

'Bud' Gasser, Ex-Maple Star, Provides 'Up-the-Middle' Strength for MSC Team

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 20.—The offensive center post on the Michigan State College football team is currently in the hands of Harold "Bud" Gasser, a 205-pound senior from Birmingham.

The Spartans this year boast one of the nation's outstanding forward walls and Gasser is no small part of it. Past for his size, a savage charger, and a good down field blocker; he shares with Ralph Wenger the task of plugging the gap left by the departure of Bob McCurry from Birmingham.

Wenger, the defensive specialist, takes over when State surrenders the ball.

Gasser played his high school football at Baldwin High in Birmingham. During his three-year stretch under Hal Helmer, he handled the positions of guard, center, and tackle. In 1945 he received All-State honorable mention.

Switched to Center Spot

Last year Coach "Biggie" Munn used Gasser at tackle and but for an injury to Dave Lumsden, the

team's number one center, would have kept him there this season.

Gasser soon proved the wisdom of the switch by teaming with the brilliant guard duo of Ed Bagdon and Don Mason to give the Spartans "up the middle" strength that ranks with the best in the country.

Strictly an offensive player, Gasser is never in the limelight with game saving tactics or pass interceptions. His job is to set the gap left by the departure of Bob McCurry from Birmingham.

How well he is managing that job is indicated by the fact that although Lumsden's injury is healed, Gasser can't be moved out of the starting lineup.

Have You Met? . . .

The newcomers from Rochester, Mich., and Mrs. G. T. Gorman and son, Charles Tryon who are now making their home at 1511 Stanley? Mr. Gorman is a salesman with Standard Products Company.

Displaced Persons Finding New Hope for Future in Several Local Residences

By Alice E. Morgan

D.P.'s—displaced persons. According to Mr. Webster's dictionary the word "displace" means to remove from the usual or proper place . . . to drive away or banish. This latter definition is keyed as being obsolete.

Apparently World War II has tossed it back into the realm of the "living" words, for there is scarcely a day goes by that one does not read an article about displaced persons. Millions of words have been written about them, millions are being written and millions are yet to be written.

We, in America, can hardly realize the full impact of the word. True, we may have, sometime, moved from the midst of a close circle of friends into sections of the country where we knew no one, and where habits and modes of living were foreign to ours. For the most part, however, we went under our own volition. Surely we went without the horror and heartbreak which is behind the displaced person.

Hundreds of these persons are now located in this country, trying to start anew in the midst of strange surroundings and persons. All they ask is a chance to come here and a chance at steady employment after they do.

Local Worker

Mr. Alvin H. Knorr, 18875 Bedford road in Beverly Hills, is one local woman who is helping many of them to attain these things. Mrs. Knorr, working through the Lutheran church, is devoting time and energy to aid these people in securing steady income in this vicinity.

In addition to this, they enjoy a get-together each week at her home, where the talk buzzes of mutual friends who have finally gotten to America and of their own experiences and successes. It was at one such gathering a

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Citizens Protest Unsafe Ditch in Southfield Twp.

By Lillian Dieckhoff

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP—The board of commissioners met last week in Berg road Town hall where citizens were invited to complain about water fill excavations. This was probably inspired by the recent drowning of two-year-old Richard King in a drainage ditch.

"However," he stated, "as the building is partially completed I cannot see what could be done, especially as it in no way affects the health or safety of the owner, or others."

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disregarded again and again, until the ordinance is obsolete. Dudley P. Frame, supervisor, said he appreciated their interest and that the board acknowledged fault on the part of the building inspector in issuing the permit. He assured them that more care and diligence would be exercised in the issuance of further permits and that the board would not permit any more laxity in that respect.

Commissioner Hugh W. H. I. after listening to both sides of the question, moved that the petition to revoke the building be denied. His motion was passed.

The question of the erection of a two-story garage now under construction on Westland, without permit for the upper level, was brought in by Herman Runkin who resides next door. The building inspector intends to notify the owner and await the results before a charge is brought.

Another issue revealed at the meeting is that plumbing inspection fees have risen from 60 per cent to 80 per cent.

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