

If You Want More Political Control, Here's How to Get It

You are interested in the men and women on this nation's two major political parties nominate, in conventions, for the highest offices on both the federal and State levels. You argue that you would like more direct control of the machinery that chooses a President and Vice-President; or, in Michigan, the candidates who will become Attorney-General, State Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Auditor-General, and Secretary of State.

You may claim that, it present, you as a private citizen have little control over these political situations... but you will be wrong.

For Mr. and Mrs. Voter, your control starts right in your own voting precinct (there are 11 precincts here) when you elect the delegate for your party who will attend the county convention, from which delegates are selected for the State convention, from which delegates are elected to the national convention.

AT THE VERY BASE of this whole political machinery is the precinct delegate. He or she can be somebody of your own selection, or, if you pay no attention to this important subject, somebody you don't know.

Do you want to have more control of this business of nominating the highest officials who will govern you? Then here's what you can do:

First, determine the boundaries of your own voting precinct, because your delegate must live in the precinct he will represent.

(If you are not certain what your precinct boundaries are, a phone call to your city or township clerk will give you this information.)

Then obtain free petitions from the County Clerk's office in Pontiac.

THEN YOU GET FROM 15 to 20 registered voters in your own precinct to sign the petition, on which you have written

the name of your delegate-candidate. Then you must file this petition with the County Clerk not later than four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 25.

On August 3, when in Michigan there will be held a primary election for all State and County officials, the name of your precinct delegate will be on the printed ballot. If he or she gets the most votes in your precinct, he or she then will be your delegate at the County convention, and later may be a delegate to the State and national conventions.

In Oakland county, there are 204 precincts. This means 204 delegates will be elected to attend the county convention. This number will be reduced for attendance at the state convention, and again reduced for attendance at the national convention.

YOU MAY FURTHER ARGUE something like this: "Oh, what's the use of working to get the right precinct delegate; after all, in both major political parties are the professional politicians who will manipulate and control the delegates, anyway, and thus get what they, the professionals, want."

To some extent, you are quite correct.

Yet the fact does remain that it is from the roster of precinct delegates that the whole machinery of a political party is obtained, and neglect in electing a strong precinct delegate merely weakens your control over this manipulation by professionals.

Are you interested, as American voters, in securing better control over party election machinery?

THEN DON'T OVERLOOK the basic importance of participating in the selection and election of your own precinct delegate.

After all, you DO HAVE FUNDAMENTAL CONTROL... if you have the will to exercise it!

It's Time He Joined the Others



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Give heed to these ideas, gleaned from traffic officers, safety councils, highway authorities, etc., as you plan now for that gay and carefree Memorial Day weekend:

A heavy foot on the gas and a light head on the driver is not the key to a safe and happy journey.

The weakest link in the car is the one that holds the wheel.

What will you be in your home town paper—a social bit or an ad?

You're keeping a date from which there is no return—a date with death.

Memorial Day used to be when we paid tribute to our nation's dead. Nowadays it's the time when we increase those rolls.

HE WHO drives like... will surely get there.

Always drive your car as though every other driver on the road was just taking a lesson.

Engineers can make safe cars and highways. Only the Lord can make safe drivers.

A sign on a dangerous curve of an eastern state highway: Rest Haven Cemetery—500 feet ahead. (It is, too).

OUR HEARSE is as comfortable as your car but we drive it slower. (A sign appearing near a Canadian funeral home several years ago.)

Holiday weekend coming up—a long day cancelled. (Posted on a state police barracks in a southern state.)

There's always tomorrow does not apply to some drivers.

Grim, aren't they? But remember, they can apply to you.

There's a long holiday weekend not too far off. It may be a gay, happy time for you, or may be the trip which has no return. A lot of the outcome depends on how

you drive.

YES, WE KNOW, you cannot control the speed of the fellow in the other car, but at the same time you need not contribute to the general rat race by trying to out-drive him.

No manufacturer, when he made cars that could travel 100 mph passed a law which said at a slower speed.

Safety councils repeatedly have pointed out that 99 times out of a hundred, the mechanical failures of a car would not have been driven at an excessive rate of speed.

They are constantly warning about maintaining a speed to fit the road. That includes using a reasonable amount of grey matter when driving along a road which is not familiar to you.

WHEN YOU pack your bags for the weekend trip you plan, you check to see everything you will need is included. Pack in a little extra time, too. Start earlier or plan a shorter trip.

If you face a hard job you plan brief rest periods. Include those in your schedule when you plan a long drive.

We brag about how far we drive in a given time. It could be just as easy to start lingering about how much comfort we had and how we arrived home safe and sound.

Highway safety, the authorities tell us, is only a matter of common sense. Let's test their theory and have a happy weekend to remember instead of an anniversary to dread.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

It has been reassuring to look again at the city's ordinance regulating the height of awnings above sidewalks. I notice it requires such awnings to be at least 7½ feet above the sidewalk.

Until I read that, I was under the impression that awnings could be installed at any height above 6 feet.

Now I realize that all these years I have been just about 7½ feet tall—and didn't realize it. As a matter of fact, so are great numbers of other people—if certain awnings are not below the legal height.

It was almost 2½ years ago that first steps were taken to have the so-called Porritt property on S. Adams road become annexed to the city of Birmingham. This was accomplished April 5 last, and zoned to residential and business use last week.

When the Graefeld terrace area north of Maple and west of Elton was annexed several years ago, it required only a few months to accomplish.

Which demonstrates that some matters take time, other make time.

About the only place left where the average American still is willing to make "the old college try" is on the athletic field.

When it comes to sports, he will accept a challenge even though he knows he will not win.

"There may be a chance, though," he

says to one and all as he prepares for the match.

But when it comes to business, to his community, to his many other everyday efforts, his attitude changes considerably.

No spirit of competition in an effort to have the unpredictable come out his way, no determination to see if he can upset the odds.

He will try only if he is certain he will win. If there is any doubt, he gives up before he begins. He takes a dive before the opposition even throws the first punch.

Then is it any wonder there are so many unsolved recurring social and civic problems?

To the Army somebody went Pvt. Schine a good job to get The Army said, "When It's simply no go."

And it's not off our TV screen yet.

The Russians seem to be taking the line of peace resistance.

The battle cry of reducing women: "Hips, Hips, Away!"

High heels and shoes a size too small may be the reason that women sit while the menfolk wait on them.

Say, fellows, when was the last time you saw a woman so shocked that she fainted?

Referred for Study

A second try request for a Class C liquor license by Edward J. Armstrong, 4880 Rochester road, Troy township has been referred to the liquor committee for study and report.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

WILLIAM H. HARVEY, Lathrop Village mayor: "In completing our early spring gravel road repair program, the city spread a \$6,000 appropriation over 17 miles of streets. We know the job was not complete but we had to spread our money pretty thin as it was."

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Bigness Begets Evil

The currently discussed scandals arising from the Federal Housing Administration operations, in which certain people are said to have made many undeserved millions of dollars profit, simply points up to this: when the federal government gets so big that those who head it cannot know, from week to week, what their vast assortment of subordinates is doing, then evil things are likely to occur.

Planting Today for Beauty Tomorrow

Arbor Day, May 8, passed in Birmingham without any special attention.

In days gone by, this would not have happened—for Martha Baldwin and her Village Improvement Society saw to it that hundreds of seedling trees were given to school children for planting on Arbor Day.

But in one little spot in our neighboring township of Southfield, May 8 this year did have community significance. Cub Scouts and their mothers and fathers of the John Grace school, a 13-room

elementary school on Indian road near 8 Mile and Inkster, celebrated Arbor Day with a tree beautification program that is a highly commendable example for any group in the county.

HEADED BY Leon Ramseyer, chairman of the project, the Cub Scouts of Pack S-2 planted on their school grounds everything from small yew trees to large shade trees, thus providing for the eventual transformation of their school yard into a place of beauty.

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

May 20, 1904

"James Cobb, senior member of the firm of Cobb and Cobb, narrowly escaped death by an explosion of gas Monday. He was at home and noticed a peculiar smell coming from the cellar and went down to investigate. It was quite dark and after looking around for a short time he lighted a match to aid him in his search. A terrific explosion followed."

"Mrs Fannie Shain entertained a number of lady friends at euchre Tuesday afternoon."

"Monday last an old fashioned barn raising was held on the farm of Martin Groves in Troy township. The building is a large one and went up without a single accident. The raising was in charge of William Cockerline & Sons of this village and about 50 men assisted in the work."

"Judge Smith has appointed Friday afternoon, May 20, as the time for holding the fairwell service for the old court house. The farewell address will be delivered by Aaron Perry and reminiscences of the old building will be told by J. A. Jackson and Thomas L. Patterson."

"It is reported that Fred Quaron recently caught a picker in their creek, which he solemnly avers was four and one-half feet long. He didn't weigh it, but he said there was at least 15 pounds missing from his sides."

30 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1924

City mail service was started Monday in all districts within the village limits. The service consists of two deliveries a day in the village, but has no effect upon the rural routes.

As the result of the annual tug-of-war on the banks of the Huron river in Ann Arbor between the freshmen and sophomores of the University of Michigan last week, Mortimer Neff, son of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Neff of West Maple avenue, was taken to the Ann Arbor hospital, injured about the head.

We heard it said by Robert Y. Moore, Township clerk: "Only nine and two-thirds cents out of every dollar of the state tax is used for state affairs. The rest is turned over to the Federal government, to

be used for national expenses. It is not all used for state purposes as many people believe."

Harry Goldsmith, a Bird avenue store last week starting a new frame store on Woodward at Smith avenue. He completed the store will be used as a general store, carrying a wide variety of articles including groceries, meats and notions.

Senator F. M. Watkins of Topeka, Kansas, spent a few days in Birmingham last week visiting his cousins, F. J. Watkins and Mrs. David Thompson of Pierce street.

15 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1939

John S. Gellatly of 911 Chester street and Eleanor K. Kelly of 707 Ann street are winners of this year's Alumni Undergraduate Scholarships award by the University of Michigan, according to an announcement made by the local committee.

The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the present edifice will be celebrated by the First Baptist Church, Sunday, with special services.

Because only 225 qualified electors of the Birmingham school district have registered to vote in the school election June 12, the board of Education authorized superintendent Howard D. Crull, Tuesday evening to make plans for a house to house registration plan.

Adoption of the 40-hour week for office and clerical employees of Consumers Power Company was announced today by Division manager B. G. Campbell.

The Photographers' Association of Michigan, an all-inclusive group for portrait and commercial photographers and finishers, was formed in Lansing on Sunday and Monday, May 14 and 15, at the first convention, held at Hotel Olds.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

While we approve the democratic processes being used by Congressional committees, we must admit that this McCarthy-Armey affair reveals how partisan and lacking in courage some public officials can be. Every Senator on that committee knows how wasteful of time and foolish in utterances much of it is, but they will not correct the situation. After all, millions of votes are tied up in the "circus", aren't there?

Best of luck to U.S. Attorney-General Brownell's efforts to set up a division of his office to locate and prosecute evil Communists. But if he thinks this device is going to prevent a Congressional Com-

mittee from acting wherever and on what it wants to... well, he'll have to make the U.S. over into a nation of 100 per cent angels. Personally, we'd rather have a committee representative of the legislative branch, instead of the single-headed executive branch, be our last resort and protector against a terrible evil.

Ex-President Truman made a speech in which he suggested that President Eisenhower "cut out allowing gutter politics" to take place between Sen. McCarthy and the U.S. Army. As a graduate of the Kansas City Pendergast political setup, HST certainly is well qualified to talk about "gutter politics."

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So They Say...

Georgi Malenkov, Soviet Premier:

"A third world war, with the existence of modern means of destruction, would mean destruction of world civilization."

Dr. William D. Stroud, Philadelphia heart specialist:

"In my opinion, there is no such thing as athlete's heart."

James A. Farley, former Postmaster-General:

"The Democrats could win control of both houses of Congress if the election was held tomorrow."