



AN EDITORIAL

Reflections On a Convention

The Republican National Convention of 1964 is now history. The delegates have cast the fortunes of that party with Barry M. Goldwater and William F. Miller. In selecting these gentlemen there was some question of whether they represented the "mainstream" of Republican thinking in our nation.

It is obvious now that if they don't, the whole party must portage their canoe to a new mainstream.

THIS PUTS the Republicans of this state in a dilemma. For 14 years the Conservative wing of the Republican party controlled this state. During this period the Democratic party elected our state officials.

Two years ago the moderate wing of the party got behind George Romney and took over control of the party. As a result Michigan elected a Republican Governor, who with a progressive Republican Legislature, restored fiscal integrity to the state, at the same time upgrading necessary state services which had been overlooked in the past.

During this period the image of Michigan passed from that of an insolvent state on the downgrade to again be looked upon as a leader in the nation.

With this image the party was able to attract independents and some Democrats who were disillusioned by the labor control of their party.

This then is the dilemma of a highly successful political party: the national candidate represents a political philosophy that has been a "loser" in this state.

BY ESPOUSING this candidate the party could go back to its losing ways.

And the area where the party would lose most of its strength would be suburbia.

The rural Republicans have in the past been happy with controlling a state legislature even if they lose the Governorship. This has allowed them to stop progress. Since they lacked a strong constructive program on their own, they counted on the Democratic party as a victor, while the state was going under.

The Republicans would probably do better in the urban areas with a candidate like Goldwater, since he would be the recipient of many "white back lash" votes.

BUT IN SUBURBIA, the Party of Lincoln has sought to appeal to the intelligent voter through a square and practical approach to the issues.

We would all rather not have a federal income tax, yet this isn't practical if we are to be a mighty nation.

We would all like to see more local control in government but it isn't practical to support an army or deal with other nations with two or three men in Washington.

Mr. Goldwater has been nominated by delegates to the Republican National Convention. But these delegates were not necessarily the men and women who have been working for the party through the years.

Many new faces were there. Many new philosophies were there. Some of the delegates were not even supporting the Republican nominee for president four years ago.

BUT THESE GOLDWATER supporters are the hardest workers that have ever appeared on the political scene. It is almost a religion to them.

With the amount of work being done and with the number of unaccountable votes that may pop up from people who are rebelling against the race turmoil we have seen in this nation in the last couple of years, Barry Goldwater could be elected President of the United States.

If this happens the party of Lincoln will have passed from the scene. And while Goldwater, himself, may not be a total extremist in his political philosophy, his supporters will push out of his organization those of moderate views.

CERTAINLY GOLDWATER'S nomination does not bode well for Romney. It will disturb the voting equilibrium that brought about the election two years ago. Romney's opposition very well may be successful because of the defections of Republicans who may stay away from the polls this November.

The end result will be that Michigan will go back to being a one party state with a return of constant bickering between legislature and executive, and Michigan will be the loser.

I Came Back Scared

The attitude of most of the 126 Michiganders flying to San Francisco by charter jet the Saturday before convention week was one of fast-waning hope.

Only by some last minute miracle, they agreed, could Goldwater lose the first ballot. The night jet Scranton forces a chance to marshal the other candidates into swinging their proliferated ranks toward a united Scranton support.

I felt my fellow passengers were whistling in the dark; I was convinced that Goldwater was "in".

At the same time I felt very strongly that this was so not because he represented the popular choice of the Republican voter.

HIS DEDICATED supporters had exploited the inherent weakness of our nation's system of delegate selection — a good example of which was the state of California where he won by a plurality of less than 30,000 votes out of 2,500,000 cast yet received the support of 92 delegates.

In attending the convention I had expected to witness a relatively mild performance in the Cow Palace.

I knew there would be sounded the death knell of modern Republicanism and many of its principles. Goldwater had made that clear right up through the finalizing of the platform.

But I certainly didn't expect such a brutal execution and fanatical interment of the doomed opposition — both its leaders and their principles!

On the Sunday before the convention opening one could easily sense the unquestioned self-assurance and confidence of the Goldwater supporters wherever one turned in San Francisco. They reflected the crusaders' fanatical belief that their candidate, and only their candidate, could possibly serve.

(See I CAME BACK SCARED, 7-A)

Beverly Splits On 14 Mile Plan



MICHIGAN DELEGATES AND FRIENDS ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR. The demonstration was for favorite-son Gov. Romney.

Goldwater: To Vote or Not — Topic of Lively Discussion

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

Suggestion to live up to a hot summer's day? Stand in front of a local supermarket and ask residents what they think of Barry Goldwater.

Guaranteed to produce some interesting answers and a sunburn.

THE ONLY generalization that can be drawn from the responses of 20 people who were interviewed is that EVERYONE has an opinion of Goldwater, be it for or against him.

The mere mention of his name brought a definite response, either an emphatic "I'm for him," or a gruff "I don't like the man or his policies."

There were no puzzling looks or pauses while the interviewee made up his or her mind—their opinion had already been reached, and probably after a great deal of discussion with neighbors or co-workers.

OF THE 20 interviewed, nearly all were Republicans, but only a minority said they would vote for him in November.

Another point noticed by this reporter was that more than half refused to be identified, as if doubting their right to free speech.

Mrs. Sidney Oldberg was the first to come out against Goldwater—"I just don't like what he is for in the area of civil rights and foreign affairs."

"I DON'T THINK much of him," said E. E. Wallace. "I don't like his attitude, platform and what he stands for."

Doubting his sincerity was Alice Harabedian, who said she also disliked his "whole attitude."

"I agree with most of the things that he agrees with. People should pay

their bills and not spend money that they don't have—even the government!"

"BARRY HAS courage," said Mrs. Gordon Laurids. "He's not afraid to speak out. He's not a 'me too' man, but many times he has been misquoted and his statements have been twisted."

A young and pretty matron, struggling to keep her children near her, said briefly with a smile "I like him . . . because my husband likes him!"

A nurse in her crisp white uniform was against Goldwater but used her opportunity to laud Gov. George Romney's performance at the Republican convention.

"I don't like Goldwater's policies, but I like what Romney had to say. Goldwater's an extremist, and I don't like extremists."

Burgum: He Hops Around the Country

Fourth in a Series By LARRY EVOE City Editor

Bill Burgum is a man who has had to face the problems of local government from both sides of the fence.

As a Birmingham city commissioner and former mayor he has had to question contractors and engineers about this and that project.

As vice president of the Bass Construction Co., Troy, he had been on the receiving end of similar queries from governmental units throughout the country.

MONDAY NIGHT will find Burgum at his usual spot on the right

hand side of the commission table, taking a sip of water, puffing on his ever-handy pipe considering city business.

The following night he might be in Washington, St. Louis or Cincinnati bidding for a municipal contract for his company.

Burgum's interest in both government and the construction business began at an early age.

"My dad was a contractor and an alderman on the Minneapolis city council," Burgum said.

"Every time we had a storm people would call and complain to my dad that their car being stuck in the mud and what he was going to do about it."

"If he wasn't home I'd take the calls, listen to the complaints and once in a while go help them 'back the car out of the mud,' he recalled.

TODAY BURGUM still gets a number of calls from unhappy residents but admits they have diminished since he stepped down from the mayor's post in April.

Since he graduated from the University of Minnesota's college of engineering in 1936, Burgum has lived the life of a construction man.

He lived it first as an engineer with the Minneapolis-St. Paul sanitary district and since 1968 with the Bass Co.

From 1943 to 1946 Burgum left his wife and family here in Birmingham and served with the U.S. (See BURGUM, 7-A)

Court Gives 'Last Chance' To Unhappy

Marriage Counselor Second Step in Preventing Divorce

Second in a Series

By MARY BAHN

Problems. Psychological . . . personality . . . physical problems. "He drinks away his paycheck."

"She spends too much." "He beats me." "She talks too much."

THESE ARE ONLY a small, but representative, sample of the accusations hurled by angry couples that Mrs. Margarita J. Davis hears each day in her job as marriage counselor with the Oakland County Circuit Court.

For 81 couples, she has been their last chance to achieve marital happiness.

Since November, Mrs. Davis has been the "diagnostician" in the newly-organized Religious Assistance Services created by the circuit court.

Her post was originally financed through a foundation grant on a part-time basis; she is currently working full-time due to the passage of Senate Bill 1088.

THE PROGRAM, first of its kind initiated in the courts in this area is a "last-ditch" chance to combat divorce and its effect on children.

When couples file for divorce, they are asked to talk over their differences with Mrs. Davis to see if reconciliation is possible. If the initial interviews are successful, Mrs. Davis refers them to a clergyman for in-depth counseling.

Illustrating the need for expanding counseling services are the recently disclosed figures which point out that at the end of this quarter year, there were 53 more divorce cases pending than at the beginning of the quarter.

(See COURT, 5-A)

Residents Clash; Council Studies Road Extension

By KAY SMITH Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—The question of the extension and widening of 14 Mile Road erupted on the council floor Monday at the regular meeting as two factions, each armed with petitions, sat on opposite sides of the village hall and talked the proposition up or down.

H. J. Guenther, 19526 Riverside Drive, started it. He presented the council with a petition signed by 125 people asking that 14 Mile Road be cut through and paved between Southfield and Evergreen.

Albert M. Lane, 19117 Saxton Drive, came up with a petition, h is signed by 284 residents, asking that 14 Mile Road not be cut through and paved at all.

Controversy Sparks Street Widening Plan Guenther pointed out the advantages of the road, and Lane reminded the council that the matter had not only been discussed for years, but had been put on the ballot and defeated by a ratio of 7 to 1.

He said his group had collected the 284 signatures only since Friday.

HIS REMARKS were greeted with applause by the 20 or so residents who were present for the discussion.

Richard Gray, 29053 Carriage, voiced what he considered to be the prevailing opinion that "the project will definitely go through one way or another."

The council informed him that this was untrue and that he had been misinformed.

Councilman Chester Guilmet, a member of the road commission, said the project cannot go through without the village's agreement.

John C. Shields, 19343 Riverside Drive, disagreed. "The county can obtain remedial legislation and if the courts rule in favor of them, an assessment could be levied and the road built."

COUNCILMAN Edward F. Dolan, chairman of the road commission and members of the Baldwin PTA said "The village cannot stand

(See PLAN, 1-A)

(See CONTROVERSY, 6-A)



QUICK THINKING AVERTED A TRAGEDY. Dennis Anderson (front left) Karl Keydel and Tim Nagle

Crisis: Scouts Act Fast

By DAVE PHILPO Township Editor

In nine years Karl Keydel will be 11. By then he just might want to become a Boy Scout. And he has an added incentive after last Friday . . .

Two Scouts saved his wife. At 2, Karl is still a little too young to understand the meaning of life and death, but as he grows older he will be able to express his gratitude to Dennis Addeffson, 13, of 31861 Valien

Court, and Tim Nagle, 14, of 32211 Westlady, Beverly Hills. JUST BEFORE noon Friday the two teens applied mouth-to-mouth respiration to the tot after he had been pulled, unconscious, from a swimming pool in the backyard of his home at 32000 Belvidere Trail.

For their quick action and presence of mind Anderson and Nagle are credited with saving Karl's life and are in line for possible Scout and civilian citations.

The drama unfolded in this manner: Karl was floating in an inner tube in the family pool when he apparently slipped off. Four boys—Anderson, Nagle, Thomas Reid, 11, of Royal Oak, and Karl's brother, Hans, 10, were playing in a nearby tree house.

Hans and Thomas saw Karl floating face-down in the pool and all four youngsters scrambled down from the tree and pulled the tot from the pool. (See CRISIS, 2-A)

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What's On TV?

A complete television listing for the week of July 23-29 is provided this week in section CC of The Eccentric. This service will continue until the Detroit newspaper strike is ended.