

Supporting "Michigan Week"

"Michigan Week" this year is being observed May 17-23. It is a week during which, among many observances, public officials and private citizens, including the State's prominent business and financial leaders, acclaim Michigan as a GREAT STATE, industrially, financially, educationally, recreationally, and with potentials for added growth.

Anyone acquainted with the past and present history of the Wolverine State cannot deny this stature in the areas mentioned above.

There is, however, one facet of Michigan's greatness that has been, still is being, threatened; it lies in the industrial segment of our vocational life. It arises from what many say is our "negative-labor-political climate", although there are

others, including the Governor, who deny that such is the case.

THE CRITICS OF the Governor's policies bring forth statistics to show that some industry has moved away from Michigan, while some parent organizations have ceased to expand in Michigan, going to other States instead.

This controversy, of course, doesn't help our State grow. It is unfortunate that the controversy arises and is maintained in the atmosphere of "politics"—some of it real, some of it exaggerated.

One's problem, then, is to come to a personal conclusion on the subject of "climate", of course—but when it comes to basic loyalties, can there be any question but what each of us should boost the State where we live?

A Double-Talking Soviet Liar

"The Soviet Union attaches great value to the human being, irrespective of nationality, race and religion."

So said Khrushchev on February 5th in the same speech in which he called us "merchants of death," and invited President Ike to visit him as "a welcome guest."

Khrushchev's assurance should be read in the light of the record.

Actions speak louder than words. Khrushchev joined the Communist party 41 years ago. He practiced Communism under Lenin and Stalin. That he has survived to this date proves that he has never deviated from the party line.

That line includes the O.G.P.U., the secret police; "confessions" obtained by torture; the purge; liquidation without trial; the Katyn Forest; Hungary; suppression of religion, free speech and a free

press; exile in slave labor camps north of the Arctic Circle where exhaustion killed more than Hitler's gas chambers.

IVAN THE TERRIBLE, and Peter the Great, monsters of brutality though they were, never placed "such value on the human being"—dead! Such has been the reign of Communist terror, more frightful than a thousand years of Russia's sanguinary history. The Soviets killed at least 15,000,000 of their own helpless people.

Khrushchev himself was in chief charge of wiping out all Ukrainian opposition to his monolithic police state!

It is good news that the Reds "attach great value to the human being."

Khrushchev says so, himself. And, of course, he is an unmitigated liar!

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

For the second time in less than a year nearby Union taxpayers have rejected a \$5,500,000 school bond issue, by a vote of 1771 "No" and 1453 "Yes". Their school Supt. predicts half-day sessions for some pupils in the near future. But over in Livonia the school district's taxpayers, by a vote of 4794 "Yes" to 2417 "No" approved a \$7,700,000 bond issue for new schools, plus the renewal of a special three mill tax levy by 4676 "Yes" and 2620 "No" votes. The current history of why some districts approve and others oppose new school bond issues, or extra millage, is found in each district's own situation, the most important subject of disagreement being over the real or assumed lack of a district's demand for definite economy in construction costs.

"both for the nation's growth and as an example for new democracies abroad." A good suggestion, Mr. Secretary—now why don't you start with your Cabinet colleagues to have them operate their multitudinous departments of the federal government at less expense to the taxpayers? Such frugality in government certainly will provide living proof of the real sincerity of your's (and Eisenhower's) administration.

University of Michigan dieticians have announced that, contrary to popular belief, eating spinach does not provide one with great strength. It does contain some iron, but so do other green vegetables. So, kids, clip this paragraph and use it for self-defense, if you want to.

Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Anderson recently asked American newspaper editors to campaign against inflation.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Some mariners are complaining that the St. Lawrence seaway's new 80-foot-wide locks should have been made even wider.

Ships are tied when they are locked through, yet the intruding water often rocks the ships from side to side, damaging some severely.

Engineers undoubtedly will come up with an adequate solution. Perhaps something like several adjustable, hydraulic arms, fastened to the sides of the lock, and which project equally against the sides of the ship, holding it forcefully in place?

America today has too many persons who wish and wait. What it needs is more who plan and produce.

Our legislators can think up the strangest bills!

Like the one recently dropped into the hopper by Wayne County Republican Robert E. Waldron. His proposal would permit political party chairmen to obtain

from their city clerks—WITHIN 10 DAYS of the close of the registration period—the names of every registered voter in the city!

And without charge! If this were to become law, we'd undoubtedly see the mass resignation of every thinking city clerk in the state of Michigan.

In one respect, attending a municipal committee session today can be compared to entering yesterday's Western saloon: newsmen can enter if they check their pencils and cameras at the door.

Here's my annual April-to-April attendance report on your Birmingham city commissioners:

Three commissioners tied for the least absence with five each: Florence Willett, William Burgum and Carl Ingraham. Then Charles Remfrow and William Roberts with six each. Jack O'Gorman had 12, while Harry Denyes accumulated 13.

In a Bad Spot If It Breaks



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehe
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Underground Stems Hold Floral Charm

One of Nature's clever plant inventions is the bulb. Without it, our spring gardens would be bereft of much of their charm and color, while our woodland carpet of wild flowers would be equally impoverished.

A bulb is really an underground stem surrounded by overlapping fleshy leaves. From its center the roots grow downward into the soil while its enclosed shoot reaches to the light. The bulb contains stored food held over winter in order that the new plant may be adequately fed.

In some species such as a crocus, the nourishment in the bulb is so adequate that it requires only water and light for its growth and flowering.

A bulb represents the hibernation or resting stage of a plant. It is a much-used device for carrying life from season to season in climates which freeze back each year's growth. A bulb represents a large food storage volume well hidden underground where it is protected from animals and other vandals.

AMONG OUR garden flowers which spring from bulbs is a long list of favorites including hyacinth, tulip, crocus and our garden lilies. Trillium, adders' tongue and our native lilies are among the flowers which winter in like manner. Certain of our exotic orchid species also grow from bulbs. To the practical minded, the two of our most versatile vegetables, onion and garlic, are bulbs worth special consideration.

A corn is also a buried or underground stem. It resembles a bulb, but is solid in structure, a beauty.

A simple rounded enlargement of the potato-like tuber, it is an enlargement of the underground stem, usually more elongate or oval than a bulb or corn. Dahlias and tuberous begonias belong here as do such vegetables as potatoes, yams and Jerusalem artichokes.

If you plant a portion of a potato containing an "eye" it will produce a new plant because it is really a bud. If insects or drought should threaten the plant, it can live while drawing stored food from its tubers.

These varied forms of underground stems resemble a seed, in that they hold stored nourishment for a new seasonal plant. However, they contain a greater amount of food, and so provide for a more rapid growth. In each is hidden the undeveloped future of the plant-to-be. Here enclosed is patterned perfection of leaf and bud and flower; all varied usage, all color and fragrance, all tender bulb, but is solid in structure, a beauty.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1909

"Mrs. Fannie Shain is home again from California after a five months' absence visiting her sister, Mrs. Tibbitt, who came back with her. Birmingham looks pretty good to Mrs. Fannie and she looks as if California agreed with her, as she can now range up along with the stoutest."

"Frank Deir is wearing his head bandaged—the result of, he don't know what or how. Anyway he was found lying by the side of the track, at Hendrix's corners badly bruised and cut about the head. He can't talk and he is dumb. They made him bend backward and outward tending his trolley, his head struck a pole. He is all right now."

30 YEARS AGO
May 9, 1929

"One reason Bloomfield Hills village was so anxious to get a post office of its own was to keep persons who do not live there from using it as their address. Persons living miles from here know how Post carried a story and picture of Bloomfield Hills because it sounded right."

"Two men entered a Woodward avenue restaurant early Sunday and ordered from the menu. They were deaf and dumb. They made known to the waiter they wanted nickels for a quarter and put all five of them in the player piano. They appeared to be enjoying the music while they ate."

15 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1944

"Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, returned Monday from Philadelphia where she spent a ten-day vacation with friends. She enjoyed very much, she states, her visit to Valley Forge and its springtime blooms. Last week's Saturday Evening Post carried a story and pictures of the park and its attractive listing many places Miss Hanley visited."

"The other day out in Bloomfield Village John Ando, American citizen of Japanese parentage, gave his young daughter, Carolyn, \$5 to be presented to the Village Girl Scout troop for the purchase of an American flag. The Ando family came to Bloomfield Village from the west some time ago and during their stay here made many friends. Carolyn is much liked by the other girl scouts."

STRICTLY FRESH

An old, old-timer is a fellow who remembers when it was necessary to crank an auto to get it started.

Fellow across the desk from me isn't exactly Queen-of-the-May material, although the boss often threatens to crown him.

Luxury-time sailors who don't take care of their outboards spend most of the summer muttering.

People who own a lack of a pet in the home because it's "too much bother" are apt to be selfish in other ways, too.

You can get some mighty nice shined candy for a dime, these days.

To obtain one pound of insulin powder pharmaceutical companies must process 10,000 pounds of anything made many friends to Health News Institute.

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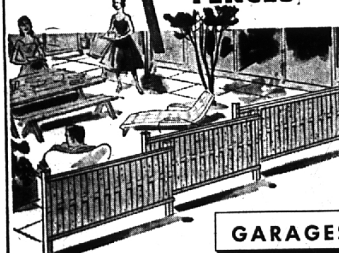
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