Freeway Now Menaces Southfield, Bloomfield

There is no doubt but what most of the opponents of the proposed tumpike road through Oakland county, and more especially through Southfield and Bloom-field townships, felt as they did because of the threat of the project to their own

of the threat of the properties.

One recent effect of their feelings was evident when they opposed the candidacy of George N. Higgins, turnpike authority chairman, for Congress, Many of the voters reasoned that to oppose Higgins was to protect themselves against the menace of the proposed turnpike.

of the proposed tumpike.

NOW THAT THE TURNPIKE althoristy temporarily has shelved its efforts to put through its road, another menace of equivalent size has loomed in the person of State Highway Commissioner Charles Zielger. Ziejelger's department, now made wealthier because of increased federal grants for road-building, his decided on a route for a "freeway" that traverses much of the same route laid out by the turnpike people.

Result: many of the same nearly citizens who fought Higgins are now brganized to fight Ziegler.

It is a sad commentary on the lack of vision on the part of the State of Michan, through its highway department, that knowledge of the need and probable

location of such a freeway was not publicied some years ago. This would have headed off the subdivision developments in portions of the areas to be used for a highway. It would have enabled the state to purchase the needed lands for a fraction of present-day costs.

FROM TIME TO TIME The Eccentric has published news of the probable location of both the turnpike route and now this freeway route of Ziegler's. The exact route is not yet pinpointed. Several alternative changes are under study. In the meantime, the construction and sale of thousands of homes in Southfield and Bloomfield townships is being endangered by the highway department's vaciliation and failure to be definite. Unfortunately, alas, this situation is

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not new with Ziegler's administration of roads in Michigan. The pressure of public opinion—and plenty of it—will be necessary to find out with exact definiteness just what Ziegler's over-all plans are on this proposed highway between Rockwood and the Saginaw-Bay City area. Charlie may mean well (as he will seek to convince you), but to get him to mean what he tells is another phase of the subject.

Stop Uncle Sam From Robbing You via Taxes ...

Remember Custer's last stand? A thriller! He and his brave men were outnumbered and scalped by the Indians.

Now Uncle Sam, with a tax hatches scalping his best friends—the follows support him.

who support him.

If we had the courage of the spunky little squirrel, for centuries the symbol of thrift, looking after himself, his wife and children, without "Federal aid," we would stop Uncle Sam from flinging away our tax moneys, by the billions—all over the globe. Then wed have a safer country, including a stabilized 50-cent dollar, a balanced budget.

The enemy of workingmen is taxes-not profits.

WHAT'S GOING ON TAXWISE now-adays is no different from holding up a stagecoack_in the good old days. You don't take the steal out of stealing by legalizing it!

ligatizing it! Speaking of taxes, corporations don't pay them. They just collect them. They unload on the consumer all increased wages, fringe benefits, and increased costs of production—including taxes. Until the American people place a limit on the amount of taxes Congress can exact from them, they must endure this unprecedented extravagance from Washington, D. C.

Never forget that—always in maniful's history—its greatest potential domestic emeny is the State itself!

Ike Vetoes "Pork Barrel" Treasury Raid

Hail to President Eisenhower's recent veto of that 1.6 billion dollar rivers and harbors 'pork barrel'' bill recently passed by Congress. Ike declared that too much of it had not been approved by U.S. Army Engineers or the Budget Bureau. This bill has come to be known as a

piece of legislation that provides a Congressman with projects (needed or not) in his district, in order to get more votes. If every voter was aware of this Congressional skull-duggery he would be inclined to toss his Washington, D. C., elected representative right into the gutter.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

You'd be surprised if you actually knew how many sympathetic lady and gentleman federal bureaucrats seriously believe that our form of government should allow you to retain even a part of your earnings. Over and above its honest and legitimate needs, every dollar taken from you by government via taxation is comparable to being held up by a bandit. The only difference is that one is legal.

Voters of Bloomfield Township Voters of Bloomfield Township certain-ly left no doubt that they want to retain the annual township meeting as part of the machinery of their local government. It is to be hoped that enough of them will attend township meetings, both an-nual and monthly, thus letting their elected officials know of their interest in home

It is a matter of statistical record that It is a matter of statistical record unat a fast-moving lodomotive, when approach-ing a road that crosses it, always blows its whistle. However, should a motor car get in its path, the locomotive gets across this intersection just as fast as though no motor car were there.

If and when our United States becomes If and when our United States becomes in over-all fact a Socialistic State, it will not be because those in favor of it achieved the change by tremendous effort. Rather, it will be because those opposed to Socialism failed to work, civically, to preserve basic free self-government.

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Will It Stick?



NATURE NOW

Indian Pipe Plant Is Forest Ghost

By LYDIA KING FREHSE

This morning walking in the late summer woods, your scribe came upon a small colony of Indian pipe (Monotropa

unifora). I have seen this plant many times and in many places. I have seen this plant many times and in many places. However, its ghost-like whiteness, the grace of its pendant bloom, its restricted leaves like chips shaved from a parafine candle; these always create an exotic affect which contrasts sharply with the dimlet forest aisles which are its home.

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st of forest snage where name to a premium.

Here in order to survive, it gradially took on its parasitic way of ife. Its leaves, no longer needed is food factories, degenerated into mere scales and its stem became large and succulent to carry extra water and nourishment.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric— The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
August 31, 1996
The Sunday lid stays on, so far,
in Birmingham, very tight. Many
are inconvenienced and some awear
cusswords because they cannot get
fresh meat, ice cream, a piece of
ice or even medicine.

Sixty-seven lots in the vicinity of Woodward avenue and Landon, George, Floyd and Purdy streets, and known as Buell subdivision, were being sold at auction to the highest bidder.

commonwealth.

30 YEARS AGO
Work-Free Works and the September 2, 1920 building which is to house the long talked of theater for Birmingham was started Firday. The building which will be 200 feet frontage on Woodward avenue. There will be a large for 25 offices on the second of the space for 25 offices on the second of the

Six Institutions Defined

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"Yelling at children isn't likely to make home a howl-ing success."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

On Sept. 7, 1881, the Port Huron Daily wrote what many at that time t was the obituary for Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair, and Tuscola thought was the obituary for Sanilac, Huron, Lapeer, St. Clair, and Tuscola Counties on the Lake Huron side of the

Grounties on the Lake Huron side of the state.

In a deathly cryptic language it wrote: "Bad Axe is all consumed but the court house. Verona Hills together with Ubly and the country are all swept clear, hardly a building left, Owners had no chance to escape. Tyre is completely destroyed and also Deckerville."

Seventy-five years later it's impossible to find any traces of the Great Property of the Great Porter Fires of 1881. Instead of wearing a shroud of ashes . . the Great Thumb area is allve with thriving communities . . and a happy people intent upon their daily work.

ONLY IN THE MEMORIES of the older residents are there scars of the great holocaust which claimed nearly 300 lives . destroyed 1,531 dwellings . laid waste to 1,480 barns . left 14,48 persons homeless . and blackened an area of more than 1,800 square miles. As much alive today, too, as the countryside itself, is the spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor" . . which though cen-

turies old, actually reached its height of national significance. . as a result of the scope of the destruction.

For it was the Michigan Forest Fires of 1881 which gave birth to the great disaster program of an organization which is coincidentally celebrating its own 75th anniversary . . the American Red Cross

HAVING BEEN FIRST OFFICIALLY organized on May 21 of that year, the Red Cross was still in its swaddling clothes when word of the disaster was flashed to Dansville, N.Y., home of its founder and first president. Clara

Filled with compassion for the thousands of disaster sufferers and recognizing the need for collective assistance, she immediately turned her home into a depot

immediately turned her home into a depot for the packing and shipping of supplies to the disaster scene. Once the situation had been surveyed and a plan of action worked out, she then gathered around her a few faithful fol-lowers and hurried to Michigan herself to personally start and supervise the work which was to set the pattern for all sub-sequent Red Cross action in times of na-tural disasters. tural disasters.



ZOLTAN SEPESHY'S PAINTING of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, founders of the six Cranbrook Institutions. In the background are the institutions, left to right, Cranbrook School for boys, Cranbrook hot letter of Science, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Kingswood School Cranbrook; for girls, Christ Church Cranbrook, and Brookside School Cranbrook.

Cranbrook Close-up:

Six Institutions Defined

and an tree accitions to it were greated by the core booth himser and his youngest son, Harry.

There is a strong unity of spirit among the institutions rising from their common heritage and value the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings as "one" simply because of the proximity of the various buildings were the gift of two donors, Mr. and Mrs. Google that the Booths bought their first parcel of Bloomfield Hills property, and a few years later secured architect Albeet Kan San House. The property and a few years later secured architect Albeet Kan San House. The property and a few years later secured architect Albeet Kan San House. The property and a few years later secured architect Albeet Kan San House. The property and a few years later secured architect Albeet Kan San House. The property and the property and the secured architect and mesting the property and the property an