

Watrous Renamed Tournery Chairman

Al Watrous, pro at Oakland Hills, has been renamed tournament secretary of the Michigan PGA for another year and will direct tournament activities next season at the PGA. One of his first tasks will be to assist in arrangements for the 1946 Michigan Open which will be the richest in the tournament's history, with \$3,000 offered by the Port Huron Black River Country Club. This sum tops by \$500 the open prize money in the 1945 tournament, at Grand Rapids' Cascade Hills. The Michigan provincial championship tournament will be held again at Lansing Country Club, Watrous announced.

STATE STUDENTS PREVAL
Only 643 of the 5,281 regular students enrolled at Michigan State College are from out-of-state. Total enrollment, including short course students and Army trainees, is 5,709.



Miss Anna, 17, is shown at L. A. ...

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

BY GENE ALLEMAN
The Michigan Mirror is a time to make money in the post-war world. But they can expect LESS income, not more.
If such is the case, is it not reasonable to predict that farm parent will be aggravated by a loss of income, the backbone of the national economy?
We use the word "father" on a broad authority. At least, we assume that when it comes to facts, edge of Michigan's top education, Dr. Alexander of the University of Michigan, Dr. John A. Hanna of Michigan State College and Dr. Eugene B. Elliott of the state department of public instruction—know what they're talking about.
Consider then the significance of the following words which appeared in a joint statement signed by the two educationists of rural Michigan, "a work book available to Michigan citizens through the generosity of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek."
Ponder them well:
"For the past decade or two, farmers and small town residents have comprised a fifth of the nation's population. They have received only about one-tenth of the national income. Such 'short-change' has been the result of a number of factors, among them: the values of farmer's home ownership, his household partnership, his life in the outside world, or his relatively independent mode of life."
In the rural areas of Michigan live one and three quarter millions of people. It must be the conviction of these essentials are lacking, is manifested by the large number of people—many of them young—who migrate to the city for comforts and privileges denied them in the country."
And so we come to an interesting question: at what strike does grow black on the Michigan horizon. Here it is:
If Michigan farmers were allowed to retain less than their share of the national income and if they can expect less income in the post-war world, instead of more, how much less would they have if work wages of organized industrial workers are pushed upward? Wage-earners prices. You can't boost one without boosting the other. Farmers are not going to stand by idly and let the city worker, because of the power of a union and the support of the public, take a larger share of the national income.
That much we confidently predict.

Well, where does the Michigan farmer end this picture?
That's what a lot of growers would like to know. They are being advised on reliable authority to expect a decline in the price of their farm products in the post-war world, although temporary new highs may be attained during an interim.
History reminds us that farm commodity prices, following the November 11 armistice in 1918, sagged slightly and then went up to a peak in the early summer of 1920. Their prices crashed.
Post-war inflation then was of short duration. Many farmers paid dearly for speculation in land. The same logic applies today, regardless of how far from actual Washington price controls and whatnot. The government is now permitted to maintain farm commodity prices at 85-90 percent of parity until December 31, 1947.
Farm experts advise that low cost, efficient production will continue, efficient production will continue.

Employees of Consumers Power company go on a strike, rejecting a compromise offer of 15 percent, all because the proposed pay increase fell short two cents of the union's demand.
A mediator proposed settlement of 15 cents an hour; the company says the union will accept for 15 cents. Hence, the threat of an industrial tie-up and widespread hardship, like that at your job, is just to get two cents more in an hour.
An nerves an edge? Something is obviously wrong somewhere. We'll be charitable and blame it on the litters.
Michigan has been banking heavily on the automobile industry to lead the way back to prosperity.
Our banks are loaded with money. Deposit boxes are jammed with cash. Even so, many are anxious to buy this and that as soon as possible. The stage is set for a genuine period of good times for everyone who really wants to work.
It comes the UAW demand for 52 hours pay for 40 hours work, or the equivalent of a 30 percent increase in pay for 18 cents. Income computed at overtime rates for 48 hours work. Now the UAW doesn't expect to get 50 percent, but that's their bargaining bid.
If you don't give us 30 percent, we'll call a strike vote," is the ultimatum.
And so strikes are coming.

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Many Local Hunters Blamed Bird Shortage To Wet Nesting Time
Abnormally wet weather during the last three nesting seasons is believed to have been the principal cause of pheasant scarcity this fall. Some hunters believe a single good nesting season will bring the pheasants back in good plentiful producing areas.
Birmingham sportsmen have thus summed up their beliefs concerning the admittedly poor 1945 open season in the above fashion.
Spring and early summer of 1945 were the wettest recorded in 80 years. The same period in 1945 was second wettest. While the record breaker, the like period in 1944 was also wetter than average. "The past three seasons have been particularly unfavorable for pheasant nesting," said one local hunter. It is certainly logical to believe that these wet seasons seriously interfered with the successful nesting and hatching of pheasants, and reports from farmers and other observers have verified this conclusion.
Farmers who are good observers of wildlife conditions in all pheasant nests drowned out in wet weather and of young broods which seemed to disappear during rainy spells.
It is not believed that fox predation is the principal cause of pheasant scarcity; it may well be an accessory cause. When pheasants are on the skins because of climatic influences, a high fox population usually gives them another shore on the downhill grade. Several foxes have been seen this fall by men hunting near Birmingham.

New Executive Is Named For Scouts In District One

Appointment of L. Robert Kilmer as District One executive to serve Scouting in this area was recently announced by Council Executive Amos R. Shields of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Kilmer replaces Wallace C. Christensen, recently transferred to take charge of the Harrison Trails Scout Council at Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. Kilmer, affectionately known as "Bob" to hundreds of Scouts in this area, is a native Michigan—born in Detroit. He graduated from Case Technical High School and was attending Wayne University at the time of induction into the Armed Forces where he served over 8 months in the Army Ordnance Department. Camping and crafts are his hobbies. He achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout and has been active in Scouting's honorary fraternity, the "Order of the Arrow." "Bob" has come through all of the junior offices of Scouting until he served as troop committeeman and scoutmaster. He attended the 97th National Training School for Scout Executives at Mendham, N. J. Mr. Kilmer has served as camp counselor for several years and was director of the Council's famous scout reservation near Brighton, Mich., this past summer.

Red Cross In Plea For More Helpers

The Birmingham Red Cross group has issued another appeal for helpers, and especially for women's groups to see the sewing up at the Community House each Thursday at 10 a. m.
A leader there said "Although we have passed V-E day and V-J day there are still American men in service and the needs are as great now as they ever were."
There are also many people throughout the world who cannot get into the store and purchase badly needed clothing, and thus must look to the Red Cross for assistance.
The Red Cross is not just a set of officials but is made up of citizens in this and all communities. Each community needs your assistance. Won't you please come and help sew on Thursdays?"

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Birmingham 'Y's To Join In Observing World Fellowship

As part of a nationwide joint celebration by the 1,500 Young Men's and 1,000 Young Women's Christian Associations of the U.S.A., the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. will observe World Fellowship week Nov. 11 to 17, according to Robert D. Lynd of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A.
Although both "Y's" have celebrated this annual week for 50 years, not only in this country but in the scores of others where the movement exists, this is the first time the two organizations have done so together.
The call for the joint observance of the seven-day period of prayer, the purpose of which is to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between all "Y" members everywhere, was issued recently by Mrs. Harrison S. Elliott and East E. Barnett, executive heads of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A., respectively, who point out that the two Christian Youth movements approach World Fellowship Week this year at a most critical and creative hour in human history.

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