

A Word to the Supervisors

We noticed that the Board of Supervisors hired, at the cost of close to \$10,000 an airport consulting firm to look over the Allen Airport site in the northern end of the county.

After spending the money the San Francisco firm advised the Supervisor's Aviation Committee to drop plans for development of a new super jet airport there because the traffic pattern would interfere with Selfridge Air Base and the financial investment in Pontiac City Airport is too great to abandon.

When the airport was first proposed we did extensive research on the matter and reported the same thing two years ago.

OUR RESEARCH also showed other reasons to forget the whole thing.

The airlines reported to us that they did not want a split operation over two airports with a large investment in both places.

The residents of the area were not interested in having Oakland County as a jet air pattern.

Apparently the Board either didn't read our paper or chose to ignore our findings, but we feel for a dime they could have saved the ten thousand dollars they have just spent.

A Salute to Dennis and Tim

To counterbalance all the recent news about teen-age vandalism and the reckless use of cars, it is a pleasure for us to salute two local teen-agers who saved the life of a Beverly Hills boy.

As our newspapers reported, 2-year-old Karl Keydel slipped out of his rubber inner tube and was seen floating face down in the family swimming pool.

Dennis Anderson and Tim Nagle using their recently acquired skill in life saving to pull Karl from the pool and apply mouth-to-mouth respiration.

BY THE TIME the police arrived Karl had been revived.

What we would like to point out from this story is twofold. These two gentlemen are typical of the young of our area. The few who maliciously destroy other peoples' property are not.

Also without the youth programs we have in this community this act of life saving would not have been possible.

The two youngsters are Boy Scouts. As part of the scouting program they were taught first aid, including mouth-to-mouth respiration.

It takes a situation like this to show how valuable this training is.

And not only were they given the tools to save a life, they were taught to help a person in need.

After reading stories about public attacks in New York while bystanders did nothing, we are proud that this sort of thing doesn't happen here.

Again we salute Dennis and Tim, because they are proof that our young folk are more interested in helping others than hurting them.

This Is a Vacation?



Eccentricities

By HANK HOGAN

Since I have returned from that political gathering in San Francisco people have been stopping me on the street asking about the inside on what really happened out there. It's hard to compact a week into a couple of sentences but I think the outstanding event of the Republican National Convention was the nomination of Marvin Kitman.

Not many people have heard about dear old Marvin, but he is the only true conservative runner for the Presidency.

On our first day at the Cow Palace we were preceded into the parking lot by two old army vehicles filled with gentlemen who had forgotten to get haircuts this year. They all piled out and started handing out Kitman literature.

IT SEEMS THAT MARVIN, who publishes a magazine somewhere in New Jersey, has decided no one really knows what Lincoln stood for, so he has made his platform that of Lincoln's in 1864.

While not all the items in the platform still need correcting, old Marvin does not want to change anything. Actually the followers of Marvin were not too different from some of the followers of some of the other candidates, which you can see made this an interesting convention.

Well, we forgot about Mr. Kitman until the night of nominations. The chairman started the procedure off by calling a roll of states to see who was to be considered.

AFTER SEVERAL STATES indicated that they had people like Goldwater and Scranton to nominate, the chairman finally came to the Virgin Islands, which is the last delegation on the roll and a voice said, "I nominate Marvin Kitman."

Sen. Thurston Morton, the chairman, exclaimed, "Just a minute."

Apparently Marvin wasn't scheduled on the agenda. A few seconds later a voice with a Spanish accent, obviously one of the three Virgin Island delegates, said, "Mr. Chairman, some beatnik has grabbed our microphone."

A few seconds later Marvin's campaign manager was seen being carried off the floor by the police.

THIS SLIGHT INTERRUPTION didn't stop his zeal. He sneaked back on the floor and announced via a portable loud speaker that the New Jersey delegation was caucusing for Kitman. Some of the Jersey delegates, not knowing who Kitman was, got up and started for their caucus room.

In the meantime Marvin sought support from Michigan's Arthur Summerfield. He offered the former postmaster general the position of "Ex Post Facto General" in his cabinet if Summerfield would second him.

Summerfield replied that he was too old to play post office.

Not finding support for his candidacy Kitman left San Francisco, but I wouldn't be surprised to see him next month in Atlantic City.

You can't keep a good man down, they say.

YESTERYEAR HAPPENINGS

50 YEARS AGO
July 31, 1914
Gas is coming Birminghamward. Trenches are being dug south on Woodward avenue, out of Pontiac, and pipes have been stored as far south as the Collar farm. Gas has been promised for Birmingham by August 15 and it is hoped it will arrive on time. Gas for cooking purposes means a lot to the house wife. Pipes are being laid by the Pontiac Gas Company.

30 YEARS AGO
August 2, 1934
What was formerly Bloomfield Township Park officially bears the name of "Springdale Park" today, and 12-year-old Florence Lawler has a permit to use its golf course for the remainder of the season without charge for being the first person to suggest the name. The City Commission adopted the name "Springdale" from a list of nearly 50 which had been submitted in a re-christening contest.

15 YEARS AGO
July 28, 1949
A \$100,000 fire late Saturday night completely destroyed the three-story Bloomfield Hills mansion of H. W. Bird, together with its contents. Apparently out of control when the Hills fire department received and responded to the call at 10:59 p.m. the only things that were saved were a bed comforter and the family pictures. Bird is president of S. L. Bird and Sons, Detroit mail department store. Located on Lone Pine road, west of Cranbrook, the fire had reached the roof by the time the Hills firemen arrived.

A new church is to be built on 14 Mile road in the Sheffield Estates by The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, a Michigan ecclesiastical corporation of 928 West Seven Mile, Detroit. The church will be of colonial architecture similar to the Lutheran Church on West Maple. However, it will be slightly smaller. The plan is to first construct a \$10,000 portable chapel, according to the Rev. Howard G. Allwardt of the corporation.

After one of the busiest seasons in its history, the Birmingham Community House will close August 1, and does not apply to bills which were in arrears before that date.

A resolution making it mandatory for the city manager to order the water turned off at any property on which the water bill is not paid within 30 days after it falls due was adopted by the City Commission Monday night. The resolution became effective Wednesday, Aug. 1, and does not apply to bills which were in arrears before that date.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

It was at a motel near Omaha, Neb.

It was late afternoon.

The man sitting on the bench by the swimming pool looked to be about 70, had crew-cut hair, and wore one of those noisy sport shirts that might have been handed down to him by Harry Truman.

He said his name was Swanson—Wallace Swanson. That he was retired.

And that he was traveling with his wife to Salt Lake City because—"I think every American ought to see Salt Lake City once."

HE SAID he was making the trip because of "the swing of a pendulum."

Then he smiled.

"You see, I've set up a clock repair business since I retired, and it provides the extra money for Mamma and me to make trips like this. But I became a clock fixer because of the swing of another pendulum—the pendulum of a man's life that swings from nonentity in his youth, to position and affluence in his middle years, and back to nonentity in his retirement."

THIS APPEARED to be an important piece of personal philosophy to him.

He talked on about it for some thirty minutes.

His thinking boiled down to this: A man invariably retires to a post as nearly like the pedestal of his career as he can.

He was a general manager, so he

City Beat

By KEN WEAVER

Think of writing letters to the families of 3,500 crewmen.

In effect, that's what Cmdr. R. L. Trout, skipper of the attack carrier Kitty Hawk, does once each month.

One of those crewmen is a Birmingham youth, Edwin W. Deer, Jr., son of Dr. Edwin W. Deer of 467 Bonnie Briar, a prominent dentist. Holding the rank of lieutenant junior grade, the younger Deer serves as the ship's mail officer on the ship, which is part of the Seventh Fleet.

The skipper, who signs his name as "Roc Trout," sends what is called a "family gram" to relatives of his crew.

IN HIS LAST communication, dated July 7, he stated: "In the nine months that passed since October, the AARVARKS have been busily engaged in serving their country; not only as protectors of peace but also as symbols of freedom and ambassadors of good will.

"Much of this time has been spent at sea participating in exercises such as 'Crazy Horse,' 'Back Pack' and 'Big Dipper.' But the rest, for the most part, has been routine training."

"Of course, not all of our time has been spent at sea. The ports we visited brought us to many countries and gave us an opportunity to view a large portion of the Far East.

"PERHAPS THE most notable stops were in Hawaii and Hong Kong, but the international places such as Kobe and Tokyo cannot be forgotten. The ports and impressions of our visits will be shared with you all very soon.

"Our delay in returning to the States has added increased pressures to an already long cruise. I am sorry that it had to be. However, such a delay was necessary in order to provide support for our nation's commitments in Southeast Asia. I would like to commend each man in VF-111 for his outstanding performance through long, hard hours and an uncertain schedule.

"I am sincerely thankful that Kitty Hawk and her fine crew were able to respond so quickly to the situation. I know it would not have been possible without the faithful support of you at home."

THE COMMANDER also cites some statistics which illustrate the size and the extent of the operation of this one ship.

"... Kitty Hawk has received over 90 tons of mail (in the nine months). She has consumed over a million packs of cigarettes and two million eggs.

"She has travelled over 65,000 nautical miles, spending over 160 days at sea. She has recorded for posterity some 90 days in stopover, on 13,000 rolls of film.

"Her pilots have completed more than 12,000 landings (See CITY BEAT, 4-B)

C'mon Now—One or the Other!

National banks in the United States—there are about 4,500 of them—are the cornerstone of the nation's structure. As depository for a large part of the country's liquid assets, these banks are under close federal supervision.

Now two federal agencies have both concluded that this supervision is insufficient and are vying with one another as to how to increase it.

The Securities and Exchange Commission started by asking Congress to bring the banks under "disclosure to stockholder" requirements.

currency, the other agency involved, jealously guards its control function over national banks. It has not taken kindly to SEC intrusion. To forestall such trespassing, the comptroller has asked the banks for the same disclosure requirements. But it does not need congressional approval.

Bankers, understandably, are not happy over the prospect of two federal agencies contending with one another over the unwilling body of our national banking system. Congress should see to it that the regulatory function is better defined.

As to disclosure itself, the principal is good. But it should be applied to the banks in an orderly, uncontentious manner.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

President Johnson was said to be too busy to watch Goldwater become the GOP choice. He was too busy figuring out ways to keep him from being the people's choice.

Goldwater calls President Johnson a faker and a phony. It sounds like the start of a high-level campaign.

Discouraging hot weather thought: With so many politicians letting off steam, it's going to be hot clear up until November this year.

Well, that long, hot summer we were promised is here. And it looks like it will be followed by a long, hot autumn.

NAACP leaders say Mississippi is a "police state" and want the federal government to take it over—in which case it would really be a police state.

An effort to unisolate White House groundskeepers is called off—presumably in response to a special state of the union message from the man inside.

It's odd to think that that impromptu wrestling match between Senators Thurmond and Yarborough attracted public attention. It was tame stuff compared to the strangeness displayed in San Francisco.

Some European lady auto drivers use horns that let go with a few notes of their favorite melody. Maybe the day will come when a quartet of them will drive down the boulevard, playing in harmony some choice bit.

Communist China says West Germany is "itching for war adventure." The Reds had to scratch hard for that one.

The word now is that Robert Kennedy definitely wants to run for vice president, but that President Johnson definitely doesn't want him. Newsmen are waiting for something definite.

A new London airport hotel has piped music into its large swimming pool. Acoustical effects are said to be strange and delightful. Maybe next it'll be tried in some fish aquarium.

"Fall Fashions Will Stress Femininity," says a headline. The stylists seem to be catching on to the main idea.

Demand for Communications Satellite Corp. stock is heavy. If the satellites orbit as well as the stock, the system will be a great success.

A dozen groups form a national council on smoking and health—and raise the temperature to smoking level under the collars of tobacco industry executives.

The refusal of Congress to get into the squabble over daylight saving may be regarded as a bit of neck saving.

Some people think the thing to do in South Vietnam is to take over command and fight the war ourselves. But do we really need a colony in Southeast Asia?

It turns out that Castro's sister Juana has been giving tips to the CIA. So maybe now the Bay of Pigs fiasco can be blamed on feminine intuition.

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