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THE GUARDIANS OF OUR NATIONAL PEACE

By Rev. D. H. Curry, Pastor Bennaville, Congregational Church.

When these lines are set in order before the readers of the Eccentric, the last earthly tributes of loved ones will have been paid to the earthly temple of one of our noblest of Birmingham who perished performing his duty as a martyr for the St. James Church a service, simple but impressive, will have been held over the body of Frederick Graham Ewer. Another home in Birmingham will have given up its last earthly tribute of a patriot to his country. He, with 42 others, bravely died at his post in Turret No. 3 of the battleship Mississippi at San Pedro, California, on June 12, in what was to have been the last naval practice before his return to Birmingham for a furlough. He was faithful unto death for his confident faith in the boundless grace that he was as faithful unto his God and has entered into the peace and joy of the Prince of Peace.

These men of the Navy, with those of the Marine Corps and our Army, constitute in a very real way the guardians of our national peace. For that reason it seemed opportune to write this article at this time. We shall refer only to the Navy and Marine Corps. Both of these are under the direction of the secretary of the Navy. The naval force at present consists of about 65,000 enlisted men, not including commissioned officers. The duty of these men is to manage the vessels of our navy. Officially they are divided into two classes—the Deck Force, or those on duty on and above the decks of the vessels; and second, the Engineer's Force, or those whose duties are to have charge below the decks. The men of the service, however, have given to themselves a different classification. First, the Gunners, who take care of the guns and common labors; second, the Engineers Crew or engineers, firemen and mechanics; third, the Deck Crew; fourth, the Gunners Crew; fifth, the Wireless Corps. On different ships the assigned names may vary but in general this is the division and classification. No member of one force is expected to perform the tasks of the other. We can readily see the reason for this.

The period of enlistment is for four years. After July first, none under 24 years of age will be permitted to enlist without the consent of his parents or guardian.

The compensation financially ranges from \$30 for the newly enlisted to \$126 for petty officers. To this is added 10 per cent advance after each five years of service.

One month's furlough is granted to each enlisted man and an additional allowance of 30 cents a day is granted to each man during the period of his enlistment for the purchase and care of his clothing.

Opportunities for advancement in their chosen line of work is given to every one who desires it and every enlisted man should, at the end of his four years, be at least a petty officer. If under 24 years of age, after the first year of service, every enlisted man can take an examination and if successful, can obtain a six months special drill or training for the position of commissioned officer. This holds true in both the Marine Corps and the Navy. Service. In this way an opportunity is sometimes afforded the successful men to take the complete course at the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Every man upon first enlistment must attend a training station. The East Coast Division, of which Michigan is a part, sends their men to Great Lakes Training School, near Chicago and the Marine Corps school for this district is located at Paris Island, South Carolina. At both of these places the men are instructed in military and nautical duties; terms and the manual of arms.

Now for the Marine Corps. The duty of the men in this branch of service is that of acting as guards and sentinels on all occasions in which the vessels of our navy have and wherever found, and at the navy yards and naval bases of our country. They also form the landing parties from our naval vessels in times of disorder or disaster, at home or at abroad, when the American citizens are endangered. There are about 20,000 enlisted men now in this branch of service, not

including commissioned officers. The compensation is \$21 per month for the new men up to \$126 for the petty officers. The Marines are required to serve four hours of duty and then are at liberty four hours. The Naval men are required to serve four hours and then are at liberty eight hours.

A Marine officer cannot take command of a ship nor can a Naval officer take command of the Marines. I am sure that when you read the above statements you will readily learn certain obvious conclusions, namely:—These splendid young men who are ready to protect the honor of our flag and the lives of our citizens at home and abroad are living a life of sacrifice and are in times of peace just as our other noble boys do in times of war. Second, like our politicians, firemen and postmen, they are far from being unpopular. Third, like to those latter we owe them our deep gratitude for the service they render to us in many ways. Fourth, the men of the Navy and Marine Corps are in the pursuit of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Fifth, the sacrifice of performance of their duty, no doubt, is a noble one, but our Heavenly Father for his outstanding grace to be given to the noble ones who have given their lives and their blood to live again only for God and their fellow countrymen.

Let's love our country and our fellow countrymen. Let's love our God and our fellow countrymen. Let's love our God and our fellow countrymen.

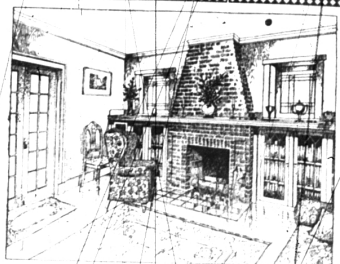
OBITUARY

Mrs. Delia Ann Butten. At the home of a daughter, Mrs. Delia De Wolf, on Greenway avenue in Detroit, Mrs. Delia Ann Butten died Sunday, June 29, of ataxama and complications from old age. Mrs. Butten, who was the widow of George Warren Butten, who died several years ago, was 82 years old. She was born in Birmingham where she lived until 12 years ago when the family moved to Birmingham.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, with interment in the West Farmington cemetery.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Butten is survived by a son, Fred J. Butten, formerly of Birmingham, who now makes his home at Mrs. De Wolf's.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Franklin, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the will of the said Delia Ann Butten, deceased, as the same appears from the records of said court, and that the same has been duly admitted to probate and is now a part of the public records of said court.



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This week's New Records

Indian Love Songs—Renee Chomet—Schippa Records
 Records Two

A fitting subject for the Indian violin setting of Luciano's Indian love songs, "By the River of Minnesota." The glowing drip of paddles and the gentle hum of the winds is in it. Sister in character is its companion number, "Lullaby of the Leaves." (Sons in fountains) is a graceful pastorello.

Another study in mood contrasts is the recording of two impassioned tenor songs, "Explosion in source," "Vapourisation," "Fair Maiden of Naples" has cloud-and-sun alterations of minor and major, with their peculiar, moody changes. "Oh, How Can I Forget" is merrily rhythmic, abetted by the "little orchestra" of violin, mandolin, guitar, flute and piano.

The Duncan Sisters in Character

The path of the tomboy is none so smooth, to judge from the Duncan Sisters' record of "Tom Boy Blues," this week. "Ball Frog Patrol" which they sing on the other side is equally droll and in character with these two most original young ladies.

A combination of all that is lovely in the arts is hard to conceive one more lovely than the duets sung by Anna Howard and Laura Littlefield this week. Every child knows fair Luna as "Lucky Moon" and with this, Roswell Vryis is paired a Hungarian Dance, while

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