

The person who goes through an entire day without some real thought and action that is helpful to another, is storing himself of life's finest food.

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## Remind Workers to Get Security Cards

Students who will enter commercial and industrial employment this summer are reminded by the Social Security Board that they will need social security account numbers. Before beginning employment they should apply for a number at one of the 318 Social Security Board field offices located in larger cities and towns. It is estimated by the Federal office of Education that this summer approximately 1,000,000 students may begin their business careers, or take a job during vacation. Whether the employment is part-time, temporary or permanent, and although the employer has no other employee, a report of the employee's wages together with his account number must be made to the Federal Government by the employer, explained Walter B. Redman, Manager of the Pontiac Field Office, Bureau of Old-Age Insurance. The employee is required to report his account number to his employer.

## STATE OPENS BIDS ON ROAD BUILDING FOR 21 PROJECTS

Lansing, June 28—The State Highway Department looked over low bids totaling \$1,507,487 on 21 construction projects this week in initiating its summer road-building program. More than 300 contractors bid on the projects in spirited competition for road-building work. It was the first "letting" held by the Department since last December and one of the largest in the last two years. The bids were opened in the House of Representatives' Chamber in the State Capitol.

Included among the bids were those on six county road projects. It was the first time in history that the state highway department has taken bids on county road construction. The projects are the first of the secondary county road jobs on which bids have been opened. The counties match Federal funds for this work, the same as the state does on its regular Federal Aid program. The bid accepted in Oakland County was that of Taylor Brothers Company, Inc., of Birmingham, to the amount of \$75,867.99, for 2.456 miles of 20-foot concrete pavement on M-59, Clinton River southwest to Elizabeth Lake road.

## Dondero To Speak On Radio Tonight

A resume of major legislation passed by the third session of the 73rd Congress, which adjourned on June 16, will be given by Rep. George A. Dondero over radio station WXLN, Royal Oak, on Thursday, June 30, from 6:15 to 6:30 p. m. Every citizen of the nation will be affected directly or indirectly by these new laws for the legislation provides many new rules for business, new forms of taxation, new rules governing farming operations, lower cash requirements for home building, additional appropriations for relief in various forms, centralized control of civil aviation, and numerous other regulations. Rep. Dondero's remarks will be in the nature of an analysis of the work accomplished in the six months Congress was in session.

Teacher: Now, can any boy give me a sentence using the word "diadem"?  
Pupil: People who drive cars on the Great Cross railroad get diadem light quicker than those who stop, sight and listen.

## HEADS TEACHERS

## BABCOCK TAKES OFFICE AS NEW MEA PRESIDENT

On July 1, Supt. Earl H. Babcock of Grand Haven will officially take office as president of the Michigan Education Association, the state professional organization of more than 32,000 teachers. He succeeds as president, Supt. Harley W. Holmes of Marshall.

Supt. Babcock has continuously held offices in the Michigan Education Association during the past twelve years. He has been vice-president during the past two years. He was chairman of the Educational Publicity Commission in 1926; chairman of the Fourth Michigan Education Association, a member of the Board of Directors from 1929 to 1932 and again from 1933 to 1938; chairman of the Michigan Education Journal Planning Commission during 1931-34; and president of the M. E. A. Department of City Superintendents in 1935.

President Babcock has been superintendent of schools at Grand Haven for the past 15 years. Prior to that, he was superintendent of the public school at Grand Haven, superintendent of Newaygo for three years, principal of Fremont for one year, and teacher in a rural school.

He was born Dec. 30, 1886, at Britton, Mich., where he attended the public school, and received a life certificate from Michigan State Normal College in 1909, and later from Columbia University.

President Babcock is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Rotarian, a member of the Spring Lake Country Club and a director of the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce.

## GLAMOR OF WAR DEPICTED IN NEW NOVEL BY M'KEE

By Linda Moore  
The War of 1914, in spite of its horrors must have had a bright and terrible glamour about it that hypnotized men, women, and children. Some of this is reflected in Eleanor M'Kee's novel, *Three Daughters*. Camilla, Elizabeth and Candida, daughters, ironically enough, of a munitions manufacturer, wealthy, sheltered, untrained were alike in their burning desire to share in the experiences of the war.

Elizabeth became a war nurse and developed a fatalistic horror of the terrible waste of human life and suffering that drove her to the verge of insanity. Camilla, the silver-tongued, went storming up and down the country, wheeling money from town and village for the Red Cross. Candida, unfit for either nursing or oratory, turned to the "Y" and found herself in France, working at a killing pace fourteen hours a day in a "Y" canteen, lading out coffee and cookies, writing letters for the dying, dancing with homesick dough-broys, sewing on buttons. A bank full of incident with individual episodes that haunt the memory. The affair of Mont Angre, for example, the tiny French refugee waif with the crushed hand; the horrors of the ocean-crossing on an influenza-stricken troop transport, with the fear of submergence; and the women who worked, often thanklessly behind the lines as nurses, signallers, telephone operators and "Y" workers.

*The Dark River*, by Charles Naughton. This is the Englishman's story of the Valley of the Dark River, in one of the remote parts of Tahiti, once inhabited by numerous and happy people, now deserted except for Naia, her foster mother and grandfather.

*Towers in the Mist*, by Elizabeth Goudge. Oxford in Elizabethan days is the scene of this charming novel. The hero is an Englishman, some old tapestry infused with a life and vitality rare in his historical surroundings.

*May Flavin*, by Myron Bring. This is the story of May, Irish, impetuous, quick spoken, humorous; of her love for Mike and of her children. The whole is laid against the colorful background of Chicago in the 30's.

*Fast Company*, by Marco Page. Investigating rare-book thefts provided Gladys with a new life, but when the bottom dropped out of Wall Street and millions lost interest in his First Editions. When Abe Selig was murdered, Joel had to slough in earnest, with some entertaining results.

*The Affair of the Ginger Lei*. A yacht race from San Francisco Hawaii was all fun and excitement until murder blotted out the jubilation of the winning ship's crew.

Man in the hope of getting a good tip? Do you think stocks will go up or down? Industrial Magnate? Yes, I am sure they will. They never stand still for very long and they can't go sideways.

## CANDIDATE

## WILSON TO RUN FOR PROSECUTOR ON GOP TICKET



Mr. Wilson.

Charles L. Wilson, former chief assistant prosecutor of Oakland County, today announced his candidacy for prosecutor on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Wilson, who has lived in Michigan all his life, has practiced law 12 years. He is a graduate of Allegan High School and studied at Albion College and the University of Detroit before completing his law course at University of Detroit law school.

In his 12 years of practice he has served as justice of the peace at Farmington, where he lived 12 years, and four years in the prosecutor's office, two years as an assistant prosecutor and two years as chief assistant.

Mr. Wilson issued the following statement on his candidacy:

"For many years I have been preparing myself, both in the prosecutor's department and as counsel for the defense, to enter the race for Prosecutor of Oakland County on the Republican ticket. I believe I am adequately qualified to administer the duties of the Prosecutor's office."

Mr. Wilson is married and lives with his wife and three children at 58 Ohio Road, Pontiac.

## Redman Advises On Social Security Plan

An employee is not required to report changes in employment of his home address, after receiving his Social Security account number card, advises Walter B. Redman, Manager of the Pontiac office of the Old Age Insurance Bureau. Also no employee need obtain another Social Security number when taking any new employment, or when moving to another city or state.

Opening the question of extending coverage under the Old Age Insurance provisions of the Social Security Act "as rapidly as possible" to include farm laborers, domestic servants and self-employed workers, the Advisory Council on Social Security has requested the Board for data by September 15, to aid in its study of methods of extending the coverage under this program. Mr. Redman, Manager of the Pontiac Field office, which cares for the service in Oakland and Macomb counties, explained that the Advisory Council is a non-partisan group of twenty-five prominent industrial magnates, three employees, six representing employers and thirteen the general public. They serve without salary.

## ROYAL OAK OFFICE FOR EMPLOYMENT WILL OPEN TODAY

Formal opening of the Royal Oak office of the Michigan State Employment Service will be held this morning. It was announced today by Frederic S. Schouman, director of the state operated system of free, public employment offices.

The new office, located at 321 South Lafayette will furnish the employers and workers of this vicinity, including Birmingham, with the most adequate public employment service facilities available.

The formal opening, to be held at 11 o'clock this morning, will be attended by state, county and city officials as well as by representatives of the city's civic, labor and industrial organizations.

In addition to this office and the remaining offices to be opened soon, the Michigan State Employment Service will operate directly through the Central Placement Office located at 112 East Jefferson Avenue.

All of the offices will find jobs for the jobless and will act as agencies for the acceptance and payment of benefit claims honored by the Unemployment Compensation division of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, of which Frank A. Peard, of Saginaw, is chairman.

While claims for benefits will be taken only on or after July 1st, actual payment will not begin until August 1st.

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## Notice

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L. E. COLGROVE  
GEORGE WELLINGTON SMITH  
E. W. KURTH

## DATE ANNOUNCED FOR 11TH MODEL AIRPLANE MEET

More than 1,000 air-minded boys are expected in Detroit from July 6 to 9 to compete in the Eleventh National Championship Model Airplane Meet. The event is conducted by the National Aeronautic Association and conducted by The Exchange Club of Detroit.

Soon these air-minded boys from 48 states and from other nations will be bound for Detroit. They will travel by plane, by train, by bus, by car, and by truck. Some of the less fortunate will thumb their way eager to see and to fly their ships in the air.

Further evidence of the Exchange Club's interest is seen in the new Exchange Club of Detroit National Championship Model Airplane Trophy, which goes this year, with \$200 in cash, to the winner of the highest number of points totaled to cover all events entered. This makes the trophy of the Exchange Club Trophy the best all-round builder and flier of model airplanes in America, the envy of self-builders and fliers of model ships.

## KROGER SALES SHOW EIGHT PERCENT DROP

CINCINNATI, O., June 28—An 8 per cent decrease in sales of the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company for the sixth four-week period, ending June 18, compared with the same period a year ago, was reported at the company's offices here today.

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