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THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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representing some of the state's biggest corporate interests. It was rushed through both houses in three days without debate. So bewildered were the members that it was necessary to call two lobbyists onto the floor of the House, in secret session, to tell the legislators what they had adopted. This procedure has been without precedent in the history of this state.

The editorial criticisms indicate the legislators' methods presented more of a target than the bill itself. Unfortunately for the Republicans the facts about the tax blitz cannot be denied. The bill was drafted by automobile manufacturers engaged in interstate business. It was rushed through the legislature in a matter of days.

Like all other issues which become formed along party lines, Republicans defend, Democrats criticize.

If the Supreme court rules the law to be unconstitutional, Governor Williams will have another feather in his hat. And he will not be reluctant to display it with another election day already nearing in 1954.

There is a group of taxpayers in Michigan who feel that economy, not more taxes, should have been the solution to the state's deficit.

Here is editorial comment from the South Haven Daily Tribune: "The ways to achieve economy in state government are too numerous to mention. Savings on the payroll is one opportunity. Last year there were 45,000 on Michigan's state payroll — second highest number of the nine midwestern states. There is no business organization of 100 people where 90 can't do the job if it's necessary. They do at vacation times."

And so it goes — a ready-made issue for the hot stove league next winter.

It is easy to criticize. It is not easy to criticize and also offer a constructive solution. Other than declare the legislature should economize, critics have been slow

WITH "WASP"

Reported to the attack aircraft carrier USS Wasp was Freeman L. Dines, seaman, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Dines of 30909 Orchard Lake Road. Before entering the Navy in January, 1952, he was graduated from Mandeville High School.

to suggest a practical alternate to the business receipts tax which will affect only 75,000 taxpayers. A state income tax, paid by both business firms and individual taxpayers, would have revived the old arguments leading to four legislative sessions at ballot referendum. Four times in the past the voters of Michigan have turned down a state income tax. It would have affected many, many taxpayers more than the business receipts bill. The legislators must be elected and re-elected to stay in office.

Because of obvious differences prevailing between the House and Senate leaders, Senator Higgins' strategy proved to be effective. He waited until the 11th hour. His committee drafted the carefully prepared state income tax bill that was drafted by experts at the University of Michigan at legislators' request. The business receipts bill was postponed. A revised bill was then produced during the final week of deliberation. It was either this or nothing.

Livonia Student Awarded U-M Study Scholarship

The award of 50 Michigan Public Junior College Scholarships at the University of Michigan has been announced by Dean Erich A. Walter, chairman of the committee on University scholarships. Winners were selected from nominees recommended by junior college authorities.

Named among those to receive the scholarships was Ray Jacobson of 19345 Weyher Street in Livonia. Jacobson, an engineering major, has been attending Highland Park Junior College.

The scholarship pays semester fees for the junior year at the University, and may be renewed for an additional year provided that a satisfactory record has been maintained.

Soldier Wins Promotion Serving Korean Front

Gerhard P. Gaenssle, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Gaenssle of 28887 Millbrook, Farmington, recently was promoted to Private First Class with the Korean Base Section.

His unit is part of the Korean Base Section which furnishes supplies, transportation, communications and services to UN fighting forces. The base section includes most of the major military installations in the southern portion of the Korean peninsula.

Gaenssle, who arrived in Korea in February, is chief draftsman in the section.

A former student at Pennsylvania State College, he entered the Army ten months ago.

TWO FARMINGTON AREA STUDENTS GET DEGREES FROM ALMA COLLEGE

Dr. David E. Moynaux, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Flint, was the speaker at the sixty-sixth annual Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 6, when Alma College graduated 83 students. His address was on the subject "Just Illusions." The commencement exercises were held on Superior Street in front of Wright Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Those from the Farmington area who received degrees are Robert B. Bacon of Farmington and Richard E. Wylie of Livonia. Both received Bachelor of Arts Degrees.

The commencement week opened at Alma College with the Baccalaureate exercises in the college chapel at 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, May 31, Dr. Ross Miller, dean of Religion, addressed the graduating seniors on the subject, "Gentlemen, The King!" Other scheduled events included the tea for the seniors and their parents, the Senior Faculty Banquet in Wright Hall, the senior breakfast, the senior promenade and farewell to the buildings, the A Cappella Choir Concert, President's reception, and the commencement luncheon in the grove followed by the commencement exercises.

-- LOCALS --

Mrs. Richard DeVriendt and daughter, Falk Ann, left for Bermuda last week to join Sgt. Richard DeVriendt, who is stationed there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington.

Mrs. Lena Beesey and children are visiting Mrs. Beesey's sister for two weeks at Grantsville, West Virginia.

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David Robertson Wins Cleary College Degree

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