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## Local News

Mrs. Arthur Lamb was a Pontiac visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerr have returned from an outing at Marquette City.

Mr. Walter Jones of New Jersey is a guest at the Clarence Aldrich home.

Miss Marjorie Atkinson of Novi was a week-end guest of Miss Thekla Garlick.

Mrs. Bertha Cleane of Detroit was a guest part of the week of Mrs. Olga Hoffman.

Miss Jessie Withers of Chicago is spending some time at the William Irish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Straud Ridings have returned from a visit with relatives in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Russell are entertaining their niece, Miss Ruth Warner of Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pagel entertained their mother and two aunts from Redford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pagel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Max Scheel at Dearborn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Easton of Detroit were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hutton.

Milo Owens of Blissfield was a visitor Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Miller.

Mrs. W. C. Chesbro and daughter of Salem visited all of last week with her sister, Mrs. Claude Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Billings and children spent the week-end at the Beaver cottage at Straits Lake.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Switzer spent the fourth with her parents at Milford and the week-end at Long Lake.

The Base Line club and neighbors held a reception and surprise Tuesday at the home of Mrs. John Hill.

Miss Irene Brockmiller of Bay City was an Independence day and week-end guest at the John Morris home.

Mrs. Mary Swartz of Detroit is spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

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## THAT FLAG OF OURS

The Star Spangled Banner has forty-eight stars, one for each state in the union, arranged in six horizontal rows of eight stars each. Starting in the upper left hand corner and reading each row from left to right, gives the stars of each State's ratification of the Constitution and admission to the Union, as follows:

First row: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina.  
Second row: New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee.  
Third row: Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota.  
Fourth row: Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota.  
Fifth row: Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

J. P. Harger who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harger left Thursday morning for Iowa.

Mr. Nathan Power left Thursday evening to spend a month with his sister Mrs. John Plankerton at Glenwood, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and daughters, Jean and Janice spent last week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullen at St. Clair. Miss Jean remained for a visit through the month of July.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague of Maple Hill farm entertained Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thompson, son Wilfred, mother Mrs. E. A. Furlong of Salem, and niece Miss Marjorie Furlong of Ann Arbor. Mrs. E. A. Furlong remained for a visit this week and next.

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## NEW VALUATION IS \$189,139,231

Report Adopted by Supervisors Show Increase in County's Wealth of Over 40 Millions

Oakland County's new valuation is \$189,139,231 an increase over the valuation of last October of \$42,258,839.

The increase was uniformly spread over all of Oakland County and was reached by taking the state tax commission's figures of last fall and cutting them 15 per cent and then adding the new property appearing on this year's rolls. It gave them plenty of opportunity to study them before the report came up for adoption Friday.

Following are the new valuations of the townships and cities as shown in the equalization report: Addison, \$1,262,122; Avon, \$6,922,007; Brandon, \$1,712,665; Bloomfield, \$17,577,807; Commerce, \$2,064,342; Farmington, \$5,427,237; Groveland, \$825,896; Highland, \$1,495,869; Holly, \$2,931,651; Independence, \$1,833,441; Lyon, \$2,376,659; Milford, \$2,190,701; Orion, \$3,445,431; Oxford, \$3,509,491; Pontiac township, \$4,815,241; Rose, \$1,047,558; Royal Oak township, \$29,976,974; Southfield, \$4,334,450; Springfield, \$1,233,292; Troy, \$6,755,809; Waterford, \$4,454,297; W. Bloomfield, \$6,941,143; White Lake, \$1,538,839; Royal Oak City, \$18,077,565; and Pontiac City, \$52,245,863.

Real estate of Oakland County as assessed by the various assessing officers this year totaled \$175,563,605. This amount added to real estate by the equalization committee was \$5,884,181, and the amount deducted from real estate was \$15,109,342. Real estate as equalized totaled 166,038,44 and the total of the personal property was \$23,100,787.

Pontiac city's valuation was increased from \$46,714,609, the total of the rolls after the valuation of last fall, to \$52,245,863. Last fall the city's valuation was \$44,117,086.

The June session of the board of supervisors is held for the specific purpose of adopting a new valuation for the county. The state law provides for the holding of such a session. The equalization committee had been at work all the week preparing its report and giving hearings to the various supervisors. Tentative valuations were placed in the hands of the members of the board.

Michigan farmers are urged to keep a sharp lookout for Army Worms in a bulletin sent out this week by Prof. R. H. Pettit, head of the entomology department at the Michigan Agricultural College.

The army worms have appeared in Indiana, and at least one case had already been reported in Michigan when Professor Pettit sent out his caution. The present season has been one eminently suited for bringing out the worms.

Any signs of army work attack should be investigated, and finding of the caterpillars should be reported at once to local county agricultural agents or directly to Professor Pettit at the college. Directions for keeping the worms from spreading will be furnished as needed.

Will the patrons holding these books return them Saturday of this week and pay the fines due on them?

"The Rivers End," "To The Last Man," "Capt. Earl," "Gentleman From Indiana," "Great Impersonation," "Mill on the Ploos," "Rose of Old St. Louis," "Lucretia Lombard," or others that are past due.

Among the new books at the Library, "Re-Creation" by Grace Livingston Hill, "The Home Maker" by Dorothy Canfield, "Four Belts" by Ralph D. Bates, "The Magic Midland" by Harold Walter, "The Steadfast Heart" by Clarence B. Kelland, "So Big" by Edna Ferber.

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## USE BARRIERS TO STOP ARMY WORMS

Control measures to stop the armyworms, serious crop pests which have been reported recently from different editions of the state, have been given out by the entomology department at the Michigan Agricultural College.

A warning that the army worms might break out in the state this year was sent out a week ago by Prof. R. H. Pettit, of the college staff, and since that time reports have confirmed the prediction that farmers would have to be on guard against the pest this year.

"When a farm or field is found to be infested with army worms," says Professor Pettit, "there is no hope of saving the occupied fields or portions of fields. It becomes imperative at once to take measures to prevent the spread of an army to uninvaded parts. To do this, place barriers in the line of march. Usually about three deep, clean-cut furrows placed parallel, about ten or twelve feet apart will stop them. Turn the furrows toward the advancing worms, and, when each fills up, turn it under, leaving a fresh furrow, burying the worms already in the furrows and making ready a new one at once."

"When the soil is sandy, mucky, or otherwise difficult to make stand in a clean-cut furrow, or when there is no room for a series of furrows, make one good deep furrow and drag a small log back and forth through the furrow, crushing the larvae as fast as they collect. Army-worms are poor climbers, and one finds them easy to confine in a furrow."

"The same baits as those used against cut-worms may be used to advantage in gardens or lawns and in places where some of the larvae get by the barriers."

"Bugs" Baer, a well known news paper humorist, has written and published a series of "road signs," probably merely intended to entertain. But many of them might be erected with benefit to the safety of traffic.

"Don't run up your mileage with skids," contains a lot of real caution in tabloid form. "Don't do your thinking with your brakes," will strike a responsive chord in every man who has near-nervous prostration at the sight of the reckless driver stopping in a hurry. "There are three grades of eggs, but only one grade of crossing and that's dangerous," ought to be pasted in the hit of all those who try to "beat the train" across its right of way.

"The glass in your windshield is the same stuff they put in hospital windows. Which will you look through?" is a very pertinent query, and "Fifteen miles an hour may be a chill but fifty is fever," is not too medical to be understood.

To towns troubled with too much by speeding tourists, Mr. Baer suggests "Speed limit in this town fifteen miles an hour. One day for every mile over that!" or "We have seven hotels and one jail, take your pick!"

"Don't try to scare locomotives with your horn." "The minute you save may be your last one." "You wouldn't travel on a freight train, so don't try to travel under one," are all good to remember.

Mr. Baer intended to be funny, and succeeded, he may not have intended to be serious, but many can take his cleverness seriously with benefit to themselves and the general public.

In other words (Mr. Baer once more), "Accident insurance is a good thing to have without the accident."

FILMORE-HUDDLESON MEETING. Dr. Chas. M. Filmore, of the Filmore Music Publishing Company, and author of the songs, "Tell Mother I'll Be There" and "John Huddleson," noted bass singer, will address a mass meeting in the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, July 16, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the "No Tobacco League of America." The public is cordially invited. No admission charge.

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## GOV'T OPPOSES GRADE CROSSINGS

Unobstructed View at all Crossings Necessary in Order to Secure Safety.

As a forerunner to the policy of the National Government when it shall begin to build and maintain a system of national highways, the Federal-Aid Act, as administered by the Bureau of Public Roads, is being made the vehicle for the elimination of grade crossings wherever possible.

Where elimination is not possible, certain restrictions and rules are provided designed to increase safety at danger points. Among these is the provision that the road at the crossing be wide enough for two vehicles to pass when automobiles approaching from opposite directions meet at a crossing.

The view at a railroad crossing should, when possible, be unobstructed for 1,000 feet in each direction along the tracks; the approaching motorist should have this view for 300 feet before reaching the crossing. Highways at a railroad crossing should be as nearly level as possible, since a steep grade up to crossing increases the chances of a motorist stalling on the track. Highways should cross railroads at right angles, not on a diagonal line, which keeps the vehicle in the line of danger longer than one which runs straight across.

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