

Nov. 8 Is Your "Freedom Day"

It would be somewhat redundant for this newspaper, in contemplating the need to vote next Tuesday, Nov. 8, to attempt to reiterate in much detail the ramifications of the various candidates who seek your vote.

You know that Richard M. Nixon is the Republican candidate for U. S. President, that opposing him is Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat. You know just about how each man stands on the various domestic and foreign issues and problems of today.

You also know that you will vote for a U. S. Senator, Congressman, Governor, plus an assortment of other state and county officials.

Incumbent Democrat Pat McNamara is being opposed for the U. S. Senate by Republican Alvin Bentley, of Owosso, now a member of Congress' House of Representatives. Bentley is regarded as conservative, while McNamara is reported to have voted for practically every type of proposed expenditure offered in the U. S. Senate or the House. If you want to pay less federal taxes, Bentley promises to be more frugal than does Pat.

Some of you will vote a straight partisan ballot, some will mark X's for candidates from both major parties. This opportunity to vote is one of your most priceless possessions. Every citizen should be dedicatingly prize it as an invaluable personal heritage, and seek to defend it. The very best way to defend your right to elect your public officials in secret is to enter the balloting booth with a knowledge of the candidates and the other issues confronting you.

PERSONALLY, WE believe that Dick Nixon offers better solutions to federal problems than does Jack Kennedy. Nixon opposes federal extravagances, and also is opposed to the centralization of unnecessary governmental agencies in Washington, D.C., when many local problems should be solved by each state, closer to the voters' homes, and thus more controllable by them. Kennedy offers too many "pie-in-the-sky" solutions of about every problem, both domestic and foreign. If he is elected, and is supported by Congress on many of his ideas, experts on the subject of finance declare that the U. S. dollar will sink in value . . . and that spells economic hardship for millions of Americans whose incomes are rigidly controlled from pensions, annuities, plus social security allowances.

In the case of a successor to Gov. Soapy Williams, we believe that Paul D. Bagwell's ideas are better safeguards for the

preservation of the processes of self-government than John B. Swainson's are.

IN THE CASE of a U. S. Congressman from this Oakland County district, we believe that Democrat James Kellis offers more solid support for improvement in our foreign affairs than does Republican William S. Broomfield.

Kellis enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1936, when only 19 years old. He resigned as a full Colonel in May of this year, and had been both a flier pilot and a paratrooper. From 1942 to '45 he was with the old O.S.S.; it was then changed to the Central Intelligence Agency and Kellis remained attached to it until 1953, when he was connected with NATO in Europe and the Middle East. While in Naples, Italy, Kellis had under him an atomic missile school for NATO officers. Part of his NATO duties involved directing intelligence operations and planning.

During this campaign he has obtained a leave of absence from the U. of D. where he heads R.O.T.C. and lectures on political science subjects. With this international background, The Eccentric believes that Kellis is uniquely fitted to play an important congressional part in strengthening the nation's international intelligence service. He has stated that he is familiar with the Washington, D.C., political and military environments, experience that should prove of value to any Congressman so situated.

Kellis also has voiced his disapproval of unnecessary federal spending and he pledges support to the States-Rights pattern of opposing the drift toward having more controls centralized in Washington, D.C.

Over in nearby District No. 4 Democrat incumbent James Clarkson is running for re-election to the Michigan Senate; we think he deserves being continued in that job.

Locally, Farrell E. Roberts wants to represent this district of Oakland County in the State Senate; he did a good job in the House . . . so why not approve him?

Another local chap, Henry M. Hogan Jr., of Birmingham, Republican, wants to be sent to Michigan's House; he is expected, fortunately, to win.

Three State propositions also will be on your ballot. Last week in this space we outlined them for you, and endorsed each.

So, Mr. and Miss Mrs. Voter, remember next Tuesday, Nov. 8. It is **YOUR DAY** to take part in the selection of those who will be leaders in government.

Weather Forecast: Long, Cold Winter



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Sees Value in Teacher Tenure for Birmingham

To the Editor:
We moved to Birmingham school district this year and have sent our two children to Hartan school. This is a very beautiful school. I was rather surprised when both children had new teachers. Upon further investigation, I found out that out of a staff of 14 teachers, eight are new to the system.

I teach in Hazel Park; and out of a staff of 25 at my school, we had to hire only two new teachers this year. The whole staff of Birmingham schools had a turn of about 20 per cent in its teaching personnel. We can compare this to a national average of 10 per cent; and a good system staffed with career teachers will be about seven per cent or less.

WHY DOES Birmingham have career teachers? A career teacher seeks these two important items in a meeting with his superintendent:
1. High salary
2. Job security (teacher tenure)
Birmingham schools have neither!

I firmly believe that everyone in Birmingham interested in good schools, including the superintendent and board of education, should make these two items their goals for this year.

The difference between the highest paid staff and the lowest paid staff amounts to only a few hundred dollars in the south Oakland area. Let's have the highest paid staff in the area.

TEACHER TENURE costs the taxpayer nothing and increases the ability of our school system to hire the best career personnel by perhaps 50 per cent or more. It is the mark of a good school system that has nothing to fear. Teacher tenure is the mark of a system that hires the best teachers and wants to keep them.

It behooves the board of education to take the necessary action to obtain teacher tenure in behalf of every voter that has placed his trust and children's future in the hands of these public-spirited people.

Yours truly,
Paul L. Scott
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Birmingham
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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 4, 1910
The candidacy of Carl H. Pelton, Democratic candidate for prosecuting attorney, is meeting with much favor throughout the county. Josh W. Bird, a prominent Pontiac businessman and a lifelong Republican, said Wednesday morning, "I am a Republican but shall vote and work for Carl H. Pelton for prosecuting attorney. He is the type of man I want to see in the office."

"To the voters of Oakland county: I have made a clean fight for the nomination and election as prosecuting attorney. I have been met by anonymous circulars and a type of politics beneath any decent citizen. My answer has been mailed to every voter whose name and address could be secured. . . . I stood every day in the beginning of the campaign, in favor of clean decent politics. I stand for a square deal in politics and in the administration of that office. . . . Yours cordially,
Andrew L. Moore

At the rate things are going now, we will get sewers about 2010.

Every store dealer washed his front windows Tuesday morning. It was easy as all the soap needed was on the glass already. No damage was done by the witches and everybody is glad 'tis all over.

30 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1930
Because of the generosity and cooperation of numerous individuals and civic organizations, many improvements in the welfare situation have been effected within the past week. Mrs. Hope F. Hagan, executive director of the Community House announced. Many persons have donated clothing and shoes for children. While there always will be use for additional donations to the Thrift shop, the most serious part of the welfare situation is the presence of so many unemployed men and women. Ralph J. Coryell, Bloomfield township supervisor, who has charge of regulation of the distribution of funds for the needy, explains.

Because there is a \$402,371.21 delinquent tax list for general and special assessments in Birmingham, the village commission Monday night passed a resolution upon the motion of Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert authorizing the village treasurer to borrow \$300,000 at four and three quarters per cent interest, from the Detroit Trust company.

How many of our village residents realize that within the limits of our village, there rests the remains of an all-metal airplane, mangled in the branches of a tree and twisted and torn from its precipitous flight?

Why do you see a crash it must have been . . . yet it attracts no attention and lies there . . . slowly rusting away . . . It is a tragedy in

some youthful minds, for the plane . . . a toy one is in a pine tree on Larchlea drive.

15 YEARS AGO
Nov. 1, 1945
Birmingham's public schools are all set to play quite an active part in the Victory Loan bond selling campaign which opened Monday.

While the schools are not expected to sell such large amounts of bonds, it is through the fine spirit developed that the bond selling campaign will be of great value in spurring on adults, stores and clubs for the larger sales.

The Grand Trunk Western railroad, which owns a majority of the lots in Birmingham gardens subdivision, just east of the railroad tracks on E. Maple street, has petitioned the city commission to assist it in rearranging the property for industrial uses.

The railroad, it was explained by attorney John J. Gaffi at the meeting, anticipates sale of the property on which may be established some small industries.

The request included one for the closing of two short blocks of streets and an alley, and also for the zoning of the Maple street frontage for industrial uses.

An unusually interesting art exhibit from Colonial fine arts will be in Birmingham next year when 150 reproductions of some of the world's greatest paintings are to be placed on the walls of the community room in Baldwin high school.

The exhibit is sponsored by the high school art department under Lillian Clawson.

STRICTLY FRESH

Some people grow up and spread happiness. Others just grow up and spread . . .

Best way to find the rake you dropped under the leaves: walk barefoot in the first snow.



Why be one of those husbands who find fault with dinner. Take the wife to a restaurant where you can both find fault.

You know winter is on its way when Republicans and Democrats start talking to each other again.

A youngster who knows the value of a dollar these days must be plenty discouraged.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Yes, we visited the National Automobile Show in Detroit's wonderful Cobo Hall. Despite the fact that the evening we went was cold and rainy, the show was well attended. The various exhibits were attractively displayed . . . and the handsomely glittering assortment of "horseless carriages" on display certainly won an enthusiastically responding audience. The show, first on a national basis ever held in Detroit, no doubt will be repeated often in the Motor City. A visit to this tremendous display of American ingenuity offers eloquent proof why the U.S.A. leads all nations in the production and distribution

of material wealth . . . resulting in our people enjoying this earth's highest standard of living.

Note for future Eccentric readers: Today, Oct. 20, 1960, the Detroit U.S. Weather Bureau says that we are to get some snow flurries before the calendar adds another day. If it does snow, it will be earlier than usual. (P.S. Never have the northern woods of Michigan been lovelier in the variety of many shades of red, yellow, purple. Autumn certainly is a wonderful opportunity for Nature to display her regal garments!

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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John F. Kennedy is an audience pleaser. John F. Kennedy also sounds like an appeaser.

Before you react to this second statement, permit me to define what I mean by "appease."

I refer you to Webster dictionary's definition: "appease: to pacify, often by satisfying; quiet; calm; soothe; ally. To conciliate by political, economic, or other considerations—now usually signifying a sacrifice of moral principle in order to avert aggression . . ."

Any nation's domestic problems pale in to insignificance compared to the struggle between the free world and the slave world under international communism.

IN THESE CRUCIAL TIMES, the United States cannot afford to have a President who is an appeaser.

Britain's late Premier Chamberlain was an appeaser at Munich—and his acquiescence to Hitler led to World War II.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was an ap-

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