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WITH NOTHING but time on his hands, James Stein, a World War II veteran, sits at home looking for something to do. He'd like some addresses of GIs in Vietnam so he could write letters and brighten their days and his own.

## Area CC Aides Are Officers Of New Group

A professional association for public information and community relations administrators and staff members at the 28 public community colleges in Michigan has been organized. Believed to be the nation's first statewide association for community college information officers, the group is called the Michigan Association of Community College Public Information Officers (MACCPIO).

The President, named at an organizational meeting recently at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, is Mitchell Tendler, director of community relations at OCC. Other officers are Ronald Kohls, director of information and alumni relations at Jackson Community College, vice-president; Richard S. Heitzler, administrative assistant, communications, Flint Community Junior College, secretary; and Howard Kahn, assistant to the president at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, treasurer.

MACCPIO was organized as a professional service association to provide a framework for the exchange of information on public relations matters among the community colleges in Michigan and to provide assistance to the staffs of the growing number of public community colleges in the state.

"A number of us involved in what is generally called the public relations offices of community colleges have felt for some time the need of such a statewide group," said Tendler.

"One of our aims is to demonstrate the need for trained public information officers on the staff of the individual colleges so that the interests of

Nervously twitching a cigarette in his fingers, James Stein, who still is carrying the scars of World War II, leaned back on the divan in his modest little home on West Warren and heaved a sigh.

"I know what those boys are going through over in Vietnam," he said, "and loneliness and boredom are their two worst enemies. I should know—I'm a victim of both."

He puffed on the cigarette and then leaned forward and vouched that if he could get some help he could do a double-barreled job—cheer the boys up a bit and relieve his own boredom and loneliness.

"All I want are names and addresses," he said, "and I'll do the rest. I'll write to all of them—cheery notes and comparisons—and I'll even send them Christmas cards. I've got the cards and the stationery—and the time. The addresses could be a god-send to all of us."

A victim of a badly twisted ankle and a fever contracted in the Army that eventually led to epilepsy and a heart condition, Stein has been leading a lonesome, boring life for the past eight years in his little home at 48300 West Warren.

"It gets monotonous looking at these four walls all day—every day. I know I could remedy it all with the job I'd get just writing to the boys over there."

"I know what those fellows are going through. It matters little whether the war is just or unjust, it is not their fault that they are mixed up in it—there."

### Plan Home Rule Talks On Oct. 17

The proposed home-rule charter for Wayne County to be voted on at the November election and how it can be expected to benefit taxpayers will be discussed by Willis H. Hall at next Thursday's (Oct. 17) luncheon meeting of the United Northwestern Realty Association—Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors in Cregar's Restaurant.

Long an advocate of county-government reform, Hall played a leading role in having "enabling legislation" for county home rule passed by the Michigan legislature at its last session.

Formerly executive vice-president of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, Hall has also served as top officer of both the Detroit Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Commission. He is currently a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors.

The title of Hall's talk is "County Home Rule—Economy for the Taxpayer."

## He'd Like To Spend Time Writing Notes, Letters

# Old Soldier Seeks GI Addresses

and so far from home. They're bound to be lonesome.

"I remember what it was like when I didn't hear from home every three or four days—only this time I can do something about it. I'll write to them if I can only get the addresses. And I don't care where they are from."

DURING THE YEAR and a half he served in World War II with the 99th Division, Stein virtually lived a lifetime.

"It wasn't until we got out that I knew for certain just where we had been. All I know was that it was tough going—and lonesome."

Tracing the movements of the 99th Division on the map included in a book, "The Battle Babies," written by the late Maj. Gen. Walter E. Lauer, Stein explained that they had invaded 285 miles into Germany and got to a place called Islerhorn before they had to backtrack.

"We then spearheaded Gen. Patton's drive and stayed with him."

It was on this drive that he twisted his ankle and aggravated an old injury he had

suffered in his youth in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. Along with that he suffered what he termed "memory blocks" and he also was alling from chills and fever when taken to the field hospital in Germany.

"THEY GAVE MY illness some fancy name," he explained, "but it finally has become a heart condition and epilepsy."

I can't move around too well and I can't stand the sun. So, I just sit—and sit."

With a voice that portrayed just a little bitterness over his lengthy squabbles with the Veterans Administration since his discharge he walked to the door and concluded:

"For eight long years I have been sitting here just wishing. Now I've decided to do something, but I need help."

"I'd appreciate getting all the addresses I can."

There was a wry smile on his face as he said, "and don't

forget I've got a lot of Christmas cards just waiting to be sent to those fighting boys over there."

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