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A Crowning Folly

One folly follows upon another. Ever since it was determined One 1011y 10110ws upon another. Ever since it was determined that the Cut-off was to be completed, it has been evident to anyone who thought about the matter that a serious safety problem would present itself in the west junction of the Cut-off with Grand River. The fact that South Lyon Road joins Grand River at nearly the same point, and the presence of the hill made it apparent that it would be no mean traffic engineering job to bring the three roads

it would be no mean traffic engineering job to bring the three roads together in such a way that there would not be numerous accidents. The Cut-off having been completed, and the union with Grand River having been accomplished, the spot now presents itself pleasantly as one of the most dangerous death-traps in this part of the State. What has been achieved is a piece of engineering absurdity that would be ludicrous. If it were not so grave in consequences.

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Everyone has seen photographs of the dome of the Capitol at Washington. Imagine it covered with a sheet of ice and then fancy yourself trying to walk around it about half way up, with nothing to hang on to. That is just about what scores of unsuspecting drivers have found themselves facing since the first snowfall, when they come over the hill west of Gates' Corners and start to desired the great That find a classy nexument sharnly slamting to they come over the hill west of Gates' Corners and start to descend the grade. They find a glassy pavement sharply slanting to the left—a slope to the outside of the curve instead of to the inside. It is against all the laws of moving bodies, of gravity and of centrifugal force. It may be "engineering" but it isn't common sense, and it certainly isn't what the drivers have a right to expect. So down off the curve they slide, some sidewise, some backside front, and some upside down. And some to the hospital.

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Complaints have brought rather lame excuses. The first is that it won't be so bad when the pavement is dry. But it happens that Michigan is not Southern California, where, we are told, the sun shines so many days of the year that folks actually get tired of it anines so many days on the year that louss actually get three or in occasionally and yearn for a good, old-fashioned rain. With snow in winter and rainy seasons in spring and fall, pavements in Michigan are slippery for a very large proportion of the entire year. We igan are suppery for a very large proportion of the entire year. We doubt if the engineers who built the road would care to accept a proposal that they be paid for their work only on the dry days and work for nothing on the wet days of any single year in Michigan.

In addition to this unwarranted assumption that road conditions are going to be ideal in Michigan almost all the time from

ditions are going to be ideal in Michigan amost an the time room on, is another of nearly equal uncertainty. That is, that it is not worth while to worry about this road-junction because after next spring "no one will be using Grand River." Perhaps the Highway Department is right, but it remains to be seen. Meanwhile, automobiles for the next eight months will slip and slide and skid and skid and skide around that curve and many will turn over. Quite a few people may be killed there in eight months.

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The whole project of the Grand River Cut-off has been a long drawn-out business of waste, of ill-spent time, labor and money. Grant the principle of the by-pass around towns to speed up through traffic, on main roads, but it is not always applicable or advisable. With large volumes of traffic drawn from Grand River by extension with large volumes of trained from Grand River by extension of Maple, Twelve Ville and Northwestern Highway pavements in the past two years, the present Grand River Road, with a little widening through the west end of Farmington, would serve adequately for at least the next five and possibly ten years. Even after the Cut-off was paved to Farmington Road, it might much better have been left a dead-end than to have persisted in going on with a useless task, to follow out a theory that doesn't apply. To be consistent, the Highway Department should now figure out and build by-passes around every town from here to Lansing—Brighton,

Bry Passes around every town from here to Lansing—Brighton, Howell, Fowlerville, Williamston and East Lansing.

For some time practical people have urged that part of the many millions received by the Highway Department from gas and weight taxes should be diverted to relieve real estate taxes, rather than for building more roads, and there is sound sense in it. If the Farmington Cut-off is a sample of how the highway money is expended, then it all ought to be taken. It is perhaps entirely fitting that this will deliver standard and changes, should boast as its crowning glory a study and shifts and changes, should boast as its crowning glory a piece of impractical road-building that probably has few equals, for studiely in hits part of the United States. for stupidity, in this part of the United States.

Much Yet To Be Thankful For

Thanksgiving season this year is not marked by the super-Transsgrving season this year is not matter by the super-abundance which Americans a few years ago had come to view as a quite ordinary thing—so ordinary that most of us quite forgot to be thankful for it. Now we look back upon those relatively carefree days, and wonder how we could have been so unappreciative of our good fortune.

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Yet even now, in these trying times, America has much to be grafful for. For one thing, it is still true that no people in the world have so many of the comforts, the conveniences, the luxuries, the material things of life. Nor are the material things all There is much in life beside these, and perhaps the less emphasis we can place upon them the happier we shall be.

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Most appropriate at this time of year is a paragraph which a citizen of Farmington has found in a little folder written by Howard J. Harvey, president of the Detroit Business Pioneers. The paper bears the title, "A Short History of Business Recoveries, over a per-

meritable recovery as forward this instructive paragraph, friend of Union Lake spent Thurst and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and integrity and fair-dealing. There is only one true value in work and it is full of people who are more serious, more friendly and more charitate of true of people who are more serious, more friendly and more charities to a common ground by a 'killing frost.' We, of this age, have no charles the search and thankful for the time saved in sheve rolling. People less conscious of position, high or low, anxious the share with the less fortunate because of what they have been through.

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

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m nd 11 a.m. Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Morning Worship.
11:45 Bible School.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic meeting. The Pastor will preach at both the morning and evening services.

Methodist Church F. C. Johnson, Minister

Evangelical Church H. Niedernhoefer, Pastor

10:15 a.m. Service in English.
Text: Luke 188-79. Topic: "Godis
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teare of Mrs. Vera Hansor and baby, and Mrs. Mac MacGregot work.

Don Munro, Mack MacGregot and Alfred Somers were in Detroit on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kirchoff and daughter Lois of Detroit called on Novi friends Sunday.

Russell Taylor, Robert Stillman and Don and Brent Munro attended Pontiate Bethlehem Church Sunday night.

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CLAYTON GOERS, Highway Commissione

Moisture and Color
"Is the sky really blue, or does it
only appear so?" is often asked. If
there were no atmosphere the sky
would appear black. Moisture tones
this to various shades of blue—the
dryer the atmosphere, the deeper the
blue.

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J. Nelson Pyle, Attorney for Mortgagee, 3122 Gratiol Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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