

New WAA Methods Told at Meeting

Ways and means of filling the needs of local units of government from war surplus stockpiles were discussed at a meeting last Friday of War Assets Administration representatives and officials of southern Michigan counties and municipalities.

Those in attendance included Mark G. Dance, director of public works, of Birmingham.

Robert F. Haggerty, Michigan regional director of WAA, pointed out that local units of government can now avail themselves of the opportunity to select items without cost from the government's inventory of Millions of dollars' worth of machine tools.

Methods Simplified
A wide variety of other items is also available to cities, counties and the State under their No. 4 priority and the preference they receive on sealed bid offerings. Greatly simplified methods of placing orders and making purchases from WAA were explained by WAA officials. The Detroit office

has a special division set up to take care of the needs of local governmental units.

During their visit, those at the meeting were given an opportunity to inspect the new WAA headquarters, now located in the wartime Vickers Inc. plant at 15000 W. Eight Mile road, and to acquaint themselves with the various operating divisions of the agency.

Edison once used a locomotive whistle to telegraph across the river, between Sarnia, Ontario, and Port Huron, Mich., when a cable broke.

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Cotton Patter

By Kay Knowlton

Did you know the average fireplace has a heat delivery of only approximately 15 per cent of the fuel burned? This means that about 85c of every dollar spent for fuel is lost up the chimney. Unless—you install a Superior Heatform fireplace that delivers approximately 60 per cent of the heat to the room. The Superior Heatform Fireplace is sold in this area by Brass Unlimited, Woodward Ave. at 14 Mile Rd. and Mr. Unland tells me that, when properly installed with ductwork, it can be used to keep a 4-room house comfortable. Just the thing for that wing you're adding, the farmhouse you're fixing over, or your cottage at the lake.

We expect to find all kinds of things marked down this time of year, but never expected to encounter the values in porch furniture that are now available at Quinn's Inc., 1000 Woodward Blvd., Quinns carry the lovely Ficks-Reed suites for the porch or terrace and, to give you an idea right now you can get a davenport, 2 comfortable chairs, 2 end tables, and a coffee table, all—reduced from \$344. Other porch suites have been marked down from \$265 to \$220. What you're at Quinns be sure to look over the cotton throw rugs that are being closed out at cost.

Having found out that lots of men, as well as women, read Peck's Men's Wear, I sailed into Peck's Men's Wear, 108 So. Woodward, and asked Mr. Peck what he would like to feature this week. He said to be sure to tell all you good people that Knox made straw hats are going for one-third off this week—which means an elegant \$8.95 Panama for \$5.95. Peck's have some leghorns too—the kind my husband likes that were \$4.95 and are now going at \$4.05. Sailors that sold from \$3.95 to \$5.50 have been proportionately reduced. No excuse for going bareheaded a day longer!

You lucky people—who read Peck's Men's Wear, can still rent a locker at F. & J. Market & Lockers, Inc., Woodward Ave., just south of the 14-Mile Rd. Having a locker to store your fruits, vegetables and meats will be an important step toward combating the prices that are prevalent right now. Buying foods wholesale and storing them for year-around use will be an important factor in reducing your budget. F. & J. Market and Lockers, Inc., have a complete food service, from meats to fresh vegetables. And they deliver! Call 2498 today.

Talking about good food is always fun and we're always on the lookout for new places to dine. If you like sea food, chicken or steak, cooked to perfection, you'll find it at Corning's El Patio, 3029 N. Woodward, near 13 Mile Rd. There you can have a full course dinner at reasonable prices, featuring such specialties as broiled live lobster, Georgian Bay whitefish, French fried shrimp, soft shelled crabs and sturgeon. Wish I had space here to repeat the entire menu, but you'll just have to take my word that it includes practically everything. Open from noon till 2 a. m.

If you're thinking about doing any painting around the house this vacation—or having it done while you're away, be sure to get a copy of "Color Dynamics for the Home" published by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. that is available at Safety Glass Co., 1405 S. Woodward. This store has a full line of the famous Pittsburgh Paints in stock, that will enable you to work out one of the marvelous color schemes found in "Color Dynamics." And if you're going to paint the basement walls as we did, be sure to use "Bondex Cement Paint" made by Pittsburgh. It seals the walls and lasts the same time. We chose white.

There's a real summer clearance going on this week at Mulholland's, 233 N. Woodward, that will be like money in the bank for you who are not away on vacation. To give you an idea of the honest-to-goodness values—Mulholland's are selling wool wool skirts, in checks, plaids, and plain colors, that will be perfect for school this fall, at 1/2 off. Smart summer dresses in both junior and misses' sizes have been reduced 20 per cent and those lovely sheer blouses, in white or pastel prints, have been marked down from \$10.95 to only \$5.95. See you there tomorrow!

SOCIETY NEWS will be in the Eccentric editorial office by five o'clock every Tuesday afternoon.

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

At a session of said Court, held in said Court's office, on the 1st day of July, 1947, Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Dalton J. Hall Deceased.

John E. Morris and Angela B. Dopke, co-heirs of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition, praying for license to sell the real estate of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 31st day of July, 1947, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing on said petition, and that all persons interested in the estate of said Dalton J. Hall, at said time and place, to show cause why the license to sell the real estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE
Judge of Probate

John E. Morris
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127 Pennington Bldg.,
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Plenty of Hose to Fight This Fire

Water HOSE Special

A rubber products company in San Francisco, Calif., offering a special sale of water hoses found itself with more than enough hose and water on hand when stock in the basement caught fire and city firemen added their own collection. Fire fighter at left uses an air hammer to break through the sidewalk to get at the blaze.

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Midget Auto Races
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Business Girls Plan Picnic, Singfest At Springdale Park

The Y-Beggers are planning a wiener roast and singfest for Saturday night, July 26, at Springdale Park. Dorothy and Ann Perkins are co-chairmen for arrangements and program.

Elaine Jones, just recently returned from the "Y" trip to Yellowstone Park and Colorado Springs, will give the group some ideas about western campfires. Howie Littleton will furnish the music on his squeeze-box. The group will meet at the Y offices previous to going to the park. Reservations should be made by telephoning 124, Ed Kirbert, local Y secretary, reminds.

When is a rate increase a good thing for telephone users?

The right price is "the lowest possible price that will assure you of good quality." That's true of everything you buy, including telephone service.

So—answering the question above—a rate increase is a good thing for telephone users when it is needed to protect their interests from a service standpoint.

The last time there was an increase telephone rates was 21 years ago. From 1926 until 1937, rates went down substantially. Since 1937, there have been still further local reductions in a number of exchanges and decreases in toll rates. Except for those further reductions, 1937 rates haven't changed, although the cost of most things—wages, taxes, supplies—has gone up.

Just since the war, wage adjustments alone have upped our costs \$11,000,000 a year. This includes settlements reached during the recent strike.

Lump all our costs together and you'll find they've gone up much faster than our income. Since 1937, our income has gone up 141%. But our costs have gone up 193%. And our return on investment has dropped more than a third.

Now we face the fact that 1937 rates won't work in 1947.

We don't like a rate increase more than you do. We've waited until the last possible moment to ask for one. But that moment has now arrived.

There's a lot of work to be done and a lot of money to be spent to give more and better service to everybody who wants it. The money will have to come from investors. They will furnish it only if they can be sure of a fair return, which our present rates are simply too low to provide. A growing business, especially, has to earn a good return in order to attract the capital needed for growth.

Telephone rates are regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, a body established by State law and appointed by the Governor. We're going to ask the Commission for a public hearing to review our proposed new schedule of rates. During the week of August 3, we'll publish details of the proposed rates throughout Michigan Bell territory. After that, we'll file a petition with the Public Service Commission.

NOTE: Where the term "income" is used above, its meaning is the same as "Revenue" or "Gross Income." Where the term "investment" is used, it means the original cost of the telephone property less the depreciation reserve accrued against the ultimate retirement of the property.

The Best Authority
Soon after Viscount Astor's father purchased Clivedon, his stately English home near Maidenhead, a flood occurred in the Thames Valley.

Lord Astor—was in America at the time, and being anxious to know if the beautiful grounds at Clivedon had suffered any damage, cabled his eldest son in England: "Send particulars of the flood."

Now it happened that young Astor was in Scotland at the time and had not heard of the inundation.

Scenting a joke on the request, he cabled back: "Look in the Book of Genesis."

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1937 TELEPHONE RATES WON'T WORK IN 1947

TODAY'S SITUATION COMPARED WITH 1937

Category	1937	1947
INCOME UP 141%	100%	241%
COSTS UP 193%	100%	293%
RETURN ON INVESTMENT DOWN MORE THAN A THIRD	100%	~33%

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