

Michigan Mirror

LANSING—Although crystal gazing at this time of the year is not to be done through rose-colored glasses, 1940 forecasts for Michigan have been significant agreement by predicting:
1. Reasonable prosperity for wage-earners and farmers.
2. Improved financial condition for state government.

While the present European war makes the American scene subject to uncertain economic fluctuations, all signs now point to a long and exhaustive struggle overseas. The domestic industrial, business and farm forecasts are all predicated in a degree on the assumption that Hitler and Chamberlain will be calling each other names for many, many months to come.

Sales Taxes Soar Michigan baked in better times during 1939. Proof is seen in the soaring sales tax revenue collected by the state.

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Boy Prefers Tent To Star's Home



Home, even in a humble tent-shack by the Kaweah river near Lemon Cove, Calif., was preferred by 12-year-old David Hobbs to the glitters and glamor of a Beverly Hills mansion.

Out-of-State Buying Subject to Use Tax, State Board Warns

"Taxpayers who have innocently or otherwise failed to declare liability and pay the three per cent use tax required by law on articles purchased in another state, may be heading for trouble."

High Wages Michigan, manufacturing center for automobiles, furniture and paper, fared well industrially during 1939.

Federal economists have been insisting that a slump would take place during the first six months—at least a tapering off from the high point of production following the declaration of war last Sept. 3.

Wage cuts in the nation. Rubber workers are second. As any Michigan resident well knows, the automobile industry sets the pace for Michigan prosperity.

Different Positions "So you're a young man with both feet in the ground, well, put in a take orders from a man with both feet on the desk."

CROQUETTES are fine for Using Up Leftover Meat

SUGGESTIONS for croquettes should really be headed "How" to make a cup or two of meat feed a whole family.

Leftover lamb fashioned into cutlets and served on rice emerges as a delicious, hot main course.

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But that meat can be chopped or ground and combined with other ingredients to make tender, crumb-rolled croquettes and

Lamb Cutlets 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup 3/4 cup beef hash ground 2 teaspoons lemon juice 1 tablespoon butter

Drippings for Cutlets: Flour 1 egg, slightly beaten 1/2 cup milk 1/4 cup cream

Ham and Egg Croquettes 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped fine 1/2 cup milk 1/4 cup butter

Broccoli for Croquettes: Flour 1/2 cup milk 1/4 cup cream 2 tablespoons water

Leftover ham croquettes are useful, too, especially when they are made as follows:

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Cars Out of Hand On Icy Pavement; 5 Crashes Result

Hazardous street conditions contributed to five automobile crashes here last Saturday and Sunday. No one was hurt, however.

At 1 o'clock Saturday, Gerogianna Dillon, of 1242 Lenox street, turning off Fernside, east onto Oakland avenue, was struck by a machine driven by Frank Armstrong, 18 years old, of 905 Shirley drive. Neither could stop because of the ice.

At 2:50 p. m., Margaret Goreau, driving a machine owned by the Cranbrook Academy of Art, struck the car of James D. Jones, of Royal Oak, parked on Worth street.

At 7 p. m., Thomas W. Miller, 25 years old, of 130 Marquette street, collided with the car of Mrs. Lowell Conroy, Kearsy Harbor, driving westward at Lincoln.

At 8 p. m., a machine driven by Erwin Kruse, 1327 Lenox street, Detroit, skidded on Woodward avenue near Quatton road, and hit the rear of an auto driven by Louis Spencer, 860 Harbale road, Bloomfield Township.

At 9 p. m., a machine, at Woodward avenue and Harmon, Edward Norris, 22 years old, of 12 Valley road, skidded and crashed into a steel street light pole. Damage was estimated by police at \$150.

Telephone Co. Has 61,604 Phone Gain During Past Year

DETROIT—Reflecting the general business trend in the state, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company experienced heavy demand for its services in 1939 and increases in both operating revenues and expenses over the previous year.

At the end of the year, the company had 742,118 telephone in service, or 7.4 per cent over the previous record of 690,764, in May, 1939.

The 1939 gain of 61,604 telephones was second to the record increase of 64,843 in 1937. Net income was \$10,019,056.82, an increase of \$1,216,994.54 over 1938, equivalent to \$8.92 a share of common stock compared with \$7.04 the previous year.

The operating revenues of the company reached \$43,384,000 in 1939, a gain of 8.1 per cent over 1938. Operating expenses, exclusive of taxes, climbed 5.1 per cent to \$18,800,000. Taxes totaled \$6,088,000, which represented a 12.5 per cent increase over 1938. The tax bill was the equivalent of 14 per cent of the company's revenue and amounted to \$5.06 per telephone. Ten years ago taxes were \$5.83 per telephone.

Minted Grapefruit To two cups of grapefruit/sections add one package of after dinner mints. Put in refrigerator until mints have dissolved. Serve in compotes.

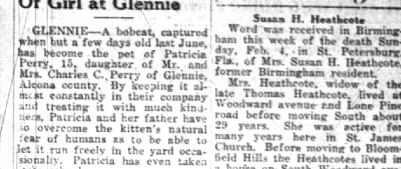
Fried Bananas Peel bananas, cut in halves crosswise or in quarters. Roll in sifted bread crumbs or in rolled cornflakes. Fry in hot, deep fat until light brown. Drain on paper and serve very hot.

Apple Pandowdy 4 tart apples, cored and pared 2 tablespoons cooking tapioca 4 tablespoons brown sugar 4 tablespoons granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 2 tablespoons butter, melted 1 recipe pie-crust

Grapefruit, Cherry and Pecan Salad Drain a can of white cherries; remove pits in sieve; take out the pecan nut meats. Separate a large grapefruit into sections. Remove membrane and seeds. Mix with the cherries and serve on lettuce with French dressing.

BURIED ALIVE 7 HOURS Salmon, Idaho—Ivan Subaugh, 17, buried for seven hours in a hole by a catfish. Was rescued alive by his father. Rocks wedged up to above the boy's head allowed air to reach him.

Boy Best Man' at Horseback Wedding



Claim to 1940's cuttiest wedding was made by "Uncle Joe" Bowers, 70-year-old customer of Indiantown, Fla., who was married on horseback to his Mae Sutton, 24, by a woman preacher, also in the saddle. Best man was Clyde Morgan, 8, above. Bride and groom, below, wore cowboy clothes because region is known as Florida's "Wild West."

Captured As Kitten, Bobcat Becomes Pet Of Girl at Glennie

GLENNIE—A bobcat, captured here but a few days old last June has become the pet of Patricia Perry, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry of Glennie, Ala. county. By keeping it almost constantly in their company and treating with kindness, the girls, Patricia and her father have so overcome the kitten's natural fear of humans as to be able to let it run freely in the yard.

Osborne Raby, veteran trapper of Glennie, caught the kitten one night in June as it ran through the grass while he was mowing in his car. He presented it to the Perrys as a gift. Since then tours from many parts of Michigan and neighboring states have visited Perry's place of business to see the "large wildcat" and some have made very substantial offers for his pet.

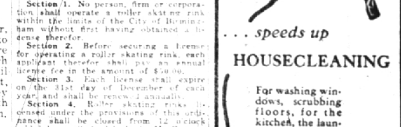
"Pat" as the cat is called has been run by Perry's service station in Glennie and does not resent visitors. She will not accept fondling from everyone. Patricia picks it up at will, but such an overture by the average stranger may be greeted with a sound cuffing and scolding from Felix. The cat is fed milk. It is playful and its antics furnish much amusement to visitors.

The cedar wards of Alpena and Inoc counties, particularly those horning the A-S-Bite over, provide much bobcat hunting during the winter months in northern Michigan. Group bobcat hunters are being considered as major participants in sports events in these counties.

WHITFIELD (SPA) With Herbert Sawyer, 8, was a 22-caliber cartridge on his tongue

suddenly rolled the wrong way and was absorbed. That Sawyer began to cough and next day coughed harder. The third day he was over a hailer coughing, and he oxygen—and not popped the cartridge. "Lucky it didn't explode," said Herbert, relieved.

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