

# Townline News

**Mrs. Frazer Hulst**

Marine Pfc. James N. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams of 26235 Hulst Road, is now stationed in Korea. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in January and is now serving with the First Marine Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Slover of White Lake and formerly of Thirteen Mile Road in Walled Lake, received word recently of the sudden death of their daughter, Lt. Laura Jean, of the Army Nurse Corps. She was stationed in Germany, going there only a few weeks ago. No details of her death were disclosed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rex in.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Hulst received a card from the Ralph Bidwells of Loveland Road, who are now touring the West. The card stated that they were in Escondido, Mexico, at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal McCormick and children were dinner guests of Mrs. McCormick's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill of Detroit, last Sunday.

A week end guest of the Ray Howards was Mrs. Bertha Cary of Midland, cousin of Mrs. Howard.

Spending an eight day vacation in New York City are Warden Wells and his two daughters, Mrs. Donald Howard and Mrs. Donald Griffin.

Glen and Ira French were at Owosso on Sunday where they attended the French family reunion. Staff Sergeant Albert Bidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bidwell, arrived home from Japan last Thursday for a 30-day leave. He has been stationed in Japan for the last two years.

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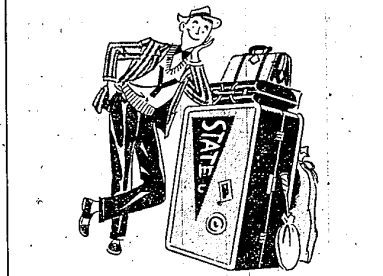
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# Completes Week Long Postman Driver Training



Farmington mail drivers will put extra emphasis on safety and politeness toward motorists and pedestrians in the future. For Louis F. Gay, clerk for the Post Office Department in Farmington, has just graduated along with 32 other Michigan U. S. Post Office fleet supervisors from a week-long American Automobile Association driver-training course. Above (left to right) Ivan B. Dushene, mounted carrier in Monroe, gets diploma from Martin Bled, Automobile Club of Michigan driver-training supervisor, while Gay and Bill C. Dickerson, clerk in charge at Adrian, watch.

## Local Postman Louis Gay Graduates From AAA Driver-Training Course

Slogan of the U. S. Postal Service is still "The Mail Must Go Through." But some modifications are on the way in the delivery-by-truck end of things. For the first time in its history, the Post Office Department will give its truck drivers scientific training before sending them out on their mailbox rounds.

To accomplish this in Farmington, Louis F. Gay, clerk, studied a week with 32 other Michigan post office workers, graduating Friday, July 30, from an American Automobile Association course. In it, he learned how to teach other postal employees proper, safe and courteous piloting of mail trucks. He received his certificate of graduation from Martin Bled, Automobile Club of Michigan's driver-training supervisor, at ceremonies attended by Detroit city officials and high postal authorities.

"Most postal truck drivers are careful and courteous," said Joseph Indre, AAA road training consultant in charge of the class. "But a Postal Department survey disclosed a high percentage of collisions being caused by a few men, who drove their trucks as if they were armored tanks. They double parked at angles, cutting down usefulness of streets. Some even double parked while they had lunch. And they seldom signaled when they planned to stop."

"Mechanically they were good drivers. But their attitudes could stand improvement. So we stressed consideration for motorists and pedestrians in this course. Postal drivers can have a lot to do with the public's attitude towards the whole Postal Department."

In future training, courtesy and consideration for other users of streets and highways will be emphasized. Postal authorities in Detroit said this is part of a nationwide campaign to cut down complaints by the public, coupled with a truck-replacement program. Similar courses under American Automobile Association supervision are being given in each state.

Miss Patty Siera of Dearborn spent the past week with her grandparents, the Fred Germans, on Fourteen Mile Road.

## C. Laitala Promoted To Corporal In Korea

Charles J. Laitala of Farmington was recently promoted to the rank of corporal in Korea, an Army release disclosed this week. Charles is the husband of Margaret Laitala, who lives at 21908 Albion Street.

Serving with the 2nd Infantry Division, Laitala is a truck driver in the 38th Regiment, 3rd Battalion Headquarters. The 2nd Division, known as the Indianhead Division, is now undergoing intensive training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula. It was the Indianhead Division which was responsible for the capture of Heartbreak Ridge and Old Baldy in the bitter fighting of the Korean conflict.

Corporal Laitala entered the Army in October of 1952 and joined the division in April, 1953.

The energy requirements—largely coal—of electric utilities in the U. S. will be up 32 1/2% by 1956 over 1953, according to the Federal Power Commission.

## Looking Ahead by DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

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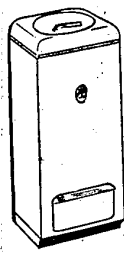
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