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Editorials

Boosting For Bigness

Pride in one's own community is a commendable virtue, and one that is well worth developing. Frequently, however, its place is taking by an undesirable substitute, a senseless kind of "boosting" that is based, not on solid civic virtues, but on some end the "booster" has in view.

It would be hard to find a more perfect example of this silly sort of whooping than that afforded by an article in a Detroit newspaper last Sunday. A full-page headline heralded the fact that "Greater City Has 2,049,906"—quite an eye-catcher for those who supposed Detroit's population to be about a million and a half.

Reading further, we find that the "two-million" figure is provided by "Detroit's metropolitan area, with 2,049,906, the district recommended by the Detroit Board of Commerce for use by the Federal Bureau of Census this year."

It is interesting to follow and see just how Detroit gets its two million. The article continues:

"The Board of Commerce originally recommended a metropolitan area including all of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, the two eastern tiers of Washtenaw County townships, and the two northern tiers of Monroe County. This was abandoned when Pontiac asked that it be given the right to a metropolitan area of its own."

"There is just as much reason to use the larger area as the Detroit metropolitan area, as the smaller one," said Charles E. Boyd, of the Board of Commerce. "The smaller area was recommended as a matter of fairness to Pontiac. It was determined on a variety of strict investigations, covering the area of daily retail deliveries, the commuting territory, telephone service, street railways, electric power lines and Water Board projects."

"On these rules the area definitely extends north from and includes Pontiac and its surrounding territory. All of Oakland County and all of Macomb County are definitely linked with Detroit. To a smaller extent this is true of Eastern Washtenaw County, and Northern Monroe County, with industrial and residential expansions making the union closer each year."

"The recommended area omits the townships of Canton, Van Buren, Sumpter, Romulus and Huron inside the Wayne County western and southern boundary. "While these townships are distinct suburbs of Detroit, their population at present is sparse," Mr. Boyd said. "In determining the metropolitan area the Board of Commerce decided to include only those territories having a population of more than 150 persons to the square mile."

In other words, Detroit, in order to strain itself into a two-million population, reaches out of its own county into thickly-populated sections of Oakland and Macomb counties. But when it finds that five townships of its own County, Wayne, are so sparsely-populated that to include them would bring down the "metropolitan area's average"—well, the Board of Commerce decided those five townships do not really belong in "the metropolitan area" anyway.

One wonders why the Detroiters are so modest. Why should they have stopped where they

did? Surely merchandise is delivered from Detroit to Lansing, Flint, even Grand Rapids, possibly. Why not bring them all in, too? And throw in Jackson and Kalamazoo for good measure. And all the big towns in between.

It calls to mind the story of how what is now one of the country's greatest cigar manufacturing and selling companies got its start years ago. The owner of the company, in Chicago, called into his office two salesmen whom he knew and told them of his selling plans. They accepted his proposition. Turning to one of them, he waved his hand toward the west and said, "You take the West." Then to the other he said, waving in the opposite direction, "You take the East."

Detroit's "boosters" go one better. They "take" east, west, and north, and only the river seems to have stopped them from "taking" the other point of the compass.

Lillian D. Avery

In an age when women everywhere were leaving the traditional "woman's place" to invade fields formerly reserved for men, and there acquiring distinction, Mrs. Lillian Drake Avery won her high place without making such a departure. Through the medium of historical learning Mrs. Avery made a very definite and most worthwhile contribution to her County and State.

All of Oakland County suffers a considerable loss in her death. Yet Farmington in particular may look back with pride upon her life, and reflect that Mrs. Avery was one of the unusually large number of men and women, natives of this community, who have gone out into wider fields and made themselves outstanding in their chosen work.

Had Courage

A man of courage was buried in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Redford the other day. Although few people could follow and accept all of his views and opinions, due of course to his intense individualism, G. D. Eston's mental daring, his forthrightness and outspokenness call for admiration in a day and age marked by scarcity of these qualities.

He did not hesitate to launch an attack at the very "seats of the mighty," and so he scarcely endeared himself to either "the mighty" themselves or those sycophants who flatter about them, incessantly pouring sweet unctious. One may well believe that his death brought comfort to both.

ARE HIS CHANCES BETTER?

One reads the following news dispatch: **Minneapolis.**—The span of life seems fixed by nature at 80 years according to Dr. Louis I. Dublin, insurance statistician, who points out that the expectancy of life has increased but the span of life remains unchanged. And one wonders if Mr. Dublin has ever heard of that humble being, the pedestrian.

One Good Man Wins

From New Jersey Jay G. Hayden, veteran political correspondent of the Detroit News, sent just before the election Tuesday a most informative dispatch regarding one of the most interesting senatorial contests in the country this year—between Dwight W. Morrow and two other aspirants for the Republican nomination for senator. A month ago, in anticipation of the conflict, the New York World said regarding Mr. Morrow's capabilities:

"It is these qualities of mind and character which ought to make him one of the great figures in the Senate. . . The issue in New Jersey is deeper than the particular issues are debated. It is whether under popular government the absolutely first-rate man can capture the popular imagination, whether the voters of New Jersey, with a clear opportunity to choose the best they have, will make the most of it."

What did Mr. Hayden find, after some observation, with the election only a few days away? He found a surprising "decline in the Morrow prospects," and for the following reasons:

"His refusal to play politics in the orthodox way. He has declined to descend to the ordinary political tricks of bally-hoing, glad-handing, door-bell-ringing and bobbing to win votes. He has set a strict limit in his campaign expenditures. Fifty thousand dollars is the amount which the New Jersey law says a candidate for senator can spend in his own behalf, but this provision may be easily evaded by having expenditures made in the

What Other Newspapers Are Saying

Fewer New Laws

(Trenton Times) The United States is exceedingly fortunate in that every man who has a thought as to more ideal conditions of living wishes to see his thought enacted into a law. His thought may be adapted only to his individual and peculiar temperament, but that does not deter him in the least. His thought may have given no consideration whatever to the fact that other men do not see things as he does, that his opinion may be too provincial and individualistic to be workable at all when applied to great groups of men, that what is an ideal individual condition may be very unwise situation for the entire citizenry.

The reformer, consequently become a barrier to crime prevention. He continually asks for more laws, in spite of the fact that unenforceable and necessary legislation has become the great American joke. He cries, at one time, for a severe punishment of law breakers, and, at another, for less punishment. Cold logic and an intelligent analysis of facts mean nothing to him; he is too thoroughly an emotionalist and an individualist.

His monument is the tens of thousands of laws now on the statute books. It is a historical fact that many of the great-reform movements have turned upon their course and become boomerangs.

Lets Loose To Get A Better Hold'

(Leslie Local-Republican)

The wise politician is ever sensitive to the voice of voters and knows full well the meaning which it brings to him. He is glad when it begins to lose its gliding waters, but in serving to re-establish cordial relations for the staging of a comeback.

Few, like Cincinnati's old, are ragged from their plows to serve in halls of legislation, upon completing their allotted tasks voluntarily return to lowly estate. Quite the contrary. A majority of those entering politics do so from choice and when fairly settled in seats of authority hang on with the grim tenacity of a bull dog. Too often they disregard warning signals only to have once promising political careers side tracked by the switchbar of public disapproval.

Governor Green evidently saw the green signal light shift to yellow as a warning of approaching danger in cross traffic of political ambitions and brought his band wagon, with its somewhat tarnished trim trappings, to a slow stop just in time to avoid a crash that might possibly have put it out of the running for all

name of some person other than the candidate. . . Mr. Morrow said that \$50,000 must be the absolute minimum in his behalf and thereby he dimmed the ardor of the professional politicians. The ward heeleders knew that Mr. Morrow was a multi-millionaire and they fully expected that his candidacy would provide a juicy season for the boys. . . When he rode from Atlantic City to Newark in an airplane piloted by Colonel Lindbergh; it was widely published that he would do all of his campaign touring in this fashion. He promptly denied this story and he further deprecated any attempt to use the popularity of his son-in-law or other members of his family in the campaign."

In other words, Mr. Morrow had conducted himself as an honorable, dignified, self-respecting candidate. His department entitled him to the respect of every citizen of his state. It was probably very near if not exactly the ideal which the founders of this representative government visualized when they provided that we elect to carry on our government the most able citizens of our various communities.

Mr. Morrow's landslide Tuesday has shown that occasionally a man in whom exceptional ability is combined with great personal popularity can and does come forward and defeats seasoned politicians. But idealists would do well to await a few more such victories by men of the higher type before they indulge in too much rejoicing over a possible re-awakening in the land.

time. . . Mr. Green has made a very good governor for the reason that he is a good citizen with the best of intentions, possessing many excellent qualities of mind and heart. He is a good campaigner. He realizes that many voters like a generous portion of "applesauce" and he knows how and when to serve it. He was elected governor four years ago on a personal platform containing several sound planks in it on a foundation of glittering promises. Some of the things that he advocated have been brought to a satisfactory end, but many of the promises remain unfulfilled. The latter has caused no disappointment as these promises were duly discounted as "applesauce."

PARIS.—Bonds valued at more than \$35,000,000,000, representing the German reparations debt to the Allies under the Dawes plan, were burnt in consequence of the inauguration of the Young plan, which calls for payments to the creditor nations through the new Bank for International Settlements. This epoch-making business was witnessed by representatives of the various nations involved, and its smoke, so to speak, was the signal for the commencement of withdrawal of French garrisons from the Rhineland.

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Peterson & McGee, Attorneys for Mortgages, Pontiac, Mich.
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