

State Reorganization Of School Districts Going On At Rapid Pace

Reorganization of school districts is going on at a pace unequalled in the history of Michigan. Clare L. Taylor, superintendent of Public Instruction, stated this week. In 1930, there were 6,700 school districts in the state; 20 years later, in 1950, the number was down to 4,318. Districts were joining together at the rate of about 110 per year.

This year the number in operation is 4,237, or a reduction of about 700 in four years. Actually, since January 1, districts have been disappearing at the rate of one per day.

According to Taylor, there are several reasons for reorganization. One is the Area Studies Act, passed by the Legislature, set-

Steady Increase In New Home Building Reported

A total of 267 new home building permits were issued in the City and Township of Farmington combined during the first six months of this year, a report from the Detroit Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission, issued last week, disclosed.

Of this total 226 were issued by the city and 41 by the township. It is expected that even a larger number of building permits will be issued during the second half of the year as the result of concentrated project building. A definite rise will be recorded in the city with work now started on a proposed 450 homes in the Helaine Hills housing development in the northeast corner of the city.

To better indicate the rapid residential build-up in Farmington Township, a comparison of figures is necessary. This year 226 permits for private homes in the township were issued, as compared with 162 permits issued during the first six months of 1953. In 1952, before the building boom started, only a handful of 20 permits for new home construction were issued during the six month period.

The building boom has not been concentrated in this area alone, but is similar throughout all of Oakland County. During the first six months of this year, building permits were issued for a total of 3,717 new homes in the county. This represents a gain of 32.2% over the same period in 1953 and a 66.2% gain over 1952.

The City of Oak Park leads in number of building permits issued for the first six months of this year. A total of 1,025 permits were issued for the first half year.

Garage Door Panels Can Be Easily Replaced

Did the wife recently smash through a panel in the garage door with the family car — or was it the man of the house?

In either case, don't fret over it. It's actually pretty easy to fix.

With a sharp chisel, cut out the molding that holds the panel in place. Knock out the panel, then smooth down the rabbets in the stiles and rails.

Cut a new panel out of water-proof exterior plywood of the proper thickness. Set the new panel into the door and secure with quarter-rounds of other moldings that match those removed.

Imports into the U. S. of residual fuel oil — a heavy, thick waste product from the refining process that is valueless for home heating and can be burned only in industrial boilers — rose 6% in 1953 over 1952.

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BLUE-GOLD STAR TO BE FEATURED IN AUGUST SKIES

A "University of Michigan star" will be the astronomical highlight for the month of August, says Hazel M. Losh, U-M associate professor of astronomy.

Professor Losh points out that the "Michigan star" actually is a double star found at the foot of the Northern Cross in the Milky Way. The star's two components are strikingly in contrast, one a decided blue and the other a distinct yellow, hence the name.

According to the professor, the top of the cross is marked by Betelgeuse, "one of the great stars, estimated to be 400 light years distant and perhaps 10,000 times more luminous than our sun."

The Northern Cross is found in the zenith of the Milky Way, she adds, and may be located by tracing a line through the busy part from Cassiopeia, giant letter "W" in the northeast.

Production of the top 15 bituminous operating coal organizations in 1953 totalled 118,625,725 tons, more than \$45 million tons better than the total for this group in 1952.

Local Boy Takes Part In Seafair

Seaman Dis Deemer, son of Lydia Deemer of 21207 Parker, was reported last week by the Navy as being aboard the heavy cruiser U. S. S. Toledo, one of 50 ships in Task Force 12.

Conducting the largest training exercise by the Pacific Fleet since the end of World War II, the Task Force recently took part in the Annual Seattle "Seafair", and gave the residents of the Puget Sound area a view of U. S. Naval might.

About 18,000 naval personnel took part in the three-week-long exercises including the "Seafair" and visits to Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bellingham, Washington.

The exercises were designed to train new personnel in all types of emergency "at sea" situations during the interim between tours of duty with United Nations naval forces in the Far East.

Rear Admiral Maurice E. Curtis, commander of the Task Force, flew his flag aboard the Toledo during the exercises.

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Bloodmobile To Be In W. Bloomfield August 19

In hopes of helping to ease the critical blood shortage which now exists in Oakland County, an emergency blood bank has been scheduled at the West Bloomfield Town Hall for Thursday, August 19.

The bank, to be located in the township building at 4460 Orchard Lake Road, will be open from the hours of 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 6 to 9 in the evening. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be between the ages of 18 and 59. Anyone meeting these requirements can give. Everyone who can possibly do so is urged to give.

A super-strong conveyor belt — fruit of U. S. industrial research — has been developed to make possible the haulage of thousands of tons of coal an hour on one continuous belt 3 miles long. It is a mile longer than any presently in use.

FOREST FIRE DAMAGE

Fourteen acres were damaged in 31 reported forest and grassland fires in Michigan last week, the conservation department reports.

To date this year, 3115 acres have been reported damaged. A report covers all lands in Michigan except federal forests.

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Trailer production and sales figures show that more people buy trailers to live in than to travel in. The most popular size trailer is 35 feet and the average price for that size is \$4,200. Experienced trailerists say that a trailer under 20 feet is good for travel, not so good for steady living. Anything over 30 feet is fine for living, not so good for travel.

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