

Denyes Will Run, Delbridge Won't; Merrill Will File



WILLIAM MERRILL

This and That

by George R. Averill

Gov. Williams recently told Michigan newspapermen and women in a convention assembled that he will support a good state "right-to-know" law. He did suggest, for the benefit of the press, that "right-to-know" is a two-way street. He meant that "both sides of a question" should be given. We agree, Governor... including utterances of politicians.

Baseball again becomes a theme for sports writers... and can spring be too far away?

One of this century's great tragedies is being uncovered at an Air Force base in Maine. It involves the receipt and use of that base, of potatoes grown in Idaho... another of this century's 48 states and known for its spuds. Maine's claim to potatoes is no small part of its economic progress. Aroostook County is the base of its spud growth, as well as the Air Force base. Maine's U.S. Senator Smith thunders his opposition to the import of food from Idaho, and is going to demand an accounting from the Air Force command. Senator, with a disunited Pentagon array of Top Brass, what do you expect? "After all," said one of the Air Force officers at the time, "what difference does it make, anyway... takes just as long to peel one kind as the other."

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South Dakota's Governor Joe Foss recently addressed an Oakland County Republican organization. Although certainly not an orator, nobody who heard his talk can doubt his personal and political courage in facing up to the issues of these times. He won the rare Congressional Medal of Honor for his record of shooting down 26 Japanese airplanes in World War II, when he was a Marine fighter-pilot. Any State could call itself fortunate to have a Joe Foss as Chief Executive.

Since time immemorial mother-in-law have been singled out as a major contributory cause of marital discord in the families of married children. Some of this accusation, of course, has been humorously injected into the situation. Now, however, several experts on the subject who offer evidence that in-laws often aid in preventing separations between husbands and wives... and we hail the contributions of the experts, and suggest their public acceptance of them. Most mother-in-laws, we have observed, want to prevent the separation of their children to be successful.

Said a tenant to his landlord: (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

Workshop to View School Board Responsibilities

A special series of workshops for school board members will cover such subjects as their basic responsibilities, community relations, school building construction and finance.

The sessions will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. every other Tuesday, beginning next week, at the Oakland County board of education offices in Pontiac.

Michigan school boards are co-operating with a county school board and four state universities to present the workshop.

Kathryn T. Loomis, of the Birmingham board of education, and board president, are on the board of directors of the Oakland County school board association.

Of the two Birmingham city commissioners whose terms expire in April, only one will seek re-election. He is Harry M. Denyes, Jr., who disclosed he will seek his second full three-year term on Birmingham's legislative body.

He said he has authorized nominating petitions to be circulated in his name.

The other commissioner, Charles M. Delbridge, Jr., has declined re-election. He said the new job he has recently taken as executive director of the central business district association of Detroit will not permit him to continue to devote enough time to city affairs here.

Delbridge was elected in 1957 to a one-year vacancy.

ATTORNEY William H. Merrill, 850 Harmon, said he expects his nominating petitions to be filed with City Clerk Irene Hanley by the end of this week.

Deadline for nominating petitions is March 1. There are two commission vacancies to be filled. The election is April 7.

Merrill, who is 34, will be seeking his first elective office. He is a member of the city plan board, at which he was appointed just a year ago.

If elected, Merrill will be the third man to use the plan board as a springboard to the city commission. Denyes was a former plan board member, as was City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham.

WHEN DELBRIDGE disclosed his decision, he added: "I regret that the press of time from my personal matters prevents me from seeking another term as city commissioner. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity of serving my community in this important way."

"It has been most gratifying experience. I have been especially impressed by the high caliber of persons connected with our city government, not only those with whom I worked on the commission, but those in staff positions as well."

"I can really understand why Birmingham has the fine reputation it does."

MERRILL has lived in Birmingham since 1938. He is a Birmingham high school graduate of 1941, of Dartmouth in 1947, and of Yale law school in 1950.

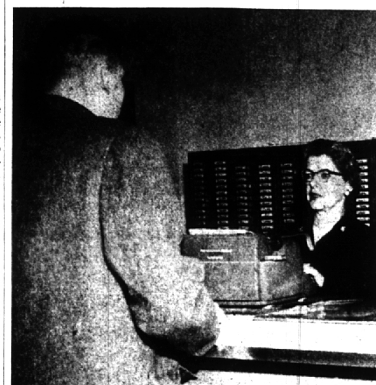
He has a son, Rick, 6, and daughter, Ann, 3.

Of his candidacy, Merrill said, "I am going to demand an accounting from the Air Force command. Senator, with a disunited Pentagon array of Top Brass, what do you expect? 'After all,' said one of the Air Force officers at the time, 'what difference does it make, anyway... takes just as long to peel one kind as the other.'"

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Habit is, in many cases, stronger than reason. They agree that doing a certain thing a certain way is wrong, or not the best method, but to break habit is a challenge of great magnitude. The longer one conforms to the demands of habit, the more difficult to change. That is why wise parents and teachers endeavor to instill in youth correct ideas to become habits.

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IRENE HANLEY

To Be Honored

At the job she has handled for 25 years, Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley registers a voter in the Birmingham municipal building. She will be honored tonight for her 25 years' service with the city when officials and employees gather for tonight's employee recognition banquet.

B'ham To Award Medal of Valor, Honor Employees

Birmingham city commissioners will present awards to 45 city employees at an employee recognition banquet tonight at 6:45 p.m.

Refuse will also present a city award to Stanley Peppercorn of the city fire department. To City Clerk Irene Hanley and volunteer firemen Frederick Kemp and Samuel Snell he will present watches in recognition of their 25 years' service.

Twenty-year-service employees include Lindo Moore, of the library, along with Fire Marshall George Scott and Chief Park Smith. Refuse will also present a city award to Stanley Peppercorn of the city fire department. To City Clerk Irene Hanley and volunteer firemen Frederick Kemp and Samuel Snell he will present watches in recognition of their 25 years' service.

Commissioner Harry Denyes will make the presentation to Frank House and Calvin Snell of the public works department and Donald (See MEDAL, Page 2-A)

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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

SECTION A

Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area



Sign Mame. Pandit To Lecture Here

Loss \$3,050 In Two B'ham Home Blazes

Two Birmingham residences were damaged extensively by fire during the past seven days, with total loss in the two blazes estimated at \$3,050.

An early-morning fire last Thursday caused \$1,550 damage to the home of Richard A. Bugg, 1845 Shipman.

Birmingham Fire Chief Park H. Smith reported a ceramic kiln set fire to a workbench in the Bugg home basement. It was believed the kiln, in use several hours earlier, had been left on overnight.

The blaze, reported at 2:02 a.m., was confined to the basement.

AN ELECTRIC boiler ignited the kitchen cupboard it was being used on at the home of R. H. Whitlatch, 707 Lakeview, shortly after noon Tuesday with the resulting blaze causing \$1,500 damage.

Most of the estimated loss in the Whitlatch blaze, Chief Smith reports, was fire damage to the kitchen. Smoke damage, through out the home accounted for \$250 of the total.

JayCees Searching For Outstanding Young Man of Year

The Birmingham junior chamber of commerce will hold its annual distinguished service award banquet and luncheon at Devon Gables, Thursday, Feb. 27.

Highlights will be announcement of the Birmingham area's outstanding young man of the year by a panel of judges chosen by the JayCees.

C. Allen Hartman, president of the Birmingham JayCees, will speak on "The Needs of Education in the Modern World."

Next year's outstanding young man of the year will be selected from among the city's outstanding young men of the year by a panel of judges chosen by the JayCees.

Struck by Car, Boy, 14, Killed

TROY—Timothy Anderson, 14, was killed instantly Saturday when he was struck by a car on Livernois about a quarter mile north of 15 Mile road.

Timothy, a Lawrenceville, Ga., boy, 14, stepped off a Greyhound bus and started to cross the street in the morning twilight at about 6:45 p.m. Lawrence said they didn't see the car coming. It was driven by Mrs. Betty June Judge, 25, of 2830 Woodstock, Troy.

Mrs. Judge told Sgt. Eugene Sackler and Patrolman Ted Hagley that she didn't see the boys until just before the car struck Timothy. Lawrence jumped just in time, then ran back into the street to help his friend from the path of another car.

Timothy was the son of Arthur A. Anderson, 71 Regent's, Troy. Lawrence lives at 4225 Livernois. Troy police said no charge had been made in the accident.



A Letter from Home

News from home brings a smile to the face of Barbara Friedrich as she reads a letter from her parents in Cologne, Germany. Barbara is spending a year in America with the Sherman LaMeasure family while the LaMeasure's daughter, Judy, is staying with her family.

American Informality Leads to Friendships, German Fraulein Finds

"You would never visit a friend where I live," said Barbara Friedrich, "unless you first had a formal invitation. This is the one big difference I have noticed between living in Cologne, Germany, and Birmingham."

"Here in America," continued the 22-year-old fraulein, "everyone is so informal that very soon you are a friend. But at home, we wouldn't think of calling a person by their first name unless we knew them well."

Barbara, who arrived in Birmingham in September, is living with the Sherman LaMeasures, 1731 Dorchester, while the LaMeasure's daughter, Judy, is staying with Barbara's parents in Cologne.

THIS YEARLONG exchange took place when Judy, a University of Michigan graduate, inquired about an article in a July 1957 issue of The Eccentric. The article said the daughter of a German businessman wanted to live in Birmingham in exchange for an American girl who would stay with her family.

Judy was chosen from 11 applicants and sailed for Germany in September.

"Since the exchange," said Barbara, "I have learned of other German students who would like to come to America. And their parents would be pleased having an American son or daughter in exchange."

"It's a wonderful experience, and I would enjoy answering any questions that interested families might have about cost, length of time, language, official procedures or how to contact the German families."

This past Christmas was the first time in her life that Barbara received wrapped Christmas presents. The German custom is to give unwrapped presents on Christmas Eve.

"Our decorations are not so colorful as yours," she explained in comparing home and department store decorations. "We use mostly tinsel and icicles in decorating our Christmas trees and instead of using lights on them, we use candles."

ACCORDING TO Barbara, German television has no commercials and is only on for two or three hours in the afternoon and then again at night.

"But I like American TV," she said, "because there are so many interesting and educational and great variety of programs. The only thing I don't like is all the commercials."

Noting the differences in dress between the two countries, Barbara commented that Bermuda shorts and boxer socks are not worn. But in the winter, girls wear slacks to school.

"Also at home we dance mostly to the fox trot and waltz," she said, "although rock and roll is popular. But here, you jump so when you dance."

Town Hall Re-signs Skinner

"The first lady of Asia," Madame Pandit, will join Cornelia Otis Skinner and Alistair Cooke on the roster of lecturers who will visit Birmingham next fall.

An announcement of the signing of Madame Pandit and other notables for next season is being made at Birmingham Town Hall lectures here today and tomorrow.

Mrs. James S. Moon, Town Hall board president, will make today's announcement.

To celebrate Town Hall's fifth annual opening next fall, the first star to appear on the series, Cornelia Otis Skinner, has been signed for the opening again next season. Mrs. Skinner will appear in her latest version of "Modern Character Sketches."

Following Cornelia Otis Skinner in the six-lecture series will be Alistair Cooke, of TV's "Omnibus" fame, principal of the series, and a respondent for the Manchester Guardian, BBC broadcaster and winner of high awards in news reporting.

FROM HER DUTIES as ambassador to England in India House, London, will come Madame Vijaya Lakshmi, principal of the series, and Cornelia Otis Skinner, who will visit Birmingham Town Hall's latest social and political developments from the viewpoint of the "first lady of Asia."

Madame Pandit's long and distinguished service to her country includes the posts of ambassador to Moscow, the United States and Mexico. She has served as head of the India delegation to the United Nations and as president of the United Nations general assembly.

Next on the roster for the commission will be British author, scientist Arthur E. Clarke, a master at making clear the fantastic facts and possibilities of our coming age of space.

HE IS A FELLOW of the Royal Astronomical society and chairman for five years of the British Interplanetary society. His articles in Holiday, Saturday Review and the New York Times, as well as his book "Exploration of Space" (See LECTURE, Page 2-A)

JOHN CANADAY

"Is It Art?" Is Question At Town Hall

"Is It Art If I Like It?" will be the subject of John Canaday's lectures at Birmingham Town Hall today and tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Birmingham Theatre.

Canaday will illustrate his points with colored slides of art objects and the famous "Mona Lisa" painting. Fine Arts, where he is chief of the division of education. As a hobby, he has written many popular detective stories.

TICKETS ARE NOT available for this year's sold-out Town Hall series.

Canaday, who will be introduced today by Town Hall board president Mrs. James S. Moon and tomorrow by board vice president Mrs. George H. Gary, will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Owen of Lauburn village, during his stay here. Mrs. Owen is a former art pupil of Canaday.

Guests at the celebrity luncheon speaker's table at Birmingham will be Mr. and Mrs. Olav Canaday (Marjorie Olav) of Cranbrook, and Mrs. Thomas Hewlett and Mrs. Paul Schaefer.

All makes of inner spring mattresses for the common price, no one can come up with a medication for the painful gripe that accompanies the gripe.

Local Clergymen Comment On Race Discrimination

(EDITOR'S NOTE: At the request of the local and nearby clergymen whose names are signed, The Eccentric is publishing the following statement. Originally, the statement was presented for discussion and action before members of the Birmingham Council of Churches, which includes clergymen from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, and a portion of Troy Township. This week the statement itself was withdrawn from the official agenda of the Council, and made optional for the signature of individuals who are in agreement with it. Complete statement of Council president Rev. Robert J. Searls, pastor of Franklin Community Church appears on Page 2-A.)

Across this country of ours in the month of February observance is made of Race Relations week, a moving gesture of humanity and a good deal of discussion over the past few months to this, we, the undersigned, are in agreement that it might be of interest to share some of these thoughts and discussions with the community of which we are a part. This is not a statement of any official group or organization.

We speak of one of the great struggles of the spirit in our time. It is seen around the globe, from Johannesburg to Cairo, from Shanghai to Tunisia, from Baltimore to Los Angeles. It is seen in the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, and Troy areas.

It is sometimes manifested as race prejudice, and sometimes as demonstrations against people of other nations arising from the issue of national consciousness; sometimes as discrimination against religious and other minorities, and sometimes as segregation.

IT IS A deep sickness of the spirit which can sicken the body—the corporate body of a nation, a sect, or a community. The riots in Detroit, and Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957 are too recently in our memory for us to be unaware of the problem. But what of the relationship of the community in which we live to this worldwide problem?

Do we live in a community which is open to all? Do we live in a free of a problem which plagues so much of the rest of the world? Is this subject the real growth of the community in which we live with reference to our own community? Is this because we are so threatened by the problem in local manifestations that we refuse to see it, to talk about it, to admit its presence?

Is it not apparent that the real freedom from "other" groups in our community is the real growth of the community in which we live with reference to our own community? Is this because we are so threatened by the problem in local manifestations that we refuse to see it, to talk about it, to admit its presence?

Better Treatment For Mentally Ill Children Is Topic

Importance of citizen understanding and participation in efforts to improve treatment service for mentally ill children will be stressed at the Feb. 15 meeting of the N. Woodward Republican club.

Harold C. Webster of Birmingham, executive secretary of the Michigan society for mental health, will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend. The club meets at GOP headquarters, 351 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Want an "Evening in Paris" . . . without going abroad? The atmosphere has been set by two local parties. See "Beverly's Card Party" on Page 1-B.

He's seldom at a loss . . . particularly for words, says Beverly school Principal Malcolm V. Ferguson. But something new in Birmingham teaching methods has him at a loss. You'll know what it is if you read the story "Words Won't Fail Him, Says Beverly Principal" on Page 5-B.

You don't have to be . . . a youngster to play topflight golf—not even the professional variety. One fellow we know just turned 59 and he's still going strong. See "Al Has Another Title to Defend" on Page 6-E.

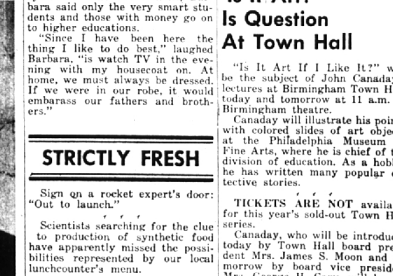
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An Eskimo Visits Cranbrook

Charlie Arnaitok, of Povungnetuk, upper Hudson's Bay, visited Cranbrook Institute of Science last week to see its exhibits. Charlie is one of the best sculptors of his area and was given the trip by the Rev. Andre Steinmann, who came along as interpreter, since Charlie speaks no English. The Institute has for several years fostered the distribution of carvings from the Eskimo art area and has been showing one of his own carvings to Mrs. William C. Gordon and her son Andy.



STRICTLY FRESH

"Sign on a rocket expert's door: 'Out to launch'."

Scientists searching for the clue to production of synthetic food have apparently missed the possibilities represented by our local luncheoners' noses.