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WAR STARTED ON DRIVERS

15 Men Fined For Driving Overweight Trucks; Other Arraignments Loom

With 15 truck drivers fined during the week in the justice court of Judge Floyd S. Buck and seven awaiting arraignments, all on charges of driving their truck county roads overweight, the war on this offence is raging through-out Bloomfield Township and the county.

All men were fined from \$10 to \$150 after pleading guilty.

The arrests were made by Deputy Ray Highfield who travels the roads of the county in a car equipped with a scale. When a truck appears to be carrying a load in excess of the limit allowed by law the deputy stops the truck and weighs it.

The precaution is taken to keep the roads from being damaged at this time of the year when they need the most attention, Judge Buck explained.

Information in detail is supplied at the police station in Michigan

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Scott Hersey, village commissioner: "I am in favor of giving the contract for the proposed new well in Birmingham to the same company which laid the wells now in use here. These have proved satisfactory and Birmingham is fortunate to have the supply of water it has enjoyed for some time."

towns and at the sheriff's office in Pontiac and drivers are warned by the judge to be sure they are not carrying loads in excess of the legal limit.

"It is absolutely necessary that these arrests be made in order to keep the roads what they should be," said the judge. "Patrolling for offenders will continue and they will be fined."

The driver who paid the highest fine during the week was Cass Rance, operator for the Wolverine Storage company of Detroit, who paid \$150 for violating two regulations.

Mrs. Kate Alexander of Duluth, Minn., arrested for disorderly conduct on her 101st birthday, told the judge: "I was never drunk before in my life." The case was dismissed.

SMASH GLASS, MEN ESCAPE

Police Seeking Men Who Break 11 Windows In School

Police today are seeking the men who broke 11 windows in the Baldwin High School with rocks Saturday night and escaped in a large touring car said to have speeded away with the occupants concealed by side curtains on the auto.

While the identity of the men is unknown as clues to the motives are slight, police are working on a tip that the work was done by persons who bore a grudge against the school authorities.

The crash of the breaking glass attracted the notice of passersby who saw the men escape in the car and reported the matter to police.

So quickly did the car leave, however, that the license number was not obtained.

CALL HEARING ON NEW ROAD

Quartern Extension Up For Consideration Here April 19

Objections to cutting through the Quartern road from Woodward avenue to the Dodge road in Bloomfield Township, north of Birmingham, will be heard in the township office here April 19, according to plans.

If this project is completed it will make a roadway between Lansing and Mt. Clemens and supply a road east of Woodward avenue between Birmingham and Bloomfield Center. Supervisor Robert Y. Moore said yesterday.

Petitions for the improvement already are filed with the state highway department, he said.

The road would be a township project but later probably would be paved by the county, he stated.

The highway also would furnish access to the new park which is to be provided by the township on property owned by Louis Colombo, Detroit attorney north of the Quartern road and west of the Kensington road. Purchase of this tract of 55 acres was approved by the township at the elections April 2.

Mr. Moore said provision would be made to preserve the trees in this neighborhood.

Fearing that she would not be excused in time to prepare her employer's dinner, Elizabeth Washington, witness in a criminal case at Ft. Worth, Tex., received the judge's permission to bring beans in the court room.

Champion Bulldog Again Gets Prize

Hefty's Best, Owned By Baumgartners, Judged Best At Kennel Club Show

"Hefty's Best" owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baumgartner, of Baumbrue Farms, on Woodward avenue near Pontiac, was judged



the best bulldog at Detroit Kennel club last week. He is chosen from 42 contestants and has never been defeated in a show.

The dog has won the special contest called "Best Bulldog in Show" 21 times in succession, defeating every newcomer as well as some of the noted champions in the national show at Detroit. He defeated six dogs imported from England. This dog is an international champion having been entered in shows in Canada and all over the United States. Last week he was first in a show at Kalamazoo.

The Baumbrue kennels are heated and are equipped with running hot and cold water. A large kitchen is one of the features, having meat-grinders, chopping blocks and other things necessary to dogs.

There are other champions among the 30 dogs at the kennels. Duke's Girl and Hefty Violet are among the best known.

Village To Have Plenty Of Water

Second Pumps Held In Reserve For Rush As Weather Warms

Birmingham residents need not fear a water shortage this summer said John Purvis, in charge of the water works, yesterday when making plans for the increase in the quantity of water to be needed during the summer.

The electric pumps in Birmingham are using one of the two pumps and that is not being run at capacity. We can get about one-third more before this before it will be necessary to use the second pump.

Mr. Purvis said one probably would not be used for several months although the use of garden hoses in Birmingham in the residential districts during the latter part of April makes a difference from when until late fall.

The electric pumps which were installed two years ago have made a big difference in the water supply here, he said, there being no shortage since they were installed two years ago.

Birmingham has two wells but just the one on Locust avenue is in use at present. This produces 1,000 gallons of water per minute. The other well, a pump are at Baldwin and Maple avenues and are capable of producing 350 gallons of water per minute. This is being held in reserve until the warmer weather. It has not been in operation since the latter part of the winter.

Even an officeholder is entitled to some protection against slander according to the view of Justice MacLean of Melville, Sask., who awarded \$300 damages to W. R. Fansher, a member of parliament, in a suit against Henri Peran. In a political campaign Peran charged that Fansher had been "bought by the Conservative party."

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STATE'S NURSERIES GIVE HIGH QUALITY OF STOCK, REPORT

E. C. Mandenberg of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in charge of orchard and nursery inspection, recently surprised the Michigan nurserymen by making the statement that this state ranks among the highest in the quality of nursery stock grown, that the growers are more careful, the stock is cleaner and climatic conditions are ideal for the growing of stock, exceeding any other state by a wide margin.

"As we look over Michigan and size up her wonderful possibilities, we are impressed that the makers of the great seal of the State of Michigan knew upon it the inscription 'Siquieris Pennsylvaniam Amoenam' (circumspice which translated means of this sketch a beautiful peninsula, look around thee," said Mr. Mandenberg.

"We have millions of acres of fertile lands, surrounded by the Great Lakes, those wonderful inland seas having over 1,500 miles of shore, exceeding any other state by more than 500 miles.

"These lakes so temper the climate, that all kinds of plants may be grown and made to produce luxuriantly.

CROP DIVERSITY.

"There is no other state of equal size which has a greater diversity of crops and probably no state which has a greater range for a greater number of crops, in bloom such as peonies, spiraea, roses and hundreds of others. These rows upon rows of blooming plants are a sight worth seeing, and here in Michigan because of the peculiar climatic conditions, the plant material used was obtained from Michigan nurserymen.

"Virtually all nurseries are open to visitors at all times and it is a good practice to visit one or two nurseries when plants are in bloom such as peonies, spiraea, roses and hundreds of others. These rows upon rows of blooming plants are a sight worth seeing, and here in Michigan because of the peculiar climatic conditions, the plant material used was obtained from Michigan nurserymen.

"Michigan's fame as a fruit growing state is known throughout the country. It is not only an important position in volume of production, but the quality and flavor of its fruits grown here are unequalled. We have about seven and one half million apple trees, three and one-fourth million pear trees, one and one-fourth million pear trees, over seventeen million grape vines and over a million cherry trees.

"Why do we grow these so plentifully and how do we get the flavor and the production? We have careful growers, who more or less specialize in their line, we have the latitude assuring longer periods of sunshine and we have the climate.

"We have sufficient elevation and these slight variations here and there provide good air drainage and usually receive more rainfall than the rest of the great inland seas is very marked. They warm up slowly and all summer long absorb heat and in this way they keep the regions along the shores free from frost until late in the fall.

ANOTHER FACTOR.

"Still another factor influencing climate is our location as respects the normal storm paths. These paths are well defined and quite uniform, and the majority of them miss Michigan.

"Michigan's average rainfall is from thirty to thirty-six inches while the snowfall is from thirty inches to 120 inches. Records show a greater amount of sunshine during July by ten per cent over Ohio and Indiana, our neighbors to the south.

"The average date of the last killing frost in the southern portion of the state is May 1, in the north June 10; while the average date of the first killing frost in the fall for southern area is October 20 and the northern area, September 10. This gives us an average growing season of from 80 to 180 days which explains why we can and do grow quality and quantity nursery products in Michigan.

"Michigan now has over six hundred nurseries licensed by the State of Michigan and these nurseries are required to have very exact inspection made of their growing nursery by the Orchard and Nursery Inspection Service of the State Department of Agriculture.

"This inspection service operates to protect the consumer of nursery products by permitting the sale and distribution of only such nursery stock as is apparently free of dangerous insects and contagious plant diseases. The state inspectors found Michigan nurseries to be exceptionally clean. The premises showed the presence of only minor insect pests, and only a few were found to be infested by the major insect pests such as San Jose Scale and Oyster Shell Scale.

"Michigan nurseries are free of White Pine Blister Rust which damages white pines, currants and gooseberries.

NO BEETLES.

"There has no infestation of the deadly Japanese Beetle which several eastern states are afflicted; we have no Gypsy Moth or Brown Tail Moth infestation in the state; the deadly Chestnut Blight disease is not found here; we have no Mediterranean Fruit Fly, no Oriental Fruit Worm, no Eastern Filbert Blight, no Strawberry Root Weevil, no European Wasp, and no Satin Moth. In other words, we are quite free of dangerous insects and contagious plant diseases.

"We have in the Michigan nurseries as fine an assortment of nursery products as are to be found anywhere in the country. We have also more than two hundred licensed landscape architects and landscape gardeners. These men are qualified to render excellent service and the plants they recommend are acclimated and will thrive because most of the plant material used was obtained from Michigan nurserymen.

"Michigan buyers should demand Michigan-grown products for several reasons. First, we have the reliable nurserymen growing them. Second, they are under state regulation. Third, we have this wonderful climate mentioned before which produces plants that have vitality and that are acclimated to these northern conditions. Fourth, because we take a chance on products coming from out of the state.

QUALITY OF STOCK.

"Other states realize the quality of Michigan-grown nursery stock which is evident in the fact that many of the plant materials of all kinds to supply the needs and requirements of their customers.

"They realize that Michigan grown nursery stock is well cared for, is grown under ideal conditions, has vigor and is free of dangerous insects and contagious plant diseases.

"It is interesting to know that if the remainder of the country were suddenly and permanently cut off from us we could find within our own borders everything needed to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, comfort and happiness."

DRIVER FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Whalen, 409 Hazel Avenue, Formerly a Bus Driver Today Faces a Serious Charge in Circuit Court, Pontiac Preferred by a 17 Year Old Birmingham Girl.

Whalen was bound over with a \$350 bail by Justice Floyd S. Buck last week after an examination. He is represented by A. Floyd Blakelee of Pontiac. Norman C. Orr, assistant prosecuting attorney, represents the people.

ROYAL OAK MAN IS SENTENCED HERE

Pleading guilty to being disorderly, Victor Horn, 1749 Baker street, Royal Oak, today is in the Oakland County Jail on a 10 day sentence imposed by Justice Malcolm Hunt this week when Horn was unable to supply the fine of \$75 imposed by the justice.

The man was arrested by Patrolman Henry Milledrandt on the complaint of persons who said Horn was creating a disturbance.

Miss Muriel Winters, member of the Victoria Order of Nurses of Canada, is doing research work in the United States for the Dominion health authorities.

ROGERS HERE FOR MEETING

State Highway Commissioner To Take Charge Of R. O. Contention

Personal charge of the condemnation hearings to be held Saturday at Royal Oak on the right-of-way for the Grand Trunk will be taken by Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner, it was announced yesterday. The meeting will be held in the offices of E. B. Howarth, who is representing the state in acquiring the land.

The commissioner will receive information regarding three and one-half miles of the new Grand Trunk right-of-way. The properties are located at the north end of the proposed right of way which will terminate a few miles north of Birmingham.

Other properties will come up for consideration as soon as their descriptions have been completed. Kit F. Clardy, assistant attorney general, said.

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