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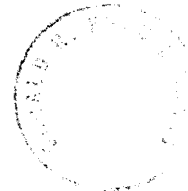
Speech July 24, 1958 5th District
Mich. Trng. Assn. G.R.

A. Partners in the Responsibilities of Government

1. Uncle Sam is not the senior partner.
 - a. States, Counties, and Townships existed before the U. S. Constitution was adapted.
 - b. Functions performed by the local units are closer to our citizens and often action taken by you more directly affects them than action taken in Washington.
 - c. Our citizens can best judge Democracy by the way they see it operate on local level.
2. In many ways your task is far more difficult than mine.
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3. Your Representatives in the Congress and in State Legislature need your counsel, advice, and support.

B. Uncle Sam and the Fifth District.

1. Post Office Department (close to all)
 - a. New facilities completed and planned.
 - b. Rate and salary increases.
2. Social Security
 - a. Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
 - 1) Benefits for Kent and Ottawa Counties - facts.
 - 2) Prospects for new legislation this session.
 - b. Unemployment Compensation.



{ 7 to 10% increase
base 4200/4850
Tax
Farmers
Self employed

Igniter
Local Contractors
Defense Cuts
Urban Redevelopment

- 1) Legislation to extend benefits. - *President's request - 20 states*
State Legislature
- 2) Government contracts, etc. to Michigan.
- 3) Employment outlook. *Employment up*
7% of unemployment down

c. Public Assistance

- 1) Federal Aid to Michigan - facts. *Personal income up*
Housing up.
- 2) "In my opinion the Congress should promptly appropriate funds for those in need and not covered by unemployment compensation on a matching basis with states and local governing bodies" (W.R.)

May 8)

d) Hill - Burton - Hospital construction.

3. Ottawa County's Soil Bank Problem.

a. Problem ; Solution

b. Soil Bank participation in Ottawa.

- 1) 368 farmers signed up for wheat acreage reserve in an amount of \$123,000.
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4. Sale of L.U. Land in Ottawa.

a. Legislation.

b. First sales.

5. Pine Shoot Moth.

a. Experimentation started April 1956.

b. \$25,000 in 1959 budget.

6. Onion Futures.

a. Purpose and provisions.

b. Present status of bill.

7. Wholesale Marketing Facilities.

- a. Purpose and provisions (Grand Rapids)
- b. Present status of bill.

8. Comprehensive Survey of Grand River.

1950 Resolution
Cost \$428,000 / \$1,04,000
July \$30,000

C. Of National Significance.

1. Fiscal Policy.
2. National Defense — Natl. Bd.
3. "Space" Developments. — Jupiter/Thor

Atlas

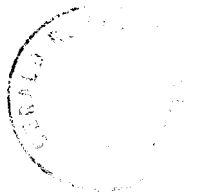
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D. Of International Significance.

1. Mutual Security — 30,000 jobs
80% spent in U.S.
2. Reciprocal Trade
3. Middle East Situation.

Titan

Polaris



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