

Two Students Initiated Into Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society, recently initiated 250 University of Michigan students and 14 faculty members into the Michigan chapter.

Included in the list of initiates were Joan B. Guitold of 3673 S.W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, and Sister M. Angelina Filipiak of 36590 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Chosen according to scholastic standing, the initiates are taken from the upper ten per cent of the seniors and graduate students in all fields of study.

The society, which originated in 1897, has grown to 62 chapters with 75,000 members throughout the nation.

Commercial-size deposits of iron ore were first found by government surveyors near Negaunee in about the year 1844.

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The plan would require many local governments to raise taxes to a level equitable with the remainder of the state.

Since a referendum is required to change the tax diversion amendment, Senator Higgins is reported as trying to set up a choice for voters. They would choose between repealing tax diversion or continuing a new tax.

For this reason the Senator, considered by many to be among the most conscientious of Legislators, has consistently fought for a tax program that affects many voters and with a termination date in 1955.

But Sen. Higgins has had much advice from automobile corporations in drawing up tax programs. This fact has generated suspicion

not only of Legislators who favor a corporation profits tax, but some of his own supporters as well.

If you, the newspaper reader, are confused about the legislative problem of state finances, you're not alone.

State Treasurer D. Hale Brake pointed out in an article written for "Inside Michigan" that state officials have been guilty of making "apparently conflicting" statements on state finances.

Much of the confusion, he points out, arises over interpretations of bookkeeping figures. When a state official says publicly that the treasury has \$33,000,000 in the general fund and hence no emergency exists, he really means to say that "there was \$23,000,000 in the general fund that day, but of that, \$28,112,529 was restricted and not available for general use."

Treasurer Brake pointed out that the state was \$65,000,000 in the red in June 29 (1952) and that this figure was arrived at by "balancing our general fund commitments against our liquid assets in the general fund."

He added: "This will be regarded as rank heresy by financiers, but as a practical matter, a manageable deficit in a government is not too bad. It promotes economy, discourages waste. A surplus, on the other hand, is a danger in that it promotes spending and makes economy extremely difficult."

In repeating this observation, which we made several weeks ago, we believe it only fair to emphasize that the state treasurer is a responsible public official and that the views so given are his own and should be evaluated accordingly. It has always been the policy of the "Michigan Mirror" to report Lansing trends as they exist and to let the readers be the judge.

Sincerely Yours:

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper.

Dear Sir:
During the school year of 1950-'51 I taught English and speech at Farmington High. At the present I am here in San Antonio where my husband is serving as a doctor in the Army. We plan to be here for another year.

I have been thinking about the students I once taught and how many of them will be coming into the service. Since there are three Air Force posts here and one large Army post, there is a good chance that some of them will be coming down here. So I was wondering if you would be kind enough to print my address and telephone number, which is University 6-5878, in your paper. It might be nice for them (former students) to see one familiar face when they are so far away from home.

One of my former students, Dale Gillespie, is here now at Lackland Air Force Base. We get together quite often. (He makes a wonderful baby sitter.)
Thanking you so much, I remain

Yours truly
Mrs. Donald Brock
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San Antonio, Texas

Former Livonian Honored At Craftsmanship Dinner

A Eugene, Oregon, newspaper article recently included news of a former Livonian resident. A mason and an electrician of Eugene were honored Friday night by Architects of Southwestern Oregon with special awards of merit at a Craftsmanship Dinner at the Eugene Hotel.

Earl Blackburn, electrician for the Hamilton Electric Company, and John L. Jones, of the masonry firm of Jones and Halweg, were the recipients of the awards which the Southwestern chapter of the American Institute of Architects plans to offer annually for outstanding craftsmanship.

John Jones lived most of his life in Livonia, his parents having moved to a home on Purlingbrook Road 22 years ago. John attended Clarenceville School and Farmington High. He received his apprenticeship with the Deering and Armstrong Builders at the ripe age of 16. Johnny still had time to be a member of the Clarenceville Boy Scout Troop 44. When World War II broke out, John joined the Coast Guard, being one of the first boys from the Farmington area to go. For five years he served as Boatswain's Mate and was in seven invasions to the Pacific. Upon his return to this country, John became fascinated with the West Coast area, vowing some day to return out there. Four years ago he did just that, settling in Eugene, Oregon. John's family still resides in Livonia.

SEASON IS HERE WHEN SPEED BOOSTS TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

With the arrival of the summer months, speed, the No. 1 public enemy on the highways, is increasing its harvest and wise motorists anxious to save their lives will keep this in mind by driving with the utmost safety, according to Sergeant Henry P. Kozowicz, commanding officer of the Detroit post of the Michigan State Police.

"Figures just released show that last year 48 per cent of the traffic violations reported in fatal accidents were for driving too fast, the highest percentage in the history of the state," Sergeant Kozowicz said.

"Driving too fast doesn't just mean getting everything out of the car that you can, but going too fast for conditions such as traffic, weather and visibility."

Police agencies throughout the state are now cooperating in a campaign to urge drivers to control speed, Sergeant Kozowicz reported.

"Safety appeals are not just idle talk," Sergeant Kozowicz stated. "The record shows just how foolish it is to drive faster than you should. During 1952, for example, there were 160,829 accidents as compared to 176,587 in 1951, a reduction of 15,758. But even with fewer accidents, more people were killed or injured last year than during the year previously, or 59,837 casualties in 1952 and 50,638 in 1951. The answer was that cars were being driven too fast and hit with greater impact with more serious results."

"The law does not set a specific maximum speed limit, but it does require that cars be driven at a speed that is safe according to conditions. Sometimes this is higher and sometimes lower. But a driver who is anxious to save his life will not only drive cautiously, but watch out for the other fellow who isn't. And this is the season of the year for more accidents."

Conservation department workers have become increasingly convinced that the improvement of fish habitat through proper development of watersheds is both logical and sound. Construction work on the pilot Rifle River watershed has been completed, and efforts are now being turned to other streams.

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