

To disagree with another upon some subject is not a mark of civility or malice... so long as the discussion is carried on in an orderly and fair manner. But the moment one lets emotion take the place of reason, then... watch out!

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City Needs Firm Deal For Detroit Water

THAT and THAT

By G. R. A.

WHAT ARE THE PLANS OF MOODY AND WILLIAMS?
What are the political plans of Governor G. Mennen Williams and ex-U.S. Senator Blair Moody in this campaign year?
Both are Democrats, and for months their refusal publicly to declare their political intentions has kept many observers guessing. A few days ago I happened to meet Blair Moody, and we had a brief conversation. Although he did not openly admit his intentions, this is what I gathered to be his thinking on the subject:
I figure that when one of these two men makes a statement about his plans in the forthcoming elections, both will do so.

WILLIAMS IS completing his third term as Governor of Michigan and will not seek re-election in the U.S. Senate, as Williams' appointee Moody was defeated in 1952 by Charles McNamara. Blair, a former able Detroit News reporter in Washington, still is a young man, full of energy and life, I believe, isn't through with politics by any means. Moody is waiting for Williams to determine whether he wants to run for Governor or for (and I think it will be for Governor) Moody will announce for the other.

They either will announce simultaneously, or within a few days of each other.

THERE IS NO doubt but what Williams and Moody are the two best known Democratic leaders in Michigan at this time. Both have dedicated themselves to further public service.

Two highest offices in Michigan are to be held by Blair Moody, Governor, the other U.S. Senator. After all, neither would ever think of running for highway overseer or constable, now would they?

WHY THE U. S. SENATE FAILS TO "DISCIPLINE" JOE MCCARTHY
Many people are wondering why the U. S. Senate, especially the Republican members, do not endeavor to discipline one Joe McCarthy—the current ad patrel who is raising so much hubbub about himself and his Republican Chief Executive, President Eisenhower.

Why? you may ask, "don't the Senate get together and require Joe to act more like a dignified gentleman, as he conducts his special committee hearings into the problem of Communism in the federal government?"

The answer is simple and easily understood by people who closely observe the activities of professional politicians in the United States Senate long has been called "the most exclusive club on earth."

That means that each member, beholden only to the voters in his own State, can schedule his own activities along lines that he thinks will continue to get his State's majority vote. Thus he can run rampant over the remaining 49 States as much as he wants. He isn't for the moment, concerned with his voters.

Another very important phase of why the whole Senate doesn't discipline a member is that, as members of the Upper Legislative branch of government, they are determined to remain aloof from and beyond the jurisdiction and control of the Executive branch, which is represented by the White House.

IT IS ADMITTED that most of our U. S. Senators personally do not like the manner in which Senator McCarthy carries on some of his committee hearings. Yet, he exerts strict discipline upon McCarthy would he forsake their Senatorial political bond and give in to the Executive.

The Senate is understandably jealous of its Constitutional powers. The Senate is deeply opposed to becoming a rubber stamp for the Executive. (See THIS & THAT, Page 6)

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This Issue:
News from the
Angling Area
in Southfield Twp.
A New
Correspondent
Column
Written by
Grace O. Runta
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A FREE TRIP TO CAMP this summer awaits the Walnut Lake Cub Scout who makes the most progress during the year if the auction planned for Saturday, March 13, is successful. The Walnut Lake Men's Club is holding the sale to raise money for the Cub Scout program. The auction of antiques and other usable items is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the club house, 2065 Walnut Lake road. Above, Bill Unsworth, (left) and Don Harrison make final preparations for the sale. Former cub master Stewart Schultz of the men's club will be the auctioneer.

Recreation Budget Request Shows But Slight Increase

Despite proposed salary increases for employees and the addition of two features to its summer program, the Birmingham recreation board has worked out a tentative cash budget for the coming year that is only slightly in excess of its 1953-54 budget.

The budget, which may undergo slight alterations before it is presented to the city commission April 1, now stands at \$15,110. Last year's gross budget amounted to \$13,410. Because of revenues from parts of the recreation program, the city's total expenditure last year amounted to \$11,000, according to Mrs. William Jackson, chairman of the recreation board.

There was no reference in the budget to the \$40,000 ice skating rink which the board has been considering, or even a bid. At the board's special meeting last Thursday night in which the budget was discussed, members agreed that their studies of the artificial rink were not completed, and that the board was not ready to make recommendations to the city on its purchase.

The board will finalize its budget plans at its regular meeting scheduled for March 18. Still under consideration are a proposal to double the summer music program, and the establishment of a policy in respect to assessing fees to youngsters participating in certain programs.

MRS. JACKSON said the city's cash contribution to the recreation program represents only part of the actual expense since the school board contributes buildings, playground facilities, maintenance, and the establishment of approximately equal cost.

Board members agreed with School Athletic Director Frank Whitney that salaries for supervisors in the various programs should be improved. Past practice has been to pay such supervisors \$50 per week without allowance for experience or special skills.

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Connecticut Town Trying to Steal B'ham's Thunder!

Last week The Birmingham Eccentric received a letter from J. Roger Brown, 712 Ridgedale, Detroit representative of The Saturday Evening Post, in which Mr. Brown relayed to us a story published in December in the Westporter-Herald, a weekly newspaper in Westport, Conn.

Its editor, John Orr Young, had written a story "bragging" about the number of "more talented advertising men and women (living in its area) than in any other area of comparable size in the United States."

Recognizing that our eastern seaboard historically has been the seat of much worldly intelligence, it is very difficult for us to understand why Editor Young remains ignorant of the fact that it is in our Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area that the world's greatest number of advertising, public relations and newspaper men and women live.

So, on behalf of the existence of these manifold talents in this area, The Eccentric vigorously challenges the Westporter-Herald's story on the subject!

In support of this, we reprint a recent letter sent to Editor Young by the Detroit Adcraft Club's publication, the Advertiser. The statistics presented in the letter were gathered by Advertiser, George Dix, W. A. P. John, McKowen, Dick Burkhart, Chuck Pendry, Henry Doty, Jim Quello and John Condo, including statistics presented in The Eccentric's 75th Anniversary Edition of last May.

HERE IS the Advertiser's letter to Editor Young:
Mr. John Orr Young, c/o Westporter-Herald, Westport, Connecticut.
Dear Mr. Young:
On your memo tonight should be one well-done crow.

Back in December you wrote an article in the Westporter-Herald in which you challenged the rest of the country to a duel on the basis of the number of people in the advertising business living in an area similar to that around Westport.

AS THE article in Advertising Age, which reported your story, had it, you included the town of Fairfield, Wilton, Redding, Weston and Easton. The total population there is approximately 46,000 live or take a few. The land area is approximately 160 square miles.

Herein live, you say, 391 advertising people divided into the following categories: advertising agency personnel, 138; executives of major national advertisers, 25; television and radio, 48; people who work for publications, 49; public relations people, 22; artists, 70; miscellaneous, 28.

NOW LET'S compare that with the number of people living in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, two of Detroit's finer suburbs.

We are not considering here the surrounding towns which make up what we call the North Woodward Section of Detroit, although to do so would give us an even greater and still comparable advantage over your area.

In these two communities, roughly 35 square miles in area, live about 25,000 people. Of this number there are 100 advertising agency personnel; 175 executives

Berkley Still Not Convinced

At least six of the seven member committees of the South Oakland Water Authority seem convinced that the only way out of the immediate water supply dilemma is to join with the City of Detroit on a supplementary supply and to keep their eyes open for a second, and perhaps, more permanent solution.

This seemed the consensus at a meeting Tuesday night in Royal Oak of officials from member cities, according to Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Egbert. Members present were from an agreement with Detroit under which the communities could be relieved of the maintenance of the city's second water source was realized. It was understood that the agreement also would be a member of a larger authority at this time and work with the SOC communities in gaining a larger supply.

WHILE MEMBERS voted to go ahead with plans for Detroit water, Berkley officials reserved their stand by consulting only if Detroit incorporated a release clause in the contract.

Discussion over the oft-mentioned release clause was prominent. It revealed that cost of this main line is set at nearly \$20 million and would necessitate maintenance of a 56-mile-long pipeline.

Controversy over the proposed operation of the water authority gained momentum during the past two weeks when member communities expressed their advisability of the Detroit water source as an answer to the long-range water supply problem.

First to vote against the authority was the city of Berkley where planning commissioners and city commissioners suggested a plan for another more permanent water supply be studied before entering into a 30-year contract with Detroit.

OTHER COMMUNITY officials also have expressed alarm over the fact that Detroit has had almost full control over this supplementary water source which will spend \$2 million to build.

Plans for the water system, main north on Greenfield road with pumping stations and a storage tank, have been approximately completed but some determination as to the future of the authority must be made before construction of the system yet this summer.

Both the Berkley city council and planning commission attacked the proposed water supply in a report made this month by the South Oakland Planning Council.

Harold L. Weckler of Kensington road wrote the road commission explaining that Southfield road was a through street and that no control or warning is made on these side street intersections to let motorists know of the danger in entering or crossing Southfield without stopping.

According to Leon Belknap, road commission engineer, the matter has been referred to traffic engineers for study and recommendation.

THE old National Hotel was lost forever in the new improvements. Commented The Eccentric: "The Eccentric has made the old National hotel into a thing of beauty with all his external improvement. It certainly looks good to passers by and is very attractive to passing auto tourists who are looking for old Colonial retreats. This one fills the bill." (Sept. 1913)

In August 1912 a vast amount of remodeling was done on the hotel. After 50 years without a change in its exterior, the old hotel had another setback. The hotel's 20 large, beautiful, fluted columns, supporting a promenade

Caught in Storm, Family and Dogs Share Hotel Room

From every corner of the land today come stories of housing conditions and how crowded they are.

A Birmingham family, the Winston T. Kelloggs of 1876 Northlawn, had their own temporary experience when crowded housing during last week's storm.

The Kelloggs, with four dogs, three collies and a West Highland terrier, left Cleveland after the dog show closed Feb. 28. About 40 miles from the city, they found roads closed and a first class blizzard taking over.

Luckily they found housing, but for the days and nights between Sunday and Wednesday they had to live with their dogs in one room.

"THE DOGS behaved very well," Mrs. Kellogg reports, "but for a time it looked like a slim diet for them. Then another lady, also from the show, checked in with her dog. She had a supply of food, and it was kindly shared with ours, so all survived with little or no difficulty."

"It's quite an experience, however, to have three adults, three dogs and one very lively, small terrier in one room for so long a time."

Prohibition Law Doomed Old National Hotel

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

James Wooster, a local citizen, was the last proprietor of Birmingham's famous hotel which once stood on the corner of Woodward and Hamilton.

He bought The National Hotel in 1908, paying a trifle over \$7,000 for the property and planned on remodeling the steam hostelry and installing a new bar and saloons in the hotel.

But Wooster was due for a great shock. No income would be derived from the wet goods department, for the county went dry very soon after Wooster took over and it stayed dry for two years. Wooster gave up after "Local Option" came in and closed the hotel.

By the end of two years, the voters (all men of course; as women did not have the vote then) were paying the ground and champing at the bit. Bars and saloons in the county reopened in 1910 under the new Warner-Crampton law.

Bloomfield Hills City Election Sees 4 Candidates

Four petitions for vacancies to be voted on in the forthcoming April 5 election in Bloomfield Hills have been filed.

Seeking re-election to regular two-year terms on the city commission are James A. Beresford and C. E. Eden.

John S. Bugas is running for the one-year vacancy to fill out the unexpired term of Walter O. Whitney, who also is city recreation director, would like to see supervisors in the various programs should be improved. Past practice has been to pay such supervisors \$50 per week without allowance for experience or special skills.

LAST OF THREE ARTICLES

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BIRMINGHAM INN ABOUT 1914 AFTER IT WAS REBUILT, RENAMED From picture belonging to Mrs. E. A. Burtraw

STRICTLY FRESH

In Baltimore, Md., a boy sat on a chair overlooking to his dismay that a 9-week-old baby got there first. Does that qualify him as an experienced baby-sitter?

A magazine reports that Frenchmen no longer like to drink as did Americans in 1953. Wonder if that's why they have such an unsteady government.

In Kirkville, Mo., a woman named "Coke" plans to get married to a man named "Clinker." A terrific romance, eh?

A popular hearing of "Nobody Loves Me" was withdrawn from all jukeboxes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after the third person this year committed suicide while listening to the song. Catchy tune!

Springfield, Minn., police released a man held for threatening a woman with a knife after he explained that he had planned her for his wife. That's a sharp way to make love!