



THE FORMER Farmington State Bank, now a branch of the National Bank of Detroit, took on a new look in preparation for the new year. The old "Farmington State Bank" permanently cut into stone around the exterior of the building, was covered over by "National Bank of Detroit" signs in green letters on a glazed white glass background. Workmen are shown above putting on the new signs.

Tourist Council Sees Need For Fees To Carry On Adequate Park Program

The Michigan Tourist Council at its December meeting in Lansing urged consideration of "reasonable fees" to help provide funds for an adequate and sustained parks program.

"The need is obvious," said Robert W. Budd of Detroit, Council chairman. "Michigan's parks are an essential part of the state's tourist business. If we are to continue selling our state as a recreation and vacation wonderland our product must measure up to those of other states and areas."

"Our parks are part and parcel of our vacation package," Mr. Budd said, "and no group is more aware than the Tourist Council of the need for more and improved recreational areas. A means must be found to increase the effective maintenance and continued development of existing parks, and to acquire additional park land if we are to keep abreast of the steady rise in competition for the tourist dollar."

"If state agencies are not available, money dictates that other avenues must be explored," Mr. Budd said. "A reasonable visitors' fee should be considered."

The Tourist Council also gave its support to the \$30,000 historic sites registration and marking program of the Michigan Historical Commission.

At the same time, the Council urged the expansion of the tourist and recreation resources being developed by Michigan State University, recommending the addition of eight field men to the university staff.

During an afternoon hearing on the proposed closing of the Council's tourist information offices in Detroit and Chicago, representatives of the West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association urged that

these offices be maintained permanently—or at least until the new program is in effect.

Closing of the metropolitan offices is part of the Council's plan to change the emphasis of its information program from service to selling.

The Council agreed to maintain the offices until its new program is in operation.

Under the new information distribution plan, the intent of which was expressed by the WMTRA delegation, the Chicago and Detroit offices would be replaced by two "vacation salesmen" who will contact industrial employers, labor groups, transportation companies, travel bureaus, editors and other groups and agencies with distribution facilities for Michigan's vacation sales material.

Obituaries

Bonnie Sue Brom
Bonnie Sue was born in Detroit, July 24, 1932, the daughter of Bartholomew and Phyllis (Detrick) Brom and passed away suddenly at her residence, 31729 Marblehead, December 23.

Besides her parents she leaves a sister, Barbara; a brother, Bobby; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Phyllis Detrick of Detroit and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brom of Colorado.

She rested at the Spencer J. Heeneey Funeral Home, 20724 Wilford, Southfield Township, from Wednesday when prayers were recited at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Rachel Rowland
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Rachel Rowland, 20724 Wilford, Southfield Township, from the Spencer J. Heeneey Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Carl H. Schultz of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church officiating.

She was born in Detroit December 24, 1887, the daughter of Herman and Rose Krumm; was united in marriage to Leonard J. Rowland February 28, 1920 and passed away December 23, following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Rowland leaves her husband, Leonard J.; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Geraldine) Durham of Farmington and three grandchildren.

Interment was in Park View Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Flying Squirrels Can Be Seen Only At Night

Unless your habits are nocturnal too, you probably haven't met up with Michigan's seldom-seen flying squirrel.

Only truly nocturnal members of the squirrel family in Michigan, flying squirrels are, never seen abroad in the daytime unless they have been disturbed," says Prof. William H. Burt, curator of mammals at The University of Michigan.

Professor Burt says, "It takes a pretty tricky flying apparatus to keep the squirrel aloft. A loose fold of skin extends along the wrist to the hind foot. When the animal spreads its legs, a flat kite-like surface is produced.

"Further, cartilaginous spurlike supports at the wrist make it possible for him to extend the skin fold beyond the outstretched legs. The flattened tail is an additive aid to a nearly perfect gliding structure. And lastly, sharp-curved claws, four on the front foot and five on the hind, help make this squirrel one of the most agile mammals of the tree tops."

According to the curator, their natural abode is in an old wood pecker hole or some other cavity in a tree. "They also build leaf nests in the branches of trees. Attics of houses or out-buildings are readily appropriated as homes. The young are naked and blind at birth. The food of flying squirrels consists of seeds, nuts, fruits, insects, birds' eggs, and berries, and they are quite as carnivorous as any of the rodents.

"In winter," he continues, "they may band together in groups of 20 or more in a single den. Home range of an individual is at least four acres in area."

According to the professor, "Unlike other squirrels, these little gliders are very sociable. Several of them will feed together without any indication of antagonism. Flying squirrels are friendly, and make ideal pets."

There are two kinds of flying squirrel. The northern flying squirrel, which is a little larger than the southern, is found in the Upper Peninsula and the northern part of the Lower Peninsula. The southern flying squirrel is found in the Lower Peninsula and Menominee County in the Upper Peninsula.

New Food Plan Gives Menu Aid

Tired of planning three meals a day on the same old pattern? Then try a new daily food plan, suggest Michigan State University food specialists.

The plan stresses four major food groups. By choosing the recommended number and size of servings from the four groups, you can provide at least three-fourths of the daily allowance of essential food nutrients for the average adult. But the plan provides only a little over half the needed calories. By wisely selecting supplemental foods and servings to round out the skeleton diet, you can provide your family with their daily food essentials.

The milk group (group one) is counted on primarily for calcium. Some milk or cheese or ice cream is needed daily—two or more cups of milk for adults and larger amounts for children and pregnant and nursing women. Milk also provides protein, riboflavin, vitamin A and vitamin D.

In the second group, the chief protein source, is included two or more servings a day of meat, poultry, fish or eggs with dry beans and peas and nuts as alternates. These give about half the day's protein requirements; the rest comes from milk, bread and cereals.

Vegetables and fruits comprise group three. The four or more servings a day everyone needs should include: a vitamin A-rich, dark green or deep yellow vegetable at least every other day; a citrus fruit or other fruit or vegetable important for vitamin C daily; and other fruits and vegetables, including potatoes.

One need not alternate between citrus fruits and tomatoes to supply vitamin C; sweet peppers, chutney, broccoli, strawberries and many of the dark-green, leafy vegetables can be substituted.

Breads and cereals, group four, contribute worthwhile amounts of many nutrients and food energy at low cost. Nutritionists recommend four or more servings a day of whole-grain, enriched or refined cereals or bread.

Other commonly used foods, such as butter and other fats, oils, sugars, starchy and unenriched, refined cereals, products play a part in meals too; they add satisfaction and variety to the day's diet.

Details of the new food plan are explained in a new U. S. Department of Agriculture publication, "Essentials of an Adequate Diet." Single copies are available from the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

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