

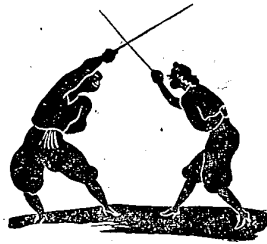


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NEWS LETTER

By Rep. Howard R. Estes

Despite the fact no measure of major proportions was acted upon on the floor of the House last week, it has been nevertheless a busy week with numerous and long committee meetings, public hearings and rather long calendars containing for the most part minor bills, many of which have been passed, while others have been advanced to a position of their final passage, or action postponed for this week.

An interesting public hearing was held on a bill to give certified public accountants licenses to public accountants with 20 years experience. Spokesmen against the bill attacked it as a blow to the financial structure of the nation, because they claimed banks, insurance companies, securities and other financial agencies rely heavily on the reputations of C. P. A's. Claiming passage of the bill would constitute a backward step, they pointed out it could set off a chain reaction to lower standards in other states. Proponents denied the charges and urged passage on the grounds that there was actually no legal difference between the Public Accountants and the C. P. A's, and both should have the same title, since they both perform the same functions and are governed by the same state regulations.

Passed by the House and sent to the Senate were three bills increasing the amount chargeable as costs by the winner in a lawsuit. One bill raised the taxable amount from \$5 to \$15 for fees in land contract foreclosures, and another raised the taxable fees in justice court from \$5 to \$10. The third bill fixed the amount as \$25 to \$75 for fees in mortgage foreclosures. Instead of \$15 to \$45 as at present. A bill repealing the "secret primary ballot" was re-referred back to committee for further study and amendments.

S. B. 62 now up for final passage, will, when passed, put the State in position to tax federal property in the State and when Congress gives authority to assess federal lands in the various states. At present, Michigan is one of 19 states in the Union prohibited by either state law or constitutional provision from taxing Federal property even though the Federal Government gives consent. It is thought that Congress may give the States this authority in the near future. It is interesting to note that during the war around 65 million dollars was assessed against defense plants in Detroit even though our law did not provide for it.

H. B. 377 introduced this week provided a \$11,661,000.00 appropriation from the State's general fund, for the school employment retirement fund. Representing 7.61 per cent of the payroll, this amount is necessary to make the fund actuarially sound, and in addition it contains \$164,000.00 to increase the pensions of teachers who retired prior to 1945 so they may be enabled to draw the minimum amount of \$760.00 per year provided for in the 1945 act. At present some of these teachers draw as little as \$200 per year, which amount is less than Old Age Assistance, and according to many Republican members, is a condition that should be corrected. Hence this bill.

Also introduced this week is a bill to require weekly payments to producers of milk and cream. During the last three years, producers have lost over \$300,000,000 because processors and manufacturers to whom they sold, went out of business before payment date was due.

A storm of protest arose from various communities over the introduction of a bill reducing the work week from 73½ to 68 hours for firemen. They claim passage of the bill would impose a heavy burden upon them in the way of being forced to add many more firemen, resulting in hoisting the pay roll thousands of dollars. The temper of many of the legislators would indicate the bill has slight chance of enactment.

Another bill would require all campers on state lands to secure a permit from conservation officers and places authorized to sell deer licenses. The permit would have to be displayed at the campsite. Penalties are provided for leaving rubbish behind. It is thought this system would tend to discourage leaving messes behind.

Rt. Rev. Hubbard To Visit St. Martin's Church

St. Martin's Church will celebrate Palm Sunday with the traditional distribution of the Palms at all services. The significance of the Palms is to recall the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. They are made in the form of a cross to remind the people of the Crucifixion.

On Wednesday of Holy Week (April 13) the Rt. Rev. Russell S. Hubbard, Suffragan Bishop of Michigan, will visit St. Martin's at 8 a.m. when the Vicar, Rev. J. H. Morris, will present an adult Confirmation Class. This will be the first visit of Bishop Hubbard to St. Martin's.

Good Friday will be observed with a Children's Service at 10 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 8 p.m. The Early Service of the Holy Communion on Easter Day will be at 8:00 a.m.

Cutting Horse Contest In Horsemen's Show

The executive committee of the Michigan Horsemen's Association has completed plans for the classes to be shown in their coming show June 12.

They are introducing for the first time a cutting horse contest. This is a popular event in the west and they hope to show a good many cutting horses in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Don't be caught short — get your ticket to the Sample Fair April 9.

Our Lady of Sorrows Men's Club Plans Dance

The Men's Club of Our Lady of Sorrows Church has completed plans for their Sixth Annual Easter Dance.

The dance will be held Monday evening, April 18, at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Music will be furnished by Hank La Croix. A soda bar and snack bar will be established.

Chairman of the dance committee is Thomas G. Hildebrandt. Leonard Walker, ticket chairman, will be assisted by Fred Raible and Bud Armstrong. Advertising and publicity will be handled by Tom Brennan.

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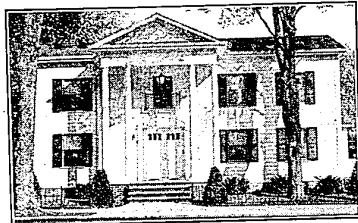


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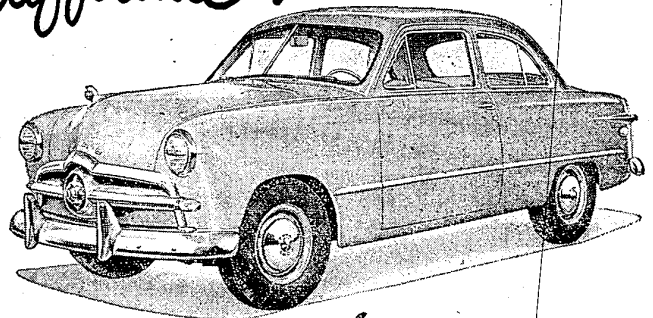
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