

ROAD ASSOCIATION SERVES WARNING ON ORPHAN ROADS

No county road commission is going to father any "orphan" road without a court fight about it, the Michigan Association of Road Commissioners and Engineers has given notice on the State Highway Department recently at the 25th annual Michigan Highway Conference in Ann Arbor when its Board

of Directors instructed a special committee to employ legal counsel in behalf of any county against which court action is brought by the State Highway Commissioner in respect to the parenthood of orphan roads.

The issue, which has been brewing since last July when the State Highway Commissioner was given power by the State Highway Advisory Board and the State Administrative Board to cancel 212.45 miles of state trunkline highway in 15 counties, came to a head recently when Van Wagoner publicly announced that he would ask Thomas Read, attorney general, to institute proceedings for a declaratory judgment clarifying the highway law respecting the abandonment of trunkline mileage.

Read has refused to pass judgment upon the cancellation action, stating that the matter is one for court determination. Both Martin J. LeGravon, attorney for Missaukee County Road Commission and the State Highway Commissioner had sought an opinion from the Attorney General.

Dispute over the cancelled roads has been hottest in Missaukee County, where recently angry farmers seized state and county snow plow equipment at Lake City and plowed part of M-74, connect-

ing M-55 and M-66, during a snow storm to rush a doctor to an expectant farm mother. The road has received no maintenance nor snow removal service since last July when the State Highway Commissioner abandoned it.

Members of the special committee appointed to employ legal services in behalf of any county against which court action is brought are: Leon Belknap, Pontiac, chairman of the committee and engineer of Oakland County Road Commission; E. D. Crandall, Oak City, engineer, Missaukee County Road Commission; Leroy C. Smith, Detroit, Wayne County Highway Engineer; C. M. Bullard, Genesee County Road Commissioner and Allan H. Williams, Ionia, engineer Ionia County Road Commission.

State highway trucks are now plowing the entire length, 18 miles, of M-74 to Missaukee County and one mile of trunkline abandoned in Delta County, and the State Highway Commissioner has announced that his department will keep the roads open until the matter is settled in court.

Snow Fighting Contests Popular With Officials

County road officials of the Upper Peninsula have indicated a desire for continuation of snow fighting contests as an annual highlight of the Upper Peninsula Highway Conference, the state highway department revealed this week.

County road men were enthusiastic about the first such contest held in conjunction with the 1940 Upper Peninsula Highway Conference last week in Houghton. Twelve of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties entered teams. Joseph Putnam, driver, and Clarence Benson, helper, both of Mohawk, Mich., representing Keweenaw County took first honors. A cup and cash prize of \$35.00 was presented to them at the conference luncheon following the contest. Second awards went to Joseph Masini and Raymond Hocking, Hancock, representing Houghton County.

More than 2,000 persons witnessed the contest on Isle Royale. Santa Airport where the teams were assigned 500-foot roadways to break, open and clean off just as they would under actual operating conditions on the highway. Standard and other standard maneuvers were included in the contest.

"He who curbs not his anger will wish undone that which is done and wrath prompted"—Horace.

Years, as they come, bring blessings in their train.—Horace.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



Marlene Dietrich in the role of a frontier entertainer, costars with Jacky James Stewart in Universal's "Destry Rides Again," opens Friday at the Redford Theater.

One of the season's most unusual pictures, "Destry Rides Again" is a marked departure from Miss Dietrich's recent screen roles. It is said to afford her a characterization greatly similar to her work in "The Blue Angel," the film in which she first attained stardom.

Producer Joe Pasternak, the man responsible for the Deanna Durbin and Gloria Jean successes, has assembled an imposing supporting cast for "Destry Rides Again." The list of players includes Mischa Auer, Charles Winpinner, Brian Donlevy, Irene Hervey, Una Merkel, Allen Jenkins, Wayne Hoyer, Samuel S. Hinds, Billy Gilbert and many others.

Action Predominates
The picture is frankly a dramatic spectacle of the old west in which hard riding and quick shooting are interspersed with the stirring mob scenes that have filled so many pages in the history of the American frontier.

A highlight of "Destry Rides Again" is an epochal fist-fight between Miss Dietrich and Miss Merkel, with Stewart as the unflinching mediator who draws Marlene's wrath on his own head. The fight was five days in the filming and he rated the feminine boxer part of that historic battle in "The Spoilers."

Kyser Film To Be Shown
Ray Kyser, his band, his "College of Musical Knowledge," and his widely known soloists now in a suitable sparkling musical film, "That's Right—You're Wrong."

Ginny Simms, Harry Dabbert, Ish Kabibble and Sully Mason, who have appeared with Kyser for years, lend their vocal and comedy antics, which add greatly to the musical sequences with the band in action. They also play important parts as themselves in the action of the story. Set in Hollywood, the story film also stars Dolores Stenyou, May Robson, Lucille Ball, Dennis O'Keefe and Edward Everett Horton.

LOSEY CORNERS

The Bible study and song service held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fredericks, last Friday evening with Rev. Cameron of Detroit in charge was most gratifying. There were 21 present. All expressed the hope they might meet again in the near future.

Mrs. M. Merrilow, who was rushed to Ann Arbor late Wednesday night, gave birth to a baby boy Sunday at 6 p. m. Mother and son are doing as well as can be expected. The Merrilow family live on Clarita and have four daughters and three sons.

Mrs. Caroline O'Connell of 1027 McKinstry, Detroit, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spicer of Clarita. Mrs. O'Connell was accompanied by her son, Thomas, who is a patrolman stationed at McGraw. It will be remembered that he was presented with a medal for rescuing the mother of Dr. H. B. Macchichian in a rescue fire in Detroit. Mrs. Henrietta Bojke, also of Detroit, was a guest at the same time Sunday.

Mrs. Hartner was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Spicer while her daughter, Mrs. Dennis spent the week in Canada.

The neighborhood card club have postponed the meeting for this week due to the illness of members. Mrs. Noall will be hostess for the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Fredericks and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mansfield were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miner of Detroit.

The recent thaw and rains have caused the county ditches to overflow, and in some places the roads are in bad condition. Clarita was one of the roads under water. Rev. and Mrs. Leona left Tuesday, last week for two weeks' evangelistic services at Berrien

Spring. Mr. Wilfred Roberts of Detroit will be in charge of Hope Chapel in the absence of the regular pastor.

The dance sponsored by the P. T. A. held last Saturday evening was the most successful held as yet. A group of 15 youngsters ranging in age from 5 to 16 years, gave exhibition dancing including tap and clog, and were enthusiastically received. The profits were most pleasing to the committee in charge.

"DOORS"
There's the door of life we must enter in
And the door of death for the Reaper Grim

There are doors through which our young folk go
Up the road of success or down the path of woe.

Doors where laughter and love abide
Doors that sin and darkness hide
Cottage doors where women stand
And a broken sparrow lies in the sand.

Grandmother's door the path we follow
Leads over the river and through the snow
Cupboard doors that hide the jam
The old back door we flocked to slam

Cellar doors with their hidden nail
And broken threads tell a sorry tale
Iron doors where wealth untold
Is hoarded away like the miser's gold.

There's the door of faith that's open wide
And all who are weary may rest inside
"I am the Door" and "Ye are my Sheep"

The door most precious, the promise sweet
Mrs. Robert Fredericks.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

For Annual

Township Election

Monday, April 1st, 1940

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law I will receive for registration the names of any legal voter in Farmington Township not already registered who may apply to me at 35720 12 Mile Road personally for such registration, up to and including MARCH 12.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12—Last Day
I will be at P. R. DeLieu's real estate office in Clarencville Saturday, March 9 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. to receive registrations.

Harry McCracken,
Township Clerk.

Outdoor Picture Contest To Be Held in Newaygo

An opportunity to match their best outdoor pictures against the field is offered Michigan's amateur photographers at the Michigan Open Guides' Meet in Newaygo, April 10 and 11.

Pictures must be of outdoor scenes—hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, wildlife and the like. Prizes are provided for both still

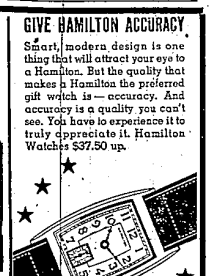
pictures and for amateur movies. Still pictures assembled may be available for exhibits after the meet. Only entries considered in the motion picture section are reels made at the Open Guides' Meet submitted within 30 days of the meet's close.

Requests for detailed rules of the contests and for entry forms, which must be filed by April 1, may be sent to Philip Palmer of Ludington.



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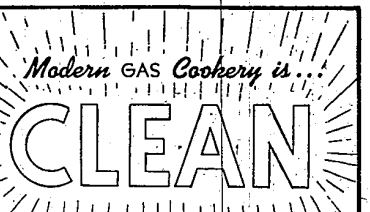
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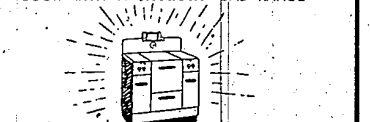


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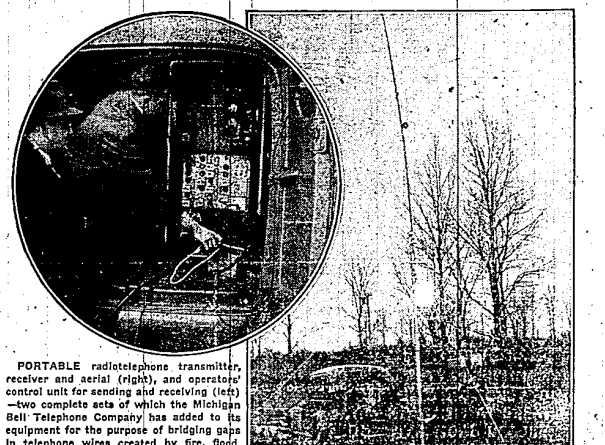
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