

Novi Civic Highlights

On Friday, January 23, a meeting of Novi residents was held in the Novi Community Hall to act on the Civilian Defense Organization for the township. Mr. Ernest Pitchford, long active in this project, introduced Mr. John B. Flannery, recently appointed director of Novi Civilian Defense.

Flannery pointed out the two-fold purpose of such an undertaking as: 1) To meet emergencies within the township limits, and 2) To render assistance to afflicted areas beyond these limits. Such emergency organization is just as necessary in time of local catastrophe, such as tornado, flood or fire, as during or following atomic attack.

The program, according to the new director, will be in full operation by the middle of March provided it receives popular support. A two-week period is now allotted to the preparation of forms and outlining of districts for canvassing.

A meeting will then be held at which district workers will be registered, given identification insignia and assigned districts and material. Another two weeks will be allotted for the collection of the necessary data, its classification and distribution to affected unit leaders. Another meeting will then be held at which final organization will be achieved. From this point on, the units, under the coordination of the director, will conduct training programs, practice alerts and maintain up to date information relative to their particular functions.

The Township Organization will be broken down as follows: Ground Observation, Medical Unit, Transportation and Engineering unit, Auxiliary Police, Auxiliary Firemen, Food and Shelter, Processing, and Equipment. Volunteers are needed for all these units (except for Processing) will operate through a district organization system. Phone Flannery at Market 4-1082, or Pitchford at Market 4-1430.

Jones Reports That Blind Persons Aid In Air-Spotting Activities

A couple of girls at our "post" were taken after they'd "called in" a plane, which had just whizzed by their first.

They'd been talking about the price of coffee which is a grievous matter but had forgotten this when one of them noticed that the pilot hadn't waved — and says, "And why should we be watching them, and a-tellin' the Government where they are and what they're a-doin' when they don't show no appreciation?"

"Aw now, dearie," says the other, "I was probably one of them older 'fey-boys' — maybe a Colonel — with three kids and that sort of thing, who has to conduct himself real careful when he's out there flying around in public."

The other says, "Yeah, that's the way it goes sometimes."

So they stopped talking and began looking all around the sky again — when one suddenly says — "That plane we called had grease streaks under one wing — just like all them C-55's which we keep a-calling in."

"Oh no, dearie," says the other, "that was no C-56, that was a B. V. D. which is a Navy job from out of Catalina way, and if I'm wrong in this respect it couldn't be nothing other than a C-53 which had been done over to have just one foaling."

The moral to these keen observations is yet another observation which is that the Air Force neither needs nor requires positive plane identification.

It is sufficient to identify planes by an easier method; in example, single motored, bi-motored, multi-motored, or if in doubt call the plane as being "unknown."

The Air Force can track down anything of a suspicious nature in the skies, and it real quick, once we've called altitude, direction and distance from the post, and given a compass bearing as to where it is headed.

"This makes the 'Air Spotting' business real easy, and you don't have to be an aviation expert to do a real good job."

To become a member of the Ground Observation Corp you need only to be an American citizen of recognized loyalty, have average vision, normal hearing, and the ability to use binoculars, using the right and every time, and the further ability to speak slowly and clearly every time you call information in to the Filter Center.

Mingled in with the 350,000 citizens doing this work are a few of the blind. We are fortunate to have with us those who through nature or accident, have been so cruelly afflicted.

They serve in association with a person of normal vision, and because of their fine sense of hearing do an excellent job. At times of storm, low ceiling, or fog, when the post is "closed in," their eyes spent in darkness really pay off, for they are the ones who first hear the drone of motors, sense

Northwest Center YWCA Announces New Classes

The Young Woman's Christian Association Northwest Center is in full session, but is organizing several more popular classes and registrations are now being taken by calling KE 3-5910.

A knitting class is now being formed to start on Tuesday mornings.

Another oil painting class will be held Monday afternoons with Elsie Deehan teaching. Ceramics in the teacher's studio and the sewing class on Wednesday morning can accept a few more students.

These groups are for the beginners and advanced students. Classes are kept small and personal attention is given for each individual's need.

It is not too early to be thinking of golf. Requests for spring class reservations are also being held for first consideration. Persons desiring enrollment in class not scheduled at the present time or who desire information about current classes are invited to call Kenneth 3-6910. The Center is located at 1256 Redford Avenue.

A kilowatt-hour of electricity now is obtained from less than one pound of coal as compared with almost three pounds a generation ago.

Richard Norwall Hosts Youngsters At Circus

If you see a boy of the Safety Patrol or a girl in the service squad in Farmington Township with a big smile on their face, a far away look in their eyes and a sort of glow about them, don't be alarmed. They have been to the Shring Circus.

Over one hundred boys and girls who serve at the schools helping the teachers and bus drivers care for your children were treated to a big day. Half of them went on February 10 and the rest on February 11.

They were taken to the circus, fed hot dogs, pop corn, cracker jack, potato chips, pop and whatever their little stomachs could still hold. They were exposed to the world of nonsense, glitter and daring that all children dream about.

Mr. Richard Norwall, a resident of Woodstock, was responsible for it all. He wanted to do something to honor these people who have accepted responsibilities and demonstrated their willingness to be of service.

The children will never be able to verbally thank him. The real expression of appreciation was the happiness reflected in their faces.

In Tennessee and Wisconsin, 49% of all homes are heated by coal.

Farmington Student On Honor Roll At M.S.C.

One hundred and forty-three Michigan State College students will be honored for achieving an all "A" academic average during the fall term, at a dinner given by Dr. John A. Hannah, president of MSC, on February 18.

Included from Farmington is freshman Loren R. Clifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland G. Clifford of 33630 Hillcrest.

Names of these students will be placed on the honor roll, which reads:

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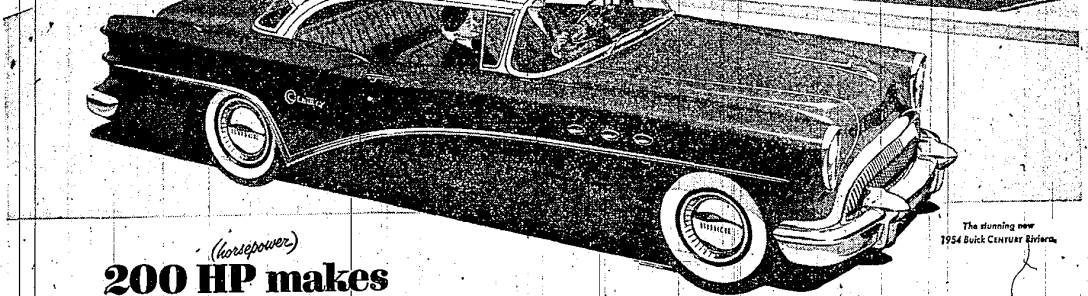
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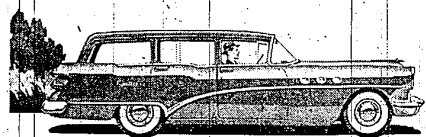
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