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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

When Johnny comes marching home from World War II, he'll find Michigan ready to welcome him.

This welcome is being organized efficiently with a veterans' counseling center in almost every community under auspices of the State of Michigan.

It is very apparent that Johnny is going to get a break this time. In fact, for almost the first time in American history, the war veteran will receive more than his country's blessing. He can borrow $2,000 as down payment on a $10,000 home or farm. He can borrow $2,000 to go into business for himself. If he wants to go to college, Uncle Sam will pay his tuition fees of at least $10 a month, $30 a quarter or $40 a semester, in addition to paying other regular fees and costs of books, supplies and equipment up to $500 a year.

The veteran, 25 years old or more, whose education was completed prior to entrance into war, may get a refresher course at Uncle Sam's expense. If the veteran suffers a service disability, the government will pay him a pension and furnish vocational training at the same time.

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But, even this isn't the whole story.

As an example, consider the Pine Lake Vocational-Technical school, a joint undertaking of the Michigan office of Veteran Affairs and the Michigan Board of Control for Vocational Education.

We visited this camp, near Battle Creek, in company of Lieut. Col. Philip C. Pack and Eliner Hannah, director and assistant director, respectively, of the Michigan Office of Veteran Affairs, a state agency.

Talk about preparation for Johnny? Pine Lake is IT!

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Here's how the vocational school will operate.

Thanks to the wonders of modern medicine, more veterans will come home from World War II than from any war in world history. Battle casualties are less fatal. Disabilities will be more numerous.

Hence, care of the disabled veteran is more important today than ever.

The Pine Lake camp, originally built by W. K. Kellogg, for children, at a cost of $470,000 will be available to disabled Michigan veterans who are eligible for the services of rehabilitation, refitting them to a new life of usefulness. The capacity will be 250 veterans. The training period will vary from 90 to 120 days. Thus, a year's training load of approximately 1,000 veterans is now anticipated.

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Pine Lake camp will provide disabled veterans with vocational training in metal work, machine shop, woodwork, gas welding, blueprint and drafting, office practice, cooking and baking, and watch-making. At a $100,000 annual budget, the camp will offer educational training with all meals and lodging at no cost.

Ten veterans and two civilians are now enrolled in preliminary classes—proof that present activity is being confined to preparation for tomorrow's responsibilities. Instructors are John Van Puffelen, Grand Rapids watchmaker, and Aubrey Hasken, office practice teacher, recently with the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. Camp Superintendent is Hugh F. Pierce, formerly of the Bendix Products in South Bend, Ind., and the Clark Equipment Company at Buchanan, Mich.

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When Johnny comes home, he must visit the local selective service board to get official papers entitling him to re-employment. Then he is urged to call at the local veterans' counselling center to obtain information and counsel on any of the following: housing, health, education, law, employment, and claims—to enumerate the leading subjects.

If he cannot find employment, he will be eligible to receive unemployment compensation of $20 per week for 26 to 52 weeks, depending upon the length of his military service.

The U. S. veterans administration's hospital at Dearborn, a 355-bed institution, will be expanded soon to accommodate approximately 1,500 service men and women.

When the World War I veteran was demobilized, he received $60 in cash. Congress had slashed appropriations for the U. S. employment service. The labor market was glutted; payrolls were cut. Yes, times have changed!

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Michigan has more than 500,000 men and women in the armed services today.

Hence, the importance of adequate preparedness today to take care of some of these veterans tomorrow, when V-Day in Europe arrives and part of our war tasks will be terminated.

Work of the Office of Veteran Affairs and the State Board of Control at Pine Lake is graphic proof that Michigan is right on the job—in fact, leading the entire nation in giving Johnny a break, and for the first time.

Strictly Fresh

SEVEN cousins of Woodbury Rand, who left $60,000 of his estate to a cat, are suing to break his will. Apparently they feel that $60,000 is too great a purrcentage.

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It is reported that for the last 25 years all mayors of Resurreccion, Mexico, have been murdered. Presumably when you throw your hat in the Resurreccion mayoralty ring, you include your neck.

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The Germans are reported using even steamrollers and hearses in their flight east. Paving the way for our advance is not new for them, but this is the first word that they were in a hurry to get to the graveyard.

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The OPA is investigating the soaring prices of popular brands of cigars. Even in war, it seems that what this country needs is—

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Secretary Hull said that the Bulgarian envoys sent to Cairo to formulate a peace agreement with America and Great Britain had become "lost." When Russia also declared war on Bulgaria, very likely the envoys followed the lead of our own west coast machinists and walked out in protest against overtime.

SALVAGE MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last City collection day of the month. Keep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

Want To Be Serious?

Somehow, we wish that there were more women in the United States like Mrs. Ralph L. Yonker, of Bloomfield Hills, president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters. This lady has some good and practical ideas on the subject of a citizen's responsibility to government, and most ably she states them.

Recently, before a meeting of the Birmingham Rotaryanns, Mrs. Yonker presented convictions that need to be thought over and applied by those who claim that our system of self-government is worth preserving. We herewith print a few of them—and suggest, Folks, that you make them dinner table topics between now and the November 7 election.

"True democracy today means growing responsibility of the individual—a maturing from the irresponsible attitude of children or sleep into the responsible attitude of the adult," stated Mrs. Ralph L. Yonker in her talk, "Whose Government," Mrs. Yonker pointed out to her listeners the importance of making the most of the "undeniable privileges and opportunity" for weighing and choosing the best candidates offered at elections. She put the questions, "What does it mean to live under a constitutional government? What are principles of constitutionalism?" and then proceeded with the four answers:

Four Answers

"(1) The great rules for governing ourselves shall be made by the process of proposal, discussion and popular decision at the polls.

"(2) The powers of all officials shall be restrained by fundamental rights reserved by the people.

"(3) All officials exercising power shall be chosen by the voters, directly or indirectly—that is by appointment.

"(4) Directly elected persons, having limited power for a term of years, shall be automatically subjected to review at elections held periodically."

The speaker then discussed the Party system of government saying, "it is fashionable to curl the lip a little in speaking of parties and party politics. However, the party system is a fact—a fact we must live with. However, we may criticize political parties and party platforms and campaign promises and the like, we come right back to the fact that we still prefer our system of popular civilian government, with all its ills, to a one party military government such as we have seen in Germany and Japan.

Too Few Voters

Then Mrs. Yonkers discussed the fitness of American people to govern themselves unless they make the most of their right to vote. She put more questions, "How many citizens ever take time to attend city commission meetings or school board meetings?

"Last July," she continued, "at primary elections the several parties proposed certain candidates? Did we discuss the merits of these respective candidates? Did we make the most intelligent choice? Did we register our decisions at the polls?" Quoting from an official record, Mrs. Yonker stated that out of 5,243 registered voters in Birmingham, 859 voters went to the polls. "And this," she stated, "despite the efforts of the Birmingham Eccentric and such non-partisan groups as the League of Women Voters and the Oakland County Citizens League." She emphasized this year being one of the most critical years American people have ever known.

"I hear some say they have no time for such things because of family and a house to care for," Mrs. Yonker continued. "Please look back to our grandmothers who did five times as much work as women of today. They had no electric washing machines nor irons and they did not buy bread at a bakery. They had no vacuum cleaners, yet they stood hours working. Surely modern labor-saving devices were not vouch-safed to women in order that they might abnegate their prerogatives as citizens.

"We women have taken too much for granted and have not yet perceived that underlying and supporting homes and the security of our loved ones, is government—our government."

Bats Use Radar

Dr. Robert Galambos, of the University of Rochester Medical School, has conducted some extensive research in the flight of bats, which have long amazed human beings by their swift flight in the darkness without colliding with obstacles.

The Doctor discloses that bats, hunting at night for food, emit a constant stream of cries pitched far above the range of human hearing. The cries are reflected by obstacles, such as trees or posts, and the bat, picking up the echoes, changes his course of flight to avoid collisions.

Thus, it seems, the bats use a natural radar system, based upon the principle of the echo of waves, bounced back by impact with obstacles approached.

"THE WATCH ON THE RHINE" IS NOW MORE than a national anthem to Germany. To make a timely pun, that "watch" is rapidly ticking away the minutes until the fall of Hitler's Nazi bestiality.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
October 4, 1894

"Mrs. E. P. Jarvis and daughter visited in Clarkston last week and Ed also passed Sunday there."

"The L. L. 'C.' meet with Miss Blodgett next Monday evening at 7:30. The roll call will be responded to with news items."

"Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gibson, of Savanah, O., parents of Mrs. A. H. Orr, will winter with their children this coming winter and enjoy the hospitality, good cheer and sociability that Birmingham is noted for."

"Chas. Aldrich, of Troy, ought to be happy. He brought us in an elegant specimen of a potato of the Empire State variety and says he has 699 bushels of the same. 'Rah for Charlie and may his yield prove 1,200 bushels.'"

"Mr. Charles G. Hunt, wife and five children are attending the great Advent camp meeting at Lansing. They went across the country in a covered wagon of their own and have enjoyed the trip very much indeed."

"Born, to Mrs. E. S. Redfern, Monday, Oct. 1—a son. The youngster has a good start the first day of the month and the first day of the week ought to count in the long run. Mother and boy doing nicely."

"Oh, say! We made a misstatement last week in the 'Beekman Garden of Eden' article."

"We never were more pleased than we were last week to shake the friendly hand of our former Troy friend, Mrs. Madison Spear."

20 YEARS AGO
October 3, 1924

"Every red blooded fellow was there. Dozens of high school girls banded together and hitch-hiked over. In short, anyone, who could get a lift by hook or crook, went. Cars built to carry five did triple duty. Everybody wanted to be on the scene when their football team finished Redford on the Redford field, in the first game of the season. To fans and followers of the team, every turn of luck and play in last Friday's game will be remembered through the season."

"A meeting of the P.T.A. Council in the Baldwin high school Tuesday evening started the winter work in four branches of the Parent Teacher Associations here."

"Construction has been started on the 40-home building program in Ecco City of the Buckner Building company, it was announced this week by E. E. Buckner, head of the firm."

"Another new unit of 500 residence lots is announced as an addition to the new community development of Grand-Dale by Frischkorn Real Estate Co."

"A feature comedy, 'Girl Shy,' starring Harold Lloyd, to be presented in the Baldwin auditorium tonight by the Student Loan Fund Board, will start the program of nine feature pictures that will be shown here this winter."

"For the express purpose of investigating Birmingham's water supply system an investigating committee of five men from Saginaw came here yesterday."

5 YEARS AGO
September 28, 1939

"Because 740 of Birmingham's school children will hold their annual hallowe'en masquerade party the night of Oct. 27, and also because State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Waggoner will be in the East on that date, the proposed celebration of the completion of Wider Woodward avenue through Birmingham has been postponed to Nov. 3, a Friday evening."

"Still determined that angle parking is desirable for Woodward avenue in Birmingham, the Retail Merchants Association, in its annual business session Tuesday night, went on record favoring a change in the new state traffic law, which Sunday makes parallel parking the rule."

"To celebrate the payment of all church debts, members of the First Methodist Church will hold a 'Victory Dinner' on Friday evening, Oct. 6, at the Community House."

"The fourth semi-annual antique fair will be held next Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the quaint surrounding of the Franklin Town Hall, according to an announcement made this week."

"Several women, prominent in the League of Women Voters in Birmingham, were in attendance in Detroit this week at the state convention of that group held Monday through Wednesday at the Book Cadillac Hotel."

FOLKS in Uniform

"We'll pass up this town and capture this one—it'll be easier to pronounce."

People's Column

To the Editor:

After prolonged deliberation as to whom I should write, you or Senator Ferguson, you won because I know the Eccentric is respected as a weekly throughout the nation. You can pass on these feelings to the honorable gentleman and get results where my letter to him would probably find its waste basket first.

My little beef concerns the union's and administration's wanting to scrap "the Little Steel Wage formula." As a soldier, I don't have much chance to speak my mind, only on paper, so here it is.

Since the outbreak of war wages and prices have risen considerably, almost 50 per cent in some instances. Prices always seem to keep ahead of wages and, regardless, the result is inflation. Common sense tells us through past experience that, if the ceiling on wages is lifted, prices are going to tag right along.

Now the question which bothers me is, how will the service man's family stand this increase? The only answer that comes to my mind is that they will just have to suffer a heavier burden. I am not speaking of myself as the only case, but as an example of the hundreds of thousands of service men who have families solely dependent on their government allotment. We are gradually going deeper and deeper into a hole which we will have to climb out of after this war.

We, in the service, are not here of our choice but, as the boys say, "because our friends and neighbors elected us." Therefore, we expect those friends and neighbors to make sure that our families can get along on their government allotment.

Do not let affairs run wild, for we can't do our best job here if we have worries about our wives and children. All we ask is that they can buy the bare necessities for a decent livelihood.

This war is too close to being won to let down our morale now, so keep the wage formula as it stands for now. Any power you can wield in this direction will be appreciated.

I shall be stationed here for the next training period when I shall be in a new role as teacher. I'm sure I'll like being a cadre man as it should prove interesting.

My view on the Little Steel Formula may sound strange to you knowing me as you do. But since I left your employ, I was in business and now I am personnel director at one firm, and assistant plant superintendent at another war plant. So you see, I've had opportunity to see both sides of labor and feel as though I pass a fair judgment.

I wanted you to know that some of your lectures to me in my youne and foolish years were not wasted.

BIRMINGHAM SOLDIER.

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 12th day of September, A. D., 1944.

Present, Hoorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the Estate of Henry B. Winegar, Deceased.

Charles B. Randall having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to W. Ray Winegar or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 9th day of October, A. D., 1944, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy thereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

Extension Courses at U. of M. Are to Open Week of October 9th

Advance registrations for University of Michigan extension courses will open Monday, Oct. 2, in the business office of the Extension Service, located at 80 Farnsworth avenue in the Rackham Educational Memorial. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Monday through Friday and until noon on Saturday.

More than 70 credit and non-credit classes are offered in the fall program, which opens at the Rackham Memorial the week of Oct. 9. Because of the continuing interest in languages, a direct outgrowth of the war effort, 27 courses are scheduled in this field alone. Offerings include beginning courses in Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, German, French, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Russian, and Spanish. Intermediate courses are listed in French, German, and Spanish, with advanced courses which also carry credit on the graduate level, in French and Spanish.

Courses are also offered in archaeology, astronomy, books, building, business law, creative design education, business English, English literature, wood technology, the development of home grounds, geography of Asia, historical geology, European history, insurance, engineering mathematics, band and orchestra, parent education, American national government, problems in international relations, the history of printing, public health semantics, social work, criminology, social control, public speaking, radio speech, discussion leadership, parliamentary procedure, better speech, and voice cultivation.

In general, courses offered in the extension program are open to all interested adults who feel that they may pursue them with profit to themselves. Persons electing courses for credit must meet the credit requirements.

BALLET RUSSE IN DETROIT

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo comes to the Masonic Auditorium, Detroit, on Oct. 9, 10 and 11. The program will be: Monday, Oct. 9, "Danses Concertos," "Rodeo," "Bitbelbird," "Gaite Parisienne"; Tuesday, Oct. 10, "Choppiniana," "Pas de Quatre," "Bourgeois Gentilhomme," "Red Poppy"; and on Wednesday, Oct. 11, "Les Sylphides," "Ballet Imperial" and "Le Beau Danube."

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

Meats, Fats—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through G5, good indefinitely.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5, good indefinitely.

Blue tokens good only through Sept. 30. Pool tokens with your neighbors to make multiples of 10.

Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline—In 27 east coast states, A-11 coupons, good through Nov. 8. In states outside the east coast area, A-18 coupons in new "A" book, good through Dec. 21.

Fuel Oil—Period 4 and 5 coupons, and new period 1 coupons, good throughout coming heating year.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Plentiful Foods—Onions.

HOME ACCIDENTS

The Federal Security Administration is seeking public cooperation in a campaign to reduce accidents that reduce needed manpower for war work. Home accidents last year killed 6,000 workers and injured 900,000 seriously enough to cause loss of one or more days of work; much of it vital to the war effort. Home accidents in 1943 killed 32,500 Americans, including the 6,000 workers. Falls accounted for two-thirds of the fatal home accidents. One-fourth occured on stairways. Burns and poisonings were next to falls in order of severity. The yard and the kitchen each was the scene of one-fifth of the home accident deaths.

COSSACKS ARE COMING!

The singing giants of the Steppes who come to Detroit on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Masonic Auditorium are the original Don Cossack Chorus founded under Serge Jaroff's direction in a military camp near Constantinople more than 20 years ago. With folk tunes, Cossack soldier songs and liturgies dating back a millennium, these Muscovite troubadors are now in their fifteenth season in America where last season they performed in one hundred cities in less than five months.

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