

Just Chattin'

Old Man 1966 Provided Many a
Laugh Along the Way

By W. W. EDGAR

IN JUST A FEW more hours the bells will be ringing, the whistles will be blowing, the sound of chiming will rent the air and folks will be shouting to usher in the New Year.

What kind of a year will it be?

I'll leave that to the prognosticators and the seers who delight in delving into the future—some through rose-colored glasses and others through clouded spectacles.

But while the strains of Auld Lang Syne are still echoing in the distance I'd like to pay a tribute to 1966. As the old man with the pythie moves into the wings he can look back on his few brief moments on the stage of life and feel proud of his accomplishments.

He provided many a laugh during the past twelve months and as he moves along it might be well to recall some of the memorable events and unsung heroes of 1966.

WHAT OTHER YEARS PRODUCED such things as these?

The famous 10-10 tie between Notre Dame and Michigan State in which the Irish "quit" in the last four minutes of play and the rumbling you heard was the body of Knute Rockne turning in its grave.

The fatality of the Detroit Lions and the misfortune that came in the death of two Tiger managers in one season. This never has happened to a team in the long history of baseball.

The year 1966 will be written indelibly into the pages of Time as the year in which Harry Gilmer, the head coach of the Lions, laughed off the anvil chorus of 58,000 persons who broke out in song with the words, "Good-Bye Harry," with the remark, "They're poor singers."

And O! Harry provided another never-to-be-forgotten setting during the year when he was the target of a snow ball barrage as he walked off the field after the final game. No other coach ever had been pelted by the spectators.

YES, 1966 MADE a memorable contribution to events that will live through the sands of Time.

In politics it will be remembered as the year the Republicans picked up the Democrats' fumbles and turned five freshmen Michigan congressmen out of office.

It will be recalled as the year in which President Johnson made a trip to Southeast Asia, visited the soldiers in Vietnam, but was too sick and worn out to make a three-day swing to the west coast to help out Democrat office holders in distress, while he conducted a consensus to determine which hospital would have the honor of his presence for a minor throat operation.

The year also will go down as the one in which Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of the assassinated president, granted a 10-hour tape interview to a self-appointed writer and then went to court to prevent his words from being printed while her gilded image started to tarnish.

IT ALSO WILL BE recalled for many humorous events such as the night Livonia's Mayor Moelke presented a tractor salesman as an expert on garbage disposal in an effort to have his views accepted.

But the crowning laugh of the entire year came when State Democratic Chairman Zolton Ferency, who became nationally known because President Johnson couldn't pronounce his name, laughed off his lopsided defeat by Governor Romney with the crack—

"Michigan isn't ready for a Hungarian Governor."

So, welcome 1967!

You'll have to have a big bag of laughs to keep up with your ancestors.

impressions

by sue shaughnessy

There lives in the area an unusual woman. She's unusual in that she enjoys shopping for the weekly food supplies.

Food shopping is a chore that most women endure as a necessary evil. This gal not only enjoys the project but always seems to be doing it on Saturday afternoon when the supermarket is at its height of chaos and confusion.

She goes down every aisle. Some she even travels twice. She reads just about every label on every item. And does she buy! she is probably the marketing man's dream.

I had the experience of shopping with this young lady a few weeks back. The end result was four or five bags filled with groceries.

With that many items you can imagine what the shopping basket was like. Not only that, but everything that should have been placed on the top of the basket seemed to end up on the bottom.

(That's a funny thing about supermarkets—the soft and perishable items always seem to be contained within the first aisles one travels.)

This gal doesn't even mind hauling all the groceries into her apartment, which is up one flight of stairs.

This may not seem at all unusual to men, but most women detest the weekly chore. Why—because it's tiring. It's an undeniable law of nature that the minute one walks into the kitchen with all these groceries some item immediately runs out.

The solution to this, of course, is to keep a cupboard filled with extra staples and replace these as they are used. This is not too practical with today's limited space in the kitchen.

Somehow we can't help but be impressed by a person who takes a usually distasteful chore and can gain enjoyment while performing it.

Would You Believe Off the Roof?



THE OBSERVER will pay \$5 to anyone submitted. The above was submitted by Lynn Lewis, Livonia, of her little brother, who appears to be in a precarious position to title the picture, although a title may be right except for his big grin.

People To People

Question Realtors Motives

By A. E. KATZ
(Dr. Katz is a Child Psychologist and research Director at Hawthorne Center in Northville. He is a member of the Livonia School Board and was a founding member of the Livonia Citizens for the Better Housing Relations.)

A funny thing happened to the 1966 Civil Rights Bill on its way through the Senate—it died!

It died primarily because of opposition to one section, the so-called Open Occupancy provisions.

It died despite the fact that more than half of the members of the U.S. Senate were in favor of it.

It died because of one of the more blatantly inaccurate and distorted propaganda campaigns in recent legislative history.

It died as a result of the efforts of real estate associations and their lobbyists to convince the white majority of our country that the rights of property owners were being jeopardized by this legislation.

What was in the Open Occupancy section of the 1966 Civil Rights Act which presented such a threat to the non-owner?

Nothing!

The act, as finally amended, during its passage through the House of Representatives, would have prohibited discrimination because of race, creed or national origin in certain limited types of real estate transactions.

It would have applied almost exclusively to those who bought and sold real estate as a business and to those whose property was used for rental to five or more tenants. This, as we may clearly see, is not the average home-owner.

This, as we may clearly see, is NOT the average tenants.

Why then did real estate associations oppose the bill so bitterly and with such large amounts of money?

Once it did not apply to you or me, it was obviously not for our benefit. We cannot answer for these associations but we can speculate about some possible reasons.

One of these reasons may well be fear—fear that removal of religious, racial, and ethnic barriers to the sale and rental of property might somehow reduce profitability for real estate brokers.

Was such a fear justified? Probably yes, at least indirectly.

It is a fact that slum housing is one of the most profitable investments in real estate. The rents are higher and the return on investments greater than almost any other.

And when new ghettos are created, following the initial panic during which the individual homeowner may lose his equity, the speculators find a high demand for decent housing and can sell for a high price and profit.

For the new occupants of these neighborhoods were relatively free to buy or rent homes anywhere, this source of profit to real estate brokers might be reduced somewhat.

There is one interesting sidelight to the campaign against the Open Occupancy section: Here in Michigan, our constitutionally created

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