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Traffic On Woodward Ave.

While there are a number of local traffic situations that will require some study before they can be put into effect, there are two matters that could be accomplished immediately to relieve downtown Woodward avenue congestion.

One would be to change present left-hand turn practices at the Woodward-Maple intersection to require motorists to make short turns immediately upon entering the intersection rather than to cross beyond the center line.

Maple avenue traffic, because of the angle at which the streets intersect, does this now. Woodward left-turn traffic, however, bottles up the intersection. A motorist desiring to turn left onto East Maple, for instance, is often prevented from doing so by the second or third driver who is waiting to turn left onto West Maple.

Secondly, the police department—if the city commission doesn't bring up the matter shortly—should recommend the immediate return to the no-U-turn requirement in Woodward between Hamilton and Brown streets. This traffic ordinance measure, through commission resolution, was temporarily dropped during the war to allow taxicabs to save as much gasoline as possible.

It should be pointed out to commissioners that gasoline rationing is no longer in effect, and hasn't been for some time. Taxicabs still make U-turns on Woodward and thereby create a considerable hazard. Action to rescind the commission's temporary license for U-turns seems to be in order.

"The moon is a dead and airless world and not much will be gained by landing there," declares Dr. Lyman Spitzer, Jr., professor of astrophysics, who suggests that man will probably set foot on the planet Mars before landing on the moon.

The professor looks considerably ahead, suggesting that travel between the planets may be possible "during our lifetime" through use of a rocket with atomic power for its source of energy.

This is interesting speculation which will stimulate some imaginations but that is about all it will do.

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If we understand the procedure, the new apparatus received the eight broadcasts at the same time, mixed them into an unintelligible jargon, converted them into radio waves which were sent into space. Included in the broadcasts were a ticker service, teletype, facsimile reproduction, radio, commentary, a broadcast program, an FM musical, a series of high-fidelity recordings and a concert normally sent over wires.

President Truman's recent veto of the Taft-Hartley labor law reveals that he is playing for the labor vote in 1948. While he may win back some of labor's leaders, we believe that labor's rank and file—tired and disgusted with being jockeyed about by politicians in both labor and government—will not cast their votes for the illegitimate offspring of the New Deal.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO July 30, 1897

F. Blakelock is recovering at his White Lake cottage this week. Everybody's lips now are black, and why? Cause it's the season of hickberry pie!

STRAYED—A bay mare, with three white feet and white in the face, weight about 1200 pounds. Any information concerning her will be gladly received by John Nixon, Birmingham, Mich.

The happiest man on earth now is William R. Hathaway over the safe arrival of his dandy baby daughter, and now with his girl and boy, William R. is right on deck with a K. stamped on his back.

Those readers and friends of this "Eccentric" paper who know, without doubt, that the right proper caper.

As spending your time in perusing a sheet That is utterly worthless, and is incomplete As this one, just issued, at the end of July.

On which all you people are casting your eye, However your editor's on his vacation And only here on a limited probation.

Plans are being made for the new \$240,000 Chestersfield School to be located at the intersection of Oak, Frederick D. Madison, and Royal Oak, has been chosen as the architect and plans have been completed within a few weeks.

Dr. Harold Roehm, of Bloomfield Hills, a child specialist, was named president of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children.

Edwin Corryell, 20, and Warren Bray, 23, are planning to cross the Atlantic in a 16-foot craft, equipped with only a small outboard gas motor.

The board of directors is negotiating with painters and decorators this week preparatory to a general cleaning and redecorating of the House during the month of August.

More than 25 varieties of flowers were planted in the garden, which was constructed last spring by C. W. Haven, landscape architect, belongs to E. R. Thom of 116 Puritan road.

Saturday was Gene Hadjisky's first day as a boat hand, and he was really baptized. At the end of the month cruise, John was in charge of the gangplank, and noticed a woman had fallen into the Detroit River.

R. F. Webber, of 164 Baldwin avenue, was driving his car out West Maple and Cranbrook when his car just missed hitting a pig. Now who keeps a pig out that way?

Dog bites of the week: Amy Lou Strunk, 1060 Lake Park, and Jimmy Judkins, 632 Oak, were bitten Tuesday noon by the Jerome Beasley dog. The police report said the children were teasing the dog.

Gene Hubbard, who forgot a bright window sign when he closed up the Photographic Shop several weeks ago during the last black-out, was in town Saturday and he paid Squire Jim Taylor, associate justice of the peace. Squire Hascall is vacationing.

Three days after Daisy (a beagle hound residing at the H. Chalks home) delivered eight puppies, she conceived a racoon on her home property. The coon probably



People's Column

To the Editor: July 21, 1947 In the belief that the proposal of Mr. Coit Allee to revise the zoning ordinances so that the Zoning Board of Appeals will have no jurisdiction over publicly-owned and lease close scrutiny, may present the objections which probably have occurred to many other citizens?

Contrary to Mr. Allee's contention, this proposal would leave the average citizen no manner of protest at all, in reality, to the act of those persons who administer public lands. We all know that the average citizen, for whose rights America always has been vigilantly vigilant, cannot afford to undertake court action against the school board or the city, as Mr. Allee suggests he may.

The other alternative offered—the ballot box—would, in effect, lock the barn after the horse has gone. If a blight has been imposed upon a residential section, the citizen cannot remove that blight, say two years later, by the way in which he casts his ballot.

So it is evident that this proposal would invest our citizens who undertake a term of public service, with autocratic powers. Persons who assume public office

has his mouth all set for some of the Chalks crew, but he will have to wait two years later, by the way in which he casts his ballot.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Any farm offers a host of opportunities for picture taking. You'll find many interesting animal pictures. PICTURES ON THE FARM WHEN I was a small boy one of the great events of every year was to spend a week at my grandparents' farm. It seemed to me that all the goodness of the world was to be found in the dirt-floored cellar of the old house. It had that moist, warm odor of apples, potatoes, and other fruits and vegetables—ripened through the long winter.

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