

Both Parties Offer Variety of Candidates

A great variety of candidates for public office offer themselves on your ballot when you visit the polling places next Tuesday, August 7. For this is the primary election day when Michigan voters select some federal, state and county officials who will become candidates at the general election in November.

If you are a Democrat, you'll have a list to select from, although for Governor you have no competition in G. Mennen Williams, running for his fifth term.

Against Williams are two Republican aspirants for their party's choice. Personally, we think Detroit's Mayor Al Cobo has the better chance to compete with Williams. His record as a public servant in Detroit is one of considerable distinction. Don Leonard is a nice chap, but hardly possesses the governmental experience that is Al Cobo's.

FIVE DEMOCRATS AND THREE Republicans are contesting for the position of representing Oakland county in Congress. Among the Republicans, we believe George N. Higgins of Ferndale to be the best qualified for that responsibility.

Another Republican, L. Harvey Lodge, of Drayton Plains and Pontiac, offers, we think, the best qualifications for the office of state senator.

Republican Stanley M. Brown also seeks the State Senatorship. However, we believe Lodge to be best fitted at the moment for this responsibility. Brown, we suggest, first ought to try for the State Representative's post, then go on to the Senate.

Oakland county's present sheriff, a Republican, is Frank Irons. Reports concerning him argue that he is good enough to succeed himself.

Charles A. Sparks for county treasurer, and Lynn D. Allen for county clerk, both Republicans, bear the reputations of good performance as public officials. Even Iots

of Democrats cross party lines to vote for these two men. Frederick C. Ziem, present prosecutor, is on the ballot to succeed himself.

IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE the Republican ticket, we'd remind you that Daniel T. Murphy is approved to succeed himself as register of deeds, and Ralph Main is the sole Republican seeking the county surveyorship.

Of the three GOP's seeking to become the 3rd district's state representative, a poll of informed observers suggests that Farrell A. Roberts, attorney, is best qualified.

Listed as Democratic candidates are many who, no doubt, are qualified to hold office. For example, former local resident Philip A. Hart, now Lieut.-Governor, wants to succeed himself, and is unopposed in his party.

PRACTICALLY ALL OF the Democratic candidates for Congress stand for more and more federal aids and grants to their district, even though some of them fail to emphasize the collateral tax problems that are wedded to it.

This is to say that among the Democrats are persons as well qualified as some of the Republicans. . . . so we can only suggest to those wishing more information in the Democratic roster to study available information about them.

In certain areas of the Eccentric's readership purely local propositions are on their ballots, too. Only by acquainting yourself with them will you be able to vote intelligently, of course.

On other pages of this issue of The Eccentric we are publishing considerable information about the various candidates. Reading it will, we hope, provide you with reasonable data on which to help base your decisions at Tuesday's primary election.

of considerable note. Out of his own pocket, he has paid the expenses of close to a hundred boys and girls going through college.

BORN ON A FARM in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, he worked his way through high school. After coming to Detroit he worked on automobile production lines. For many years he has been a successful automobile dealer in Ferndale.

The Eccentric heartily endorses Higgins as a Republican candidate for Congress, to succeed Hon. George A. Dondero, who is retiring from that office.

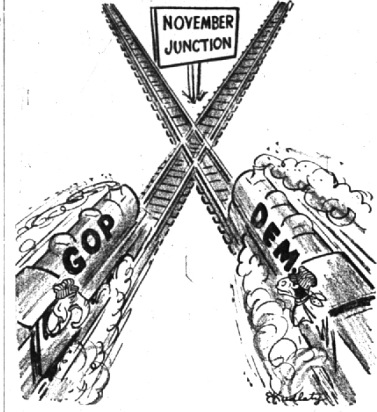
THE OTHER MAN WE RECOMMEND for your choice of state senator from the Oakland county district is L. Harvey Lodge, a former state representative.

Lodge (a nephew of Detroit's famous John Lodge) is a lawyer of wide experience. He has served as an assistant attorney-general of Michigan, and during 1929-47 was an assistant Oakland county prosecutor, and prosecutor.

In 1947-48 he served a term in the state house of representatives, and became recognized as an able and hard-working public servant.

If elected, Lodge should well represent the citizens of Oakland county in Lansing.

'X' Marks the Spot



NATURE NOW Plants, Animals Have Similarities

By LYDIA KING FREHSE
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

If you are alive you are either a plant or an animal. From its early beginnings the stream of life divided itself into these two great channels and has since so continued on its dual way.

The difference between plants and animals is usually taken for granted. Through most of the tree in which it nests. However, this conclusion is only valid with the relatively complex life-forms. One must be a trained biologist to distinguish between microscopic plants and animals.

At least one group, the slime molds, are on the border-line, reproducing by spore like plants and ingesting their food like animals. Another great group, the viruses, are so small that they elude the microscope and thus far defy placement in either group.

ONE BASIC difference between plants and animals is the way they secure and use their food. Plants make their food from water and air by the action of chlorophyll. Animals must depend on food already synthesized by plants.

Plants absorb their food, while animals absorb it in water solution. Through their skin, gills, or other surfaces. However, plants are anchored to earth or sea bottom, while animals are free to move about. A plant can grow only where it can obtain its food. An animal must move about to get enough food for its energy requirements.

AGAIN THERE are exceptions among the more primitive orders. Sea animals like corals and sponges can live an anchored life because the water brings them a constantly available food supply. Such microscopic algae are free-living, and many aquatic



Mrs. Frehse

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

I still think about the recent Fourth of July fireworks display the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce sponsored at the high school football field.

Its attraction to the community was conclusive; the 10,000 or more adults and children who stayed up and went to look at it certainly surprised the C of C as well as the spectators themselves.

Based on this year's experience, I certainly hope it is repeated next year and for years afterwards.

There may be some others who, having gone through the first show, would endorse these suggestions in connection with succeeding July 4th events:

1) See if a better traffic flow can be worked out and signed before the crowds arrive; perhaps one or more one-way streets for a few hours. That traffic jam was reminiscent of those that follow a MSU-U of M football game.

2) Have several persons set off the displays, so that there are not such long pauses between aerial bursts. Rather than spend 40 minutes watching them go off singly, the crowd would rather see more spectacular combinations even if they lasted only 20 minutes.

3) Maybe the show could be moved up to an 8:30 starting time, a half hour earlier than this first event. This earlier hour, together with a shorter performance time, could help Mom and Dad get the small kids to bed by 9:30, rather than 10:30 or later as it was this year.

It's a grand idea, and we should try to improve on it if we can.

Hell has many one-way streets—but they don't say which way.

If there's one thing residents don't like to see around their homes, it is speeding. Traffic officers also find themselves publicly criticized for being either 1) too

soft and not handing out enough speeding tickets, or 2) too tough and handing out too many violation notices. Sometimes they feel they're being told both.

Well, not wanting to see this state of affairs go too much longer, I'd like to make a suggestion. (It may be patentable, but I'll give it to the community. You engineers may see a few rough spots in it, but with your technical skills, perhaps you can smooth them out.)

Now for the suggestion: Design some portable "bumps" that can be moved around to the speedy spots, left there until it was felt speeding had stopped. The "bumps" would be designed so they could be installed in series, across half the road or the entire distance.

They wouldn't be dangerous, but merely uncomfortable when driven over at more than the legal speed limit. Something like rough railroad tracks, perhaps.

In the old days, we had roads where two cars had difficulty in passing without danger of collision. Today we design nice, wide superhighways where six or eight can collide at the same time.

Birmingham city commissioners are occasionally confronted with the decision whether or not to abandon a special assessment district. The city charter is looked over carefully, but it doesn't set up any procedure whereby projects may be withdrawn once they have passed the confirmation of assessment roll.

The city attorney has always suggested that if it is legal, perhaps the way to do it is in the same manner as confirmation — via public hearing.

Would an answer be to amend the city charter by designating the very way that special assessment rolls can be undone and under what conditions?

Higgins For Congress, Lodge For State Senate

Among the various candidates to be voted on at next Tuesday's primary election are two Oakland county Republicans who we believe to be able and experienced aspirants for the offices of U. S. Congressman and Michigan State Senator.

For the Congressional position we suggest the name of George N. Higgins, of nearby Ferndale. He has served this area in Lansing for a total of 14 years, six in the House of Representatives and eight in the Senate.

During that period, Higgins authored and supported a variety of bills, covering a wide assortment of public services. He became a tax authority, as well as a most able parliamentarian. Higgins is noted for his hard work—when he gets behind a proposition he never rests until he carries it to success.

HIGGINS BEARS the distinguished reputation of being a person who always lets others know exactly how he stands on an issue. Once his word is given, he can be expected to keep it.

His public record reveals the fact that he is never vacillating, never evasive. He is a man of deep personal convictions, dedicated to the ideal of service.

Aside from his public service, George Higgins is recognized as a humanitarian

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Don Leonard and Al Cobo, both Republicans, are campaigning around Michigan, hoping to get most of their party's votes Aug. 7. In the meantime, of course, Governor Williams, unopposed for the same office, keeps his eyes on a place in the nation's Capital.

Republican national committee chairman Leonard Hall has asked Secretary of State-Dulles to draft the party's foreign policy plank for consideration and adoption at the GOP convention, which opens in San Francisco Aug. 20. It's good that Mr. Dulles is in the USA to perform the assignment.

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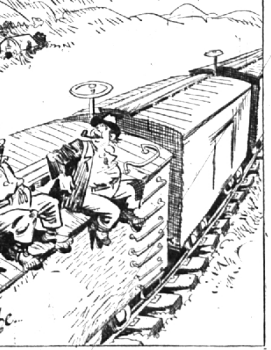
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Happenings of Long Ago

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
August 3, 1906
Do have a little care for the horses this hot weather. Don't pass the watering place without letting them drink. Don't use the check. Don't leave the team in the sun while you sit in the shade. Do you know that the metal on the horse's bit and the buckles on the harness get so hot that the flesh quivers in contact with them? Do you know that flapping binders are the worst form of cruelty? They are unnecessary.

Berry pickers are almost through their work of picking the luscious fruit in the little cubes with shallow bottoms, and which pass in the market for quart boxes.

The large herd of elk, which have been preserved on the Hill game preserve south of Pontiac ever since last winter, is now safely within bounds again. The herd was caught by long trails of salt. During their wanderings the herd increased by four baby elk and now numbers 12.

30 YEARS AGO
July 28, 1926
The newest engineering feature, and what is now believed to be the most satisfactory road illumination for night driving, is the depressible beam head-lamp of the Greater Oakland Six, operated by a foot control on the floor. Light which raises or lowers the light beams.

Predicted by a newspaperman in 1926: In the year 1950 there will

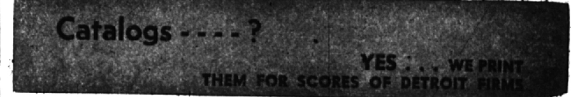
be a solidly built business thoroughfare (Woodward avenue) linking the separate municipalities of Ferndale, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac into a Greater Detroit district. There will be business centers along this highway on or near the mile road intersections that will compare favorably with the present downtown business centers of Detroit. And for miles to the west will be developed highly restricted residential districts to house the population of the metropolitan area which will contain nearly 8,000,000 persons.

15 YEARS AGO
July 31, 1941
About 1,600 pounds of aluminum was collected from residents by Boy Scouts helping in the national defense drive.

A report on the U. S. Defense savings stamps and bonds was made yesterday by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne. He declares that from May 1 to July 26, the post office has sold stamps valued at \$1,567,000 and 470 bonds valued at \$42,825.

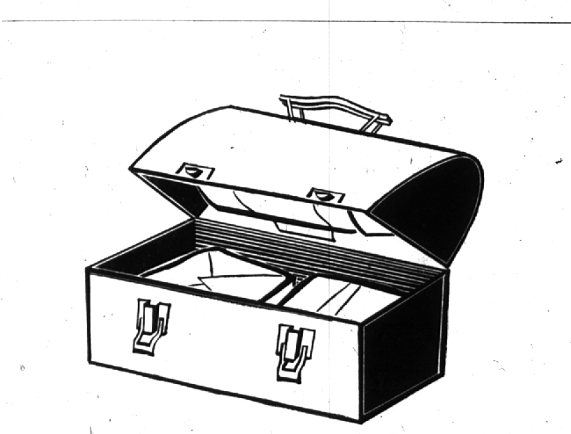
An enthusiastic audience of music lovers attended Will-O-Way Theatre Sunday afternoon to hear another successful concert given by the Will-O-Way Youth Orchestra under the direction of Celina Irene Merrill.

A white man, Etienne Brule, reached Michigan's Upper Peninsula in 1618, two years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.



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