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EDITORIALS

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"Preserve The Nation"

(Genesee County Herald)

From the beginning of civilization national security and progress have been closely linked with governmental protection of homes and promotion of civil works. While the ancients built on a foundation of firm family life, they remained prosperous and unconquerable.

Upon these incontrovertible facts of history are based the so-called experiments of the New Deal, particularly the activities of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Administration. The HOLC preserved the tottering structure of the republic. The FHA is enabling it to continue its expansion.

In Michigan alone the government has saved \$6,000,000 from mortgage foreclosures. Over a considerable period a state branch of the HOLC poured a half million dollars a day into the hands of homeowners who could not meet their private obligations.

The \$225,000,000 in home loans now outstanding in Michigan will not add a dollar to the national debt. Borrowing on 2 1/2 per cent bonds, the government has loaned at 5 per cent, a margin sufficient to cover all losses.

Lately the opponents of President Roosevelt's administration have been wailing about the fate of America's future generations, "condemned by the national debt to economic slavery." If we may judge the future by the past, citizens-to-be, born in decent surroundings and under the influence of a secure family life, will owe the present government a far greater debt than any that can be measured in terms of finance.

The real burden that might have been handed on to them lies in the hunger, broken health, wrecked homes and demoralization of which the country was threatened when President Roosevelt took office.

As measures of national security, the home loan and works progress programs have an incalculable value. Indeed, day by day, when the very life of the nation will depend on the investments of the Roosevelt administration in the welfare of the people.

If that should occur, the citizens of the United States will have to say, as did the commoners of Rome, when Attila thundered at the gates and the nobles urged them to arms, "We have nothing left for which to fight."

Tomorrow's Americans will have the priceless heritage of their homes to defend.

Reducing Casualties

(Exchange)

We are entirely in sympathy with the desire of state and city officials to find some effective means of reducing the number of accidents due to careless and reckless driving. The toll of human lives taken and the number of human bodies terribly maimed and disfigured and broken is shocking in the extreme. Anything in the way of publicity, penalty or otherwise which can in any measure help toward the solution of the problem is to be welcomed.

However, we are of opinion that neither publicity nor ordinary penalties can cure the evil. It may give pause to a reckless few, temporarily perhaps, but in most cases the careless, reckless or incompetent driver is likely to go on being careless, reckless, incompetent still. Even if the talk, publicity and imposition of heavy penalties, for the moment in vogue, are in any degree temporarily restraining the effect will wear off after a little time. More over the talk, publicity and the spam of activity on the part of police and courts will have its natural let down after a while. It seems to us that something more radical will have to be done in dealing with the problem. We have not, in any of the methods employed now, reached the heart of it. What the solution is we do not pretend to know. It is really one of the major problems of our times.

After all the vast majority of people who use the highways are fairly careful drivers. No one is one hundred per cent perfect however. Almost anyone, at some time or other, is likely to have something upon his mind and in a moment of aberration to do something he ought not to do. That is as true of those whose business it is to enforce the traffic regulations as it is of those who are not. However the very great majority of drivers are reasonably careful and are not a menace upon the highways. The question is what to do with the small number of those who seem to be incurably reckless drivers. Perhaps the ultimate solution will be to take them off the highways altogether by refusing them the right to drive. If sentences were meted out depriving them of the use of the highway for periods of one and twenty years or perhaps a life-time for habitual offenders it might not cure them of the reckless habit, but it would at least remove the menace of their reckless driving, and to that extent protect the lives of those who do make an honest effort to practice courtesy and to observe the laws of the road. This may not be the solution, but it does not seem as though something very thoroughgoing which has been tried now, would have to be done. The country can certainly not put up with the present appalling casualty list forever.

Mark Twain and War

(Exchange)

This month Mark Twain's centenary is being celebrated. It is timely to recall what he said about war:

"There has never been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of war. I can see 1,000,000 years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen years. The loud little handful, as usual, will shout for war. The pulpits will—warily and cautiously—object at first. The great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out what is going on. Then the war will begin, and will last, earnestly and indignantly, 'T is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.' Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will arise with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded, but it will not last long. Those others will outshoot them and presently the nation will lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing—the speakers stoned from the platform and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers, as earlier, but do not dare say so. And now the whole nation, pulpits and all, will take up the cry of war, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth, and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame on the nation that is being attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing fables, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them, and thus he will be wily, and by and by, convince himself that the war is just and will thank God for the better sleep he now enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

That was written before 1900. And Mark Twain had been a soldier.

Sensible Decision

(Jacksonville, Fla. Journal) ... A year ago last spring a Michigan youth drove his automobile into a group of pedestrians and killed two people, the parents of five children. Chicago was brought against the youth, and just recently a final disposition of his case was made.

Under the court order, he must pay \$10 a week toward the support of the five orphaned children for five years. He must not drive an automobile again, and under no circumstances may purchase liquor. The court put him on probation to make sure that these orders would be carried out.

Here is a disposition of a traffic case which seems to be highly sensible. The young motorist is getting enough in the way of punishment, surely, to impress on motorists generally the need for caution.

Being kept away from liquor and automobiles, he won't repeat his offense. Meanwhile, he is compelled to render a substantial financial aid to the dependents of his victims. The whole thing will set a precedent for similar cases elsewhere.

CLARENCEVILLE

Trinity Shrine, Number 44, will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock, in the Masonic Temple. Solomons and Kluge, in the place of meeting. Come out and join us in our first meeting in our new hall. A very enjoyable farewell party was held Thursday evening, November 21, at Forester Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ritter of Base Line road and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ritter of Detroit were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Orr of Pleasant Ridge.

Miss Julia Creeke of Detroit was the house guest for the past week of Miss Anna Ziegler.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Anita, former Outage Base Line road, have moved to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jensen entertained as their house guests for several days last week, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill and Charles Johnson of Vermontville, Mich. Mrs. Hill spent Saturday with her mother at Pontiac.

Miss Marjorie Browning who has been spending the past few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Harold Shoemaker and family, departed last week for her home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Hodgens returned to her home Saturday from Ford Hospital where she recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. Frances Ellis of Milford spent Friday with Mrs. Elmer Dohney of Base Line road.

Mr. and Mrs. William Loggell entertained as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Goodson of Dearborn and Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. August Wihner were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hein of Detroit.

The Baptist Church on Highland avenue will organize a Boy Scout troop under the direction of Mr. Philip Thomas. A cordial invitation is extended to all boys 12 and over.

Mr. Elmer Dohney spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Thomas of Strathcona drive, Detroit.

George V. Smith of Grand River avenue returned Sunday from an unsuccessful 10 day hunting trip to Curran.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schweizer motored to northern Michigan to spend Sunday with the son, Mr. John, who expects to return the latter part of December to spend the holiday season with his parents.

Mrs. A. Travis of New Hudson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Ekold of Highland avenue, where she plans to remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson of Eight Mile road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Freeding and daughter Marjorie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lahr of List street.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cox of Lansing spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox.

Claude Barber returned Sunday with a buck from Roscommon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Subbrook of Purling Brook road announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth.

Mrs. Harry Wideman spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robert of Oxford road.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvill Roughley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Greer at Holly.

Frank Barber has fully recovered from a recent performance of tonsillectomy and has resumed his school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. William Loggell were among the fortunate persons who attended a feather party Friday night at Macabee Hall.

George Zieglerman left Wednesday for Cleveland where he will join his wife and remain with friends and relatives over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Womel and daughters, Evelyn, Marylin and Janis, of Redford, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barber of Purling Brook road.

Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin of Jackson avenue spent the week-end with relatives at Grand Rapids.

Mrs. L. Goulson of Lucerne avenue is reported as recovering from her recent illness.

Homemaker's Corner

by Home Economics Specialist Michigan State College

PLAIN PAPER MAKES ROOM MORE PLEASANT

Wallpaper, which is supposed to be a background for the furnishings in a room, sometimes is so conspicuous that it is impossible to arrange furniture so that it shows to best advantage, according to home furnishing specialists at Michigan State College.

Wallpaper with realistic patterns of flowers, knots of ribbons, or vines should be avoided. The more natural the pattern, the more difficult to arrange the room so it will be a pleasant place to rest or work. Extremely dark colors make a room gloomy.

Paper with inconspicuous stripes can be used. Stripes which run vertically rather than across the room or diagonally will be more pleasing. The stripes make a low room appear to have higher walls.

Plain or nearly plain paper with grayed colors are usually the most suitable. Such wall coverings make splendid backgrounds for the furnishings.

In hall or corridors, where there are few pieces of furniture, it is possible to use papers with gay designs than in rooms where more furnishings are used. The colors of the paper should be duller than those of the furnishings, even in hallways.

Borders for the paper are not needed in most rooms. If the ceilings are high, the ceiling paper may be brought down on the side walls, and a picture molding placed where the papers meet.

When borders are used, the design and colors should not attract attention from other things in the room.

2,200 Wives, Mothers To Be Taken From Dole

With 1,704 women at work or on call for employment, Harry P. Fierman, State Welfare Progress administrator, expected to remove a total of 2,200 wives and mothers from the dole in Wayne county during the coming weeks.

Projects which, at their peak load, will provide security wages for approximately 1,900 women, listed by the welfare as heads of families are soon to be started. Three hundred women, working in eight units, will make house dresses, men's and boys' shirts, underwear and night clothing.

In Detroit, heat, light, rent and equipment for the sewing projects are furnished without charge by charitable organizations, including the League of Catholic women, Christ church and the Y. W. C. A. The WPA has furnished \$94,116.61 for wages and materials. The work will last four months.

Highland Park and Dearborn and providing space for the seamstresses in their municipal buildings. Community centers will be utilized in other suburban cities.

Book repairs in the public schools of Hamtramck, Dearborn, and Highland Park will give work to 370 relief clients and 50 non-relief women. Neighborhood sewing clubs to be established in all parts of the county will enable 24 additional women to earn a living for themselves and their dependents by acting as supervisors.

Six domestic science teachers from relief will conduct classes in household arts at Brandegee Center, 3655 Concord street, a community house which the department of Recreation could not keep open due to lack of funds.

TO OUR DEPARTED SISTER

(The following poem was received at the office of the Enterprise. It is a tribute to Mrs. Minnie Wilber, whose death is mourned by her many friends in Farmington.)

Sister beloved, we greet thee, we rejoice with thee On this thy glorious coronation day above!

For thou hast overcome at last and gained the prize, The victor's crown of everlasting love!

Long hast thou watched and waited by the palace gate, With feeble hand upon the latch, and listening ear

Early and late, until thy God the King within Hath bid thee enter in and in His courts appear!

Such blessed, fruitful life as thine we measure not By span of fleeting days and months and years of time; But by the footprints of thy Christ-like ministry.

Thy deeds of patient love, that made thy life sublime, Farewell, sister beloved! A little while farewell!

The fleeting days will not be long till, one by one, We too shall cease from earthly sorrow, toil and pain!

And then, shining way where thou art gone! —ANONYMOUS.

See Better Price For State Apples

Michigan orchard owners will be interested by the outlook for cherries and apples published by the bureau of agricultural economics, after a survey of statistics from all producing states.

The economists say that prospects for better prices for apples during the next five year period are good; but that the supply of cherries in the country is apt to be as large as that for the past few years, when prices have been low.

Moderate increases in replacement and plantings of apples will be necessary if the average production of the country is apt to be maintained 10 to 15 years hence. This is especially true of late apples.

Increased competition from foreign apples is expected in export markets as tree plantings have increased in other countries. The imposition of trade restrictions against U. S. shipments is apt to be another unfavorable factor in the export fruit trade.

In spite of some tree losses, the number of sour cherry trees now in orchards is sufficient to produce greater quantities of fruit in favorable years than the normal market demands. Prospects for sweet cherries are not much more favorable.

NAVAL RADIO STATION

The Navy Department has acquired title to 550 acres of land in Prince George County, Maryland for the construction of a naval radio receiving station. It is situated about 10 miles from Washington.

PRESIDENT VIEWS NAVY

For the first time in history, the President of the United States witnessed a war game of the United States Fleet. From aboard the cruiser Houston, President Roosevelt on October 2 viewed tactical exercises of the Fleet, with approximately 130 naval vessels participating. The exercises were held off the California coast.

"POWER-HOUSE" SAM Finds the Trouble Quick!

MY SICK, SAM—MY RADIO IS FEEBLE—I CAN'T START AND MY LIGHTS ARE DIM

HEAR'S YO' TROUBLE, BOSS—YOU GOT AN OLD-STYLE BATTERY AND DEYS NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR TODAY'S AUTOMOBILES

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THAT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR FAMILY DELICIOUSLY COOKED MEALS FROM A TRIAL ELECTRIC RANGE IN YOUR OWN KITCHEN? STOP IN AT ANY DETROIT EDISON OFFICE!