

Special Recognition Week for Hospitals

Observance of Hospital Week May 8-14 should be of particular interest this year to Birmingham area residents. For it was only a few months ago that we saw the opening of the nation's most modern hospital, William Beaumont Hospital at Coolidge and 13 Mile roads just south of here.

Safeguarding of our health is termed by many as our most important individual asset. If that be so, then hospitals are one of the most important means of preserving and maintaining that health. This it does on a 24-hour, every day in the year basis.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARTICULARLY is fortunate in the amount of hospital facilities it has. Although it does not mean we have what is necessary or desirable, still most county residents are within a short emergency run of a hospital.

Not to be overlooked in this maintenance of health are the 33 licensed convalescent and nursing homes throughout Oakland county.

To these institutions and their staffs, their achievements and what they mean to the communities they serve, Hospital Week is dedicated.

Here's a Chance to Stop a "Tax Steal"

Pending in Congress are several so-called "reclamation" project bills which, if passed, will increase the nation's tax burden by more than four billion dollars. Michigan's share in this added burden would be \$196,600,000, and we are informed.

These proposed bills are known as the Upper Colorado River Basin Project and the Frypan-Arkansas Project. Behind this "legislative steal" are a comparatively few large landholders in the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wy-

oming who would benefit from irrigation canals which are part of the two projects. These four states, however, would pay less than two per cent of the cost. It is estimated that the projects would cost American taxpayers about \$5,000 per acre to be irrigated.

If you want to keep your taxes down, why not write one or both of Michigan's U.S. Senators, Pat McNamara and Charles Potter, as well as Congressman George A. Dondero, of Washington, D. C.?

Doesn't U.S. Freedom Include "The Right To Work"?

Suppose for the sake of argument, that the 48 states or Congress should pass laws requiring that before a man could work at his trade, and before an employer could hire him, he would have to join a specified organization, pay an initiation fee and regular monthly dues, and be prepared to submit to special assessments.

Do you suppose the men who drafted the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights would have agreed to such restrictions?

And yet 17 states have found it necessary to pass "Right to Work" laws protecting a man's right to earn a living without joining any organization. It would seem that a man already had the Constitutional right to "join or not to join" without specific legislation to that effect, but apparently that is not true under present-day closed-shop agreements.

Additional states are considering "Right to Work" legislation pending consideration of a Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing the right to work free of any restrictions.

Labor union spokesmen have announced they are going to use all their powers to repeal existing "Right to Work" laws and prevent the passage of any additional ones.

If we are to remain a free country it is difficult to see on what logical grounds they will base their opposition, aside from pure self interest. It is altogether possible that public respect for unions will decline as a result of their opposition to the fundamental principle of the "Right to Work." Long ago outraged public opinion led to the passage of laws forbidding employers to blacklist union members. The current practice under which a man must join a union or go jobless is equally indefensible.



To Tell the World

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Hello, Mom.

It's May again and once more sons and daughters are taking full advantage of the one day in the year set aside to honor you.

We don't really need this special day, Mom. It's like Christmas—you love us all the year through, but at Christmas you always add a little more to your expressions of affection and let us know just how deep this love goes.

And so it is with the second Sunday in May, we have this special day to say how much we love you, and to thank you for the love, understanding, sympathy and faith you give us.

YKNOW, Mom, there are many, many times when your quiet understanding has made it possible for us to go on working and trying. When things go wrong we can come to you and talk it out with you. True, it isn't fair to put our burdens on your shoulders, but we nearly always do. The look that comes into your eyes is what gives us the strength to try again rather than just quit.

The tough job gets a little easier to do when we know we have Mom and her faith behind us. Perhaps it's because we don't want to let you down that we try a little harder to make the grade.

WHEN WERE low you build us up—but when we start to grow an inflated head you somehow have just the right word to bring it down to size. You do it so gently that we laugh at ourselves and life is on an even keel again.

You're wonderful, Mom. We love you.

But, have you in your devotion, ever stopped to think of how terrible boys and girls impose upon you? Probably not, but we do. It's Mom for this and Mom for that. A clean shirt, a button to

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Today will go by without incident to most people. However, it is the only one in history which can be recorded thus: 6/5/55

One of the advantages I find Michigan highways have over those in most other states is the 3,500 picnic tables and 87 roadside parks placed at frequent and interesting points.

Michigan is considered the national leader in the development of these highway facilities.

It is to be hoped we maintain that lead. My little family always looks forward several times each summer when we picnic by the roadside and watch the world roll by.

Detroit Councilman Van Antwerp certainly is a sporting chap.

He objects to the use of radar by Detroit police to catch speeding motorists.

Too sneaky a way to make an arrest, he claims.

What wonderful fellows to have around, these Antwerp-like individuals!

I wonder if I can get one of them to help me? I, too, think radar is an un-sportsmanlike way to catch speeders. In fact, my particular trouble is: my car is not a late model, therefore comparatively low in get-up-and-go.

Can't I get special regulations to re-

quire any cop chasing me to use only a horse?

I need a sporting chance, too!

Several one-way streets for Birmingham?

Possibilities of such relief for growing traffic congestion are popping into city officials' discussions with increasing regularity.

Nothing beyond the talk stage at present, though.

Just a little over five years ago, a Detroit daily newspaper astonished the citizens of the state—including me—with a series of articles on how some 1,200 townships had so much sales tax return money they hardly knew what all to do with it. Some tossed beer parties for township residents, others spent it on cemeteries, highways, fire prevention.

I recalled these articles at the April election as I was asked to ballot on a state constitutional amendment which would permit "improvements" out-state school districts to borrow a chunk of a \$100 million state kitty.

I wonder how many of these tax-full townships are partially or entirely within the "improvements" school districts.

That might be an interesting Sunday feature, too.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
NO. 425
ACCESS DRIVE—BOWERS TO ELM
Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 425, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of an access drive from the east side of Hunter (US 10) from Bowers to Elm, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1955, at 8 P.M. to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

April 28, 1955
IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk (7-8)

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
NO. 422
NORTHDAWN SIDEWALK—SHIPWAKE TO MAYLAND
Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 422, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of sidewalk, 6 feet in width on Northdawn between Shipwack and Mayland, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Al Kalline, the Tiger's sensational young rightfielder, is being praised by all the big and little players as the successor of DiMaggio, Cobb, and other greats. In a way, what a handicap such eulogies could be to a youngster... but let's hope that Kalline can overcome vanity as well as he can hit and field.

The poor manner in which the Michigan Turnpike Authority handled its publicity probably accounts for much of the reason why it is getting "hard sledding". Centuries ago Aristotle said: "Give me seven years to find the truth about something,

then give me 11 more years during which time I can develop a technique, a method, by and through which I can give it to the people."

This summer a number of Soviet farmers may visit American farms, with an equal number of Americans looking over Russia's agricultural areas. If the Americans get any good ideas, they are free to apply them when they get back home—but the same can't be said for the Russians, as they must clear everything with bureaucratic redtape.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
May 5, 1905

"Our drinking fountain has been painted, and the horses whimsy forth their thank you's when they come in sight of it."

"A bright, healthy, husky boy, weight 10½ pounds, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Parks of Troy and signaled his intention of staying right on the farm and growing up with the country."

"Jack Baldwin, one of Birmingham's disciples of Izaak Walton, wants to hire a small boy to "shin" the Methodist church spire and grease the weather vein so he can tell which way the wind blows."

30 YEARS AGO
May 1, 1925

Michigan Commercial Aviators' Association is the name given to an organization that was created in Lansing last Friday night for the purpose of establishing a passenger air service between the larger towns of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Baker of Smith avenue, complimented their little daughter, Josephine, with a party last Saturday evening at their home on Smith. Invitations were issued to fourteen guests, schoolmates of Josephine. Besides a buffet supper the guests enjoyed games and several special stunts.

15 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1940

A nearly "dry hole" was the result of the first test shaft sunk 170 feet last week on the West Lincoln avenue site, where the city is seeking a new source of supply to replace an older well which has failed.

Mrs. Jack Leary of Kennesaw road was elected president of the League of Catholic Women at a recent meeting of that organization held at the Community House.

While Ray Prevo pitched his best game of the season, striking out 13 batters, Birmingham trimmed Wayne five Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 1. The contest was played away.

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