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Architecture Proves to Be Popular Topic

A class of 38 Birmingham men and women heard the first in a series of lectures being given by Dr. Ernst Scheyer Tuesday evening, Oct. 7. Dr. Scheyer's topic this year is "Architecture" which is extended from the Stone Age to the present day.

His first lecture touched on the influence architecture has had in the history of the world from the Stone Age through the Roman period. It also showed how architecture has influenced the decorative arts, dress and habits of man through the ages, even his religious life. Details that were once considered a part of his religion have become so widely used that today they are merely decorative.



By Gene Alleman

Governor Kim Sigler possesses an astounding memory. Here is a man who can give a list of names and dates. Called by first name and given an accurate and semi-flattering reference, each person was in good spirits by the time the next speaker arose to talk.

Pete Hoffmaster, director of the state conservation department, knows his conservation. He lives it. He eats it. He sleeps it. He told about the state's 18 group camps whereby groups of five to 60 persons may be given overnight camps. Facilities and groups up to 250 persons may be accommodated for day use. From January to June of this year the total of persons thus served was 5,559; the summer season added 6,446; and the calendar year's total will be between 15,000 and 16,000.

Where are these camps? Pete didn't go into details, and so we inquired later. There are in the Waterloo recreational area; two in the Yankee Springs area. One each at the following: Ludington, Muskegon, Sleeper, Hayes, Island Lake, and Van Buren state parks. One at Allegan lake, Oconee lake in Presque Isle county, Ortonville and Highland recreational areas. And two in the Upper Peninsula.

Dr. Hugh Masters, educational advisor of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, was next introduced. The foundation gives the state an annual grant of \$7,500 to promote group camps.

The final speaker was Governor Sigler. Recovering from an illness, he told about a book he had just read. Its title was "The Misunderstood Patriot"—Michigan's Governor, Steven T. Mason. The governor recited from memory incidents and dates about Michigan's early history. And when he wondered how far off the beam he had gone, he wound it up neatly and effectively.

The Sigler mind is amazing in its ability to remember names, dates and information. It has created a dilemma for him, because he is under constant pressure to speak. He likes people, he likes to speak, and the result is neither good for his health nor for the accumulation of problems as the executive officer in Lansing.

We left the dinner with two impressions: One, Michigan is only beginning to make use of its land. Second, we wish we had a good memory.

Consolidation of Troy Twp. Schools Still Discussed

About 40 persons from the various school districts in Troy Township gathered in Troy Township Hall last week to hear the proposed plans for continuing action to combine the several districts in the Township.

As a result of a very interesting discussion, it was decided to conduct a door-to-door canvass of the qualified selectors in an effort to determine the most satisfactory platform to present to the voters. Committees have been appointed to plan and circulate a questionnaire, and it is hoped that a comprehensive cross-section of opinion will be available for discussion at the next monthly meeting.

Clifford A. Sehl, treasurer, reported a very satisfactory balance on hand as a result of the benefit party held in Troy Union School last month. It was further decided that another benefit party should be held in the very near future in order to provide an opportunity for workers and friends from the various districts to meet on a social basis.

Alfred Field was named chairman of the entertainment committee, and several aides were appointed to assist. The committee plans to have another social benefit party for at the soonest possible date; with more information promised in the very near future. Proceeds from these benefits will be used to defray the cost of conducting the 1947-48 campaign.

"Adopt" War Victim As Memorial Tribute

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Van Camp of Manor road announce their adoption of three-year-old Marie-Renee Rognier, French victim of World War II. They are pledging their support as a memorial tribute to their own little daughter, Elizabeth, who died last summer.

Little Marie-Renee, one of a family of five, was born in 1944. Her father was killed during the bombardment of Angers, and the family fled to Notre-Dame-de-Mauges. They are now being aided through the Save the Children Federation of America, and it was through the Birmingham branch that Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp learned of the little girl's plight.

They will contribute cash, clothing, food and medical supplies, as well as other articles through this organization.

T/5 W. Stewart Gets Army Discharge Soon

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KYOTO, JAPAN—Technician Fifth Grade William W. Stewart, 2875 Miner Street, Birmingham, recently left Japan for the Zone of Interior where he will be discharged from the army.

Previously he served with the G-4 Section, Headquarters I Corps, as file clerk. I Corps, commanded by Major General R. B. Woodruff, is the American Army of Occupation on Southern Honshu and the island of Kyushu with Headquarters in Kyoto, world famous "City of Shrines".

T/5 Stewart enlisted in the army on June 17, 1946, and after completing basic training was shipped overseas. Prior to his entry into the service he attended Clawson High School.

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United States Gov't Obligations, Direct and/or Fully Guaranteed	38,596,900.00	\$53,755,904.86
Other Securities		8,187,006.04
Loans and Discounts		11,512,608.43
Real Estate Mortgages		2,270,800.07
F.H.A. Insured Mortgages		2,214,295.82
Overdrafts		17,685.97
Banking Houses and Sites		158,406.74
Furniture and Fixtures		90,505.36
Prepaid Expenses		34,515.71
Income Accrued Receivable		188,079.53
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$78,429,808.53

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 1,200,000.00
Surplus	1,250,000.00
Undivided Profits	431,549.69
Interest and Expense Accrued Payable	136,989.23
Other Liabilities	330,535.75
Deposits—Commercial, Bank and Savings	\$66,195,568.48
United States Government Deposits	490,869.24
State of Michigan Deposits	521,493.52
Other Public Funds	5,687,509.57
Cashier's Certified and Dividend Checks Outstanding	2,185,293.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$78,429,808.53

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