

Oil Crisis--Fact Or Hoax?

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley led off a panel discussion on "The Oil Crisis" with a condemnation of the world's 22 major oil companies.

He was countered by Fred Lichtman, who came to the defense of both the large companies and the independent dealers in the face of spiraling prices and threatened shortages. He is the president of Tulsa Oil Corp. and president of the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, a Farmington Hills councilman and a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

Raymond Tanter, a professor of political science at the University of Michigan, came armed with figures and statistics for his initial talk and was used as resource man.

The three-man panel was moderated by Dennis Wholey

of WXYZ-TV and sponsored by the League of Jewish Women in Temple Israel.

Kelley, quoted oil companies increased profits that ran from 70 to 80 per cent in the year's first quarter. He wanted to know why they hadn't started building their own refineries here 10 years ago.

He said they all had a "peculiar limitation" to facts when asked for any definite dimensions as to the crisis. He called them all "spoiled babies" who are believed in some quarters to "actually own Congress." And several times he called them "the most powerful lobby in the world."

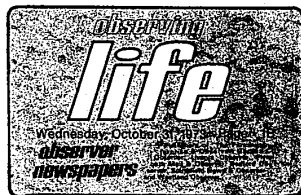
"They beat their breasts (in Congress) telling how bad off they are and tell us to be good citizens and turn off our lights."

Instead of building more refineries, they'd rather pay Johnny Cash to tell us to slow down," he said.

Kelley is not convinced there is an oil shortage at all, "but I am sure there is no shortage of profit," he said.

As for Arabia's oil supply to the U.S. and the threatened cut-off, he said they simply do not need the money. "How many billion dollars do you need in a Swiss bank account to keep eight million people in Saudi? Or two million in Libya? Their oil is worth more to them in the ground than it is in the barrel. Besides, we don't use that much from them."

(Tanter's figures: Ten per cent of the oil consumed in America derives from Arab sources, six per cent directly and four per cent via European refineries. Arab exports about one million crude oil barrels per day directly to American refineries and some 500,000 barrels to Europe. But since the U.S. consumes 18 million barrels per day, the Arab oil con-



stitutes only between 8-10 per cent of total American consumption. So the five per cent cutback amounts to only about 50,000 barrels per day.) Lichtman agreed with Kelley on but one count - the silence coming from the major oil companies "on just about any question you ask them. They don't know the answer to anything, even though they all have computer rooms the size of Temple Israel."

In his defense, Lichtman said he is sure "there have been no less than 12 refineries planned in the last 10 years, but environmental protection groups stopped them. Besides, no one wants them in their back yards."

(On the other side of the coin, Kelley claims he has sued more people on ecology counts than any other state attorney general in the U.S.) Lichtman claims it would be to the major oil companies' advantage to build

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GETTING INTO the spirit of the movie "1776" with life and drum are three organizers of the continental breakfast and theater party to be presented Nov. 9 by the Woman's Club of Plymouth. From left are Doris Richard, publicity chairman, Wilna Rinderknecht, decorations chairman, and Sue Griebel, general chairman for the event. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

'Fat Bob' To Guest Town Hall

Bob Taylor, known as "Fat Bob, the Singing Plumber," will be guest for the second Northville Town Hall Thursday, Nov. 8.

His appearance will be at 11 a.m. in the Essex room of the Thunderbird Hilton, Northville Road near Five Mile, Plymouth.

A celebrity luncheon, also at the Thunderbird Hilton, will follow.

Some luncheon tickets still are available at \$4 for the Nov. 8 luncheon or \$12 for the remainder of the luncheon series, including J.A. Browne March 14 and Norman Brooks April 25.

Make luncheon reservations by Nov. 2 by sending checks to the Northville Town Hall, Box 93, Northville.

'1776' Continental Breakfast Comes To Plymouth

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will present the film musical "1776" in a first-run - in - Plymouth performance for its fourth annual theater party and continental breakfast Friday, Nov. 9.

The event, a benefit for several charitable enterprises put on each year by the club, will include breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Masonic Temple and the film at 10 a.m. in the Penn Theater.

Tickets for \$2.50 will include eligibility for prizes as

well as the breakfast and film. They may be purchased by calling Mrs. Arthur Griebel, general chairman, 9315 Ivanhoe, or Mrs. Conrad Krankel, ticket chairman, 499 Leicester.

Other Woman's Club members serving as committee chairmen for the event are Mrs. Fred Sigmon, prizes; Mrs. A.G. Rinderknecht, decorations; Mrs. Bernard Curtis and Mrs. George Griggs, breakfast; and Mrs. Bruce Richard, publicity and posters.

Ticket committee members are Mrs. Clayton Koch,

Mrs. Jerry Williams and Mrs. John Barnes, Mrs. James Kleiber, Mrs. Charles Newland and Mrs. Robert Will-ette are working on prizes. Mrs. Marshall North, Mrs. John Young and Mrs. Joseph Witter are helping with decorations, and the breakfast workers are Mrs. Russell Ash, Mrs. John Lange, Mrs. Henry Holmes, Mrs. Edward Miller, Mrs. John Heath, Mrs. Ronald Mack and Mrs. David Davies.

Mrs. Robert Kenyon and Mrs. Joseph Washburn are working on the publicity and poster committee.



BIG SCOUTS AND LITTLE SPROUTS are a natural combination for Halloween. So members of Westland Boy Scout Troop 751 have built a nature trail for the kids of the Wayne Cooperative Nursery and the first project on it was a pumpkin hunt for the nursery's Halloween party. Pictured on the tract, loaned for the purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stavros of Westland, are, from left, senior patrol leader Roy Meyer and his little sister, Kelly, Davey Burneau, Dan Wince and Glen Taggart. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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A funny thing happened to our family on the way through the current school year.

Suddenly, in one way or another, we find we're all involved in an assortment of newspapers.

It's all a bit amazing to me and to the man of our house, who helps put out a Detroit daily paper.

Of course, the girls have for years been involved in spending the proceeds of newspaper work. But in the current term:

• Our oldest, who started her university career studying music, has told us she's finding journalism one of her most interesting classes and she's more and more considering continuing in that vein.

• Our second, who headed for a technical institute to study mathematics, has found the school newspaper a fasci-

inating extra-curricular activity. (I could have told her that, because the newspaper office of the city university I attended was easily my favorite spot there. But how can I warn her about the consequences?)

• Our third daughter is the only editor-in-chief in the family, and she finds that her junior high paper keeps her busy.

• And even our youngest is getting into the act, as seventh grade reporter and gossip columnist for the publication her big sister edits.

So as parents at this juncture we can only wonder "Where did we go wrong?"

—Margaret Miller

Wed 60 Busy Years

By MARGARET MILLER

Ask Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borden of Westland the secret of a long life and happy marriage and they have ready answers.

"Mental stimulation," says Lenna Borden.

"Keeping active," adds her husband.

They qualify as experts on the subject. Both turn 60 next year, and on Sunday, Oct. 28, they celebrated 60 years of married life.

For Mr. Borden, keeping active has meant a number of part-time, seasonal jobs since he retired 15 years ago from Ford Motor Co. sales and service in Detroit.

Notable among these has been being Santa Claus at the Wonderland and Westland shopping centers.

"I've played Santa for the last 10 years and I plan to be doing it again this year," he said. "Keeps you out of the rocking chair."

For Mrs. Borden, a lot of reading and gardening in the yard of the couple's retirement home has kept life interesting.

And both have been active most of their lives in church work - at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford Township since they moved to this area in 1968 and ear-

lier in churches of the same denomination in Detroit and Woodstock, Va.

"I've been ushering in church for more than 50 years," Mr. Borden said. His wife added, "I guess we were deacons in the church back when we weren't much more than kids."

The Borden met on a blind date in the Shenandoah Valley community of Woodstock where both grew up.

They were married Oct. 28, 1913, in the parsonage of the Rev. A.K. Squires.

"He was an elderly minister and he did a good job," Mr. Borden chuckled.

The couple moved to Detroit 10 years after marrying and to Westland after retiring.

They have three children, Garland B. Borden, principal of Cleveland School in Livonia; Mrs. Suzanne Larson of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Jane DeVries, who lived in Livonia until her death.

There are 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Borden celebrated with a family dinner at Joe Muer's restaurant a month early when Mrs. Larson visited. Last week they received a congratulatory card from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon.



MR. AND MRS. ALBERT BORDEN posed for Observer photographer Bob Woodring for a 60th wedding anniversary portrait.

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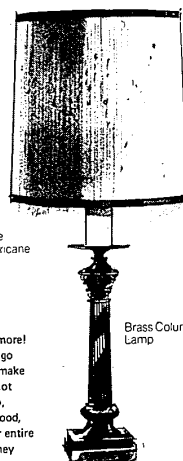
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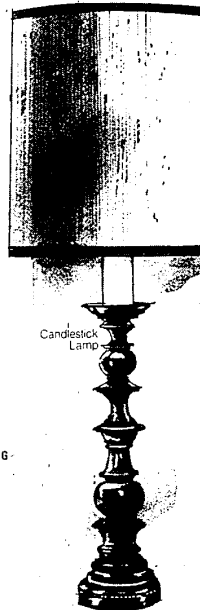
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