



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Right Under Our Nose!

Sometimes back, we got word from the Governor, asking if we wanted to use the State Fire Inspection Team—a group of experts they send around to communities to inspect public buildings.

We sent a letter saying: "Okay! Give us the once-over!" They came down, all right—last week.

After the inspection, we got their report. Came out pretty well, all told. Town Hall and the School were O.K. Post Office just needed more sandbuckets. In fact, everything got a clean bill of health, except—the Fire Station!

From where I sit, we volunteer firemen had just been too blamed busy keeping everyone else on the ball—and not realizing our own firehouse was not up to snuff. Like the man who worries so much about his neighbors—about whether they work hard enough, about whether they can really afford their new car, about their enjoying a temperate glass of beer—that he forgets to take a good critical look at himself now and then.

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## Michigan Mirror

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The director of which would be surrounded by 15 advisory boards. The amount to be saved by this arrangement has not been estimated.

And Senator Crighton R. Coleman (R-Battle Creek) has asked for an advisory group to work with the senate election committee to revise state election laws. He hopes his group will eliminate confusion such as held Michigan in a tight grip for several weeks last election.

The surge of shoppers into the stores this month has sent merchants happily back to reordering after a few weeks of gloomy predictions following Christmas. But reordering they may find some vouchers returned unfilled. Restrictions are beginning to cramp just a bit on metal products.

The trend toward chain store supermarkets is costing Michigan \$300,000 a year. Now there are but 733 stores — in 1937 there were 2,018 stores in the chain store category. The vanished stores all were in the top revenue bracket (\$250 per license yearly) losing the state \$306,250.

A national survey of elementary and secondary public schools throughout the Nation placed Michigan tied with New Jersey for third place in average of teachers' salaries, 1950-51. New York led with \$4,030; California second with \$3,900 and Michigan and New Jersey tied with \$3,700. Michigan led all Middle-Western states including Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. (Survey sponsor: New York Times).

Michigan excels in high industrial wages, educational opportunities and diversity of outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing. That's why Southern workers are again flocking to our industrial centers as they did during World War II.

WASHINGTON  
MERRY-GO-ROUND

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clerk, and Chang Fa-Kwei, a leader of the Cantonese, is in Hong Kong. General Chennault proposes that the United States arm and supervise the guerrillas under a military mission headed by Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of American troops in China during World War II. He also recommends giving the Nationalist forces on Formosa modern planes for raiding the mainland.

"If this is done," says the Flying Tiger, "China will become a flaming hell for the Communists. They won't be able to conquer Korea for putting out fires at home."

RUSSIAN TARGETS  
After all the brickbats congressional Republicans have been tossing at Secretary of State Dean Acheson, it was like sweet music to President Truman when retiring congressman Andy Biemiller, Wisconsin Democrat, told him:

"Mr. President, you showed a lot of spunk by sticking up for Acheson. What many of his critics don't seem to realize is that Acheson is one of the first Americans the Russians would like to shoot. He's the chief engineer of our anti-Soviet policies."

Truman appeared slightly startled, but agreed with Biemiller that a liberal, middle-of-the-road program was what the Russians feared most.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS  
Kenneth Lindsay, a British member of parliament, said to a group in America:

"I have crossed the ocean many times between England and America, but this is the first time I felt I entered a strange world. I can tell you we have no intention to back the befuddled policy of MacArthur."

One American countered that British colonialism toward China Kaitche was part of a play to keep the Communists from taking Hong Kong.

"We know we cannot hold Hong Kong," replied Lindsay, "but we do have a great fear for Malaya. If we lose Malaya, we lose the sterling bloc. And there is no better way to lose Malaya than to go to war in China."

"Our greatest need today," Lindsay emphasized, "is to bring the American and British peoples together."

Northern Counties Get  
\$82,491 For Timber Sales

"Twenty-six northern counties have been mailed checks totaling \$82,491, representing 25 per cent of the timber sale receipts from the five Michigan national forests. According to a U. S. Forest Service report received by the conservation department, this is \$15,538 more than in 1949. Gogole county will receive the largest check, \$14,457, and Roscommon county the smallest, 90 cents.

Payments, in proportion to national forest land in each county, are to be used for schools and roads. Counties, townships and school districts have received this month \$45,830 from a ten cents an acre tax.



By MRS. ROSEMARY JONES

Notes gathered at the 17th District meeting, held at the Southfield Post, January 5, were both interesting and educational. We learned what is being accomplished in other units, heard discussion groups, reports on membership, plans for the future on Americanism, child welfare, Pan Americanism and rehabilitation.

Poppies are now being made throughout the nation in veterans' hospitals, for the poppy sale in May. Over 30,000,000 poppies will be made by veterans for distribution this year.

The 17th District post, at their January 5 meeting, had Commander Haddon B. Hargrove, Negro commander of Watkins Byrd Simmons Post, 445, Ferndale, Michigan, as guest speaker. Comm. Hargrove stressed the point of ways and means to combat Communism among the colored people. To quote Comm. Hargrove, "The Percentage of communists among the colored people is very small, but to entirely eliminate the percentage, would be to improve every day relationship between the two races in education, shops and recreation."

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Southfield Church

The Wheaton College Men's Glee Club of Wheaton, Illinois, will give a concert presentation of sacred music at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 28, at the Southfield Community Presbyterian Church, 21122 Indian Road, 2 blocks north of 8 Mile and 4 blocks east of Inkster Road.

Under the direction of H. William Nordin, associate professor of music at Wheaton College, the four voices will bring a versatile program ranging from chorales to Negro spirituals.

In this, the 23rd year of its existence, the group will cover about 200 miles, singing in 10 states in its 21 days on two tours. Having sung in almost every state in the union, the club will sing in such cities as Detroit, Lansing, South Bend, St. Louis, Little Rock, Memphis, Houston, Austin, Dallas, and Kansas City.

The next meeting of the 17th district will be held at the Nelson Cook American Legion Home in Pontiac, February 2. All members are urged to attend.

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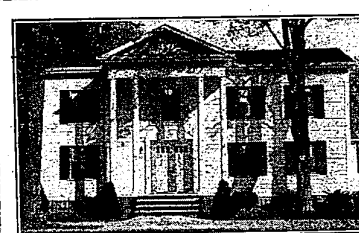
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