

What a Different Outcome!

The affirmative voices of a majority of Bloomfield Hills school district voters dominated its election returns Thursday of last week.

By almost two to one, school electors said they wanted to increase their present operating millage for six years and approved another \$750,000 in bonds to construct a junior high school addition, and a new elementary school.

IT WAS SIMPLY a matter of both sides getting out and voting. And the majority endorsed the ballot propositions.

The vote: 2,102 approved the millage extension, 1,184 opposed it. On the bond issue, 1,975 endorsed, 1,170 objected to it.

In the first election on the same propositions last December, the situation stood 865 against the millage extension, 597 for it. In December's balloting, 824 opposed the bond issue, 614 endorsed it.

YOU CAN SEE WHERE the difference is this time: a couple of hundred more op-

ponents of both propositions went to the polls Thursday, but the proponents this time went out in droves.

The Hills board of education campaigned vigorously this second time. It was aided largely by the efforts of citizens who tirelessly worked to get out the vote. The telephone lines, we understand, were hot with calls to "get out, and support your schools!"

The Eccentric is pleased to see the outcome this time. We believe Bloomfield Hills, through this election, merely is taking logical and constructive steps to keep up with the educational demands—both physical and mental—in its district.

AND IT IS GOOD that these, shall we say "double elections," happen once in a while. It makes all of us realize we don't always get something for nothing. We must work for most of it.

We know the minority will take this election with a smile and good nature, in keeping with the American tradition.

Your Personal Satisfaction

There was a day, not so long ago, when every young American was assured that he had a chance to become President of the United States and, if he failed in that, at the worst, he would probably make a million dollars.

The result of this teaching has probably been evil. The generations that have grown on such notions have been inclined to grab for themselves and get all that the law allows, and some of the fruit that the law prohibits.

It is about time that education includes the idea that an individual attains satis-

faction, not by getting everything or the highest honors for himself, or herself, but by serving society in his or her place, with distinction. The development of men and women into intelligent creatures, with an understanding of human nature, is a task that most of us complete late in life, if at all.

Maybe, by starting early with the youngsters, we could help them attain a greater goal earlier in life, and that, we admit, is what life is intended to accomplish.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

If you were a foreigner, taught to believe that the United States treats its citizens equally, would you think it wrong for any group of people to possess an unobtainable, monopolistic dominance of something? If you then disapproved of monopoly, say in industry, you would find your belief supported in U. S. anti-trust laws. If, then, you learned that there existed a great labor organization that had a monopoly on most of the U. S. industrial working forces, would you consider this as inequitable? If you would (and there are millions who would agree with you) then you may ask: "Why do not the lawmakers who legislated against industrial monopoly also legislate against labor union monopoly?" The answer, you would find out, is simply this: Most lawmakers legislate in

such a manner as not antagonize enough voters to result in their (the lawmakers') defeat at election time. Most lawmakers lack the downright courage to place their country's welfare above their own. In this, of course, they are supported by the voters who elect them.

Down in Washington, D.C. (and also in plenty of other U.S. areas) the political boys and girls are thinking of re-aligning the two major parties into liberal and conservative groups. The liberals will be the folks who want to tax and spend us into "prosperity," while the conservatives will include those who believe that less taxes and more thrift in public and private spending is the answer to keeping the dollar worth having.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

For years and years it has been debated long and hard in sociological circles, psychological conferences, by law enforcement officers, and in journalism's editorial conferences:

"Is society better off in giving minors a 'break' by not displaying to the general public their mistakes that involve them with the law?"

Ask a hundred people, and you'll come up with a hundred varieties of "yes" and "no" to this important question.

BUT IT SEEMS TO ME of late I have been reading more frequent comments that suggest we are too protective of

minors, that we are over-protecting our below-legal-age children.

Some important judges, counselors, newspapermen have been writing and saying that more public attention should be given the misdeeds of our minors.

Now don't get the idea the pendulum has to be pushed to the other extreme—publicity for just about everything wrong a youngster does or will do.

BUT WHEN YOUNGSTERS flout society's good nature, when youngsters take advantage of our society's present method of giving a third or fourth chance to a misbehavior, when they deliberately "have fun" with society and the law by blatantly saying: "You won't do anything to us because we are under 17 years of age!"

When this happens, it is time for society to admit the situation is out of hand or is very close to getting beyond control. Don't take my word for the state of affairs.

Ask this question of the next policeman or law enforcement agent you see:

"Are many youngsters nowadays breaking the law because they know they can get away with it because of their young years?"

Don't be surprised at the answer you get.

Suburban Sentiment

NEWCOMER

Although she's charming, witty and wise
And her talents are ranked with the best,
Her goose is cooked if she happens to be Over-dressed.

—Dorothy Rockwell McWood

His Gravest Conference



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frebse
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Trees Older Than Sequoias Found

It has long been said that the oldest of living things are the giant sequoias of California. No man can stand in their midst without feeling dwarfed, as well as awed, by these great trees. Many of them antedate our Christian era by as much as one thousand years.

But scientists, ever alert to the challenge of truth, have within the last several years discovered a limited stand of bristlecone pines which are far older than the ancient sequoias.

The oldest and the largest of the bristlecone pines (Pinus aristata) was found in 1948 by a forest ranger. It is located in the White Mountains along the southern California-Nevada border. This tree measures twelve feet in diameter. Its age as determined by Dr. Edward Schulman of the University of Arizona has been placed at well over four thousand years.

MOST OF the bristlecone pines grow on the eastern slopes of the White Mountains, where the United States Forest Service has set aside some two thousand acres for scientific study.

The majority of these trees are small, gnarled and wind-blown. Many have dead branches, presenting the tortured appearance of vegetation which grows at the mercy and threat of wind and weather at high elevations. Some of their trunks measure as little as two feet in diameter, and their height varies from 15 to 30 feet. The bristlecone pines grow at elevations which rise six to ten thousand feet above the desert valley below. Here they force their way through an unfriendly soil which is covered with small broken rocks and dotted with many dead tree trunks. There is little other vegetation to relieve the stark bareness of this arid country which lies almost a thousand feet above the normal timberline.

BY COUNTING the number of tree rings, experts like Dr. Schulman can determine not only the age of a tree but much basic information about weather conditions during the time of its growth.

Most trees, in common with all living things, have many enemies; fire, wind, insect and fungus diseases. As a final threat, the natural span of life is seldom more than a few hundred years.

However, both the sequoias and the bristlecone pine have such a thick protective bark that they are immune to many of the above threats. Scientists also find that they are further protected by a poison in the wood, a kind of toxic sap in the circulatory system that serves as a "fountain of youth."

THE TREES with the largest girth is a Montezuma bald cypress measuring 110 feet. A California redwood measuring 364 feet is the tallest. The oldest is a bristlecone pine whose age is estimated at 4,000 years. It is interesting to note that all of these grow on the west coast of North America.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1909
"Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs quickly, strengthens the lungs and expels colds. Get the genuine in a yellow package."

"Everyone is complaining of the crowded state of the streets cars leaving Detroit from 2 p.m. to 7. If the city people would use their own cars, suburbanites would be happy."

30 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1929
"Another spring, maybe: March came in like a lamb with snow in its wool. Kiddies brought out their roller skates and there were many marble games in the streets. In hat cleaning establishments, straw head pieces are on the shelves. But who is going to call in about the first robin?"

"Baldwin high school students have come to college. The colorful 'swagger' hats being worn by the students suggest fresh days on campus. One almost expects the paddling and other signs of hazing."

"Statistics show that one out of every 30 students in Birmingham attends the Baldwin high school, while in Pontiac, only one out of every 40 is in high school."

15 YEARS AGO

March 9, 1944
"Seen at the Shubert Lafayette and 'lafling' at Janie's capers too! The Lee Bakers, R. E. Ellis, W. J. Howard, Carl J. Bush, Edwin Blake and the crew in front of the Elton Bloom, and if I missed anyone in the crowd it's because I couldn't tell them from the back of their heads."

"This being Leap Year girls don't forget the 'Topsy Turvy' dance at the Community House Saturday night."

"The Birmingham Community Choo Choo—men taking the Grand Trunk to Detroit each workday morning enjoyed a dinner and so-

cial evening at the Fox and Hounds, Friday."

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1959.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Peter A. Coyle, Deceased.

Edna W. Coyle Mahoney having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to The Detroit Trust and Trust Company, the executor named in said will or to some other suitable person, and for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1959, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, in hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that respondent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, on each of the known heirs of said deceased, and to deliver at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the City of Oakland, in Chancery.

GERTA KOEHL, Plaintiff, vs. HERBERT O. KOEHL, Defendant.

ORDER TO APPEAR
SUIT in this Court, the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery, on the 19th day of Feb., 1959.

In the above entitled cause, it appears that the defendant, Herbert O. Koehl, is not a resident of this state, but that he is a resident of the State of California; therefore, of motion of Carl F. Ingraham, Plaintiff's Attorney.

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant, Herbert O. Koehl, appear in this Court, on or before three (3) months from the date of this Order, to answer the complaint (48) days, the plaintiff cause this Order to be continued until in each week for said 48 days, said continuation.

H. RUSSELL HOLLAND, Circuit Judge.

Carl F. Ingraham, Attorney for Plaintiff.
J.B. South Adams, Birmingham, Michigan.
MICHAEL C. HART, DANIEL T. CUFFY, JR., County Clerk/Clerk of Deeds.
By WILFRED S. CONNOR, JR., Deputy.



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