



Your Friends and Neighbors

Along The Creek In Woodcreek

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Marilyn Nelson, daughter of the Roy Nelsons of Millbrook, is finally showing the benefits due a young school teacher with a family's work behind her. She will sail on the "Flandre" on July 23 for Europe and ten weeks of study and travel.

Her itinerary includes a two-week stay in Paris, four weeks study at Cannes on the Riviera, a short stop at London, Brussels, Florence, Switzerland, Rome, Venice, and any other interesting places she can fit into her schedule.

Marilyn has to see which and how many English-speaking courses are offered at Cannes before deciding what she is going to study. It sounds too appealing, she plans on studying French.

Lloyd, Peg and Ginny Nelson will drive to New York where they will see "Shangri-La," and do some shopping and sight-seeing.

John Coyle of Millbrook has been pronounced in good shape and is being allowed to come home from the hospital.

John and Emma left by train for Seattle June 2 to attend a wedding and visit relatives and start a three week vacation. They flew to Carmel, California, and after a few days flew to San Francisco, where they joined old friends Mrs. Angie Burris and Mrs. Nettie Doyle, who drove them back to Michigan.

June 21 they had a blow-out in Emmetburg, Iowa, and their car turned over. All escaped with black eyes and bruises with the exception of Mr. Coyle, who was thought to be more seriously hurt. A thorough check and treatment followed and he is now home and all right.

THE DRIVER'S SEAT



The British, said a highway expert recently, drive on the left hand side of the road, the Americans on the right, and the French favor the middle. The British, he continued, are willing to concede that an automobile is not as fast as a plane, but the French try to prove that it is. And this expert added that a great many Americans are apparently as skeptical as the French about a car's potential speed.

There is more here than meets the eye; more, that is, than a mere restatement of the well-known fact that driving habits differ in different countries. The heart of the matter is the difference between individuals when they get behind the wheel. There are undoubtedly a great many Frenchmen who never confuse a highway with a runway at an airport. And there are, despite our appalling traffic toll, many Americans who always drive safely. But there are too many other Americans who never acquire the safe-driving habit. These motorists may be kind to old ladies and good to their families, but they're poison on the highway. They ignore the rules of the road, tear through stop signs, pass other cars on curves and hills, and operate generally as if the highway were their own backyard.

At night, especially, these free-wheeling drivers are a major threat to themselves and to every motorist and pedestrian on the road. They are dangerous enough during the day, when they can see what they're doing. But at night, when their vision is reduced by darkness, they are literally mayhem on the move.

Only a psychiatrist can explain why these drivers perform as they do. Who else can dredge up the reasons for such behavior as passing stop signs and ignoring the light-reflecting markers that warn day and night of danger ahead? It could be, however, that if most of these maniacal motorists submitted to an analyst's couch, they would never get back to the driver's seat.

Constant alertness and safe driving habits on your part give you some protection against these highway hoodlums. You can increase this protection by working with your community for better and safer day-and-night highway marking.

Don't, however, take anything for granted. Remember that the driver approaching you on the road has more than a gun pointed at you—he may be aiming 250 runaway horses right at your radiator.

Takes Over M.E.A. Presidency Job



FRANCIS E. BEEDON

Francis W. Beedon, instructor of political science and sociology at Muskegon Community College since 1946 and social studies teacher in Muskegon schools since 1941, assumed the presidency of the 45,000-member Michigan Education Association July 1, according to an announcement from the M.E.A. headquarters in Lansing.

Beedon, who succeeds John W. English, superintendent of schools from Inkster, becomes the M.E.A.'s 101st president and will serve for a term of one year. He was elected in April, 1955, at the annual representative assembly of the Association when it met in Lansing.

"The improvement of the teaching profession and of its individual members is the great aim of the Michigan Education Association," says Beedon in a statement to the press upon his assumption of presidential duties.

"The M. E. A.'s immediate task is the vigorous promotion of the amendment to the Michigan constitution designed to remove the state education system from partisan politics," he noted.

"Better prepared teachers, improved teaching in the classrooms of Michigan, and more adequate compensations for those who devote their lives and talents to education are continual goals of the M.E.A.," Beedon said.

Beedon's new position makes him presiding officer of the M.E.A. board of directors, of which he has been a member since 1949.

Obituary

Catherine A. Martin
Catherine Agnes Martin, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Martin of 29824 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Township, died Monday, July 2, following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday from the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Fisher of Wellington Road, and after a week-end vacation at Gandy Creek Ranch near Atlanta, Michigan.

The Harold Langs of Old Colony Road recently spent their annual "long week end" with friends at their cottage near Frankfort, Michigan.

Carter Billiu and Dale Preuss are in this week with Boy Scout merit badges and advancements at Camp Agawam, near Lake Orion.

OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES
Property owners in Michigan should not be lulled into a sense of false security when non-payment of taxes fails to churn up a fast legal storm.

Michigan land ownership is governed by a "quiet but firm" tax law and the best way to stay out of trouble is simply pay taxes promptly.

For those who don't, sudden trouble may lie ahead. The law works like this: Persons who fail to pay taxes, either by skipping one year's payment or by continued forgetfulness, will find that the county places the tax on sale, three years after the delinquency occurs. Purchasers may afterward use this tax as a wedge toward acquiring title to the land.

Notices are sent to property owners that taxes are due, but neither state nor local officials are responsible for an owner's failure to pay his taxes. Each owner must take care of that by himself.

Cases occur continually of persons who forget to pay taxes, then "go to sleep" on the subject, and finally wake with a start to find themselves being dispossessed.

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MRS. RAY MATSEN GR. 4-6968

A graduation party honoring their daughter, Mary, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Howe in June. Congratulatory bouquets and mint green streamers decorated the recreation room where a buffet supper was served to 40 guests following commencement exercises. Friends and relatives were present from Royal Oak, Tip-top, and Tecumseh, as well as from Farmington.

Assisting Mrs. Howe were Mary's grandmother, Mrs. E. Linger of Tip-top, and her aunt, Mrs. E. Beal of Tecumseh.

Mary, who has been designing and making her own clothes for the past four years, made for the occasion a frothy ballerina-length gown of embroidered white nylon and Altice blue chrysanthemum taffeta. A corsage bodice with minimal straps was accented with pearl buttons. The full skirt was cut like a redondo with a knife-pleated panel of blue taffeta in front.

Mary will enter Adrian College this fall as a home economics major and will specialize in dressmaking, tailoring and designing.

A Stanley party was held at the home of Mrs. A. Zacharek of West Street on June 25. Games were played after which coffee and donuts were served.

Girl Scout Troop 174 took a three day camping trip last week to Arrowhead Lodge in Kensington Park. The girls did craft work,

making scatter pins, and went hiking. One half of the troop laid out a trail which the other half followed. They cooked outdoors on the cook stoves they had made with the use of their buddy burners. Mrs. Santa, their leader, was assisted by Mrs. Westerlund.

HEALTH DEPT. GIVES SWIMMING TIPS TO YOUNGSTERS

If you want to keep on rocking and rolling, teenagers, don't be tricked into diving into unknown waters.

That advice from the state health department, which today estimated that a number of the 312 deaths from water accidents were caused by the familiar, "Bet you don't dare!"

The department cautioned against going headfirst into the lake before you test the depth of the water; taking a long-distance swim in water over your head; staying in water too long; swimming without a partner; swimming too soon after you eat; and taking a chance by swimming in a gravel pit.

Adding a word to parents, department officials urged that small children playing around the water should be kept within reach at all times and that as a first safeguard against drowning, parents should see to it that their youngsters are taught to swim at an early age, learning safety rules at the same time.

TV Stations To Give Forest Fire Reports

A new technique in the state's forest fire control program went into effect June 25 in the northern lower peninsula. Conservation officials disclosed this week.

In cooperation with the Conservation Department and the U.S. Forest Service, three television stations in the area will present part of their daily weather forecasts throughout the fire season.

The stations are WJEM-TV, Bay City; WTVT, Cadillac; and WPTV-TV, Traverse City. The reports will inform viewers of fire conditions in the northern portion of the peninsula, including warnings to areas where extremely hazardous conditions exist.

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Accepts Forester Post In Conservation Dept.

Peter S. Calkins has accepted a position as forester with the Conservation Department according to Director Gerald E. Eddy.

Calkins will temporarily be stationed in the Upper Peninsula on forest inventory work. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry this year from the University of Michigan.

He and his wife, Carolyn, reside at 25230 Power Road Farmington.

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