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## Editorials

Like The Roman God With Two Faces

The plaintiffs in the Woodward avenue-Grand Trunk right-of-way suit being heard at Pontiac by Judge Lamb of Cadillac, brother of Arthur Lamb of Farmington, impress one as being somewhat like the statues of the Roman god Janus, whose head had two faces, one looking each way. Facing in one direction they say that the State has wasted money, that it has paid over a million dollars too much for the new right-of-way—paying it, that is, to other property-owners and for the benefit of the Grand Trunk. But the same people, as owners of property along the new right-of-way, face in the other direction when it comes to the State paying them for their land. A commission many months ago awarded them damages for the injury to their properties, but the State officials (whom they are now accusing of "extravagance") declared it was too much for the State to pay, and appealed to the Supreme Court, an appeal that is now pending. So in court at Pontiac these plaintiffs are saying "the State paid too much" but in court at Lansing the same folks are saying, defending the award to themselves: "No, the State did not pay too much—not to us." Private citizens constantly assail politicians for being "on the fence," but in this instance the private citizens have gone the public officials one better—they are not merely on the fence, but they manage to be in different courts on opposite sides of the same issue at one and the same time.

Aside from the fact that all of the plaintiffs but one are owners of property along the right-of-way and have been in constant litigation in opposition to the State officials over damages to their property for the past two years, the "case" exudes a strong, unmistakable odor of politics. It is five years since the contract was signed and the plaintiffs themselves have been quarrelling with the State in court over damages for more than a year, but somehow they just discovered that this immense "fraud" was being perpetrated on the taxpayers of the State—"discovered" it a few weeks before election, with time enough to broadcast all of the attack, but without permitting sufficient time for trial of the issue on its merits.

It is not beyond the bounds of credibility that the plaintiffs would witness without shedding of tears the displacement of public officials who have prevented them, temporarily at least, from receiving considerable sums in damages, by taking an appeal to the Supreme Court in the cases involving their own property. A sensational-appearing injunction suit, started at the proper moment, and clothed with the semblance of scandal and fanned by a Detroit newspaper, none too friendly toward the State administration (but quite friendly to the idea of getting some more circulation for itself in Oakland County)—such might have some influence on the election and consequently on the continuance in positions of authority of the officials who have handled the right-of-way work thus far (with none too agreeable results to the complainants). This sort of maneuver will not, however, fool or stampede intelligent people. Not merely the best-educated American people, but all classes of citizens have on innumerable occasions demonstrated an unwavering instinct for fair play, and a very distinct distaste for anything that smacks even slightly of the opposite. There are some quite definite indications of a similar reaction toward this pre-election lawsuit.

### Autumn Splendor

Rarely have the autumn colorings of the trees around Farmington been so striking as they are this year. They never have been more beautiful, it seems safe to say—because they couldn't be. The woods on either side of Orchard Lake Road between Eleven and Twelve Mile (to mention just one spot in many), are worth driving hundreds of miles to see. But in a day or two the gorgeous hues will be gone—already the leaves are dropping fast. If you haven't looked upon or a sight equally breath-taking, get in your car today and drive over. Your chance will soon be gone, perhaps not only for one year but for several. Not every autumn presents sights like this one.

### Some Other Town's Firemen, Maybe—But Not Ours

Superintendent of Public Works "Bill" Maas and Leon Green have painted part of the town red—that part being the street-sign poles on the various corners of the city, and also the hydrants. Someone suggested that the hydrants should be painted yellow, but it is understood that this suggestion was not made for the benefit of Farmington firemen, that they might be able to tell which were the street-signs and which the hydrants. One can imagine, perhaps, some other town's firemen, on their way to a blaze, hurrying up in front of a hydrant to see whether they were on the right street to get to the fire, or rushing up to a street-sign near the place to attach their hose—one can imagine that of some other town's firemen, perhaps, but not ours.

### "Human Beings?"

"Prison Guard Confesses Plot To Kill Comrade, Aid Escape"—headline in daily newspaper. A few years ago a man wrote a book called, "Why We Behave Like Human Beings?" But even in this, "the most advanced country in the greatest civilization the world has ever known," it seems that we still have some distance to travel before we can say that men do "behave like human beings."

### In Memoriam—Jessie Bonstelle

Whose Lovely Spirit left us October 14, 1932

"All the World's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

—Shakespeare.

How well she played her part.  
Let loving lips portray.  
Her life work was her monument;  
Her epitaph, enshrined in living hearts,  
A galaxy of stars.

And now, her life's work done,  
Who is there here  
To fill her "customed" place?  
Echo answers, from the darkened stage  
Whose curtain is Eternity: "None!"

Farmington, Mich.

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## CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.  
Daily Mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church  
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.  
10:30 Sermon. Theme, "Pray it Through."

11:45 Bible School.  
6:30 Young Peoples Hour.  
7:30 Evangelistic service. Sermon subject, "Good to the Last Drop."

Evangelical Church  
H. Niedermeyer, Pastor

10:15 a. m. Service in English.  
Text: James 5. 1-11. Topic: Indestructible Treasures. The choir will sing. Mrs. Edgar, organist.

11:15 Sunday School. Erskine W. Evans, superintendent. Come and bring your children.

October 25 the Detroit Federation of the Women's Union will meet at St. Luke's church on Warren Avenue.

October 26. All the organizations of the church will give a Halloween Party in the parish hall.

October 27 and 28. The annual Regional Conference of the Detroit District will convene at Warren, Mich. The various organizations will take part in this conference.

Members and friends kindly remember the annual donations of canned goods, vegetables, apples, pears, potatoes, etc. for our benevolent institutions in Detroit. Articles may be brought to the parish hall any time between November 3 and 12.

Methodist Church  
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"Loyalty to a Great Cause," the third in a series on "Religious Experiences," will be discussed Sunday morning by the Pastor, Rev. F. C. Johnson. He will also preach Sunday evening at 7:30.

A unique reception was given Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Johnson last Wednesday evening at the church in the nature of a surprise food shower. The dining room tables were loaded with jellies, canned fruit and vegetables, eggs, chicken, sugar, flour, apples, potatoes, and many other products, too numerous to mention.

Spoken and written tributes of love and appreciation were also given. After music, refreshments and good wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Johnson the members and friends departed to make this the greatest year for Christ.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Roy J. Miller, Minister

Sunday, October 23.  
10:30 a. m. Sunday school, Mrs. Fredericks, Supt.

11:30 a. m. Morning Worship, Children's Sermon: "Trapped," Adult Sermon: "Purpose in Suffering."

Thursday, October 27.  
2 p. m. Silver Tea, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfe, Hostess; in the Community Hall.

Sunday, October 30.  
Exchange Sunday, the Rev. Mowry S. Arvell, pastor of Gudmore Church, Detroit, delivering the sermon.

RED CROSS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Oakland County Red Cross Membership will be held on Wednesday noon, October 26, 1932. This will be a luncheon meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel, Pontiac.

Directors for the various townships and cities of the county will be elected for the ensuing year.

Udels Eben

"It jes' show you, 'n' Udel Eben. 'New opportunity ain't equally divided when dar' im' no' dan' one arribed to four or five hunters."—Washington Star.

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### CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Fred Menke

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beever of Grosse Pointe Park spent Sunday with Mrs. Beever's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Billing of Purling Brook Gardens.

The Ladies Aid of the Clarenceville M. E. Church will hold their annual bazaar and supper on the last Friday in November.

The next meeting of the Cheerful Circle will be at the home of Mrs. Wilkerson.

The Girl's Service Club and Boy's Safety Patrol together with the High School teachers, had a weiner roast in the Elmer Dohany woods Wednesday afternoon.

The Girl Scouts held their regular meeting at the school house Thursday. Miss Vida Walker is the leader of this group.

Mrs. Francis Blain and Mrs. Freda MacKenzie were Clarenceville visitors on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lahr and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haubruker in Detroit on Sunday.

Donald Scudder spent Thursday evening at the home of Fred V. Menke.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Harrington of Eight Mile Road are the happy parents of a daughter born recently.

The 10 cent supper given by the Edgewood Rebekah Lodge on Tuesday evening was well attended, about 180 being served. A large number stayed for the card party which followed.

Mrs. Harold Schmidt and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Rogers and children Sally and Don will spend a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olo Jensen.

Mrs. Assa Crim visited Mrs. Violet Hawk in Plymouth on Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Daly of Griggs Ave., Detroit was a Tuesday guest of Mrs. F. P. Frey of Middle Belt Road. On Saturday Mrs. Prew and daughter Enid were guests of Mrs. Robert Joynson of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billing and family were guests of Mrs. J. Livingston in Detroit and attended the Faith Lutheran Confirmation services on Sunday.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brauer entertained the Walter Schweizer family and Mrs. Schweizer's nephew, Edward Maxiam of Detroit.

There will be a Halloween party at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening, October 31.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billing entertained at cards. Eleven tables were in play.

Mrs. William Norris is in Lansing, attending the session for 1932 of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah assembly of Michigan. Mrs. Norris is a delegate from Edgewood Rebekah Lodge No. 290, Clarenceville.

### TO ELIMINATE LICENSES

OF OVER SIX FIGURES  
Elimination of all automobile license plates of more than six figures is to be accomplished by the Department of State in 1933 through the use of combinations of letters and numerals.

The system will reduce the amount of steel needed for the plates and it is estimated that the move will effect a saving of several thousand dollars. The lower numbered plates will be easier to read and the letters which will precede the numbers will be assigned to definite counties.

Included in the allocation of letters will be:

"A" plates to Alcona, Alger, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim an Arenac counties.

"B" plates to Baraga, Barry, Bay, Berrien, and Branch counties.

"C" plates to Ingham, Ionia, Isosco, Iron and Isabella counties.

"D" plates to Jackson county.

"E" plates to Leake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Livingston and Luce counties.

"F" plates to Mackinaw, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency and Muskegon counties.

"G" plates to Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Osego, Otsego and Ottawa counties.

"S" plates to Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Clair, and St. Joseph counties.

"W" plates to Washtenaw and Wexford counties and Wayne county, which will also receive "U, X, Y, and Z" plates.

### TO HOLD HORSE FAIR AND PLOWING MATCH AT LANSING

Some of the best draft horses in the world will be shown in multiple hitched in the plowing contest to be held in conjunction with a horse fair at Michigan State College November 1 and 2.

Plans for the meeting have been made by Michigan Horse Breeders Association and entries for the plowing contest and show can be made through H. H. Barnum, county agricultural agent at Mason, Michigan. The plowing contest will be held November 1 and a horse show and pulling contest is planned for that evening.

Record Waterspout  
The highest waterspout ever recorded by the United States weather bureau was 5,304 feet high and was seen off New South Wales, May 16, 1928.

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