

LACK OF VOTING IS REVEALED BY U. OF M. STUDY

Women, young voters, and Negroes have the poorest voting records, according to a case study of voting behavior in Ann Arbor, recently completed by Dr. James K. Pollock, of the University of Michigan, political scientist.

The study is based on an analysis of 26,000 voting records covering 24 different elections from 1924 to 1932 and has been published as No. 3 of the Michigan Governmental Studies by the University's Bureau of Government.

In the eight year period under review, the men had a voting percentage nearly nine per cent higher than that of the women. The average participation of voters classified according to race or nationality was 26.5 per cent for the foreign-born, 33.1 per cent of the native-born, and 21.2 per cent for the Negro voters.

"The voting frequency is lowest in the youngest age group and rises with each age up to 50; until 70 the highest frequency is maintained," according to the study. An average of only 22 per cent of the registered voters between the ages of 21 and 30 voted in ten elections from 1925 to 1932. Of the eligible voters between the ages of 31 and 40, the average was 22.9 per cent. In the age group from 51 to 60, the average was 42.9 per cent.

"These figures should make clear the very inadequate and unsatisfactory job which is done by our school system in developing in students a strong citizenship interest," Dr. Pollock says. "Even if young people cannot be completely trained for citizenship responsibilities, at least they should

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When Walter D. Edmonds, who was raised in the traditions of New York State's beautiful Mohawk Valley, wrote his biggest best-seller, "Drums Along the Mohawk," it was immediately recognized by Darryl F. Zanuck as one of the finest screen possibilities he had ever encountered. Accordingly the book was purchased by 20th Century-Fox who proceeded to give it top importance on the schedule.

This is evidenced by the names associated with Zanuck's production of "Drums Along the Mohawk." John Ford was made director, Claudette Colbert was starred with Henry Fonda, whose family hails from the Mohawk Valley. Other names in the cast guarantee unusual playing power are Edna May Oliver, Eddie Collins, John Carradine and Dorris Bowdon.

To top it all, it was decided to film the picture in Technicolor so as to bring out as vividly as possible the great action and battle

scenes and to take advantage of the beautiful backgrounds of the Valley in which the filming was done.

Two of Hollywood's first script-writers were assigned the screenplay—Lamar Trotti and Sonya Levien.

The first big job facing the company was to find somewhere in the west a locale like the Mohawk Valley. Three hundred studio workers, including 70 members of the cast, had to be transported to the Wasatch Range in Utah, where, at an elevation of 11,000 feet, a perfect "Mohawk Valley" was found. The immense task of housing and feeding this population of 300, in addition to building sets and producing a Technicolor film of major importance, was a feat that amazed even Hollywood.

The result is a picture whose spectacle and romance make it tops among current Hollywood offerings. It is coming Friday to the Redford Theater.

WEST POINT PARK

In spite of the busy season, the mid-week service held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ault last Thursday evening attracted an attendance of fourteen. One delightful feature of these services is the fact that new friendships are being ripened and cultivated during the social hour that usually follows each meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwaalen were Sunday evening lunch guests of Captain and Mrs. O. L. Duncan of Rosedale Park, Detroit.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cameron and a few friends from Detroit met some of the younger folks in Polk subdivision Sunday evening and engaged in a caroling expedition which gave much pleasure to those favored. Later the entire group joined others at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman, where a fine song service was conducted. At the close of the evening the hostess, Mrs. Coolman,

served plenty of hot coffee and cocoa, and passed what seemed an unlimited amount of home baked cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson and son Eddie, were dinner guests of relatives in Detroit, Christmas Day.

John Rowe of Detroit, was the Christmas guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Voorheis.

Mrs. Clinton Tull, who has been ill for the past week, is somewhat improved.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the tree decorations, which were ably done by Mrs. Albert Holzman. The program Friday evening was delightful.

The Livonia Civic Association will meet on Wednesday evening, January 3 in the P. T. A. Hall for election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borland and family of Detroit, were callers at the home of his niece, Mrs. Edwin Johnson and other relatives in this vicinity Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mr. Borland's mother, Mrs. Margaret Marlin.

CHEBOYGAN PROJECT HELPS MICHIGAN YOUTH



Shown above are pictures taken at the Michigan National Youth Administration's resident work project near Cheboygan, on the shores of Lake Huron. Here 70 young men are being given exploratory work experience to better prepare them for employment in private industry. They work and live together on a five acre tract with cabins, a recreation hall, a workshop, machine shop, library and study hall. The library and study hall are contained in the mansion of a former lumber executive which has been remodeled to suit the youth needs. The inset in the above layout shows the mansion and the other pictures are of the mess hall, work in the auto repair shop, preparing the food as part of a course in chef-training, and a view of one of the cabins in which the youth live.

Each youth on the project receives \$30 a month for the work performed on his work experience program. In addition practical courses related to the particular type of work to which the youth is assigned are offered as part of the program. The project is co-sponsored by the Cheboygan Board of Education and many youth lake high school courses in town and correspondence courses at high school college level from the University of Michigan. It is possible for a youth to complete his high school education while residing at the project. Deductions are made from the youth's pay for food, light, fuel, medical and dental care and other incidentals. A recreational program and a plan of student organization and government is included.

who expected to spend Christmas Day with relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert, sons L. B. and Howard, were guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pankow of Detroit.

Sunday evening, December 31, will be the last of the year, therefore we will spend the mid-night hour together in praise and worship. A chalk artist will be with us in the P. T. A. Hall, starting January 1 at three o'clock until five, all young people of the community will be invited to have their own service which will consist of choruses and Bible stories.

Mrs. Elwood Hogue has opened a lunch and dinner room on Eight Mile near Farmington Road. Miss Norma Washburn and Miss Virginia Ault were Sunday supper guests of Miss Doris Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Herbin, daughter Sharon of Howell, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVear and son Harold, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Aldis and family.

Miss Shirley Zwaalen was the Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Wilbur Malley.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shomin of Detroit, and Mrs. Charles Gilbert and children of Plymouth were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

STATE BANKS MAKE 475,000 NEW LOANS

That banks in Michigan are actively serving the credit needs of their communities is indicated by figures announced by the American Bankers Association showing that the commercial banks of the Wolverine state made more than 425,000 new loans totaling \$280,000,000 to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1939 and renewed 418,000 outstanding loans totaling \$315,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using less than one-fourth of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These figures are based on reports received from 155 Michigan banks holding membership in the A. B. A., or 39 per cent of the 473 commercial banks of the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in the metropolitan areas of Detroit.

The banks reported they made 186,029 new loans totaling \$206,672,696 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and renewed 172,329 outstanding loans totaling \$182,821,125. In addition, they reported \$229 new mortgage loans to home owners totaling \$23,919,259.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks are known as "open lines of credit" on their books, available to regular business borrowers at all times. Fifty-six banks reported such open lines of credit totaling \$100,913,717. However, only \$25,078,236, or 21 per cent of this credit, was being used by business firms on June 30.

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