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Editorials

Duty's Not Always Easy

Being a public official or police officer is not a very pleasant or easy task at any time. Sometimes decisions must be made and action taken when the job is downright disagreeable, and against the personal inclinations of the official doing it.

An example is the arresting of jitney drivers on Grand River by Farmington police on orders from city officials. These officials know that the jitneys have been run by men who were out of work and trying to support their families by picking up a little money on the highway. They agree that the men are to be commended for putting up every kind of resistance they can before going to charitable agencies for assistance. The authorities have just as much sympathy for the men whose arrests were ordered as anyone who might look on and unthinkingly criticize the action taken. Nor do the officials particularly desire to deprive anyone of the convenience of having a machine drive up just at the right time, while one is waiting for licensed transportation.

But the fact remains that the people of Michigan have deemed transportation a matter so important that it was put under State regulation many years ago. Experience has proven that fly-by-night transportation, like fly-by-night merchandising and other activities, are definitely and seriously harmful in the end, although possibly appearing advantageous at the moment. Unrestrained running of all kinds of vehicles by irresponsible people could scarcely be tolerated. For one thing, it is admitted by everyone that the moment employment improves, most of the drivers would abandon their runs and go back to their jobs. Meanwhile, the more substantial operators might be forced out of business by the unrestricted competition, leaving the territory with no dependable service of any kind.

But there is an even more important aspect in which sympathy and humanity enters just as strongly as it does in the case of these jitney drivers with families. Almost every jitney stopped thus far has been so old and dilapidated as to make the possibility of accident many times greater than in the case of supervised, inspected carriers. Protection of the public, of their own fellow-citizens, demanded that the authorities do their utmost to end this hazard.

Is it not possible that should the jitneys have continued to run, and a serious accident have occurred which might have been attributed to the condition of the unlicensed vehicle, there would have arisen considerable criticism of the officials for permitting such things to go on?

Everyone Else Knows It

The sign's still there. Yet "four out of every five" drivers go straight through on Grand River, and everyone seems to know that the road isn't "closed"—except the State Highway Department.

Help Clothe A Kiddie!

Two long, lingering months at least remain before Winter will abate and give respite from its cold, wind, snow, ice and accompanying discomforts. Unfortunately there will be hardship, want, suffering before Spring, some of it at our very doors.

But fortunately there are public-spirited citizens who rise to the needs that develop, and while they cannot prevent it all, they will do much to alleviate the distress, to moderate Winter's harshness upon those most desperately in want. Some of them live in Clarenceville, and having seen the need close at hand, they have taken upon themselves a job that deserves the support of everyone who can spare the price of a dance-ticket.

Fifteen hundred tickets have been printed, and if every ticket is sold and everyone who buys one attends the dance, the committee will have somewhat of a problem on its hands that evening. But whether you would use the ticket or not, a little kiddie whose father is out of a job will be, oh so thankful for the warm clothes your twenty-five cents helped to buy.

Different Ways Of Living And Dying

Three years ago, A movie star of fabulous income dies. Crowds mill for hours, days, around the funeral parlor where his body lies. Troops of mounted policemen hold them in check. The idol is buried in a bronze casket reputed to cost ten thousand dollars. He leaves behind scores of suits of clothes, hundreds of neckties, thousands of pictures on the walls of rooms where maidens sigh. Mountains of flowers, an elaborate funeral cortege, and afterward a fight over administration of his estate.

This week, Nathan Straus, who made millions and gave practically all away in milk stations for children of the poor, in emergency unemployment relief, in charitable enterprises of every kind, passes away. He is buried, in accordance with his own request, in a plain pine box, without flowers, or eulogy.

Men live differently, die differently, and are buried in different ways. What they have been in life is more likely to endure than the sturdiest metal they can find to lie in, in death.

Sad Is He

A saddened man
Is Marcellus Mears,
He bought his license
Before New Year's.

Clarenceville

Harold Sanders of Detroit spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Robert Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis T. Roberts left Sunday morning for St. Louis, where his mother is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hazen of Redford spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson.

Mrs. F. Hallock and daughters, Shirley and Rosemary, attended a theatre in Detroit, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles French entertained a number of friends at their home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bensteel of Redford spent Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeWitte.

Mrs. Lawrence Gouin and daughter, Janet left Saturday for South Lyon, where they will spend the week at the home of Mrs. Gouin's mother, Mrs. Budson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waack were callers at the home of Mrs. Waack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Waack on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Twedale and daughters, Ethel and Annetta attended a theatre in Detroit, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons of Pontiac were callers at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. L. Gouins, Saturday.

Miss Irah Knott of Clinton, visited at the home of Miss Annetta Twedale, Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Waack entertained the Baseline Pedro club at her home Thursday. There were two tables of cards, prizes going to Mrs. C. Witte, Mrs. Earl Ransier and Mrs. W. Thornton.

Saturday evening, January 17, Mr. and Mrs. C. Witte will entertain the Five Hundred club at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Monett spent Sunday at the Dunlop home at Ann Arbor.

Monday evening, January 19th, at 8 o'clock the Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Central School on Base Line road. A fine program is assured everyone.

Several from here attended the evening service at Southfield on Sunday to hear the Birmingham M. E. choir.

A benefit pedro party for the Boy Scouts of Clarenceville will be given in the Oddfellows hall, Friday evening, January 16. There will be good prizes and a good lunch.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Herald Cox entertained the Cheerful circle at a social party. A luncheon was served the ladies.

Mrs. Fred Wilkerson entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church at their regular monthly meeting.

Betty Mae and LeVerne Kurtz of Strathmoor spent the week end with their cousin, Mel Witte.

Miss Meta Jorgensen is confined to her home on account of illness.

Mrs. E. Munroe, Mrs. R. Munroe and Mrs. Harold Weltner will be hostesses for the Middle Belt Card club Saturday evening, January 17. Cards at 9 o'clock and dancing later will be on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner spent Wednesday in Highland Park with relatives.

The Girl Scout executive board will hold a business meeting at 4 o'clock Monday, January 19 at the school house on Base Line road.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lapham of South Lyon spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. Witte.

Floyd Lapham and Clarence Witte attended the scout commissioners' dinner in Pontiac on Monday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Malby entertained her club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkowski of Purling Brook road are the parents of a girl, born Saturday morning. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Misses Janet and Edith Waack and Miss Jones attended the theatre in Redford, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen with Mrs. Shoemaker left Sunday morning for Carlinville, Ill., to spend a week at the home of Mrs. Jensen's uncle, Carl Sites.

Base Line Pedro club will meet with Mrs. Earl Ransier Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy and family and Robert LaTour spent Saturday in Detroit.

Donald Rogers, while playing in a house under construction on

Saturday, had the misfortune to fall from the top floor into the basement, striking on his arm and breaking the large bone near the shoulder. He was taken to a doctor in Redford by his grandmother, Mrs. O. Jensen and later to his home. Though the injury is very painful, Donald is able to be up and around the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waack and family motored to Byron, Mich., to spend Sunday at the home of the former's brother, George Waack and family.

Robert LaTour spent Monday at White Lake at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. C. Graham.

Neil Bertram of Detroit spent Saturday with Fred and Jack Laht.

Mrs. Herald Cox entertained the Cheerful Circle at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kerentoff of Dearborn visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Norris, Tuesday.

Miss Marie Monett spent the week end with Miss Wood in Rosedale Park.

James Ryal of Clarenceville is a member of the January graduating class of Redford High School.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Monett had as their guests Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shipp of Detroit. Later all attended the party held at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bever and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aldrich spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich.

Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rossow in Northville.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Schweizer and son, Conrad and Miss Ellen Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts, who had the distinction of being the first couple married in the New Year in Detroit, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duckett and daughters, Marie and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich entertained Mr. and Mrs. Benedict of Port Lampton, Ont., on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billing and family attended a Detroit theatre on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer and children attended a theatre in Detroit, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers and son, Donald are staying at the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen, while the latter are visiting in Carlinville, Ill.

Clinton Spies left Monday for Lansing where he will be a page in the Capitol building.

Mrs. Willard Oliver and Mrs. Fred Mae attended the public installation of officers of the Hazel Pingree Auxiliary of Spanish War Veterans, Thursday evening, in Detroit.

Mrs. Mattie Burt substituted for Miss Jessie Way, teacher at the Edgewood School this week.

Mrs. Milton Purkey was hostess to her card club Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Headerle and daughters spent the week end at their cottage at Runyons Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich attended the funeral of Frank Hallett of Orchard Lake road on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Murray and daughter, Mary of Detroit, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Durham, Saturday.

Mrs. Case entertained the Blue Bird circle at her home, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bert Armitage entertained friends from Toledo, O., Sunday.

Mrs. Russell Munro entertained the George Farmer family on Sunday at their home on Poncianna drive.

Mrs. M. Mendis is very ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkowski of Purling Brook Manor are the happy parents of a daughter, born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Purkey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed in Detroit, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jarist had Mr. Edgar and daughter, Hazel of Detroit as Sunday guests.

Mrs. Margaret Cook and daughter, Margaret of Detroit spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Durham.

Mrs. Maitland Fox, chairman of

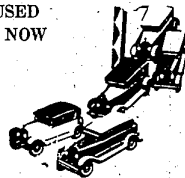
the entertainment committee of the Rebekah lodge will hold a card and dancing party at the I. O. O. F. hall, Tuesday evening, January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schweizer, Saturday evening.

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