New American tells of his hopes

By MAURIE WALKER

LIVONIA—The past six months have been eventful ones for Livonia resident Abraham Al-Kahl, native of Guadeloupe, French West Indies. In January, he packed up his family and headed for the United States "to find work and give my children the opportunity for better education."

It was shortly after arriving in the United States that he became a citizen. This was possible, he explained because "I served with the United States that he became a citizen. This was possible, he explained states and the state of the war in the United States which he had served since the start of the war in Europe.

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"AT FORT DIX, where the French Army was based, I requested enlist-ment with the United States Army. This was approved," he said. He served overseas until the war ended. Six months ago he purchased at house at 1532? Westmore in Livonia where he, his wife. Josephine, and eight of his 11 children live.

Work was not easy to find, however, "I do carpentry work and am also a mechanic. The Veteran's Administration found several part-time jobs for me. Right now I'm working threedure a week"

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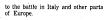
Al-Kahl said he was fortunate to have gotten out of the French West Indies before it got its freedom.

"Everything I had, including my money, would have been difficult to take out of that country under the new government. he said.

Upon receiving an honorable dis-charge from the U. S. Army in 1945, Al-Kahl returned to the West Indies where he married Josephine. "My 11 children were bornthere. One of them is married and still lives there," he smiled.

Al-Kahl, 55, proudly displays his citizenship papers and his membership in the American Legion.

HE EARNED this right having fought with the French prior to joining the U. S. Army where he returned



So concerned was he with the educaso concerned was he with the education of his children that before coming to this country himself, he sent some of his children to friends here. They attended the Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic High School, remaining in this country while awaiting the arrival of the rest of the family.

"It has been a rough year but inter-esting one. Being without work for five months is not easy but we have somehow managed." he said.



DAVID GRAHAM of 9580 Ar-cola, Liconia, made his fail debut at the halfitime ceremony of the Central Michigan University-Kent State footbell game. The trumpe-ter took part in the band's pre-school band camp with day-long drills and rehearsals.



TWO LIVONIA musicians are in the Eastern Michigan University marching band, which performs at EMU foetball games at halftime. In the band are Carole Barann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barann, of 14103 Biackburn, and Bruce Sole, son of Mrs. Virginia Sole, of 15751 Blue Skies.



A LIVONIA man reportedly escaped serious injury recently when he lost control of his car at a curve on Schoolcraft Road east of Hix. James Edward Mackie Jr., 18, of 37645 Summers. told police his car rolled over as he was making the curve. Police say the man was not hospitalized. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



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