

BIRMINGHAM VETERAN NEWS

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After the busiest week in National Guard recruiting history, Major General Ralph A. Loveland, commanding general, called a halt to all recruiting for ground units Saturday noon (June 26) because of strength ceilings imposed by the National Guard Bureau.

Recruiting will continue, however, for air units stationed at the Detroit-Wayne major airport and Battle Creek-Kalou Field Air Base. These units can still recruit men up to their 1949 fiscal year quota of 1,275 officers and men.

All National Guard units have marked new record increases in strength during the past week as potential draftees volunteered for service in their home-town National Guard units.

The new ceilings, unless altered by the National Guard Bureau, will limit Michigan National Guard growth during the year ending June 1949 to 8,484 men in air and army units. Little turnover in strength is expected during the coming year since discharged Guardsmen will lose their draft exemption.

Veteran-students who graduated this year and have moved from the area served by the Veterans Administration Branch Office to which they have been mailing their G.I. insurance premium payments should notify VA immediately of their new permanent address.

VA officials in Columbus, O., said that a veteran's government insurance records are kept in the VA branch office supervising the area in which he maintains his permanent address.

The sooner the veteran notifies VA of his change in residence, the sooner VA can transfer his insurance records to the VA branch office having jurisdiction over the area in which he will reside.

When advising VA of his new address, the veteran should identify himself fully, indicating his government insurance certificate number, former address and new address. Changes in address may be noted on the space provided for such changes on the flap of the regular VA remittance envelopes.

Correspondence courses at government expense are available to World War II veterans under the education and training provisions of the G.I. Bill.

Although no subsistence allowance is paid by VA, eligible veterans may take correspondence courses through approved institutions, with one-fourth of the enrollment time charged against their period of eligibility. Total cost of the courses is limited to \$500.

Majors and lieutenant colonels with previous transportation experience are urged to volunteer for 3 years extended active duty with the Army Transportation Corps, Colonel A. H. Cummings, Sturgeon, an American Friends Service Committee representative, organized Reserve Corps in Michigan has announced.

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Have You Met . . .
Farmer Detritors, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Kempf who are living in their new home at 591 Southlawn? They have four children, Marcia, Stuart, Janice and Eugene. Mr. Kempf is a comptroller with the S. S. Kresge Co.

The Last Straw
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Dewey Undoubtedly Will Select a Woman Member for Cabinet

(From Our Convention Staff)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—There'll be a woman in the cabinet probably—if the Republicans are in the White House in 1949.

Few women have been in on the smoke-filled room strategy but a candidate has overlooked this vote-potential.

The few women reporters have put the candidate on the spot by hammering them with questions. "Will you give women a break if elected?"

Stassen was the first to say he would put a woman in the cabinet, maybe two.

Many Qualified Women
Taft was asked to match this. He replied that any cabinet of his would be filled with able people, men or women. Then, added another sop, "I know many qualified women."

And Dewey demonstrated right in his headquarters that he recognized the political might of women for his headquarters made political history by being financed, managed, and staffed entirely by women.

That women can get places was proven dramatically right in the middle of the convention when Margaret Chase Smith arrived, fresh from her primary victory in Maine which is certain to land her in the Senate.

The ladies-in-waiting in this convention city have done a good job by their husbands.

Quiet Mrs. Stassen
Mrs. Dewey hates to appear on television, but she did. Mrs. Vandenberg, still weak from serious operations, arose early to shake

hands with Michigan Republicans, then held a grilling press conference. Mrs. Taft attracted as many male as female reporters at several press conferences. When asked, "Why do you want your husband to be president?" she replied tartly, "Because he has brains!"

Mrs. Stassen was the wife most in the background. She spent her days in a suburb with her two youngsters, but she came when called.

Two million words were sent out by news reporters over Western Union on the opening day of the convention.

That was the greatest number in political history!

There were some Democrats in GOP Convention headquarters.

Headquarters of the advance guard of the Democratic Committee worked quietly and serenely in an oasis of solitude to plan their convention for July 12. Outside their doors, the opposition's show went madly on.

Contests over Southern delegations convinced the credential committee of one thing: new rules must be written to outline an exact method of choosing the real delegation when contests occur.

"All we got now," remarked one Kentucky colonel, "is one group outlying the other one."

The press box at the convention held some famous by-lines: Walter Lippman who is often read but seldom seen . . . H. L. Mencken of the Baltimore Sun who arrived early and interviewed the convention handleader in the loft above the auditorium . . . Rebecca West, the British scribe . . . Chase Booth Luce, Louis Bromfield . . . Fred Sparks, the most colorful journalist present. It was the 19th convention for this Grand Rapids Herald reporter. He got a big kick out of watching the demonstration for Arthur Vandenberg whom he helped put in the Senate.

"Four Leaf Clover" became the convention song. Taft's hands and choruses kept it blaring from one end of town to the other.

League Leaders Down Birmingham in Tenth Inning

The Birmingham Junior American Legion baseball team forced the league leading Milford nine into extra innings Sunday on Pierce Field. The Harold Turner Rapid tied the count at seven-all in the ninth inning but the Milford team pushed the winning marker over in the tenth inning to make it 8-7.

Folin went all the way for the local nine, hitting three home runs and allowing only six hits, but he issued five walks while his mates committed four errors behind him.

Tremendous Triple
John Dixon, Pat Wall, and Bob Folin each collected two hits for Birmingham but the drive which climaxed the big rally was a tremendous triple to left field and fence by Clay Joyce. This blow drove in two runs in the big eighth inning.

Kinsle, the Milford pitcher, was touched for eleven hits but managed to go the route.

Last night the team journeyed to Waterford to face a strong legion team there. Chief Gantley was named as the hurler for the evening contest.

On Sunday July 4, Bob Folin, the strikeout artist, will attempt to stop the Holly team at Holly. The next home game for Birmingham is July 7 on Pierce Field where they face Pontiac, Post 377.

There is no known material that will completely confine magnetism. But a sheet of iron of sufficient thickness placed near a magnet, will act as a magnetic shield, according to a magnet specialist in one of the larger electrical manufacturing companies. "The magnetic lines of force are diverted through the iron and do not reach beyond," he points out.

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