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TIME TO ACT ON GRAND RIVER ROAD IMPROVEMENT

One of the greatest needs in highway improvement is that section of Grand River road between Farmington and Redford. Just why work on it has been delayed is not fully understood, but is explained in a measure by the lack of concerted action and push on the part of localities directly interested.

Grand River road carries a traffic nearly equal to that of Woodward avenue and the Gratiot and exceeds by far that of many of the main arteries radiating from Detroit which have been put in a condition to meet requirements. Grand River has been in its present deplorable condition for several years. Much of the pavement, which is altogether too narrow, is disintegrating and in a dangerous state. The section from Redford limits to Division street in Farmington should be widened at the very earliest moment in order to care for the increasing traffic. The work of the frost and winter this year and next spring will no doubt cause considerable damage as the concrete is badly broken and cracked. It is reported that it is the intention to pave next year the section between the Berg and Base Line roads. The paving program for 1927 should take in all sections between the Berg road and Division street in Farmington, as the congested condition of the road will not be relieved otherwise. A large part of the heavy lake travel pours into Grand River at this point and to leave a section of the road between Farmington and the Base Line road unimproved would in no wise expediate travel into and out of Detroit as the same old congestion would occur which has often in the past tied up traffic.

Citizens of this and points between here and Redford are not the only ones interested in the improvement of this section of road. They are but a small fraction of the number who daily travel over it.

With a concerted effort on the part of the citizens and business men of this city and townships of Farmington and Redford it is believed that a proper program of improvement can be secured for next year.

Now is the time to act.

PRISONS SHOULD BE PRISONS

Over in Canada four bandits held up a bank, killing one of the employees. They were quickly apprehended, three of them hung within a few months after the crime, the fourth cheating the gallows by committing suicide in his cell. That ended bank hold-ups in the Dominion.

Not so over here. Some of the many bank bandits are caught, sentenced to a few years, paroled and usually are shooting up another bank before the ink on the parole is dry.

Not a day passes but one or more holdups are reported in Michigan. A condition due to a large extent to coddling prisoners. Cure the convict if possible, he will make a better prisoner, but the punishment should fit the crime.

"Prisons should be hospitals, not places of revenge," declared J. F. Wright, founder of the Pathfinders of America at the Detroit Open Forum Sunday, which is all prisoners in a war. Prisons should be "prisons where adequate punishment is meted out, not in revenge, but as a deterrent for the protection and safety of law abiding citizens."

Already too much heed has been given to advice of sob sisters and prison reformers. What is needed for the protection of society is quick and stern justice.

FRESHENING BREEZES

The four-year-old question, "Where is King Ben," seems to have been solved. The first thing we know somebody is going to find out who it was that kidnapped Aimee.

What has become of the old fashioned farmer who used to tote the town scribe a little farm produce along about this season of the year?

To Match the Furniture

By H. IRVING KING

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HAVING inherited a fortune of some three hundred thousand dollars, Samuel Denning looked about for a wife. He was thirty-five and had before his life had been a busy and crowded with futile attempts to attain a competence, he had been so poorly equipped for taking upon himself the responsibilities of the married state, that he had considered matrimony only as an academic proposition. Some day, when he could afford it, when things came right, he would take unto himself a wife. But not now.

And so the strenuous and unfruitful years went galloping by until suddenly, unexpectedly, the good fairy, Fortune, waved her magic wand and lo! he was a rich man. That is, comparatively rich—rich for him. The cause of Samuel's affluence was the demise of a venerable great-uncle who, having completed some ninety years of mundane existence, was untimely cut off in an attempt to cross the bows of a high-power automobile.

When the lawyers took hold of the great-uncle's affairs it was found that he had died intestate and that Samuel Denning was next of kin. And along with the personal estate of the "late deceased" went a parcel of highly desirable real estate in the shape of a fine, old-fashioned country place in a rather fashionable neighborhood.

The old place appealed strongly to Samuel. He inspected it with the greatest satisfaction—old servants and old furniture—and took it over. Now all he needed was a wife to sit at the head of the duck-foot old mahogany table and do his bidding. He had a stately young lady who would go along well with the furniture. That was his idea—to get a wife to match the furniture. A bob-haired woman in a Hopewellshire chair would, he thought, strike a discordant note. Lydette and Lowmestoft don't go together well.

But Azelea would fit in beautifully; so Sam went a-courting Azelea. That she would have him he had little doubt. Azelea was ready to accept him. Her parents pointed out to her that it was her duty—and Azelea was strong of duty. Once—many years before—Azelea had been engaged to a perfectly impossible young man. Her parents, when they had discovered he had broken off the engagement and the young man had married a chorus girl and lived happily with her ever after. Azelea saw that her parents had been right and she had no choice. She was now escape she had had. But she often thought of poor Tom Lincoln with a sigh and wondered just why this world was constituted as it is.

There was something about Azelea that, the more he saw of her, made Sam think of Edith Blinding. For, he, too, had had his romance of early life. He had thought a great deal of Edith; but had been too busy and too poor to ask her to marry him. So, in his roaming life, they had drifted apart. He had not seen her or heard of her for years. He wondered where she was now. The last he heard she was living with her parents in the American colony in Rome and was engaged to an Italian count. She was probably married long ago, and living in some old Italian palace. Edith would fit in well with the antique furniture of an old Italian palace—she could picture her among it. But, by George! she would fit in better with the old furniture of a "Colonial mansion." How perfect she would look at the head of that duck-foot dining table of his. "And I really believe I was in love with Edith," thought he. "Hang it all, I believe I am still. But what's the use? It's time I shifted into evening clothes. Let me see, dine with Azelea at eight. Guess I'll ask her tonight and have it over with."

Sam got into his car and ordered his chauffeur to drive to the Blye place. Half a mile from his gates he came upon an automobile stalled by engine trouble. Two ladies were standing by the wayside watching their chauffeur tinkering with the machine. Sam stopped and offered assistance. There was something familiar about the younger lady and as soon as she spoke he knew her. Yes, it was Edith Blinding! The recognition was mutual and Edith and Sam forgot all about engine troubles and just asked questions of each other.

"And so you are Edith Blinding still?" said Sam.

"I am," apparently doomed to remain so," replied Edith. "The Italian count? Who ever stated that story? The count was quite attentive for awhile, but like all my admirers, easily got over the top."

"Don't say all," answered Sam. "Dear me," said Edith, "I do wish James would get that engine going. We live in New York and are on a trip to Boston. We ought to have reached there an hour ago."

Sam was a little late in arriving at the Blye place that evening—and he did not propose to Azelea after dinner as he had intended. Instead, he announced that he was going to New York the following week for a two-months' stay. He did go—and when he came back he brought a bride named Edith with him who perfectly matched his furniture.

Deep-sea fish have a luminous spot on their bodies which enables them to swim at depths where it is pitch dark.

VETERANS STILL NEED RED CROSS

Aid to Disabled Men Increases as Problems and Legislation Bring Complications.

20,000 MEN DIE EACH YEAR

Many Entitled to Benefits Still Uninformed of Just Claims to Compensation.

Eight years after the World War ended services to disabled veterans still a major responsibility of the American Red Cross.

This situation is due to the increasing problems involved and the complex character of veteran legislation. There is also an increase in numbers of "death cases" handled, compared with claims for living veterans, though the work for the latter remains heavy. About 20,000 ex-servicemen are dying each year, a considerable percentage of these having service-connected disabilities.

In a majority of cases, Red Cross chapters find their assistance is needed in helping dependents present their claims for death compensation, insurance payments, bonus, burial allowances, and other government benefits due them. An episode of the past year illustrates the difficulties frequently encountered by the Red Cross experts in rendering such assistance. A veteran dying from service-connected disease, was trying from his bedside to establish at that late time his claim for Government aid to his family, and the necessary proofs were in a physician's records across the continent from him. To obtain the needed affidavits before it was too late, a cross-continents airplane flight was necessary, then a Red Cross Chapter in Pennsylvania hurried the investigation, sending the papers back to the veteran and his Red Cross helpers in Oregon, by air-mail.

Another discovery in Red Cross assistance to veterans and their families is that many dependents of these men unquestionably entitled to Government aid, have struggled along, ignorant of their rights. Approximately 1,656 Red Cross Chapters carry on Home Service work, in assistance to veterans and their dependents. The chapters also conduct campaign among veterans for re-employment and conveyance of their term insurance. Among its other duties, the Red Cross assumed at the request of the Canadian Government the administration of a fund allotted to the care of Canadian disabled veterans living in the United States.

In the United States the Red Cross assisted an average of about 50,000 disabled veterans and their families every month in the past fiscal year. Indicating the size of this undertaking, National Headquarters of the Red Cross expended \$1,641,178.18 on disabled veterans alone, and \$509,451.73 on assistance to men on active duty with the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, while Red Cross local chapters expended a total of \$1,987,000. Red Cross assistance to service men overshadowed every other phase of the program, even its disaster relief, until the Florida hurricanes.

Help for veterans covers many demands, from temporary aid until Government claims are adjusted or until the ex-serviceman is properly hospitalized, to extending capital loans to rehabilitated veterans endeavoring to become self-supporting in business. Several such capital loans were to blind veterans.

Contact with veterans in hospitals is maintained by Red Cross personnel which doctors agree influences the veteran's welfare and improvement. The Veterans' Bureau was planned to carry on social work in its hospitals for mental cases, and in many cases the Government and the Red Cross are co-operating for the welfare of the man suffering war disabilities. The public is invited to assist this work by joining the Red Cross during the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25.

ALWAYS AT WORK TO RELIEVE DISTRESS

Since 1905 the American Red Cross has given relief to 854 disasters in the United States alone. A year seldom passes without a major calamity due to tornado, earthquake, fire or flood. The Red Cross in each case has remained on the job until relief was completed.

Last year the Midwest tornado which struck five states was the outstanding relief operation by the Red Cross. The Florida hurricane in September created a problem which exceeded in proportions any disaster since the San Francisco fire.

By joining the American Red Cross every American can do his part to make its services continuously effective. The Annual Roll Call from November 11 to 25, this year, is your opportunity.

More than 49,000 nurses are enrolled in the American Red Cross. They are ever ready for emergency duty. Every American can do his share for humanity by joining the American Red Cross during the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25.

NORTH FARMINGTON

Miss Ruth Lovell had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Wixom and Mrs. Marie Walters shopped in Pontiac on Wednesday.

Byron Wixom, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wixom, had the misfortune to fall from his bicycle while riding to school

on Tuesday and cut an artery in his wrist which required nine stitches.

Little Jean Drake has had a bad cold for several days.

The Michigan State Telephone Co. have placed five new lines on the 13-Mile road, to accommodate the Oakland subdivision.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Coe and family will spend Sunday with Mrs. Coe's mother in Jonesville.

Tuesday afternoon Will German called on Henry Walters who has been under the doctor's care for several weeks and is not feeling very fit.

Henry Johnson spent Friday night with Frank Walters.

Mrs. Marie Walters and son Frank visited Mrs. Walter's sister, Mrs. R. Marsh on Monday night and heard a wonderful radio concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drake are entertaining at a Thanksgiving dinner a number of Mr. Drake's relatives.

Mrs. Smith Green who has been very ill with diphtheria is improving daily.

Carl Utley, Art and Norwood Tibbetts and Ray McCrumb returned on Monday from their deer hunt in the north woods with no game.

Charles Peel and George Leet leave on Friday for an extended hunting trip.

Mrs. Charles Peel, who recently returned from Harper Hospital, is gaining steadily.

Many North Farmington old friends and neighbors of the late Joseph Gravin attended his funeral on Monday.

Coe Bros. of Commerce, who have been depended upon by a great many North Farmington farmers for threshing, etc., suffered a great loss when fire of an unknown origin destroyed their corn husker, silo filler and thrasher.

C. W. Walker and family of Highland Park, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker.

One day last week Frank Robinson picked up several school children and after he had started his truck he noticed the door of the cab open. In reaching to shut the door he lost control of the wheel and ran in the ditch, damaging the truck quite badly. No person was injured, however.

The great grandmother of the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans visited them on Sunday, accompanied by her son, Boyd V. Evans who is assistant general manager of the Detroit Motor Bus Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheill were Detroit visitors on Monday. Mrs. Ida Shepho shopped in Pontiac last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague ex-

posed to spend Thanksgiving with their granddaughter in Detroit.

Mrs. Marie Walters and Mrs. Ed. Grimmer motored to Pontiac with Frank Walters to see Ben Hur, last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans will entertain Mrs. Evans' father and mother at a Thanksgiving dinner.



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