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The Stroller... Politics fills summer air

By W. W. EDGAR

It wasn't too surprising that during the hot, waning for a second cup of coffee, that the discussion at the luncheon table turned to politics.

For weeks on end, the air had been filled with prelections of the candidates—what they stood for and what they promised.

And for a time they had interest at the national convention, but on the theory that a fellow can get sick from eating ice cream, the diners voiced their opinion that they have had enough.

"I've had it up to here," commented Big Bill, "and I'm sick of hearing promises. It's about time we did something to turn the country around."

There was silence for a moment or two when another member of the luncheon club asked, "Do any of you fellows remember the comment of Justice John Marshall some years ago?"

Then, to refresh our memories, he continued, "The good judge, tired of listening to promises, said, 'That this country needs a good five cent cigar.'"

WELL, WE'RE never going to get a good five cent cigar," commented another. "The nickel cigar has gone the way of the three cent stamp and the 10 cent phone call. They're gone forever."

While his listeners sat quiet a moment or two, and while the coffee was being poured, he continued.

"What we need most in the country at the moment is another Horatio Alger."

Some of the younger diners didn't recall the name, but years ago when The Stroller was a mere youth, Horatio Alger was the most popular author in the land.

He turned out volume after volume on the story of the young men who pulled themselves up by their own boot straps to become successful in life.

His books in those days were a real inspiration to the youth of the land. Such volumes as "Fort, the Boy Scout," caught the fancy of the youngsters as they strove to follow the lead of the young fellow who started as a shoe-shiner—one of the lowest forms of employment at the time.

"Horatio Alger pointed out to the young men of his day that America was a land of opportunity—that there was a chance for everybody who wanted to work," our diner explained.

THERE ARE no such authors today. Lamentably, there are no such books on the shelves of the libraries. So, as a result, that method of inspiring youth is long gone.

Now and then we hear of some young fellows who—spurring the "Easy" way of life by getting a job for a short time and then relying on unemployment compensation and living without working—take

matters into their own hands and climb the ladder of success.

As the discussion continued, The Stroller couldn't help recalling the days of his youth when the young lads scoured around for jobs after school—and sometimes before the morning bell rang—to help with the raising of the family.

This was in the days before such things

as unemployment compensation, food stamps and the like. Folks were on their own and welfare was scorned.

The Stroller well recalls his mother, a widow, trying to raise her family, hired out as a house cleaner, scrubbed floors and on odd days took in washing. Welfare was the furthest thing from her mind.

When welfare was mentioned or a

chance remark that the County Poor House was available, most folks squirmed.

They had too much pride to accept anything for nothing. They wanted to earn a just as "Tom, the Bootblack," and the other of the famous characters did in Horatio Alger's books.

It's just too bad his like is not around today.

Powless ends Adrian studies

Steve Powless, of Livonia, is among the Adrian College biology majors who plan to begin graduate studies this fall.

According to Dr. Hubert Husband, chairman of Adrian's biology department, at least half of the students who receive their bachelor's degree will continue their studies.

This is equal to most Michigan intercollegiate Athletic Association schools and slightly higher than many," said Husband. Powless will enter a school of podiatric medicine.

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3 poets at workshop

Three promising Livonia poets, Kathi Goshall, Diane Collins, and Linda Aarni, will attend the second annual Young Poets' Workshop sponsored by Kalamazoo College.

The workshop is made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private contributions. The Michigan Council was established in 1968 and assists a wide variety of cultural programs and services sponsored by community organizations and other groups throughout the state.

The Young Poets' Workshop will be attended by thirty-three high school students who were selected from the midwestern states to participate in the program.

The week-long workshop will help the young poets look at their work objectively, consider a variety of techniques for creating verse, and guide them on ways to submit their works for publication. They will also participate in group readings and receive critical evaluations from other students.

The faculty for the workshop consists of poets Collette Iles, Conrad Hilberry, and Henry Taylor.

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