

The Lintons or Navy Are Home on Leave

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Linton, 208 Oakland, received the best Father's Day gift any parents could ask these days, when their son, Quartermaster Second Class Stuart Linton, and his sister, Ensign Elizabeth Linton, both arrived in Birmingham on leave the last week and Quartermaster Linton came from Dakar aboard a B-17 to Miami and then to Dayton in a Navy plane and arrived in person on Thursday in still another plane. When his sister learned he was on his way home, she obtained leave from the navy-bureau of personnel in Washington and reached Birmingham Sunday morning.

Heavy Loser



Somewhat thinner than of old, Mussolini still accents his bulging look as he passes to watch a still-loyal Fascist do his stuff during a review in North Italy. This picture comes via a neutral source.

Says 75,000 Now Wait Telephones

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today announced it has a waiting list of more than 75,000 orders for telephone service that it cannot fill because of the demands of war far communication facilities.

W. H. Fauser, local manager for the company, said the backlog of unfilled orders is increasing at the rate of nearly 2,000 a month, with no prospect that the situation will improve for some time. He pointed out that Western Electric Company, manufacturing unit of the Bell system, has confined virtually its entire output since November, 1942, to military and war-production needs. Western Electric is making more than a third of all communication facilities manufactured in this country for war.

The announcement said that there are 160 delayed orders in the Birmingham exchange area. The situation is so critical at most points in the company's territory, Fauser continued, that service can be granted only if it is essential to the war, public health, or the public safety, as defined by regulations of the War Production Administration. If spare facilities are available after meeting that priority, orders are then filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

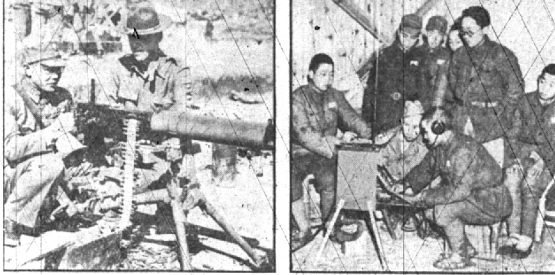
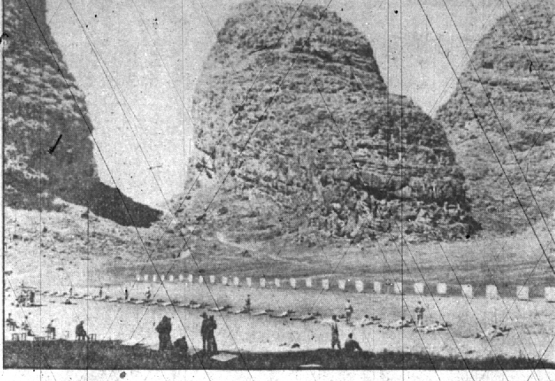
"Telephone instruments do not comprise the only shortage of facilities for civilian purposes," Fauser said. "More than half of the delayed orders are held up because of shortages of cable, wire and central office facilities. Two years of war have used up about all of the reserves, which always have been built into the telephone system."

Copies of Eccentric Are Just Like Letter From Home to Soldier

Pfc. Gustave Ernst Jr., writes from New Guinea under date of June 8 that he is receiving his copies of the Eccentric rather irregularly but that, never the less, each copy is most welcome and seems just like a letter from home.

He says: "I received a most welcome issue of the Birmingham Eccentric yesterday and really enjoyed reading the home town news again. The standards of our paper equal any home town paper I've seen yet. For some reason it isn't mailed as regularly as the others. Papers take a rough trip and addresses are often torn loose or marked. Reading the Eccentric is like receiving a long letter from home filled with a little bit of news of everything of interest. Fellows in my outfit also enjoy reading it, even as far west as Texas. So you see home town papers are a great help in building the overseas morale."

Yanks Training Chinese to Be Officers



Here are three scenes from the Infantry Training Center in China's Kwangsi Province, where American soldiers are training Chinese selected from frontline troops to be officers. Working through interpreters, training is given in machine gun, rifle, sub-machine gun, anti-tank, and mortar fire; also signal, medical, engineering, and veterinary. At top you see a class in Bren gun marksmanship; lower left, Gen. Ho-Ying Chin tries a Maxim machine gun under tutelage of Maj. Bernard Hussey; right, Sgt. Frank Yeoman of Albion, Mich., instructs in field rifle operation. Note the uniforms the Chinese soldiers wear and prefer to our GI shoes.



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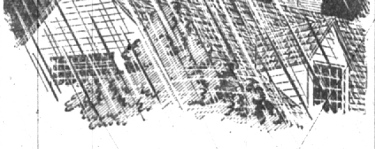
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Summer Canning Schedule Ready

A report on the periods of plenty of many of the popular kinds of summer fruits grown locally has just been issued for this part of Michigan by George V. Branch, head of the Detroit municipal bureau of markets, weights and measures.

While the exact date when any one food will be at "peak season" will be determined by the weather, this approximate schedule should prove helpful to home canners.

So if Birmingham women are planning a vacation this summer

- but are anxious to be in the city when a particular variety of fruit arrives, consult the following list. These popular early summer fruits should be most plentiful at close to the periods stated.
 - Apples, transparent—July 26 to Aug. 20.
 - Blackberries—July 31 to Aug. 10.
 - Cherries, sour—June 30 to July 26.
 - Currants, red—July 10 to Aug. 1.
 - Huckleberries—July 28 to Aug. 15.
 - Raspberries—July 10 to July 25.
 - Early plums—Aug. 2 to Sept. 1.
- Dates on late fruits will be announced as the fall season approaches.

Suggests Citizens' Group Aid Sheriff

Declare that he will ask prominent Oakland county citizens to serve on a sheriff's council, Hugh R. Lidicott, Republican candidate



Hugh R. Lidicott

for sheriff in the July 11 primary, said today that such a council would contribute to the efficiency of the sheriff's office.

"Men and women from all sections of the county should be invited to advise the sheriff on conditions throughout the county," he said. "I believe a council of this kind will be of great benefit to all residents, and it certainly will eliminate guesswork as to actual conditions."

While advocating formation of the council to better police the county, Lidicott also offered a number of recommendations for improvement of the administration of the sheriff's office. Among them were creation of residential patrol, dividing the county into four sections; use of the department's fingerprint facilities; elimination of waste; proper training of members of the staff; a training juvenile expert; and a general revitalizing of the staff.

Lidicott is an overseas veteran of World War I, is active in veterans' rehabilitation work, and is a member of the Board of Supervisors and the Ferndale City Commission. He has 20 years' experience in law enforcement.

The idea that education ends when a man begins to work, or a woman marries, is evidence of ignorance.

A New Service Men's Book Cleaners To Institute At MSC Remodel Building

A service men's institute has been established at Michigan State College to provide an educational program for returning war veterans. From the time they arrive on the campus until they are placed satisfactorily in jobs.

Dr. Fred T. Mitchell, director of the program, stated he hopes to avoid some of the mistakes of the educational institutions after the last war when veterans complained that educators gave them the "run-around" because there was no program that considered their personal problems. The service men's institute, added Dr. Mitchell, will apply every war veteran's progress in his work as rapidly as the desires, without the fear of failing in studies because of being out of school so long.

Largest increases among military waterfowl in recent years have been shown by the Mallard and the Pintail, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The total population of the mallard at the present time is between 35 and 40 millions, and that of the pintail is in excess of 20 millions.

The Book Cleaners building at 215 North Woodward Avenue is now under way and alterations, the work being planned for the week of July 4, is scheduled today by Ray Oyer, manager of Book Cleaners & Dryers.

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