Words are the tools one uses to express his thoughts to others; voice is the vehicle used physically to express words. How important, then, that one choose the right words, expressed in the right voice. A perfect combination of both is like giving a simple melody an orchestral presentation, isn't it?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Labor, Being Human, Requires Penalties for Violators

On the whole, it must be admitted that in order to obtain human compliance with law, a penalty for its violation must exist.

To their everlasting credit, most people voluntarily tune in their activities with decent respect for the rights and feelings of others; the vast majority of human beings go through life without tangling with the law—simply because they are essentially good at heart, reasonable of mind.

All of which brings me to the problem involved in the violation of labor's anti-strike pledge, which is being violated on so many important production fronts these days.

As labor organizations now exist, there is nothing binding in a contract between labor and management except the honor on the part of labor—while management, under New Deal legislation, actually can be, and is, penalized.

Labor makes contracts and demands that management fulfill its portion of the agreement; management makes contracts and depends upon the whim of labor to carry it out.

There is only one answer to this problem; that is to bring upon either party a penalty when violations occur.

Labor, of course, fights against the assumption of any complete responsibility for contractual violation.

Labor leaders generally use the old stock argument: "We can't control everybody who belongs to a union, anyway."

That answer is outmoded; it doesn't stand against the contractual relations that men in unions must measure up to in their other relations to society.

A union man makes a contract as an individual, with another individual, with a bank, a store, etc., and he is expected to live up to the contract. If he doesn't, he is liable to penalty, and often pays it.

The history of the human being reveals that he requires a penalty to be exacted to maintain wholesome respect for and compliance with law; labor leaders, however they may desire to enforce obligations of their members in compliance with contracts with management, have proved their inability to do so. It's up to Congress to see that labor can be penalized for its violations, too.

"Don't change horses in the middle of the stream" is an old axiom now invoked by the New Dealers. To that one might well ask: "What stream are you talking about? The one the New Deal is trying to cross has become an ocean—an ocean of good intentions, but with too few ships for secure transportation."

Youth, much of it American, is helping to win this war. Perhaps youth, led by youngish Mr. Dewey, can help to win the peace.

Perhaps the newly stressed role of Commander-in-Chief that FDR has emphasized in his try for a Fourth Term might well give rise to the question: "Has he forsaken the more essential role of the presidency?"

A wise observer recently said that our government is running in red ink and red tape. If only more of our voters were better read, the situation might change in November.

Personally, we believe in strong two-party government; we think the Roosevelt administration has done much that was needed to make democracy work better; we think that many of its reforms should stay; what we need, now more than ever, is to get men into office who will make them work—make them work efficiently, economically, and impartially.

County Ballots To Be Ready Soon

The regular ballots for use of Birmingham boys in the armed service, and for others who will vote in the election next November will soon be ready for those soldiers and sailors who want to use them. Birmingham has a large group of soldier-sailor citizens who will want to vote and it is expected the ballots will be ready not later than August 29. That is expected to provide ample time for mailing and return to be counted in the November election, according to County Clerk Lynn D. Allen. The ballots have been set up and proofs have been sent to all candidates to make possible any correction of errors, as the law provides.

Ballots will be in the hands of all city and township clerks not later than Aug. 29 and in most cases by Aug. 26, Allen said.

The November ballots list seven parties. Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist, Socialist Labor, America First and Michigan Commonwealth Federation. The latter party has only one candidate listed, for Congress. Many of the other minor parties list candidates for only state offices.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —adv.

School Board Orders Higher Tuition Rate

Action Taken After Several Months Of Study By Members

Effective when Birmingham's public schools open Sept. 11, the new tuition rate for all students from outside this District will be $139.85 per year; this rate will apply to all grades, from Kindergarten through high school.

The new rate was established Tuesday night by the Board of Education. It is the result of studies begun last May by Supt. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland relative to tuition rates in effect throughout the Detroit suburban area.

Previous tuition rates here were $60.00 for kindergarten pupils; $65.00 for the first six grades; $85.00 for seventh, eighth, and ninth grades; and $90.00 for the upper three grades in high school. At the close of school here last June 294 outside students attended Birmingham's schools; 174 in high school paid by the State; five paid by parents; 97 in the elementary schools paid by their respective School Districts, and 18 paid by parents.

Since kindergarten students attend half-day sessions, the tuition rate for those pupils will be one-half the regular fee, or $69.92. Each year the rate will be computed at the close of the fiscal year and all adjoining Districts sending pupils to the Birmingham public schools will be notified as to the rates for the ensuing year.

Is a Fair Charge

"This new rate is of no concern to students who reside within the present limits of the Birmingham City School District," said Dr. Ireland yesterday.

"Adjacent districts which send pupils to the secondary schools of Birmingham will receive a credit of $106.50 which is the portion of tuition paid by the State, and will be billed for the difference between $139.85 and $106.50, or $33.35 per pupil. On the basis of last year's enrollment of pupils from adjacent districts, the income from these districts will bring an additional revenue of approximately $4,135.40 beyond the tuition which is now received from the state. The number of elementary pupils who pay tuition from adjacent districts is negligible.

"This decision of the Board of Education seems to be fair and just," concluded Dr. Ireland. "Birmingham residents should not be requested to pay the difference between the actual per capita cost of operation, exclusive of capital outlay for buildings and equipment, and the amount received from the state. On the other hand, adjacent districts should not want to pay less than the actual per capita cost for the education of their children. It is still less expensive to adjacent districts than it would be to construct buildings and provide an educational program comparable to the program in Birmingham."

Lieut.-Col. Guin Is Serving Overseas

An interesting story about the great work that Lieut.-Col. Howell G. Guin, former pastor of the nearby Franklin M. E. Church, who is now with the American forces in France, was told by John M. Carlisle, Detroit News war correspondent, in Tuesday's issue of that newspaper.

Col. Guin has 15 other chaplains under him, and daily risks his life to bring religious comfort and inspiration to soldiers in his field of action. He drives a jeep much of the time to get to the front lines, and on several occasions has narrowly escaped injury from enemy fire.

"I get to thinking of home, of course," Carlisle quoted the Colonel as saying. "Franklin Village is a wonderful, quiet place to live. The folks there are grand folks. But I'll never leave this division until the war is over. I didn't have to come and now I won't go back until I go home with my boys."

Pre-School Teacher Conference Planned

Supt. of Public Schools Dr. Dwight B. Ireland informed the Board of Education Monday night that all teachers will hold a two-day pre-school conference on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7 and 8, at which time the faculty will review plans for the coming school year which starts Sept. 11. Dr. Ireland said that he will plan to use the evening of Sept 8 as a social affair, allowing the new and old teachers to get acquainted; the Board of Education will be in attendance that evening, too.

NAMED BOYS' COUNSELLOR

Larned Goodrich, teacher of social studies at Baldwin high school, has been appointed by Supt. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland to assume the duties of boys' counseller, taking over some of the responsibilities held by Lloyd Chapman, former teacher there. Mrs. Darling handles a similar situation for the girls.

Home Again

U. S. Marines move into the site of the old Marine barracks on Guam, shattered to rubble by aerial and naval bombardment to dislodge the Japs, who invaded a few days after Pearl Harbor with a force of 8000 to capture the small American garrison.

Victory Garden Survey Will Be Made In October

A part of the Victory Gardens in Birmingham are to be surveyed shortly as a part of the comprehensive survey of Michigan's 1944 Victory Gardens, as a basis for planning the 1945 programs of the State Victory Garden and Nutrition committees, is announced for early October by Paul R. Krone, Chief of the Victory Garden Section of the Michigan Office of Civilian Defense. Despite the dry weather and heat Birmingham has many splendid Victory Gardens which are making fine yields.

Local Victory Garden committees will cooperate with the state committee by making surveys of the gardens in their districts, with the help of canvassers obtained through Civilian Defense Volunteer Offices, Neighborhood War Clubs, schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and garden clubs.

Since it is impossible to visit all of the estimated 775,000 Victory Gardens in the state, the survey will be conducted by the sampling method. In communities with populations of 200 to 20,000, five per cent of the gardens will be checked; in cities of 20,000 to 50,000, three per cent; cities of 50,000 to 200,000, two per cent, and Detroit, one per cent.

Final Accounting Shows State Over Top In Bond Sales

State headquarters of the Michigan War Finance Committee announced that the final accounting by the Federal Reserve Bank of Fifth War Loan drive sales in Michigan showed that the State had gone over the top on all quotas—individual, corporation and overall. Birmingham went well past its million dollar general quota.

With its quota of E bonds set at $169,000,000, the people of Michigan bought $169,184,770.75, or 100.1 per cent. Against a quota of $107,000,000 in other issues to be bought by individuals, the people bought $107,439,174.50, or 100.4 per cent.

With a quota of $250,000,000 to be sold to corporations, Michigan corporations bought $401,272,293, or 160.5 per cent.

Thus, against a total quota of $526,000,000 in all classifications, the state bought $677,896,238.25, or 128.8 per cent, which was only one-tenth of 1 per cent below the 128.9 per cent average for all states in the union.

In giving out the figures, Frank N. Isbey, chairman of the Michigan War Finance Committee, paid high tribute to the thousands of volunteer men and women but for whose loyalty and effort the drive would have failed.

"There is something about the united action of a great number of sincere and loyal people," Isbey said, "which is a constant source of inspiration and courage to me.

"To sell $526,000,000 worth of bonds in one state seems impossible when one considers that some of the loans for World War I were $500,000,000 for the whole country. But for the unremitting work of these thousands of volunteers the Fifth Drive in Michigan would have failed.

"With their help it has been a success—and with their help again, the Sixth War Loan will be a success."

TRACK CURB REBUILT

Completion of a concrete curb for the cinder track path at Pierce Field was announced this week by Supt. of Schools Dr. Dwight B. Ireland. The remodeled faculty offices at Baldwin high school are also completed and ready for occupancy. One of the finest and best equipped home economics department rooms in the area is about ready in the Hill building. The new floor in the Baldwin gymnasium is also expected to be ready when school opens Sept. 11.

Renew Plea for More Paper From Homes in Birmingham

The plea for more paper salvage from the homes of Birmingham was renewed today by Dom. S. Caputo, general salvage chairman, who declared the city and state are slowly dropping, far, far behind in the schedule set up for the summer season.

With the war being pushed with all possible speed every Birmingham home is asked to save its salvage paper and bundle it and get it out for the next paper pickup on September 1.

Mark Dance, head of the city's department of public works, said today that the men picking up the paper report many homes not participating in the campaign at all. Many homes apparently are not saving and salvaging this needed war supply. He suggested that his workers would be most happy to see every Birmingham home aiding in the campaign; every Birmingham home with bundles or boxes of paper out for the regular pickup.

Asks Aid of Vacationists

Summer vacationers can help fill the gap in waste paper collections by salvaging accumulations of newspapers, magazines and cartons at cottages and resorts and seeing to it that they reach collection agencies, it is pointed out by Mr. Caputo, who reports that many families away for the summer will have returned by the time the next pickup is held.

"We want to urge each summer vacationist to salvage all paper and cartons possible. If collection facilities are not provided within the resort, the job of collecting paper from the neighboring cottages can be turned over to children. Paper can be taken by individual cottagers to shopping centers near resorts, if cottagers are uncertain as to what to do with it, and we also have asked chairmen in resort areas to make arrangements for central collection points. In any event, the paper should not be destroyed, the need is too critical."

Mr. Caputo also called attention to the drive for processed tin cans, old rags, metals of all kinds and glass, every bit of which is needed in the war effort.

Book And Locker Fees Are Fixed

For many years the Birmingham School District has furnished free textbooks to its students, a by-product of which is careless handling by many; to partially offset this tendency, and to bring to each student from the seventh to twelfth grades, inclusive, a personal sense of responsibility, the Board of Education Tuesday night passed a resolution placing a fee against each student, to be refunded when a student graduates or leaves.

The Board made the fee $2.50; fines, loss or damage to books will be deducted from this fee and annually the deductions must be made up to the amount of the fee.

A deposit of 50 cents will also be required for the student's lock on his corridor locker, 25 cents to be deducted annually for use of the lock. Students having lockers in the gym also must deposit 50 cents, 25 cents annually to be deducted for use of the lock.

No textbook or lock will be issued to a student unless he or she has a receipt that shows the balance of $2.50 is being maintained.

People Conservative On the Use of Water

"It takes lots of water when the weather is hot and dry, as it has been lately," said Fire Chief Vernon Griffith Wednesday in explaining that thus far the city water department had been able to handle the situation in fairly good shape.

July records show it was the hardest month in history on the water department. More water was pumped than ever before in a single month.

One thing Chief Griffith appeared thankful for was the fine co-operation of Birmingham residents. Frequent surveys of the city disclosed that while people were using a liberal amount of water they apparently were conservative.

Husband of Local Girl Wins Flying Cross

A Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Murl W. Davenport, husband of Mrs. Bobette E. Davenport, of 336 Hamilton road, Birmingham, according to announcement made last Friday.

Lieutenant Davenport is a Navy fighter pilot who led his squadron of four planes against a Jap formation, destroying one enemy plane and routing the others.

Later he risked his life to rescue a Navy pilot who had been shot down at sea.

Davenport has shot down six Jap fighters.

"Oh, the Joy of the Open Road, With a Cycle to Ride You Forth—the Sun Upon Your Neck and Back—Go East, West, South or North!"

By George R. Averill

With all the passion and drama of an early French adventurer seeking the Northwest Passage, Frank T. (for Touring) Skinner, 4403 Seminole, Beverly Hills, burst into The Eccentric office Monday of this week and, his features bronzed like those of Chief Sitting Bull, or his brother, Standing Cow, exclaimed: "I've done it! I've done it! Boy, how I did it!"

"What, Frank, may I interrupt to ask you, just what have you done that brings on such inflammation of the speech," I asked him, and then added, "Come on, old fellow, sit down, please—it's been awful hot, I know . . . would you like a drink of cold water."

"Say . . . don't get excited. George . . . I'm all right . . . I know it's hot, but I can take the heat. I just dropped around kinda leisure-like to tell you that I've just completed a 400-mile bicycle ride in four days . . . and if that ain't sumthin' to brag about in days so hot that pavements undulate 'neath the sun, when lakes dry up over night, almost; when . . . when . . . well, just when," replied cyclist Skinner, and he sat down again.

To all of which I was forced to admit that, by riding a bicycle 400 miles in four days, he had become famous—and, "Frank, it's up to your old home-town newspaper to tell the world about it."

Reluctantly, but with equal alacrity, he agreed.

Now, On With the Story

"You see, I've always wanted to travel," began Mr. Skinner, "so for years I have longed to get out into the great open spaces, far beyond the outlined horizon of Michigan's metropolitan skyscrapers. I wanted to see grass grow green, tall, and even high; I've wanted to see cows in the wooded pasture land, mooing perhaps a bit, but also contented; peaceful countryside scenes have tugged at my heart for years, and I longed to see a farmer's white-painted cottage, his big red barns, and maybe a coupla beautiful, magnificent plow-horses doing their part to make the lovely earth fertile and thus bring forth plenty of chow.

'I wanted to drink in the pure,

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Consumers Power Co. Wins Franchise Vote

Although a very light vote was cast Tuesday on the proposition of granting the Consumers Power Co. a renewal 30-year franchise to sell gas in Birmingham, the approval was overwhelming, 209 votes for, with only 4 votes against it. The Special election was held throughout the city, the expense of which was born by the power company.

Large Crowds On Hand For Final Tennis Matches

By CAROL CRANE

The semi-final and final matches of the 1944 Birmingham Eccentric Tennis Tournament, which were played off last Saturday and Sunday, brought many surprises. Foremost surprise was the amount of community interest! Whoever would have thought that so many Birminghamites love tennis sufficiently well to sit two whole days in the broiling sun, perched on the sizzling hot bumpers of cars parked along the edges of the courts, just to watch the matches? The players put on a marvelous show, and, while a few spectators came the second day equipped with folding chairs or cushions, most of the stoics flung their aching bodies into bed Saturday night with only one thought in mind—to be up and at the courts in time for the first match on Sunday!

Boys' Division

By ten o'clock each day there was a solid row of cars parked fender to fender clear across the field, all facing the courts. Saturday's first game was Jerry Genn versus Charlie Crandell. In the Boys' semi-final, Genn won 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, although Charlie put up a beautiful game. The other boys' semi-final, Bud Gregory versus Roy Noyes, was also a three-set match, Gregory winning by 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. In matches such as those two, each running into three sets, and each set having such close scores, it is a mere technicality to call one player the winner and the other the loser.

Sunday's final in the Boys' Division, a similar three-set match between Genn and Gregory, with a score of 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 in Gregory's favor, belonged to this same category. So all hail to Gregory, Genn, Noyes and Crandell. They are the Birmingham-Bloomfield boy champions!

Girls' Division

The girls' semi-finals, between Paula LaTourette and Jane Sisney, and Carol Crane and Patty Price were played off late Saturday afternoon. Jane Sisney is a new name in tennis in Birmingham and will probably be something to reckon with next season.

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Workers Vision Blood Bank As Very Successful

"If all who have made appointments to be blood donors keep their promises, Birmingham's quota of blood plasma will go over the top," said acting chairman Mrs. Malcolm Welty yesterday. Between three and seven-fifteen o'clock yesterday and today, at the Community House, are the hours when appointments will be kept. Two hundred pints of blood are desired in this current effort.

In order to aid parents who are giving blood, Birmingham Girl Scouts are helping the MOMS Club to operate the nursery for kiddies at the House.

'It is heartening to observe the cooperation of so many people in this blood bank project," stated Mrs. Welty. "Along with the Red Cross volunteers, much thanks must go to the newspapers, merchants, motion picture theatres, the churches and their ministers, and to local funeral directors, S. O. Wylie, Bell & Son and Manley Bailey.

"The Leonard Electric Co. put in special lights for use during the project,, the Birmingham Movers moved the fans—these are but a few of the many aids we have received."

Mrs. Welty also paid special praise to Mrs. A. K. Toepfer, Mrs. Charles H. Richert, and their aides, for doing a good job telephoning local people to contribute blood during the two days.

Mrs. Lane Bishop who is captain of the Red Cross Canteen workers for Thursday, announces that her workers include, Mrs. Edward Laird, Mrs. J. Vinton Birch, Mrs. Stuart M. Gastren, Mrs. Edward Ilette, Mrs. George Green, and Mrs. Richard Wenzel. Mrs. William Crim and Mrs. William F. Tighe are in charge of the supper for the staff, and Mrs. Charles McCall for the volunteers.

NEW TEACHERS HIRED

New teachers engaged for the Birmingham public schools to take the place of vacancies were announced this week by Supt. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland. They include Mrs. Anne Connover Lueth, who will teach social studies at Baldwin; Mrs. Irene Mortensen, to teach kindergarten; Mrs. Roma Stark, home economics in Barnum Junior High; Miss Elizabeth Gottel, vocal teacher in elementary schools; Miss Gertrude Unger, home economics at Baldwin; and Mrs. Carolyn Loughran, who was teaching home economics at Barnum, will become the visiting teacher.

City and State Move To Speed Many New Recreation Projects

Birmingham is deeply interested in two important steps in city and county planning taken this week.

Monday night the City Commission approved the agreement between the City Commission and City Planning Commission and the landscape architect firm of Wilcox and Laird to handle a lot of the city planning. On Tuesday at its August meeting at Maceday lake, north east of Pontiac, the State Conservation Commission approved the purchase of 1,382 acres of land, of which 217 acres are in Oakland county, for recreational purposes. The cost was set at $79,772.

At the City Commission meeting the contract approved called for the payment of $1,000 for a six months period, the contract to continue on that basis for a three-year period, unless sooner abrogated. Funds for the city's share of the cost of landscape architect work in connection with the city planning, and especially city parks and recreational projects, will come from the $8,000 Post-War Planning fund set aside by the Commission.

The firm has been busy for some time on plans for Cummings park and is also considering plans for Poppleton field and other parks and fields about the city.

City's Agreement

The letter on which the agreement with Wilcox and Laird is based follows:

City of Birmingham,
Birmingham, Michigan.
Att: H. H. Corson, City Manager
Dear Mr. Corson:

In accordance with our recent meeting with the City Plan Commission of Birmingham, we agree to act as consultants and planners for the preparation of city plans for the City of Birmingham.

The services shall consist of a consultancy for the preparation of studies, plans, details and specifications for the city owned lands within the city limits or lands proposed for ownership by the City. The planner, hereinafter known as the Landscape Architect, shall plan and supervise the general landscape treatment, shall fix the grade relationship between structures and streets, and in other areas of development, and prepare plans for parks and the details for the units contained therein. In general, a coordination of the work involved in the development of the city, and since the greater part of the plans and studies are concerned with general planning of the city, the landscape Architect may directly, or through his representative, advise the city engineer of the interpretations of the plans and specifications, and the Landscape Architect is to be consulted by the city engineer whenever

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Only One Case of Polio Is Reported Thus Far In City

Birmingham has only one case of polio reported up to noon on Wednesday.

In response to inquiry at that time Mrs. Anyce D. Gillette, city health nurse, said that while there were a number of cases in surrounding areas there was only one from Birmingham proper.

This case has been hospitalized in Detroit where progress toward recovery is being made.

Two cases are reported from the adjoining area, one being hospitalized in Toledo and the other in the Oakland County hospital.

Wednesday two new cases of mumps were reported to the city health department.

Summer Program Of Recreation Is Brought To Close

Last Friday evening a large number of interested parents and friends gathered at the Pierce School field to watch the circus presented by the children of the Birmingham playgrounds. This event closed the summer recreational activities for the year of 1944.

Besides the capers of the jolly clowns, the antics of the animals kept in hand by the vigorous whip of the ringmaster, the clever tricks of the African elephants captured in the Congo, the glamorous dress parade of the Quarton playground group, and the stirring action of the Barnum Indians, there was some clever local talent presented.

Suzanne Speigel did an acrobatic clown dance that was worth seeing, Harris Jackson gave a trumpet solo which left all wishng for more. Max Cornell did a novelty tap dance which went over big. Dorothy James, a Scottish lass from Highland Park, did two dances, "the Highland Fling" and a "Sword Dance" to everyones' enjoyment. The children were mystified and delighted by the sleight of hand magic of Randall Garrison. Ted Harper with bulging muscles gave an impressive demonstration of strength and the tumbling act by the Junior High boys, trained by Director John Brotzman, brought the whole affair to a grand finish.

Arthur Berndt's summer recreation band provided background music all through the whole performance. At the microphone was Bill Spence, who, as usual, gave a helping hand as ringmaster.

Tennis Doubles Tourney Is On

Play in the men's and mixed doubles tennis tournament started yesterday and promises to be as spirited as were the matches in the annual Birmingham singles tournament completed last Sunday.

The draw was held Monday and here's the way the play appears to be lined up.

Paul Penfield and Jerry Genn drew a bye; Bill Bones and Joe Hardig play Bernis Levinson and Bill Bell. Ray Peck and A. Johnson drew Tom Hubbard and Tom Cookerly.

John Shiner and Bill Bard; Charles Crandall and Bud Gregory, Vernon Myers and J. McCortney and Paul Meadows and the partner he is yet to secure all drew byes. Ned Shattuck and Hugh McLease team against Roy Noyes and Vernon Bryant.

In the mixed doubles Paul Penfield and Mrs. Jean Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, Jane Hite and Jerry Genn, Paul Meadows and Jane Sisney and Amy Roosevelt and Bud Gregory are in the "bye" class. Jane McKee teams with Roy Noyes to meet Tom Cookerly and his partner while Patty Price and Bernie Levinson play Ray Peck and his girl partner. Paula LaLaurette and Charles Crandell and Andy Burlingame and Diana Roosevelt will clash in another of the first round games.

The finals are to be run off this coming Sunday.

FIELD ARTILLERY OFFICER

Word has been received from Italy of the recent promotion of George R. Frye to the rank of major. Major Frye, who is with the field artillery, has been overseas since December. His wife, the former Dorothy Trump, and small son reside in Franklin with Mrs. Frye's parents, the Hal Trumps.

Mrs. Griffin Has Six Sons Serving Country In War

It is the custom when receiving a "Men In The Service" notice for the news reporter to inquire if there are any more sons or daughters in the service. So it came as a surprise when Mrs. Florence H. Griffin, who had phoned the office Saturday that her son Eugene B. Griffin A/S was home on leave, answered, "Oh yes, I have five other sons in the service."

It was with great pride that she modestly told of her sons, Thomas H., Coxswain in the Marines, stationed in New Ireland; Pvt. Richard J., with the AAF in New Guinea; Robert J., S 2/C serving the Seabees in North Africa; Pvt. Charles R., Infantry, now taking an active part with the invasion forces in France; and Pvt. William O., who is visiting his wife in Detroit from North Carolina, where he is stationed in the Artillery.

Mrs. Griffin went on to say that Eugene was the last of her sons to enter the service and that he was home on his leave following boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Eugene returned to Great Lakes Monday, after spending 9 days at home.

She said that Charles was the smallest of them all and that he has been in the front lines for the past ten days. "But I don't worry about my sons, they will take care of themselves," finished Mrs. Griffin.

Mrs. Griffin resides at 1530 Webster street.

Two Road Jobs Go To Local Company

The road building firm of Taylor Bros. Co., Inc., of Birmingham was reported the low bidder on two highway construction and repair jobs, to be let by the state highway department.

The company bid a little under a hundred thousand dollars on the paving of about two miles on Highway No. 50 between Britton and Ridgeway in Lenawee county. Its bid of about $50,000 was low for the resurfacing of a group of roads in Tuscola, Lapeer and St. Clair counties.

Work is to start within a short time after the actual awarding of contracts.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv.tf