

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Berger were hosts Sunday to a family dinner in honor of Mr. Berger's brother, Sgt. Bernard Berger, who has returned after spending three years in India. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gasperek.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Tolman of Twelve Mile Road will have open house in honor of their son, Sgt. James P. Tolman, on Sunday, March 25, from two until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cox announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, March 7.

## Service Notes

The following is from a letter from Sgt. William Schulkins, written February 16, from Italy:

"Things here continue to run along about the same with our usual rain, mud and snow, but we have little or no squawks because we have so much to be thankful for—plenty to eat, good tent to live in with a swell bunch of fellows, fairly good entertainment, and practically no danger. In fact, we have had practically no scares since we left Naples. As you have undoubtedly heard, there was talk that the Germans had set up V-2 launchers in northern Italy, but that scare has more or less died out.

"Naples was quite a hot spot because of its valuable harbor facilities and shipping, and we sometimes tremble when we think back to those first three months we spent in that fair city, during which time, 'Jerry' made many attacks. Air raids are no fun, we found this out shortly after our first. It is pitiful the way the people go to pieces and lose self-control. At the sound of a siren or the buzz of an aircraft, the people get panicky, run screaming, and frantically pushing for the shelters. Even in comparative safety deep in the shelters, the people continue to be frozen with fear. This country is a bundle of nerves. If I have ever seen one, I remember one night we were going through Naples in a truck when suddenly a mob of panicky people ran into the street and started to throw things at our headlights to put 'em out. We had not heard any siren so were puzzled, but it did prove that there was a big

raid about to begin for off to our left we saw the flames being poured to illuminate the harbor. Before we were able to set up our air defense warnings, about the only way we knew a raid was about to commence was by the civilians. The Germans used Mt. Vesuvius as the pin point for their run as it always spouted flames and gave excellent means for navigation. Vesuvius has always been a headache as she has caused us a lot of damage. Besides giving the Germans their position, she caused much damage during her eruption as she covered local air defenses with the air ruined quite a few engines of planes as they flew back and forth on missions. When the Krauts began their runs, the immediately recognized the situation. I can't remember came panicky. I can't remember when they were wrong, but they certainly gave us a lot of scares.

I guess the most startling of our experiences was one night when three of my buddies and myself got caught in a raid while we were near the docks. We took shelter against a bridge and at the sound of every bomb exploding, we took a dip in the stream, praying all the time that there wasn't one with our names on it. We often talk and laugh about it now, but at the time we were thinking other things. Another time a couple truck loads of our boys were going to the wing theater for a movie when, without warning we were closed in by a smoke screen. We jumped out of the trucks as the slightest idea where there was an air raid shelter. Luckily we had stopped in front of Naples' second best shelter, and it wasn't long until we were about twelve stories under ground. We were more or less always in the center of activity of the royal palace in Naples, from which we could almost see the harbor. Of course, we had the very best shelter of all Naples at hand,

only one hundred yards away, under the royal palace. It was only three stories deep, but had ceilings of solid iron and steel which were about three feet thick.

We were able to tour the palace and grounds almost at will, and it certainly was a beautiful thing. The grounds were very well kept with gold fish ponds, statues, peacocks, and beautiful lawns. There were several German and Italian graves directly in front of the palace, very beautiful, first, but after a short time the German graves began to look forger as everyone refused to keep 'em up. But the Italian graves were always well kept with fresh flowers daily, and people continually praying beside them. Back of the woods with all its wonderful bridge paths and natural beauty. We used to go for long walks through the woods, and more than once, became lost, but we always managed to find our way back, although at times, awfully tired.

"I were not sorry to kiss Naples good bye, and our next stop was Azzio. What a horrible spot that was. As far as your eyes could see, everything visible was completely destroyed or badly damaged. It was the nearest thing to a desert that I have seen in Italy—hot, dry, and sandy with few shade trees, but a lot of thick smoldering brush.

"Our next stop was one of our best as we located on a pine tree, covered mountains top, where it was always clean and cool. This was quite close to Civitavecchia, so we were able to go to Rome occasionally, although the trip was long and monotonous due to poor roads. You see, traveling on these craters and straight roads is like creating a very rough ocean.

"I have visited Ploembo, Caccia, Rosignano, Leghorn and Pisa. Of course was the most interesting because of its lasting interest. And so it should be as it is hard to believe, a building could lean like it does and remain standing. It is hard to say just how beautiful the above cities are since they all have suffered from shelling and bombings, and at my visit, they were dirty and torn. Most of the stores and shops were closed, people scarce, and in general, the atmosphere was quite weird. Florence, without a doubt, is the most modern city north of Rome, that I have visited and is in pretty good shape except for the buildings and bridges along the Arno River. As you read in the papers, the Germans blew up all the bridges across the Arno to delay the on-slaught of our troops and many of the buildings along its banks received heavy shelling. Florence, like all the other cities, has all the evidence of poverty, with poorly dressed, starving people, and not a sign of relief in sight at the present. The black market is greatly responsible for the grave condition, but the A.M.G. is working night and day to clean it up, and in spite of all their difficulty, they have been highly successful. The G.I.'s have been very

generous in giving their extras to the poor, but that can be considered only very temporary relief as, odd as it may seem, people just seem to get hungrier all over again. But then at times you can hardly feel sorry for these people because they have brought this mess on themselves, plus the people of other countries."

Pacific Area  
February 23, 1945

Dear Sir:  
I'm sorry my thanks for your generosity in sending me the Enterprise is so late in finding its way to you, but I assure you I was not receiving and enjoying it all these hectic months in the Pacific.

March 23rd will make fifteen months over the blue horizon, and stateside is sure going to look good when the time comes for my return.

We see shows all the time, and I guess they are even ahead of those showing at the Civic, and that's going some, isn't it?

The Kiwanis Club will probably be having its annual show soon and I sure wish I could be there to enjoy it. I missed last year, too, but next will be different, I hope.

This isn't much of a letter but there is so little I can tell about my activities that I won't even attempt it.

I'll just sign off thanking you again for that little piece of home every week called the Enterprise. Sincerely yours,  
Pfc. Richard L. Merritt  
I'd enjoy you much more from some of my old classmates. I've lost track of. Thanking you again. You know the Enterprise is a lot like the magic carpet. It takes you back on the good old past. I consider my past a very fortunate one. I live in such a grand place as Farmington.

## MISS GUSTAFSON WILL VISIT WITH SENIORS

As a representative of Michigan State College, Dorothy Gustafson, Farmington freshman, will visit with seniors at Farmington High School who are interested in receiving information about the college, during the week of March 19, Secretary Karl H. McDonel has announced.

Miss Gustafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, 23230 Prospect, and a graduate of Farmington high school, is one of 170 Michigan State students who have volunteered their services during their spring vacation. Formerly teaching staff visited high schools throughout the state. Because of transportation difficulties, the college adopted the system two years ago of having students return to their former high schools to advise seniors.

## Engagement Is Made Known

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gateley, 33501 Rainbow Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian, to Joseph P. Capo, M.M. 2/c, United States Navy of Chicago, Illinois.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## ARMY RELIES ON COUNTY'S FAT SALVAGE

Oakland County's 66,880 families can fill an entire day's medical needs of 25,073 battlefront casualties if each home will save one tablespoon of waste kitchen fat, it was estimated today by the nation's largest single collector of this vital war material.

"There are few diets that ways a wife, mother or daughter can help safeguard the life of a loved one at the fighting front, and salvaging used fats is one of them," said T. A. Connors, head of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Food Company's national meat department. "The value of the 1,928,000 pounds salvaged by our customers throughout the nation last year is evident in the fact that a single pound of fat will process about 260 quarts of life-giving blood plasma."

The increased tension of the war has intensified the need for drugs, ointments and acids to ease pain and lessen mortality among our soldiers as well as for synthetic rubber, protective coatings and other vital war materials in which waste fats figure, Connors pointed out. Further, he said, the OPA has continued its offer of red ration points for each pound of grease turned in at stores.

"The importance of used fats in the manufacture of the implements of war and of thousands of products for the home front is widely recognized," he said. "But little is known of the miracles being worked by military medicine with the aid of converted fats. Oakland County women, in making their contribution to this salvage drive, may take added satisfaction from the knowledge that even a tablespoon, or half ounce, of used fat will help make enough smallpox vaccine for 75 infections."

Other vital medication for which household fats are required in treatment of burns, some insulins for shock victims, cures of opium and gentian to ease pain, sulfadiazine ointments for treating abrasions and fungus growths, and nitroglycerine tablets as a heart stimulant.

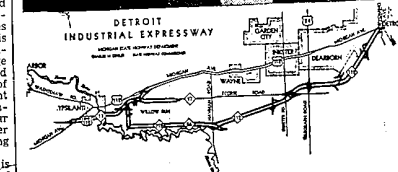
## TRACY WINDRIM AWARDED MEDAL BY CHINESE ARMY

Staff Sergeant Tracy Windrim has had the unusual honor of receiving a medal from the Chinese Army, along with a certificate, printed on both sides, in Chinese, with an English translation on the reverse side.

The certificate reads: "First Army Group Headquarters, Republic of China, Certificate for Star of Honor Medal. This is to certify S/Sgt. Tracy Windrim has been presented with the Grand Star of Honor Medal. Four Chinese, for outstanding and distinguished service rendered by him to the Republic of China and to the Chinese Army. He is authorized to possess and wear this medal as evidence of the honor which has been conferred upon him by his headquarters. General Liu Han, Commander, First Army Group, Chinese Army."

S/Sgt. Windrim's parents and wife reside at 25915 Orchard Lake Road.

## FORD AND ZIEGLER OPEN EXPRESSWAY



Above, left to right: Charles M. Ziegler, Lt. Gov. Vernon J. Brown, and Henry Ford II are shown as they began removal of the barricade which marked opening of the \$25,000,000 Detroit Industrial Expressway to traffic at Detroit, March 9. The trial-Willow Run expressway was built as a wartime necessity to speed limited access expressway between Detroit and the Willow Run bomber materials and men between Detroit and the Willow Run bomber plant near Ypsilanti. It will be an important penthouse highway and offers a preview of the type of roads and highway bridges to be built after the war. Map shows area served by the expressway.

## Experience Counts

Re-elected **CHARLES M. ZIEGLER**  
State Highway Commissioner

Re-elected **EUGENE B. ELLIOTT**  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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