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Knocking on Wood

with John-H. Harwood

A NEW ATTITUDE

It was interesting to note last week that the National Association of Manufacturers has changed its attitude toward the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, and now favors continuation of the program, We wonder whether our representative in Congress, George A. Dondero, will change lifs mind?

In the past, the Republicans has the life of the program, but I could never figure out why Michigan's GOP delegation should do so.

Let's look at it purely from a selfish viewpoint. Automobile manufacture of the program of the product of th

SALVAGE MEMO

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SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put at curb on your last City collection day of the month, Copper engrav-er's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

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HAVE YOUR Spring Cleaning,

Window and Wall Vashing, Carpenter tepair, Paper Hanging and Painting done by . . SUBURBAN WINDOW

CLEANERS

The President has ordered ing of wages—even wages are inequitable and unfair that, to me, looks like a m What is to be gained from fr



A Good Men The recent passing of Col. Robert T. Stanton, of Mobegon ayenue, was a dittinct loss to areas beyond the limits of Birmingham. This non-genarian had many, many friends, settlered years to be supported by the control of the settlered and optimistic nature won among them many feriends and admirers.

To most of his friends he was affectionately known as "Dad," an appellation that fitted his generous and kindly interest in younger folks. For many years he spent most of the year with his son here, the remainder in the year with his son here, the remainder in the year with his son here, the remainder in the year with his son here, the remainder in the year with him, as have many others. It was always a treat to meet at luncheon with him, and his local octogenarian crony, J. B. Howarth, who celebrated his 85th hirthday last month. "Dad" always "kidded" Mr. Howarth for being "such a youngster.

We shall miss "Dad," of course; so will Birmingham. But he never was the kind of man who wanted people to wear sackcloth and ashes our the occasion of his passing; he enjoy theirs. Certainly, those of us who pattern our own affairs after that of "Dad" Stanton will be assured, among other blessings, of that great heritage called "friendship."

A Good Hats off to all those who participated in the recent Bond Show! Wagon show at the Baldwin High School. Those folks put on a fine show, most of which was written by local people. For their original writing and excellent acting. Frank J. McGinnis and almes E. Bullock deserve (not orchids these days), but at least 20 pounds of the best beefsteak available: Mr. Bullock's recital of his own "How Much I Owe" was a most moving part of the show. Ward Tolkien's original nusic and songs, plas his piano playing, added plenty to the performance, too. And the rest of the cast, including the high school boys and girls, deserve extra ration points, too.

Why its production goal of 90.
We'll Win 1000 airplanes in 1943, says
Knudsen, Director of Production for the

Army,
Germany is producing less, he adds, and we are producing more than a year ago. Since the side with the "most airplanes, guns and the complement wins," the General's idea is that the United Nations will "beat the Axis."

So few Detroiters voted April, 5 that the average-per capita cost of holding the election was \$1.22. Yet we are supposed to be fighting, among other items, for the right to vote! (Such citizen apathy, in other nations on this earth, has cost the per capita eitizen plenty—ALI, his property, and in many cases his life!)

Reapportionment It does require time to be ing about needed reforms be in individuals, or in the technique of government.

We are made aware of this by the recent action of the Michigan Legislature, when it took steps to reapportion the spats in the House at Lausing, giving to the more populations counties their rightful share of representation in the State's governing body.

Two years ago, you may remember, we were handed in a movement to bring about constitutional reapportionment in Michigan; beneath the Capitol dome in Lansing we had, at a special meeting, sounded the kevnote of the current need for reapportionment, in a speech covering that issue. For months afterward, along with many others, we had spoken and written on the subject, which finally took the form of a constitutional amendment at le1942 fall election. We amendment was defeated, alas! . . yet, it seems, sufficient impact upon the public conscience was made to cause the Legislature to take its own action toward remedying the situation.

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toward remedying the situation.

This reapportionment will increase Oakland County's representatives from two to five, and Wayne Counts from 21 to 27: a number of other Counties whose populations have grown in the last 20 years also will gain one or more representatives: certain Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula Counties will lose representatives, sûce the total will remain at 100.

The move toward fairer representation is a good one: it is in keeping with the whole current idea behind our fighting totalitarianism—the right of democratic peoples, through representatives of their own choosing, on a proportional population basis, to govern themselves.

We congratulate these members of our Legislature who led and supported this reapportionment action.

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People's Column

SUSPICIONS

Dear George:

There is something foreboding about the action of our Rural Republicans on this pay-a-you-go tax 'plan. They claim that the laborer can't pay and all this acliaborer can't pay and all this according to the control of the control of

What Your City Commission Is Doing \...

April 19, 1943
Bills approved totalling \$9,563.-

IRENE E. HAWLEY

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO April 20, 1898

"There is one consolation for the Georgia Majors at present so-journing in Washington. The man who loses his hat can't talk through

What's What About Our Men In Service

B. W. Carey To Get Wings

ruces advanced Flying School at young Ariz.

The graduates will be commissioned as second lieutenants and flight officers in the Air Force Reserve and will be given the evocted silver wings, symbolic of the aeronautical rating of pilot. They will be placed on active duty in their be placed on active duty in their Forces.

Before entering the final and advanced training course at Yuma Air Field, Cadet Carey completed his primary and basic training at the Merred, Cadet McBride will go to Doug-Variet Cal-Aero Flight Academy, Ontario, Calif. and Merced Army Flying School Merced, Calif.

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Aviation Cadet Bernard William Markey, son of Dr. B. W. Carey, 925 Southfield, Birmingham, is a member of class 4310 of student offers and aviation cadets to be received in the control of the control o

Writes Impressions Of Holy Land

Kans., Ft. Khox, ky., and sume-well Field, Als.

Lt. White was an experimental worker for General Motors prior to his entrance in Army service (Continued on Page Four)

noble features. Could you loan me ten?"
"I could not," replied Mike,
"Tis me wife's child by her first husband."