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Editorials

Lots Of Little White Sticks

A father is driving with his son down Orchard Lake Road, where it rolls gently up and down along the slopes.
Son: "Papa, what are all those little white sticks out there in the ground?"
Father: "Why sonny, those aren't just little white sticks. Those are 20-foot lots."
Son: "Lots, papa? What do you mean by that, lots?"
Father: Lots of people know better now, sonny. So's your old man.

Is It—Or Not?

Question—after what took place at 4:00 a. m. Thursday morning of last week, on the Cut-off near where it joins Grand River west of town—
"Is it, or isn't it, a dangerous road?"

The Why Of The Cost

Do you want to know why government costs so much? Or perhaps it should be said, if not government itself then the manifold institutions and services maintained by government. Here is a perfect example and explanation.

Among the many other things it has had in hand, the 1933 Legislature at Lansing has been considering the budget to be prepared as soon as more pressing matters are settled, and among major items in the budget are appropriations for the various State educational institutions. One of these is the University of Michigan, and in respect to it the suggestions for slashes have been numerous—and the slashes suggested drastic. From these threatened slashes has come a result which might actually be startling to those not familiar with the processes of government in a democracy.

To each and every alumnus of the University there has come a four-page folder, under date of April 8. Many a graduate has thought his alma mater had forgotten him entirely. Somehow or other communications and publications that he knows came to others did not drop in his mail-box. But now he is remembered, if never before. The four-page folder has as its front page a letter, under the heading of "The Committee Of One Hundred, University of Michigan Alumni." The letter starts off in forthright fashion: "You now have an opportunity to help your University in the most critical situation it has ever faced." It then goes on to state that the University is dependent upon appropriations by the legislature for its maintenance, and that "a reduction in our appropriation of 50 to 75 per cent is proposed . . . So large a reduction would literally ruin the University." Following this is an appeal to the recipient to "write your State senator and representative," urging a "reasonable" cut, rather than the "radical" ones suggested. "Please write such a letter and induce friends and neighbors to do likewise." On pages two and three are listed the names of the 100 representatives and the 32 senators and the districts they represent. The back page comprises the impressive list of "The Committee Of One Hundred," which includes faculty members, former football stars, fathers of former football stars, football fans, and a host of others whom the ordinary plodding student read about with awe in his undergraduate days, but never knew and seldom saw—almost mythical folks who were B. M. O. C.—"Big Men On The Campus." There is even a newspaper editor.

But to return to the appeal—there you have it. It's the reason why government is as it is. Every time it is proposed in any legislature in any State in the Union, as well as in Washington, D. C., to reduce any appropriation for anything, there instantly springs up a group of valiant Defenders. Sometimes they are organized as a committee like this one. Sometimes they are just an assorted group of protesters. And more often than either, they are just plain lobbyists. In any case, they are ready on a moment's notice to present irrefutable evidence that the reductions proposed are absolutely impossible, that they will "ruin" whatever is the object of the appropriation, and (by implication), will do untold harm to the State as well. The protesters that yell the loudest often get the best results, regardless of merit, and so their slash is set aside or emasculated, and some other section of the government takes it instead. Or else there just isn't any slash at all—this is most frequent. So "ruin" is averted and everybody is happy (?).

In the instance of the University, anyone who makes bold to stand firm for the heavy pruning may well expect to have his ears burn. He may expect to be branded as a foe of the higher learning. He probably is a coarse, ignorant fellow, anyway, who has no appreciation of the finer things of life. If, horrible thought, he happens to be a graduate of the University and in spite of that thinks there ought to be some cutting, as did former Governor Brucker when the 1931 legislature was deliberating, why he's merely an ungrateful son of dear old alma mater, an ingrate, beneath contempt. If, being an alumnus, he happens to be in a position to express thoughts in print, and does declare that he thinks it possible that even in his dear old University, as in most other public-supported institutions, it might be found that there was a dollar wasted here and there—well, that kind of traitor's soul is past all redemption. It surely was a waste of time and money for him to have been in college. But better not say that either—best not to admit there was ever any waste at all, even if it's necessary to let that black sheep get away with his fulminations.

A Letter To Lafayette

In Flanders Fields your poppies grow,
But Lafayette, if you could know,
They are a richer deeper red
Because of blood our sons have shed.

To pay the debt we owed to you,
Oh Lafayette, We followed through,
Paid with our wealth and with the blood
Of flowering youth, a crimson flood.

Now Lafayette, our debt's denied;
In France our name is vilified.

Where is the France that you once knew,
The France you pledged allegiance to?
Where is the France of Jeanne D'Arc,
The France that nurtured knight-hood's spark?

Sad day, that chivalry should die
And France's lilies soiled lie.
These lilies pure, must bloom again—
Come Sir, and purge them of this stain.

HARRY J. MERRITT,
Royal Oak, Mich.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:10 The Church at Prayer.
10:30 The Church at worship
sermon theme "Wonder or Ponder."
11:45 The Church teaching.
Come study God's Word at this hour.

6:30 The Church and Youth.
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Clarenceville Methodist Church
O. J. Lyon, Minister
10:00 Morning worship.
11:00 Church school.
6:30 Epworth League.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister
Rev. F. C. Johnson will continue the series on "The Sermon on the Mount" Sunday morning. We cordially invite you to attend the Oxford Group will hold an open meeting at 7:30 in the Club Room. At this service personal witnesses are given relating to the victorious Christian life even in times like these. Out of town guests as well as Farmington members will tell of their experiences. Come and bring your friends.
Sunday School as usual also the mid-week prayer and fellowship service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. Breitenbach, Minister
Rev. W. H. Breitenbach has accepted the call to be the regular minister of our church.
Church Service 11:15.
Sunday School in conjunction with church service.
Mrs. Florence Edgar, organist.
Erskine W. Evans, Sunday School Superintendent.

FARMINGTON ACRES

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre
Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and son, Donald, were Detroit callers Thursday.
Mrs. Charles Willard and son, Charles, of Detroit spent their Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.
Mrs. David Measell was a Detroit caller, Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berger and daughter, Donaldene, of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Hoffman Saturday.
Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and daughters, Gertrude, Grace and Glenna, and Miss Virginia Seabald attended the 4-H Club achievement Day in Pontiac, Saturday.
Miss Merritt of Detroit spent the week end with Mrs. Alfred Ducharme.
Mr. and Mrs. John Jantovsky and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Addison and family and his mother, Mrs. Jantovsky in Detroit.
Mr. and Mrs. William Sherwood of Redford were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Sherwood.
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson of Oakland Road and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre attended the party in Novi Saturday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Paul of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fritschke.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bentley of Ferndale visited the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Measell Sunday.
Thomas Fortson of Farmington was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ducharme.
Mrs. and Mrs. Rex Young and family visited relatives in Ewart over the week end.

CLARENCEVILLE

The cheerful circle met at the home of Mrs. Earl Williams for a pot luck dinner and business meeting. Twenty answered roll call. Two new members were taken in. The table was set for 30.
Fred O'Hara is able to be out and made a few calls last week.
The Men's club will have their pot luck supper at Clarenceville M. E. Church Friday night, April 28. All men are invited.
Misses Thelma and Margie White were in Detroit Friday and Saturday visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sills.
Mrs. E. Lee visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Estes.
Mrs. Fred Wendlandt visited Wednesday with Mrs. Coler.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stark has returned home after a week visit at Adrian.
The Adult Bible Class will have their pot luck supper at the Clarenceville M. E. Church, Friday night at 6:30.
Mrs. Earl Williams spent Saturday in Redford.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Sills visited Saturday evening with their daughter, Mrs. A. A. White and family.
Chas. Raley and Harry Johnson spent Thursday evening in Detroit at the home of Harry Eirven.
Mrs. Vera Shaffer visited Saturday evening with her mother, Mrs. S. Stillwell.
Mrs. Dave Godfrey spent Friday with her mother in Detroit.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Sills and family spent Saturday in Detroit.
The Red Cross sewing room in Clarenceville will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoons for sewing. The sewing rooms is on 8-Mile Road next to the barber shop.
Miss Beatrice Frantz was able to be down stairs last week.
The Ladies Aid will meet at the Church Thursday April 27 at 1:30.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell and daughter spent the past 10 days with Mr. Mitchell's mother, at Stanwood, Mich.

Send in your news items.

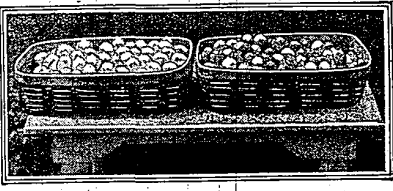
WANT TO MAKE BEER

Lansing—In the last nine months, articles of incorporation have been granted 26 breweries, according to records of the Department of State. Most of the applications have been received in the last two weeks since the question of legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer has been under consideration by the legislature.

Many other corporations, licensed to manufacture or sell malt products, have made application to change their charters to permit them to handle beer. While most of the applications have come from the Detroit area, the brewery applications are well scattered over both upper and lower Peninsulas. The past two months also have shown a marked increase in applications for incorporation of companies seeking to conduct investment businesses and companies seeking to sell both men's and women's clothing.

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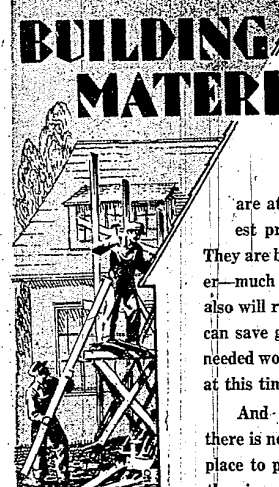
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