

Running through most U. S. citizens' minds today is the conviction that we MUST bend our individual efforts to win the war. We must be willing to make personal sacrifices to that end. If only people would stop going to the movies, stop going to the races, stop going to the clubs, stop going to the dance halls, and stop going to the barber shops, we would be making a great contribution to the common good!

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Your Men in the U.S. Army

Observations of a Michigan "Home-Town Editor" on recent visits to Army Posts in Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky.

By GEORGE R. AVERILL

MAXWELL FIELD, Montgomery, Ala., March 31.—Mass production methods in the fabrication of material objects, such as automobiles, have been adopted by the United States Air Forces in the changing of civilian youth between the ages of 18 and 27 into pilots, bombardiers, and navigators who man the combat airplanes that we depend on to safeguard the American way of life against Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini.

This fact was borne out today when your reporter visited this famous pre-flight air training center before the start of one of many thousands of your loved ones will have received their first air cadet training for the job of staying their parts in the ultimate defeat of the Axis.

At Maxwell Field, selected away back in 1910 by Orville Wright as the nation's first civilian airplane pilot training station, Uncle Sam has set up material and machinery apparatus designed to give our boys their first academic and physical approach to the strenuous work of making an airplane a death-dealing instrument of warfare against the enemy.

Michigan Boys Come Here

Maxwell Field, one of many military stations, is the headquarters of the Army Air Forces Training Center, is the place where Michigan boys in the Air Forces, generally speaking, receive their first classroom glimpses of the arduous labor before them—where, before they even climb into a plane for primary schools where they go next, they are given refresher courses in the sciences and other courtesies, the mathematics and physics groundswork so necessary to operate and maintain enemy and our combat airplanes, and physical training; the latter a requisite daily discipline so that, as one officer told me, "our men can snap into any occasion that requires physical stamina and endurance."

Perhaps you have a son, brother, husband, or relative, or someone who has gone through Maxwell Field; you'd like to know what happened to him during the nine weeks of his training here. Let me sketch, even fragmentarily, his procedure. Chances are he came to Maxwell Field to receive identification center such as Nashville, Tennessee. At Nashville, after army quiz and aptitude tests, it was determined that a newly drafted soldier has Air Force possibilities as a pilot, bombardier, or navigator. So he comes to Maxwell Field, classified in one or the other of these three categories, and is assigned a group come in today, and it would fill up a good sized barracks in what is known as the "B" barracks (in this Post), and then he begins his period of instruction.

For nine weeks they are subjected to the nation's best military and civilian instruction. Since it is the Air Forces' hope that all will become officers, the basic military training they may have received prior to their arrival at Maxwell Field is supplemented with specialized instruction in the duties of a bombardier, or navigator. If an aviation cadet, which is what they graduate from Maxwell Field, the advanced course in the field is the 2nd Lieutenant's course, which is a one phase, a pilot, or bombardier or navigator; the government doesn't want to lose the investment made in training a cadet, providing he shows general aptitude for either of those two latter phases of combat training.

(Very few are returned as "non-coms" in the record at Maxwell Field. In a few cases, the development of current physical disabilities may "ground" a man indefinitely, such as a heart ailment.)

Post Public Relations Officer, he had been a foreign correspondent for International News Service, and covered some of the fighting in the Ethiopian war back in 1935-37; he wanted to fly, but is now a specialist in meteorology, weather forecasting, of sending and receiving radio messages.

What They Are Taught

What is taught in aviation cadets, you may ask? Well, at Maxwell's pre-flight school, they are taught everything of an academic nature relating to their future responsibilities, for nine weeks; they study to study, and practice as necessary for precision work of piloting, bombing or navigating; they get the fundamentals of aerodynamics, meteorology, (weather forecasting), of sending and receiving radio messages, and was

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Lions Score In Drive for Army Plane

Bomber Campaign Shows Sales of \$233,000 in Bonds

The Birmingham Lions' Club campaign to buy a bomber through war bond sale was assured of success yesterday when the club reported sales of bonds worth \$233,984 at maturity. The bomber priced at approximately \$175,000. However, because of the big Bond Show at Baldwin High School will not be given until week hence, and many are still anxious to procure tickets—of which there are some left—the sale of bonds by Lions Club members will continue.

William E. Hartman, of Birmingham, who is on the Treasury bond staff as director of the payroll savings plan, has taken a personal interest in the drive here and Wednesday praised the Lions Club for the success of the undertaking. He will certify that the Lions Club has sold sufficient bonds to attain recognition in the purchase of a bomber.

According to Roland Webber, general chairman, there are still a few tickets left for the Bond wagon show April 9 and 10 and may be secured through the purchase of tickets from Lions members.

Students will be admitted to the dress rehearsal performance on Thursday night, April 8, through the purchase of 50 cents in war stamps or a regular bond ticket.

Armourers Vote For Glamor Girl

Pictured herewith is Maureen Hoyer, pretty 21-year-old blonde-haired girl whose picture created such a stir in the "Miss Army Cadet" contest being run by the Armourer Corps News, published at Fort Knox, Ky.

(In last week's Eccentric, a paragraph in Bits of Birmingham

the local celebration is being held in conjunction with the rest of the nation's 17,000 motion picture theatres which will be showing this work by the War Activities Committee of the motion picture industry.

Uniformed women of the Red Cross under the direction of Mrs. David W. Hawksworth will pass canisters up and down the aisles and the patrons will be invited to make whatever donation they care to. Proceeds will be added to the Birmingham quota. Manager Hohl announced that a brief film tribute made up by Eddie Kieckhafer will be shown.

Mayor John E. Martz issued a proclamation establishing Red Cross movie picture night for April 10. The picture to be shown is "The Stars are Born." The pictures may be shown at the Defense Service Center, 121 Pierce street, or at Shain's.

Pictures of men in service are wanted for a special window display in the Bloomfield Hills up to the date of the picture night at Sanders cleaners store in connection with the big April bond drive. The MOMS club is arranging the display, but all mothers are invited to submit pictures. To date, the highest spot of the drive, 300 are sought. The pictures may be left at the Defense Service Center, 121 Pierce street, or at Shain's.

A Former Showplace Has New Owners

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Interest Light In Election Set for Monday

Commission Race Best on the Ballot With 4 Contestants

Monday's election day in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and the surrounding townships. Interest is light, although Birmingham has three contests on the ballot—that for City commissioner, associate justice of the peace, and one for the trustees of Birmingham's library board incumbents are running again and have no opposition.

A keen fight is anticipated for the two commissioner posts, which are to be filled, Harry E. Bissett and Ralph I. Coryell, incumbents, are in the race again, seeking their second terms. Opposing them are Milton F. Mallender and John D. Maynard. (See their statements in another column.)

James W. Taylor, associate justice of the peace, is opposed by John W. Gaffill, Justice Forbes S. Hassall has no opposition. Calvin Snell, constable, is opposed by Roman J. Kazinski, challenger.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Applications for absentee ballots will not be received after Saturday. Miss Irene E. Hanley, City Clerk, said that less than 10 had been sought by Wednesday, indicating light interest in the election. Polling places are at Barton school, Adams School, Municipal Building, Bell's, and Pierce School.

Crowd Expected To Hear Simons In Talk Tonight

A provocative subject discussed by an expert in the field is expected to draw a large crowd to the community house tonight at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Simons

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Dr. Hans Simons, one prominent in the German reformation, will discuss "The Future of Germany" at the Community House tonight at 8 o'clock. Tickets are 50 cents, with the A.A.U.W. and the Community House acting as sponsors.

At 9:45 p.m., Dr. Simons will be speaker at a subscription dinner at the Community House with members of the A.A.U.W. board and their husbands attending. He will be a guest, too, at the home of Mrs. H. S. Boringham.

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2 National Presidents of Service Clubs Attend Rally Here Tuesday Evening

The spirit of service that is the theme of the modern business and industry, was the keynote of the rally dominated Birmingham Tuesday night when members and their guests, of six local clubs, numbered 285 met at a banquet in the Community House. The guest speaker was Judge Clyde Webster, of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Sarvis Expects Ration Setup Ready May 1

Establishment of additional autonomous rationing boards in Oakland County was authorized today in a letter from Arthur H. Sarvis, State director for the OPA, to Draper Allen, OPA field office manager for Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties.

Allen had previously announced that the rationing office would establish panels, and Sarvis' letter revealed that an even more extensive step was planned—that of autonomous boards composed of four three-man panels to handle the various phases of rationing operations.

Move Fought

A strong fight has been waged by the rationing office and the present county board, to block the decentralization move.

Under the new boards, expected to be in operation about May 1, Sarvis said, is in line with decentralization policy.

It was announced yesterday that the rationing office would close at 11 a.m. Saturday and would not open until Tuesday morning because of the rooming to be used for the election Monday.

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Next Induction Set for April 5

A smaller list has been notified to appear early Monday morning, April 5, for Army physical exams and possible induction into the service. Those accepted will train for Fort Cavazos about one week later.

James Wood, 6494 South Saginaw; Pontiac; James Skardout; 3003 East Long Lake; Harold R. Bresler, 48 Davis; Irwood M. Baumbarger, 1770 South Telegraph; Pontiac; Earl S. Schults, 240 East 17th; Robert T. Green, 3763 Lincoln; Pontiac; Robert T. Hogan, 787 LaParrie; Ferridale; Fred Slater, 313 Market, Waraw; Ind.; Robert D. Kren, 2162 Burdick, Rochester.

Arthur A. Brenner, 5165 Longmeadow; Perry M. McIntosh, R. No. 1, Rochester; Richard K. Shirk, Beach road; Donald G. Burnett, 563 Hanna; Robert F. Richardson, 592 Hanna; Stewart G. Scott, 344 1/2 Market, Waraw; 3605 Linwood, 1168 Oak; Herbert G. Hooser, 1168 Oak; John N. Woodworth, Rochester.

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