

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

'Undistorted Facts' Support CBD Plan

To the Editor:

It is not one but several who grided out misinformation and distortions, some printed in letters to the editor and others included in election pamphlets—and all covering in gibb generalities the complexities of the Business District Study and Proposed Plan which was submitted for consideration to the city commission in June, 1961.

One of the sentences in a letter on this subject in the letters to the editor column last week stated with "If I understand the CBD plan correctly..." then the writer proceeded to demonstrate to the informed, at least, that he was doing a great disservice to the community in disseminating his misinterpretations to others.

In addition, we have a situation where one of the candidates in the commission race is either highlighting unwillingly in his own election propaganda his lack of understanding of the facts in the CBD study or he is deliberately distorting these facts to create an issue.

WHAT THEN are the facts on this study? The truth of the matter and the facts are outlined as follows:

- The trade area population to be served by the CBD, based on the development of additional shopping centers in and around the trade area is projected in 1980 at 50,000 people not 131,000 people.
- The 1964 report on shopping centers prepared by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, supplemented by information received since it was published in January 1964, indicates very clearly that large centers are in construction or are planned in the next three years in and around the Birmingham CBD trade area.

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Beverly

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said. "We feel that each mile road should carry its proportionate share of the traffic."

GARE SAID a highway needs study 10 years ago indicated that traffic on Maple would increase by 5 per cent each year over a 20-year period.

"This was borne out, he said, when the traffic count was done for 12,000 cars per day in 1958 to 18,000 cars per day in 1963, or a 50 per cent increase in 10 years.

"It is no secret that Birmingham wants 14 Mile to go through," GARE said. "However, it will not take the traffic off Maple."

BY THE WAY, EVERGLADES National Park was established June 29, 1947. Like the other national parks, it is dedicated to conserving the scenic, scientific and historic heritage of the United States for the benefit and enjoyment of its people.

As you drive from the park entrance to Flamingo, you will pass numerous well-marked points of great interest. If your visit is during Florida's "winter" you'll discover much of its vegetation brown, and some of its deciduous trees bare of leaves. You'll also observe certain portions where that tremendous and devastating 1960 hurricane Donna seriously damaged vegetation.

However, it is during the winter that much of the Everglades' shallow water areas dry up (rains occur in the summer) and this concentrates the park's fish, bird and animal life in places more easily reached by the tourists.

Along the Anhinga Trail you'll come to a small "lake," in whose waters are various fish, alligators, wading birds such as herons, ibis, Anhinga, American corm, purple gallinule, and numerous other tropical species.

Along this trail you will come to Taylor Slough ("slaw"), a natural permanent water course. Filled with a variety of vegetation, it is a favorite nesting place for certain plants and seeds. In this slough, recently, I watched two large bull alligators, each vying for the attention of the waiting nearby oiled their affections. For it was the mating season.

THREE TIMES THESE two "agents" engaged in slight combat; watching them at rest, suddenly the tails of each would whip and through a miniature water whirlpool would suggest the action of the Queen Mary leaving a dock for the open sea. And all the while the "satin-weaving" would quietly be resting close by — many of us would suggest the action of the Queen Mary leaving a dock for the open sea. And all the while the "satin-weaving" would quietly be resting close by — many of us would suggest the action of the Queen Mary leaving a dock for the open sea.

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word, picture, third-dimension paintings and colorful dioramas.

If you are interested in fishing, you will find at Flamingo a large and modern lake equipped with boats and motors for rental to fish the nearby Florida Bay, White-water Bay or Shark River area. If you are short of time, you may be able to hire a guide... but your fishing will be more enjoyable if you use your own equipment.

THE OAKLAND COUNTY Party will be held at Southfield High School, 24675 Leiken Road, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8.

Conventions will hear a report from the Resolutions Committee. The Oakland County Republican Party for the Spring Convention has adopted a special method of platform development. Fourteen subcommittees were appointed, and every elected precinct delegate in the county is serving on one of the various committees.

THESE COMMITTEES are charged with the responsibility of developing the party attitude in a special field. The 14 areas of study are:

- Finance and taxation; civil rights; political affairs; foreign policy (Americas, Asia and Africa, Europe); federal budget; urban renewal and urban problems; Federal Government organization reform; agriculture; education; labor; defense; and medicare.

According to Lyle, this new approach was undertaken in order to insure in-depth study and analysis of the issues and to give all delegates an opportunity to participate in the critical area of platform development.

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