

### Sea Monster Turns Out To Be Old Bubbling Well

A good sea monster yarn got deflated in a hurry when conservation department park manager Louis Haney explained to excited visitors at Grand Haven that the peculiar fish stirring off shore was an old, bubbling city well.

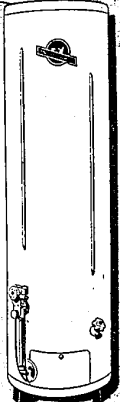
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### Twenty-Six Hours In Cleveland

(Ed. Note: The following article was written by Naomi Howard after attending opera in Cleveland this spring.)

By NAOMI HOWARD

In the spring the opera fans go to Cleveland to see and hear opera. I decided to fly there and attend three operas, La Bohème, Gianni Schicchi and Salome.

I had barely been seated in the plane when I saw Mae Hess. We sat together looking over the wing of the ship. It was a funny sensation when the plane started to soar. The ride was over in forty minutes.

Mae and I had scarcely time to eat a sandwich when it was time to go to the opera. The first opera we saw was La Bohème in which Victoria De Los Angeles took the part of Mimì. I guess you would call her fat. I sat next to a negro who had taken voice and piano lessons for many years. She had gone to college for three years and taken only subjects which interested her. She was very interesting to talk to.

In the evening we heard Gianni Schicchi. It was done in English, yet we couldn't understand the words. Roberta Peters was the most outstanding singer in the opera. After a short intermission we heard Salome. The scenery was magnificent. Astrid Varnay's voice never parted under the great demands of the score.

The operas ended at 11:55 p.m. We had difficulty finding a taxi with so many people leaving the auditorium, so we walked to the hotel.

Next day we shopped and I had to leave Mae and catch the plane home.

### Legion Post Starts Planning Homecoming

Tentative plans are now being made by the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, for its gala days and homecoming. Post Commander Charles Larson announced this week.

At present it is scheduled for Labor Day week end. Further plans will be announced later. Larson added.

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### THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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Thus, 1952 becomes a reappointment year. Since the beginning of the century Michigan has changed from a rural and agricultural state to an urban and industrial state. Population growth has been 162.3 percent since 1900. The 1950 census shows that Wayne, Oakland and Genesee counties had one-half of the 6,371,766 people residing in the state.

It is quite apparent that if both the house and senate were to be organized on a strict population basis, these urban centers could theoretically attain a near majority control over state legislation. From the viewpoint of the CIO and AFL labor union leaders, who seek constantly to improve the welfare of their dues-paying members, such control is most desirable.

The governor's office is already sympathetic to the cause of the workingman. Governor Williams constantly pleads the merits of financing public benefits by a tax on corporation profits. If the legislature were to be responsive to popular needs, the combination would be perfect, so the argument goes.

It should not be a surprise to the reader of this column, in view of the above facts and the writer's own interpretations, to add that leaders of Michigan business, professions and agriculture are alarmed about the AFL and CIO ballot plan. These leaders obviously do not want to see control of the legislature go to big cities.

Under the inspiration of the Michigan Industrial Conference, a group representing business, industry and agriculture, a third reappointment plan has been advanced. Sponsors operate under the name of the "Michigan Committee for a Balanced Legislature". They also are circulating petitions to amend the constitution.

A "balanced legislature", under the third plan, would be attained by apportioning the House of Representatives on a population basis, as at present, with what is known as the "truncation" clause retained and clarified.

Senate seats would be increased from 32 to 34. House seats would be increased from 107 to not more than 110. In Detroit where 21 representatives are now elected at large, the supervisors would create districts whereby not less than two nor more than three representatives would be chosen by voters in the district. Result: More intelligent and selective vot-

ing by smaller ballots. "Captive minorities" would elect representatives of their own party instead of being snowed under by the preponderant strength of one major party.

The "balanced" reappointment plan would not upset the present geographical division of members of the Senate, as contrasted to the AFL and CIO plan. It would adopt the federal principle of representation at Washington whereby the House reflects needs of population, while the Senate preserves needs of individual states regardless of their size.

If the three committees are successful in getting their plans on the November ballot, Michigan voters will have a choice of three ways whereby reappointment of the legislature may be affected in 1952.

The voters' decision will be far-reaching.

### COAL GOES TO COLLEGE

Courses in mine administration, personnel problems and coal preparation are included in the curriculum of a fourth year mining engineer major at the University of Illinois.

### Pvt. Attilio Rossi Serving In Korea

Pvt. Attilio R. Rossi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rossi of 30294 Seven Mile Road, is serving with the 21st Chemical Decontamination Company in Korea, an Eighth Army spokesman in Korea reports.

Operating directly under Eighth Army headquarters, the unit is contributing to the Korean war in two vital ways. The first project is the mixing and distribution of napalm, which is used in many weapons—including flame throwers and napalm bombs.

The company also provides a shower service for front line units. Private Rossi entered the Army last September and was assigned as a decontamination operator in the army shortly after his arrival in Korea on April 18.

### Conservation Men See Moose In Eastern U. P.

First moose sighted in the eastern upper peninsula area in some time has been observed on Drummond Island by conservation department supervisors Ernest Reucker and Alex MacLean.

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