Kreisler to Open Series in Detroit

Fritz Kreisler, world famous violinist, is recuperating at his New York home, having left Roosevelt Hospital where a traffic accident sent him this Spring. His recovery from the accidents is a source of joy to thousands of music lovers the world over. Kreisler will make his first public appearance this season as the Masonic Auditorium, in Detroit on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14.

Frederick Jagel, "minute-man of the Metropolitan Opera," a singing leading operatic roles in South America's great Teatro Colon, at Buenos Aires this summer.

John Brownlee, famous Australian baritone of the Metropolitan is playing the lead in "Barber of Seville" at Central City, Colorado this month. Each summer Central City is the scene of one of the countries most unique revivals when the municipal opera house of the former booming mining town is re-opened.

Frederick Jagel, John Brownlee, Josephine Antoine and Karin Branzell will compose the featured Metropolitan Opera Quartette on the Masonic Auditorium Concert series, Monday evening, Nov. 17.

Luboshutz and Nemenoff, great Victor recording concert pianists, during the past season filled 57 engagements from coast to coast, including 19 return engagements. Four concerts were given in New York City. This great piano team's recordings undoubtedly enjoy a greater popularity than any other like combination in the concert world today. They will appear at the Masonic Auditorium, Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, 1941.

Other artists on the Masonic Concert Series are Josef Hofmann, the Littlefield (Chicago Opera) Ballet and Lily Pons.

'A Nation At War' Theme of Lectures

"A Nation at War" is the general topic of discussion for the University of Michigan summer session lecture series on public policy during the week of July 21. The requirements of a war economy will be discussed by Calvin B. Hoover, professor of economics and dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Duke University, on July 21.

On July 22, Max Lerner, professor of political science at Williams College, will talk on the State in wartime, while on July 23, the effect of war on the social order will be analyzed by Hans Speier, professor of sociology at the New School for Social Research in New York City. There is no charge for these lectures which are held in the University's Rackham School of Graduate Studies at Ann Arbor at 4:15 p. m. The public is invited.

Observation

You can tell when a man doesn't know the facts. He uses more positive assertions as a substitute. —Buffalo News.

Report of condition of

The Birmingham National Bank

of Birmingham, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business on June 30, 1941.
(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.)

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts, including $19.69 overdrafts	$1,188,682.95
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	653,410.35
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,010,721.37
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	244,169.89
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	6,750.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	864,432.99
Bank premises owned $14,697.39, furniture and fixtures $11,388.30	26,085.69
Other assets	1,243.76
Total Assets	$3,946,548.00
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,611,998.25
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,486,250.53
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,347.55
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	585,156.85
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	68,764.49
Total Deposits	$3,753,517.35
Other liabilities	3,592.98
Total Liabilities	$3,757,074.43
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS:	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par $125,000.00	125,000.00
Surplus	103,000.00
Undivided profits	60,464.36
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	1,059.21
Total Capital Accounts	289,523.57
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	$3,946,548.00
MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book values):	
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	251,730.63
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	181,228.03
Total	432,973.64
Secured liabilities:	
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	389,298.87
Total	$ 389,298.87

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss:
I, P. G. Burnett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
P. G. BURNETT, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
CHAS. T. JAMES,
GEORGE E. KERRILL,
CHANCEY NIXON,
Directors.
(Seal)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1941.
E. H. WOLFENDEN,
Notary Public,
Oakland County.
My Commission Expires March 3, 1944.

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Buddies and parents are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-inducted inducted man is of interest. .

TRANSFERRED

FORT CUSTER—Private Ray H. Roberts of Birmingham, Michigan, recently inducted into the army has been transferred with a group of 282 selectees to Camp Wolters, Tex. for training in that station it was announced today at the Fort Custer Recruit Reception Center. The group made the trip in a special train.

DRAFT NEWS

Two more names have been added to the list of 21-year old men called in last week's Eccentric. S-1112 is William Averill, 669 Rivenoak, who registered in Evanston, Ill., and John William Kennedy, 2586 Holmes, who registered in Canton, Ohio.

TO FORT KNOX

FORT CUSTER—Private William H. Jennings of Birmingham, recently inducted into the army has been transferred with a group of 20 selectees to Fort Knox, Ky.

SENT TO CAMP LEE

FORT CUSTER—Private Herbert H. Cornell of Birmingham, recently inducted into the army has been transferred with a group of 165 selectees to Camp Lee, Va., for training at that station it was announced today at the Fort Custer Recruit Reception Center. The group made the trip in a special train.

NO WONDER!

The latest excuse for poor marksmanship was provided by Eugene Brown, at University of Ill. R.O.T.C. trainee at Fort Custer, last week. "How can a guy keep steady with this on his mind?" he asked when questioned about his score. He handed his questioners a telegram reading, "Private John Scott Brown, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, reported for active duty on July 2."

NAVIGATORS NEEDED

Young men desiring commissions in the United States Army Air Corps Reserve now have their chance with the War Department offering training to qualify them as aerial navigator officers, it was announced today by Major General C. H. Bonesteel, commanding the Sixth Corps Area. Letters for information should be sent to the Commanding General, Headquarters Sixth Corps Area, Chicago, or direct to the Chief of the Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

The training as navigator is designed to qualify candidates as navigator-gunner-members of combat crews. Students will first undergo instruction in an aerial gunnery school. This will be followed by a course in navigation, attention being given, among other subjects, to day-and night navigation flights, the use of instruments, maps and charts, dead reckoning procedure and problems, and celestial navigation theory.

DETROIT RECREATION CAMP

The Detroit Area Recreation Camp, for soldiers' use when off-duty and visiting the city, will be in River Rouge Park, easily reached by bus service. It will be open about Aug. 1.

Each camp is designed to provide soldiers a safe and inexpensive place to stay while on leave. Sleeping and messing accommodations will be provided. The only charge will be a small one for food. Concessionaires will serve meals.

There will be no reveille or other military duties for soldiers on leave since the camps are being set up simply to give soldiers a place to stay and relax while away from camp. Frame and screen tents are being set up to accommodate 500 men at a time at each of the camps.

(Editor's note: This is another letter from Pvt. William Terrell, at Camp Livingston, La.)

To the Editor:

I have written you about our maneuvers, but this time I am writing about an ordinary week in a soldier's life. This month we are having lessons on the field and the maneuvers will come next month. Also, some of the men in Company "K" will have seven days at home. There are 24 men on furlough at a time but I wasn't lucky enough to be one of them. The deadline for them is the 31st of July as we will start on our maneuvers in August. Also, I am enclosing a couple of copies of the camp news which might be of interest to you. Well, here is this past week:

Monday, July 7th

We got up at 5:45, had roll call and then breakfast. Then we were called in and marched 1½ miles to our training area where we were instructed how to dig "foxholes" and cover for a soldier at prone position. A "fox hole" is just a hole in the ground which you can get into standing up. After that we learned tactics of an individual soldier. We learn how to fall, crawl, creep the proper way. This lasted until 4:15. Then we came in and stood retreat (of course we had dinner in the meantime).

Tuesday

We got up at the same time and went to the field and had three companies together which practiced close order drill, and the correct way to pass in review (having eyes right and all that). Then we had classes in map reading and estimating ranges for our rifles. In the afternoon we had an hour of marching again, then we had lessons on the compass, and a little more on tactics of an individual soldier. We were told that the entire company was confined to the company street for a week because there were too many dirty rifles. (Mine was clean, believe it or not.)

Wednesday

We marched to the field at the usual time and had marching again! Then we had classes in night scouting and the company gave the right and wrong way to go on a reconnaissance hike. We came in at 11:35 and had dinner. At about 1:30 we were told that everyone had to wear his denims (blue fatigue clothes). We always have Wednesday afternoon off for sports. But it was so hot that they decided it would be better to clean our clothes and equipment. No one was allowed to sleep and they check every once in a while to make sure. We had a parade at 4:15. Everyone wore cotton clothes, a pack, rifle, helmets, leggins. A general inspected the troops as they passed by him. We stood retreat out on the field, too. (By the way, today we received our summer clothes and am I glad!) After supper Private Sharkey and I attended the motor show which is touring the Army camps. It was very good, much better than the ones we pay for. We had tried getting out of going but when we were coming back the walk from the show (near the movie), just to see what was playing, we met our "Lewie" who was taking company "K" to the motor show and he said, "Fall in," so we did. It was worth it though.

Thursday

Got up at the usual time and had breakfast and marched to the field and practiced company marching again. We're getting good now. Then we had classes and actually went through exercises of squad wedge, column, and scrimmage lines. At 11:30 an airplane flew over with a siren on it to tell us an aerial attack was coming (imaginary of course). In the afternoon we continued with the same class. But at night we got all set for an "alert" but it was called off for some reason. An "alert" means everything is packed and nothing is left in our tents but our beds and mattresses, and all our clothing is put in our foot lockers or barrack bags. Then it is stored in the mess hall and locked up.

Friday

It was raining Friday morning so we had classes in the mess hall. We learned how to use a prismatic compass and how to read a map. Then around ten we went to the field and returned at 11:30 and ate at noon. Then at 1 o'clock we went to the field again and had tactics of an individual soldier. It was cloudy and around 3 it really rained and we were soaked before we got into our tents. We had to clean our rifles and stood retreat at 4:30. For supper we had beans, corn, pineapple, peas and carrots, bread. They have cut down on our butter for some reason.

Saturday

We had inspection in our tents this morning. Our rifles, packs, kits, helmets, packcarriers payout were all inspected. Our tent was a good display but there was a small speck of rust on one rifle and Pvt. Sharkey's. After inspection we are on our own, and always have Saturday afternoon off, and all Sunday. We usually write letters, read or play cards. It's still raining so I guess we will have to spend the week-end in our tents.

PVT. W. TERRELL
Company "K" 125th Inf.
Camp Livingston, La.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Woods, of Royal Oak, announce the birth of a son, Peter John, born on Monday afternoon, July 14. Mrs. Woods is the former Annette Kiley of Birmingham.

Betty Rose and Shirley Trump Assist

Thirteen hundred and twelve individuals participated in the water safety program of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, last week, and 400 spectators were also in attendance. Those participating in the program are progressing step by step in the various steps of the tests which if completed will secure for them water safety certificates.

Volunteers who are assisting at Walnut Lake are Betty Rose and Shirley Trump.

Miss Irma Sundling is chairman of water safety, succeeding Kline B. Hartman, who recently resigned.

What Your City Commission Is Doing—

July 14, 1941

Bills were approved totalling $16,295.83.

Alley in Ruby N. Subdivision and part of Kimberley Road vacated and abolished.

Communication from Chamber of Employees Union referred to City Manager.

Request for removal of elm tree at 171 Worth and tree by elders at Oakdale south of Oak land. Hearing set for July 28.

New salary schedule for Commission appointees adopted.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

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P.-T. A. Theatre Review

(The film comments herewith are by the Birmingham Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.)

LOVE CRAZY—Myrna Loy and William Powell in a slapstick burlesque. It is well cast and acted. Although risque, the picture is intentionally so. The National Federation of Music Clubs gives it an adult rating.

WAIT FOR YOU—A light wholesome romance picture with different treatment of the old story themes showing that environment has much to do with character development. For adults and children according to the American Legion Auxiliary. Birmingham Theatre, starts July 17.

MAGIC DOLLAR, BABY—An interesting study of Hitler's psychological study of paranoia's frantic reaction to power jealous delusions, as adapted from the novel by James Melton. Not for children, not recommended for adolescents, and exceptional as to its type for adults. HER FIRST YEAR—A wholesome, human interest story of the problems of adolescence guided to a solution by parental understanding and admonishing. Good fun for the family. For children, if they are interested, good for adolescents and also the family, as reviewed by the Children's Association of University Women. (Bloomfield Theatre, starts Sunday, July 20).

Part of Alley Is Vacated

In a final hearing to vacate part of an alley which extended, on paper, west from Chesterfield, parallel to West Maple avenue, the requested change was granted. The alley will extend west only to the new Redeemer Lutheran Church property, and then will turn south opening onto Maple.

People's Column—

Editor, The Eccentric:

Several weeks ago I wrote to you and other publishers of Michigan weekly papers requesting your support in the efforts of July safe driving campaign.

Your response was magnificent. As a result, Michigan drivers not only prevented a repetition of "4th Too Many" fatalities but reduced the expected death toll to an unusually small number for the amount of driving that was done.

The Michigan State Police and local enforcement officials and the be complimented on the splendid job they have done on this selective safe driving campaign.

The Michigan State Highway Department is also grateful to the Michigan Councils of the Boy Scouts of America and to the Mother Organizations of the Junior Chambers of Commerce for their splendid cooperation in distributing the "4th Many" stickers.

Now that we can continue the driving effort throughout the year, may I thank you for part in this campaign.

DONALD KENNEDY
State Highway Commissioner

(More Letters in Part Two)

Obituary

Maxine Taylor Thorlby

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Hubbell Funeral Home, Trumbull, Mich., for Mrs. Maxine Taylor Thorlby, who died on Monday afternoon after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Thorlby was the former Maxine Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Taylor, of Birmingham. She married here when a very small girl, grew up in Birmingham, and graduated from Baldwin High School. She was married to Mr. Thorlby about 12 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Ben, a child, Jon Thomas, 10 years old, both of Traverse city; her mother, Mrs. Pearl Taylor, of Birmingham; and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Bard, of Oregon.

James Allen Chamberlain

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home for James Allen Chamberlain, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chamberlain, of Rudner street. The Rev. H. O. Rabbethge officiated. Burial was in Bangham of the White Chapel Cemetery. The child was born in Pontiac on Monday, July 7, and died Thursday, July 10, at his home in Birmingham. He is survived by his parents, a brother, William Lloyd, 18 months old, and his grandparents.

Will Devote Energy To Keep Cars Going

FLINT—W. F. Hufstader, Buick general sales manager, yesterday announced that replacement parts for cars already in the field will be available during the period of national emergency in the main without resort to optional materials.

The executive said that Buick is mobilizing its service facilities and carefully planning parts program for the expected increase in service operations next year and emphasized that major importance will attach to this phase of dealer operations in 1942.

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NOW A 5-DAY WEEK FOR A&P EMPLOYES THROUGHOUT THE NATION

Stores Will Be Open Six Days A Week As Usual But No Employe Will Work More Than Five Days

Two months ago this company tried the experiment in a few eastern states of a five-day work week for our retail store employes. Now we are able to announce that we have adopted the five-day week as our national policy.

• This, we believe, constitutes the first five-day week and the shortest general working hours of any major retail food establishment.

• This shorter work week will be in effect before Labor Day in A&P food stores in thousands of communities throughout the country. It will be extended as far and as fast as possible. Frankly, however, we must recognize that in a few states and a number of cities the introduction of this policy may be delayed or even prevented by state or local labor regulations or local agreements.

• A&P food store employes affected by this policy will work only five days a week although stores will be open six days a week as usual. Their weekly salaries will not be reduced by their shorter work week. Our policy is to continually improve working conditions and salaries as evidenced by the fact that during the past year alone we have been able to make actual wage increases and to pay added compensation to our employes in an amount totaling more than $4,000,000.

• Many people are utterly astounded at the new low prices for quality foods in A&P Super Markets. They are getting so much more and better food for the same money that they wonder how we can do it. Frankly, it is simply because A&P Super Markets represent a new, more efficient, more economical way of distributing food to the public.

• This new, shorter week is still further evidence that the tremendous savings you can now make in buying groceries, meats and fresh fruits and vegetables in the great, new A&P Super Markets are made possible by savings through efficiency and that no part of these savings comes out of the wages of our employes.

FOR many years it has been a source of pride to us that we have been able generally to maintain the highest average wage scale and the shortest general working hours in a field where long hours have been traditional. Since we first cut the work week eight hours in 1916, there has been a long record of further reductions in hours, increases in wages and vacation schedules.

Because our new low prices have resulted in increased patronage, we have been able to further reduce our operating expenses and increase our efficiency and still further improve the working conditions of our employes.

At the same time thousands of families will testify that they buy their foods today at lower average prices in A&P Super Markets than in any group of stores in the highly competitive retail food field. Today, when you spend a dollar in one of our stores, more of that dollar actually purchases food and less of it goes to cover distribution costs and profits than ever before in the history of the food business.

There is no conflict between low prices and good working conditions. We have achieved both by constantly improving methods of bringing food from producer to consumer, cutting out waste and unnecessary handling operations along the distribution route.

The new A&P Super Markets have made possible savings so astounding that we would not have believed them possible five years ago. This year we are paying the highest wages for the shortest work week in the history of the food business and yet our customers throughout the country will save more than $50,000,000 on the food they buy as compared to the lowest prices we could charge on the basis of our own operating expense only five years ago.

We are more than ever conscious, in these unusual times, of an obligation to make every possible contribution to the American standard of living. We know that we are making it possible for the average family to buy more good food for the same money, or to buy the same quantity of food for less money.

We are happy to tell you that you can enjoy these savings with the knowledge that the people who serve you in our retail stores are sharing more than ever before in these good things. This means a better standard of living for you and for those who serve you.

The plan will necessitate slight adjustments in store hours which will be announced locally. We respectfully ask our customers for their cooperation and assistance in making this new schedule a success.

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