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City Beat

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has become so complex today. It is increasingly difficult to come to clearcut conclusions. Take national and international politics, for example. In our efforts to condense news into a short, simple, easily understood form, we resort to the use of labels: Rightists, leftists, extremists, moderates, liberals, conservatives, communists, socialists.

These terms are used over and over again without reference to their meaning. And when it comes to determining their meaning, the picture becomes so complex that the writer bogs down. He becomes confused and consequently passes on this confusion to the readers.

Again, I believe this is one of the faults of the newspaper profession today. I believe we lack thinkers of the caliber that we enjoyed 50 and 100 years ago.

THERE WAS A time when we were more concerned with what we were writing than in how we wrote it. After we became conscious of that fact, we started to do something about it.

And we haven't stopped. Seems to me it's time to swing the pendulum back a little.

As for other solutions to correct these faults of our writing profession, I can think of only one: Put "the" back into its proper perspective in the English language.

First Federal Expands in Area

Two new branch offices, both in Oakland county, will be dedicated this year by First Federal Savings of Detroit.

Announcing the major projects in the firm's 1952 expansion program, Hans Gehrke, Jr., First Federal president, said the new branches at Maple and Cranbrook Roads, Bloomfield Township, would be opened in April.

The other Oakland county branch, at Farmington and Secum Roads, Farmington, will be under construction as soon as winter permits, Gehrke said, with opening scheduled before the end of 1952.

THESE WILL BE No. 14 and 15 in First Federal's branch setup in the three-county area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

The manager of the firm's Bloomfield branch will be Paul Kravchuk.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Writer's Prayer Logic Called 'Overwhelming'

To the Editor: Ken Weaver's logic in City Beat, Feb. 1 issue concerning the saying of prayers in school is overwhelming. I was particularly impressed by the analogy to political parties.

It follows that a teacher with strong Democratic party views should propound them, to our children so that they might get a well-rounded exposure to all political doctrines; this would be most beneficial to the little cherubs from our Republican families who might otherwise miss entirely this facet of our society!

What is so obviously overlooked is that the teacher has, should have, an aura of authority. What the teacher says should be true. Therefore, if she advocates, how ever subtly, a religious doctrine opposed to that of the children,

[these children do not get a clarification of another's views, but rather a conflict of loyalties.

NO ONE has ever doubted the desirability of teaching the world's religions in a comparative course when the children are old enough to understand and benefit from it. But a prayer is a ritual of one's personal religion.

Our country, God save it, is one of the few experiments in man's history where religious belief is by law protected as a solemn right for each man to determine for himself, free from ANY influence from ANY form of government.

It is a tragedy when the majority, however slightly, nibbles away at this precious right.

D. E. ALLEN

Dimes Officials Thank Mothers

To the Editor: The Oakland County Chapter of the March of Dimes wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to each of the Marching Mothers who so gallantly braved the bitter cold.

RICHARD E. SPEZES, Administrator MRS. TWILA WALLACE, Oakland County Director of Women's Activities, Oakland County Chapter The National Foundation, Pontiac, Mich.

We are sure we also express the appreciation of our 186 active polio patients now being cared for through these funds, and a sense of security for the 502 inactive patients who may need to rely on us at any time for assistance.

Without these conscientious and hard working women we could not exist.

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Assess True Value of Land Is Advocated

To the Editor:

If Mayor Cavanagh (Detroit) wants additional tax revenues why doesn't he order his assessor to assess the value of land up to 100 per cent of its true cash value (presently 10-15 percent) as our state Constitution not only permits but demands be done?

This would bring increased funds, force more intensive land use (in order to earn enough to pay the increased tax), abolish slums, raise wages and interest, abolish unemployment and reduce the demand for government services.

All of which would make possible tax cuts on buildings, sales and other taxes and would obviate the supposed need for any state or local income tax.

WHY DO the politicians continue

Use Logic, Reason In Prayer Issue

To the Editor:

The subject of prayer in public school classrooms is of vital interest to all of us, and with the fog and reason of divine intelligence we can use the Golden Rule to the satisfaction of all.

Silent prayer would certainly let each one free to pray — to acknowledge God — in his own way.

(Mrs.) Leslie Edwards 410 Westchester Way Birmingham

up the blind alley of the income tax as a means of correcting economic conditions and raising tax revenues? Taking wealth from labor and capital is robbery; allowing the land owners to keep the unearned income of land is a social wrong. Let's obey our state Constitution and tax land value; 100 per cent of true cash value.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1952.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD M. PIERCE, Deceased. Betty H. Pierce having filed a petition praying that the 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 petitioner, the Executive Committee of said estate, consisting of said petitioner, and for determination of the same.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of February, in said Probate Office, is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing on said petition, and that public notice of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, be given by publication in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published in said County, and that no person be admitted to said estate until the 6th day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published in said County, and that no person be admitted to said estate until the 6th day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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John E. Marts, Attorney, 727 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1952.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of CATHERINE BRONSON, also known as CATHERINE V. BRONSON, Deceased. Catherine Jane Bronson Goodsell having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Edna Heubert or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased, and that the legal heirs of said deceased be appointed as such.

It is Ordered, That the 26th day of February, A. D. 1952, ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, That notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by publication of a copy of this order, once each week, for three successive weeks, by return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order 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.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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Mr. A. Jesse Hart, 472 Bonnie Brier, Birmingham, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of PHYLLIS FRANKIE HART, Deceased. At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1952.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. Order appointing time for hearing claim.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 16th day of April, 1952, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file with the clerk of this court, under each, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered, that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order, once each week, for three successive weeks, by return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order 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.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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ELECTION NOTICE To the qualified electors of the City of Troy, County of Oakland. Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Troy, County of Oakland, Michigan, on Monday, February 19, 1952, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

CITY OF TROY CITY COMMISSIONERS J. Lawson Lockman, Clerk of Troy, 49, 50, 51