

Editorial Page

Sherman Adams . . .

is the Assistant to President Eisenhower whose reported friendship with a Boston industrialist, and acceptance of favors, is creating quite a problem for the president right now.

Democrats and some Republicans are raising quite a row, on the excuse that Adams "interceded" in various government actions as they affected the Boston industrialist. It seems to us this has little significance, but that another matter does.

First, practically every high government official, in either a Republican or a Democratic administration, is constantly asked by people they know, to check up on the status of different things going through government agencies. That certainly is not "interceding" and we're pretty certain that in 99 per cent of the cases it is entirely harmless. We're very certain there is as much of this done under a Democratic administration as a Republican. So we don't think much of this angle, and feel it is way overplayed.

BUT, anytime Adams or any public official from president down to dog-catcher, lets another person pay his hotel bills for no apparent reason, we think that person lays himself open to grave suspicion of just about anything. True, there's no law against it. But it would make us, at least, very suspicious of that person and his ability to properly serve any government position.

We think Governor Adams a capable and responsible man, but because he used such poor judgment in this matter, we have little doubt he'll have to go before long.

Photography . . .

is a great hobby and, like many, many other Michiganders, we're one of those who like to take pictures. Even if we didn't enjoy it, it's a must in the newspaper business.

Like everything else that "everyone" is doing, it sometimes gets a little out of hand. We're thinking of events like commencement exercises. At a recent commencement we attended, bulbs were flashing all through the entire program—except during the prayer. People stood alongside the speaker's stand and snapped the graduates as the speaker talked. They must have disturbed the speaker and at least a small segment of the audience.

It's hard to draw lines, but we believe that a commencement exercise ought to be somewhat dignified—not something so hectic and hurried that it seems only a common everyday happening.

There would be protests, but we wonder if it wouldn't help to announce at the beginning of the program that pictures could not be taken, say, between the time the speaker is introduced and when the recessional starts, or some such limitation. We know full well it might be unpopular with the camera bugs, but there are precedents. Sometimes during basketball games, for instance, no pictures are allowed after the first period, so players aren't disturbed at shooting baskets.

It's a problem for many events, and not just those in our area.

BOUNCING CHECK

"I don't like to bring this up," said the doctor, hesitatingly, "but that check of yours came back."

"I don't like to mention this either, Doc," said the patient, "but so did my gout."

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS



NOVI — A squeeze on Novi School District's finances developed last week and may force either a curtailment of school services next year or a request for additional tax money from residents of the district.

Superintendent William Medlyn said the district appears to be about \$13,000 shy of meeting its \$1,520,200 budget. The squeeze developed last week when the county tax allocation board authorized the Novi District to get a "15 mill tax pie" for next year. This is nearly three mills less than the 10.81 on which Medlyn had based the budget.

The authorized millage is, in fact, nearly a mill less than the 8.81 mills allowed for the current year.

Medlyn noted, however, that an unexpected jump in the district's state equalized valuation would offset part of the difference. In computing the budget, he estimated the valuation at \$10,500,000. It turned out to be \$11,000,000 as equalized.

This would reduce the shortage by about one mill, Medlyn said, but still leave the budget shy about two mills.

"We cut the proposed budget to rock-bottom before submitting it," the school superintendent said, "and right now I don't see how we can lower it any further and still operate as we should."

If the school board does decide to request a voted millage increase, the proposition will probably go on the ballot for the July 14 school board election.

Township board action has, to date, indicated that it knows what it wants in the way of equipment and funds, much of which has been totally depreciated according to township accounting, and thereby, while unable, of little value moneywise.

The inventory prepared by the township, which stubbornly maintains the stand that all equipment and other assets are listed as being 100 percent depreciated.

It was indicated that at time of settlement the only solution was to sell the items for what they will bring and split the money according to the assessed percentage as arrived at by population ratio.

Distribution of assets based on population ratio gives the city population ratio 75 percent and the township the remaining 25.

Though fairly well cut up, there is still a small unincorporated section in the township. Since it has only eight homes and a population of 28, its infinitesimal share of state tax monies will be .000001 percent.

—The Southfield News.

BIRMINGHAM — Russia's launching of the first satellite last October may have resulted in the Birmingham board of education getting two new members who both conducted restrained but definite campaigns on elimination of non-essential courses and strengthening of the school curriculum.

It may have been because outlying portions of the school district exerted more than usual effort to get out and vote in non-Birmingham candidates.

Regardless of why, newcomers Malcolm Lovell and Richard P. Barnard greatly outdistanced incumbent Richard A. Sauerbrun who was trying for his third four year term.

—The Birmingham Ecceitric.

PLYMOUTH — Annexation of nearly 20 acres of vacant Plymouth Township property at the City of Plymouth's eastern edge, is being initiated by a Dearborn builder through the circulation of petition.

The former farm land has grown up in weeds for the past several years while attempts have been made at various times to encourage facilities to the location. Efforts to get these facilities from the city in the past without annexation have been turned down.

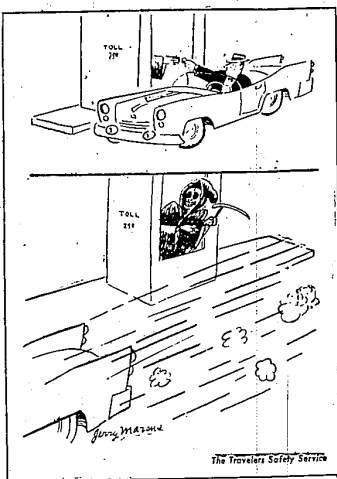
—The Plymouth Mail.

WESTWOOD — The village's stake in the Evergreen Interceptor was outlined for councilmen last week by Harold Schone of the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works.

Schone anticipates that the interceptor will be started this fall and the main line, finished by Fall, 1959.

The Road Toll

By Jerry Marcus



The '57 road toll—\$8.700 killed, 2,525,000 injured.

MICHIGAN MIRROR •

Fear Industry Will Crowd Out Recreational, Farm Areas

MICHIGAN is running out of land. No one expects a panic in the lifetime of people now on the premises, but early signs of a space shortage have brought new wrinkles to the brows of farm experts and highway builders.

Experts report the problem is fanning out from southeastern Michigan which has developed from one large city, Detroit, into a massed metropolitan area.

Michigan State University and state government both are tackling the problem.

Agriculturalists since every time a new industry or residential subdivision takes over chunks of rich farm land.

State officials are worried about industry, which now provides more leisure for the working man, will create problems by using land that should be devoted to state parks.

With the development of the S. Lawrence Seaway, fears are expressed that the resultant development of commerce and industry will crowd out major recreational and farm areas.

"Then, we might as well pave the entire state," said one state official.

The major problem in the next five years will be the land required for a 300-mile network of superhighways.

The right-of-way for the new routes is 300 feet wide, the length of a football field. Highway officials predict a barrel of problems in getting the land.

Highway officials negotiated for years over the route of the Edsel Ford Expressway in Detroit and its extension into Macomb County enroute to Port Huron.

"We cannot allow the voice of small neighborhoods to overpower the voiceless thousands of motorists waiting impatiently for new and more efficient roads," said Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie.

Property owners whose businesses and private property interests will be disrupted have their side of the story too.

In addition to being part of the property — for which they will be reimbursed fairly — re-located trucklines will bypass the businesses which depend upon traffic.

All of this property used for public purposes, highways and state parks, will be taken off local tax assessment rolls, threatening financial crises for local governments.

These are the problems faced by the future generations in Michigan.

EXTENSION OF PROBATION theory to another troublesome area of delinquency is under study in Michigan.

The system of allowing a convicted defendant his freedom under strict rules and surveillance of probation officers is now restricted to circuit courts and the fact that it has worked is emphasized by its records.

Now, the experts are proposing probationary powers and of officers for probate courts — to handle delinquents under 17 are handled.

At present, probate courts can send youngsters to Boys Vocational School or the Girls Training School or select a local foster home.

In extreme cases, the court writes its jurisdiction and allows those who have committed crimes to be tried and convicted in circuit court, to be imprisoned under strict rules and surveillance of probation officers is now restricted to circuit courts and the fact that it has worked is emphasized by its records.

THOUSANDS of citizens will travel north to the Mackinac Straits Bridge to celebrate Michigan's \$98,000,000 engineer-

Looking Back

Through The Enterprise Files

June 15, 1952

Good Fishing Here

Excellent trout fishing in Oakland County streams is reported by southern Michigan fishermen who have found that economic conditions prevent them from visiting their favorite places in the northern part of the state.

One sportsman reported to the state conservation commission that he caught 42 trout averaging 10 inches in length from one stream in the county. Other streams in the county were also reported to be well stocked with trout and that good catches were being made. The Oakland reports are indicative of the general comeback in trout fishing throughout the southern lower peninsula.

A few years ago practically every stream in southern Michigan had been cleaned out as the result of being over-fished. The inauguration of the Conservation Department's trout fingerling program marked the beginning of the comeback. For the past few years they have been planting fingerlings in southern Michigan streams each fall in hopes of bringing trout fishing back to the area.

At the same time the city's drinking water was checked and proved to be perfectly pure. According to the Oakland County Health Dept., the Farmington water tests very well, giving no indication of any germs.

Don't Swim in Creek

One of Farmington parents have been warned against allowing their children to swim in the creek or go wading there. Indication was given that it is polluted by cess pools and drains flowing into it further up stream.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Water Shortage

Several township residents were present at the Township Board meeting Tuesday night to discuss both the present low pressure condition of the water system in the Clarenceville District and the status of the suit, brought by the factory worker and the politician will have places on the program.

Queens from each of the state's 83 counties will be featured and a concessionaire will sell food and drink from a stand in the middle of the five-mile bridge.

Republican legislators, who authorized the original bridge and made laws for its financing, will be on hand — and have a special committee to make sure Democrats don't steal the whole show.

Disabled Have Till June 30 Only To File for S.S.

Disabled people who have not been able to work for some time because of their disability have only until June 30, 1958, to apply for full protection of their social security rights. Mr. William E. LaRock, district manager of the Pontiac social security office said this week.

LaRock pointed out that if disabled people wait until after June 30, they run the risk of having their social security benefits cut down or of having their rights to any benefits run out altogether.

Mr. LaRock explained that disabled people, besides being so disabled that they are not able to be able to do any kind of substantial work for a long and indefinite period, must have worked under social security for a certain length of time before they can have the protection of social security disability insurance. They must have worked at least five out of the ten years before their disability began and must have worked at least one and one-half years out of the three years just before the disability began.

If they make their application by June 30, the Social Security Administration can go back to the month of their disability and count years of work back from there. If they wait until after June 30, they must have worked for five years out of a ten year period ending no earlier than one year before they make application.

LaRock urged that any disabled person who thinks he might be entitled to the disability protection of the social security law contact his office personally, by mail or phone before June 30, so that he can be sure that all of his rights under social security will be fully protected.

Two from Farmington Lose Driver's Licenses

Two from Farmington were among 23 Oakland County residents having their driver's licenses taken away, according to a report from the Michigan Secretary of State's Office.

Both Wilbur L. Jennings and Mary L. Sider were ordered to furnish financial responsibility for drunk driving.

Discuss Village Traffic Code

Strong indication was given by members of the Wood Creek Farms Village Council at its last regular meeting that they felt the Village should have a traffic ordinance.

This was brought out in discussion following a joint report made by Councilmen Zar Reader and H. A. Dobson on their findings as a result of a preliminary investigation into the matter.

It was generally agreed that the State Motor Vehicle Code should be adopted in its entirety as the village traffic ordinance. It was pointed out that this would be helpful to outside enforcement officers. The village does not have its own police department.

Action was delayed until the next meeting to allow for a more detailed study.

If you are drawing social security benefits and start working and expect to earn over \$1200 a year, report this fact immediately to the nearest Social Security Administration district office. At the end of the calendar year you will be required to make an annual report regarding your earnings to the Social Security Administration.

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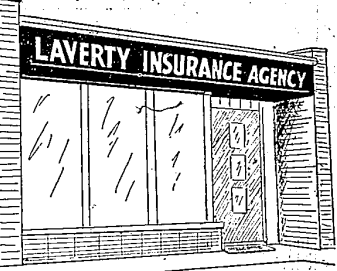
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