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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Your Most Important Right

Now that the bandstand has been painted, and the park re-hand-scaped, we have about the nicest village green in the county.

And it's all because, at the last town election, folks got out and voted—85 per cent of them! That way, they passed the amendment calling for park improvements—over those opposing it.

Reminds you again how important the right to vote is in this country. And it's a right we can retain only by exercising it! ... like all the other individual lib-

ties—from freedom to enjoy a glass of beer or ale, to a woman's right to vote along with men.

Folks can thank themselves that on summer evenings they'll be able to listen to band concerts in a well-kept park... enjoying a bottle of beer or soda pop (whichever they prefer). Because from where I sit, that's a freedom they've earned by exercising a still more important freedom: Voting!

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Vacation Highlights

by The Old AAA Traveler



Up through the heart of Michigan highways lead one into intriguing areas, with picturesque little trails luring the visitor into woodlands which are a mass of color in the late fall.

We hear a great deal about the beauties of Michigan's coastlines—their white beaches and their blue waters, their parks and playplaces—but somehow it strikes me that, comparatively little is said about the swing up through the center of the state, the shortest route to the Straits of Mackinac.

This stretch of country thru the middle of the state was the great timbering country of a bygone day, and even within a whoop and a holler of Detroit you find interest, for you have just swung thru the so-called "Pontiac Cut-off" when you pass Faterford Hill, one of the most beautiful hills in all of the Middle West. In the spring, when the grass is tender or in the winter months when the conifers rise from the snow like myriad Christmas trees, Waterford Hill is beautiful.

Swing onto M 15 just beyond Waterford and one of the first towns you encounter is Clarkston, an old town reminiscent of New England with its white mansions and its tree-shaded lawns, and farther on, of course, Vassar, where might have been located great Vassar College for women but for a local quirk which sent old Matthew Vassar and his millions eastward.

Bay City was one of the great timber and lumber centers in the early days and today is looked upon as being just about the gateway into northern Michigan's playgrounds. It is just to the north of Bay City that you find the spot where the "Trails Divide," one heading towards the eastern coastline and the other, which we're following, leading to West Branch, West Branch is the southern gateway to the Huron National Forest and you may follow miles of scenic expanse over old logging roads. Within Ogemaw county are 176 lakes and more than 500 miles of trout streams.

Then Prudenville on Houghton Lake and Roscommon on the edge of Ogemaw State Forest. Northward out of Roscommon and you have Grayling on the AuSable river with a large part of the state and national forest systems. Here the AuSable offers some of the finest canoeing waters.

Just to the north of Grayling is Gaylord, another rip-roaring town in the day of the lumberjack. In the day when the cry of "Timber!" resounded throughout Michigan. Between Grayling and Gaylord, of course, you find the route leading over to the famous Hartwick Pines State Park with one of the state's few remaining stands of virgin timber.

On northward and you strike the little town of Wolverine on Sturgeon river, the Wolverine which was another timbering center and the Sturgeon river which runs right along the highway for miles a stretch of water very dear to the trout fisherman. A few miles north of Wolverine and you have Burt Lake on one hand and Muller

Lake on the other. Here you find your junction with M 68 leading westward to Alanson, Petoskey and Harbor Springs, but M 27, on which you have traveled from Prudenville, continues the marge of Mullet into Cheboygan and along the blue waters of Lake Huron into Mackinac City.

All of this stretch of country is ideally suited for vacation travel, for adequate roadside parks and camping spots have been provided. You will find stretches of deep forest and intriguing little roads leading far into the restful green. It is a country of wildlife, with deer frequently seen and little coveys of partridges occasionally feeding along the roadside.

Around Grayling you have your great winter sports parks and also your military reservation, with its great flying field. Otsego Lake stretches along the highway for miles and from the time you swing off Woodward Avenue until you roll up to the ferry at Mackinac City you will never be out of sight of something interesting.

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FATHERS INVITED TO CAMP OUT WITH THEIR SONS

Every father in Livonia Township received an invitation this week to spend a week end camping with his son, and with other fathers and sons. This activity is for every father in the area, not just for Boy Scouts and their fathers, but the committee in charge does hope that all the Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts will be present with their fathers.

Plans are for each father and son to bring camping equipment and food, to cook, eat, play and sleep together for a week end. During the day the fathers will be demonstrations in campcraft and handicraft. Fathers and sons can learn things which they can do together, or they can do anything they wish to explore or play games together or with groups of other fathers and sons. At night there will be a big campfire with singing, storytelling and skits. Sunday morning church services will be held at camp, or those who wish may leave to attend services at their own church.

Any man or boy with a handicraft hobby that can give a demonstration will be more than welcome to do so.

Watch for the date—announcement will be made soon.

For further information, or to volunteer as demonstrators, story-tellers, etc., please call Mr. Louis LeBar at Livonia 2976; Mr. Charles Adams at Livonia 2929 or Mr. Walter Dixon at Farmington 1127.

Sgt. Bridges To Take Part In Army Exercises

Sgt. Charles E. Bridges, USMC, son of W. B. Bridges of Farmington, is serving with the First Marine Division, which will participate in the amphibious training exercises to be held in Southern California in early October under the command of Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commander, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.

About 19,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel, 56 ships, and 320 planes will be engaged in various phases of the exercises. The exercises will include amphibious landings at San Clemente Island and Camp Pendleton near Oceanside, California. Landings at San Clemente will be supported by the use of live ammunition from gunfire support ships and planes.

About 600 students and faculty members from the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, will be on hand to observe the various techniques of amphibious warfare.

Navy and Marine Corps teamwork, which brought success to amphibious campaigns in World War II, will be repeated and expanded as new men are trained to take the places of veterans no longer in uniform.

POTATO GRADING SESSION TO BE HELD IN COUNTY

Potato graders, loaders and dealers will have an opportunity to see demonstrations of potato grades and standards in a series of meetings announced by C. L. Nash, extension specialist in farm marketing at Michigan State college.

The purpose of the meetings is to acquaint those concerned with potato marketing, with grading procedures and standards before the heavy shipping season begins.

Annual demonstration meetings were suggested by the governor's potato study committee in 1947. A series of twelve schools last year drew a good attendance. Great interest in uniform grades and standards for Michigan potatoes was shown at the State Fair this year in exhibits which stressed quality.

Demonstrations will be conducted by Earl L. Biddick, federal supervisor for the fruit and vegetable inspection service of the state department of agriculture which is cooperating in the demonstrations. Those attending will see potatoes graded and hear an explanation of why potatoes fall in different grades.

All meetings begin at 8 p.m. and are scheduled for the following places: October 5, Oakland county, Jack Williams farm, five miles west and one mile south of Oxford; October 6, Jackson, county building; October 7, Kalamazoo, county center building recreation center. Meetings are also scheduled for Boyne City on October 11.

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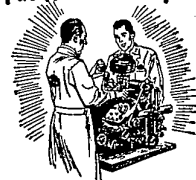
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