

Political Senatorial Double-Talk

Senator Kennedy says that "seventeen million Americans go to bed hungry every night."

Holy smoke, Senator, how long have you known this? If true, stop all foreign aid instantaneously, and start feeding our starving people. But Senator, you've been mighty strong on foreign aid.

Seventeen million is about 10 percent of our population. Out of every hundred people you meet campaigning, Senator, do ten look hungry? Only where there are flophouses for derelicts in the big cities could you find support for your fantastic figures.

A lot of folks, who are not derelicts, do have to pinch pennies to "get by." Why? One reason, and especially if they are re-

tired, is that their nest eggs have been sucked by inflation and ever rising taxes.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES used to picture a retired couple living pretty comfortably on an annuity of \$100 a month. Now they advertise that they need two or three times as much.

A married couple with two children who earned \$3,000 in 1939, now need \$7,155 to have as much purchasing power as they had 21 years ago. Inflation and rising taxes now cost them more than their total income in '39!

If the couple are now past 65, and out of work, they are in a squeeze that will get worse if "liberal" Senators continue to "tax, spend and elect."

They have been robbed by Government!

Emphasizes Need To Study History

By friend and foe, Mr. Truman is remembered for many official acts as Senator and President. Although we never voted for him, we are glad to say that in private life he is making a great contribution to our country.

We refer to his "campaign to make a young people aware of their Government and history." This has been his lifetime study, and except for Woodrow Wilson, who was a historian, Mr. Truman probably knows more American history than any President in our time.

He is addressing high school boys and girls and college men and women at the greatest and smallest schools and colleges in the country.

HE THINKS NO native-born American

"1984" Has Come To Pass In China

A few years ago, the late George Orwell wrote his book—"1984." It chilled us, but still we couldn't believe it. And besides, 1984 seemed a long way off.

But 1984 has come—in China.

"No one dares trust a wife or child or a friend any longer. But in the future there will be no wives and no friends. Children will be taken from their mothers at birth... There will be no loyalty, except loyalty toward the party... no laughter, except the laugh of triumph over a defeated enemy... If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever." Thus wrote George Orwell.

The Chinese butchers have carried Communism to its ultimate ferocity. Family life—respected by the Chinese for centuries—has been abolished; all land confiscated; all private property abolished; all persons treated as work animals or machines; all human rights and dignities

should be privileged to vote until he knows as much about the Constitution and American history as a foreign-born applicant for naturalization is required to demonstrate.

Asked if he thought the voting age should be reduced from 21 to 18, he said, "No. If anything, it should be raised to 25."

He believes the BIBLE was one of the main sources of guidance to the Founding Fathers and should be so today—in both public and private life.

He believes the Rights of Man came from God, and not from Government.

It must be an eye opener to young folks to know that a man who has held the highest office in the free world has found American history to be as fascinating as basketball!

trampled in the dirt.

Ancient Sparta, where weak children were taken out in the woods to die, was a minor blot on the pages of history compared with the savagery of Mao Tse-tung.

Stalin's blood-soaked paradise seems somewhat mild by comparison with the Chinese communes in which nearly a quarter of the world's people are living—and dying—today.

If the human hyenas in charge of China succeed—what then?

What will it mean to us—in 1984?

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

The English gals are supposed to accept the recently introduced four-inches-above-the-knee dress. Maybe they will; maybe they won't. Depends, we suppose, on the looks of the average British female's knees, dotchaknow!

The Birmingham Eccentric

Published every Thursday at Birmingham, Mich., in The Eccentric Building, 1225 Bowers Street, Telephone Midwest 4-1100

GEORGE R. AVERILL
Editor and Publisher
PAUL NEAL AVERILL
Business Manager
GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor
DAVID F. CHB
Advertising Manager

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Michigan's highway department, which has built more miles of freeways than any other state, never has believed that expressway construction depreciates adjoining property.

Of course, practically all of the adjoining (as well as nearby) property owners hold an opposite opinion.

So in its educational campaign that land values ARE NOT adversely affected, the highway department constantly accumulates data on those values—before and after expressways.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on increased land values has been released by the highway department. It relates what has happened in the Kalamazoo area with construction of the Interstate 94 cutoff. The state's appraisal allowed \$1,250 an acre for the land affected. Subsequently, lots in the subdivision were selling for \$3,000 to \$5,000. Some of these lots were adjacent to the freeway right-of-way fence.

THE JOINT STATE and U.S. Bureau of public roads report concludes "that owners and builders of luxury-type homes, such as are found in this particular subdivision, did not discriminate against sites adjacent

to freeways, contrary to the claim of many home owners that proximity to an expressway depreciates better-type homes."

"This study also revealed the development and sale of lots in this plat were greatly accelerated by the construction of the freeway with ready access provided by a nearby interchange," stated Victor H. Eichhorn, director of the state highway's right-of-way division.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO to Lansing for confirmation of this "public-improvements-will-NOT-depreciate-private-property" position.

Just look over your own community to see what has happened to residential (or business) areas where great hues and cries once were raised by the abutting or neighboring property owners over installation of public improvements.

Try to find actual instances of property depreciation.

You will have a most difficult time.

IT SEEMS TO BE A MATTER of whether WE want the improvement.

There is no doubt but what OTHER people will take our place if we move along.

Perhaps this is what is meant by the "stream of life."

Political Jousting Costume



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Voter Criticizes 70-Minute Wait As 'Unnecessary'

To the Editor:

Attached is a carbon copy of my letter to Mr. Robert M. Dudley, township clerk of Bloomfield township, giving part of the account of my problems on trying to vote on the school board members in the millage in the recent election.

As a relatively new Michigan resident, I am quite appalled at the length of time it takes to vote in the Bloomfield area. To me it is inconceivable that voters should have to wait an hour and 10 minutes in line while three kind and well-meaning elderly ladies attempt to cope with the checking of the voters' qualifications and assigning them to booths.

MUCH OF THE time as many as one, two or three of the booths were vacant while this checking was going on.

Wouldn't it be well if some effort was made to have a few more voting booths and more people available to take care of the early morning, the noon hours and the time after supper when commuting is likely to be a problem, probably along with their wives?

In a suburban town full of commuters, it certainly seems apparent that you can expect a peak load during the hours between 6:30 and 8:00 in the evening.

SINCE THE Birmingham Eccentric has shown itself to be keenly interested in such matters and the welfare of the citizens of the area, I thought that perhaps they could do something about this condition which could certainly be improved.

Robert M. Dudley
Township Clerk
Bloomfield Township
Dear Mr. Dudley

I am a very dissatisfied registered voter of Bloomfield township who didn't get to vote. I am newly registered and received your beautifully written, explicit and clear notice on the rearrangement of the voting precincts and the precinct map of Bloomfield township on which I was readily able to locate

my home in Precinct No. 8.

AFTER WORK on election day June 13th, I hurried home in time to feed my sick wife and gather the children and hurry to the Bloomfield Village Fire Hall as designated on your precinct map.

On arriving at the Fire Hall, I was informed that the voting took place in the school across the street. This seemed rather obvious since there was a large crowd of people and I waited in line with the others who seemed to come from several different precincts. After waiting in line for an hour and ten minutes until ten minutes before nine o'clock, I finally got to the head of the line only to learn from Mrs. Bernice Burnett that I was at the wrong location.

I EXPLAINED that this was the location that was designated for me on the map that you had sent me. She said that this was only true for certain elections and that for certain other elections I was to vote at Quorton school.

She was kind enough to give me a note to Miss Louise Barden who was handling the polls at Quorton school. When I got to Quorton school, they had long since been closed; so still dragging the two children after me I returned home, a very disgusted and disappointed non-voter.

WHAT SINISTER plans are afoot? What evil forces are at work trying to confuse the voters of Bloomfield township by preventing their voting on vital issues such as this, by misinforming them as to the location of the voting places?

This taxation without representation is tyranny and treads on the rights of taxpayers and voters whose forefathers fought for freedom and their franchise. I hope there is some explanation for this apparently nefarious scheme to defraud the voters of their franchise in Bloomfield township.

FRED WEHLE, JR.
268 Yarmouth
Birmingham

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1910

The Birmingham Eccentric this week moved in to its new home on the west side of Pierce street, south of Shan's drug store. The "Michigan State Telephone Co." occupies the second floor of the new building. An insurance company takes up "the first floor front."

"Mr. H. M. Russell took his family to Wing Lake." They caught fish in quantities galore.

30 YEARS AGO

July 3, 1930

"Five hours daily of swimming are in effect now with the opening yesterday afternoon of the new Barnum school swimming pool."

"Ten courts have been completed in the Franklin horsehoe club, making a total of 20 stakes now ready for play, it is announced by James S. Wood, president of the club."

15 YEARS AGO

June 28, 1945

"Grows what while you can and can what you grow" was the warning issued today by John F. Gaffill, chairman of the Birmingham victory garden committee as evidence mounted that the country is facing its most critical food shortage since the war began.

"Something new has been added to the list of books in the Baldwin public library of an evening last week were pleasantly surprised to hear music on the heretofore strictly literary air of that building. The 'something new' is a phonograph and radio combination presented to the public library by the Birmingham Musicale. That organization, said Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner, retiring president, felt that with a large

collection of recordings already in the library, that some means of playing them occasionally should be provided."

"Retailers of Birmingham will take an active part in a state-wide emergency drive to help put Michigan over its E bond quota for the Seventh War Loan. It was announced by F. E. Quisenberry, local chairman for the Michigan Retailers War Savings Committee."

STRICTLY FRESH

To some people meat eating, moderation just means saving onions without garlic.

Old-fashioned girls used to call their partners if their boy friends became too amorous. Now they prefer to wrestle with the problem themselves.



Some boys around the office want a longer rest period. Others just want a longer rest—period.

Most girls worry a lot about their hats and shoes. Between the two there's enough to worry about.

Memory is what reminds you you've seen the face—but doesn't tell you the name.

FREE
5x7 COLOR
ENLARGEMENT
98% Value Free with every roll of Kodacolor Film you bring here for Processing and Printing
HITE PHOTO, INC.
Offer Good Till July 7th
FOR ALL YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC NEED SEE
BIRMINGHAM CAMERA SHOP
23rd Year Serving Birmingham
168 S. Woodard MI 4-0610

"We Serve the Suburbs"

... fine furnace oils see the new "Custom Mark II" oil furnace that's revolutionized oil heating
TORRENCE OIL Company
For Service Call: MI 4-9000

Birmingham credit plate association
Your Assurance of Quality and Price . . .
Your Birmingham Credit Plate is honored ONLY at shops and stores of the highest integrity in offering quality commodities that are "just reasonably priced." If you don't already have a Birmingham Credit Plate, apply now, at any one of the members listed below.

Member Stores

DAVIDSON'S 135 S. Woodward Ave.	JOHN MOSS FLORIST 241 West Maple Ave.	UNUSUALS 119 West Maple Ave.
DEVON CABLES Touhy & Long Lake	F. J. MULHOLLAND CO. 212 N. Woodward Ave.	VILLAGE SPORT & HOBBY (Melville Hwy.) 154 S. Woodward Ave.
DOUGLAS CLEANERS 814 S. Woodward Ave.	PRINCETON PREP SHOP 231 Pierce St.	THE VILLAGE STORE 235 Pierce St.
HIGGINS & FRANK 264 West Maple Ave.	R. R. SHOPS 142 West Maple Ave.	WILSON DRUG CO. Woodward at Maple
LAKE JEWELERS Woodward at Maple	SHERMAN SHOES 115 West Maple Ave.	YOUNG'S OF BIRMINGHAM 285 Pierce St.

Men in motion smoke Jaguars while getting there!
On shore or afloat, a Jaguar is tasteful company for the man who's going places. You'll like the flip-top box... distinctive but not pretentious. The taste is true because the filter doesn't get in the way of the flavor. Look for Jaguar Cigarettes— at better places!

Jaguar LONGS
ROYAL WHITE FILTERS
pay a few pennies more and go first cabin!
Stephano Ego, Philadelphia