

There are times when I can half convince that mankind will reap many more generations to a civilization than we will reap, at least season, the harvest of war. Every little or big wrong is a lack of wisdom, and it is the great contributing cause to the great wrong, in truth, "we reap as we do sow."

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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

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, April 14.—Armored tanks, those military monsters that spit fire and bullets and shells against the enemy in this World War II, fast vehicles that can change the frontline position of the enemy overnight, have their trainee and tactical programs cradled here, not far from the very places where Stephen Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home."

where America's fastest horses annually race at famous Churchill Downs.

Here, at Fort Knox, 32 miles from Louisville, among the rugged hills and valleys of Old Kentucky, scattered over more than 100,000 acres of reservation, the United States Army is turning out many trained "Armorers" every 13 weeks. These enlisted men and officers are being taught, under capable specialists, two things: first, how to use the armored equipment efficiently; second, how to use the armor to kill the enemy and second, how to save themselves from the enemy—just in case their armored vehicles are hit, or run out of running condition, and they are forced to escape from it during live engagements.

After a visit to practically every one of Fort Knox, and going through the business of riding one of those 30-ton M4 armored tanks, I can assure you folks back home that the training and preparation necessary to make a modern Armored Division is a BIG job. Indeed the preparation is so large as those involved in the Air Forces itself—and you all know that handling up our Air Armada is no little task.

Again, I can report to you that here at Fort Knox, the U. S. Army is doing everything within human power to insure that your loved ones in the Armored Divisions are provided with everything possible to train and equip them for the job ahead. They are provided with training enlisted men, also operating large Officers' Training School.

Only School of Its Kind

Fort Knox is the nation's only Armored Force Training and Replacement Center. Though Armored Divisions may be set up in other areas, it is from Fort Knox that men are trained for new Divisions, or to replace men in old ones, at home or abroad.

Gray Ladies

Gray Ladies are Mrs. M. F. Coulson, Mrs. E. K. L. Land, Mrs. D. M. Carson, Mrs. S. O'Rourke, Mrs. M. M. Woolson, Mrs. W. McArthur, Mrs. W. P. Eddy, Mrs. Percy Guest, Mrs. A. C. Utter, Mrs. M. E. Allen, Mrs. Frederick C. Aske, Mrs. Richard Braun, and Mrs. V. C. Converse, Jr.

Martz Given 8th Term as Mayor

John E. Martz was elected Mayor of Birmingham for the eighth successive year at the annual election held Monday night.

Men Are a Rugged Type

The men who make up Fort Knox, from the humbled buck private up to the Commanding General, are a husky, rugged lot. They bear upon their faces the appearance of being used to rugged mechanical devices, to heavy guns and armored tanks; they are worked hard in the classroom and on the training field; they eat and sleep in the most comfortable quarters under restful single and double-decked bunks, and they have good clothing such, for example, as the very neat and warm khaki jumper and trousers, the goggles and leather helmet, that I put on when taking that rumbling, rolling, dipping, jerky ride in the M4 tank.

Again and again, folks, I am impressed with the substantial military program; for it is probably true that every Army Post has a program of human values—the soldier must be kept healthy, satisfied, well trained, and equipped with the finest fighting equipment that this richest nation on earth can provide. Any other policy would be suicidal, of course.

And, too, may I, as a civilian newspaper editor, make this point: I have been through the official attitude toward the so-called bureaucratic red-tape, silliness, and inefficiency of the Army—along with millions of others outside our military establishment. I have been critical of the apparatus of the Army, and I have been critical of the Navy, too, and I have been critical of the Post Office, too.

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Victor and Elizabeth Roberts, new residents of the Leased Estate, 182 W. Maple.

Teachers Get Bonus of \$50, Pay Increase

Average Instructor Will Get \$2,016 In New Contracts

All teachers, janitors and other employees of the Board of Education were voted a \$50 cost-of-living bonus at a meeting of the Board of Education held last Wednesday night.

The money will not officially be paid until the first of May, but it is being paid in advance. A general meeting of all employees will be held Wednesday at which Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, announced the bonus and revealed that the regular pay increment called for in the salary schedule would be placed in next year's contracts. This will amount to about \$200 for each teacher, and about \$50 for the custodial staff. Heartly applause followed the announcement, and Dr. Ireland believes that the morale of the teaching staff is going up.

Col. Stanton

Robert T. Stanton Funeral Is Held

The man who refuses to be set back by his days always achieves more than the moody cuss to whom every difficulty is a calamity. It is really a matter of the size of an man's vision of the big game of life. Little men and a shallow pond is disturbed over little obstacles, led by a small breeze.

TEACHERS Hired

Five seniors at Western Michigan University are being hired as teachers for elementary schools in 1943-44. For the junior high, \$2,082; and for the senior high, \$2,274.

OTHER PERSONNEL NOTES

Miss Rachel Crane, principal education teacher at the high school, is resigning at the end of the year. Her place will be filled by Mrs. C. E. Price, Mrs. George Fox, and industrial arts at the junior high school.

Parachute Trooper Jumps, Gun on Neck, TNT attached to Leg

Jumping from a plane might be a new experience for many of the same feet with a machine gun around one's neck and 12 pounds of TNT strapped to one's leg, that makes it an even greater thrill. So writes Pat, Don Ballard, field reporter for the Post-Herald, in his report on the parachute jump of Ballard, 1364 Ruffner, his brother, Floyd, in the same company.

Picks Wrong Spot For Sobering Snooze

When John Henry Smith, 17 years old, of 195 Elm, Pontiac, picked a spot to park his car and sober up last Friday night, he selected the wrong place. He drove into the driveway of the Bloomfield Hills police station and officers promptly arrested him for driving while under the influence of liquor. Justice H. A. O'Dell fined him \$60.

BAD GRASS FIRE

A grass fire in the Briarbank subdivision, Bloomfield Hills, got out of control Saturday afternoon and was the assistance of Cranbrook was called for.

BLAME THE SNOW

The City budget as of March 31, \$2,193 over estimates. Acting Mayor Harold E. Bissert reported Monday night. The reason is the \$4,000 spent for snow removal, twice the usual amount.

8 Appointed to New Area Ration Board

Clawson Manager Named As Acting Chairman of Body

Willard H. Wedge, City manager of Clawson, was named chairman of the new Birmingham district rationing board in its first meeting held Tuesday night at the Municipal Building. Eight men have been appointed to the board—two from Birmingham.

Meanwhile, it was learned this week that A. J. Diebel and the labor bloc of the Oakland County Board of Health was named acting chairman because of the experience he had this winter.

Charles E. Lewis, 272 Hawthorne, attorney.

Kingley M. Brown, 1015 Waddington, manufacturer.

Samuel Halsey, Big Beaver, supervisor of Troy Township.

William F. Dow, Berkley, engineer.

Paul B. Cuyler, Berkley, paper manufacturer.

C. E. Stephens, Franklin road, Norfolk post office, director of Southern Michigan defense.

Joseph N. Cummins, Berkley, business agent for an AFL steel workers local. He was not present Tuesday night.

Four more are not yet named, two of them to be nominated by the board.

Army and Navy Choose Selectees

Six men left Birmingham Monday afternoon for Fort Custer and Army service, while others also will be assigned to Army, Navy or Marine Corps.

Harold G. McCann, 1250 Cedar; Robert C. Hawks, 400 John E. Holly; Jack McMahon, Bloomfield Hills; James E. Minting, 237 North Woodward; William C. Murr, 193 Maple; James C. Hertz, Berkley; John L. Payne, Troy; Lytle N. Starb, 267 Ann; Norman L. Johnson, 1351 Ruffner; Elmer L. Mowbr, 787 Wallace; Paul W. Dutton, 584 Park; Gordon A. Snavely, Grosse Pointe; William L. Lister, R. 4, Birmingham; Philip J. Carthy, 1923 W. Myron; J. Collins, 587 E. Lincoln; Walter A. Gurnea, Detroit; Basil M. Terry, 528 West Park; Shelly W. Collins, Rochester.

Inducted Wednesday

The following colored men were inducted Wednesday: Arthur A. Ernest Jackson, Detroit; Robert G. Brages, 398 Westwood, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Sink-A-Sub Club Activated in City

Exchange Club members in Birmingham and throughout Michigan are selling memberships in the Sink-A-Sub club, organization dedicated to support the Civil Air Patrol.

Local, County, District and State Contests Will Lure Victory Gardeners

Birmingham will have its own victory garden contest, open to all residents of Birmingham and Oakland County. The contest will be held in the Garden Contest before June 10. (Coupons will be printed in subsequent issues).

Cleanup Week Set for May 17-22

The week of May 17-22 has been set by the City Commission as time a special effort will be made to rid vacant lots, basements, and people's yards of rubbish.

KEYKO MARGARINE

One further step in the... of landscape planting material; third prize, two malus florabunda (flowering crab) trees, and a prize of \$100.

Goal of April Far Above March Total

'Gallants' Pledge Sale of \$1,000; Others Are Busy

Birmingham war bond "soldiers" started their campaign Tuesday to put this city over the top in the national Second War Loan drive. Oakland County's quota has been set at \$4,700,000 and it will be necessary to top the buy-a-bomber drive of March if this City is to stay in the lead.

A special gala at work are members of Michigan's Gallants, 60,000—the men and women who have pledged to sell \$1,000 worth of bonds by April 15. More Gallants are needed, and these volunteers, either men or women, may sign up and receive the necessary credentials and complete information at either of the two local banks or at the Federal Savings & Loan. Participants will receive special recognition from the Treasury Department when the drive is completed.

Mrs. William H. Jackson, chairman of the A.W.S. unit here, became the first woman Gallant to report, reporting that she had sold \$1,000 worth of bonds on the first day. Mrs. C. W. Wacker, 580 Safford, scored Wednesday. Several men, including Capt. Albert H. Gardner, general chairman, announced.

A special group of salesmen is operating under the leadership of Mr. Gardner, most of them members of Birmingham service clubs. They started Monday and are making a special effort to sell \$1,000 worth of \$500 up to one million dollars.

Birmingham merchants, too, are "in there pitching." Through the special aid of the A.W.S. and the United States Treasury, the special units this organization has secured, bond-and-stamp booths will be placed in a dozen Birmingham business places by the end of the month. They will be open from noon and will be addressed by Charles J. Shain, Walter L. Moreland, Walker R. Raychel and Mr. Gardner. Mrs. Gardner, Cobb and Mrs. Glen Davis are organizing this activity. They will sell stamps and bonds to sell \$1,000 worth of bonds and are expected to continue this work for the duration.

Everybody knows the great need and the workers are enthusiastically going ahead with the campaign to sell \$1,000 worth of bonds. Mr. Gardner declared Wednesday.

700 in Defense Corps Meet Apr. 20

In appreciation of the efforts of the U. S. Citizens Defense Corps of Birmingham, the Defense Council here has set for the annual meeting of all divisions of the corps to be held at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, April 20 in the Baldwin High School Auditorium.

The highlights of the evening will be the address by Capt. Donald S. Leonard, administrator and state commander of the U. S. Citizens Defense Corps, and the presentation of the "Warrior" award to Mayor Martz. He will also speak and motion pictures will be shown.

Red Cross Drive Exceeds Quota

Birmingham went over the top in the Red Cross chest campaign, J. W. Robertson and Charles S. Kinnison reported to his chest. The total raised was \$25,577; the quota was \$23,427.

THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED . . .

may be listed in the Classified ads of this week. A gun, a dog, a better camera, a better job, a bigger refrigerator, and so forth.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS!

To place YOUR ad, phone 11 before 4 p. m. Wednesday. Get the Saturday news and get the Saturday news.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK—others use insurance policies, safety, fire, burglary, accidents, etc. Call or phone 212 in the Baldwin High School Auditorium.

J. B. HOWARTH & SON
National Bank Bldg.