

Outlines 3 Reasons To Support Millage

To the Editor: Like many other residents, moved to Birmingham because of the reputations of its schools. In the four years that have passed since then, I have found many other reasons to be pleased with this community.

- 1. It seems to me that Birmingham has a good school system—but not a truly outstanding one. 2. Relative to the quality of its schools, Birmingham's school taxes are very low. 3. Birmingham's school taxes are substantially lower than in

How About A Salute to Graduates?

To the Editor: Your centennial issue was a very impressive accomplishment. The Eccentric has not only grown with the community, but is a pace-maker. We are proud of you, as any one of us is proud of outstanding achievement in a member of his family.

YOU WILL not be recognizing these young people for their bright futures. These are God-blessed, and any teacher will tell you that there are hundreds of boys and girls who have equally bright futures.

Centennial Issue: A Sizable Task!

To the Editor: May I add my congratulations to the many others you must have received for the tremendous Centennial Edition. Your whole staff deserve substantial recognition for the really fine edition you have produced.

Anyone familiar with newspaper production can appreciate the sizable task which you faced in publishing an issue with this much information. I am sure that it makes a great souvenir for the older people in your community.

More importantly, it helps the younger people develop an appreciation for the development of their city and must give them a sense of heritage which would be impossible otherwise.

The people in Birmingham can be proud of their city and they can be proud of The Birmingham Eccentric which serves it so well.

ELMER E. WHITE, Executive Secretary, Michigan Press Association

Beverly Hills Pair Endorse Millage

To the Editor: As residents of the Beverly Hills Area we support the increased school millage.

With this increase we can continue to enjoy the adequate classrooms and productive pupil-teacher ratios on which our quality school system depends.

MR. MRS. LEE FISHER 19965 Sunnyslope, Beverly Hills

Cites B'ham's Opportunity!

To the Editor: What a marvelous opportunity Birmingham has! With full support of this community for the proposals of the Civic Design Committee, Messrs. Luckenbach, Luckenbach, Kerab, Birkerts, etc., Birmingham could be unique, not just a fashionable suburb in a large metropolitan area.

One only has to consider why places like the Piazza San Marco in Venice, the sidewalk cafes of Paris, the streets of Salzburg are such delightful places to visit.

Let's get going!

ROBERT S. SWANSON Bloomfield Hills

Happy Birthday!

To the Editor: To you as the major voice of Birmingham, I extend my good wishes for its centennial celebration. Happy Birthday! I hope Birmingham continues to be a healthy place for families to raise their children and the future leaders of the community and the world.

JOHN DOWD, S.J. West Baden College, West Baden Springs, Ind.

Quiet Religious Haven: B'field Hills' Manresa

To the Editor: We enjoyed the good humor in the centennial number of E.V.L.'s account of a telephone conversation with someone here at Manresa.

Manresa has been in thriving existence ever since September of 1926. It is a quiet religious haven where some 50 men come almost every week end of the year to think on eternal truths, and to compose their hurried, anxious oftentimes very confused souls, and to give them the proper God-ward direction. This whole spiritual process is conducted by a skilled religious director and in the restful and beautiful setting of Manresa.

WEEK AFTER week for the last 40 years the results of these week end spiritual exercises have been very happy ones. Almost to a man these men of all walks of life testify that the few days spent here at Manresa have been probably the most important and rewarding days of the year.

Manresa is a Roman Catholic institution directed by the Society of Jesus, but several men of other faiths come here to join in prayer and meditation and affirm that they receive much profit from the experience.

There is much more to be said about Manresa but let this little suffice to dispel the mystery which surrounds this center of religious renovation. It is far from being a "cemetery." It is, on the contrary, God's acres of rebirth.

BERNARD J. WERNERT, S.J. Director Manresa 30630 Woodside Franklin

Woodward Ave. at Quarton Road Bloomfield Hills

Edition Stirs Memories of Lumberjacks

To the Editor: Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary issue. I have never read a line about the "timber savages," lumberjacks, with their mighty axes downing the virgin forests in your area, "cutting Michigan clean," says Paul.

The brains, Paul Bunyan says, "the axe and lumberjack are the forerunners of Michigan civilization."

Some of his husky jacks after the six days, hard work "from daylight in the swamp" to sundown, after eating plenty of Michigan beans (whistle berries), sow-belly (salt pork), red horse (corned beef), gathered in the bunkhouse for Saturday night entertainment, singing, story telling, some about Paul Bunyan, jigging, tunes from fiddlers, guitars, accordions, harmonicas, some good, and not so good.

FOR YEARS our group of old-time camp entertainers, known as the Michigan Lumberjacks, played at many National Folk Festivals in many major cities, with many returns, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Chicago and many others large, and small. All the crew has left for Headquarters Camp, some were in their 80's.

This Swede, the youngest, past 75, still warbles the old tunes, etc. Have many interesting old photos of Indians, covered wagon, oxen, lumberjacks, pioneer days.

Your library or high school may have the book "They Knew Paul Bunyan," author Dr. E. C. Beck, our consular, recognized foremost lumberjack folklorist. Book published by University Press, Ann Arbor. Much about our "crew".

GEORGE "SWEDDE" HED-QUIST, 19141 Littlefield, Detroit

Favor Improvement Part of Proposal

To the Editor: As parents of three children in the Franklin (elementary) School we feel that more attention should be focused on the "program improvement" section of the Birmingham School District's millage proposal.

Here are the provisions to meet individual needs of children, with varying abilities. Here are the first steps to raise our district to the "quality" level.

School districts reflect the personal values and aspirations of its residents. By voting "YES" for both the millage and bond issue, we will be expressing our belief in the sound worth of education.

MR. MRS. ARTHUR W. SALTZMAN, 30630 Woodside Franklin

He Identifies Boys in Our Cent. Issue

To the Editor: It was my good fortune to visit Birmingham during the final week of its centennial celebration. While unaware of the historic significance of the period being commemorated, I was delighted to get your wonderful issue setting forth the occasion. My sincere congratulations to all involved in its collection and publication.

While not a resident now, I have memories dating from 1908 to my father's death here in 1944. During high school one of your snapshots shown on page 15 of Sect. II was taken but dated 20 years later.

OLD-TIMERS might like this set straight: Seated from left are Dudley Hayes, Stan Anderson, Rogers Wakefield. Standing at left: "Kit" Carson, Cecil Lowes, Eugene Allen of Townsend St. Ray Winegar, the writer; and Lynn Allen. The boy in the sweater is unidentified, but this picture is not later than 1916 when I graduated.

RAY WINEGAR Port Credit, Ont.

They Say Thanks!

To the Editor: We wish to thank all of the people in Birmingham that were instrumental in securing the marble slabs from the Civil War battlefields from our home at 316 Pierce St. and having them placed by the Soldier's Monument in front of the Municipal Buildings. Please accept our sincere thanks.

MRS. KATHERINE H. GUSTAFSON MRS. JAY F. HUNT

New ways to help children who have trouble learning to read will be explored in six summer institutes sponsored by Oakland Schools.

Approaches to reading will range from use of a 44-letter alphabet to training in muscle coordination. For ten days, beginning June 29, teachers will have a full school day. Philip Hillier, formerly teacher supervisor of a 3rd-Foundations project using the augmented Initial Teaching Alphabet, will be the instructor in a course on how to use the alphabet with beginning readers.

THE SECOND INSTITUTE, beginning July 13, will be a repeat of the first. On August 24, a five-day course will begin for teachers who have found that poor eye-hand coordination in some children interferes with their ability to learn to read. Instructors for a course in perceptual and motor development are Pierce McLeod, director of reading services in Southfield; Lee Haalinger, director of physical education in the Pontiac Schools; and

Congratulations!

To the Editor: Your Centennial issue is remarkable. The regular issues are excellent, but, this time, you've far outdone yourselves—congratulations!

REV. FRANCIS X. MILLER, S. J. Boston, Mass.

Jan Lukens, supervisor of the perceptual development program for Oakland Schools. In personalized reading, an individual reading program for each child with time for working alone with the teacher, will be the subject of a fourth institute, scheduled for August 24 through August 27 in afternoon sessions. Oakland Schools popular "First Aid to First Grade" a course taught for four years in late summer by Dr. Helen Murphy of the University of New Hampshire, will assist Dr. Murphy. A THIRD SESSION with the initial teaching alphabet will be offered during the week of the Hillier and John Downing, of the University of London. Primary teachers may enroll in any of the institutes by writing for information to Oakland Schools, County Service Center, Pontiac.

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PRICED GIFTS: Original Izod Alligator fine knit shirt imported from France. Genuine bleeding Indian Madras sport coat. Stylish Shirt-Jac. Striking Countess Mara tie in bold color or pattern. Short sleeve dress shirt in solid or stripes. Newly-arrived Hathaway shirt in tab or button-down collar. Fine Italian silk or Irish linen hand-rolled handkerchiefs. Outstanding sweater of Orlon, lambs wool, 100% alpaca, or Shetland, in solid color or stripes or bright pattern. Set of one-of-a-kind cuff links in agate mosaic, mother of pearl, onyx, smoky topaz or other gemstone. Handcrafted leather belt from Milano. Fine men's cosmetics, Countess Mara and Canoe. Others. Cherished, worthless gifts from little people are beyond price. But from larger people, a carefully chosen gift from Argyle will be equally appreciated.

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