

## Charles Markham Serves On LST In Atlantic Fleet

Seaman Apprentice Charles K. Markham, USN, of Farmington, is now serving as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. LST 525.

The vessel, part of the "mophthal" fleet, was recently commissioned by Captain Chauncey Moore, USN, Commander, Florida Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, at the Green Cove Springs, Florida, Naval Station.

Markham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harmon of 3339 Grand River. He attended Farmington High School and enlisted in the Navy in July of this year.

The vessel on which Markham is serving is commanded by Lieutenant Austin N. Volk, USNR, of Englewood, N. J.

The Atlantic Reserve Fleet is commanded by Vice Admiral Oscar W. B. Harmon of 3339 Grand River. He attended Farmington High School and enlisted in the Navy in July of this year.

O. E. S. HOLDS DANCE

Farmington Chapter 238, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a modern and old time dance Saturday evening, November 11, at the Farmington Town Hall. Music will be by Cecil Parham, with Herman Schram as caller.

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## U-M PROF. DOUBTS MICHIGAN HAD BIG EARTHQUAKE IN '83

The mystery of Michigan's worst earthquake is being cleared up by James T. Wilson, associate professor of geology at the University of Michigan.

On seismologic maps of the United States, which are noted major and minor earthquakes, a large black dot at Kalamazoo marks the biggest quake in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Smaller dots at Sault Ste. Marie and Branchport show lesser tremors.

Professor Wilson, who is in charge of the University's seismograph station, has information on the latter two quakes, but there is no data on a major one.

The big quake at Kalamazoo was February 18, 1883, according to the maps. In checking a Kalamazoo paper of that date, Professor Wilson found a report of a large earthquake in the area around Niles and Buchanan.

At this time there were few seismograph stations in the country and it was part of the work of the U. S. Weather Bureau to record any earthquakes. Weather observers relied heavily on newspapers for this information. Apparently the Chicago observer recorded the statement from the Kalamazoo paper.

However, Professor Wilson points out, the observer must have forgotten to read the paper on the following day when it reported that the big quake thrashed out to be either a "train wreck" or an oil tank explosion at LaPorte, Indiana.

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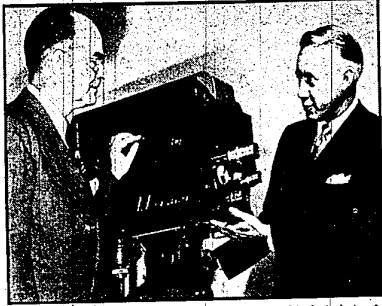
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FIRST PHOTO OF TV COLOR CAMERA—For this first photo of a television color camera, CBS president Frank Stanton, right, called Hugh Terry, general manager of station KTLZ in Denver, Colo., into the picture. Terry, visiting Stanton in Washington, announced that his station will broadcast color as soon as its line is cleared. The camera is a standard RCA black and white model, modified by RCA for use with the FCC-approved CBS color system.

## Meadowbrook Murmurs

By Mrs. Dean Eckert  
PHONE 0337-M

The season of colts is really past, a fact that most housewives know. And since winter blew in with such a rush last week and perhaps we'll have snow tracked into our homes rather than a "train wreck" or an oil tank explosion at LaPorte, Indiana.

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## BIRDS ARE HEADING SOUTH, U-M EXPERT GIVES 'TIMETABLE'

Migrating flights of birds bring some interesting changes in the state's bird life at this time of year.

To help you in identifying some of the "strangers" who may be passing through the state as well as warning you to expect the departure of the Michigan birds which winter elsewhere, Dr. George M. Sutton, associate professor of zoology at the University of Michigan, has prepared information on the birds' "timetable."

If you're checking in the regular bird manuals, you may have some identification trouble, since the birds have acquired drab colors after the breeding season and seldom break into song during their migratory flights. Dr. Sutton also says that birds are now found in flocks of groups rather than in pairs as in the case in the spring.

One of the most notable birds now leaving to winter in the south is the sandhill crane, he reports. These birds, about four feet high, of a brownish-grey and not to be confused with the great blue heron, are now to be seen gathering in premigratory flocks. Leaving Michigan up until the middle of November, they will proceed to southern Texas and the Mexican tableland.

The bird is to be seen in boggy places such as the marshes around Portage Lake and the chain of lakes in Livingston County.

Many ducks and geese, in particular, the blue geese and the snow geese, are now flying through from the Arctic, north of Hudson's Bay, to winter in the Vermilion Marshes of Louisiana and the coast of Texas.

These birds may be recognized by their high honking and honking formation.

This is also time to look for the small Canada goose from the far north, Dr. Sutton points out. Sometimes called Richardson's goose, the bird nests on the tundra north of the tree limit.

Listing other birds now migrating, principally to the southern and south-west states, Dr. Sutton mentions the sparrow, a large red-brown sparrow; the hermit thrush recognizable by his red-brown tail; the Lincoln sparrow, which looks like a song-sparrow; and the yellow-bellied sapsucker. In general, he said, these birds nest to the north of Michigan.

Now definitely not in the picture, having left around October first, are the hummingbird, the night hawk, the swallow and the bobolink. However, a number of birds that nest in Michigan and which are still with us are the robin, bluebird, grackle, cowbird, and redbird blackbird.

## Novi News

MRS. GEORGE WAITE

The George's Hines entertained their grandson, Allen Kramer, of Walled Lake, last week.

Mrs. Metta Ambler of Northville spent the first part of the week at the Waite home. They visited Mrs. Alena Gibson of Wixom on Tuesday and motored to Vernon to visit the S. R. Marks on Wednesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Tamm entertained guests from Mt. Clemens and Detroit at dinner on Saturday evening.

The Rebekah degree team held their party with practice at the hall on Thursday evening. The Meadams Atkinson, Bachart, and Staman were hostesses. The next party will be December 7 at the home of Mrs. George Kahrl at Walled Lake with Mrs. Floyd Darr as co-hostess. This will be a Christmas party, with each guest bringing a 50 cent gift.

Mrs. and Mrs. Glen Smith of Decker were here to attend the funeral of Mr. Bob Hunt in Detroit on Saturday.

A number from here attended the wedding of Raymond Nancy in Detroit Saturday.

The Elwin Bearings entertained company from Detroit on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. George Waite were dinner guests of the Loren McKinnons on Sunday.

Extension Women Attend Achievement Day Meeting

Thirteen members of the Farmington Eight Mile Extension Council attended the 29th annual Wayne County home demonstration Achievement Day at the Wayne County Training School at Northville.

The women saw exhibits made by other Extension women, and heard highlights of the National Home Demonstration Council meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi, given by Mrs. R. Sufumerville, president, and Mrs. G. Lilly, vice-president. Mr. P. R. Bieschewer, Miss Emma Dubord, and Mrs. Alphas Dugan were other speakers at the meeting.

## TWO PERFORMANCES OF "MESSIAH" LISTED AT U-M NEXT MONTH

Two performances of Handel's monumental oratorio, "Messiah," will be given at the University of Michigan next month.

Tickets are on sale at the University Musical Society's office in the Burton Memorial Tower for both the 8:30 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 9, and the 2:30 p.m. presentation on Sunday, December 10.

"These performances are featured each year by the University Musical Society at nominal prices which only partly cover the expense of production," according to Charles A. Sink, president of the society. "They are offered as a public contribution to the Christmas season."

Both the 300-member University Choral Union and the 75-piece University Musical Society Symphony Orchestra will take part under the direction of Lester McCoy, an associate conductor of the musical society. Mrs. Mary Stubbins, of Ann Arbor, will be the organist.

The featured soloists will be Nancy Carr, Chicago soprano; David Lloyd, Minneapolis-born tenor; Eunice Alberts, a contralto from Boston; and Oscar Kistner, a bass from New Zealand. Both Miss Carr and Miss Alberts will be making their first appearance in Ann Arbor. Lloyd and Natka took part in the 1949 performances of "Messiah."

Classified Ad Course Is Tested At MSC

Michigan State College's journalism department has been selected as a proving ground for an experimental program to train students for work in the classified advertising field.

Sponsored by the National Association of Advertising Managers, the program will feature lectures by prominent men in the field, and student participation in "internship" jobs in the Lansing area. The program will begin this fall.

LEGAL NOTICES

PAUL A. PARE, Attorney, Farmington, Michigan

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please take notice that on Monday, the 4th day of December, 1950, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the undersigned at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, Michigan, will make application to the Honorable Judge of Probate in and for said county, to change my name from Bratcher Wilson to Brad Wilson.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of November, 1950.

BRATCHER WILSON  
Pontiac, Michigan, Nov. 6, 1950

LIONS AUXILIARY  
The Farmington Lions Ladies Auxiliary met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Alice Merriman in Detroit. Next meeting, the annual Christmas party, will be held December 7 at the home of Mrs. Leland McNatt, 12 Mile Road.

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