

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

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Today's artisans, for the most part, are not as conscientious as the workmen of an older day. The poet said it thus: "In elder days of art builders wrought with greater care, each minute and unweary part—the gods see everywhere." Some how or other, in this century's rush and hurry to win some unknown, unplanned goal, we have lost the joy of craftsmanship.

THIS IS OUR MICHIGAN 'Water, Water— Everywhere,' and Boy, Does It Help

By WILLARD BAIRD
Eleventh in a Series

With our Water Wonderland, in Michigan enjoy many advantages.

Winds tempered by the Great Lakes give us a more moderate climate than any other state in the same latitude... ideally invigorating for agriculture, industry and recreation.

The Great Lakes connect us not only with seven other states and of ore, grain, oil, coal, machinery, the province of Ontario... providing limestone, wood products and other low-cost transportation routes... but now are accessible for ships carrying vital cargoes.

to all of the world's trade lanes through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

MOREOVER, the lakes support a great commercial fishing industry with a total catch of about 25 million pounds a year, biggest of any of the Great Lakes states.

The Great Lakes and our 11,037 inland lakes are of basic importance to our growing tourist business, drawing millions of visitors to Michigan every year.

We stand unchallenged as the leading recreation area of the middle west... and rank fourth in income from the income from our tourist, resort and travel business. Some 9,750,000 tourists vacation in Michigan each year, and about half of them being residents of our own state.

PLAYING HOST to vacation visitors brings us 5.7 per cent of the nation's tourist income—more than at least \$650 million a year. Accommodating our tourists also constitute the third largest source of Michigan income, outranked only by manufacturing and agriculture.

Our elaborate system of public parks accounts for much of Michigan's greatness as a tourist state. We have 61 state parks, more than any other state... including the 58,000 acre Porcupine Mountains state park, with its lovely lake like Lake of the Clouds, in the western end of the upper peninsula, largest state park in the country.

More than 17,000,000 guests visit our state parks annually. We have 112 roadside picnic sites, maintained by our state highway department. Our state conservation department maintains 61 game, wildlife and special hunting areas, covering 135,000 acres... 725 public fishing sites, including 494 on lakes and 231 on streams, covering 40,000 acres, with more than 200 miles of water frontage.

We have 28 state and national forests in Michigan, which together spread over more than one-sixth of our total land area... plus the 535,339-acre Isle Royale, in Lake Superior, 48 miles off the Keweenaw peninsula, only U. S. island national park.

OUR STATE is also noted for the number and variety of its winter sports facilities and attractions. More than 84 organized winter sports centers, doing a \$12 million a year business, serve a fast-growing army of skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts in both upper and lower Michigan.

Our first tourist-travelers were the Indians who lived in lower Michigan and neighboring territories centuries ago.

Their search for better fishing sites took them to Mackinac for lake trout and to the rapids of St. Mary's river for the prized whitefish. Roving Indian tribesmen were also out for buffalo, which came to the edge of the southern Michigan hunting grounds, and for

B of E Charges Tax Group Using 'Incorrect' Facts

In matters of public interest, The Birmingham Eccentric believes such public interest is not served fairly unless BOTH sides of a controversy are aired.

In the publishing of news, such controversial views are best presented in the same story—or at least, the day (or week) following if the opponent(s) cannot be contacted prior to press deadline.

CONTENTS of advertisements are withheld from preview of the public or competitors—for obvious reasons.

However, when the advertisement's contents contain controversial interpretation of fact, and such advertisement is inserted in the last issue before a public vote, this secrecy rule must be suspended in the public interest.

Regarding the advertisement relating to Monday's Birmingham school district election (on Page 7-C), Roland C. Koehler was informed of this policy. He requested that the Birmingham board of education's seeing the content of the ad.

ON THE BOARD'S behalf, member Bennett W. Root made the following comment:

"The board of education is grateful to the fairness of The Eccentric in the advertisement placed by a group interested in low taxes which Mr. Koehler heads."

"Without this, it would have been impossible to prepare and advertise before the special election of March 28.

"**THIS TAXPAYERS'** group has its facts reasonably correct (some are not). But facts are not enough.

**Sneed Appointed
Midshipman Captain**

COLUMBIA, Mo.—Midshipman Richard C. Sneed, 848 Madison Birmingham, has been appointed midshipman captain and battalion commander in the naval reserve officers training corps at University of Missouri.

Sneed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Sneed, is a graduate of Birmingham high school. He is a senior at Missouri and is majoring in history and is a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity.

moose and wapiti, which were in the north, and for deer everywhere.

We still retain our reputation as one of the leading sportsmen's states, just as the early Indians knew the territory long ago. Michigan regularly sells more hunting and fishing licenses than any other state, running over a million a year in each category... 1,084,000 fishing licenses sold in 1958 and 1,210,000 hunting licenses, including 506,000 deer licenses.

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we believe that a quality program of education, buoyed by continuing effort toward improvement, still represents the most important value to citizens that local government can provide, and that the value sense of responsible citizenship will persuade voters to vote YES on the millage proposal next Monday, March 28.

THE BIRMINGHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION
By Bennett W. Root, Secretary

"(1) It is true that assessed valuation in the last five years but NOT AS FAST AS STUDENT ENROLLMENT. Assessed valuation PER STUDENT has actually decreased from \$18,300 five years ago to \$16,814 today—a decrease of over \$1,000 per student.

"(2) Outstanding debt is not 11% of assessed valuation—it is approximately 7½%, which is one-half of the limit established by law.

"(3) STATE AID in Birmingham provides only 35% of total operating revenues in contrast to 50% for the state at large, and over 60% for some upstate districts with low property valuations.

"This is because the formula for state aid distribution is weighted to provide greater benefits to poorer districts. State aid, although geared to enrollment, has signally failed to keep pace with the growing per pupil costs of education.

"Beyond the reappraisal of these facts lies the area of value judgments. Many of the points raised by opponents of the millage increase can be generalized as dissatisfaction with property valuation as a tax base for the distribution of educational expense.

"THE BOARD is in substantial agreement with this view. However, the fact remains that increased local property taxes represent at present the ONLY LEGALLY AVAILABLE SOURCE OF INCREASED OPERATING REVENUE.

"We believe the taxpayer group's contention that real estate values will be depreciated by a tax increase is an incorrect value judgment.

"Most persons, including non-parents, who buy property in this area do so partly because the school system is very good. To maintain good schools is necessary to maintain real estate values.

"**NOTWITHSTANDING** the importance of severe highway, county courthouses and the like.

U of M Renews Accreditation Of Schools Here

ANN ARBOR—The University of Michigan has renewed accreditation of 50 high schools in its annual accreditation program.

Graduates of accredited high schools may enroll at the U-M without taking admission tests, providing they have maintained a satisfactory record and have their

principal's recommendation. Graduates of non-accredited schools must pass U-M admissions tests regardless of their high school academic record.

Schools accredited by the executive committee of the Bureau at its last meeting include: Seaholm high school and Kingswood Cranbrook.

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