs. Orlow of London, of Birmingham. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Manley Bailey funeral home, which was in Roseland Park cemetery.

Dutch Elm Disease Hits 42 Area Trees

Forty-two cases of deadly Dutch elm disease have been uncovered in Birmingham and its immediate environs as of July 1, city Forester William LeBoid announced this week.

Of the 42 diseased trees, 37 are in Southfield township just next to the city, and one is on county owned property at Adams and Madison.

All infected trees in the city are to be destroyed by their owners within 15 days of notification by the forestry department, LeBoid said.

Owners must have the trees cut down and the DPW will haul them away and dispose of them.

"This is a serious situation. The condition is much worse than it was a year ago, and we must do everything we can to prevent further infections," LeBoid emphasized.

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Firemen, Cops Cooled in Industry

Seven Birmingham firemen and two police officers will be among the first city officials called before the special board inquiring into the city's efforts in fighting the June 14 fire at the Thomas Couper residence, 1189 Brookwood.

The first of these department members may appear at the board's session tonight at the municipal building.

According to Chairman James Spencer, there still are several persons from the Brookwood neighborhood who are scheduled for appearance tonight.

IF THEY all show up, it will bring to 21 the number of spectators who have volunteered to tell the three-man committee what they saw at the fire, which claimed the lives of Mrs. Couper and her two sons, Danny and Larry.

TONIGHT'S session may permit time to call the first of the city employees, Spencer indicated.

Although he would not release the names of these city employees—the board has adopted the policy of keeping all witnesses' names undisclosed until the report is filed—it is expected that at least the seven firemen who responded initially to the early morning alarm, and the two police officers who were first on the scene, will be called.

These are Asst. Fire Chief Stanley Pepperell, Inspector George Sulley, Pump Operator George Williams, and Police Officer James Dutton and Firemen D. Devaney, F. Raymond, W. Edwards and R. Dunn. The policemen are Officers Joseph Buckles and Robert Rowe.

Two Boys Injured In Explosion of Homemade Rocket

Two Birmingham boys, one 12 and the other 14 years of age, were treated at St. Joseph's hospital, Pontiac, last Thursday night for cuts and burns caused by the explosion of a soda charger capsule they were preparing to use as a rocket motor for a model plane.

According to one boy's mother, the youths had punctured the capsule to release its charge and were packing it with match heads to create a fuse when the explosion, which happened to cause it to blow up.

ONE BOY'S hands were burned and several stitches were required to close cuts of the finger tips. The other boy also was burned and suffered a deep gash in the arm.

"I hope other boys will consider this accident a warning and stop tampering with such dangerous devices," the mother said.

Both boys were released after treatment at the hospital.

K. of C. Council Organized Here; Initiates Sunday

With approximately 100 members, the newly formed Birmingham Knights of Columbus Council, 3809, will hold its first initiation class Sunday, July 11.

Activities will start at 6:30 a. m. at the first meeting at the Queen of Martyrs church to attend the 7 o'clock mass.

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SURVIVORS include his widow, Emma F.; a son, James III; a sister, Mrs. J. Leonard near Graceland; and two granddaughters, James IV and Gracye Shannon Vernor.



MRS. MAYNARD BEUKEMA (left) AND HER SISTER, MRS. A. J. PELANDER Standing by swimming pool of newest home in Caracas, Venezuela

Public Benefits from Million-a-Day Income

BY RUTH ANNE SILBAR

IT'S true what they say about Caracas, Venezuela, according to Mrs. Maynard Beukema, of Devonshire road, Beverly Hills, who has recently returned there.

After a month's visit, she is prepared to add a few bits of information to the already impressive store published in magazines and newspapers about the fabulously oil-rich community.

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THE AUTOPIST is the highly publicized six-lane highway linking Maquetta on the coast around.

James Vernor, Sr., Gingerale Company President, Is Dead

President of the Vernor Manufacturing and Bottling company, James Vernor, Sr., died June 30 at his home in Bloomfield Hills following a long illness. He was born March 25, 1877.

The gingerale firm executive was the son of the founder of the soft drink company.

A LANDMARK on the Detroit River for many years, the Vernor plant recently was demolished to make way for the expanding civic center. He lived to see the new plant, one of the most modern and complete bottling companies in the country, rise at 4501 Woodward.

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Land Trade Believed Possible

Relocation of Willets street to eliminate a growing traffic hazard in the central business section is an engineering possibility, although it is difficult to estimate until there have been talks with abutting property owners.

City Engineer Richard Gare told city commissioners Tuesday night that the city see what can be done to relieve citizens of this traffic hazard, which has become more and more shopaholic.

MOVE WILLETS north 80 feet, and widen the mouth of Oakland by obtaining a triangle of land off the southeast corner of Oakland and Woodward.

Such a plan would permit east-west traffic to proceed with only a very slight jog, rather than the two right-angle turns now required, Gare pointed out.

Willets would be a four-lane pavement, and be in a straight line from Bates to Woodward. Gare's proposal would put the new street directly through a flower shop and a parking lot on the north side of present Willets.

COST OF the project would be \$35,000 for the new, wider pavement, plus any necessary right-of-way acquisition, Gare said.

Commissioner V. B. Hays was especially interested in Gare's recommendation. It has been at Watson's insistence that the city see what can be done to relieve citizens of this traffic hazard, which has become more and more shopaholic.

Police Chief Ralph Moxley said this could be taken Saturday morning.

Three Men Hurt In 2-Car Crash

One man was admitted and two were treated and released Tuesday at St. Joseph's hospital, Pontiac, for injuries received in a two-car collision at Telegraph and DeWain roads, Bloomfield township.

Suffering facial lacerations and bruises was Theron Neir, 33, of Dearborn, who was admitted.

He was a passenger in a car driven by John M. Donlin, of Wayne. Both Donlin and the driver, Wilford Bourbonnais, 24, W. Brown, Birmingham, were treated for bruises and cuts and released.

Police said Donlin ran his car into the rear of Bourbonnais' as Bourbonnais was preparing to turn left from Telegraph onto Deham.

STRICTLY FRESH

Jail in Allegan, Mich., is being decorated in red and white. So the prisoners will feel blue.

Lady in Houston, Tex., found a four-foot water moccasin in her mailbox. If nothing, we're always getting letters from folks wanting to put the bite on us.

Bus line operator in Tulare, Cal., wishes the milk of human kindness would be sold in gallon cans. He says because motorists are getting service as the would-be riders.

Owner of pub in Glasgow, Scotland, provides numbered glasses to avoid mix-ups in drinks.

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