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THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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 boom in home-building doesn't make local historians happy. THEY ARE happy, though about the publicity that is being given now to a Michigan law of 1948 that permits county boards of supervisors to appropriate public funds to volunteer historical associations. "It's one of the best laws in the country," says Vernon R. Beall of the Michigan Historical Association.

Forty-two thousand red pine seedlings have been planted in Leelanau County, most of them around Empire.

LOOK FOR legislation to be introduced early in the 1953 session that would increase membership of Township Boards.

A Michigan Supreme Court decision — which received little public attention because of campaign headlines — said that Justices of the Peace may no longer serve on Town Boards. JPs are members of the judiciary and therefore are prevented by the Constitution from taking part in the administrative or legislative

branches of the government. FOR MORE than a hundred years Justices have been considered regular members of such boards and the decision came as a bombshell to local governments. They hope that there will be no law suits to question the legality of board action taken during the century 1900 and is inconceivable.

Town Boards now have only three members, the supervisor, clerk and treasurer, where they once had two or four Justices also. The means it's harder to get a quorum and harder to get a cross-section in deliberation.

NEW LEGISLATION will probably provide for two or four "board members" to make a more workable board.

The demand for birth certificates is keeping Michigan Department of Health clerks on the double these days. Dr. Albert E. Heustais, commissioner, says that the pace is approaching that of the early days of World War II. An average of 50 persons a day personally seek copies of their certificates and the backlog of unprocessed mail requests has passed 1,000 and is increasing daily.

One of the reasons for the unusual demand is that schools are so crowded that many require a birth certificate for enrollment. Another is hiring by heavy industry after the steel strike also contributes to the load.

THERE WERE 384,717 new motor vehicles licensed in Michigan during 1951. Pennsylvania, Illinois and Texas surpassed this mark.

Michigan ranked seventh in the number of passenger car registrations last year with 2,218,227 of them on the road. There were 306,213 trucks and 5,877 buses adding to highway traffic. Wayne County ranks fourth in all United States counties for motor vehicle registrations. New York City, Cook County (Chicago) and Los Angeles were 1, 2 and 3.

Wayne has one passenger car for every 3.3 persons and ten cars for every nine families.

Oakland County (Pontiac), Kent (Grand Rapids) and Monroe (Eaton) are among the top 113 counties in the country.

V.F.W. Auxiliary To Hold Card Party November 21
 The V. F. W. Auxiliary will hold a card party at the home of Mrs. Howard Jones, 27410 Halsted, on Friday, November 21, reports Mrs. William Carpenter, president of the group.

There will be plenty of prizes and refreshments for the affair, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Carpenter says that all members, their husbands and friends are cordially invited for the evening of fun.



Captain Samuel Prisk Has Leave in Japan

Army Captain Samuel J. Prisk, whose wife Janet lives at 30269 Gillman, recently spent five days in Japan on a rest and recuperation leave from the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

The vacation was part of the Army's policy of giving periodic rests to soldiers in the combat zone. Luxurious "R and R" hotels are located throughout Japan to accommodate the veterans.

A dentist in his unit, Captain Prisk entered the Army in April, 1951.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Prisk, 21416 Collingham, Farmington.

Hunter Finally Bags Grandmother Squirrel

Somebody finally shot grandmother . . . Squirrel, that is, number 26,499, who made her home at Rose Lake wildlife station near Lansing for at least the last seven years.

The elderly fox squirrel turned up in the game bag of D. H. Vaughan of Lansing recently, and proved that even squirrels can avoid statistics for just so long.

Number 26,499 was at least a year old when first caught at the station and tagged in 1946. Then for six hunting seasons she dodged rifle slugs and shotgun pellets on the 2,600-acre station. She must have been pretty adept at it, too; game men say hunters harvest from 40 to 60 per cent of squirrels from Rose Lake woodlands each year.

And you might suppose the old girl would come down with nervous prostration from all that shooting, but instead, during her lifetime, she raised about 30 children, lived in an oak woodland, survived several attacks of mange and before dying established some sort of record for age; normally, squirrels live two to three years.

Coal is the long-range fuel because it makes up 92% of the fuel reserves of this country.

GIFT PACKAGE QUOTA DOUBLED BY RED CROSS

Almost 200 packages are on the way from Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, to servicemen who will spend Christmas Day somewhere at sea.

"This is the greatest response we've had since World War II," Mrs. Edmund Leavenworth of Birmingham, the chapter's chairman of production, said this week.

"Some time ago, we asked Oakland County's people, clubs and organizations to pack 150 of these gift packages for 'Christmas on the High Seas' program."

"We received almost twice that number — all gift-wrapped."

"Overwhelming response kept volunteers busy all last week getting packages in the mail, Mrs. Leavenworth said. Boxes included gum and candy, small books and games, cards, cigarettes — items that are easily stored away in cramped quarters but furnish a large quota of enjoyment for servicemen."

"I'm deeply grateful to this county's people," she said.

"It's one of the most successful projects we've ever staged."

Five organizations merited special praise from Mrs. Leavenworth for furnishing highest number of boxes. Royal Oak Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles, furnished 28 packages; Bloomfield Farm and Garden Club 27; Birmingham Junior League 24; Troy Township Girl Scouts 19 and Farmington Girl Scouts 17.

"We realize, though," she said, "that it takes as much work for a small group to pack a few packages as for a big one to pack a good many." More than 50 organizations took part in the program.

Grapefruit selection should depend on firm, smoothly-textured surface and well-rounded shape, say Michigan State College foods and nutrition specialists. Coarse, tough, puffy grapefruit skins usually indicate lack of taste as well as little juice.

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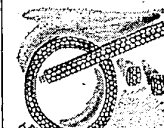
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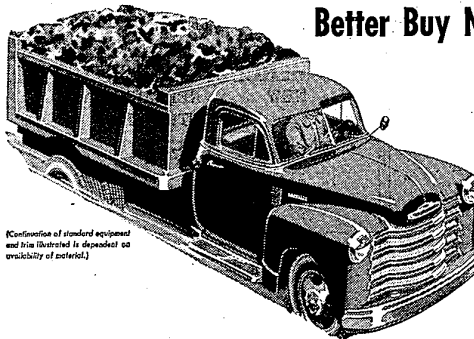
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