

Local Agencies In Michigan Get Set With Plans

By Douglas Graham
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Lansing, Mich. (AP)—Postwar projects totaling \$472,241,866 are being rushed into blueprint stage by hundreds of Michigan local government agencies under a broad public improvement program sponsored by the state planning commission.

In addition, the state itself is preparing a \$140,000,000 postwar highway construction program and \$90,000,000 institutional building and repair plan.

Stimulus for advancement of local planning has been a \$5,000,000 appropriation by which the state pays half the cost of preparing plans, specifications, engineering designs and even contract forms for each local government unit which makes application.

Million for Road Plans

Application for the state's matching fund grants must be cleared through the state planning commission and to make certain that adequate standards are maintained and assuring uniformity of purpose in local planning.

Four million dollars of the planning fund already has been allocated to school districts, drain districts, villages, cities, and counties while one million dollars has been disbursed to county road commissions to pay cost of preparing postwar road development plans.

The planning commission is seeking another \$2,562,000 from the state legislature to meet further local applications for grants still pending.

A total of 2,741 projects are already on file. The estimated cost of preparing plans is \$15,125,115, of which the state will pay 50 per cent.

Aim for Fund Tie-In

The list of projects includes \$130,000,000 for sewage and sanitation, \$35,000,000 for water works and water main construction, \$88,000,000 for schools, and \$64,000,000 in county roads and bridges.

Purpose of the Michigan rush to finish all preliminary work on postwar planning is to place local communities in a position where they immediately can take advantage of any federal or state funds made available after the war and to provide job-making construction work during the reconversion period.

While many of the projects could be started literally upon a moment's notice, Donald Weeks, director of the state planning commission, has cautioned that a large number of projects hinge upon availability of outside financing, either from a federally-sponsored public works program or state-financed program.

PHOTO UNCOVERS FRIEND

Dallas, Tex. (AP)—Six years ago Ira Taylor was best man at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Ray Purser. And that was the last the Pursers ever saw of Ira Taylor—until they found him again in a photograph of American citizens liberated from a Japanese prison camp.

Yanks Capture Reich Celebrities



On the roster of big-name Germans in Allied hands are Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia (upper left), son of the Kaiser, and his mother (upper right), Empress Hermine, widow of Kaiser Wilhelm of World War I. Captured also were Marshal August von Mackensen (lower left), 95-year-old German Army commander of World War I, and Dr. ... (lower right), chief Nazi propagandist in the U. S. from 1936 to 1941.

Unionists Visit At Front Lines

Manila, April 18 (AP)—Three labor union leaders visited the front lines in northern Luzon today and watched American planes and artillery hammer Japanese positions.

"They call this a mopping up operation, but it looks like a major battle to me," was the comment of Roy S. Brown, vice president of an AFL machinists' union.

Others in the party were Cyril V. P. Halloran, vice president of the CIO United Automobile workers, and Oprina Burrows of the Puget Sound navy yard. They saw Japanese prisoners and talked with Major General Charles L. Mullins, commander of the 25th division.

Anti Jap Group's Papers Accepted

Salem, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Attorney General George Neuner had ruled today that the articles of incorporation of the "Japanese Exclusion League" should be accepted by the state corporation commissioner. The organization has its headquarters in Gresham.

"Regardless of the vagueness ... of the objects, business and pursuit of the corporation set forth in the articles, it is my opinion that, upon receipt of the statutory fee, you should file the articles and issue a certificate," Neuner said.

He said that there is no unlawful purpose evident on the face of the articles.

Mitchell Soldier Killed in Action

One Central Oregon man has been killed, and another wounded in action, according to an office of war information press release today. Next of kin had previously been notified, it was stated.

Pvt. James C. Sanders, son of Mrs. Abbie Sanders, Box 368, Mitchell, was killed in action in Europe, it was reported.

Cpl. William P. Partin, husband of Mrs. Rose E. Partin, 139 Broadway in Bend, was wounded while fighting in Europe, according to the OWI report.

Farmer Wyatt



Whitlow Wyatt gets in shape to pitch for Phillies by plowing on his Buchanan, Ga., farm.

Safety Program Plans Outlined

Redmond, April 18 (Special)—Main feature of the regular luncheon meeting of the local chamber of commerce Tuesday noon in the banquet room of the Redmond hotel was the presentation to the group by a delegation from the Junior and Senior chambers of Bend of a safety traffic program.

The speakers were Ray Cooper, Bruno Rath and Charles Morrison. These delegates spoke on the project, suggesting it be a city-wide move, including schools and all civic organizations.

The local chamber moved to sponsor such a program and President Leslie Houk turned the details over to the public affairs committee.

Thirty-seven members attended the Tuesday luncheon.

President Houk named Roy Newell, Russell Galbraith, E. O. Adams, W. F. Gifford, Floyd Barton, C. A. Loop, L. E. Hartke, J. Audrain, Dr. E. M. McNeill and R. K. Woodward as a committee to take charge of the work.

Genevieve Franks Sians in Waves

Glenview, Illinois, April 18 (Special)—Genevieve Ida Franks, Wave Seaman first class, 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Franks, 240 Georgia Avenue, Bend, Oregon, has reported to the naval air station at Glenview, and has been assigned to duty in the supply department.

Seaman Franks enlisted on November 1, 1944, at Portland, Oregon, and received her training at the naval training center (WR) Hunter college, Bronx, New York, and the storekeeper school at Milledgeville, Georgia. She reported to Glenview on April 11. In civilian life she had been employed by the treasury department as an accountant.

RATION CALENDAR

Processed Foods: Book 4 — Blue stamps C2 through G2 valid through April 28, H2 through M2 valid through June 2, N2 through S2 valid through June 30, T2 through X2 valid through July 31.

Meat, Butter, Cheese: Book 4 — Red stamps T5 through X5 valid through April 28, Y5 through D2 valid through June 2, E2 through J2 valid through June 30, K2 through P2 valid through July 31.

Sugar: Book 4 — Sugar stamp 35 valid through June 2. New sugar stamp valid May 1.

Shoes: Loose Stamps Invalid Book 3 — Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid.

Gasoline: Coupons Not Valid Unless Endorsed "A" 15 coupons.

DOG CHARGE FACED

R. W. Wilson of the Wilson hotel, today posted \$5 bail for his appearance in municipal court, after he had been arrested on a charge of allowing his dog to run at large. Officer Walter Greisinger reported that he had warned Wilson not to permit his dog to run at large, and that he had ignored the warning.

Lone Survivor



Of the five U. S. Marines who participated in the famous flag-raising scene on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, the only living survivor is Pfc. Rene A. Gagnon, above, now at his home in Manchester, N. H. The sixth member of the group was a Navy hospital corpsman, who is recuperating from wounds in a Navy hospital.

Deschutes Chest Offers S. A. \$500

The Deschutes county war chest has agreed to assign \$500 to the Salvation Army, Oregon division, with the understanding that the organization not solicit additional funds in the county this year, officers of the chest have revealed. Whether the state officers of the Salvation Army will accept this offer was not yet known today, and chest officers said they were awaiting a reply.

If the offer of \$500 and the no solicitation proviso are not acceptable to the Salvation Army, the chest will withdraw its support, officers said, explaining that the Army, in addition to the local offer, now gets an allocation from the state chest for its children's home in Portland. National war chest funds are also allocated for other activities of the Army.

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Othman Interviews H.S.T. And Gets His Nose Dusted

By Frederick C. Othman
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Washington, April 18 (AP)—Today I can report that (1) the windows of the White House are covered with grade-A, insect-proof copper screening which could stand a washing, and (2) President Harry S. Truman has a fine, warm handshake.

I encountered screen and shake at the president's first press conference, but if you want to know what he had to say, you'd better read some other section of this newspaper. I don't know. I was on the outside, looking in. It was weird business.

Three hundred and forty-eight reporters showed up for meeting number one with the new president. The secret service was flabbergasted. The oval office, which had been used so long by President Roosevelt, could hold 200 and then only when one man was standing on the toes of the next.

A genius who will be unnamed here said, how's about letting the other 148 stand outside and look in the window? So be it.

I was one of the 148. We were escorted to the back porch, hard by the Roosevelt swimming pool. There on the lawn two enormous dogs, one black and one yellow, were chewing each other's ears. Somebody wondered where they came from. "Roosevelt dogs," said a secret service agent.

Come then down the portico Jimmy Byrnes, the current mystery man around Washington, and Admiral William D. Leahy. They banged on the president's screen door and got inside.

"Okay," secret service announced. The 148 reporters sprinted down the front porch and ended up short at the screened doors. I want my boss to know that I was on the job, working hard. I was number one at the screen. I got black on the end of my nose to prove it.

That's about all I did get. Inside was a wall of perspiring humanity, furiously taking notes. Somebody was saying something, and it must have been the president, but all I heard was a kind of mumble. Those Roosevelt pups kept on growling playfully and a lady reporter, who should have known better got to talking about how pretty the White House roses were.

I got black on my ear and I still couldn't hear and then the president must have got off a good crack, because everybody laughed. This went on for nearly 20 minutes and all I could see of the conference was the ceiling (apple green and white) and the pictures of boast on the wall. These belong to Mr. Roosevelt, according to my pal of the secret service, and probably won't be there long. Then somebody shouted:

"Thank you, Mr. president."

That ended the press conference. Everybody inside got in line to shake hands with Mr. Truman. The screen doors swung open and we all fresco reporters also lined up.

I finally got to see the president. He looked exactly like his pictures. Grey hair, damp brow, steel-rimmed eyeglasses, double-breasted blue suit and pleasant smile. He was standing behind the presidential desk, swept clean of all the Rooseveltian keepsakes. Truman had six pencils (including a blue one), a blotter, two ashtrays, a clock and a glass of water.

He shook my hand and he said he was glad to see me. That's what he told all the boys, and the girls, too. I think he meant it. I really think he did.

And if you'll pardon me now, I'll wash the end of my nose.

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