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EDITORIALS

Michigan's New Rent Law

has about as many teeth as a turkey gobbler. Just why the House of Representatives even spent the time to consider the measure is a mystery. Governor Kelly admits it isn't what he asked for by a long shot. Yet the House, in their anxiety to have something to show, put through Michigan's new emergency rent control law.

At best the only "control" in the bill is a restriction of 15 per cent on the increase of rents. There are no restrictions on evictions, however, leaving the scene open for wholesale "kick-outs". Thus, landlords can evict at will, upping rents periodically with each new renter.

In spite of appeals by numerous Circuit Court Commissioners, Governor Kelly put on the books a law so full of holes that it can't even be interpreted by a hand writing expert. The bill came out of the Senate rolling on all fours, but right then and there it hit the House. By the time it managed to squeeze out the chamber doors again, what was a bill, wasn't any more.

No one familiar with present conditions can quarrel with the authorized 15 per cent increase on rents. No one can quarrel with Governor Kelly's attempt to stabilize a critical housing situation in Michigan. However it takes a considerable stretch of the imagination to understand how, in view of these facts, the State Legislature could hand the Governor a bill such as this and call it a law.

Building materials are critical and have been critical for the past four years. Ever available scrap was used to build for war. Now we are faced with a readjustment. A readjustment made difficult by a few individuals unwilling to assume responsibility. These conditions only emphasize the necessity for emergency legislation to assist in a sane, logical reorganization. This in itself should have been reason enough for a carefully worked out law.

Instead we have the new state emergency rent control law, designed to fill the gap between the late O.P.A. and proposed National Price Control legislation.

The gap still exists, and the House can look back on its crippled law with pride, but what of the people?

Farming Is Dangerous!

According to the National Safety Council unless something is done, 19,500 farm residents may be killed and 1,800,000 more injured in accidents this year.

This is the motive behind National Farm Safety Week — July 21-27. During this week all farm agencies throughout the country will join with the National Safety Council in an effort to cut down the staggering toll of accidents.

Every farmer is urged for his own protection to check his equipment and buildings against hazards. Every farmer is urged to take special caution in handling animals and machinery.

Don't take chances. A bad accident means months in bed — the loss of a year's crop. Your entire profits lapped up overnight because of a moment's thoughtlessness.

You have a job to do — remember every farm accident means less food.

Carelessness can KILL you!



In the 1946 version of that old political melodrama, "Throw out the Rascals!" Michigan voters will have a choice of two climatic endings on Nov. 5.

First, election of Kim Sigler, graft-busting crusader, who is the Republican nominee for Governor.

Second, election of Murray D. "Pat" Van Wagoner, former governor who made his reputation on better highways and who is now Democratic nominee for Governor.

Each nominee is pledged to purify Lansing. That in itself is a coincidence which makes the forthcoming campaign of novel interest.

At the Democratic state convention in Lansing, Van Wagoner pilloried the Republican state administration under Governor Harry Kelly as being ridden with graft and corruption. Here is a quotation:

"This period in our history (three and one-half years) has been marked by one scandal after another, by malfeasance and misfeasance in high public office and by graft and corruption in high administration offices and in the halls of the state legislature."

And while Pontiac "Pat" was tossing bricksbats through Republican windows, he warned voters that "the opposition will certainly drag many a red herring out of the trail. The same methods of vilification and defamation will be used this time for the very simple reason that attention must be detracted from the man who has been conducting the past three and one-half years."

The Republican "vilification", of course, would consist of charges of graft and corruption, at all. The late Lt. Gov. Frank Murphy, for example. Politics is such a clean sport, you know.

When it comes to throwing out the rascals, Sigler is no amateur. His primary campaign was predicated on a pledge to do just that — clean up Lansing which he depicted as a sorry cesspool. In fact, the state convention of the Republicans proceeded to adopt the Sigler purge by discarding such staunch Kelly followers as Secretary of State Herman H. Dignan, Auditor General John D. Doyle, and Attorney General John D. McHugh. Only D. H. H. Doyle, state treasurer who bucked the Michigan National Bank interests in the legislature, was spared the Sigler axe.

Now it must be conceded, for the sake of the record, that none of the reputed state officials — Dignan, Morrison and Dethmers — meets the dubious distinction of being a rascal.

But having opposed crusading Kim by virtue of having pledged their support previously to Lt. Governor Van Wagoner, the thereby became candidates for the Sigler ashen. It's just about as simple as that.

The Van Wagoner state-makers gave the Upper Peninsula two places on the ticket. Thurman B. Doyle, of Menominee was their choice for attorney general, and Marvin L. Coon of Escanaba for auditor general.

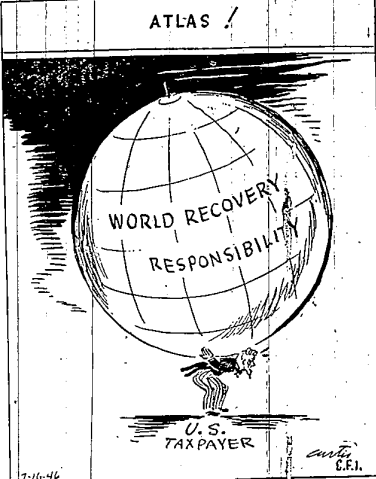
State's advisors, mostly members of the state bar, favored law, years. Only one of the six aspirants — governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor general, secretary of state, and state treasurer — is not an attorney. The single non-attorney is Fred M. Alger, Jr., age 39, grandson of General Russell A. Alger of Civil War fame who later served as governor, United States senator, and secretary of war under President McKinley. All six nominees reside in the Lower Peninsula: Battle Creek, Dearborn, Fort Huron, Grosse Pointe, Stanton, and Jackson.

Indicating a strategy to woo Wayne county votes, Democrats selected John L. Bannigan, Detroit attorney for secretary of state, and John J. Kozarek, Wayne county treasurer since 1943, for state treasurer.

Sideshow at the November election will be the general proposed constitutional amendments and the veterans' bonus.

One amendment would direct one-third of the state sales tax to local governments. Fifty per cent of this share would go to school districts on the school census basis; the remaining 50 per cent to township, village and cities on a per capita basis. Initiatory petitions assured a vote in November.

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Washington Digest

Few Legislators Authors Of Bills They Introduce

By BAUKHAUSE
News Analyst and Commentator

A bright young railroad executive who has his comrade in law from a famed university was sitting with me in Bur's the other day.

Burt's is a sort of greenroom for railroad folk and others who move and speak and have their being in what is euphemistically referred to as Washington's Radio Center. Inspired (or infuriated) by the presence of so many of the few who say so much to so many, my friend launched forth into a tirade on the responsibility of the legislator.

"You can't play baseball according to football rules," he said, "and you can't legislate according to what Washington officials are doing. You studied political science 30 years ago. I studied it only 20 years ago. And you know perfectly well that the present generation is not following the rules laid down by the founding fathers. You ought to tell the public about it."

"Now maybe the principles of our government are wrong. I am not defending them. But I am saying that we are deserting them. The rule of the majority, a republican form of government operated by the representatives of the people, is a travesty when legislation is passed through by minorities. And mean, bureaucrats as well as lobbyists."

This happened when the senate was neck-deep in the final debate over the OPA and my friend claimed congress was revolting against what he called the high pressure methods of the administration. He said the congress was fearing the administration measure to shreds at that moment I pointed out that while it was true that congress was sore at Stabilizer Bowl, that what they called propaganda using the example was not a very good one. [So he proceeded to develop his theme with specific references, all too familiar to me and my colleagues of the microphone.]

TOWN SEETHES WITH LOBBYISTS

You, too, are familiar with the power of the "pressure boys" as my friend Kenneth Crawford called them in his revealing book of that name. Crawford estimated there were 6,000 active lobbyists in Washington when World War II started. There are many more now. Speaker Rayburn said the big "lobbying" with them.

We all remember the seven-digit sum of money contributed to a campaign fund which came out of the member's pockets of one great lobbyist. True, the head of the union later quarreled with the president whom he had helped elect because the president refused to take his orders. Nevertheless, that example illustrates what "big money" attempts, and sometimes succeeds in doing.

We know, too, that when the entire economy of the country was locked to a dead center by strikes in two essential industries, coal and transportation, and that when the government itself gave orders, those orders were disobeyed. Minority rule was opposing them. The government was not a democracy, it was a dictatorship of the few.

My friend, with all his vehemence, made no claim that the coal miners were unjust. He merely said that in order to obtain

what they considered justice, the powerful leaders of the organizations to which they belong were able to play baseball according to football rules (temporarily) at least.

The theory that the creation of the laws of the land has been taken from the hands of the elected representatives of the people was written by its congressional sponsor or its nominal author: Administration bills are prepared by New Deal experts in executive departments. Legislation independently introduced is almost always prepared in the office of a lobbyist. Congress maintains a legislative drafting service which writes bills for committees, but it is seldom called upon by individual legislators for assistance in writing any minor private bills.

LAFOLETTE BILL WOULD REVAMP

Thomas Mechlir, writing on this subject in the current Virginia Quarterly Review, touches on the subject of needed legislation. He tells how a lobby "gets its own staff together and knocks out a bill which the front office would like to see made a law eventually. It then runs the draft over to a lobbyist in congress. Although the congressman cannot personally represent the client, the method used in submitting the proposed legislation through the office of the firm takes care of that."

If the lobby is well organized, it will exploit its powerful publicity from then on.

I am constrained to admit that much in all these assertions is true. But I would like to mention three hopeful signs on the horizon minuscule though they may be. Two were measures introduced or acted upon in this session of congress. They will be presented again and have a good chance of passing.

One is the LaFollette measure for revamping congress, one provision of which increases the technical assistance available to members. The second is a bill introduced by Representative Sabath of Illinois, which provides for an all-inclusive investigation of lobbyists. Most congressmen don't like lobbyists and Sabath's bill, as Mechlir admits, was a crystallization of this feeling.

The third indication was a resolution introduced during the OPA fight by Senator Taylor (D of Idaho) authorizing the publication of a document on how each senator voted on every measure. He said that the people are becoming more aware of their political responsibilities, that politics is no longer solely in the hands of politicians, ward-healers and lobbyists.

It is sensitive to the need of a restoration of majority rule, but the only real hope lies with the majority itself. Unfortunately, the giant sleight of hand of the SOUTH DAKOTANS SEE SWEARING IN

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
"The Church on the Park"
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning worship service, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION
I love to come to this still place, Where deeper peace is always found.
To kneel as though on holy ground, And feel my Master face to face. I do not know how I could live If there were not this refuge sweet Where I could linger at His feet And His to me sweet healing give.

WELCOME
WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Sandercock, Pastor
Evangeline B. Farnum

SUNDAY
10 a.m. Bible School, all ages
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship. A series of messages on the present world conditions as seen in how God is working out his plan in this world.

WEDNESDAY
8 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service.

FRIDAY
10-11 a.m. Radio Glee Club (high school girls and boys).
1:30-3:00 p.m. Missionary meeting.
Services are held in the Church Building, 3321 W. Seven Mile Road.

FIRST METHODIST
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for third grade and above.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m. Sunday.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST
"The Friendly Church"
Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. Communion will be observed in the third Sunday of the month. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Ray McLaughlin, assistant of the North Wayne Community Church, North Wayne Housing Area.
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Classes for every age.
Junior and Senior Youth Groups at 6:30 p.m. The Senior service will be in the form of an informal service.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Ray McLaughlin, speaker.
Monday, Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Mid-Week Service at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
William Grace School
Rev. Orville J. Windell, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt At Eight Mile Rd.
E. L. Stempfle, Pastor

Divine worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible class at 9:30 a.m. Classes for children and young people of all ages.

The Scandinavian Lutheran Hour broadcast every Sunday. Tune in OKLW at 1:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Southfield and Grand River
Farmington, Michigan
Elaie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship at 11:15 a.m. the pastor preaching.
Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Evening worship at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. Good song service. Fine testimonies. A happy fellowship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Novi, Michigan
M. J. Remelin, Pastor

Saturday, July 20, Christian Service, Novi Fellowship.
Sunday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. Worship and Bible Study.
7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Ted Remelin, leader.

Wednesday, July 24, Prayer meeting at the church. Tourists will receive a cordial welcome at all of our services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship "Essential Knowledge" 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service "Exhortations in Thessalonians" 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 8:00 p.m.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 29, 1921)
Henry Ford Picks Good Company

A party of notables were camping out over the week-end, as ordinary every-day folks camp, mosquitoes and everything. President Warren G. Harding, Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison and Firestone fraternalized together over a week-end at the Walled Lake Water-Declared Safe By State Authorities

July 22, 1921, C. C. Young of the State Laboratories sent a report out of the tests made of the Walled Lake water, in which report tests of both the deep and shallow water were made. The report indicates that the water of Walled Lake is safe for swimming purposes.

Relic Claimed By J. W. Latrup
Located on what appears to be a natural mound on the Latrup farm rests a twenty-ton stone, in the shape of a perfect heart. This stone, or more correctly speaking, this formation consisting of hundreds of smaller stones was first noticed by Mr. Latrup Tuesday.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 30, 1936)
Bullet Wound Proves Serious

Nine-year old Jack Armstrong, who was struck by a stray bullet while walking near his home several weeks ago, is in critical condition at the Ford Hospital, where it is feared that an operation may be made necessary to remove the bullet which is lodged at the base of his brain.

Band Stand Protests Gaid
Joining with the protest voiced by "A Reader" in The Enterprise last week, an increasing number of Farmington citizens have declared their dissatisfaction with the present location of the band stand in the Town Hall Park. Among the several protests is a letter which decries the "band stand" is not merely a band stand. It is a flop house for puns, a waste basket for picknickers, and a complete torture house for small dogs, thrown there by young boys.

Girl's Reserve Club To Hold First Meeting
With many plans already underway and the organization itself almost completely set up, the first meeting of the Girl's Reserve Club will be held Monday evening, August 3, for the purpose of hearing the president of the Girl's Reserve club of Plymouth speak.

FIVE YEARS AGO (July 17, 1941)
Jean Power Tells About League Institute

Four Farmington girls attended the Epworth League Institute of the Methodist Churches of the Ann Arbor District held July 6-13 at Adrian College. The girls attending were Marietta Lamb, Norma Howe, Dorothy Eversley and Jean Power. Rev. and Mrs. Howard C. Buschling also attended the Institute and assisted with the supervision.

Bible School To Be Held At Methodist Church
Plans are being made for a vacation bible school at the Methodist Church to be held for one week, August 4 to 9, inclusive. The school will be held in the morning in the church auditorium.

Kiwanians Meet In Ann Arbor
Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club held a most interesting talk and explanation of Defenses Bonds at their regular meeting on Thursday evening. Howard Knickerbocker was in charge of the program.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
New High School Auditorium
Farmington

"Life" will be the subject of the Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, July 21.

The Golden Text (Psalm 118: 17,27) is: "I shall not let, but live, and declare the works of the Lord... God is the Lord, which hath shewed us the light."

Among the Bible citations in this message (Psalm 57:1): "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?"

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy include the following: (p283) "Because Life is God, Life must be eternal, self-existent, self-sustaining. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase."

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:15, 11:15 and 12:30.

Masses on Holy Days at 5:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Daily Masses at 6:15 and 8:00 a.m.

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