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## Editorials

### Where A Sign Is Needed

Motorists driving west on Ten Mile road to get to Grand River avenue have been saying some unpleasant things recently. The air immediately around their machines has been permeated, since the winter began, with expressions that were far from mild.

It's all because of the "dead end" of the Ten Mile paving west of Orchard Lake road. Motorists unfamiliar with the route come west as far as Orchard Lake road and looking ahead, see a nice paved highway before them. They assume that this will bring them, all the while on pavement, right through to Grand River.

After driving less than half a mile they are surprised and disappointed to find that the pavement ends abruptly, with a dirt road ahead and one to the left, and no sign to guide them. Most of them go straight ahead. During and after the recent heavy snowstorm a number were stuck, particularly when they turned south on North Farmington road. In one instance, a woman from Royal Oak, unacquainted with the road, and who had several children in the car, had to obtain help to get her car over the McGee Hill so that she could continue the trip out Grand River.

Until a fully-paved route to Grand River is provided, there ought to be, out of consideration for motorists, a sign placed at Ten Mile and Orchard Lake road, directing them south to Grand River at the Junction, or at least indicating that the pavement ends a short distance ahead.

### All "Born Free and Equal"?

—Hardly

Over a hundred years ago, the founders of Our Country declared that "all men are born equal," and based our government upon that theory. The statement has aroused some argument, but it ought to be settled now. Absolute proof has appeared. The forefathers were wrong, far, far wrong.

Any baby ought to be favored enough, surely, when it is born on the first day of the year, 1930. Its relatives may forget the birthdays of other members of the family, but not that of the child born on New Year's Day. They could hardly forget how many candles to put on the cake, either, so being born January 1 in the year beginning a new decade is another advantage, too.

And now as if that were not enough for any baby born on New Year's Day, just look what the merchants of Royal Oak are doing for the first baby born on New Year's Day, 1930. They advertise in the Royal Oak Tribune that they will each contribute a gift to the first baby, the list of gifts being as follows:

Ivory, high chair, diamond ring, hot water bottle, five gallons of gasoline, carriage robe, baby doll, a silk negligee, framed photograph, basket of flowers, sweater, robe and cap, record book, knitted cap, sweater, and booties, 15-pound turkey, 25 quarts of milk, announcement cards, radio bench, baby bath tub, all wool sweater suit, first

birthday cake, year's newspaper subscription, ton of coal, a basinet, two \$5 gold pieces.

The forefathers may have been right in 1776. But how could they be expected to foresee what modern business and advertising men would do to their theory in the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-nine—for the first baby born in 1930?

### "It's Always The Way"

Michigan political pots are beginning to boil. Candidates are announced, predictions predicted, and office-holders watch reluctantly the days hasten by, bringing them nearer the end of their terms.

Newspapers are commenting, too, but the best we have seen yet is a paragraph by Fred Patterson in the Holly Advertiser. Mr. Patterson is not an old man, but his years are long enough and his observation clear enough to see things as they are. Says he:

"A great many newspapers in the State are evincing an interest in the gubernatorial election next year. It is a subject that interests us but little. Whoever is nominated will declare before election that he will not mix politics with affairs of State, and then after election will do just as he pleases. It's always the way."

Mr. Patterson is quite right. Just as Will Rogers was right before the 1928 presidential campaign, when he said in reference to the farmer getting what he "deserves": "The farmer deserves a punch in the jaw if he thinks that either party cares a whoop about him two weeks after the election; that's all he deserves, and that's all he's going to get."

### Feed The Birds

Don't forget your feathered friends while the snows of winter are piled high upon the earth.

When feeding places are covered thousands of birds perish every winter. If we would have the summer paradise we would like every effort should be made to save their little lives.

Make a feeding sanctuary out of your back yard. Get in the habit of scattering feed of some kind for them every morning. You will be surprised how quickly the news spreads and how many visitors will come to partake of your hospitality.

And next summer they will come back to sing sweet songs in green boughed trees. Your reward will be ample if you make a little contribution in kindness and thoughtfulness while winter days are here.—F. D. K.

### For The New Year

At this season of the year, when the making of resolutions is a subject close to the heart of most everyone a few pledges suggested by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association are singularly appropriate. What comes closer to happiness than health? And what is more true than the fact that health in nine cases out of ten, is lost or preserved as the individual himself guards it?

All of us might therefore consider with profit the proposed resolutions—and resemble as

they may, the words of a child's copy-book, we might remember in considering them that a child's rosy health comes through good food, long hours of sleep, plenty of out of doors play, and frequent medical and dental attention.

If you would enjoy a child's good health, then promise yourself to:

Secure an annual medical examination.

Get plenty of outdoor exercise, in winter as well as summer.

Sleep eight hours each night in a well ventilated room.

Eat slowly, wholesome and digestible food.

Visit the dentist at least once a year.

Always eat, work and play in moderation.

—Michigan Bulletin.

### Why Country Boys Succeed

A new theory has been developed to explain why country boys succeed so well in the city.

It seems that the average country boy thinks that the city fellow is a superman. He must be, he reasons, or he couldn't stand the competition.

Thinking along these lines, the country boy concludes he must work very hard or he will not get ahead in the city.

So he dives in, applying himself to his task with all the vigilance of a small boy who is ambitious to become a big-league pitcher.

In the course of a few years he finds out that city men are not supermen and that he is just as bright as they are. He also discovers that city men are not mules for work, as he supposed. Fortunately, however, by the time the country boy "comes to his senses," he is so entrenched in the habit of industry that he keeps on working hard and builds up a fortune.—Charlotte Tribune.

### When the Insane Are "Sane"

Any person who casually keeps up with the news of the United States frequently reads of instances where persons released from insane asylums as cured have a relapse and kill somebody.

Last week in Vermont a man, who had suffered previous attacks of insanity but had been released from the hospital for the insane, killed his grandmother and nine-year old niece before committing suicide.

It is easy to understand that hospital officials, under continuous pressure from relatives naturally anxious to have their loved ones released, yield to their importunities, and release patients whose mental recovery is a matter of doubt. At the same time, it is of great importance that these officials realize the dangerous character of the individuals that they turn loose on an unsuspecting community.—Exchange.

### The Need Of Towns

We have heard much discussion of what a good town needs. Most towns have plenty of resources and opportunities for industrial and commercial success.

The need of towns is for men of vision to see these possibilities, men of ability to develop them. A good town needs successful men, those who employ labor, build homes and buildings, pay their bills.

A good town needs men who help the other fellows, who wish for success to everyone who undertakes a business venture. Jealousy has no place in community affairs.

The good town demands men who think human thoughts, who are interested in the welfare of the village or city because it will make for happiness and prosperity of their friends and neighbors.

A good town needs men who do not think merely in the present but cast their eyes to the future. They see the children of today and vision them the citizens of tomorrow. Thus they wish a heritage of a good community for those generations yet to come.

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