

Latbrup Townsite News

by LILLIAN DIEDERICH

Scarcely a home in all our land that has not been touched by war in one way or another, and so our Christmas thoughts are saddened. The best wish we know, extend to all is: "May We Have a Victorious Christmas!"

Will Visit Son

Sgt. John E. Elias, of Pueblo Army Air Base, Colo., did not get a furlough for Christmas, nor did he come home last year; a year is a long time to have not seen one's only son, and so Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Elias, and daughter, Reva, will visit him at camp. They will be away about ten days.

Corp. Jack Diederich will not get leave for Christmas, nor did he anticipate a short furlough in January. A family breakfast for 15 will keep me in the kitchen, bustling, come Friday, Dec. 25.

Allen Campbell, stationed at the Navy Training Station, Chicago, Ill., will not be home for the holidays, nor will his sister, Helen. Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell will visit relatives in Flint.

Staff Sgt. Clifford Porter son of Mr. and Mrs. James Porter, has not been heard from since Nov. 1. Pvt. Wally Porter, his brother, was stationed in New Jersey, but left there the day his parents arrived to visit him; they have not had mail since Dec. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will tell their married daughters in Chicago over the holidays.

The Doigs Busy

Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Doig, of San Diego boulevard, will be hosts to 15 guests at a Christmas dinner, and New Year's Eve, they will have a dinner for the same number. On Wednesday, Dec. 30, Mrs. Doig and daughter Pat, have planned a mother's and daughters' tea, for about 40 guests of Latbrup Townsite.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence F. Becker, of Meadowbrook way, announce the engagement of their daughter, Monetta, to John A. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Collins, of Birmingham.

Alice Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Green, and

Joan Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Schafer, came from Michigan State College.

Sgt. Thomas Calahay, of Camp Dewey, Fla., was the guest of honor Monday, Dec. 21, at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Inman, of San Jose boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flemming, of Glenwood boulevard, will be hosts at a family dinner for 16 guests on Christmas Day.

Latbrup Townsite Protective Association held a memorial party Saturday night at the school and 715 Townsiders and friends gathered. A number of personages assembled for the feathery party and many prizes were contributed by Birmingham and Royal Oak merchants. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wixson, of Glenwood boulevard, won a "Defense Bond." Little Patsy Doig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Doig, won a fitted case valued at \$25.

Red Tape

Last August I completed a volunteer nurses' aide course requiring 97½ weeks, and in two months thereafter, I gave a local hospital 110 volunteer hours. Before gas rationing went into effect, I applied for supplemental gas to transport me to and from the hospital, for I live in the country. I was told to file my application in Royal Oak. I went there personally and was advised I go to Pontiac with my credentials. I did, and was told they would mail me the B ration book at an early date if I was entitled to one. That was three weeks ago. Last week I phoned Pontiac to find out WHY I had not received it, and was told it may be filed in Birmingham. I felt I had wasted time, gas, and tires on a fruitless errand and so I just phoned the Birmingham ration board for information. They promised to investigate.

Daily, the radio puts forth a plea for women to sign up for a nurses' aide course to help the critical situation in hospitals.

Red tape seems to be keeping me from being in Birmingham, Detroit, and I have wasted time and tires to GIVE help that I know is needed in our overcrowded undermanned hospitals.

Social Briefs

ROBERT SLESSER, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slosser, of Pierce street, is spending his holidays at his home from the American Conservatory in Chicago. He is also taking a course of subjects required for Naval Reserve officer's training.

MR. and MRS. FREDERICK A. PROTHERIE, of Hanna street, are entertaining two R.A.F. pilots for the Christmas holidays. They are Sgt. Pilot R. C. Dale, of Ipswich, Suffolk, Eng. and Sgt. Pilot Ray Cockrill, of London, Eng., who will arrive today from Alberta, Canada. Miss Caroline Smith from Royal Oak will also be a guest on Christmas day.

MR. and MRS. H. E. EDWARDS of Aspen road, are giving a family dinner on Christmas day. Covers will be laid for 12 members including the J. Rodney Weeks family and the Abbott Edwards family of Detroit.

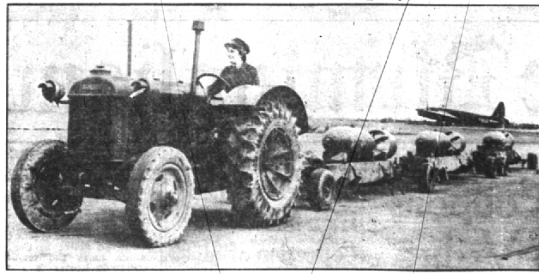
MRS. VERN FLYNN left last week to spend the holidays with her husband who is training at Camp Hood, Texas.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES J. O'CONNOR, and son, DON, left last night for Hot Springs, Ark., to spend Christmas with their other son, MAURICE, who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark.

LT. LOUIS S. MORSE, JR., will spend Christmas with his family but is leaving shortly after for Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

The Answer At Last Professor—What would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable body? Farm Student—If it was a mule it would kick itself.

WAAFS Assist in 'Bombing Up'



WAAF armorer's assistants are now employed at operational bomber stations, where they assist in "bombing up" for heavy raids on the enemy and prepare and pack ammunition belts for the guns. Here a WAAF drives a train of "movers" to the "bombing up" area.

three grandchildren; eight brothers, William, Ed, August and Walter, of Holly, Mass. of Royal Oak, Emil of Los Angeles and Albert and Morris of Detroit; and two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Canto of Los Angeles and Mrs. M. J. Brown of Detroit.

A Masonic funeral service was held Monday from the Bell Funeral Home with the Rev. T. C. Wejmer officiating. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy B. Birrel

Mrs. Lucy B. Birrel, wife of the late Peter Birrel, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Birrel Van Pelt, on Morningview terrace after an illness of four months. Mrs. Birrel was born 75 years ago in Dundas, Ont., and came to Detroit as a young girl where she made her home for many years. Of late, she had been dividing her time between Torch Lake and Clearwater, Fla.

Resides her daughter, she is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Sutherland of Cleveland, Mrs. Richard Todd of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Edward E. Neill of Detroit, and Mrs. Ernest Cowie of

Kansas City, Mo.; two grandchildren, Donald C. and David B. Van Pelt.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. from the home of her daughter with the Rev. Charles H. Calkins officiating and arrangements being made by the Bell Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Evergreen Mausoleum.

Obituary

Stanley Travers

Stanley Travers died Sunday night in Pontiac General Hospital after becoming ill while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flatman of Walnut Lake.

Mr. Travers was born 42 years ago in England. He was a veteran of World War I, and a veteran of the Second World War with the Canadian Army, having been wounded in Ireland and Bishberg, Ireland from service.

The funeral was held at the Bell Funeral Home Tuesday with the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in White Chapel.

Julius C. Brader

Julius C. Brader died Friday night following a long illness at his home, 5007 Rochester road, Troy township. He was born in Detroit 65 years ago and came to Oakland County in 1924. He was the proprietor of a gas station and store at east Long Lake and Rochester roads. He was a member of Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 509 of Detroit.

Surviving are a son, Marshall A. Brader, of Troy; a daughter, Mrs. Lenore Keyes, of Royal Oak.

Men In Service

IT TAKES TIME

LT. Donald E. Clark, in a letter sent here, revealed that his first Eccentric arrived at his post in North Africa on Nov. 20, but it was the issue of Sept. 22. After he had read it from cover to cover, he passed it along to Private Otis Thompson.

HOME

PTF Fred E. Fisher, Jr., a military policeman, is home on leave. He returns Saturday to his post at Waycross, Ga. His visit to the home of his parents, 268 Harmon, was the first in nine months.

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HE ISN'T FOOLING—Aiming his gun at an attacking Stuka dive bomber, this New Zealand soldier with Montgomery's Eighth Army in the western desert punts a hot blaze of machine gun fire at his target. Blurred cartridge belt is caused by speed it is traveling into the gun.



METAL MATS FOR DESERT TAKEOFF—When Anglo-American forces occupied North Africa, topsoil planes took off in the desert on metal mats like this one, which formed temporary airfields.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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