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PART TWO

When all is said and done, parents and teachers merely attempt to mold the minds and directions of young people; youth then must travel its long way much alone.

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Rep. Dondero Supports St. Lawrence Waterway

48-Mile Stretch Blocks Sea Route To the Northwest

By GEORGE DONDERO

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway has been justly described as the master project of the North American continent. I spoke in support of this project on the floor of the House of Representatives, Jan. 23, and I wish to quote the following excerpts from my remarks:

Will Create Seaports
Regardless of objections and obstacles raised by interests which may not clearly comprehend the great importance of this proposed undertaking to a vast inland empire comprising more than one-third of the population of our country, there is a steady marching climate, unmitigated by governments of the United States and Canada will have consummated an agreement which will make possible the final act to complete the last link of 48 miles in a waterway of a thousand miles. It will open the neck of the bottle in a deep-sea waterway that will lead directly to the markets of the world. Then for the first time will move unvexed to the seven seas the enormous production of farm and factory of the Middle West and the Great Lakes States. Duluth, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Toronto, Buffalo, together with some 75 other lake ports in both Canada and the United States, will become ocean ports with direct communication to the seaports of the entire world.

There is no comparable area on earth that includes so many of the requisite qualifications for a master project as the Great Lakes region of the United States. In it is found a temperate but invigorating climate, unlimited quantities of iron ore, coal in abundance or near at hand, oil and mineral salts varied but fertile soil conditions, adequate rainfall, immense agricultural areas, numerous industrial and commercial cities, ample labor, skilled and unskilled, boundless tracts of virgin timber, unnumbered square miles of recreation expense, and in the center of it all a wide and generous Providence planted five fresh-water seas, the Great Lakes, to provide low cost transportation for raw materials and fabricated goods. The report of the Chief of the Army Engineers it is shown that the total commerce of the Great Lakes for the fiscal year 1938 amounted to 467,000,000 tons, while the total commerce of the Great Lakes was more than 98,000,000 tons, while our total foreign tonnage amounted to but 89,000,000 tons.

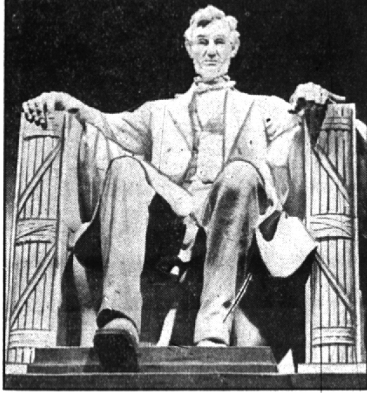
In Productive Region
This vast region, embracing the granary and the pantry of two friendly nations, is entitled to consideration, for in it are included 17 States or parts of States inhabited by 35% of our population. Compared to the total for the United States it produces 38% of our manufactured products; 32% of our agricultural products; 50% of our livestock; 52% of our dairy cattle; 78% of our hogs; 66% of our butter; 45% of our eggs; 76% of our corn; 64% of our wheat; 82% of our oat; 32% of our wholesale trade; 40% of our retail trade; and 45% of the wages paid to industrial workers.

This mighty seaway with its incidental potential power possibilities, when completed, creates a new seacoast with 3,576 miles of shoreline connecting the very part of the continent with arteries that lead to all the ports of the world.

It will serve to stabilize many important industries in their present midwestern location, anchor them there for the benefit of the railroads as well as the utilities which will be supplied with greater power, facilities, and for benefit of all.

The people of this country owe a debt of gratitude and an obligation of sincere thankfulness to the pioneer railway builders, and to courageous men and women who risked their capital in the development of private power facilities. Its size and international character challenge the attention of the world. It will provide navigation for the large seagoing ships and accommodate 85% of the ships afloat. Its cost is moderate when compared with other government spending. After deducting the sale of power, which will be developed incidental to the main project, \$18,000,000 a year for 10

"Peace will come soon and come to stay"



A thoughtful Lincoln looks out on a troubled world this year from his marble memorial in Washington. As the nation marks the 131st anniversary of his birth, and wonders if his words on peace, prophetically spoken near the end of the Civil War, will apply today.

Dr. Chas. Benning Talks at Sixth Health Lecture

Dr. Charles A. Benning, of Royal Oak, and member of the Oakland County Board of Health, gave the sixth lecture in the Child Health series, sponsored by the Holy Name P. T. A., Monday night at the Barnum School.

Dr. Benning drew attention to the continuous progress in the field of medicine for the last 75 years. He told the audience that many things "in the good old days" were very imperfect, particularly in the treatment and care of sickness and infection.

Among some of the points he repeated are the following: The school and the public health nurse can only do so much. The parent has the greatest responsibility in preventing disease and in seeking medical advice soon enough.

Smallpox is increasing despite the fact we have found a preventive; this increase is due to the indifference of the public in vaccination. A child should be vaccinated before he is one year old, and again before he is five years of age.

"Dr. Benning advises no delay if a child complains of a sore throat. Whooping cough is especially dangerous for very young children, and pneumonia is the most serious complication."

Dr. Benning was very urgent in his warning to avoid exposure to scarlet fever, on account of the very serious after-effects in many cases. Every child exposed to any communicable disease should be isolated for his own protection and that of other children, he said.

Measles may be extremely dangerous for children under three; every case should be isolated, he added.

Infantile paralysis is one disease for which no serum has yet been found. Dr. Benning said that more damage may be done by scarlet fever than by infantile paralysis, as scarlet fever may cripple heart and kidneys for life, was his statement.

Dr. Benning stated that most cases of tuberculosis develop in young women between 20 to 34 years of age.

He urged mothers and fathers to instruct their young people early enough for the prevention of venereal diseases, and to answer the earliest questions honestly.

The last talk in this series will be Feb. 26. Dr. Hollister will lecture on dental hygiene.

Milks Team Loses First Game in Overtime Period

Milks' Service, leading quarter in the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. basketball league, finally met defeat Tuesday night at Baldwin High School gym when the inspired Birmingham Merchants squeezed out an overtime victory to end Milks' winning streak at six straight games. A tie score of 26-26 made necessary a three-minute overtime period in which the Merchants scored three points while Milks tallied two, to win 29-28.

McDonald, recently-graduated Baldwin High School star, who joined the Merchants' squad three weeks ago, easily qualified as the hero of the game by shooting a field goal in the final seconds of the game to tie the score as well as being high-point man with five field goals and one foul shot. Foulouts led in scoring for the losers with four field goals and two foul shots.

Merchants led at the end of the first quarter, 8 to 6, with Milks tying the score at the half, 16-all, and leading by one point at the end of the third quarter 23 to 22. At the end of the fourth quarter the score was again a tie at 26-26, and at the end of the three-minute overtime period, Merchants led 29 to 28.

In the other two games on the night's schedule, Birmingham Athletic Club defeated the Sheet Metal Dept. team of Yellow Truck & Coach, of Pontiac, 29 to 22, and Peck's forfeited to Polygon Club but took the floor with one ineligible player and piled up an impressive score of 51 to 34 against Polygon.

Last Week's Games
In the three games played last Thursday evening, the Merchants defeated Peck's 29 to 25. Polygon Club squeezed out a 36 to 35 victory over B. A. C., and Milks swamped the weak Rochester Independents 38 to 12.

There will be no games next week because of the High School play being held in the auditorium. The next games are set for Thursday, Feb. 29.

Man Tries Twice to Leave Scene of Crash, Says Officer

John D. Palmer, of 3650 Dixie Highway, Drayton Plains, was embarrassed Monday night when his car was involved in a crash as he drove north in the southbound lane of Woodward avenue.

In fact, so nonplussed was he that he tried twice to get away from the scene, according to the report filed by Patrolman Robert Emmett.

Palmer was jailed on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor, and when arraigned Tuesday morning before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, he pleaded not guilty, and trial was set for Feb. 29.

Emmett reported that after Palmer first was stopped from leaving the scene, and the keys taken from his car, he produced another set of keys, and proceeded to leave again.

He crashed into a car driven by

Don Simmons, of Walnut Lake, after narrowly missing the auto of John Thörn, of Berkley.

Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Milks	6	1	.857
Merchants	2	2	.500
Polygon Club	2	2	.500
B. A. C.	1	4	.200
Peck's	1	4	.200

Games originally scheduled for tonight were played on Tuesday night of this week. There will be no games next week on account of a school play being held in the gymnasium. Thursday, Feb. 29—1 p. m., Polygon Club vs. A. C. Merchants vs. B. A. C. 7 p. m., Milks vs. Peck's.

Preparedness
"What sort of clothes did the stage manager suggest we wear when we sing in public?" "Springing tops."

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35 Delinquent Boys See Picture Here

Thirty-five of the older boys of the Oakland County Juvenile Home at Pontiac were guests Friday evening of Howard C. Holah, manager of the Birmingham Theatre. They saw "The Dead End Kids on Dress Parade."

Judge Arthur E. Moore, of juvenile court, who also attended this showing, described the trip to Birmingham by these boys as "the finest and most worthwhile event of their entire winter season."

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