

### Library Prepares List of Volumes About Gardening

By LINDO MOORE  
Other years, remember? how that first invidious business in the March air set us to thinking over seed catalogues? We mooned about our snow-patched gardens. We visioned ourselves standing on a summer evening amongst a profusion of such blooms to cause our neighbors envious anguish.

Then, maybe, we put in some zinnias, a pansy and a tomato plant or two (which died). It was only spring fever after all. But this year—the voice of Patriotic Duty bids us harness that spring fever and turn it to some account. Food, always so abundant in America, is becoming more expensive. Preserving it may become difficult, with canning metals going into arms and canners into defense work.

That plot of the good earth back of the house can come into its own now. A little loving care, and your own vegetables adorn your summer table with enough over-ful of shining cans in the winter pantry.

There's a real no mystery about vegetables. The plants, a little cultivating, an eagle eye for weeds and Hitler tactics with bugs and there you are! Easier than pulling a rabbit out of a hat.

Just because Patriotic Duty is rooting for vegetables doesn't mean that flowers are banished for the duration. They come in the keeping-up-morale division. We'll want them this year even if we never bothered before.

For the rank amateur beginner, **The Ignoramus Garden Book** by Mary Wheeler Rush is most helpful. This explains (practically in one-syllable words) such gardening mysteries as acid and alkaline soil, fertilizer, cultivation and those nasty little bugs on the roses. Not a new book, but helpful.

Baldwin Library, in anticipation of a gardening rush this year, has prepared a list of books for backyard farmers. Some, like "Gardening in the Shade" by Mrs. Harriet Morse are highly specialized; others are more general.

- Better Homes & Gardens—My garden helper.
- C. C. H—Flowers and kitchen garden.
- Dorland—My wild flower garden.
- Fire, Montague—Gardening.
- Goldsmith, M. O.—Friday-to-Monday gardening.
- Klar, Francis—The beginner's garden.
- Leitch, M. W.—The ignominious garden book.
- Uppman, Elia—Sunset's visual garden.
- Wright, R. L.—House & Garden's book of gardening.
- Longyear, Wm.—How to make garden seeds.
- Tellow, Henry—We farm for a hobby.
- Eberlein, H. D.—Practical book of garden structure & design.
- Harding, A. H.—Frogs in the little soil.
- Hotten, A. C.—The book of annuals.
- Holmes, W. B.—The book of perennials.
- Jenkins, D. H.—Vinebook for every garden.
- Roberts, J. L.—The rose manual.
- Wood, A. H.—Hints for your garden.

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**New Course**  
The Detroit Area Council office announces a new course, open to all boys, 16 or older, who have had some outdoor camping experience. This course is to be given during April and May, and all Scoutmasters are requested to send in the names of the boys who are qualified and interested in the course to the Camping Department at the Area office, 51 W. Warren, Detroit. Further details concerning this course will be announced in the near future.

**Court of Honor**  
Dots and Dashes—This is our last chance to remind you about the Court of Honor which will be held next Wednesday, March 25, at the Community House. Mayor Martz is going to preside, and the Eagle awards will be presented by Colonel Edson S. George. Tentative plans are being made for the Emergency Service Corps to go out to Camp George on April 18, that the boys can catch up on their outdoor requirements.—Don McLeslie.

### Barnum 9A Class Dramatizes Stories

Barnum's 9A English class recently dramatized "The Precocious Strangers" by Dickens, which was adapted as a radio play by Dick Kadell and Jimmie Martin. The cast included Jack Kramer, Dick Olin, Pop Andrade, David Wangberg, Allen Bassett, Kim Watt, and Bill Gill. Elroy Young introduced the play and cast and Bill Old discussed the life of Dickens.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich's story "A Struggle for Life," adapted as a radio play by Mary Lou Leitch and Betty Stinson, was presented at Barnum, Wednesday, March 18. The cast included Jimmie Martin, Dick Kadell, David Wangberg, Jim Watt, Richard Malcom, Normandean Lalla, narrators, and Barbara Johnston, announcer.

### Basketball Letters Going to 12 Boys

It has been officially announced that 12 letters will be awarded in basketball for the 1941-42 season. The letters are expected to arrive in time to be given out at either the Mothers' Banquet, March 23, or the annual Basketball Ball, March 27.

Those receiving Bs are: Dennis Therrian and Ted Corson, whose once careers came to an end at mid-year; Dick Hopkins, Bob Hopper, Captain Paul Kelley, Bob Murray, Stan Peterson, Jack Stegman, Newell Wright, and Chuck McCall, manager.

### GIRLS PLAY KINGSWOOD

The ninth grade girls in the Girls' Health and Recreation club were defeated in a basketball game with Kingswood's first team Monday.

Playing on the Baldwin team were: Diana Roosevelt, Rachel Kinn, Mizgie, Mead, Molly Weller, Marcuerie Karth, Shirley Coons, and Mary Henderson.

In a game with Kingswood, Monday, March 16, the senior high school girls won with a score of 7-10.

The players on the Baldwin team were: Jacqueline Buck, Donna Kramer, Amy Roosevelt, Irene Snell, Wynema Reuter, Eleanor Wendell, and Sara Crowe.

**SEE PASSION PLAY**  
Many Baldwin students traveled on a chartered bus to the Masonic Temple, in Detroit, to see the Passion Play last Friday, March 13. They were evidently very much impressed by the play and gave interesting accounts of it.

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
Tickets for the annual spring band and orchestra concert went on sale Monday. Tickets are being sold by members of the band and orchestra. The concert is to be held March 31 at 8:15 p. m.  
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**THEY DON'T DRINK**  
Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hares need no "drinking water," as they get whatever moisture they need from the food they eat.

The Grebe Handy—the pied-bill grebe, one of the species commonly known as "bell-divers," is an important benefactor of sport fishermen. Investigations have revealed that the grebe feeds extensively on giant water bugs and predaceous water beetles, which are believed to destroy the small fry of fishes.

# To the People of Michigan... a Report

For the information of the people of Michigan who have entrusted to this Company the responsibility of providing the major part of the telephone service of the State, for the employees of the Company who operate the service, and for those who have invested their savings to build the telephone system, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company presents this report of its problems and accomplishments during 1941.

**MONTHS** of feverish expansion of Michigan's defense industries, capped by the arrival of war, made 1941 a year of unparalleled problems and important responsibilities for your Telephone Company.

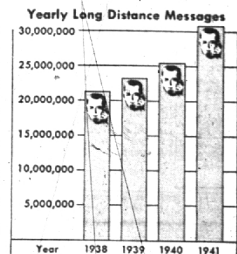
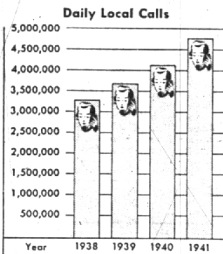
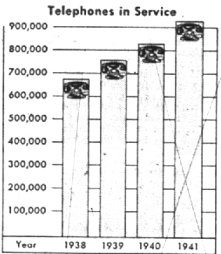
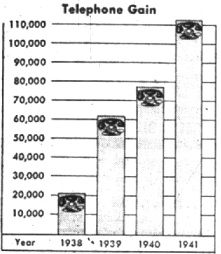
Before the outbreak of hostilities, the Company was engaged in meeting the greatest single-year expansion in its history. Expenses already were increasing faster than revenues. And throughout the year, a growing scarcity of materials essential to the business made it increasingly difficult to meet the unprecedented demands for service.

When war came, it not only multiplied an already tremendous demand for telephone service, but also made the swift handling of that demand even more vital to the nation.

### 1941 saw the largest service demand in the Company's history

Under the pressure of the Defense and War Programs, industry and its workers used more telephones and used telephones more. Michigan Bell's rate of increase in

telephones was nearly double the average rate of the Bell System as a whole. The volume of both long distance and local calls was the largest in the Company's history.



A telephone gain of 110,223, more than 41% above 1940's record growth.

929,314 telephones at the end of the year, 35% over pre-depression peak.

An average of 4,789,000 local calls daily, 17% above the 1940 record.

A record total of 30,137,000 toll and long distance calls, 19% over 1940.

### 1941 required record expenditure for construction

The tremendous demand for service required an expenditure of \$27,710,000 for new construction, a program which brought the total cost of telephone plant up to \$226,500,000.

### 1941 material shortage made job difficult

Construction work was handicapped by shortages of essential materials. Because those scarce materials also are essential to other defense industries, their use was held to a minimum through emergency engineering methods and by the use of alternate materials. Work was restricted to that absolutely necessary for short-period demand and material was salvaged which normally it would not be economical to salvage.

### 1941 construction required new financing

Financing of the construction program was greatly simplified by Michigan Bell's membership in the Bell System. To help pay for the expansion work, \$10,000,000 in common stock was sold to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at par of \$100 per share. In December, the State of Michigan authorized issuance of an additional \$25,000,000 in common stock, to be sold as necessary.

### 1941 taxes totaled \$9,466,000

Due mainly to rapidly mounting Federal taxes which support government and war activities, Michigan Bell's operating taxes for 1941 were \$9,466,000. That was the equivalent of 17 cents out of each dollar of revenue, or \$10.79 per telephone, or \$720 per employee, or \$6.59 per share of stock. We also collected, and paid the United States Government, approximately \$1,500,000 our customers paid as direct Federal tax on telephone service.

### 1941 wage rates were increased \$2,750,000

It is the aim of the Michigan Bell to pay wages in each locality that compare favorably with wages paid by other employers for work requiring similar ability. Adjustments in wage levels in 1941 totaled approximately \$2,750,000 on an annual basis, and brought rates of pay to a higher level than ever before.

### 1941 showed revenues UP, earnings DOWN

Revenues were higher than in 1940, but the growth in expenses, mainly wages and taxes, was greater than the revenue increase. Consequently, net income declined.

Revenues increased	+ 13%
Expenses, including taxes, increased	+ 19%
Net income decreased	- 4%

Reduction in net income would have been even greater had it not been for the effect on taxes of the refunding in 1941 of certain toll revenues collected in previous years.

After payment of \$7 per share of stock, there was \$841,000 left for surplus, the "rainy day" reserve which every financially sound company must have.

### 1941 rates reduced \$1,500,000 annually

Local and long distance rate reductions placed in effect in 1941 will save Michigan telephone users some \$1,500,000 a year, based on current usage. In addition, \$1,500,000 was refunded to users of certain intrastate long distance service.

### 1941 brought 26% increase in workers

Rapid increases in telephone demand require corresponding increases in the number of employees. Additions during the year brought the total number employed to 13,872, a net increase of 26%.

## AND NOW, THE WAR OF 1942

Summed up, 1941 was a year of challenging problems. To the men and women of the telephone organization, recognition is given for a job well done. The problems of 1942 will be greater than those of 1941. In military communications, in speeding our country's industrial production, in warning civilians of danger, in mustering

defense workers, the telephone will play a vital role. It is with confidence and sober determination that telephone people approach the 1942 job. While they recognize the increasing difficulty of supplying service demands as promptly as in the past, they are determined that every war-time need will continue to be met.

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