

## Michigan Mirror

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Army recruits at Mid-West camps are saying, "The war will be over in six months" and quote Wall Street betting odds for authority.

A soldier in Times Square, New York City, is heard telling to his girl, "See you at Christmas time when the war will be over."

An intelligence officer at a New York dinner party confides to his friends the enemy can't hold out for six months—he has just come from Washington!

Wishful thinking of this kind has been encouraged, unfortunately, by circumstances under which war news is released by the government for publication.

It is also traceable, according to authorities at Washington, to planted stories by Axis agents who are under instruction to pave the way for a peace offensive. A warning of such an Axis move was sounded in May by Archibald MacLeish, director of the Office of Facts and Figures, Washington, D. C.

As it has been explained to us, here Mease the reasoning for the peace offensive. Recent speeches by Hitler, Goering and Tojo have emphasized the idea of a hard struggle ahead. Yet stories of shortages of manpower, shortages of food, were permitted to get out, although such news could have been suppressed.

Field Marshall Goering, in a speech on May 22, 1942, made this astonishing admission: "I know that despair is easy when, after having planted in the fall season, you now find in spring that the greater part of the seed has not come up. We must plow and sow again, and in spite of all, we must harvest."

Goering closed with an admonition: "I should only like to beg a hardening to a greater extent of each individual at home that he will say to himself, 'We must hold out in this war irrespective of how long it may last.'"

For many weeks we have read in our favorite newspaper, and probably heard on radio broadcasts, a long series of favorable news events.

For the first time, United Nations air forces are strong enough to strike in four-figure plane raids over Cologne and the Ruhr district, seat of great munitions factories.

The Russian news has been generally favorable. The American raid on Tokyo was a spectacular exploit, popularized by the dramatically planned scene whereby President Roosevelt awarded the Congressional medal to General Jimmy Doolittle at the White House.

We had favorable news from the

Coral Sea battle, while our losses were suppressed temporarily in order not to aid the enemy. Naval news from Midway and Dutch Harbor have been likewise optimistic, and our losses are being similarly withheld from the Axis—but also from the American public.

This false one-sidedness of the war news parallels the grim reality that the Japanese, whom one radio commentator said on Dec. 7 we could defeat any "Wednesday afternoon," have conquered the Philippines, Dutch East Indies, Singapore, and Burma, and stand at the gates of India and Australia—all of this being accomplished in six months' time!

Although Russia has maintained a reasonably effective offensive, she has not yet succeeded in seizing the major key bases on which Germany's defense depends.

And Germany, although engaged in heavy fighting on the Russian front and therefore pressed for manpower, nevertheless mustered enough strength to start her own "second front," the offensive under General Rommel in Libya.

While there are many signs of unrest in the occupied countries, no sign can be found that German troops in the occupied countries have lost control.

And in spite of the bombings and the superiority of the Allied air forces in the west, a second front by invasion is still a long way off. American troops in northern Ireland, while armed to the teeth with the best of armored equipment, number only a few divisions compared with German strength in France—as estimated by foreign correspondents.

A most difficult situation confronts us in the matter of ocean-going transport, with ships being sunk faster than we can build them.

As of June 2, according to published reports, the toll taken by Axis submarines in American waters since Pearl Harbor had mounted to 224 ships. Assemble these vessels together, and you would have a sizeable fleet—a disastrous loss! And yet, like automobile accidents, the sinking of boats off the Atlantic coast have been so commonplace they seldom occupy page one position in the day's news.

According to all facts which can be assembled, we can reasonably anticipate that the war will continue for 18 to 24 months. Even if Germany collapses by 1945, a minimum of a year would be expected to transport troops and supplies to the Orient for a decisive showdown with the Japanese.

And, when the war is won and a long armistice proclaimed, we can not expect that millions of American men must be maintained at fighting fronts on land and sea scattered over the globe to police conquered nations and to maintain

world order? An American army of 7,000,000 men is now in the making. Congress has just authorized another tremendous increase in our naval strength.

Instead of repeating whispered rumors about "victory in 1945," whether inspired by favorable news together with suppression of our military losses or by a "peace offensive" by Axis agents, the Michigan home front must maintain 24-hour production in its arms plants must shun temptations to minimize sacrifice, and must continue its "all-out" spirit of devotion to win—as Goering himself declared—"irrespective of how long it (the war) may last."

## Victory

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WPA Chairman Nelson appointed a committee to investigate all possibilities of cargo planes, and Junkers airplane patents were among 60 newly seized by the Allen Property Custodian.

Employing and Housing Manpower The War Manpower Commission issued a booklet telling employers and workers specific steps they can take to see that our human resources are mobilized for our urgent needs. WMC revealed that a growing army of "physically handicapped" persons is being used for war production tasks it can perform.

The Office of Price Administration ordered rents cut back in 24 more areas of war activity. The Division of Industry Operations moved to speed new accommodations by giving more than 100,000 housing units relief from lumber restrictions.

OPA also announced a new gasoline rationing system for the East Coast which will eliminate "X" or unrestricted cards.

Price war included a ceiling on bicycles and action on a wide variety of items, including lumber, textiles, foods, and fuels.

**ATTACK!  
ATTACK!  
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America's attack on both the fighting front and the home front today!  
We're fighting the Axis a bitter taste of what's to come.  
We're fighting the Axis a bitter taste of what's to come.  
And every one of us who saves at least 10% of his pay in War Bonds is an important soldier in the attack yourself!

## COMMISSIONERS'

## PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington was held June 10th, 1942.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton at 8:50 p. m.

Commissioners present: Nacker, Bagnall, Hulet, Griffith and Hinger.

City Treasurer's Report Ending May 30th, 1942

CASH RECEIPTS	This Month	Yr. To Date
Tax Collections		
Current	7.60	\$20,926.00
Delinquent 1940-1941	84.37	469.87
Delinquent 1939-1940	372.01	689.26
Delinquent 1938 and Prior	166.69	2,038.99
Intangible Tax		528.07
Weight Tax	819.74	819.74
Interest and Penalties	61.99	303.57

Total Tax Collections	\$1,512.40	\$25,775.79
Accounts Receivable	49.00	\$1,309.70
Water Accounts-Net	98.56	10,712.39
General Fund-Misc. Rev.	59.16	1,715.54
Licenses and Permits	73.25	1,482.80
Rents	100.00	546.00
Ag-ncy Fund Collections	975.51	36,561.05
Cemetery Fund Collections	10.00	182.80

Total Cash Receipts	\$2,577.88	\$78,235.07
Cash on Deposit First of Period	5,781.92	3,081.12

TOTAL CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR \$8,559.80 \$81,366.19

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	This Month	Yr. To Date
Accounts Payable		\$1,849.11
General Government	238.47	\$1,049.92
Bureau of Finance	377.46	1,910.38
Bonds-Refined		4,000.00
Interest on Bonds		810.00
Public Works	780.64	12,399.92
Police Department	389.28	3,921.52
Fire Department	10.24	1,020.00
Civilian Defense	149.30	305.13
Public Buildings	661.21	4,973.23
Water Department	130.63	137.63
Cemetery Fund		275.60
Agency Fund	975.51	36,561.05
Capital Expenditures		586.52
Sinking Fund-Note and Interest		3,051.00

Total Cash Disbursements	\$3,857.11	\$76,563.59
CASH ON DEPOSIT—May 31, 1942	4,802.69	4,802.69

FUND BANK BALANCES

General Fund	\$3,698.71
Sinking Fund	281.69
Cemetery Trust Fund	639.66
Agency Fund	182.83

TOTAL FUND BANK BALANCES \$4,802.69

Motion made by Bagnall and supported by Nacker that the bills presented to the Commission for the month of May, 1942, be paid. Roll Call: Nacker, Bagnall, Hulet, Griffith and Hinger. Carried—All yeas.

Minutes of the regular meeting held May 12th. Special meeting held May 20th and the regular meeting held May 27th, 1942 were read and approved.

Motion made by Hulet and supported by Bagnall that Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be contributed by the City to the United Service Organization (has been) as City Council has advised that such contribution is legal. Roll Call: Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger, Nacker and Griffith—Carried—All yeas.

Motion made by Hulet and supported by Nacker that the plat of Fred M. Warner's "Grand River Avenue Subdivision No. 1," being a subdivision of part of the East 1/4 of South-West 1/4 of Section 27, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., situated on the West side of Maple Grove Avenue between Grand River Avenue and Grand River Cut Off in the City of Farmington submitted to the City Commission at its regular meeting June 10th, 1942 for approval be adopted. Carried—All yeas.

Motion made by Bagnall and supported by Hinger that the tax rate for 1942 and 1943 be \$15.00 per thousand, and that the annual City Budget for 1942 and 1943 in the amount of \$40,377.54 be adopted.

Roll Call: Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger, Nacker, and Griffith—Carried, All yeas.

City Assessor James L. Hogle's report shows the valuation of the City of Farmington as follows:—

Real Estate	\$1,215,150.00
Personal	239,463.00
	\$1,554,613.00

Motion made by Nacker and supported by Hinger that Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt be hired for one year beginning July 1st, 1942 with a yearly salary of \$2,100.00 and two weeks vacation; also that a yearly salary of \$1,350.00 and two weeks vacation; Roll Call: Bagnall, Hinger, Nacker, Griffith, yes, Hulet, No. Carried.

Motion made by Nacker and supported by Hinger that the City of Farmington employ Charles Walling and Norman Barrons to act as Safety Officers at School Street and Grand River and Farmington Road and Grand River at a salary of \$20.00 per month for the school year.

Roll Call: Bagnall, Hinger, Nacker, Griffith and Hulet—Carried—All yeas.

Motion made by Hinger and supported by Bagnall that Harvey Hving be hired as Superintendent with a yearly salary of \$1,500.00, living quarters, heat and light over the Fire Hall, and two weeks vacation; also that William Mass be hired with a yearly salary of \$1,500.00 per year and two weeks vacation. All additional labor will be hired at the rate of sixty-five cents per hour. Roll Call: Bagnall, Hulet, Hinger, Nacker and Griffith—Carried, all yeas.

Motion made by Bagnall and supported by Nacker that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

DELOS HAMLIN, Mayor

HARRY W. MOORE, City Clerk

## LOCALS

Miss Anna Thayer has returned from a few days visit to Muskegon Heights where she was a former teacher.

Dorothy Elmsford has been a guest for the past week of her cousin Joyce (Wardell) of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaul spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bush in Linden, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nourjian entertained for the past week Mrs. Nourjian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Linhardt of Defiance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Carley and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer were Sunday guests of Miss Anna Thayer. Mrs. Oleta Maxwell and Mrs. Oda Jensen spent Monday in Detroit on business.

Mrs. F. P. McCaskill and sons, Mrs. Harry Lapham, Roy and John Rudberg are in Ironwood, called there by the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stucky of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oja Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durling, Cornelia; Mr. and Mrs. Ford McMichael, Lennox; Mr. and Mrs. Grace here by the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rink were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown.

Mrs. John Clapton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller in Lansing.

Miss Catherine ... of ... was a weekend guest of Miss Evelyn ... in Lexington.

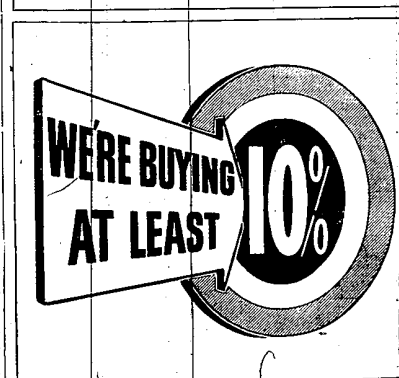
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kammerer and son Jeremy were Sunday visitors to Farmington.

## AT THE REDFORD THEATER



Hailed as the most elaborate as well as the funniest of the Abbott and Costello starring comedies, Universal's "Ride 'Em Cowboy" takes over Friday at the Redford Theatre. Headliners in the large supporting cast are Dick Foran, Anne Gwynne, Johnny Mack Brown, Samuel S. Hinds, The Merry Maes and Ella Fitzgerald. Featured musical and dancing aggregations include the Hitts, The Buckaroo Band and the Ranger Chorus of 40. Backgrounded against an Arizona dude ranch, "Ride 'Em Cowboy" is said to contain everything necessary in the way of parade grounds for the antics of the two stellar zanies, including Indians, rodeo acts, bucking broncos, wild steers and feminine pugnacity. Romantic interest in "Ride 'Em Cowboy" is carried by beautiful Miss Gwynne. Foran and Brown. Miss Gwynne portrays a rodeo star and daughter of the dude ranch owner. Foran is the author of best-seller Western novels who has never been west of Broadway, while Brown is the ranch foreman.

Let Everybody Know You're Investing  
10 Percent of Your Income in War Bonds



The attractive red, white and blue window sticker, pictured above, is the new yardstick of patriotism in the War Bond drive throughout the nation. With the slogan, "Everybody every day pay, ten percent," sweeping the country, patriotic Americans on the home front are rallying to the Government's appeal for funds with which to help finance the war. The home which displays the "ten percent" sticker is doing its share toward Victory for America and the United Nations. The stickers are being distributed through local War Savings Chairmen. U. S. Treasury Department

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## DESTRUCTION...IN SMALL PACKAGES

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Householders are learning how to fight the incendiary bombing of their homes, if it comes. For if hundreds of small fires started at once in a single community, it would take the alert

cooperation of everybody to prevent a major conflagration.

The secret of fighting a wide-spread fire is speed. Fire-fighters, volunteers, police and others must be summoned instantly. That cannot be done if the telephone system already is jammed with calls.

So during and right after an air raid, please do not telephone except for vital messages.

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