

What About Romney's Future?

George Romney's victory against the LBJ tide raises some interesting speculation as to what his role will be on the national scene during the next few years. Speculators have him running again for governor in '66 and running for the U.S. Senate at the same time. We doubt seriously that he has planned that far ahead, because a week and a half ago he wasn't sure that he would be returned to Lansing. And before he could think of advancing himself, he must live out the next two years with a Democratic legislature and an attorney general who is bent on embarrassing the governor whenever he has the chance.

IN ORDER FOR Romney to seek any post, he will have to have a record he can point at with pride. But the voters did him a dirty trick. They said we're for you, but we did it alone. Remember Michigan when we had a governor of a different party than the legislature. Each fought the other with Michigan falling deeper in debt. Remember that "payless payday" back in 1959. The problem wasn't solved until Romney and a Republican legislature were elected at the same time, so that Mich-

igan was faced with only one program at a time.

CAN ROMNEY do what Governors Williams and Swainson couldn't do? He must if he is to fill a void on the national scene. And his legislature won't be his only problem. Picture an ordinary citizen who seeks advice from his lawyer and receives a letter saying he can only take such and such action.

Then a couple of weeks later the lawyer releases a letter to the press expressing the opposite position.

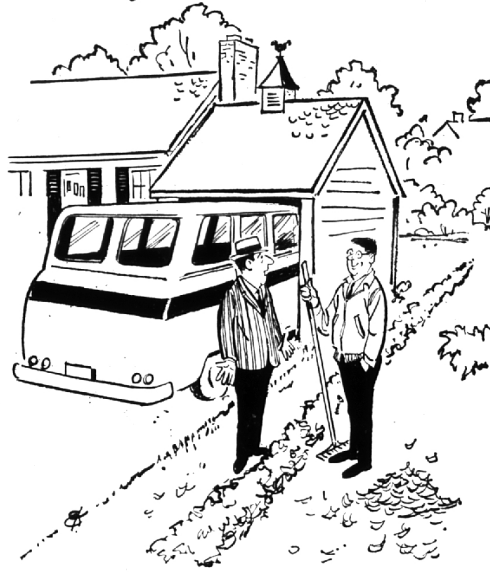
This happened just last week when the attorney general, Frank Kelley, criticized Romney three days before the election on the ouster of certain National Guard officers.

TO BE successful in government it must be a team effort. One man can't do it alone.

Romney must now prove that he can convince the opposite party for the sake of the state that constructive programs must be continued if Michigan is to stay on the move.

It is only when this happens that we can legitimately speculate about his future.

'It's My Year to Take Them'



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Yesteryear Happenings

50 YEARS AGO
November 13, 1914
The Birmingham Choral Society has held three rehearsals and the program for the Christmas Concert is well under way. Already sixty-five members have enrolled and a last invitation to join is cordially extended to all interested in choral singing. Members may be added now, but not later when the work has progressed farther. The program will be ready about the holiday time and will be given in the large auditorium of the Methodist Church. Rehearsals are held every evening.

A new heating system is being installed in the M.E. church. It is a direct-indirect steam heating system, and special attention is being paid to perfect ventilation as well as required temperature. One most desirable feature of this installation is that the Sunday school room, or the big auditorium of the church can be heated independently of each other, a great saving and one that will be enjoyed by all.

The local high school team played its first home football game last Friday at the Barnum Field and won a hard fought contest from Wyandotte High by the narrow margin of 7 to 6. The home team was outweighed to some degree but overcame this handicap by their fighting spirit.

30 YEARS AGO
November 15, 1934
Thad D. Seeley, receiver for the closed First National Bank of Birmingham, a non resident yesterday that he has filed a formal application with the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington for a new loan on the bank's assets from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The application was speeded up this time by the waiving of a claim on certain of the bank's assets by the new Birmingham National Bank, which were taken over as security.

A revamped Goodfellows organization will follow a greatly revised program in distributing cheer to indigent Birmingham children this Christmas season. Pressure of work has caused Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith to decline re-election as president of the Goodfellows Club, a position he has held for several years, at a meeting Monday night, and James W. Taylor, local contractor, was chosen to head this year's campaign.

A resolution instructing Harry S. Starr, city assessor of Bloomfield Hills, not to spread the 1954 state and county taxes in that city on the county's equalized valuations was adopted by the Bloomfield Hills Commission Tuesday night. The Bloomfield Hills suit is similar to one already filed by Commissioner Frank W. Atkinson for the City of Birmingham.

15 YEARS AGO
November 10, 1949
The Birmingham Board of Education's proposed \$1,000,000 school district building expansion program (See HAPPENINGS, Page 3-B)

To the Editor:
Birmingham police, according to the Oct. 29 Eccentric, had a busy time the previous week end arresting 20 youthful speeders indulging in "Woodwarding."

Not one of these offenders was from Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills (where the speeding took place).

While this fact may not be an essential part of your news story, I do think it is worth noting. Somehow, when you print stories that include words like "Woodwarding," speeding, youthful offenders, etc., the stigma just naturally settles down on the youth of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area.

ington Woods, Rochester and Highland Park.

If the Birmingham police continue to haul in 20 or so drivers each week end for "Woodwarding" and consistently find that Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills youths are conspicuous by their absence, I hope that The Eccentric will see fit to editorialize just a little on their behalf.

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Prosecutor's Job Includes Enforcement

To the Editor:
Your published article "Our County Choices" appearing in your last pre-election edition of Oct. 29, 1964, prompted me to write you.

The last sentence of the last paragraph thereof, states: "The prosecutor's job only starts after a person has been arrested." This is true only some of the time.

In as many incidents the prosecutor's office must investigate a complaint before an arrest warrant is requested. Especially is this true in fatal automobile accident cases. In other automobile cases, accident or not, a police officer should not issue a violations ticket or request the issuance of a warrant unless he has witnessed the offense committed.

The prosecutor's job should be one of "preventive enforcement before crimes are committed" and is one of enforcement as soon as the crime is committed, and not necessarily "after a person has been arrested."

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Harlan PTA Chief Lauds Twp. Board

To the Editor:
On behalf of the parents of the Harlan Elementary School, I should like to express appreciation to the Bloomfield Township Board for its decision to finance the installation of safety speed-control devices in front of our school.

Too often, public officials use outdated statutes and ordinances as justification for inaction. The township, and especially Supervisor Homer Case, are to be commended for placing the safety of children above other considerations.

KEN SMITH
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Harlan PTA

Letters from readers always are welcome. But they MUST be signed, although identities will not be divulged if the writer so requests.

Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN



ONCE UPON A TIME there was an elephant named "Goldie" who came from the sandy part of the jungle. For many years he studied the government of the jungle and finally decided that if its policies continued in the direction they were heading, the jungle would destroy itself.

Goldie decided to do something about it, which is more than most animals would do.

He ran and was elected to the Jungle Assembly, the legislative branch of the jungle government.

After several years he decided he still couldn't stem the tide unless he became the king of the jungle.

IT SO HAPPENS there already was a king known as Elbie, the donkey, and he had no desire to give up his reigns.

So a great election was scheduled.

Goldie, in his intense desire to see change, stumbled a bit in his campaign. It seems that there were more donkeys than elephants; but Goldie read some of the elephants out of his organization, if they weren't willing to go along 100 per cent with his thinking.

Also in his campaign instead of convincing the animals that his philosophy was important to save the jungle, he seemed to spend more time criticizing Elbie.

SINCE THE ELEPHANTS were the minority in the jungle, Goldie went out and tried to encourage other animals to join him. Unfortunately, the first to join him were the snakes and lizards and they scared the other animals, including some elephants, away.

Soon Goldie's constructive ideas were overlooked in a vicious quick-sand slinging campaign.

He was also faced with an uphill battle because the jungle had reached its greatest heights of prosperity.

THE DAY OF ELECTION came and poor old Goldie was swamped. Not only didn't he get very many donkeys to vote for him, but he lost a good percentage of elephants.

It's a sad result for someone who fought for a principle sincerely, but we find two morals from it:

A MAN IS KNOWN BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS, and

WHEN YOU HAVE A BUCKET FULL OF BERRIES, WHY TAKE A CHANCE AND CHANGE THE SYSTEM?



City Beat

By KEN WEAVER

There's no such thing as a good banana anymore. You go to the store to buy a bunch and what do you find? They're either too green or too ripe. Or they're decorated with big black spots on the underside. So you finally find a bunch that looks a little better than the rest. You take it home and the next morning for breakfast you peel one down—only to find soft spots all the way through it.

Or maybe it still looks all right and you sink your teeth into it. The first couple of bites, okay; then you start finding dark spots running through the middle and the first thing you know the rest of the fruit is rotten.

THE NEXT time you go to the store, you purchase a green bunch, figuring you'll let them ripen at home and then partake of their delicious flavor.

So what happens? The same thing all over again. There must be, there has to be a conspiracy against good, ripe bananas.

Remember the vendor who used to come down the street with his cart full of big, yellow bananas? His cry of "ba-na-as! ba-na-as!" was akin to that of the man in horse-and-buggy shouting "rags, any old rags?" Why was it that the vendor's bananas were almost always fresh and ripe? You didn't find black spots sprinkled through them. Rare, indeed, was the rotten banana in the old days.

WHATEVER HAPPENED to the banana vendor? Was he, like other such merchants, priced out of business? Or was he licensed out of business?

What was his merchandising secret? How was it that he could consistently find such good bananas to sell when today all you can find are such bad ones?

The supermarkets have found efficient ways of packaging and preserving other foods; but they still don't know how to keep fresh, ripe bananas. You can't help but wonder whether any research has been done along this line. Perhaps they should locate an old banana vendor.

LET'S FACE IT: the flavor of the past is gone. Today, you shop more according to convenience than to quality. The store on the corner is always there; you don't have to wait for it to come around. Such was not the case with the man and the cart peddling tropical fruit.

Much has been written and said in recent months about the health and economy of the United States. What this country really needs is a good, ripe banana.

Career Day Extolled

One of the toughest jobs for educators is to stimulate an interest in careers amongst the study body. In Birmingham, the school district is being given some assistance from the Rotary Club.

Each year the club sponsors a Career Day for high school students; this year it will be at Seaholm on Nov. 23. Last year it was at Groves; the year before, Career Day was started at Seaholm. It will continue to rotate between the two schools.

A questionnaire is distributed among the students, to learn what their vocational interests might be. From the responses, a list is made of the vocational categories from which consultants must be obtained.

THERE MIGHT be a need for three doctors, two policemen, three teachers, a dentist, a broker, an engineer, a lawyer, a musician, an insurance agent, a radio-TV technician, a social worker.

Rotarians then arrange for representatives from the various occupations to come to the high school and talk to the students, gathered in small groups according to career categories. The students are given an opportunity to sit in on three different discussion sessions — for example, a boy might attend sessions with a chemist, an engineer and a pharmacist.

IN EACH session, the consultant gives a brief explanation of his occupation, then answers questions from the students. The idea is to give the young people all of the information they need in making a career decision.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

The Russians claim to be working on a satellite aircraft that will take off, fly into space and return. The new leaders may not live to see it, but it gives them something to brag about.

Hundreds of thousands of people now are collecting coins. Bill collectors prevent others from taking up the hobby.

Saigon plans air raid shelters to convince the people there's a war on. If they could have heard the U.S. campaign oratory, they wouldn't need the shelters.

Cassius Clay is said to be married. His trainers doubtless hope for a few marital spat to get him in trim for his return bout with Sonny Liston.

The Russians will try more individual incentive as a way to boost farm production. But old-time Bolsheviks shake their heads about creeping capitalism.

New inventions include a jukebox that will dispense—at a price—records it plays. We'd like to see one that would sell 'em without playing 'em.

The Cuban government says 250 Russians are coming soon to help harvest sugar cane. That's sweet of them.

Experts can't explain why this is such a bad season for soft-shelled crabs. Hard-shelled crabs are doing fine. An election year always brings them out.

Some politicians make a point of claiming to say what they think. But then anyone can do that; it's thinking what you say that counts.

Carriage blocks have been ordered removed from the streets in the District of Columbia. There are just no limits to progress in the nation's capital.

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