



Signs to Guide Motorists

Lane and speed control signals to guide motorists have gone into effect on Detroit's Lodge Freeway. Engineers watching the freeway by television can lower the speeds to 40 or 25 miles an hour. The green arrows show that lanes are open. Darkened panels beside arrows carry red X's which are flashed when the lane is blocked ahead. The experimental traffic control system will operate on more than three miles of the freeway.

Hwy. Engineers More Productive

The amount of work done by Michigan State Highway Dept. engineers increased 60 per cent between 1956 and 1960, the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) said recently.

The report showed the number of engineers for each million dollars spent for construction decreased considerably during the five-year period.

In effect, the dollar output per engineer increased by nearly two-thirds.

STATE HIGHWAY Commissioner John C. Mackie said much of the increase in productivity was the result of more effective use of engineering manpower and use of electronic computers, aerial surveying techniques and other improved procedures.

In both 1956 and 1960, Michigan employed fewer engineers per million dollars of work than the average for all states.

The Michigan average dropped from 15.7 in 1956 to 9.4 in 1960. The national average dropped from 19.6 in 1956 to 13 in 1960.

The study showed that in January of 1960, the Michigan State Highway Department had 4,112 employees. About 43 per cent were engineers.

At the same time, there were 261,500 persons employed by the 50 state highway departments and the District of Columbia. About 27 per cent were engineers.

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Valuation Approved: Increase Less Than 1%

A county equalized valuation of \$45,115,496 less than expected has been approved by the Oakland County Board of supervisors. The valuation recommended by the board's equalization committee, for 1962 tax purposes, is \$2,112,408,200.

Less than one per cent increase over last year, the 1962 valuation necessitates the board asking for 6.18 mills of the total 15 mills valuation for the County Allocation Board. The equalized valuation for the last ten years follows:

Year	Equalized Valuation	Rate M
1951	\$887,700,000	\$5.29
1952	\$966,200,000	\$5.185
1953	\$1,138,650,000	\$5.25
1954	\$1,178,425,000	\$5.14
1955	\$1,395,250,000	\$4.37
1956	\$1,584,801,000	\$4.68
1957	\$1,770,702,800	\$5.00
1958	\$1,808,669,400	\$5.62
1959	\$1,822,915,328	\$5.62
1960	\$2,008,619,100	\$5.48
1961	\$2,094,683,200	\$5.25

Face Lifting Old Kitchens

Old-time kitchens are generally unduly as far as space arrangements are concerned, and oftentimes they are unsightly. This is especially true of the old Colonial homes where the kitchen was never intended to be the center of the family's life.

Many a housewife with a Colonial home has found that she can easily update her kitchen without too much cost and, by so doing, add thousands of dollars of value to her home.

OLD CABINETS can be removed and, in their place, bright and cheerful wood cabinets built of popular woods like oak, maple, hickory or Douglas fir can be installed which will make an amazing difference in the room's appearance. Walls can be paneled in the same woods.

The new wood cabinets should be finished naturally with a dull varnish finish coat so that the soft, honey colors of these west coast woods are captured forever.

WHEN UPDATING an older kitchen, care should be taken to rearrange the storage units and work centers to cut down on extra steps.

Many cabinet-makers edge-glue narrow pieces of fir or hickory to make wide boards from which to cut door and drawer fronts and for other places in the cabinets where the surface is intended to be exposed. Solid wood gives an appearance of great depth and character.

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Legal Notices

Clarence W. Blumman, Atty., 207 Wakelee Bldg., Birmingham

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1962.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH B. PALMER, Deceased.

Ray A. Palmer having filed a petition praying that the instruments filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Charles W. Blumman, the executor named in said will, or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs and next of kin.

It is ordered, That the 14th day of May, A. D. 1962, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, be and the same is hereby set aside for hearing on said petition and on the return of said executor.

It is further ordered, That public notice hereof be given by publication of a notice hereof, once each week, for three consecutive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that pursuant cause of this notice be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known places of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (10-12)

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, Attorneys at Law, 318 Wakelee Building, Birmingham, Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of VERNON S. MYERS, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1962.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered, That the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 15th day of July 1962, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Office in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claims therewith, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them, or by making such copy to them, or by registered mail with their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

It is further ordered that notice be given by publication of a notice of this order in three consecutive weeks previous to the day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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Birmingham Civil Defense Aide Reports on Fallout Shelters

Birmingham Civil Defense Aide John F. Saeffe admitted today the relative scarcity of atomic fallout shelters in Birmingham, and added the following information about his present active plan for increasing the city's shelter capacity.

Approximately one out of ten residents could find adequate protection under the existing shelters, but he has informed city commissioners they may be increased to accommodate approximately one-third of the city's population.

SHELTER capacity is determined in one of two ways: (1) providing adequate ventilation exists, capacity is determined on the basis of ten square feet of floor space per individual; and (2) in the event ventilation will not provide sufficient fresh air for this maximum in-habitancy, capacity is determined on the basis of 500 cubic feet of space per individual.

Community House Near Fund Goal

More than 3,500 individuals, organizations and companies in the Birmingham area have contributed a total of \$47,400 to the 1962 Community House fund drive, Edward Lerchen, general drive chairman, announced last week.

"This can certainly be considered a vote of confidence by residents that it indicates the popularity and the importance of the Community House as the activity center for the area," he said.

"While we are about \$3,100 short of our \$50,500 goal, I am confident we can attain it in the next few weeks and will probably top the goal, by an appreciable amount," Lerchen added.

One of Paul Burman's sidekicks was Sourdough Sam, who supervised the camp kitchen. With the help of a hundred "greenmen," he made cakes on a griddle so large it had to be greased by skaters with slabs of bacon tied to skates.

The number of "shelter spaces" reported in existence now were generally determined on the basis of 500 cubic feet per person. Therefore, the addition of relatively inexpensive forced air ventilation systems alone would increase shelter spaces to the one-third of the population level.

THE MAXIMUM protection factor for these shelters, established by the Federal government has been set at 100. This means that persons inside a shelter would receive 100 times less radiation than those exposed on the outside.

Buildings offering a protection factor of only 40 are being retained in the program at this time in the hope that inexpensive efforts such as blocking windows and reinforcing their walls will raise the protection factor to at least 100. "This is not an unreasonable expectation, said Saeffe, two feet of concrete or three feet of earth will reduce radiation to 1/5000th of outside intensity."

THE OFFICE of Civil Defense is currently contacting owners of buildings acceptable to the program objectives in an effort to obtain their permission to use, identify and stock common areas for fallout shelters, should the need arise.

Building owners may revoke their permission at any time upon 90 days written notice to the City.

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