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John L. McQuigg on Agency Board

John L. McQuigg, 1061 Lakeside, vice-president, partner and manager of the Detroit office of Geyer, Newell and Ganger, has been elected to the board of directors, according to B. B. Geyer, president.

McQuigg has been with the agency since 1936 when he became director of merchandising. In 1938 he became manager of the Detroit office and vice-president in 1940.

Holder of several military decorations, McQuigg served an air intelligence officer in the Mediterranean allied reconnaissance wing in Africa and Italy as well as instructor in the command and general staff school at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

He served as a reporter for the Los Angeles Times and at one time was advertising manager for West Texas Utilities. He also was with the Frigidaire division of General Motors.

McQuigg recently became a member of the board of the American association of advertising agencies and is chairman of the Michigan council.

Southfield Twp. Water Main Bids to Be Opened

SOUTHFIELD—Bids will be opened on the bond issue for the water extension near the new high school on Lahser and Ten Mile road, at the Southfield township board meeting Tuesday evening, according to Supervisor D. P. Frame.

Bids will also be opened for construction of sewers at the Birdwood subdivision, 14 Mile road and Greenfield.

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French Farmer Wants Land In One Piece

Wastes Too Much Time Going Back and Forth, He Says

By Robert Ball
Special Correspondent For The Eccentric

ROMILLY, France — Farmer Roland Paquier reinforced his two work-horses to a mop at the end of the field he was cultivating.

"Are you sure you want to talk to me? I'm just a small farmer," he said goodnaturedly. "Well, if you're really interested"—here he laughed and waved his hand against the spring breeze that got 40 acres."

Ten Paquier acres are in wheat, the rest in rye, potatoes, sugar beets, oats, and turnips which go mostly for fodder.

The wheat crop crossed about \$1450 last year at the government-fixed price of \$3.50 a hundredweight.

"Not enough," said Paquier. Milk is the other important income-bringer: Paquier's ten cows give about 35 gallons a day, year-round average.

OTHER SOURCES of revenue? An occasional hog sold, small trade in eggs and in endive from the Paquier kitchen garden.

"Not enough," said Paquier explained the last item.

"There was no hesitation when I asked what changes might improve the efficiency of his farming."

"We need a land reform," he answered. "Believe me I've had plenty of chance to think about it. I'm better off than most, but still my 40 acres are in three pieces."

"Maybe I lose an hour a day, going from one to the other. That means that every week I spend some six hours just doing nothing but think how much we need that reform."

Farmer Paquier is not the only European farmer who feels so strongly the need of a redistribution of the land.

EXCEPT IN ITALY, where land reform means correction of the defects in the present tenant-farmer system, the topic of land redistribution is probably the most discussed topic in agricultural circles.

But to redistribute land among independent proprietors so that each has his acres adjacent is no easy task.

The first efforts at land reform in Germany and France were begun fifty years ago, but despite universal recognition of the need, the accomplishment to date has been very small.

Why is this? Let Paquier answer.

"Two facts cause all the trouble," he said, rubbing his sunburned neck. "First some pieces of land are better than others. Second, some pieces are farther from the village than others."

NOBODY WANTS to have all his acres on that stony slope over there and nobody wants to have the part farthest from the village. Must admit I wouldn't want that myself."

Paquier hooked his thumbs in the pockets of his "blues," (the name that Frenchmen give to the denim work suit worn by practically all workers and farmers) and continued.

"Then there was another idea. We tried to divide the land by crops, without changing ownership."

"The idea was to get all the wheat land together, all the potato land together, so we could sow and harvest all in one place, at one time. But that hasn't worked out either."

HE POINTED to the next strip of land, where green winter wheat was waving in the wind.

"He plants his wheat there, because it's the best land he has, but I've got a better bit of land, so I plant my wheat there and potatoes here."

"One of us would have to take a loss if we tried to plant all the wheat in the same area, but I tell you, it's a tough problem."

Another headache for Paquier is the lack of farm labor. The young people's preference for city jobs has made it difficult even to get harvest help.

The principal customer for Paquier's produce, as for that of all the farmers in the area, is the Cooperative in Romilly.

BUT THOUGH he sells his wheat and milk there and buys fertilizer from the Co-op, Paquier is not a member.

"I just sell to them," he said. "That's all that matters to me."

In a neighboring field, a jeep drawing a cultivator began to work. Jaquier waved to the driver.

"Lots of jeeps used as tractors around here," he explained. "But I think I'll stick with my horses for a while."

Have You Met . . .
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lynch, formerly of Detroit, and children, Daniel and Tony, now living at 1770 Banbury. Mr. Lynch is with the Vasu Funeral Home in Detroit.

PATROL BOY of the Week

(The Birmingham Eccentric, in cooperation with the Birmingham police department is presenting a series on the "Patrol Boy of the Week". The boy selected writes the his own story of his job at his school. He is chosen by the school partly on the basis of outstanding contributions to the safety of his schoolmates.)

Selected this week is Patrol Captain George Zink, Jr., of Holy Name school.



ROLAND ZINK

Last spring, just before the close of the school year, I was elected captain of the Holy Name school patrol. I am George Zink, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Zink, 3565 Roland drive.

I'm 12 years old and in the eighth grade. This is my fourth year of service on the school safety patrol, the captain must see to it that the patrol works properly.

Some people aren't quite sure what the duties of a patrol captain are. As the leader of the group of boys guarding the lives of their schoolmates, the captain must see to it that the patrol works properly.

He must have the boys on their posts on time and see that they stay there until all the children have passed their corner. If a boy is late or absent, the captain leaves the lieutenant, who goes with him on inspection rounds, on duty at that post.

ANOTHER DUTY of the captain is to see that each boy wears his official white safety patrol belt. This sets him off from the other children and makes it easy to identify him. Strange children and automobile drivers can spot him by his belt and know he is on the job.

School safety patrols can be a very great help to the teachers and to the children and motorists. Every boy in school should consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as a safety patrol boy.

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Prompt Assistance for Veterans Is Goal of Poppy Day

"Prompt aid for our war veterans is the goal of Buddy Poppy sales, and we hope to give them as much aid as possible," Commander Arthur Reinbold of VFW Post 2645 said today, in reminding that May 25-26 is Poppy Day in Birmingham.

"When a citizen buys a Buddy Poppy, he is proving to his country that he appreciates the sacrifices made by veterans who have guaranteed his freedom," he said.

"Our Buddy Poppy proceeds not be installed in those who are in our nation's hospitals, but aid any veteran who has been honorably discharged and who is in need of assistance."

Urging liberal donations, Reinbold asserted: "We are sure that American citizens will never forget the sacrifices which the veterans of our wars have made so that we can enjoy a free America."

Lumber Co. Mill May Need New Main for Sprinkler System

If Michigan Inspection Bureau tests show 1,000 gallons a minute cannot be obtained through the 6-inch water main on Palmer street, then the Restrict Lumber Co. has city commission permission to install a new 8-inch main. That volume of water must be available for the sprinkler system.

The new main is under construction, said William C. Restrict, owner.

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