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Editorials

Let The Fur Fly Merrily

Within the last two weeks the election campaign has developed into the best spectacle of give-and-take that this country has seen in many years. The kid gloves are off, the boxing gloves are on, and loaded with all the heavy stuff that the wearers and their "seconds" can cram into them.

Let it be thus. The instinctive dislike of the American people for "mudslinging" has been carried so far that in recent campaigns if a candidate of one party so much as mentioned the opposing party the wail of "mudslinging" was sent up and it was complained that the other fellow wasn't a gentleman. So political campaigns degenerated into sociable affairs as tame as a class reunion, and so dull that nobody paid much attention to them. Nobody knew anything about the issues or the candidates, and no one cared very much.

Yet, it is by attack and counter-attack that the issues are outlined for the voters; it is the battlerite that lights up the field of combat so they can see which way they want to go—or perhaps it should be said, whom they want to shoot at. Perhaps even with this illumination they won't vote any more intelligently, but at least we will have some entertainment, and the folks on both sides will have a chance to yell when their champion belts the other fellow a good wallop in the middle, and groan when he gets one back on the chin.

It's much more in the good old, red-blooded, lusty American tradition than the pink-tea stuff we've endured in the last few campaigns. Let it go on, and right merrily, and then regardless of the outcome, the folks who like a good show can't lose.

"He Runs On Stickers"

Quite the best remark that has been made about elections in recent months is one by "Senator Soaper," the sharp-eyed and even sharper-witted observer whose half dozen paragraphs in the Detroit News every evening is the best-used six inches of space in the paper. "Senator Soaper" in his comments roams the world around, and this particular one refers not to the American election campaign, but to German politics.

Speaking of Germany's real "forgotten Man," who has in a few months slipped from his position as a world figure into comparative obscurity, "Senator Soaper" puts it in these few words: "I shall have my place in history," says Mr. Hitler, who seems however, from here, to be running for immortality on stickers."

"Proceed With The Perjury"

"It being an automobile accident case, I shall expect the usual perjury to be committed on both sides."
The above remark is that of Circuit Judge Ormond F. Hunt of Wayne County, who spoke at Farmington Exchange Club last week. It was not spoken in jest, nor in a mock trial, but in a conference with attorneys prior to the opening of a case about to be tried before him. Judge Hunt repeated the words after he had been asked by a member of the Exchange Club about the story that had been circulated about him, to the effect that he had once directed a witness to commit perjury on the stand. Judge Hunt corrected the anecdote by relating the remark quoted above.

On the bench in Detroit for many years, hearing and watching thousands of witnesses come and go, Judge Hunt ought to know pretty well whereof he speaks. The particular instance happened to be an accident case. But one does not have to be a circuit judge of many years experience to know the truth of the above quotation. Nor is it true in one class of cases alone.

The fact is that every lawyer of even a few years practise is fully aware of this: That nowhere in all the many human relationships in life is there any place where people will tell falsehoods so readily, so glibly and so boldly as on the witness stand in court, in cases where their personal advantage is involved, although the court is the very place where they take a solemn oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Further, attorneys are quite well aware that there is little they or the courts can do about it. It is particularly true in cases of accident, damages for accidents and the like, of family squabbles, and neighborhood disputes.

Several lawyers were discussing this recently and one, who has been practising for about fifteen years said: "When I first started to practise, and a client came to me in one of those cases, I believed everything he said, 100 per cent. I got stiff jolts in court, when it was shown beyond any question that what I believed were facts, were not facts at all. After a few years I began discounting what my clients told me about 25 per cent. Now, after still more experience, I discount 60 per cent in those matters in which witnesses generally do the most lying. Then I feel fairly safe about going ahead."

Whether most attorneys would agree with the above and if they follow some such system to avoid being deceived by their own clients, cannot be known. As required by their profession, they talk little about their cases and less about the litigants, their clients. But even the casual observer and listener in our courts will readily confirm the truth and the astuteness of Judge Hunt's observation.

When the witness takes the oath to tell the truth is often but the moment when the lying begins in earnest.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Sullivan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Morning Worship: Sermon theme, "Drain, Fill, Then Listen."
11:45 Bible School with classes for all.

6:30 Young Peoples Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic service. Subject, "Treat Yourself to the Best."

Evangelical Church
H. Niederhoffer, Pastor

9:30 a. m. Service in German and with it the celebration of the Lord's Supper. 10:15 a. m. Service in English. Text: Col. 3, 1-4. Topic: "Searching after Things Above." Choir will sing. Mrs. Edgar, organist.

11:15 a. m. Sunday school. Mr. Erskine W. Evans, superintendent. Come with your children. The meetings of the various organizations postponed until November 8.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"Preoccupation" will be the theme of Rev. Johnson's Communion meditation next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Every Christian is invited to participate in the fellowship of the Lord's Supper.

At 7:30 Mr. Andrew Moore of Pontiac will explain the Amendments which are to be voted on November 8. This is a meeting every citizen can't afford to miss. Prayer and Bible Study will be on Wednesday at 7:30. What is your outlook on life? We are studying Paul's observation from a Roman Prison as recorded in his Letters to the Ephesians.

FARMINGTON ACRES Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Mrs. John Hill of Vanderbilt, Michigan was a guest of Mrs. Albert Koss several days last week.

Thomas Messell is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gates of Howell, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson and son, Leon, of Farmington and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre were Detroit callers, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee and children of Walled Lake were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Seebaldt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Breckenridge, Michigan were week end guests of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Sherwood and family. Mrs. Felhauer of Detroit is visiting her daughter, Mrs. I. F. Hofmann of Edward Avenue.

Mrs. Stanley Young of Detroit spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mrs. Sidney Christmas, sister, Miss Lucy McGregory of North Farmington and Miss Gertrude McIntyre were Detroit callers, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ducharme of Karl avenue entertained, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mack of Detroit, Miss Merry of Redford and Thomas Porton of Farmington, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jantovsky was a week end guest of her son, John Jantovsky and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall of Ferndale were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Hofmann.

Mrs. Albert Koss and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre were luncheon guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mrs. John Hebig was a Detroit caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berger of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Hofmann, Monday.

Miss Gertrude McIntyre was a guest of Miss Imogene Young, Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Crandall of Base Line Road, Mrs. Charles Damon, Mrs. Amanda Markham, Mrs. Margaret Martin of West Point Park, and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre attended a party of the Wahjamega Council in Northville Tuesday evening.

Mrs. I. F. Hofmann and mother Mrs. Felhauer, called on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koozts in Detroit, Monday.

Little Larry Jantovsky was seriously burned on his face when he fell on a stove at the home of his parents, Sunday.

A neat house dress made with good lines and as much care and thought in design as a street dress, and worn with shoes and stockings that harmonize, may give as pleasing an effect as a more expensive afternoon dress.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Ervin Knapp
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Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox.

Mr. J. C. Cox and son attended the First Northern Pontiac football game at Pontiac Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes who have been living on the Jay Graham farm on Fourteen-Mile Road, moved to Berkeley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and sons Richard and Starr spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp.

Mrs. William Kurtz attended a Federation meeting at Detroit Tuesday.
Marjorie Morris was out of school Wednesday with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris and Mr. Thomas Morris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris.

Mrs. Charles Habermehl spent part of the week visiting friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Floyd Howard and Mr. E. S. Dart were entertained at supper Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Irish.

"WHERE THERE IS NO HOPE THERE IS NO FEAR"

By William E. Hollinrake
(Editor's Note: The following communication has been received for publication from Mr. Hollinrake, former Deputy Warden at Michigan State Prison, Jackson.)

For more than seventy-five years it has been an accepted axiom of prison management that "Life men constitute the backbone of good discipline."

This has been true because the life prisoner recognizes that only by implicit obedience to prison rules and regulations can he establish a clean record, a record that he hopes will ultimately restore him to liberty.

From 1911 to 1921 there was in effect in Michigan a law that authorized the parole of life men after having served twenty-five years, less allowance for good time. Between these years over one hundred life men were released from the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and each one of them made good.

A proposed amendment to the Michigan constitution will, if carried, take away from the Governor all authority to pardon, or commute the sentence of, any life prisoner convicted of murder in the first degree, thus taking away from such prisoner all hope of regaining liberty.

This proposed amendment, sixth on the ballot of November 8, would, should it be carried, establish in each of the three Michigan prisons two classes of life prisoners: those convicted of first degree, whose futures would be utterly hopeless, and of which 184 are now confined in the prison at Jackson, and 110 other life men, convicted of murder in the second degree, of rape, of bank robbery, of assault with intent to kill, or robbery, armed; and those who have received life sentences, after conviction of fourth felony.

These 110 life men still have before them, as a stimulus to good discipline, the hope of executive clemency. But who shall say that the crimes of which they were convicted were less heinous than those of the greater number, convicted of murder in the first degree.

Take away from a life prisoner all hope of regaining liberty and there is removed all incentive for good conduct, all incentive for obedience to prison rules. Without hope, the prisoner is without fear. Liberty can be regained only by escape. Should the proposed amendment be carried the life prisoner convicted of murder in the first degree will create a wholly new problem for Michigan prison warden, for the prisoner will sacrifice everything to regain liberty. Instead of being "the backbone of good discipline" he will become the thorn concealed under the foliage of disciplinary rules and regulations.

"Where there is no hope there is no fear."

This proposed constitutional amendment, sixth on the ballot, should be decisively defeated.

EXTENSION CLASSES TO HOLD TRIP TO PONTIAC

The second annual October trip of the women enrolled in the Home Economics Extension classes will be held at Pontiac on Thursday, October 27. They will meet at the Detroit City Gas Company where at 10:15 a demonstration entitled "Modern Trends in Bread Making" will be given.

At 1:30 in the afternoon the group will visit the Art Institute, where a guide will talk to them about the special exhibit on interior decoration.

According to Miss Elizabeth P. Weld, Home Demonstration Agent, families and friends of the members are cordially invited to attend.

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