

## Michigan Contributes Much to USA

"Michigan Week" was celebrated throughout our State last week. Numerous programs were developed, each extolling the virtues and values not only of the Wolverine State, but of many of the little and big communities that constitute it.

From the early year of 1622 when Etienne Brule discovered Lake Superior, of 1634 when Jean Nicolet passed through the Straits of Mackinac, thence on to 1701 when Cadillac located Fort Pontchartrain, now Detroit . . . down to today with its seven and one-half million citizens, Michigan has played a goodly part in the growth of the United States.

Agriculturally, industrially, educationally, recreationally, and culturally, this

State has contributed much to enrich mankind.

**THE ABILITY TO MAKE** such progress is born, of course, from the creation of those social, political and economic freedoms that are necessary for mankind to lift itself from primitive conditions to higher material and spiritual environments.

History proves that only when mankind is free from every form of slavery will it continue to progress. This relates not only to the slavery exemplified in the actual ownership of the bodies of human beings, but to their enslavement in any other form . . . whether by capitalism or organized labor.

Yes, it's still great to live in Michigan!

## From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

That series of articles in The Detroit News relative to the antiquated high cost of Detroit's public schools, apparently is bearing fruitage. The Motor City's proper officials, goaded on by public opinion, appear ready to change Detroit's pattern of architecture to a style less expensive. That's a good sign for education, as well as the public pocketbook. May every Board of Education give the problem equal studious thought and action!

That old saw about "Many times as bridesmaid but never a bride" probably came to life by some feminine bachelorette who described herself as a lady-in-waiting.

A news story from Washington says that a local citizen, Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, soon will leave his post and return to the quieter environment of family life. Chief reason given is that his loyal and devoted wife wants him back home. History will certainly give the Secretary a large accolade for his patriotism in leaving the GM presidency to serve his country. But the best and highest reward he will receive will be the inner knowledge that he did his unselfish best to serve in an atmosphere of the roughest and toughest types of politics, where some of the boys and girls operate with little regard for ethics and high standards of practice.

Congratulations not only to Bloomfield Hills' new city commissioner, Henry L. Woolfenden, but to the city itself. Woolfenden, a lawyer, takes the place of the late Charlton G. "Pat" Eden. Formerly secretary of the Michigan Bar Association and also its president, Woolfenden is a high-class citizen. He is another ornament to our neighbor to the north.

It may be that a vast majority of Americans really believe President Eisenhower when he argues for the need for \$3,300,000,000 for foreign aid. It also may be that they fail to wire their Congressmen to support the President is for another reason: they don't like Ike's increasing domestic non-military budgetary items to get so much of their incomes. Neither do they like his programs for further centralization of power and controls in the nation's Capital. So they keep their fingers crossed on foreign aid.

Billy Graham tells his New York audiences that from two sources he has been told that the human social order is going to be bounced right off this earth. One of his sources is the Word of God in the Good Book, the other is from learned nuclear fission scientists who say A & H bombs will do the trick when mankind gets mad enough to trigger the next war. To a student of past and present history, what Billy says isn't just all oratory.

## So They Say . . .

Allen J. Ellender, U. S. Senator from Louisiana:

"The Russians fear us. We fear the Russians. The best way to dispel their fears is to let them come over and see how wrong they are."

Theodore W. Kheel, labor arbiter:

"Arbitration is no automatic business in which you drop in certain facts and get a set result."

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## Suburban Sidelights by Neil



'I happen to know that Yogi Berra LOVES Broccoli!'

## Remembering



## NATURE NOW

by Lydia King Frehse

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## Many Vegetables In Mustard Family

Now, in the full tide of spring's flowering, every jaunt along country road and meadow is brightened by the deep green-yellow of wild mustard. It spills out its bloom with a kind of gay abandon which, however, does not mitigate its effect as a field weed.

In woodland and rock garden the earliest of its relatives, the cresses, have already dropped their petals while others of their kind will persist until killed by the frosts of autumn.

A LITTLE study will soon show that the versatile mustard family not only decorates the landscape and acts as an obnoxious weed, but it also produces some of our most valuable vegetables. Several of these, including broccoli and cauliflower, are eaten in the "flower" stage.

Our edible mustards developed many centuries ago from cabbage growing wild in the Eastern Mediterranean area, which was the center of origin of the largest number of our present day vegetables. This plant was known from the time 2000 B.C., and Pliny, recording details of Roman feasts in the second century, takes note of both cauliflower and broccoli.

Cauliflower comes from the Latin "caulis," cabbage, and "floris," flower. A young cauliflower plant looks like another of the cabbage family but soon a green button appears at its heart. This is the flowering stalk that grows and forms buds which are protected throughout the winter. It would grow ordinary flower stalks which would produce blooms and seed by another spring.

Broccoli is also a mustard whose flower buds and stalks we eat. If you doubt this, place some in water for a few days and the buds will open into small yellow blooms,

their two sets of opposing petals resembling a cross. This pattern, common to all mustards, whether it appears on radishes, cabbage or a flowering cress, suggests the family name "Cruciferae." If you keep a bunch of broccoli for a few days you may even have seen these flowers open in the vegetable container in your ice box.

YOU MIGHT increase your taste for brassica sprouts knowing that they, too, are a kind of bud which if not cut from the parent stem would produce a flower stalk. In addition to cabbage, other important vegetables belonging to the mustard family are radishes, watercress, horseradish, kale and kohlrabi. Among its 2,000 species of herbaceous plants are also found a high percentage of tenacious weeds such as pepper grass, shepherd's purse and many species of wild mustard and cress.

The most aristocratic edible flower bud is the artichoke (Cynara), a member of quite another family, the thistle. A native of North Africa and the Mediterranean area, it has long been popular in Italy before it was brought to England in the 16th century.

THE ARTICHOKE is a tall perennial which in general appearance resembles the common bullthistle. However, the bud is cut before the characteristic purple spike-like petals develop. These are surrounded by several overlapping rows of leaf-like sepals which we eat. If not cut, they would turn tough by the time the flower would develop.

The artichoke is grown commercially along the California seaboard where its "buds" are harvested and sent to Eastern markets. So handsome are its deeply cleft leaves and purple flowers, that it is also cultivated as an ornamental.

Although man has found many other "utilitarian" and aesthetic uses for the flower, its origin remains as that of a reproductive organ for the production of the all-important seed.

## ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

American taxpayers are greatly troubled over how to appreciably reduce their tax burden. Have they ever thought about returning to do-it-yourself government?

From the Spotlight, Newton, Kans.: "Albert Johnson has returned to work after being laid up for five weeks because of an insured knee."

It's not getting a speaker that is the problem of the service club program chairman. It's in keeping the audience.

If everyone agreed with you, no one would be doing much thinking.

Troubled by all the surveys on the effects of smoking tobacco? You can get relief by giving up reading.

Since World War II, public relations has been recognized as an important part of more and more companies and organizations.

Newspaper editors have two immediate means of measuring this public relations growth:

The shrinking number of qualified applicants for his editorial staff, and the increasing height of his daily stack of mail, most of which is publicity material.

SOMETIMES THESE RELEASES include pictures of company officials or personnel, which we editors call "head shots" and present to you in one-column or half-column size.

Most of these head shots still are far from picturing the real man (or woman) from off-camera.

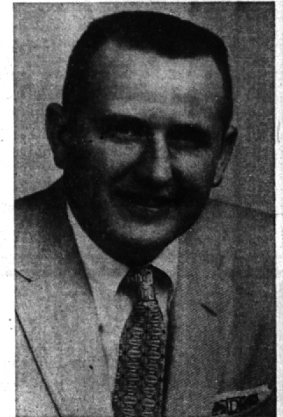
It is unbelievable that all of them are the unsmiling, stone-faced individuals the pictures show.

Therefore it is encouraging to note that progress is being made toward humanizing the businessmen's publicity photographs.

One of the photographers in the mission group is Eva Briggs of Pleasant Ridge. She has spoken to several professional photographic groups and described how she endeavors to capture a warm, tender, understanding nature, while at the same time including the accomplishments, aim in life, and strength-to-achieve of her subject.

Quite a job to get all this on photographic paper, but most effective when it is done.

Here is a sample of her work—a picture of Robert Day, a production engineer on hydraulic equipment, who lives in Bloomfield Hills:



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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

May 31, 1907

"The old brick house on Pierce St., always known as the 'Lowe' house, is no more. In building to it, Postmaster Haas discovered that the front wall bulged outward and was unsafe, so down went the whole building, and it will be rebuilt from the ground up, new and nice. It is certainly a benefit to the street, and improves all the property on that street, far and near."

"Will cigarette smoking men and boys ever take notice? Frank Haas, aged 29 years, was brought to Pontiac on Wednesday of last week and placed in the asylum a raving maniac. His home is in Saginaw and it is said the boy went crazy because of the excessive use of cigarettes. It took three men to bring the boy to Pontiac and at Holly considerable difficulty was experienced because the Grand Trunk train was two hours late and attendants and their patient were obliged to wait."

### 30 YEARS AGO

June 2, 1927

"One of the most interesting affairs of this season—and of many past—is the International Folk Festival of music and dancing, which is being staged at the Greek Theater at Cranbrook by the Inverness Institute under the direction of Miss L. Rankin. Two performances will be given, the first at 8 o'clock Saturday, June 14, and the second at the same hour on Thursday, June 16."

"A new school at Oak street and Chesterfield avenue became more probable Monday night when Village Manager James W. Parry was instructed to prepare maps and diagrams for a pavement 32 feet wide, with curb and gutter, on Oak street from River Rouge to a point some 700 feet west of Chesterfield avenue. The bad roads leading to the Chesterfield site were the greatest drawback to its selection at the last meeting of the school board. Members of the board felt that materials for a new school could not be delivered over the present approaches."

### 15 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1942

"Pupils at Franklin school figure that pop-wisdom and other picnic things aren't so important when compared with the needs of the U.S.O. so this week they donated the \$5 balance in their picnic fund to this cause."

"Persons who want extra sugar for canning may procure permits at 304 South Main, Royal Oak, or at 19 West Huron, Pontiac, administrator A. J. Diebel announced. The applicant should bring the ration book of the family, plus an inventory of the number of quarts canned last year and of the amount now on hand."

"The gas station men of Woodward avenue took it on the chin when through traffic was routed on Hunter boulevard. Now with tire and gas rationing, they feel that Fate has them down and is jumping in their faces."