

THEIR ALLEGIANCE...

is something we should indeed treasure, for the young people of this community have done a grand job of cooperation...



In the scrap and salvage drives they have been such a help, and so many of the boys and girls are working, holding down responsible jobs this summer...

THE GARDEN FLOWERS... are out in all their glory these days. The beautiful shades of the snapdragons, asters, cosmos, zinnias and all the other varieties...

COMMUNITY... ownership seems to be the order of the day so far as "Pat" is concerned. The poor old dog seemed to spend most of his time about town these days...

LOOKING AHEAD... to winter, are you? Well, a lot of us will have to plead guilty to that charge, for these hot days...



Just the thought of a snappy, frosty morning seems to do a whole lot for one's state of mind.

ALMOST TIME... to think of packing up those Christmas boxes for the men and women who are stationed overseas...

DON'T FORGET... that even though there isn't a Bond Drive on, you're going to keep right on buying every Bond



that you possibly can. You can't make a better investment in the future than United States Defense Bonds and Stamps.

SHIRLEY KOSS ANNOUNCES MARRIAGE

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Shirley Koss, daughter of Mr. Albert Koss and the late Mr. Koss and Cpl. Paul Laubach of Walled Lake. The young people were married August 16, 1943.

Mrs. Laubach has spent the past two months with her husband at his station at McCook, Nebraska, and returned here with him. He leaves Thursday after a fifteen day trip through here, to return to his post.

Farm Hours The United States average of 11.2 hours each day worked by farm operators is just about equal to the national average of hours between sunrise and sunset on March 1.

Mrs. J. E. O'Brien of Joy Acres, Farmington, entertained Mrs. Wanda Brown of Farmington, and her mother, Mrs. B. B. Boose, of Pennsylvania, at a luncheon at her home, Wednesday.

City Asked To Supply Water

Hollywood Residents Would Benefit

Considerable discussion took place Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission, concerning the advisability of selling city water for use in Hollywood Subdivision.

Mr. Brayton and Mr. Bachelor, developers of the subdivision, were both present at the meeting, and explained how very difficult it has been for residents of Hollywood Subdivision to get water in many cases wells have been driven several times, and still no water vein has been struck.

The commission agreed to make the water supply, or jeopardize the system in any way. Looking ahead to post-war expansion, they feel hesitant to add any territory or any block of water users, outside the city limits.

James Noonan, in behalf of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, appeared before the Commission, and was granted permission to hold a Gala Days celebration on September 1, 2, 3 and 4, in the City of Farmington.

Clerk Harry Moore read the deed which had been prepared for the sale of the property which the City owns and which has been leased to the school board for use as an athletic field.

Numerous complaints have been made concerning the incinerator cans located in the alleys of the city. One such can is near the rear of the Kroger store, and the apartment building, and another in back of the block of stores from the Warner Dairy office, to the Oak Pharmacy.

Other complaints state that residents who live in other parts of the city, often drive by in their automobiles, and throw garbage into the cans. These cans are certainly not for this purpose and any good citizen would not consider doing such a thing.

FLORENCE HEENEY IS LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Mrs. Florence L. Heeney received her Funeral Director's license having passed the State Board Examination held at the Wayne University College of Medicine last week.

Mrs. Heeney served her apprenticeship under her husband, Spencer J. Heeney, and has been of great assistance to him the last few years. She received her course of instruction from the School of Mortuary Science, at Wayne University.

Legion Auxiliary Will Nominate Officers

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a regular meeting Monday evening, August 14, at the Legion Home on Gray Road. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be nomination of officers, and following the business session there will be a social hour, and refreshments.

AWARDED MEDAL



S/SGT. JOHN BROWN

Word has been received here that Staff Sergeant John Brown, who made his home for many years with his aunt, Mrs. Eva LeFevre, has been awarded the Air Medal for bravery in Normandy on July 16.

Sergeant Brown enlisted in the Army two years ago, in Arizona, and has been overseas since the first of the year. He is attached to a tactical group at a Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Base in the European Theatre.

SGT. LEO BEDSON KILLED IN ACTION DURING INVASION

Word of another casualty among Farmington young men in the service was received here Saturday, August 5, when Mr. and Mrs. John Bedson of 2339 Miller Road, were notified that their oldest son, Sergeant Leo Bedson, had been killed in action in France. He would have been 27 years old in February, 1945.

Leo had been in service for three years, and was in the Infantry. He went overseas in May, 1944, and prior to that time he and his brother, Cecil, had been together all the while they had been in service. Both were on guard duty on the California Coast for many months.

Leo was the oldest of five boys in the Bedson family, three of whom are still in the service. Cecil and John Bedson are in the Infantry and Richard Bedson is in the Navy. Robert is the youngest boy, and is a high school student here.

Cost Per Vote Is Startling

A rather startling discovery was made this week, following inquiry from Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, in regards to figures for the primary election held last month.

On August 3, 1944, registration in Farmington Township totaled 15,490, with 1082 registrations in Precinct One and 818 registrations in Precinct Two. Taking the vote cast for governor, which was more than for other officers, in the July 11 primary, as a basis for percentages, it was found that Precinct One cast a vote of 12.3 per cent of the total registration of the precinct. Precinct Two cast a vote of 10.7 per cent of the registration.

Cost of the primary election in Precinct One totaled \$84.37, divided as follows: registration notice, \$5.40; election notice, \$3.60; school of instruction, \$2.25; postage for absent voters ballots, \$1.12; and election inspectors, \$72.00. In Precinct Two the cost of the election ran slightly higher, due to the fact that rental must be paid for the hall where voting is carried on in the precinct. The total cost was \$109.37, divided into registration notice, \$5.40; election notice, \$3.60; school of instruction, \$2.25; postage for absent voters ballots, \$1.12; election inspectors, \$72.00; and rent of hall, \$25.00.

On the basis of these figures it may be determined that the actual cost to the Township for a single vote in Precinct One was \$6.83, and in Precinct Two the cost per vote was \$12.94.

The law requires the Township Clerk to notify everyone who has not voted for two years, that his or her registration shall be cancelled, provided, however, that any one receiving such notice may notify the township clerk within thirty days from receiving the notice that they wish to be reinstated as a registered voter, and the clerk will see that this is done.

When the right-to-vote is given each person 21 years of age, and when registration figures are so much greater than the small percentage of votes cast, as indicated by these figures in the State primary election, it is quite evident that people are neglecting a right given them in selecting their officials to manage the affairs of the government.

Miss Joyce Brown has returned from Mexico City where she attended summer school at the University of Mexico.

DEATH CONFIRMED



S/SGT. WARREN MARKLE

Confirmation of the death of Staff Sergeant Warren R. Markle was received in the form of a letter from the War Department by the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Markle of 20403 Louise Street.

Warren was killed in action on June 2, southwest of Paris, France. He had been on a mission bombing airplanes, the mission had been fulfilled and the plane was returning to its base when hit. Five of the crew are known German prisoners of war, and it is reported that four parachutes were seen leaving the plane immediately after it was hit, and these four are listed as missing. Warren being the only member of the crew known to have been killed. He was a waist gunner and first engineer on a B-24 bomber.

FORMER SENATOR LOOKS AT POSTWAR FINANCE

Taking a realistic look at post-war Government finance, former Senator Prentiss M. Brown, forecast a maximum Federal public debt of three hundred billion dollars, or \$2,250 per capita. Further, he stated that Federal obligations will take approximately \$5 years to liquidate under probable circumstances. However, Mr. Brown told his audience that the people of America have nothing to fear in connection with our Government's ability to remain solvent and liquidate three hundred billion dollar debt. "A free people working together with the largest and finest natural and production resources in the world can and will meet this obligation."

Mr. Brown, former member of the Senate Finance Committee which passed the Public Debt Act of 1939, fixing the total at sixty-five billion dollars, spoke before a War Bond Rally for employees of The Detroit Edison Company, of which he is Chairman of the Board.

The most pressing financial burden on the American people, he said, "is the public debt of our Federal Government. States, counties, and cities generally are in a much better financial condition than is our national Government. We should avoid dipping further into the Federal Treasury. When the local authority has to raise what it spends, it is much more careful than when the money comes from Santa Claus..."

The present view of Government financial experts, he observed, "is that unless the war ends quickly, the debt of the Federal Government will reach three hundred billion dollars, about \$2,250 per capita. This per capita figure includes every infant, school child, inmate of institutions, the indigent, and non-thrifts. The present federal debt limit is two hundred sixty billion dollars. 'Obviously,' he stated 'heavy tax levies will be required to meet this obligation.'"

"The annual cost of running our Federal Government following the war, after the change to a large military establishment to a peacetime establishment," Brown stated, "should average about twelve billion dollars for current expenses exclusive of interest and retirement of federal debt."

"It must be remembered," he added, "that the Government is a large and complex organization. Its published figures no distinction is made between a capital expenditure, such as a post office building, and an operating expense such as Government salaries. They (Continued on Page Four)

Six Rural Routes Formed To Speed Mail Delivery

MARK MCGARVEY IS REPORTED MISSING

Mark McGarvey, of the Army Engineers, is reported as missing in action on July 7. Mark went in service over a year ago, and has been overseas since January. He was in the same division as William Varian, who was recently reported killed in action.

Final Concert To Be Given

Twenty seven bandsters turned out for an outdoor concert last Monday evening, and played a 45 minute concert consisting of ten numbers. Next Monday a final concert will be presented on the green between the two school buildings, at 8:00 p.m.

The concert will be preceded by a short concert from the bandster's band, formed during the summer music school's activities. This beginning group consists of 20 to 25 students who either started their musical careers this summer, or had but little experience before June 15, when the summer music school began its classes.

Lloyd Smith, director of the summer instrumental program, announced that the entire personnel of students numbers 122. This figure includes those who have attended the regular Monday night rehearsals and concerts.

LIVONIA GIRL SCOUTS ENJOY WEEK AT LAKE

The Intermediate Girl Scouts of Livonia Troop I have returned from an enjoyable week of swimming and boating at Middle Straits Lake. For handcraft the girls carved their own looms and did some fancy sewing. Many of the girls worked on badges to become First Class Scouts. They had complete charge of planning the menus, doing the cooking, which of course, included k.p. The morale of the camp was very high and the cooperation was perfect.

CLARENCEVILLE BAND INTERESTS BEGINNERS

Mr. Mann, band director at Clarenceville Schools, has announced that he will meet all members of the Junior band, beginning this week on Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. at the school. He will continue to meet members of the Senior Band on Tuesday nights, also at 8:00 p.m. at the school. Mr. Mann will be glad to talk with parents of children in the fifth and sixth grades, who are interested in band work. It is his ultimate hope that there will be a grade band, a Junior Band and a Senior Band, thus giving the schools a complete musical program.

Doris Noodel Tells Of Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noodel of Orchard Lake Road announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris Jean, to Sergeant Donald Ortwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ortwin of North Farmington Rd. The wedding has been set for the wedding.

Lt. William B. Pink enjoyed a four day visit with his parents, returning to his base at Syracuse, New York.

Out-going Mail Also Improved By New System

Postmaster Norman C. Lee of the Farmington Post Office this week announced a change in rural mail delivery in this area. The change, effective August 1, created six rural mail routes, in place of the four that have been serving the community, although only a little over a mile was added to the distance covered by the routes.

Rural mail carriers have been heavily burdened for many months due to the increase in the number of patrons above the rural mail delivery and by the larger volume of mail. The addition of the two routes will enable Farmington post office to render much better service, both in making delivery and in out-going mail. The carriers will now be able to return to the post office early enough to send out-going mail in the 1:30 dispatch from Farmington.

The two new routes will cover the territory south of Farmington, for the most part, for this seems to be where the greatest concentration of population occurs. Heretofore carriers on these routes were unable to complete all deliveries until late afternoon.

The area served by the Farmington Post Office covers the territory bounded by Fourteen Mile Road on the North and Six Mile Road on the South. Interstate Road on the East and Novi Road on the West.

Carrier appointments are temporary, as no civil service examinations are being given at the present time to make permanent assignments. Those serving as carriers on the six routes are R. C. Johnson, Route 1; R. C. Whitlock, Route 2; A. W. Bidwell, Route 3; Clifford Meredith, Route 4; Charles Schulkins, Route 5; and Fraser Hults, Route 6.

Evidence of the growth of the Farmington Post Office is most apparent by a comparison of business figures in the past few years. Almost everyone considers 1929 a boom year, and during that year postage sales at the post office were \$5,800. Last year sales totaled \$35,000. Postmaster Lee estimates that postal sales will reach \$40,000 by the end of 1944.

The post office is now writing on an average of \$35,000 monthly, in postal money orders. Besides general delivery 475 post office mail boxes are in use, and approximately 3,000 boxes are served by the rural routes, these boxes providing service for 15,000 patrons.

MACCABEE ICE CREAM SOCIAL OPEN TO ALL

The third annual ice cream social sponsored by the Maccabees Liberty Tote Hive 1027 of Farmington, is open to all members, and friends. Ice cream, all home made cakes, hot dogs, coffee and pop will be served at the social which is planned for Sunday, August 13, from 3:30 p.m. on at the southeast corner of Grand River and Liberty.

The boat trip to Put-in-Bay and Sandusky was well attended by nineteen, and all enjoyed a nice time and a lovely day. Those attending the picnic were Dora Nicholson, Irene Stauch, Pearl Callan, Alice Mitchell, Esther Thomas, Gladys Elliott, Rene Lamb, Margaret Martin, Ruth Good of Redford, Florence Yull, Margaret Kahrl, Eva Holman, Marjorie Elsh, Lillian of Windsor, Ontario, Bertha Spaller, Mable Peasley, Estella Anderson of Lapeer, Elizabeth Leuz, May Hamiel of Pontiac and Ann Becker.

Zae AschenBrenner, Jr. Named Lieutenant JG

Zae R. AschenBrenner, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Z. R. AschenBrenner, 22240 Powers, was named Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Naval school appointment list which was announced at the Culver Summer Schools this week. Appointments were also announced for the Cavalry and Woodcraft camps. AschenBrenner is receiving eight weeks of recreation and training on the campus of Culver Military Academy and Lake Maxinkuckee.

Helps Salvage Marauder Planes



Sergeant Gerald H. Giczewski of Farmington has reason to smile as he visually checks a radio unit. He is shown in front of an unusual B-26 Marauder which was rechristened "Goatse Hell-Marty Marauder" after he and other members of his Ninth Air Force Service Command group put together one plane from the wreckage of two ships, using the front end of one plane and the rear section of the other. And they did it in their spare time after inspectors had condemned both planes to salvage.

"The only plane ever flown whose nose has completed less missions than its tail" is the claim made by members of the Ninth Air Force Service Command Unit which Giczewski is a member. On this unusual salvage project Sgt. Giczewski, radio repairman with a signal section, helped to restore the intricate radio installation to proper working order. Returning to its home base from a mission one evening with its hydraulic brakes shot away by a "Marty Marauder," a crew of 51 missions over enemy territory, circled the field while the pilot dropped distress flares and prepared to make a landing without brakes. Ground crews and onlookers watched as the pilot, unable to stop before reaching the trees bordering the runway, veered the plane sharply to the left. Unfortunately the parked "Goatse Hell" itself a vet of 51 sorties, was directly in the path and the two planes crashed together. Waiting ambulances rushed out but the only casualties could not use medical aid. "Marty Marauder" had lost its nose and "Goatse Hell" had lost its tail. Service command inspectors were consulted and immediately pronounced both planes unfit for further service. They were destined to become "Hangar Queens" (Continued on Page Eight)