

THE MICHIGAN MIRROR

By GENE ALLEMAN

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to force up the prices of price cutting" retailers?

"It's wide open," said Palmer referring to the gasoline field. He pointed to the fact that "fringe" motorists had prospered as profit restraint does not exist.

It also made reference to his figures showing a cost of living increase of 87 1/2% as compared with a 60% increase in the cost of gas.

He said further, that of the 13 percents, two in state and one in federal taxes had to be passed on to consumers. "There were also four price decreases since OPA," he added.

Investigations by the committee began the middle of June and included a trip to Washington to compare notes with a federal committee also checking gas pricing. "We felt that it would be a duplication of effort if we questioned all oil companies," Broomfield explained. "About 80% of the whole-sale business in the state is involved in interstate commerce and the Justice Department has about 30% of its staff investigating this problem at a national level," he continued.

"Oil companies charge all that the traffic will bear," claimed Joseph P. Hadley during committee hearings. Hadley is general counsel and secretary of the Michigan Petroleum Association, an organization of 400 gasoline jobbers. He claimed this practice to be an established oil industry policy.

Palmer said that Hadley's statement could be stated a different way which would "have a more acceptable tone." Oil companies charge all competition will permit them to charge.

"Another hearing highlight came when M. E. Greenbaum, gas station owner in Dearborn, claimed that many kinds of pressures were directed at him when he reduced the retail price of gas to 25.9 cents per gallon when "name" brands were selling for 30 cents. Among these were closing off his local supply, which meant he had to haul gas more than 100 miles, and a city ordinance which prevented his station from operating 24 hours per day.

Big companies do less business now than previously, claims Palmer. He produced a statement by Dr. Robert E. Wilson, chairman of the board for Standard Oil of Indiana which read: "At the time of the dissolution of the Standard Oil Trust in 1911, Standard of Indiana was the only large oil company in the middle west, doing about 80% of the business. Over the years we have seen one company after another, both new and old, grow and prosper. Today 22 of the companies which compete in this area have assets of over \$100,000,000, and Standard does less than 20% of the business."

"Tank wagon" prices will have to be reduced if retail prices are to drop, said John W. Nerlinger, secretary of the Retail Gaso-

line Dealers Association of Detroit. He said dealers pay 18.8 cents per gallon, plus 5.3 in federal and state taxes. "Profit per gallon in Detroit ranges between 3.7 and 5.97 cents per gallon," the secretary said.

Retail margin in Duluth, Minnesota, is 5.3; in Green Bay, Wisconsin, it's 5 cents.

Cost of investigation proceedings was about \$1,200, said Rep. Broomfield, who added that the committee was allowed \$1,500.

"We are sure that this amount will be saved many, many times over by the people of Michigan in holding down unjustified price increases in the cost of gasoline as well as other commodities," the young Representative concluded.

In Korea



CPL. DAVID A. DIRMAYER

Corporal David A. Dirmeyer, pictured above, is now on duty in Korea where he is assigned as driver for Colonel Ewell of the Headquarters Company of the 9th Infantry Regiment.

Dirmeyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dirmeyer of 34595 Alameda in Farmington.

NOVI NEWS

By MRS. GEORGE WATTS
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Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bell are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter last Monday.

The W. E. C. S. of the Novi Methodist Church will hold a bazaar and chop suey luncheon at the Novi Community Hall on Wednesday, November 4, starting at 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served throughout the day.

Mrs. Arthur Gass spent Sunday in Detroit with friends.

Mrs. Kate Cummings and granddaughter, Mrs. Allen Craft of Royal Oak, were Wednesday visitors at the Waite home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Sr., drove their son, Richard, back to Ohio Sunday after spending the week end here with his wife.

In 1941, about 39% of Alabama's coal production was mechanically loaded; now the figure is 88%.

Concert Series For Young People Starts Oct. 31

Four Programs Set By Detroit Symphony

The tremendous interest shown in last year's Young People's Concert Series by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has resulted in an extended four-Saturday offering this year.

The programs, which are presented at 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Auditorium, will be staged on October 31, November 28, February 20 and on March 6 and each is of one hour duration.

This outstanding series of truly great music has been planned especially for the young people.

Valter Poole will open the series with the Overture to "La Gazza Lutra" by Rossini. Master of bel canto music, whose works are marked by stirring melody, brilliant effects and vivacity, Rossini's lyrical music is a treat in itself.

A favorite with the young, Laurance Collins, noted civic leader and educational writer, will again give her superb commentary on each work to be presented.

Those who heard the Detroit Symphony's star violinist, Mischa Mischakoff, last year will certainly not want to miss him in Wagner's "Walter's Prize Song" this year.

Well balanced as to Masters and Moderns, this first concert has for its finale Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol".

Local budding instrumentalists will find this first concert of special interest — for Korsakov was a master orchestrator. His influence as such was exercised directly on the accepted father of modern music, Igor Stravinsky, who in turn influenced our own Duke Ellington and Aaron Copeland.

The brilliant instrumentation employed in this last number makes this particular concert a must for every serious student of modern orchestration.

Designed to hold the young people's interest, the concerts offer an excellent emotional and educational experience on the young peoples' own level of development.

Each concert has its theme: October 31 is "The Orchestra", November 28, "Music from Many Lands", February 20, "Dances from Classical to Modern" and March 6, "Orchestra with Solists".

Americans of all ancestries are offered their musical heritage in this series. It is hoped that Farmingtonians will uphold this fine tradition of great music at reasonable prices by making it a much a family affair as possible.

Reservations, on which the deadline is October 23, are now acceptable at local schools.

The largest color photograph transparencies ever made — 15 feet high by 60 feet long — are featured at Eastman Kodak's Colorama exhibit in Grand Central Terminal, New York City.

CONFERENCE 'SCOOP' SET FOR EDITORS

Publishers, editors and writers for Michigan weekly and daily newspapers, visiting Michigan State College October 30 and 31 for the Community Newspaper Editorial Conference, may get a "scoop" story.

An important announcement is expected from Prentiss M. Brown, Mackinac Bridge Authority chairman, about the proposed link between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

Brown, former U. S. senator from Michigan and now board chairman of Detroit Edison Company, will speak on Friday, October 30, after the opening luncheon. Mrs. Lynn Post, Route 2, Rockford, and Charles Davis of Onondaga, will speak on the same program, outlining what they want in their community newspapers.

Exhibits showing how newspapers can aid farm and rural areas with presentation of projects will be submitted by editors for display.

JSC extension director D. B. Varner will talk on "The 3-D of Community Service" at the Friday evening banquet and the motion picture, "It Happens Every Thursday" will be shown.

Biggie Munn, Spartan football coach, will have breakfast with the group, who later will be guests at the MSU - Oregon State game.

Panel speakers Saturday afternoon on Community newspaper goals will include Dr. Ernest Britton, Midland superintendent of schools; James Hosterman, agricultural agent, and Sheriff Erwin Kubath of Berrien County, and Mayor Hubert J. Brown of Marshall.

The Michigan Press Association co-sponsors the conference with the MSC departments of information services and journalism.

Hunt Season Begins — Two Fatally Injured

Two persons have been killed and at least seven wounded during the first two weeks of Michigan's 1953 hunting seasons, open since October 1, the conservation department reports.

The state police headquarters post at Lansing reveals that William Perry, 25, of Jackson, was fatally wounded while hunting ducks near Jackson on October 3.

Also Thomas Mayotte, 25, of Sault Ste. Marie, was killed while hunting ducks in Chippewa County on October 9.

The other gunshot wounds were of less consequence, except for that of one hunter, Frank Kolodziej of Detroit. He was mistaken for a bear and seriously wounded.

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Looking Ahead

By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

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prizes is essential to growth and expansion."

It is true that in the last 20 years American industry has expanded. But the expansion has been stimulated largely by the federal government's huge expenditures on war. We dare not accept a war economy longer than is absolutely necessary because of the danger of federal govern-

ment dominance becoming permanent. The transition away from this dominance should begin at once. As the shift is made private enterprise can expand normally and wholesomely if tax rates are cut so that incentive for investment is restored. Given normal incentive the private enterprise system will carry our nation to higher and higher living standards, whereas a government dominated system would shortly begin lowering our standard of living.



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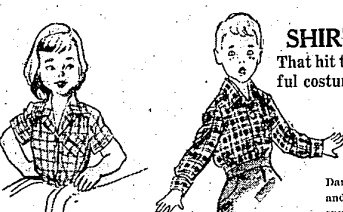
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