

Mrs. Russell DeVriendt of Grand Rapids spent the past week at the Joseph DeVriendt residence on Oakland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson entertained Monday, their guests being the judges, officials and friends attending the Horse Show.

WEST POINT PARK

By L. A. Ault

Mrs. M. E. Ault and daughter, Lora Anne, returned Friday evening from a ten-day vacation with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Willets and daughter, Joanne, are spending a few days at their summer cottage. Accompanying them are Mrs. Willet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault and daughters, Dolores and Shirley, are spending a few days with Mrs. Ault's mother, Mrs. Jacob Sheels, near Rossmore, Ind.

Miss Dorothy Altama, Shady-side Ave., is spending the Labor Day weekend with friends in Plymouth.

Miss Audrey Roberts, Mayfield Ave., is returning this week from a few weeks' visit with relatives in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. George Casey escorted Mr. Casey's mother, who had been here on an extended visit, to her home in northern Michigan Sunday. Herbert Shult accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Voorhees and daughter, Doris, of Detroit, were Sunday evening guests at the Clinton Ault home.

Mrs. Amy Judd and children of near Grosse Pointe, were guests on Wednesday of Mrs. Judd's mother, Mrs. Edward Stange.

Little Jackie Sherman has been having a nice visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman on Mayfield Ave. Jackie's home is with her mother in Detroit. Her father is with the armed forces in Germany.

Mrs. Kenneth Owen of Detroit visited with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Albert Owen, early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen of Cottage Drive, Detroit, called on some of their West Point friends last week.

Mrs. John Altama and daughter attended an important meeting of the Shrine Lodge in Strathmore Friday night.

Mrs. Marvin Addis was a visitor in Howell Labor Day.

Mrs. Harold McVear and son, Harold Jr., spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Mrs. Herman Shult and son, Herbert, spent Friday evening in Detroit.

Mrs. Margaret Martin, Miss Lora Ault, Mrs. Edwin Johnson and daughters, Marion Lee and Anne, visited around in Redford Thursday afternoon.

Jimmie, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Muir, of Shady-side Ave., underwent an appendicitis operation at Saratoga General Hospital, East Side, Detroit, Friday morning.

He is getting along as well as can be expected and will probably be brought home early this week.

Mrs. Walter Rehahn, who has been very ill, is now much better. Mrs. Jessie Edgington was sick in bed a few days last week.

Marietta Shult was on the sick list part of last week.

Mrs. Marvin Peterson has sold her Hubbard Avenue home and plans to move soon near her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Axel Edwards, in Royal Oak.

Norman Kaurenean, of Mayfield Ave., broke ground this last week and in a start toward the construction of an addition to his home.

It is expected that Rev. Axel Edwards will be on hand to greet his congregation at the Vesper Meeting of the Neighborhood Church next Sunday evening, September 10th, at 6 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwards made a business trip to northern Michigan over the week-end.

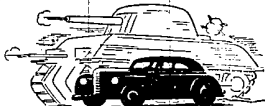
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Shumski, newly-weds who for a few weeks, pending Mr. Shumski's induction into the army, have been guests of friends on Norfolk Ave., were tendered a breakfast shower last Tuesday morning.

Those participating were for the most part fellow-workers at the defense plant where both the bride and groom have been employed. A large number of lovely gifts were presented.

The next meeting of the Sunshine Sisters will be held in the Neighborhood Church on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13th, at 2:30 and it is expected that it, too, will be a special occasion.

The Masters child who was hospitalized with a light attack of infantile paralysis is now home again and quite all right.

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"Sure thing, Tim. Here's what I told him, Charlie. There's no such thing as votin' a nation, a state, a county, or even a community 'dry. We had proof enough of that

during our 13 years of prohibition. What you really vote for is whether liquor is going to be sold legally or illegally...whether the community is going to get needed taxes for schools, hospitals, and the like, or whether this money is going to go to gangsters and bootleggers. That's the answer, boys... simple as A-B-C."

This advertisement sponsored by Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc.

To Customers of the Detroit Edison Company

It is important for you to know why we are appealing
from the Michigan Public Service Commission's recent
order that Detroit Edison refund \$10,450,000
to its customers*

Attempts are being made to impose additional taxes and other burdens on the Company and to divert Detroit Edison war taxes from the U. S. Government:

1. BY MEANS OF AN "EXCISE TAX". The City of Detroit passed an "Excise Tax" ordinance, designed—as the City's representatives stated—to divert Detroit Edison war taxes from the U. S. Government to the City Treasury. The "Excise Tax" requires The Detroit Edison Company to turn over to the City of Detroit up to one-fifth of all gross income received from Detroit customers.
2. BY MEANS OF A RATE CUT OR REFUND. When in 1942 the City of Detroit asked the Michigan Public Service Commission to order a cut in rates, the plea was denied and our rates were held to be reasonable. After appeal and rehearing, the Commission has now decided that a refund should be made to customers, from money that would otherwise be paid to the Federal Government in war taxes. So then... despite Detroit Edison's acknowledged fair rates... the Commission ordered a refund to customers, ignoring the excise tax described above. This was done despite the fact that since the start of World War II, we have made reductions in rates to residence and commercial customers. The general cost of living has increased by 29 per cent; food by 38 per cent. Wages and the price of coal have increased, all bringing about a heavy increase in our own costs. But while prices have risen our rates generally have not.

These actions would take about two million dollars a year more than we would otherwise pay the Federal Government in war taxes.

The same ten million dollars is being claimed in three places at once!

Obviously, we cannot pay it to the Federal Government in war taxes—and to the City of Detroit in excise taxes—and to our customers in the form of a refund.

Only the courts can decide. Our customers should know that we will pay these war taxes or the refund when we know to whom the law requires us to pay them.

The "Excess Profits Tax," designed by Congress to help pay for the war and to prevent excessive war profits, is an 85½ per cent top-bracket tax which now leaves this Company with a smaller net income than it had in 1939. The Company is not making excessive profits. And our dividends have been reduced. The recent refund order would leave the Company with a return of only four and two-thirds cents on each dollar in the electric business, as fixed by the Commission. This is too low.

If the 1943 excise taxes are valid, the return would be about four cents on the dollar. A return on its investment as low as either of these would most certainly damage the Company's ability to continue its present good service.

Rate cuts have many times been made by The Detroit Edison Company voluntarily. Today Detroit Edison's rates are among the lowest in the world. Since 1918 there have been some 40 reductions in our charges for various classes of service. Today your residence electricity costs you only half as much per kilowatt-hour as it did in the last war.

We intend to keep up this good record in the future.

PRENTISS M. BROWN,
Chairman of the Board

THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

*The Detroit Edison Company, with 800,000 customers, serves more than half the people in Michigan.