

**Pvt. Fifoot Completes Marine Basic Training**

Pvt. Jerry Fifoot, of 32188 Hull Road, recently completed his basic training with the 5th Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, Army authorities report.

His 16-week course with the famed 5th "Red Diamond" Division was conducted by combat-toughened veterans of World War I and Korea.

He was instructed in the use of conventional light and heavy infantry weapons as well as such recently-developed weapons as the 75-mm. recoilless rifle. Squad and platoon tactics, living in the field, and protective measures against atomic warfare were also included in his training.



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**THE MICHIGAN MIRROR**

By GENE ALLEMAN

(Continued From Page Two) people get rather vociferous when that enters the conversation.

With the quadrennial circus going on at Chicago this week, the average Michigander has been getting an abundant political diet direct from the Windy City via his newspaper, radio and television.

So it's little wonder that another political gathering has been overshadowed by the Republican convention.

It's the seventh annual forum on state and local government on the Michigan State College campus. It won't have as great an impact on the nation as the party convention, but its sponsors believe that it's almost as important on the long haul because it creates a better interest and understanding of government at the grassroots level.

It's been just as hot — on the thermometer — at East Lansing as it's been in Chicago and there were moments these past few days when the political temperature soared, too.

The Republican delegates had some lively topics, FEPC, the international plank, seating of contested delegates and — of course — the titanic battle between Taft and Ike. But the Michigan delegates have a couple of their own that were hardly conducive to a cool and academic discussion.

There was the explosive topic of state governmental reorganization which Gov. C. Mennen Williams leading the discussion on the opening day, Monday.

Equally controversial was the Tuesday topic: Resolutions of representation in the Legislature.

Both of these issues are certain to be major bones of contention in the coming elections. Two re-appointment proposals will be on the November ballot and voters must make a direct choice. Governmental reorganization will undoubtedly be one of the campaign battle lines and there, too, voters will make a decision even if in a more indirect manner.

Sessions today and tomorrow are scheduled to take up the financial problems of the state and local government and during the next two weeks, students will confer with leaders of every branch and at every level of government and with political science experts.

They'll discuss everything from states rights and decentralized government to the labor movement and two-party system.

The political leaders who attend this conference are influential in their own communities. The conclusions they draw — and pass on to their fellow-citizens at home — will certainly have an effect on the November elections.

In that way the conference, now overshadowed by the Chicago con-

vention, may become far more important than the headlines alone would indicate.

Two news events have again underlined Michigan's importance in the arsenal of democracy. One was the unveiling of the new 7.8 tank by Ford and General Motors that is expected to give the United States the edge on its opponents mechanized striking force.

The other was the visit to the testing Oldsmobile plant by Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, former head of the UN truce team at Panmunjon. At the Olds plant he saw the manufacture of the 2.5-inch bazooka rocket that seems to have been more effective in Korea than the efforts of the Admiral's team.

A combination of both is needed in Korea, Joy said. "Keep on trying for an armistice and meantime exert military pressure, the only language the enemy understands."

That was the recipe he gave Capitol newsmen.

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**STATE POLICE FIELD ACTIVITY STILL REDUCED**

With troopers still remaining on duty at Jackson prison following the riot which broke out April 20, Michigan State Police patrol and arrest activities again dropped sharply in May.

According to the department's monthly activity summary, 5,176 arrests were made, including 44, 573 for traffic offenses. Total arrests were 41 per cent under 8,816 in May a year ago and traffic arrests decreased 43 per cent under 8,020.

Man hours on patrol decreased 41 per cent, 25,322 under 44,460. Patrol mileage was 273,465, a drop of 162,072, or 37 per cent.

The May report also shows the department handled 5,352 complaints in all matters and made 2,557 property inspections and 2,333 liquor inspections. During last year 6,533 complaints were handled and 23,800 property inspections and 3,763 liquor inspections made.

The East Lansing headquarters identification bureau received 6,715 sets of fingerprints during the year, increasing the total on file to 3,535,799. Of this number 1,822,915 are in the criminal section and 1,702,884 in the non-criminal.

**Building Permits Total \$261,956**

Fourteen building permits totaling \$261,956 in estimated valuation were issued by Farmington Township Building Inspector Thomas Turdy and City Manager James Tennant from June 21 to June 27. Four permits totaling \$200,106 in estimated valuation were issued at the city office while five permits totaling \$61,850 were issued at the township office.

Persons obtaining permits to build in the township are: Bernard Walters of 29720 Omenwood, add utility room, \$400; Ernest Brisson of 12143 Middlebelt, build R-2 residence, \$3,000; Charles A. Hughes of 31680 Hull Road, add room, \$800; Byron O. Pond of 12714 Prest, Detroit, build garage, \$500; Anthony J. Kolar of 21326 Randall, add porch, \$100; Wilbert G. Loukojavi of 3396 Baswich, add storage room, \$150; Michael A. DeFazio of 17241 Street, Detroit, build R-4 residence, \$25,000; Otto W. Aebow of Detroit, R-1 residence, \$18,000; Donald Thompson of 12095 Griggs, Detroit, build R-2 residence, \$8,000; and Edwin Wright of 21950 Cass, build R-2 residence, \$3,000.

Largest building permit issued from the city office in the week went to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish for the addition to the school. The estimated cost for both is \$184,756. Other permits went to: Thomas Barber of 23187 Hawthorne, garage and breezeway, \$1,000; Harry E. Wolfe, Inc., of Seven Mile Road, build a brick residence, \$14,000; and H. A. Thomas of 23155 Ltlac, build a porch, \$350.

**FISH VS. SNAKE**  
Fishing near Cold Creek, George Tull of Seney caught a 16-inch brook trout with an 18-inch garter snake inside its stomach, the conservation department reports.

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**RONALD BUTCHER FINISHES SAFETY, FIRST AID COURSE**

Private First Class Ronald P. Butcher of 19630 Meridian has completed a military-sponsored course in accident prevention and first aid, Red Cross officials report.

Pfc. Butcher, who is with the Aviation Field Depot Squadron at Southport, England, was chosen for the safety school by his commanding officer. He was given practical training in aiding accident victims, as well as instructions in accident prevention.

The Red Cross has cooperated with military authorities in organizing safety programs at many military bases in Europe and North Africa. Before the program was initiated, accidents in Europe were costing American taxpayers more than half a million dollars monthly, according to military sources.

During a recent twelve-month period, 1,630 classes in military safety were held in England, France, Germany, Austria, Trieste and Libya.

The office of poetry is not to make us think accurately, but feel truly.

**Two Sergeants-At-Arms Appointed By Post 346**

Oscar Auten and Donald Pryor were appointed Sergeants-at-Arms for Groves-Walker Post 346, American Legion, Thursday, June 25, at the election of new officers.

The appointments were made when election results showed the same number of votes for each. Normally there is but one sergeant-at-arms in the organization.

**Corp. Grabowski Home After Service in Korea**

Marine Corporal Eugene Grabowski arrived in Farmington Thursday afternoon on leave after serving 15 months in Korea with the Marine Air Force. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grabowski of 20409 Hubbard.

Corporal Grabowski has two brothers in service, one still stationed in Korea and the other recently returned from the Mediterranean theater.

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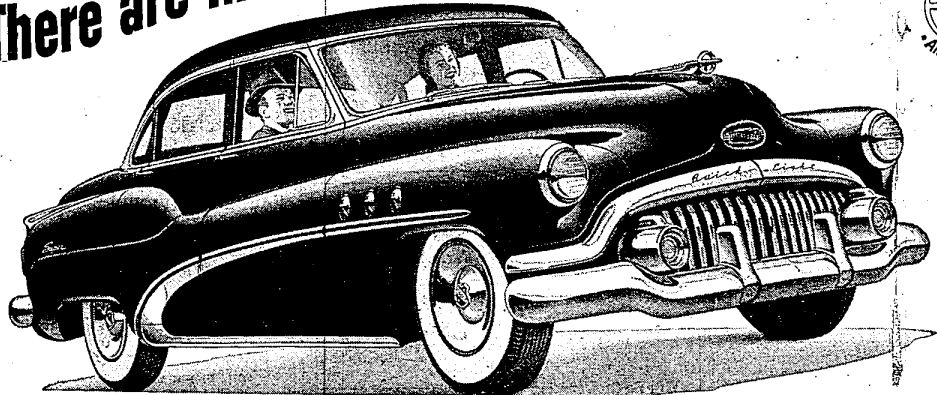
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