

Don't pass a buck before seeing symbol

One picture is worth a thousand words
—Old Chinese proverb

From our earliest beginnings man has used symbols to convey messages with meaning. We find symbols in the tombs of the Pharaohs and on the temples of the Indians. The Bible is filled with symbols, as are our own nightly dreams.

As we celebrate our nation's 200th birthday, it seems fitting that we should examine the symbolism of the Great Seal. On the afternoon of August 22, 1782, a committee, comprised of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, was appointed to design a seal for the United States of America. Six years later, on June 30, 1782, the final design was approved by an act of Congress.

Area could lose funds

Seventy-eight southeastern Michigan communities and the City of Detroit have been warned that they could lose more than \$200 million in federal grants for wastewater treatment.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources issued a warning June 22 that the state would begin enforcement action to revoke Detroit's wastewater discharge permit. Revocation of the permit would automatically cancel any pollution control grant opportunities.

The enforcement action could have other far-reaching effects on southeast Michigan communities. According to William Turney, chief of the DNR's environmental protection bureau, major industries that now discharge their wastes into the Detroit sewage treatment system suddenly would be subject to individual state-federal water pollution control regulations and penalties, and a possible sewer ban could halt all construction of business buildings, houses and apartments in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties served by the regional wastewater disposal system.

THE DNR's formal notice outlines two major agreements that the Detroit area communities apparently did not meet:

- Failure to submit a complete facilities plan which would bring existing wastewater treatment plants into compliance with state and federal law by a Dec. 31, 1972 deadline.
- Violation of a permit that set maximum effluent limitations for several specified pollutants including oil, suspended solids, phosphorus and fecal material.

The formal notice and three earlier informal notices were issued to the City of Detroit, Detroit Metro Water Department, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and mayors of all municipalities tied into the vast Detroit sewage treatment system.

In taking action to begin enforcement proceedings and revoke the discharge permit, the DNR is acting both for the state and as an agent for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which strongly supports the DNR's action, says Turney.

"IN ADDITION," notes Turney, "the International Joint Commission is contemplating that Detroit has fallen far behind in meeting terms of a 1971 international water quality agreement between Canada and United States."

All of those notified by the DNR have been asked to attend a 9 a.m. July 23 hearing in the Law Building Auditorium, Lansing, with the Michigan Water Resources Commission to present their case for why the state-federal permit should not be revoked.

Candlight tour of Romeo set

A candlight tour of eight historic Romeo homes is planned from 8 to 10 p.m. July 3.

The Macomb County Historical Society and the Romeo Bicentennial Committee are sponsoring this bicentennial event of some outstanding examples of 18th residences in Michigan.

The Village of Romeo, located at 3633 and Thirty-two Mile, was declared a National Historic District in July 1970. Tickets, costing \$3, will be available at the Season Mansion 298 South at the end of Pleasant Street.



Here we see an unfinished pyramid. At the top of the pyramid is an eye in a triangle. Over the eye are the words, "An-ni-mi Cor-pu-sa." On the base of the pyramid are the Roman numerals, MDCCCLXXV. Underneath all this is the motto "Novus Ordo Seclorum."

The pyramid signifies the durability and strength, both physical and spiritual, of our nation. It is unfinished, representing that it is incomplete and there is room for more states to come.

The eye in the radiant triangle represents the eye of God. Thus, it puts the spirit above the material.

The words "An-ni-mi Cor-pu-sa" mean "He (God) has favored our undertaking." "Novus Ordo Seclorum" means "New order of the ages." Both of these mottoes are adapted from Virgil.

MDCCCLXXV is 1775, the year which our nation was born. And so, even our dollar bill is more than just a medium of exchange. It symbolizes the concept on which our forefathers established our nation 200 years ago this Fourth of July.

You may write Gorda at Box 334, Garden City 48135. For a personal reply, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Kelley files suit against 6 agencies

Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley announced that he has filed suit to collect over \$600,000 in unpaid taxes from six of the nation's largest insurance companies.

Michigan law requires all out-of-state insurers to pay a tax on the premiums collected from their customers. In addition, a 1955 attorney general's opinion requires the companies to include the cost of insurance benefits to company employees in the gross premiums.

Kelley's suit, filed in Ingham County Circuit Court, charged that none of the six companies employees in the gross premium benefits had included their employees' benefits since he issued that opinion 17 years ago. He also asked the court to collect interest and penalties.

The listed firms include: Guardian Life Insurance Co.; Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Prudential Insurance Co.; Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Equitable Life Assurance Co.; and New York Life Insurance Co.

Kelley also said that Mutual of New York had not complied with the law either but was not listed in this suit because it has brought suit claiming to be exempt from the Michigan law.

Kelley filed a counterclaim against that request, seeking payment of MONTY's unpaid taxes.

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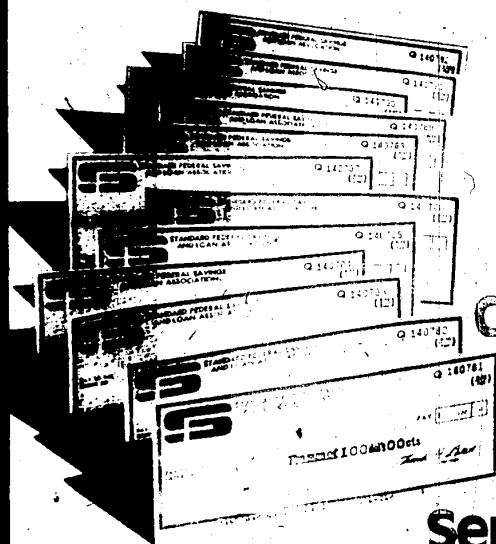
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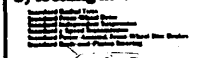
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