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**ACTING GOVERNOR M. E. THOMPSON**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — SOUNDPHOTO — Acting Gov. M. E. Thompson of Georgia is shown as he addressed a joint session of the Georgia House and Senate last week. Seated behind Gov. Thompson is Mrs. M. E. Thompson; Congressman Pres. William Dean; Mrs. E. I. Thompson, mother of the governor and House Speaker Fred Hand.

**On  
Capitol Hill**by  
Congressman George A. Dondero

Congressman George A. Dondero, in the House of Representatives on March 27, warned Secretary of War Patterson that he would be held directly responsible for any difficulties created for General MacArthur in his splendid work in Japan by approving the mission to Japan of Louis Salliant, general secretary of the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions. In an address before the House, Congressman Dondero showed that this organization was definitely hostile to the United States. Louis Salliant will make the trip in a U. S. Army plane. He is going to Japan and Korea as a member of a Council of Trade Unions. Earlier General MacArthur had refused permission to this delegation to make its so-called inspection. The Secretary of War, in replying to an inquiry from Congressman Dondero as to why he had taken this step, stated:

"I approved of the travel to Japan and Korea at the urgings of Philip Murray and James C. Roney of the CIO, which designated the U. S. representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions."

**VETERANS HOSPITAL:** Congressman George A. Dondero has been advised that the Board of Hospitals and President Truman have approved a site for a Veterans Hospital within the northern limits of the City of Detroit, bounded by Lahser Avenue, Seven Mile Road, Bentley and Vassar Avenues. This is a forty-acre plot and a 500-bed hospital will be erected to care for tubercular patients.**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:** Congressman George A. Dondero has announced that the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives has reached the conclusion that while the need is great for Federal buildings it is believed that the need for veterans' homes is greater and therefore should receive first consideration. For this reason, public building will be retarded considerably throughout 1947.**TAXES:** It is expected that the much-talked-about Revenue Bill will be before the House of Representatives this week for consideration and that this major item on the legislative calendar will be on its way to the senate before the end of the week.**SUGAR:** A measure has been reported from the Committee on Banking and Currency and action taken in the House of Representatives extending sugar controls until October 13, 1947. The fall crop of sugar should be ready for marketing by that date. Present controls will expire March 31.**NEWSPRINT:** According to Carl**State Dental Society  
To Hold Convention**

The Michigan State Dental Society will hold their 90th annual Convention at the Hotel Statler in Detroit, April 14, 15, 16th, 1947. It is expected that the delegates attending the Convention this year will exceed last year's attendance by several hundred, as approximately five hundred dentists have returned to their practice this past year after being discharged from the Armed Services. Last year's attendance broke all records, over three thousand registered during the three day Convention.

Many important addresses will be made by a number of prominent speakers, both from Michigan and other states. The President, Dr. C. H. Matson of Flint, Michigan, will address the Convention. The election of officers for the new term will also be held.

There will be a large number of clinics daily, at which many new post war discoveries will be discussed and shown to the members. One of the most important subjects which will be discussed is the Control of Cancer.

Tuesday evening, April 15th, will be Frolic Night, a new departure for the Convention. It is planned to have many prominent stage acts as well as refreshments and dancing.

About forty-five students of Dentistry from the University of Detroit will attend the General Convention and assist in its operation. State meetings, dances, luncheons, etc., will also be held by the Women's Auxiliary, the Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists during this Convention.

**Petroleum Compounds**  
Petroleum has been established as an important source of chemical compounds with which can be created an amazing array of diverse and useful materials. Glycerine, for example, can now be produced synthetically, giving assurance of a stable supply of this product, in past years largely a byproduct of soap manufacturing. Toluol, from which TNT is made, was formerly obtained entirely as a by-product of coal carbonization, but now may be manufactured synthetically, as well, from petroleum hydrocarbons.**Brush Clothes Frequently**  
Brush clothes immediately after wearing, as dust leaks into the threads and shortens the garment's life.

Berreller, publisher of Trenton, N. J., appearing before a Small Business Subcommittee of the U. S. Senate, it is impossible to start a new paper because of the shortage of newspaper and many existing small papers may be forced out of business. The subcommittee investigating the newspaper shortage will resume hearings on this item beginning April 1st. Let us hope that something to the advantage of our small newspapers can be worked out.

**VETERANS IN CONGRESS:** According to Congressman James Van Zant, a veteran of World War I and II and one-time National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, there are 236 veterans in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives. The Senate has 36 veterans and the period of active service includes the Boer War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. The House has a total of 209 veterans, four of whom saw service in the Spanish-American War, 138 in World War I, and 58 in World War II.**Barberry Stem Rust  
Control Shows Results**

The rust-susceptible barberry (Berberis Vulgaris or Common Barberry), found in Michigan was first brought into the State by early settlers about 1850 for hedge and ornamental use, according to Charles F. Fyfe, Director of the State Department of Agriculture. From these and other plantings made as late as 1918, the bushes became generally spread by birds and other agencies.

Of the total land area of the state 75% is now considered barberry free, the remaining 21% will have to be worked one or more times in the future until there is no further danger of re-growth from root fragments or seed.

Stem rust control though barberry eradication is a project in which State, Federal and local agencies cooperate in Michigan. More

than 6,335,000 rust-susceptible barberry bushes have been found and destroyed on 17,759 properties in the state to date.

Stem rust caused only a trace loss in 1946, one of the lightest rust years on record. Losses in recent years have averaged about 150,000 bushels per year as compared with an average loss of 2,600,000 bushels during the early years of the project. This permanent reduction is attributed largely to barberry eradication and the use of improved small grain varieties.

During 1946, 5,683 square miles were re-worked in twenty counties, viz: Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Arenac, Clare, Hillsdale, Isosco, Kent, Manistee, Mason, Midland, Newaygo, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola and Wayne. More than 90% of this area will need no further work.

Of the 5,897 barberry bushes destroyed, 3,028 were located on 150 new properties and 2,869 were

on 219 previously infested properties. In addition, 1,597 former barberry locations were re-worked on which no bushes were found. Progress made to date shows that only 7,708 of the 17,759 previously infested properties in the state will require future work.

**Star Federation  
To Have Institute**

The Star Federation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an Institute at the Wallick Lake Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 1.

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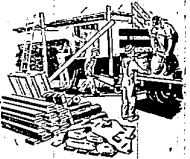
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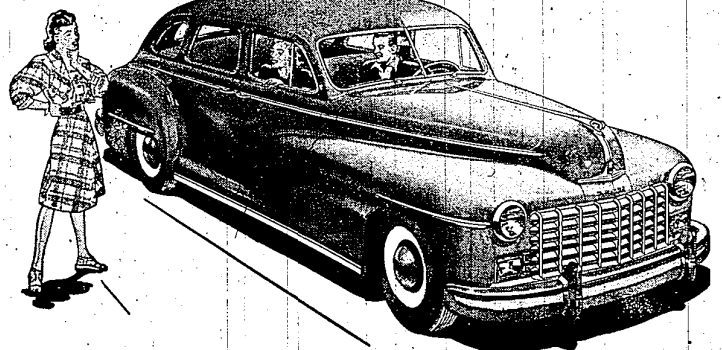
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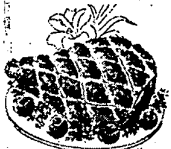
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