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Editorials

What Do You Mean, "Possible"?

A dispatch from Lansing at the conclusion of the special session of the Legislature included a paragraph to the effect that several members of the house including Rep. P. J. Miller of Walled Lake, had been appointed as members of the special legislative commission to investigate possible price fixing combinations by gasoline companies.

That's interesting, particularly around here, and the Commission will find some perplexing facts in connection with the present prices of gasoline in various places. Possessing, as they undoubtedly do, at least a measure of powers of observation, the commission of which Mr. Miller is a member will have no difficulty in finding, within a few miles of his home, in the Novi and Farmington area a most astonishing situation in regard to the price of gasoline.

One of the major oil companies maintains a number of tanks at Novi for receiving and storing gasoline, right down by the railroad tracks a few feet from Grand River Road. Now these tanks supply Novi, Farmington, and the rest of this immediate area. Gasoline is hauled by truck from these tanks to Farmington, as well as the short distance to the stations right there in Novi.

What are the prices set for gasoline in the two towns? According to the company's "zone" schedule set recently, "regular" gas which sells at 12½ cents in downtown Detroit, is to bring 15 cents a gallon in Farmington and two cents more, or 17 cents a gallon in Novi (eight gallons for \$1.20 and \$1.36 respectively).

Is there a reason for this higher price, this difference of 16 cents on an average "filling" of gasoline? Let us see. The gasoline is hauled from the tanks at Novi to the Novi service station, a distance of a quarter of a mile. There it sells for 17 cents. But from the storage tanks in Novi to the stations in Farmington, is a haul of over five miles, and yet this same gasoline, hauled 20 times as far, is to be sold for two cents less a gallon in Farmington. Can it be possible that it no longer costs money to transport gasoline or other commodities by truck, and that the farther you haul it the less it costs? Or does cost have no relation to selling price, as is sometimes suspected?

Newspaper correspondents find it advisable to be cautious in their writings, and most of them are. But recalling the phrase referring to the "commission to investigate possible price-fixing combinations by gasoline companies," one is inclined to regard this one as super-cautious, and is constrained to ask: "What do you mean, sir, 'possible'?"

A Bat And A Ball

It is pretty hard to tell who enjoys Farmington's new soft ball contests the most, those who play, those who look on, or even the two umpires.

The games were started chiefly with the object of affording those participating a bit of fun and some needed exercise and recreation. But they have provided a good deal more, for everyone has entered into the play in the spirit in which it was put forward, forgetting the cares of the day and giving themselves over to unmixing enjoyment of the sport. There are the middle-aged fellows who played baseball when Ty Cobb was revolutionizing the game and before "indoor ball" was even invented, who well remember their younger days when any male wearing golf knickers was a rare sight and was regarded as somewhat of a "sissy." They mingle with their juniors who have grown up in an age of golf, some of whom may seldom if ever have played with a real baseball and have never known what it means to catch the spheroid thrown with all possible speed by a companion who wants to see if he can "make it stink." Everyone appears to have a "rip-snoring good time," and nothing that has been started hereabouts in a long time seems to have produced quite as much good feeling and good-will, breaking down restraint and promoting understanding, as these twilight epics of bat and ball.

The crowds keep on growing but the admission price remains the same—nothing. The players even pay for their own equipment and then perform without fee, something you can't get anywhere else. Nobody ought to miss it.

Complete Uselessness

It has been frequently noted that the best way to breed disrespect for and disregard of laws or regulations of any kind is to make a lot of useless ones. The signal light at the Junction, where Orchard Lake Road joins Grand River, qualifies as one of the most needless objects in this part of the State.

To proceed down the line a bit, just what purpose the signal at the intersection of Grand River and the Cut-off is supposed to serve is a mystery. It might be needed some day, but there is no traffic on the Cut-off now, and none will develop for some months. When it does arrive the signal that has been installed won't help any. Not one driver in ten can figure out just what it means when it blinks back and forth, and most of them are going too fast to be able to obey if they could understand it. So they go right on through.

A good deal of first-class slaughter at the intersections, at both

ends, will appear among the other "blessings" of the Cut-off shortly after it is opened to 60-mile an hour traffic.

A Tragedy Or A Blessing?

We heard the other day of a man who is nearly 70 years old, has never used a tooth-brush, and yet has a perfect set of teeth. It's always pleasant to learn of such unusual phenomena, and the gentleman himself undoubtedly enjoys his good fortune, too. But what if a thing like that became common? Just think—if nobody had to use a tooth-brush, and nobody needed tooth-paste, we would have no Amos 'n Andy.

Would that be a tragedy—or a blessing?

'Tis Well

When Spring has stolen o'er the land
And with a scented breath,
Has brought to life on every hand,
The flower, the tree, the heath.

When gentle wave of magic wand
Has made the lilac bloom,
The bull-frog's tones from out the pond
Put all the world in tune.

The faint aroma in the air
That's wafted on the breeze,
Makes me seek out the hidden lair
Of sweet anemones.

The world from drab is changed to green.
How proud each bush and tree;
As they are in their splendor seen,
They coyly nod at me.

Could nature but her story tell,
I'd know the mystery
Of life. For hill and glen and dell
The secret holds for me.

'Tis well.

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West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Adams, Pastor
22333 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning service with junior and senior sermons.

11:45 Bible school. We are bringing to the church over fifty boys and girls who otherwise could not attend. We can take care of more if the parents will let us know where to pick up the children. The boys and girls are brought to and from the church in cars marked Baptist Sunday school.

6:30 Young People's Hour. Two groups meeting at the same time.

7:30 Evangelistic service. This week the pastor will speak on "The Chains of Sin."

Wednesday night's subject will be "The Bible and Christian Science agree."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Gramsch, Pastor

10:30 Divine Service.

The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"The Second Mile" will be the theme of the sermon which John Dalgarno, Supt. of Schools will deliver next Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. Johnson will preach.

We also cordially invite you to our Sunday School which meets each Sunday at noon.
Wednesday evening the mid-wednesday service is held. Come and worship with us.

Evangelical Church

Sunday School, 10:15.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Rev. Nielderhoffer of Owasso, Michigan will conduct the service. Bring your family and friends.

TO GIVE CARD PARTY

The North East Boy Scouts Troop No. 48 will give a card party May 20th at 8 o'clock at the Bond school, Refreshments. Everyone is cordially invited. Admission 25c.

They are no longer road hogs. They have assumed the dignity of elephantine size.

WEST POINT PARK
Mrs. William Zwahlen
333-F-3

Mother and Daughter banquet will be May 26th.
Mr. and Mrs. John Grimm were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood entertained the Business Women Club and their daughters Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peterson and son Lauris from Plainfield were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Sanderson and children of Detroit were guests Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smith of Rosedale Park, were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Margaret Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Burns, Mrs. Mabel Hinkle of Detroit and Mrs. Grover Stevenson two daughters, Nora and Fern of Buffalo were guests Sunday of Mrs. E. M. Rowe.

Mrs. A. Berger, daughter Helen George and grand-daughter were guests at the Middlewood home Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Gerge and Miss Siame Hokkanen of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mrs. Alma Stewart daughters Virginia and Margaret of Detroit were guests Sunday of her sister Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Owen of Detroit were guests Sunday and Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westphall of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer in Detroit.

Ernest Voorheis and son Harold of Detroit were guests Saturday of Ralph Voorheis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, daughter Betty, son Ralph of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barger and family of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. August Helegar and family of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oulette.

Rev. John Adams, his mother, Mrs. John Adams and sister Jean of Redford were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault two daughters Deloris Jean and Shirley Lavan returned home Monday evening after a weeks visit with the latter's mother, Mrs. Sheets of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebert Adams and family are moving to Indiana this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, son Donald of Detroit were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gilbert.



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