

One Reason Why Republicans Lose Elections

For some time both professional and amateur members of the Republican party have been trying to figure out why they lose election campaigns to the Democrats. To be sure, there are a number of reasons, some of them arising from both domestic and foreign issues.

Among the various reasons, however, one cannot overlook the manner in which, from time to time, certain key Republicans in the Michigan Legislature act and vote.

For example, take this current controversy over the Michigan Turnpike Authority, and its efforts to put through a toll road from Flat Rock to Saginaw. The route they have chosen runs smack through part of Detroit and Dearborn's parkway system. It also runs through numerous expensive residential areas along the route, notably Franklin, Foxcroft-Wing Lake, and northwest Bloomfield Hills.

BUT TO GET BACK to Republicans in the Michigan Legislature.

State Senator Huskell Nichols, of Jackson, is chairman of a State committee considering the toll road subject. His autocratic and high-handed manner of handling this problem, as hundreds of taxpayer objectors sought to testify before his committee, is very disgusting.

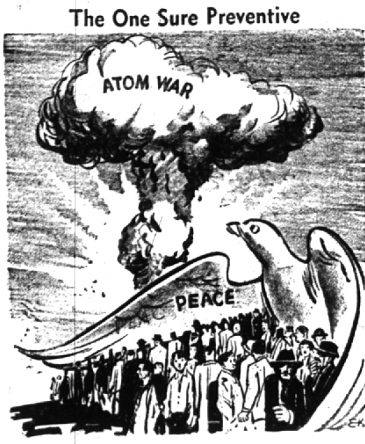
Recently Nichols dismissed his Highway Committee while it was looking into the Turnpike Authority Act. This automatically blocked any Senate chances of abolishing or placing further controls on the Authority at this session.

A vast majority of the municipalities through which or near which this proposed Flat Rock-Saginaw toll road would go are opposed to the suggested route. Scores of property owners, too, have sought to block it.

Yet when they sought to present their ideas before Nichols' committee, they were not given the opportunity.

NICHOLS IS A Republican. He is among those in Michigan who lament the "decline and fall" of the Republican Party's strength in this State.

If he wants to know one of the chief reasons for this situation he should look beyond the shoving later he may use every morning . . . and the same goes for numerous other selfish and short-sighted Republicans.



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Not too long ago we were talking to an acquaintance and were waxing enthusiastic about the then-coming horse show in Bloomfield Hills. That, and a couple of visiting dog shows.

We were rather amazed when the good lady climbed all over us, expressing all kinds of disgust at such "useless" affairs.

Every time we opened our mouths to say something she took a deep breath and started over again. Finally she ran down and rather than stick around until she got her second wind, we left as hurriedly as possible.

NOW, WHEN we have the peace and quiet of a non-arming type, we'll try to tell her how wrong she is.

From a purely economic standpoint, Mrs. Disgusted, have you ever stopped to analyze "stock" shows and sporting events? We have no figures at our command, but we're willing to wager a lot more than we can possibly afford to lose, that they're right up with big business.

Take the Detroit show which ran last week. It involved a lot more than a few horses and riders. First, is the race of these expensive animals by their owners. This not only runs into big money but also touches on the lives of every person employed in the country.

HORSES ARE grain eaters. Grain growers are users of mechanical equipment. The makers of these items are the ones who reach into practically every science and industry in the country.

Secondly, a great deal is spent, and many persons employed in writing and equipping horses for the show ring. Gear of the horses, alone, runs into thousands of dollars.

CONSIDER, too, the general sporting events, baseball, tennis, golf, basketball, and the multitude of others which attract large numbers and persons the year 'round.

Perhaps the banishment of them would not create a national economic collapse, good lady, but it would certainly toss a very large monkeywrench in the machinery. We know the world would survive without them, but we are equally sure that not one, but many industries would feel the loss their stoppage would bring about.

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
June 30, 1905

"We Faint took dinner with Fred Warner, Cassopolis one day last week. Cass county was giving its annual pioneer meet and Gov. Warner made a big cheese on tap and holding a reception."

"Miss Mattie Baldwin left town without saying 'Good Bye', and our heart is broken over her seeming neglect. However, we understand that she is at Portland, Oregon, and is Michigan's delegate to the National Federation of Clubs."

"Mrs. M. Smith enjoyed a picnic at Isle Belle Wednesday, a guest of the Improvement Society. The old lady enjoyed the trip hugely and saw the result of many changes since her last visit a few years ago."

30 YEARS AGO
June 26, 1925

Mrs. W. N. Thompson of Bird avenue, entertained last Saturday afternoon for eight little girls, honoring her small daughter, Marjorie, on her seventh birthday anniversary. Her home was very attractive.

Decoratively decorated in yellow and white with garden flowers in the same shades, adding much to the decorations. Games and a program entertained the little guests who received little baskets of roses and china dolls as favors.

"Hello, Judge," "Hello, Carvill!" The words were exchanged for the first time in thirty-seven years between Judge Floyd Burk and his brother, C. C. Burk, from Denver, recently. The Judge was in his usual chair, straightening out the usual number of kinks in other people's lives when there suddenly loomed in the "audience" of the little courtroom a familiar figure.

Mrs. A. J. Hart and children of Buckingham road, left for North Port point last Wednesday evening to stay until August.

15 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1940

Birmingham Rotarians were justifiably proud Monday evening when in nearly Clarkston they sponsored the advent of a new Rotary club.

Miss Barbara Higbie, daughter of N. Bradley Higbie of Spirel, has returned from the Emma Willard school and has as her guest, Miss Suzanne Lardie, of Glen, Ill.

Miss Dorothy Ann Dye, of Lake Park drive, left Saturday to spend the summer at Camp Cimarron in the Cimarron valley of New Mexico. Her brother, John Dye, left the same day for a dude ranch in Wyoming.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

B'ham City Commissioner William Roberts has launched his campaign to clean up the city.

Downtown streets are his first target. "If you stop to take even a glance at them, you'll see how dirty they are," he emphasizes. "Particularly on Sunday, do you have an unobstructed view down the curbsides."

Roberts feels the city should place more rubbish collecting containers around.

"If a merchant were to place his sidewalk sweepings in one of the present cans, he'd have a long walk each morning to one of the few presently available," Roberts observes. "No wonder the easy way is to sweep into the gutter after the early morning rounds of the city's DPW sweeper."

If the city so desired, it could ticket merchants who sweep debris into the street.

Ordinance 344, sect. 3, art. H, expressly forbids such housekeeping habits anywhere in the city.

If Roberts can't get the city to pay for new additional containers, maybe he might find a local service club or two which could scrape together the financial wherewithal.

Mosquitoes seldom travel more than 1,000 feet from their birthplace, studies show. And they need an occasional drink of animal or human blood to keep the species alive.

Seems everything is known about mosquitoes except how to permanently get rid of them.

Promiscuous access to a highway can cut its traffic-carrying capacity by as much as 50 per cent, comprehensive surveys show.

This makes the facility more hazardous, and soon would require the investment which has been made in that road.

Experts see only steadily increasing amounts of vehicles on the nation's streets and highways. At least one auto manu-

facturer now is advertising on a "two-cars-to-a-family" basis.

This gives greater emphasis to the need for determining how roads are to be used. Whether it will be the local driveway type, the pay-to-get-on-it thruway, or something in between.

You only have to look around you to see that past attempts to prevent growth of the Birmingham area have failed. But we have been fortunate in having the citizens control this growth in paths that have resulted in the community's being much more like what we would wish it to be. It is to be hoped we maintain that type of controlled growth into the future.

Some matters can be done TOO well. Like at the Pennsylvania state hospital when 11 patients escaped. Thirteen were captured and returned.

Any foreigner can see easily that all Americans trust in God. All the stranger need do is look at how we drive.

B'ham Mayor Charles Renfrew still is battling to have the city join with other South Oakland communities in a common dog pound.

At a recent commission meeting, he felt so strongly this should be done that he turned the chair over to Mayor Pro Tem Jim Allen, then offered a motion that the city appropriate \$138 as its share of preparing studies for the \$30,000 facility (of which Birmingham would pay about 10 per cent).

No other commissioner would second the motion.

Incidentally, for years, old commissioners have had a word of advice for new commissioners:

"Stay away from discussing dogs and trees—they only cause tempers to flare, neighbors to quarrel."

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Numerous Washington politicians are critical of President Eisenhower's tendency to appoint retired military men to important federal positions. They argue that civilian affairs of the nation never should become dominated by military minds. O.K., boys, holler as much as you want about this and while you are holler why not holler against some of the cheap and incompetent ex-officials (defeated by their constituents) who get on the federal payroll.

Current American paradox: New York City now has an ordinance that imposes a first offense fine of \$25 against persons who drop refuse on its streets or sidewalks. That's all splendid, Father Knickerbocker, but what about the "intellectual refuse" you tolerate in so much of your armatorial atmosphere?

A U.S. census report states that there are 336 American cities whose boundaries straddle two or more county lines. And

that isn't all they straddle, either, argues the man at the corner drug store.

Originally automobile (and buggy) tires were solid black, then came the whitewalls—and now it is announced by the U. S. Rubber Co. that it is about to offer blue, green and brown colored tires. Said a company official: "These colors will blend with the colors of the new cars." Well, what's wrong with colored tires? They'll look nicer than the unromantic black ones . . . and, after all, why shouldn't mankind create for himself the most colorful of environments possible!

If all 96 U.S. Senators were to count the national debt in dollar bills, it would take them 47 years to do it. So why not amend the Constitution by requiring Congress, when making appropriations, to pass out the money in dollar bills? This certainly would slow up the extravagant spending.

The "Ordinary" Americans

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