

Michigan Mirror

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until 1914 when Woodbridge N. Ferris defeated the field to win by a plurality of 35,000.

Michigan then returned to its Republican voting habit until the Roosevelt New Deal swept across the nation like a tidal-wave in 1932, and William A. Comstock, a conservative Democrat, became governor.

Since advent of the New Deal which hastened the development of social legislation at Washington such as unemployment compensation and old age pensions, the state has gone Republican for the next two.

Wilbur M. Brucker was the first victim of the Democratic upset in 1932. Every governor from that day on has held office for two years — and no more!

Here is the procession, just to refresh your memory:

- 1930—Wilbur M. Brucker, Republican.
- 1932—William A. Comstock, Democrat.
- 1934—Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican.
- 1936—Frank Murphy, Democrat.
- 1938—Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican.
- 1940—Harry D. Van Wageningen, Democrat.
- 1942—Murray F. Kelly, Republican.

Why have the voters switched favors so consistently, as the above record bears out?

From a state considered in the past to be Republican, Michigan has become fighting ground for both parties every other year with better than even chances of victory for the opposition.

These have been times of depression—up and down in employment. They have been years of labor unrest—strikes, sit-downs, organization ferment. Farm prices have been low.

Michigan, once an agricultural state, is now heavily industrial. Security through governmental action has been replacing security through individual initiative. More expansion in the field of gas is Lansing and Washington has been the trend. More bureaus, more employees and higher payrolls have followed each administration, almost regardless of party, during these years of economic and social turmoil.

Why did the voters swing the pendulum once again in Michigan? Your guess is just as good as ours. Last March we approached the trend as follows:

"If the fall elections were to be held today, many Michigan office-holders would be buried in a landslide protest. Right or wrong, the man on the street is pretty mad today. He is mad about the way the war is going. He is mad about the instance of double pay for Sunday work, while the government asks him to buy bonds cheerfully and to pay more taxes. He is mad about the 40-hour week for \$21 a month."

It was our observation eight months ago that "voters usually ignore the irrational thing when they are in a mood to kick someone in the pants—whether the fault lies at Washington or at home."

Again in early August we filed up public opinion as follows:

"The key to the 1942 primary and election, will be the war. If the war is going badly as it is today, watch out! If the tide turns, voters will be more cheerful, less in a mood to kick someone in the pants."

Generally speaking, 1942 is already tagged an "emotional year."

We have an affectionate regard and respect for both Murray D. Van Wagener and Harry F. Kelly. But we still believe the vote in November was influenced chiefly by upset emotions of many Americans who don't like the way the war is going.

Looking for someone to kick in the pants, they found Governor Van Wagener within balling-box reach.

Will the voters again swing over to an opposition candidate in 1944? Based upon contemporary history, the chances are even to one that they will.

We offer one final observation. Harry F. Kelly upset one "predecessor" in 1942. He may do it again in 1944.

Victory

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requirements of the coal industry, now it has seriously affected our supplies of natural and manufactured gas. But whereas it is possible to step up coal production, expansion in the field of gas is not practical as it would involve the use of critical materials. And it is not only a source of heat, it is a vital war fuel and also used as a raw material in the manufacture of synthetic rubber and chemical chemicals.

When the housewife lights the gas oven to help warm the home above the average temperature recommended, she reduces by that much the total amount of rubber which will help to keep next year's tires rolling. Similarly, if her bus-

band neglects to follow carefully the rules for new tires, he endangers to that extent his own future. For individual instances means of transportation and those of others. For individual instances of carelessness or neglect, multiplied by millions of cases, add up to a staggering total of shortages. If every family in America, for example, consumed each week 2 ounces more than the voluntary share-the-meat ration, they would be eating up enough extra to have fed two million of our British allies for a week.

As in many other ways, we have been spendthrift in our coffee habit. Several years ago we have been accustomed to dumping heaping tablespoons into the morning pot, drinking what we wanted, throwing out the rest. With coffee on the ration list after November 23, due to limited shipping space from South America, we'll have to change our ways, make the one pound every five weeks, allowed persons over 15, go as far as the uneconomical portions we've been used to.

The Outlook For Christmas While heavy excise taxes will make holiday drinking more of a luxury, prices have been adjusted for holiday delicacies of all kinds, from plum pudding and fruit cake to sweet apple cider and candied fruit, so that stores can stock up. Metal toys will be mostly leftovers from the period before metals became critical war essentials.

Household electrical gadgets and appliances, which were a substantial part of Christmas gifts, will be scarcer — production for civilian use was completely stopped at the end of May and the industry is turning out only war items and military parts. The same situation is found in the radio industry, although a large amount of radio equipment is still made for essential civilian purposes, such as the police service, civil aviation, the Forest Service, and the Federal Communications Commission. But the plants that previously manufactured cabinets and loud speakers now are making parts for aircraft engines, guns and small arms, and small-caliber ammunition.

The business of war is rapidly displacing most other kinds of business.

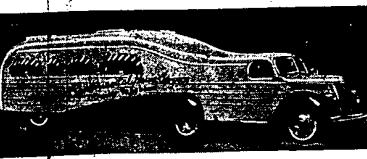
LOCALS

Ruth Greenman has enrolled at Western Michigan College as a freshman in the elementary curriculum.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hunt entertained at a family dinner on Sunday, honoring their son, Carl, who left Monday for the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joynt announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Lynn, on Saturday, October 24, 1942.

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

PETERSBURG, ILL. NEW SALEM VILLAGE Several years ago, out in California, I had a long conversation with a very successful business man worth several million dollars. As I considered the possession of several million dollars a very satisfactory state of affairs, I asked this man if he could tell me any had a future and decided to open short cuts to acquire the same in the least period of time. His answer was quite a jolt to my own theory which was based on the Horatio Alger early to bed, early to rise had work hard policy. "Young man," he said, "to make a million dollars requires 97 percent luck and 3 percent application. I have never forgotten that statement."

As the years have passed since my meeting with this sage of the money-bags, I have given this matter ample thought and study. Say what you will, but he was 97 percent correct in his diagnosis of success. I had a financial viewpoint, perhaps he mistamed it when he called it Luck—Fate or Providence. In the years that have passed since I met him, I have seen the village of New Salem in Illinois. The entire village has been reconstructed and the cabins furnished in authentic detail. To walk among those cabins and view those relics of bygone years is an education in itself, not to be found elsewhere in the United States.

At the bottom of the hill the Sangamon River flows on its way to the Mississippi content in the knowledge that it was instrumental in bringing Abraham Lincoln to a place where he would have leisure time to develop his mind and become one of the great men of history.

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WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sherman entertained Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong of Scranton, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. William Oeder of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Borg, Harry Artz, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, Emery Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherman of Detroit.

Harry Houghland spent a few days last week with his mother and other relatives in northern Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Keyser of Huntington Woods were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Keyser's aunt, Mrs. J. W. Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nordeck and children, Nelson Junior and Shirley were week-end guests of Mrs. Nordeck's brother, Edwin Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Voorhels of Detroit were Sunday guests of

H. Zwahlen, Janet and Gail stayed over until Sunday afternoon. The Carroll family of Mayfield Avenue are moving this week to Detroit and their house is being taken by the Gouls family, already known in this section.

Little Miss Ruth Anne Coolman suffered a painful injury last Monday when the third finger of her left hand was caught in a closing door. It was necessary to amputate the tip of her finger.

Mrs. Edwin Johnson and children Eddie and Marion, and Mrs. Harold McVicar and two children, Harold and JoAnn, were visitors to Plymouth Wednesday.

Mrs. O. L. Huncanson of Detroit was the dinner and over night guest last Wednesday of Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

The Ladies Community Circle held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Owen last Wednesday. Plans were made for a card party and quilt raffle to be held probably at the home of Mrs. Marvin Addis on or about the afternoon of the 19th of October. Cards will be played from only to four and a lunch will be served.

Mrs. Ellen McGuire of Scranton, Pa., is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Sherman.

Mrs. Harry Wolfe and Mrs. Homer Coolman gave a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening at the Coolman home in honor of Miss Mary Andrews of Detroit, one of the teachers in the West Point Bible Church. About thirty were in attendance. Ice cream and cake was served. Miss Andrews was married Saturday evening in the Highland Park Baptist Church. Reception was at the YWCA on Woodward Avenue. Misses Ida Coolman, Geraldine Wolfe, Carol Holycross, Betty Hillman of her Sunday School Class were among those from West Point Park who attended the wedding and reception.

Team	Standings
Menke's Super Service	25
Precise Tool	21
Farmington Dairy	18
Farmington Mills	15
Howard Oils	15
Earl Vivier	13
Hamlin's Market	13
Farmington State Bank	8
1st single game, 246, F. Davis	
2nd single game, 244, Lamb	
1st three games, 609, F. Davis	
1st three games, 609, F. Davis	
2nd three games, 601, Lamb	
1st single game, 951, Earl Vivier	
2nd single game, 938, Menke's Super Service	
2nd three games, 2735, Earl Vivier	
2nd three games, 2660, Menke's Super Service	
Substitutes	
C. Hoffman	6
Mitchell	3
Earle	9
Leuz	5
B. Aulten	3
Russell	6
Trembley	3

FARMINGTON BOWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS

Player	Games	Ave.
B. Davis	24	183
Tudball	24	181
Lamb	22	175
Omus	21	172
M. Cotter	24	172
Lapham	21	172
Layton	21	172
Edwards	18	172
Faulstich	24	165
Billing	24	164
Henriot	18	164
Schultz	13	164

Standings as of Nov. 5, 1942. Attention You Monday Bowlers: tonight is the night for you to curve the old apple in there. Win yourself \$2.50 by bowling the highest number of pins over your average; you compete only with the four other men listed in your division.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lutes of Detroit were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor are entertaining their aunt, Mrs. F. D. Miller of New York.

Mrs. Fred Leuz has been nursing her aunt, Mrs. Albert May, who is ill with appendicitis.

Mr. Guy Durgan spent the last week-end in Waukegan, Ill., where he was a judge at the English Springer Spaniel trials.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fawcett and family spent the week-end at Grover Hill, Ohio, with relatives.

Miss Mildred Schefges and Mr. Ernest Jordan of Detroit were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Terreault.

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