

### Marjorie Peters Spends 10 Weeks Attending Seminar

A Birmingham girl, Marjorie C. Peters of Seventeen Mile road, is one of a group of college students of the Washington Student Citizenship Seminars sponsored by the YMCA and YWCA.

In the capital for a period of ten weeks, Miss Peters is gaining firsthand knowledge of the operations of our National Government, and at the same time has an opportunity to test the lot of the Washington government girl by working as a civil service employee for the Office of Procurement

Division at the Navy Annex in Arlington, Va.

Originally hired to do typing and stenography work for the Navy, she has now filled out her time by working on collecting material and writing descriptive stories about "her" Division. This material, after being properly condensed into Navy style will be distributed to Naval personnel so that they too may learn something about the Procurement Division.

This work, of course, is right "up the alley" for Miss Peters who has been majoring in Journalism at Michigan State College.

Evenings are usually filled out by seminar meetings in which government officials from many departments and agencies give vivid descriptions of Washington government machinery. Outstanding to Miss Peters was a speech by Chalmers Hamill, trial attorney in the Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department who surveyed small business and its relation to big industry.

Within the seminar Miss Peters is a member of the publicity committee which hopes to compose an annual for the group to take home. She says "I'm really learning something about government," and sometimes hopes to come back to Washington to work.

Other Michigan students here under the same plan are: George W. Shepherd, Jr., of Highland Park; Allegra Pasqualetti and Ernest D. Wentrick of the University of Michigan; and Ruth M. Styles of Detroit, who is also a student at Michigan State College.

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### Recreation Roundup

Several hundred articles were featured in the craft display held in the chamber of commerce windows this week. All projects exhibited were made on playgrounds or in the craft shop. Children of all ages participated and results were typical of what young initiative can do under a little expert supervision.

Evenings are usually filled out by ping pong tables were in use this summer at Barnum. Several hundred ping pong balls were needed to run this activity for an eight week period. Close observation found that the girls were beating up the celluloid as fast as the boys. Birmingham boys and girls are getting more used to ping pong balls aren't what they used to be.

The boxing card was run off at Barnum's outdoor ring and the champions were declared in the various weight divisions. Jerry Cavette, Jack Kelley, Butch Marks, Glenn Orr, Charles Poole, and Tom Burdick won their bouts and were awarded recreation boxing certificates. A group of eight youngsters gathered in the ring-side seats to cheer the young pugilists. All fights were in decisions. The tears or black eyes were present.

The Junior American Legion baseball team is still undefeated in the second round of the northern division of its league. The Birmingham nine now has a record of 12 wins and only three losses for its season's play. Next year should be the year for the locals to shine in the state playoffs.

There seems to be a continual demand by parents and friends of children concerned for copies of action pictures taken at the many playground activities by the recreation photographer. These may be secured from the Great Lakes Camera Shop.

An old-fashioned picnic was held Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Springdale Park. The boys and girls who have participated in summer activities at Barnum, Pierce, Quanton, and Howarth playgrounds went out at 10:00 a.m. and spent the park with fun as they had relays, races, games, and contests. The picnic lunches and refreshments provided the necessary nourishment for the youngsters.

Another big event which helped bring the curtain down for the Recreation week was the Junior Olympics held at Pierce Field. This big event was sponsored by the Sideline Quarterbacks. The events were for different age classifications. The twilight meet consisted of the following events: pole vault, high jump, shot put, hurdles, dash, and various specialty races. Ribbons, cups and prizes were awarded to the winners.

The following boys and girls were chosen as winners in the recent doll display: Linda Heisterman, Candy Robertson, Ann Alexander, Julia Smith, Bill Muenchinger, Mary Sue Robinson, Donna Lidzy, Betsy Dirk, Pamela Swift, Joan Kidd, Jean Fedman, Janet Culley, Mary Lou Ragaly, and Beverly Hill. More than fifty dolls were made by the various playground participants.

Mickey Plumstead easily won

**BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS**  
Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

Veterans attending colleges and universities under the G. I. Bill must obtain supplemental certificates of eligibility from the Veterans Administration if they plan to enroll in a new school this fall. VA's branch office in Columbus, O., said today.

The certificates should be requested from a VA regional office at least 30 days before the date the term opens at the new school. Advance requests will help speed prompt payment of subsistence allowances after the start of the new term.

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All of the increase was on rural county road systems, the urban cities and towns showed a decrease. Pedestrian and bicycle fatalities decreased, but there was a sharp gain in deaths resulting from railway train-motor vehicle collisions.

Despite the June reversal, the total of 683 deaths during the first six months of the year is still four per cent below that of the same period last year, when 698 lost their lives. It is 36 per cent less during the first half of 1941, when traffic reached its peak prior to the year. In addition, mileage for the first five months of this year was up 11 per cent over 1947, but the death rate was down 13 per cent on the same comparative basis.

**Continue Upward**

Injuries and total number of accidents continued their upward march. Injuries numbered 3,543, an increase of five per cent over June of 1947, and accidents totaled 10,920, a gain of eight per cent.

The record for the first six months of the year shows 17,811 miles an increase of eight per cent, and 68,943 accidents, an increase of five per cent over the same period last year.

Fourteen counties reported no traffic deaths during the first half of the year. They were Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Gladwin, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Mackinac, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oscoda, Otsego, Roscommon and Schoolcraft. Thirty counties reported an increase, 28 a decrease, and 11 had the same number as occurred in the like period of last year.

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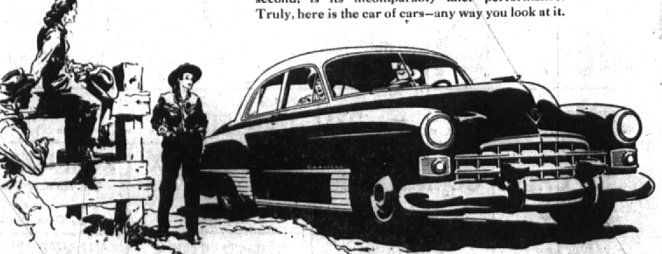
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