

Timmons - Carter Married At Angola April 21

Mr. and Mrs. John Timmons announce the marriage of their daughter, Darlene Joyce, to James B. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter of Wilson, Indiana, on Wednesday, April 21.

The bride wearing a white nylon street length dress with a rose corsage, was attended by her sister, with her brother-in-law acting as best man.

A wedding supper was given by the groom's parents with the families and a few friends attending.

The groom still has a year to serve in the Air Force and is now stationed in Oklahoma.

Seaman Beemer Returns To States Aboard Toledo

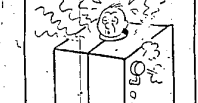
Seaman Earl Beemer, USN, son of Mrs. Lydia C. Beemer, of 21207 Parker, Farmington, returned to California from the Far East last week and aboard the heavy cruiser USS Toledo.

The Toledo has now completed her fourth tour of duty in the Far East, which has taken her to Korea, Yokohama and Suva in Japan and to Hong Kong and Pearl Harbor. On her last cruise the ship was a unit of the fast carrier Task Force 77 and took part in various fleet operations and amphibious landing exercises.

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Ceremonies May 7-8 To Precede Initial Work On Straits Bridge

Construction of a bridge over the two peninsulas of Michigan will be under way officially May 7, when the first earth will be turned just short of \$100,000,000 before its completion in the fall of 1957.

The earth-turning ceremonies will be held on a two-day celebration at which downtown guests and national figures invited to participate in the ceremonies at Mackinac City the following day.

Dates of the ground-breaking ceremony were determined recently after a check for \$96,400,093 for the bridge, was delivered.

The bridge project actually was authorized more than a half century ago, but serious thought for its construction took shape only in the past twenty years.

Legislation for completion of the Mackinac Bridge Authority was enacted by the Michigan legislature eight years ago and since then engineering and traffic studies were instituted and a study of the project made to determine the feasibility of the bridge.

Plans finally gained official approval during the past four years and since then the floating of a bond issue to be redeemed by bridge revenues has been worked out. Sale of the bonds was strengthened when the legislature authorized a maintenance fund for the bridge.

Michigan supreme court added a final touch to the project by handing down a decision in which it ruled that the state could finance the bridge was constitutional.

The Mackinac Bridge will be the longest in the world over water, although the main span of 3,500 feet will be a few feet shorter than the span of the Golden Gate bridge in California. Two side spans will be 7,400 feet in length, approximately 1,000 feet longer than the west coast structures.

From a point in West Michigan at Mackinac City to a point a half mile west of St. Ignace in the Upper peninsula, the bridge will be 26,155 feet long. Clearance from the water will range from 135 to 150 feet under the main span and from 20 to 34 feet under the approaches.

Guest Of Morrells For Month Prior To Shipment

Guest of the Norman Morrells of 2319 Floral for a month recently was Private James Crane, now enroute to Germany, for overseas duty.

A friend of the Morrells' eldest son, Pte. Donald P. Morrell, who is now stationed with the Signal Corp at Fort Lewis, Washington, Crane made his home with the Morrells for 3 1/2 years prior to his enlistment in the Army in August of 1952.

Before being assigned for overseas duty, Pte. Crane served with the 14th Division at Fort Lewis, Crane's new overseas address will be: Pte. 2 James M. Crane, RA 16-440-547, Prov. Co., 2250, APO 872, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Part-Time Work Force Shows Sharp Increase

A current March population survey in the United States disclosed that an estimated 1.7 million non-farm workers who usually work 35 hours or more a week at their jobs, were working part time because of slack work, job turn-over and other economic factors.

This total was about 400,000 larger than in December, when the last comparable study was made.

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Local Student Installed In Honor Fraternity

Loren R. Clifford of Farmington was among the 98 Michigan State College freshmen to be initiated into the newly installed chapter of the national honorary fraternity Phi Eta Sigma at the college last Friday, April 30.

Official ceremonies on Friday bringing MSC students into the fraternity fold included initiation of the new members in the Union Building in the evening.

The purpose of the fraternity is to pay special honors to freshman men who obtain grade averages not lower than 3.5 during their first year of college. The national organization of Phi Eta Sigma now has a membership of 21,000 in 80 chapters throughout the United States.

Michigan's automobile industry -- greatest in the world -- recorded the second best year in its history in 1952. A total of 6,165,000 automobiles and 1,265,000 trucks were produced in the state, a total topped only by the record-setting performance of 1950.

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The new Federal bill increases allocations to Michigan from \$19,250,550 to \$29,335,000 for the two years covered by the bill, the 1955 and 1957 fiscal years.

Included in the increase is a boost of more than \$12 million in funds for the secondary system of farm to market roads, making \$5,965,000 available for this purpose in the state, Senator Ferguson reported.

The allocation of funds to Michigan under the bill would provide \$9,776,000 for the primary system, \$5,965,000 for the secondary system, \$8,031,000 for the urban areas, and \$6,164,000 for the interstate system.

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Former Teacher Weds;

Helen A. Thomas, former teacher in the Farmington school system, was united in marriage recently to Forrest H. Davey of Welton, Minnesota, at a ceremony in the bride's home town of Tekonsha, Michigan.

The wedding was performed at the Baptist parsonage in Tekonsha.

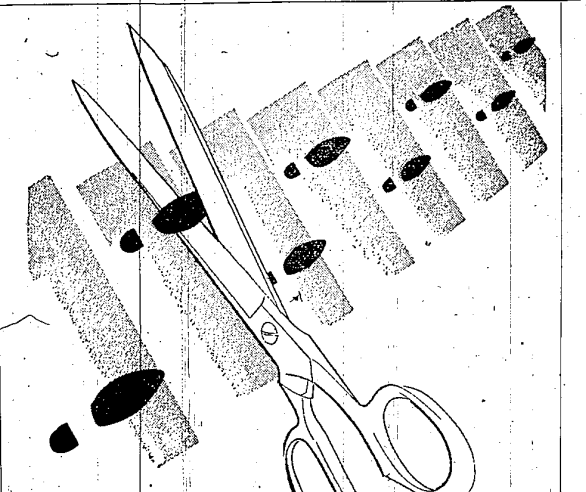
Will Reside In Minnesota

With the bride wearing a mauve colored suit with navy accessories and carrying a corsage of white rose buds.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the farm home of a sister, with ice cream, wedding cake and coffee being served.

On returning from a honeymoon in the East, Mr. and Mrs. Davey will make their home on a farm near Welton.

The state's school districts spent an estimated 60 million dollars on expansion of facilities but at year-end, educators warned that an additional 2,000 rooms -- with a teacher for each room -- were needed to maintain the state's high educational standards.



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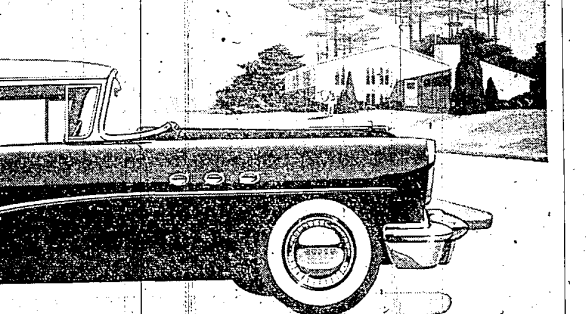
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