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Flying Needles Club Has Pot Luck Party

The Flying Needles Sewing Club held their Christmas party and pot luck dinner at the American Legion Home in Farmington on Tuesday, December 9. The dinner was served at six o'clock, and afterwards there was an exchange of gifts for both children and adults. Twelve members and 10 children were present for the occasion.

An enjoyable evening of visiting was had by all.

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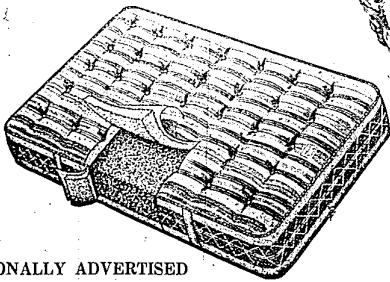
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Michigan Out-Of-Doors

Eggs for next season's trout production are now arriving in conservation department fish hatcheries, and the goal again next year, as in recent seasons, is the planting of one million legal size (seven-inch or larger) fish.

Production of one million legal size brook trout, brown and rainbow trout requires use of full capacity of the state's present hatchery and rearing station system, and while in some seasons the plantings have come to within 50,000 to 50,000 of the full mark, the full million goal has not yet been achieved.

Brown trout egg production is concentrated at the Paris hatchery, where hatcherymen have just finished taking 1,435,000 green eggs that should yield between a million and a quarter and a million and a half eyed eggs. Once in the eyed stage, most will be shipped to other stations for hatching and rearing.

Rainbow trout eggs are now being taken at Harrietta hatchery. About 200,000 have been taken to date, and the taking of rainbow eggs will continue past the first of the year.

Brook trout eggs are being purchased, as usual, from eastern commercial hatcheries. Of the 2 million ordered, 1,250,000 already have been shipped.

Eight state hatcheries — Watermead, Marquette, Thompson, Oden, Grayling, Harrietta, Paris and Wolf Lake — handle trout in the early stages of development. Later the other hatcheries, which are rearing stations, help bring the fish to the proper size for stocking in trout streams and trout lakes.

Approach of the closed season on game is reviving interest in "gun permits" formerly required of men afield with firearms during the off-season but abandoned as a separate form when new laws on the subject became effective October 11.

Abandonment of the gun permit form makes no change in the restrictions on carrying guns in closed season, conservation department officials say. The permit simply is incorporated in the license, making special application for it unnecessary. Where the off-season predator hunter and crowd shooter formerly needed both a small game license and a gun permit, a current small game license is now sufficient.

Off-season hunters are reminded by the department of two nighttime firearms restrictions. During the closed season on game, firearms may not be carried in game country between the hours of sunset and sunrise. And during the time when small game may be hunted but the season on deer is closed, no firearm larger than .22 caliber rim fire or shot-gun or cut shell may be carried between the hours of sunset and sunrise.



TETERBORO, N. J. — SOUNDPHOTO — George Truman, left, and Clifford Evans are kissed by their respective wives after they landed at the Teterboro, N. J. airport to complete a round-the-world flight of 21,000 miles in their Piper Cub light planes. Their flight is the first in which the world was circled by planes. The cyclinder, 100 horsepower type used by the two war veterans. They took off from Teterboro last August 9th.



ON CAPITOL HILL

News and Comment from Congressmen
George A. Dondero

American Generosity: Uncle Sam is not "Uncle Shylock." He has spent \$66 billion around the world since the beginning of the war. Under Lend Lease the United States spent a total of \$38,091,263,000. A few items may be of interest to our readers:
TO: RUSSIA \$11,294,853,400
China \$1,564,698,000
France \$2,233,859,000
Great Britain \$31,392,361,000
Greece \$75,501,400
Netherlands \$245,390,400
In addition, the United States share in UNRRA came to \$2,273,102,254. Of this amount \$1,274,102,254 went to Russia and the satellite countries under her domination, such as Albania, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Investigation of Black Markets in Public Works

Congressman George A. Dondero (R-Mich.), chairman of the Committee on Public Works, announced that the Committee by unanimous vote adopted a resolution urging a rule to consider H. Res. 772, known as the Macy Resolution, providing for an investigation of black market operations in the United States with special reference to the effect of such operations upon public works. The result of such black market operations is steadily increasing the cost of public works, causing stoppages and deferment, to the end that a proper, sound program becomes increasingly difficult to attain.

New Gas Wells in Michigan

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line now has eight wells in the Howell field connected to its 16-inch line from Kansas and Texas. However, gas can be used for markets near Detroit and between Detroit and Saginaw. This new Michigan supply is being made available at a critical time, at the beginning of the winter season when gas and fuel oil are in short supply, according to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

Prosecution of War Criminals

Congressman George A. Dondero, in addressing the House of Representatives last week, revealed the fact that Russia, France, and England have withdrawn from the prosecution of war crimes in Europe.

PUPILS PRESENT PLAY BEFORE NOBLE P.T.A.

A large crowd estimated at 150 persons attended the meeting of the Noble Parent Teachers Association held Monday evening, December 15, at the school. The fifth grade pupils, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. McDade, presented a play, "The Birth of Christ." Those taking part in wore Biblical costumes, and gave a splendid performance. Everyone thought it one of the best plays of this type they had ever seen.

The P.T.A. has noted to give Troop 10 of the Girl Scouts, their troop flag. They also plan to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for their organization in the very near future.

Steepest Railroad Grade
Steepest known grade on a standard steam railroad in the United States is 5.89 per cent. This occurs on the Pennsylvania railroad at Madison, Ind., where the railroad ascends the Ohio river bank. The grade extends about 7,000 feet, and the climb is approximately 400 feet. Saddle locomotives are operated on this track.

HAPPY LANDING

JAMES MACKIE TO MAKE ROSE BOWL TRIP WITH BAND

James Mackie, 20410 Louise, Farmington, will make the trip to the Rose Bowl game in California with the 131-piece University of Michigan Marching Band.

Mackie plays alto horn in the band. The Marching Band is making the trip to the West Coast to perform at the game as guests of the Bulck Division of General Motors Corporation.

The band will travel by special train for the portion of the trip beyond Chicago with regular trains being used for the Ann Arbor-Chicago portion of the journey. Departure will be on the afternoon of December 26 with the return on Sunday, January 4.

The band will not lose any time from classes due to the Christmas vacation at the University. Classes will be suspended on December 29 and resumed on the morning of Monday, January 5.

Drop In Diamonds
Antwerp's diamond industry has felt the impact of the drop in demand for diamonds in the United States and a lessening of purchases by wealthy individuals who bought them as investments. After a one year boom in the Belgian diamond industry, which ships polished jewels and industrial stones all over the world, Antwerp diamond interests now are operating at about 60 per cent of capacity. This trimmed operation is to avoid dumping diamonds on an unresponsive market.



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Treaty:

The Senate, by a vote of 72 to 1, ratified the Inter-American Treaty signed at Rio de Janeiro last September. The treaty provides for mutual defense in case of armed attack against any nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Indians:

The House has passed legislation authorizing \$2 million for the relief of the Navajo and Hopi Indians in Arizona and New Mexico. There is little doubt but that it will receive favorable consideration by the Senate within the next few days.

MODERN "SCROOGE" WILL COME TO BAPTIST CHURCH

Charles Dickens' Scrooge in his "Christmas Carol" was a mean, miserly, unchristianlike man. That is ancient history — but have you ever thought what a 1947 version of Mr. Scrooge would be like? Maybe he lives across the street, or he might occupy the next desk to yours at the shop or — he could be you!

You are invited to the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, December 23, and Mr. Henry Reich, who will play the part of the modern Scrooge, will give you a very clear idea of what Mr. 1947 Scrooge could be like, and probably is. There will be a cast of forty young people and the Scouts — Cubs, Girl and Boy Scouts and Brownies — appear in a scene induced by the spirits visiting Mr. Scrooge, to vividly bring back the youth of this man to whom Christmas means nothing but a money-making scheme.

You are invited to be on hand at 8:00 o'clock next Tuesday evening, and receive your holiday gift of candy.

LOCAL MACCABEES ELECT NEW HIVE OFFICERS

Liberty Tent Hive, Farmington Maccabees, held their election of officers on December 8. Mrs. Margaret Kahrl was named commander, and officers serving with her are: Mrs. Ann Becker, 33317 Orchard Street, at arms; Louise Mangel, second guard; Bertha Speller, second guard; Adg Oakland, sentinell; Bert Callan, picket; Mary Lenz, trustee; Maggie Callahan and Florence Yull, auditors, and William J. Stump, Judas Maccabees.

The next meeting of the Hive will be held on Monday, December 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ann Becker, 33317 Orchard Street. All members are urged to attend.

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