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By Gene Aleman

LANSING—Jottings from a columnist's notebook: That 169 farm people were accidentally killed in Michigan during 1946. Agriculture has more major accidental work deaths than any major industry. That's why Farm Safety Week will be observed July 20 to 26.

That Governor Kim Sigler will relate his cowboy experience over Michigan State College's radio station WKAR at 12:30 p. m. Monday night, May 22-24, that each red poppy is made by a hospitalized war veteran who sells the poppy to the Legion; that the funds raised will assist worthy veterans.

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That the spring growing season in Michigan is already 12 days behind schedule; that Holland is to import blooming tulips for its Tulip Festival last week; that Charles Fieg (Michigan agricultural commissioner) believes the 1947 peach crop will be just peachy—it may even top the 1946 record of 4,534,000 bushels.

That the average woman who complains about the price of clothes or fruit almost never sews her own clothes or cans her own fruit. "Taint funny, either."

That Senator Arthur Vandenberg is advocating the St. Lawrence seaway to the Great Lakes whereby cost of the same would be paid out of tolls paid by boats.

That Michigan has forest tracts owned by 310 schools and 125 cities under terms of a state law enacted in 1931.

That Michigan's newest member of the state conservation commission—Dick Fletcher of Bay City—believes the grandest hoist on the AuSable. We still glow at the memory of the sight of two fishermen reeling in their live creel to the AuSable after a day's float. That is real sportsmanship!

That the U. S. Health Service estimates a million of us Americans become infected each year with tuberculosis germs and that 100,000 of us develop an active disease and take ill. The X-ray film is still the best preventive.

That the City of Detroit made \$45,000 profit last year out of a city-owned restaurant which sells beer.

That it pays to be feeble-minded, at least in Elba township in Lapeer county. This township is receiving a windfall of \$12,000 from Lansing as a result of the sales tax diversion amendment. Why? Because 60 per cent of the folks who live in Elba township are residents of the state home for feeble-minded in Lapeer.

That the Gwyn's hardware store gets results from newspaper advertising such as this: "What could be nicer than a new complete; where you go to the privy without wetting your feet." Could be that Mr. Gwyn has heard "Oklahoma!"

That the betting at the state capitol is ten to one that the state treasury will have a red-ink deficit by the end of the coming fiscal year. Legislators are not tax-minded; rural vs. city antagonism is at the root of the differences.

That the Hastings Manufacturing Company, makers of piston rings, is now operating only four days a week due to lack of orders. About 100 workers have been laid off. Another recession sign: The Dow Jones Company at Midland also has a top-heavy inventory and is slowing down production.

That both General Electric and Packard, which recently granted wage boosts, are now increasing prices once more.

That the Royal trailer coach factory at Hastings, founded in 1940, is now turning out 12 to 14 hand-made trailers each week; that the trailer, 21 or 24 feet in length, is virtually a custom-made cabin on two wheels; that the price for the 21-foot model (which we inspected at Hastings the other day) is \$1,995 including all electric refrigerator, license plates and taxes; that two-ton trailers are best for safety; that we're going to stick to an old-fashioned tent for a while.

That the state legislature is really going to adjourn soon. We're told, June 6.

That there is a real slump in the liquor business; that 500 bartenders are out of work in old Chicago and 600 of the city's 6,000 saloons are reported ready to fold up; that folks are just not buying fancy, high-priced wine any more.

That Michigan ranked second last year in work time lost due to strikes . . . in number of strikes, and ninth in number of labor disputes before the NLRB. No, we're not bragging.

That the guzzling of canned fruit juice is 271 per cent over pre-war. Aint statistics wonderful!

That the fair employment practice commission bill, now drafted

between 1940 and 1945. The value of Michigan dairy products jumped from 51.5 million dollars to 121 million dollars in the same time; poultry, 16.7 to 38.5 million.

That 80 per cent of the cost of building a home is due to labor; that wage costs in the building business have gone up 78 per cent since 1940.

That 20 percent of families in these prosperous U.S.A. earn less than \$1,000 a year; 40 per cent do not have an automobile; 50 per cent of all farm homes lack electricity.

That the climate in Michigan stimulates physical energy and hence accounts for a lot of our pep. And by the way, what in the world happened to our spring this year? Summer will be here in another 30 days.

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