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THIS and THAT

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Justice Black Fulfills Our Recent Prophecy

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Eugene F. Black, of Port Huron, through only on the bench in Lansing since January 1, has uttered his first and startling "I'll do it" against the procedure of that court.

In no uncertain terms Justice Black told an audience of lawyers in Muskegon that he considers the Court's methods far removed from good judicial practices.

Among his criticisms Black said: "When our Court finally gets together for conference, it makes what I think an abortive effort to agree upon and discard an average of 40 to 50 cases in one day. It can't be done, and there, in my opinion, is the principal cause of growing complaint about our decisions."

WAY BACK last April 21, in this column after Black was appointed Justice, I commented on the probability of him doing exactly what he did in this recent speech.

My observation was made thus because I spent two years in Lansing, where I held a close association with him when he was Attorney-General of the State. As the late Governor Kim Sigler's executive secretary, I necessarily was in close touch with Black. Indeed, he always gave me a copy of the Michigan Reporter when he did not send it back to me.

I went all through those days when he broke his friendship ties with Sigler, because he changed his party loyalty from Republican to Democrat.

IN ALL my experience in political circles, I never knew a man who held deeper personal convictions upon a variety of subjects, a man who also would never hesitate to articulate those convictions. Where Black sits at the right end of God Almighty, his dissenting voice would be heard from one end of the Universe to another, if he held a separate idea about something.

Justice Black, you may be sure, is a strong individual. He is a political iconoclast... for to him the presumed sacred status of some (See THIS & THAT, Pg. 8, Sec. 1)

Dr. Slosson Set For Lecture Series

Dr. Preston Slosson of the University of Michigan will give a series of eight lectures on international affairs at Bloomfield Hills high school.

Sponsored by the board of education, the lectures start April 9 and continue each Monday through May 29. Enrollment is limited.

Information on the series may be obtained from the board of education office, Bloomfield Hills high school.

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Broomfield Enters 18th Dist. Race

State Senator William S. Broomfield of Royal Oak today announced he will seek the Republican nomination for Congress from the 18th Congressional district. He is the third one to enter the race.

Two other Republicans last week said they would seek Dondero's spot in Washington.

They are former state senator George N. Higgins of Ferndale, now chairman of the Michigan turpentine industry, and Richard D. Kuhn of Pontiac, active in county GOP circles.

BROOMFIELD said: "Since our present representative, George A. Dondero, announced his retirement, many people and groups in the 18th District have expressed their desire that I seek the seat."

"On the basis of the encouragement given me these past 10 days by my own people, I represent my district in the Congress of the United States, I have decided to be a candidate for the Republican nomination in August."

"I believe that my legislative duties in Lansing these past six years have given me a foundation which can be put to service in Washington."

"I shall wage a vigorous campaign on the platform of President Eisenhower."

"I believe every congressional seat is of vital importance. I shall approach problems of the district from the same realistic and practical attitude I have employed as a state legislator."

"I am totally committed to the preservation of freedom and the continuance of peace and prosperity for all."

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Court's Problem With Juveniles To Be Outlined

Two prominent experts in the field of juvenile work will conduct the discussion of the subject, an odious church fellowship held Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m.

The program, which is sponsored by the Birmingham Y Men's club, of the juvenile division of Wayne county probate court, and Judge Arthur C. Moore, of the juvenile division of Oakland County probate court.

Mrs. Megan Barstow, 264 Park Birmingham, arranged the discussion as program committee chairman for the Birmingham Y Men's club. David R. Hubbe, 1815 Banbury, is president of the group which concentrates on juvenile problems as a project.

BIRMINGHAM SERVICE clubs are encouraging members to attend the discussion of the subject, "Juvenile problems from the court's standpoint and what the layman and Birmingham Y Men's club can do to help alleviate them."

Judges Kaufman and Moore will open the meeting to questioning after brief opening remarks.

According to Barstow Judge Kaufman's weekly reception and juvenile court cases has the highest rating of any local Detroit television program.

JUDGE KAUFMAN established a highly successful "School for Parents" in 1955, in which psychologists and specialists in the child care worked with "problem" parents.

Maple frontage. This would reduce present Briggs building parking spaces to an eventual 20 cars, the limit on that lot.

TOGETHER with \$85,000 from the city's auto parking system funds, the special assessments will permit the Brownell lot's financing independent of parking lot revenue bonds.

This latter method is being resorted to pay for a 174-car lot north of Hamilton, and a proposed 64-car lot near the southwest corner of Hamilton and Hunter.

Necessity hearings on this latter lot is set for next Monday night.

COMMISSION Monday night also passed necessity of an alley from Forest north between the lot and Woodward business frontage.

Working on the follow-up of the Grand Trunk railroad at the east end of Lincoln avenue, which Dr. Crum directs.

Roll Call Reaches \$42,000 Mark

Contributions to the Birmingham Community House's drive totaled a little over \$42,000 Wednesday, according to Mrs. George A. Weinholt, Roll Call chairman.

Over vigorous objections of neighborhood residents, Birmingham city commission Monday night approved necessity for widening Eton from Lincoln north to Yosemite.

It will be 31 feet wide, providing two traffic lanes with parking only along the east side.

A number of residents heeked objections as recent traffic counts and other reasons were advanced for the widening.

Audience representatives claimed the wider street would jeopardize their children's lives, bring more traffic, and create "a speedway."

Cleaner street appearance was a prime motivation in the city's decision to proceed with the project, which now goes to the city assessor for spreading of special assessments.

PRIVATELY property owners, the city outlined, are to pay only 75 percent of a 5 1/2-foot strip along the west side, with business and industry on the east paying 50 percent of a 7 1/2-foot strip.

Decision to widen only to 31 feet will require new cost estimate.

Justice Just as Swift As 100-mph Speeders

Woodward avenue was used as a "drug strip" by a number of youths last week, who were promptly dragged into court by Bloomfield Hills justice.

Starting signal for four youths' acceleration race last Monday was the green light at Woodward and Long Lake roads.

Official timers for the race turned out to be Bloomfield Hills patrolmen Robert Brown and Ray Smith, who testified later the cars reached speeds of 80 to 85 miles per hour in a 4 1/2-mile zone on slippery pavement.

THREE OF THE late-model cars were apprehended when they were stopped by the Square Lake road traffic signal. The fourth evaded police by turning off Woodward before reaching the light.

When the three were arraigned Saturday, Judge Alva P. Richardson, of Bloomfield Hills justice court, issued a fine of \$75 against Fred P. Galster, 19, of 3068 Greenbriar, Franklin Village, who pleaded guilty to driving up to 35 miles per hour.

WILLIAM C. BREWER, 23, of Auburn Heights, paid a \$60 fine after pleading guilty to charges that he was driving 50 miles per hour.

MORRIS F. BREWER, 23, of Monroe forfeited \$75 bond when he failed to appear for arraignment Saturday on charges of driving at 80 miles per hour.

On Monday, five of \$100 were issued against Roy Fields, 19, of Pontiac, and Eugene Yhrzynski, 21, of Detroit, both of whom pleaded guilty to charges of driving at speeds over 100 miles per hour.

Police records said the two were racing, starting from the stop light at Woodward and Long Lake.

JUDGE RICHARDSON said such dangerous practices would not be tolerated, and that Bloomfield Hills would continue to crack down on speed violators, issuing fines of up to \$1 per mile.

DEMANDS TIGHTER Controls on Sec. Of State Agents

"The time has come for a full scale investigation of practices in the branch managers' offices of the Secretary of State to determine how a political hack could be put in charge of the collection of hundreds of thousands of dollars under circumstances which enabled her to depart happily with \$74,000 dollars of taxpayers' money," former Auditor General John R. Martin told Republicans at a meeting of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Republican Club here Tuesday night.

"There was an earlier case at Charlevoix and another at East Dearborn where the manager was allowed to 'make up' the difference and no proper action was taken. In the case of the Thorpes, however, a little action grew into a big oak before anyone knew what was happening."

THIS IS a prime example of what is bound to happen where public business is handled on the political basis. This is the biggest scandal to hit the Department of State in 20 years.

Furthermore, Martin said, there have been published newspaper stories, apparently not denied, indicating that certain branch managers' offices of the Department of State are being used to build up a political slush fund for the 1956 campaign.

"If these charges have any basis in fact they should be fully gone into and the whole truth told the public. We ought to know what is going on behind the scenes."

Classes for Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham students will close Thursday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m. for spring vacation and will resume Monday morning, April 9.

Students begin vacation Friday afternoon, March 29, and return to school Monday, April 2.

Crambrook and Kingswood students started their spring vacation yesterday and will be back for classes Tuesday, April 10.

Tip Comes From Train Conductor

A railroad conductor's tip that a youth who boarded Chicago-bound train at Green-castle, Ind. might have been Alan H. Walton, was being investigated today by Chicago police, Indiana state police, and Dean Lawrence Riggs of DePaul university.

Alan, 18-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Walton, 280 Yarmouth, Bloomfield Village, disappeared March 9 from the DePaul campus and Green-castle, disappeared March 9 from the DePaul campus.

Major responsibility in conducting the widespread search has been assumed by the DePaul university dean of students.

DEAN RIGGS, in a telephone interview with The Eccentric Wednesday noon, said there was a plausible chance the youth the railroad conductor described might be Alan.

In an interview with the conductor Tuesday night Riggs was told the Chicago-bound youth carried a suitcase, though it was definitely established that Alan had none, with him when he disappeared.

"The conductor also gave the wrong hair color in describing the boy," said Riggs. "But on the chance that it might have been Alan, Chicago police have been alerted to watch for him."

RIGGS SAID railroad detectives were also working on the case. According to Riggs, Alan was slated to take a make-up examination at 2 p.m. the day he vanished.

He was last seen at 1:50 p.m. by a girl who said he was walking on the opposite side of the campus away from the direction he should have been going for the exam.

"HIS GIRL SAID" Alan mentioned the night before that he was ready for the exam, in a course in which he was an honor student.

"The best we can determine," Riggs said, "is that this must have been a fairly quick decision on his part."

"We are investigating every minor lead and newspaper are giving widespread publicity to the case in the hope that someone may recognize him."

Indiana state police have extended the search through neighboring states, he added.

The possibility that Alan might be an amnesia victim is also being considered.

Only trace so far discovered by searchers is Alan's notebook found by a Green-castle clerk. He took no additional clothes with him.

HIS FATHER, former chief chemist with Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company, joined in the search last weekend in Green-castle.

"As far as is known, the 180-pound, foot-one youth had no reason for dependency."

"WE HAD A VERY wonderful, optimistic letter from Alan the week before this happened, in which he spoke of coming home for Easter," Alan's mother, Genevieve, said. "He was doing well in school, he added, and had a date with a girl the night he vanished, which he never kept."

His mother said he was getting ready to be initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in a few weeks.

Speaking of the family's anxiety over the disappearance, Mrs. Walton added, "Each day you think you can't go through another without hearing, and still the days go by and there is no word, until you begin to feel numb."

STRICTLY FRESH

"We don't want to buy the brand of sausage the demonstrator is selling in a neighborhood grocery store. What he wants to buy is the brand of sausage he bought to use for sample tubs."

The only way to get a raise with some companies is to take a ride on the elevator.

Epitaph we'd love to carve for a speed-happy driver in a souped-up jalopy: "Dig that crazy driver."

Some bus companies apparently issue timetables so that their passengers can determine can determine if it will be until the next scheduled bus won't run.