

**HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE**  
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those of us who live just outside the city limits that we're backing up the wrong tree. This burning spree we go on every year does more harm than good.

**DROP THAT MATCH**

The snow has gone (we hope) and brought to light all those patches of dry grass and dead weeds. The papers caught in the hedges are in plain sight again, along with the brush that was cut last fall.

Nearly every one of us gets the urge to grab a handful of matches and make like a pyromaniac. We remember those weeds that bore such lovely crops of seeds last year and decide that now is the time to do them in for once and for all.

The Michigan state conservation department tells us, especially

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IN THE first place, according to an article in the March issue of "Michigan Out-of-Doors" we burn a number of materials that we are going to spend good money to replace. Allowed to return to the soil naturally, these weeds will go back as the phosphorus, calcium and the other elements they took from it for their growth. Burned they will be useless and will be blown away in fine ashes.

Secondly, our hope of burning the seeds is often misplaced. They have already left their mother plant and sown themselves. The fires we build pass over them quickly, scorch them a little, but leave them ready and able to spring into full growth.

Those plants which come from the root year after year pay no attention to the fire and thrive.

THIRDLY THOSE of us living in suburban and rural areas are creating a real damage when we burn extended areas. We destroy the food source and cover of birds and small animals. Often, in the case of birds which nest early and

of young animals, we leave behind a trail of death.

Fourthly, the burned over areas leaves an open invitation to any floating seed to settle down and sprout. Many of these seeds, if they fell on sodded areas, would die before they were successfully rooted. In the barren soil of a burned area they fall directly into the dirt and have every chance of survival.

If all these are not enough to stop that burning instinct in you, give thought to the other dangers.

THE FIRE MAY pass over a root and leave it alive. Not so with the trees. They have their roots deep in the ground which supplies them with food. This, though, must travel between the bark and the wood to reach limbs and leaves. Burn sears deprive the top of the tree of its food and it dies. The fire you start may look harmless enough until a vagrant breeze wanders by and turns it into something you cannot stop. Your attempt to burn over your back yard may leave you and your neighbors without homes.

Spading the old weeds under and removing the new crop as it appears may be more tedious and strenuous work, but take the word of the men in the conservation department—you'll be better satisfied and do a better job in the long run of eliminating weeds.

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**WLFD Continues To House Truck In School Garage**

WALNUT LAKE — Fire commission members met Mar. 30 to hear the semi-annual report on department activities to be issued to those who have contributed funds to the fire department.

Don Benway, commission president, stated Saturday that the department would continue to house their equipment in the school garage indefinitely. The garage was made available to the department after the purchase of a new school bus, too large to be kept there.

He states that the department, numbering about 50 volunteer members, had responded to their first run since the purchase of their fire engine. The alarm was caused when a grass fire went out of control near several buildings. The blaze was put out in a matter of minutes.

At present the department is using a telephone exchange system to alert members, but hopes to raise sufficient funds to purchase a two and one-half horse power, stationary siren.

"A UNIT of this kind is just too expensive for us just now," Benway explained. "We've had the purchase and repair of our truck, plus the purchase of equipment, and the siren is going to have to wait."

He said the cost would run about \$250 for the siren. Another future aim of the department is some self-sustaining smoke masks. The department has expanded its area, on request, and will give aid to residents in the section east of Inkster road.

Among the unusual assets, for a fire department, is listed an electric clothes drier. Benway said the drier, housed in the garage, was used by the family living on the second floor of the building.

**PTA Group Cites Traffic Control Work of City**

In a letter to the city commission, the Adams School PTA complimented the city's work in traffic control in the vicinity of the school.

The message stated, "Your vigilance and cooperation in the matter of improving traffic control at Adams school crossings has been deeply appreciated by Adams school Parent-Teacher association."

"We wish to thank you for your very substantial help in assuring the safety of our children in this dangerous area."

**Resident Requests Easement Vacation**

A hearing has been set for April 23 to consider a request for the vacation of a six-foot easement running diagonally through property located at 1893 Humbrey.

The request was made of the city commission by Eugene C. Fairchild.

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