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By GENE ALLEMAN

If Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg's statesmanly and courageous utterance on American foreign policy is an accurate index, Michigan has traveled a long way...

It was Senator Vandenberg, among others, who were honest and sincere in their thinking, who believed that we might find our way out of our present predicament...

Our oceans have ceased to be means which automatically protect our shores. They are now the highways of commerce...

What is this ounce of prevention? Here again the Vandenberg convention...

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"Like a Letter From Home"

Ever since Pearl Harbor, when Pearl men and women began traveling all over this and other lands of the earth, we have been sending increased numbers of The Eccentric to them.

And since Pearl Harbor, perhaps the most gratifying satisfaction we at The Eccentric office have obtained is the knowledge that these copies going to our armed forces get the most joyous reception possible!

Time and time again we've been told: "Next to a letter from home, The Eccentric is the next article we who are away from home receive." That statement has also been made by armed parents of the men and women in the armed services.

Not only do the folks overseas who get this newspaper devour it; but many times we've been told: "Practically everybody in my outfit reads it when it comes; indeed, it gets pretty dog-eared and worn out before being discarded."

One discouraging phase of this subject, however, is the fact that often weeks may go by before copies catch up to many of the boys and girls; this is due, no doubt, to the fact that they are being moved around rapidly in the field.

Sometimes several months will go by before The Eccentric gets to its overseas destination—then a few bundles of 'em will show up. In just a few cases, alas! we've been informed by parents that for as long as six months no copy reached its desired address.

On the whole, it must be admitted, the military postal workers have done a great job in handling mail to the armed forces. We at The Eccentric want to assure everybody concerned that we are doing, each week, everything we can to see that the "Home-town" paper reaches our men and women in uniform.

And we pray with all for the quick winning of this war so that all addresses on copies of The Eccentric may revert to the home-town destination.

ABOUT THE ONLY CONSOLATION that can be gotten from the transportation of that Roosevelt card, wherein three boys in the armed forces were put off the airplane that carried the dog, is something like this: it's a good thing that the Roosevelt don't go in for pedigreed farm stock. Imagined, for example, a big Hereford steer marking such a trip! It would kick out several national fighting men, under similar circumstances.

THE SLAYING OF FORMER STATE SENATOR Warren G. Hooper was a direct affront to the late law-enforcing machinery of Michigan. It proves that the Carr-Sigler grand jury must be bothering a lot of people...

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Men In The Service WILLIAM E. TERRELL Writes of Battles and War Life In France

It has been a long time since I've written to you. Here war comes first, then pleasure if there is time.

IS IN SIGNAL CORPS - MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES HQ—Capt. Robert C. Hagenann, 2091 Big Beaver road, Birmingham, Mich., has been assigned to the 1713 Signal Service Battalion (AVN), newly organized to speed communications in the north center of Air Force operations in the Mediterranean theater.

AVIATION STUDENTS KESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss.—Ray E. Clark, son of Mrs. Jane Klier, 808 Ann street, who has recently arrived in England, has been awarded the good conduct medal.

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Factories On Farms

One of the favorite solutions of the problems of American farmers is the suggestion that factories and farms be near together, so that industry can use the products of agriculture.

Our advice is to proceed gradually, if at all. The advent of plastics and the use of farm products in manufacturing is promising, but such processes do not develop overnight. They rarely develop completely in a generation.

After all, the individual who succeeds in any line of work scores a success through his own efforts. There are exceptions to this statement, but they are scattered few and far between.

BIRMINGHAM'S CONTRIBUTION OF SAVAGE material of various kinds during 1944, as reported in this newspaper last week, proves that local folks are behind the war effort.

THE NEW DEAL ADMINISTRATION, for the most part, has been an unbroken succession of executive failures, of economic bankruptcies; the reasons for this, largely, are that, basically, the New Deal thinks and acts politically.

"BRINGING HOME THE BACON" SOON WILL MEAN that those who wear ration-free bacon-rind shoes, (a war emergency "leather") will be coming home—not necessarily with either food or wages.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO January 24, 1895 "Sleighting parties were all the go last week."

"No less than five large parties were given in and around town last Friday evening."

"The dancing school was half on last week. Many new pupils have joined for the last half of the term."

"According to late advices, the Japs have concluded, to slightly paraphrase Gen. Grant, to fight it out on the present line if it takes all winter."

"The Senior Social which was to be held at Mrs. John Snow's Friday evening, is postponed until further notice. Look out for it in the near future."

"Well now maybe you think we had forgotten the old familiar blue cross. Not so, here are the boys bring in your dollar along with your kids."

"The schoolboys anti-cigarette organizations are thriving in numerous places. They should be duplicated in the village everywhere there is a schoolhouse."

"It isn't necessary for an accident to happen to check the senders of a trolley car. There's nearly always some idiot who carries one of the pink illustrated papers."

"Win. Bunn has had a sick horse on his hands for the past few days with inflammation of the lungs. Dr. L. F. Bullock is attending it and the sick equine will undoubtedly pull through."

"Who says Birmingham is not the boom? And now we have two harness shops in town. Fred Hoffman (Dandy) having started a business for harness and is looking first door south of Hanna."

"Pleading for a means to protect local boys and girls from the perils attached to hitching their sleds behind fast moving automobiles, E. W. Osborne, local resident, appeared at a hearing in connection with a petition mounting P. J. Corvill, of West Maple avenue, for the office."

"Believing that he is the best fitted man available for the office of supervisor of Bloomfield Township, a group of local citizens this week started a petition mounting P. J. Corvill, of West Maple avenue, for the office."

"The most of the most difficult things for people of the present day to accomplish is a practical method by which they are able to get every cent which they gather into themselves during the course of a year."

"Detroit's Russian Choir of 25 male voices will give an extended musical service for the benefit of the Vesper services, at St. James Episcopal Church next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock."

"A blaze, which it is said might have completely destroyed the St. James Episcopal Church, was discovered last Thursday afternoon when Miss Mary Jenkins of Harbort avenue, reported at the church for choir practice."

"Now that the village committee has decided to erect the proposed new municipal building near a hill, it might be wise to see about the necessary action to obtain the execution of the deed."

"500 Ford's sold hourly in 1943 said a newspaper headline last Sunday. "Suffering Cars," exclaimed George H. Mitchell, when he read about it, to counter Woodward avenue news widening."

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