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Growing As One

Two recent news developments—reorganization of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce as an area-wide institution and development of a master plan for West Bloomfield Township—point up the continuing growth of this area.

These two steps serve as important evidence of the development of these communities with common interests and mutual problems.

The chamber has revised its by-laws and changed its name to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. In the words of its president, Virgil LaMarre, the new name "more accurately describes our local organization with its rapidly increasing peripheral area membership. . . . The fact is, we serve virtually all of Bloomfield Township."

IN DOING THIS, the chamber will serve not just the merchants and citizens of Birmingham but also the businesses and residents of this entire area.

The change came about as an outgrowth of long study and evaluation by three chamber committees, which invited some 1,100 residents—including members and nonmembers of the chamber—to comment on the organization and to make suggestions for its improvement.

"Their response overwhelmingly favored expanded activities to benefit all segments of the community," said LaMarre. "There was complete unanimity among members and nonmembers regarding the type chamber they believed a first-class community like ours should have."

WITH ITS NEW composition, the chamber can now plan programs and projects of much greater size and scope. Its goals and

efforts can now be geared to the entire area, thus affording the benefit of coordinated planning to the total communities involved.

We congratulate the members and officers of the chamber for their foresight, courage and boldness in making this decision and we wish them well. We urge the citizenry to support the chamber by becoming acquainted with its overall civic endeavors.

AND TO WEST Bloomfield Township, we commend them for their leadership in recognizing the need to provide a plan for more orderly and efficient development. It was imperative that such a rapidly growing community prepare for the future; otherwise there could be chaos.

Hundreds of man-hours have been given to study and decision-making by township officials, the planning commission and citizens serving on various boards and groups in developing the master plan.

As West Bloomfield grows, it is maintaining, by choice, many of the same characteristics and qualities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township. The pattern, again, is that of a single, overall community.

EVEN THOUGH geographically we are growing as one, politically we are several. Yet, many of the problems are mutual or related and call for cooperation among the various governmental units to solve them.

Both the reorganization of the chamber and the development of the master plan for West Bloomfield indicate faith in the future of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area as a community in which to live and work.

Let us all join together in building upon that faith.

Town Hall Praised

Birmingham Town Hall last week presented another of its informative, inspirational, educational cultural programs. This time it was Atlantic Monthly editor Edward Weeks.

Each year, since 1954, the St. Anne Guild of St. James Episcopal Church has sponsored the Town Hall series. It continually brings to the community such renowned personages as:

Nefwman Elie Abel, actress Kitty Carlisle, banjo-playing Fr. Joseph Dustin, columnist-author-publisher Harry Golden, scientist Wehner von Braun, humorist Cornelia Otis Skinner, Dr. Max Lerner, Pauline Frederick, Professor John Clark, Vincent Price, Oleg Cassini, Emily Kimbrough, Andre Maurois, Bennett Cerf and others of their caliber.

ATTESTING TO the quality and success of these programs is the fact that each year the season tickets are a complete sell-out—for both the Thursday and Fri-

day appearances of each lecturer. Some 1,200 women attend each performance.

In sponsoring these Town Hall series, the women of St. Anne's Guild are providing a valuable service to the community. They perform a major role in the continuing development of the cultural aspects of this area.

Besides the cultural advantages, Town Hall serves a charitable function. The profits are used for the church, for its missions in the state and abroad, for boys' and girls' homes and for other such facilities.

THE END result is that the women benefit from the lectures, the community gains from a cultural standpoint and many groups receive financial help from the profits.

Birmingham Town Hall is to be congratulated for its continuing fine programs and we wish it long-lasting success. We feel great pride in having it as a part of our community.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Civilization is customarily spoken of in broad terms, the implication being that at any given time pretty much everyone enjoys whatever level of development has been attained. The truth is that great numbers of people, even in our affluent and supposedly advanced society, make little use of some of civilization's benefits. Two examples will suffice to make the point. One concerns medical care. Though our medical system is good, millions of Americans do not make optimum use of it. Many, for instance, have still not received polio shots. Also, though a vast library of recorded music is available at fairly low price, millions of Americans rarely hear anything but the most trivial pop tunes. Which leads to an aphorism: Civilization is not only where you find it; civilization is how you use it.

A white Christmas is dandy, but New England's heavy snow reminds us of the old one about the farmer who brayed after a cloudburst, "Lord, this is ridiculous!"

A spy was being shipped from Rome to Cairo as air freight, but he was able to groan and attract the attention of the police. It just proves that these things are managed better in spy stories than in real life.

Romney predicts Burch will resign as GOP national chairman. As some others see it, if predictions were horses, the governors would be in the saddle.

Prime Minister Wilson says in Washington he doesn't "expect to finalize anything." What we'd like to see finalized is use of that made-up word, "finalize."

"Loan shark" sounds old-fashioned, but those predators reputedly have a billion dollars of underworld financing. "Billion" sounds modern enough for us.

The late J. R. S. Haldane was famous as a popularizer of science. English teachers, seeing the emphasis on science, may figure it's already too popular.

Johnson hints that he won't insist on a multi-lateral nuclear force if other NATO powers object. This is one case where backing down may be a step up.

Ease up and allow yourself plenty of room between your car and those you follow. Following too closely is a major cause of accidents.

Age-Old Story



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Role of Employment Service Poses Perils?

To the Editor:

While it is important that our nation's problem of poverty and unemployment be resolved, I believe that at the same time precautions should be taken so that no one of our individual liberties in our democracy is threatened.

The October edition of Reader's Digest contains an article by House Appropriations Committee member Rep. Frank T. Bow concerning the U.S. Employment Service's role in the war on poverty.

Rep. Bow states that, almost unnoticed, the U.S. Employment Service is undermining one of our basic freedoms—the right to choose one's life work, and that its ultimate goal, according to director Louis Levine, is to build the Employment Service into "the manpower agency for the nation, through which all job hiring would be funneled."

REP. BOW further states, "Here is just what this means to citizens. If you are a high school or college student, you will have to accept the guidance of a government employee, or risk being numbered among the forgotten unemployed. If you wish to change jobs and thereby better yourself, you will have to win the approval of a government clerk before you can be referred to a new position. If you are an employer, you will have to accept whoever is sent to you to fill a job or risk getting

on the government's black list." Rep. Bow concludes that unless steps are taken now by an aroused citizenry, we may well find that our most basic freedom—the right to decide our own life career for ourselves, will soon be the real but, little-known victim of the war on poverty.

ALICE HANCHETT, Syracuse, N.Y.

Check the Home Before Giving Pet as Present

To the Editor:

If you give a pet for Christmas be sure it is wanted; otherwise it might be neglected or turned out when you leave.

On the first night of Christ's life, God honored the brute creature. The animals of that stable in Bethlehem heard the first cry of the infant Lord.

Will you who are about to abandon an unwanted puppy or kitten remember that Christ came, among other things, to alleviate the sufferings of the brute creature?

Was it not appropriate that He should during the first few days and nights of His life on earth be surrounded by the dumb beasts whose plants have for the ages

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Yesteryear Happenings

50 YEARS AGO
December 18, 1914

Horace Sanford, 11 years old, while skating on the pond Saturday last, broke through. A strange thing happened. His foot struck the top of a stump and there he stood in ice water up to his neck. Leonard Fife, a companion, worked hard to save him. The boy stood there half an hour before he was lassoed and hauled to safety. Dr. N. T. Shaw worked over the frozen lad, who at time of rescue had no pulse, and was nearly gone. The Fife lad worked hard to save his chum, which he did.

Watch that list of names on the petition now in the Post Office that subscribes for a dry Oakland County. See how many more names will be scratched out before the election day dawns. The brewers in Detroit will make a desperate attempt to have old Oakland County remain on the dry side. The result of the election means much to them, very much indeed.

If you want to see the shop of a skilled artisan all trimmed up in the regular holiday spirit, just step into the blacksmith shop of J. M. Clement and see what a decorator with red and green can do in the way of beautifying a blacksmith shop. It is a home delight for horse and man. Drop in and see.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

U.S. Has Given Away 100 Billion Dollars!

To the Editor:

Since we are recklessly giving away billion after billions to various countries, why at this time we ask ourselves—just how much is ONE BILLION DOLLARS?

Encyclopedia tells us that if one billion dollar bills were placed end to end it would extend 96,670 miles or about four times around the entire world.

With one billion dollars one can buy a million automobiles each costing one thousand dollars. If placed bumper to bumper, they would extend from Boston to San Francisco. Or for one billion dollars we could build a four-lane concrete highway about 20,000 miles long.

THAT, of course, accounts for just one billion. But we have given away more than 100 billion dollars to some 88 countries, many of them under Communist rule. This money has been used to strengthen the Communist dictatorship by building for them airports, manufacturing plants, steel mills and other industries, which now under sell ours, causing

thousands of American businesses to go bankrupt. This results in many Americans losing their livelihood.

Yet, the White House continues this give-away at the usual rate, expounding the unsound economic policies which began with F.D.R.

Congress should but has failed to meet the seriousness of the situation, instead rubberstamping the President's demands of annual foreign aid.

FRANKLIN D. Roosevelt added insult to the injury by taking America off the gold standard. The gold certificates were outlawed for U.S. citizens, but the foreign countries can and do call on our gold reserves. Our country has been depleted in meeting the demands of foreign countries.

At present our gold reserve stands at \$5 billion dollars worth against which there are 26 billion dollars of foreign obligations, which we are too short to meet should these agents come calling for our gold.

What does it mean? Your

guess is as good as mine. Total collapse of our monetary system. IF WE were prudent Americans, we would have saved those 100 billion dollars and used them for our own needs, taking care of our own needs and thus eliminating the pockets of poverty.

We could have built all of the roads, schools, hospitals, parks, museums and housing projects. Instead, we stand stripped of our natural resources, our gold reserves and our prosperity bubble might burst any day. We shall be at the mercy of a few international bankers, who have maneuvered us into this crisis by plotting our downfall.

Our only hope is in the Congress, who must repudiate the Federal Reserve Act, and assume their responsibility of issuing the money. Federal Reserve System is privately owned and has nothing to do with federal ownership. U.S. Constitution has given this power to the people of U.S. through their elected congressmen, so only they could issue the money.

DIANA DARE

Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN



The Republican Party of Oakland County is known state-wide as a model-organized county. It has precinct captains who canvass their precincts, identify the Republicans and turn them out on election day.

In this last election the organization turned out the voters in droves. Its mission, if it were only to turn out voters, was a huge success.

The problem, however, in this last election was what the voters did after they got there. They were organized but not well educated, and this made the difference of two county offices going Democratic.

If you look at the county party's budget, you will see that the financial stress is not actually on electing candidates; it's on the day-to-day organization.

IT SEEMS TO me as an outsider, after looking at the election results, that organization isn't everything. One of the main pitfalls is the lack of an image, other than a girl hurrying around with a poll list in her hand. Plain and simple, the party lacks class. And they will find it harder and harder to raise money without this class image.

Prior to the 1958 election, the county party was run by what is affectionately known now as the "silk stocking" group. The county was Republican and little organizational work was done. This small group would meet together and decide whatever was needed to be decided. It didn't offend anyone, because anyone who wanted to work could join this group.

THE 1958 election shook everyone up, because the Republicans polled only slightly more than 50 per cent of the county vote. In the grueling aftermath of that election, Art Elliott emerged as county chairman and together with a young savvy assistant named Jack Gibbs reddid the party.

It was such a successful job that the county was close to a 58 per cent Republican county in 1962.

The pendulum has now swung completely to the other side. When they needed organization they got it. Now they need image to woo back the Republicans who for some reason pulled the Democratic lever and then switched back to Republican for Romney only.

Now they need someone to look up to who can bring these Republicans back into the fold.

THE EXECUTIVE committee of the Republican Party met a few weeks ago and selected a new county chairman to replace retiring Charles Lyle.

They selected as county chairman a man from the most Democratic area in the county who has stood out because of his organizational ability. He was also Election Day chairman for the party on Nov. 3.

His name is . . . let's see, what's his name?

THE THING that impresses you the most about Jack Tirrell is the smile that lingers around his lips as he talks. It suggests a man with confidence in himself to see a job through to completion.

The ever-ready smile is discernible even when Dr. John Tirrell speaks more seriously about plans for Oakland County Community College.

As the president of the institution, and thus the man who must build its foundation, Dr. Tirrell is busy these days going around the county to tell people about its progress.

"As a community college, the board of trustees and president must be concerned with a wide spectrum of educational needs for the post-high school citizens in Oakland County," he says with a note of enthusiasm creeping into his voice.

"THE CHALLENGE is enormous but the board of trustees accepts its responsibility for leadership and plan to evolve and maintain an educational program to serve the current needs of the area and be flexible enough to meet changing and unknown needs of the future."

"The board proposes to offer academic, technical-vocational, general education, developmental and counseling programs directed toward the improvement of the individual student, and thus the community."

If his words haven't convinced you by this time, the smile and the eagerness with which he speaks command your attention.

TIRRELL SAYS the board has six objectives in mind: Transfer programs for students who wish to take two years of study and then finish at a four-year school; technical-vocational programs for students who will go on to employment without further education; general education to develop the broadly-educated person; community service; developmental programs, to remove scholastic deficiencies; counseling and guidance.

Current plans call for three campuses, all with the same basic curriculum and all operating on a year-around basis from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

ONE SITE has already been acquired, a former NIKE base at I-75 and M-59 east of Pontiac. Known as the Auburn Hills Campus, it is scheduled for opening next September with 1,000 students; but its 247 acres can handle ultimately up to 7,000.

It is hoped that a second site can be obtained in the western Southfield-eastern Farmington area which would be easily accessible from the new I-696 Freeway. It would handle 3,500 students by September, 1967.

A third campus would have facilities to handle 3,500 students by 1970.

"AN ARCHITECT should be selected by Feb. 1, 1965, to master plan the Auburn Hills Campus," says Tirrell, "and recommend how the parking lots and other services for the temporary campus can be a part of a long-range master plan.

It is hoped that it will seem desirable to consider a firm strong in campus planning for this phase and not think of this (See CITY BEAT, 8-B)

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