

Knocking on Wood

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT Oakland County voters will have the privilege later this year of choosing three new members to the State House of Representatives...

That objective should be a special effort to send the highest type of men to Lansing, for it has been generally agreed that mediocrity has been hard to find in the State Capitol. In fact, the rural legislators have constantly advanced this argument when refusing to reappoint as required by the Constitution: "What's the use of giving the big cities more representation? The men I've sent here are no asset."

REID GOES TO LANSING It was with more than passing interest that I noted the election of Circuit Judge Neil E. Reid to the Supreme Court of Michigan. Reid is an old friend; I've covered his court for several years. The politician are still trying to figure out how this "unknown" came along and led the non-partisan ticket. Some believe that because his last name is the same as that of Lloyd G. Reid, candidate for the State Highway Commissioner...

And Judge Reid is no novice at campaigning. I can't remember seeing him, and I don't know if he is still residing in the wilds of Michigan—at least the Japs were looking out for him. The fact is, Reid's resistance a couple of weeks ago. The other two squadrons of the group are gone also. Quick mobility is what is being advertised in the First Pursuit Group, and the boys certainly displayed it. Not many hours after the Japs attacked at Pearl Harbor, the two squadrons remaining at Selfridge roared off to the West, and several trainloads of trucks and other equipment were rushed to their new bases.

SALVAGE MEMO TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last City collection every two months. Do not keep; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market or put in a few cans. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near your house. City collectors do the work. Copper engraving plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES—You can donate these values of rationed meats and fats with the same effect. Money prices, the office of Price Administration announced this week.

BEFORE a retailer lowers the point value of a rationed item, a new amendment to the rationing regulations provides, he must lower the price of the item at least 25 per cent below its established ceiling price. If he lowers the point value more than 25 per cent, the retailer must reduce the ceiling price in the same proportion. In no case, however, is the retailer permitted to reduce the money price more than 50 per cent below the ceiling.

Why Go All Over Town To Pay Bills? Save time and trouble by using a Pay-As-You-Go Checking Account. No service charge—only cost is five cents for each check drawn and each item deposited. Ask about it today.

WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

Subsidized Newspapers

Agitation for the use of public government advertising programs, to be spent in newspapers, magazines, and radio broadcasts, to support war campaigns in the United States, is going on amongst interested groups, including some members of Congress.

Those favoring the idea point to similar programs used by England and Canada, where both governments have used, with great success, various advertising media to strengthen and support their war programs. Generally the sale of bonds, public acceptance of commodity restrictions, etc.

There is a legitimate place for government spending on advertising campaigns to further the war effort. As England and Canada have proved, with success, paid advertising from their governments have aided them to stay in business, too, since so much of their former peace-time advertising revenues have been lost. Let us begin to plan, then, Detroit News issuing four to six pages daily, as now does the London Daily Express, and you get an idea of British newspaper shrinkage—due to drop in advertising revenues, plus newspaper cut in available newsprint.

IN THESE DAYS OF BAIT RATIONING, the vegetarians have less to be envious of their more carnivorous brethren. Perhaps emergency will cause many of us to look more favorably upon items from the garden—and, like so many of the vegetation-eating animals, maybe well in better health. This is a possibility, for the dictitians—not mere editors—to answer.

How PERFECTLY BULL MOST OF US become when we try to consider our good points.

What's What About Our Men In Service

Capt. Clark Pardee Popular With Men

Richard M. Forester, 4-F; Ralph Shepherd, 4-F; William G. Baker, 4-F; Francis D. Larkin, 4-F. Robert E. Towry, 4-F; Clark J. Hallcock, 4-F; Verne V. Ward, 4-F; Robert H. Langlois, 4-F.

HOME ON LEAVE Edward Learned, former instructor at the U.S. Army Air School, no longer worried about the difficulties of running a golf club in England. He has directed his attention to Naval aviation and other equipment. In the service 14 months, he is a petty officer third class, and has been home for days, awaiting further orders. He lives in Royal Oak.

CALLED TO COLORS Carl Spencer Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck, 384 Hanna, a member of the enlisted reserves corps at Michigan College of Mining at Houghton, has been called to active service and was sent first to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

LIBERATORS FOR LIBERTY PFC George C. Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ray, Franklin road, Detroit, is being sent to England as a member of the 488th Central Postal Directory, 488th Central Postal Directory, 488th Central Postal Directory, 488th Central Postal Directory.

PROMOTED Robinson Bronco who lived at the Kenneth E. Turner home, 188 Oakland avenue, after his graduation from the U.S. Army Air School in 1940, is now sergeant major of the 35th Training Group at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was promoted to this grade. He was drafted April 7, 1942.

ENLISTS FOR NAVY FLYING Robert Arthur Hawkins, a senior at West High School, enlisted last week in the Navy's V-6 flight training program.

Hawkins participated in football and cross country at West High School, and he is a member of De Molay. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hawkins, 347 Catalpa drive.

The V-6 program leads to the Navy Wings of Gold and an appointment as an ensign in the Naval Reserve or as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Farm Scrap Drive

A total of 3 million tons of scrap metal from farms of America—45 thousand tons from farms in this state—during the first 6 months of 1943: That is the goal announced by Donald M. Nelson, W.P.A. chairman, to keep scrap metal running at capacity, to keep plants to maintain a steady stream of airplanes, tanks, ships, guns, ammunition and other equipment so necessary to our boys in their fight to preserve a democracy and the right to live as a free people.

A nationwide farm scrap drive is now under way and it is planned to bring it to a successful conclusion ahead of the rush of spring work so as to not interfere with the Food-for-Freedom program, which is going to require all man power and woman power and all the machinery that can be mastered on our farms. Here in Michigan this drive comes to a climax during the week of April 5th in those counties south of a line across the state from the northern limits of Marquette to Keweenaw to the counties to the north it will be the week of April 20th.

Remember... it is the worn-out, idle scrap... not old farm machinery that can be repaired and put into service... or old parts that may be needed in the early future to repair... but the heavy scrap that is worthless to ever be put into service in the present form. A few pounds of this old scrap from your farm might supply the needed equipment or ammunition to win a decisive battle that could determine the future trend of the war.

REMEMBER HERMAN GOERING is said to have millions in wealth cashed away in countries outside of Germany. But will he ever be able to use it, once Hitler's crowd is defeated? We think not, we hope not; Goering and his kind deserve harsher treatment when the guns have ceased their firing, don't you think?

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Consumer News

Facts About Rationing and Wartime Buying

Turn Down The Gas! Now more than ever the housewife is interested in getting the maximum food value of the meat she buys. The proper cooking of meat has assumed new importance. Many women who have used the same method for years are learning to use a newer one. Tests have shown that cooking meat at high temperatures has two main faults: a high percent of the meat is lost in shrinkage, and the protein is so toughened that the body can not use it to best advantage.

One of the hardest things in the world to change is a woman's cooking habits, but before you say that you've always cooked what is at high temperatures and you're going to continue to do so, study these figures which are the result of a recent study. Two standing rib roasts of exactly the same weight were cooked by the two different methods and the results carefully checked. These are the results:

The important figure, of course, is that at moderate temperatures (225°) when you cook roasts you get a pound, and a half more meat than when you cook them at high temperatures. Many cooked roasts and pan broil steaks and chops at too high a temperature. Meat should be carefully cooked, never smoked what is a danger signal that means lower your heat. You give babies soft-cooked eggs instead of hard-boiled ones because they are more digestible that way. The body can't get the value from protein material that has been toughened by being cooked at too high a temperature. More than a 100° cooking temperature is retained at lower temperatures.

You probably cooked frozen vegetables without previously thawing them, by putting them in boiling water and allowing a few extra minutes. You will preserve more of the value of frozen meat by starting it cooking partially thawed or still frozen, reducing the cooking time. Steaks and chops should be started on low heat for 10 minutes and cooked as usual. Roasts should be cooked at 300 instead of 350 and the time increased 10 minutes for each lb. at the end of 20 min. per lb. for pork. The above facts have all been scientifically proved. Make a test.

MEET YOUR CUBAN

Advertisement for Cuban products including coffee, sugar, and tobacco. Includes text: 'CUBA, OUR NEAREST ISLAND NEIGHBOR, LIES LESS THAN 100 MILES FROM THE SIZE OF N.Y. STATE, HAS A 1,000 MILE COASTLINE BOTTLED WITH NATURAL HARBORS AND SEAPORTS. POPULATION IS 4,221,000.' Also features a map of Cuba and a list of products like 'CUBAN COFFEE', 'CUBAN SUGAR', and 'CUBAN TOBACCO'.

From a newspaper point of view, Rome still the biggest man in Europe. The average peck of family, if you will, in Rome is said to contain more quarts of whiskey than of anything else. It is a great pity that some of the aerial lines of travel could not ready for business in time for the World's Fair. Then railroad tickets would be cheaper.

Among the newcomers to our health; happy and beautiful villages, the families of Mr. James McBride who lately sold his farm and who will occupy the old Wallace house on Maple avenue and Mr. Bradley Cooper and wife who came all the way from Houghton, Mich., to enjoy the World's Fair, and will for the future live in Almon Park's house near the intersection of the intersection of the old Bookham place on the gravel.

Mr. McBride died last week at the age of 92.

People's Column

Dear George: Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their country, equipped with a shield against the evil words, "Die, neighbor, die!" If us 4frs and 4frs don't fight, we can at least get out of the grip of some old-timers, let's go! This week should be the beginning of the nation's activities in transplanting the garden from the plants and seed catalogs to mother earth and Uncle Joe has a few timely hints.

In measuring the success of your gardening effort, all it is needed is the nature of the companion plant of parts (the latter must be worn when engaged in the horticultural activity). The number of the season the mini-rub has disappeared and the plants have good sized patches on the knees, the owner of same can expect reasonable success; if, however, a mini-rub pair is still full of holes, the owner can expect to have taken their just share of his crops to the gutter, practice patience and if you think you are temperamental don't start one; yet, to those who pride themselves on being temperamental here is a note from a well-known psychologist: "The temperamental nature of the companion of 98 per cent temper plus 2 per cent mental." Just keep this in mind whenever you are about to blow up over the weeds.

A suggestion to the flower gardeners: keep a few perennials. As for the annuals, the most popular annual this season will not do the cauliflower, so plant a goodly amount of these. Lastly to the golfer, practice your favorite masher shot on the green grass. This not only saves green fees, but also saves the green grass. What a darn, capitalist out of you!

UNCLE JOE. Plecter, Mr. Toastmaster! A Navy lieutenant who was in the thick of the fight at sea, addressed his homeward-bound ship as while home on leave. "What about the Waves?" somebody shouted to the lieutenant. The lieutenant thought a minute, but before he had time to answer, the Waves-or-is-it a military secret?

Have You Met... Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Nelson, of 1843 Riverside drive, and their three children, Thomas Edward Nelson, Jr., who is 18 months, and Jeanne who is 18 months? They moved here from Pontiac, Mich., last year. They are "I always wanted to live in Birmingham, and I know we're going to stay here." Mr. Nelson is vice-president and general manager of the Pontiac Electric Company.