

Michigan Mirror

At 100, He's Been on Job 83 Years

LANSING—Unheralded in the newspaper front page is a grim race of life and death between Michigan's medicine and the machine age as exemplified by high-speed automobiles. The bombing of the prestiege gunboat Panay with a loss of six lives is emblazoned in the headlines. Readers are shocked.

Yet the mere announcement that a total of 1894 persons lost their lives in Michigan during the first ten months of 1937 leaves us somewhat indifferent. We lose the true value of proportions when we deal with the commonplace. It is the unusual, like the bombing of the Panay, that arouses us to heights of indignation.

The 1937 automobile death toll in Michigan exceeded the all-time record in 1936 by 22 per cent.

Verily, here is massacre on our highways.

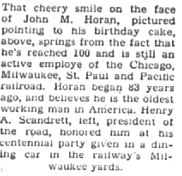


Miss Porter

Science Saves Lives

And while the modern motor juggernaut continues to roll on, Michigan's medical science is scoring a notable victory.

Figures of the state department of health show that the death rate in 1937 declined 3 per cent. It is 15.55 per 1,000 population compared with 16.87 the preceding year.



Miss Porter

Statistics are notoriously dull. Significant is the news that this slight difference saved 1,323 lives of Michigan citizens. And while we people died, more babies were born — proof indeed that times are getting better. The birth rate, if you are interested, climbed from a depression low rate of 15.96 in 1933 to 17.73 per 1,000 population in 1937.

Heart disease and cancer came to a halt in 1937 and actually showed a decrease. These two causes of death have been increasing constantly for a decade.

On the other hand, tuberculosis deaths increased slightly.

The long-fought battle against this plague is yet to be won.

Newspapers Get Advice

Last Friday afternoon, news paper editors of Michigan were addressed at their 63rd annual convention at Michigan State College by four state officials who issued the message that "Save lives in 1938 by reducing the highway mortality."

How the newspapers can aid the state in achieving this objective was the topic of talks by Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent, state department of public instruction; Murray D. Van Wageningen, commissioner, state highway department; Oscar Olander, commissioner, Michigan State police; and Leon D. Case, secretary of state.

The past year marked the beginning of Michigan's peace-time war against the scourge of syphilis.

Curative drugs are being distributed to physicians, diagnostic laboratory services have been extended, and other steps taken to combat this disease. The antenatal physical examination law and a law permitting social hygiene instruction in schools provide educational weapons for effect.

That speed may be a major contributing factor to Michigan's appalling highway toll was one conclusion reached by the state officials who are inclining more and more to believe that a 50-mile-an-hour limit should be established on main traffic thoroughfares with provisions in the law to permit higher speeds on certain designated stretches of straight highway through sparsely settled territory.

Syphilis Control

The state laboratories are performing free of charge approximately two-thirds of the tests for syphilis required by the new marriage law. Positive indications of syphilis have been found in approximately 1 per cent of all the specimens examined.

25 Per Cent Drop

Michigan citizens may well expect to enjoy better health and have more time to enjoy life.

Take the problem of the deaths of mothers at childbirth. The

Occupational Diseases

The occupational diseases law, which became effective in 1937, requires physicians to make a report on cases of occupational disease arising from conditions of work in industry.

General surveys are being made of fouries, paper mills, furniture factories, dry cleaning, stone cutting, and printing industries, to study atmospheric conditions as to the quantity of dust and poison.

This law is yet in a stage of development.

It imposes upon industry a definite responsibility of maintaining healthful working conditions to prevent the recurrence of occupational diseases.

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Need of Dental Care

Dental hygiene surveys in Michigan public schools indicate that 67 to 95 per cent of all school children are in the need of dental care.

It is of interest to note that social security funds, made available to Michigan, financed an extension of public health work to the tune of \$391,835.

And still there are 27 counties in Michigan which lack modern health protective services.

Medical science, aided by an awakened public consciousness, has made encouraging gains.

How about the highway massacre? Surely something can be done in 1938 to reduce this shameful sacrifice of life on our public highways.

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TWO IN ONE

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

There is nothing so cheering to the stranger as the gracious invitation, "Come right in and join us!"

And so we highly approve Mrs. Julia K. Lally, plan to extend the hospitality of Birmingham through the Community House to newcomers who have come from the north, south, east and west to make their home in this local.

Mrs. Lally, as hostess and director of the House, has announced an informal entertainment—Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, to which all newcomers are especially invited.

Not only is this a gracious, friendly gesture, but in our opinion, it is a smart one, in that it will win more friends for Birmingham as a community.

It is a hardship to break away from one's fond and familiar associations in the home city and face the cold appraisal of a new community. There are so many adjustments to be made, new people to understand and new friends to win.

So what of the stranger? At least, someone in the community has the social consciousness to ask the question, and is attempting to deal with it through gracious invitations.

At the vision is coming... We are seated in the office, clad in the now-odious dark dress, clacking wildly at the typewriter.

"Y-a-h," snarls the aide-de-camp. (Patou ran up this rugged little snarling outfit out of bits of this and that which were kicking around on the whatnot?)

We duck behind the typewriter (being naturally modest at heart) and tear off the dress. In a flash we are into it again—sleeves, giving us that Turkish princess air introduced last fall by darling Maggie Rouseff.

The little men are in ecstasies. "Surely Dali and others of the Surrealist school inspired that," we hear them murmuring. "Yes, but the umph is the product of a genius' unspoiled mind."

And before we awoke we were pulling down thousands per week, just for advising women to wear their uninspired dark gowns upside-down. The life of a fashion dictator, as Ling Po would have it, is the nuts.

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