

## National Grange Hears Duffy

Irving A. Duffy, Ford vice president and general manager of the company's tractor and implement division here, addressed the 88th annual convention of the National Grange in Spokane, Saturday, and urged farmers to speed up their acceptance and use of modern science and technology. "To help increase efficiency, lower costs and take the backache out of farm labor."

"Pointing out there is every reason for optimism in the future of agriculture and the American economy, Duffy told some 10,000 Grange delegates: "The American farmer will want to enjoy the by-products of the growing market—shorter hours and easier work. How many farmers truthfully can say they work only a 40-hour week?"

"Maybe the push-button farm isn't just around the corner, but improved tools and techniques are making it possible—and will continue to make it possible—for the farmer to emancipate himself from long hours of exhausting physical labor."

Duffy told the Grange delegates the "future prosperity and greatness of this nation depend in no small measure upon the ability of all sections of the economy to strengthen themselves not at the expense of others but in the interests of the whole."

## Korean Mechanic Course Completed

SEOUL, Korea—Pvt. John C. Hampson, Jr., 21, whose parents live at 1500 Crabbrook road, recently completed the automotive mechanic course at the Eighth Army Ordnance School in Seoul, Korea.

Hampson, a mechanic with Battery A of the 78th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, has been in the Far East since last July.

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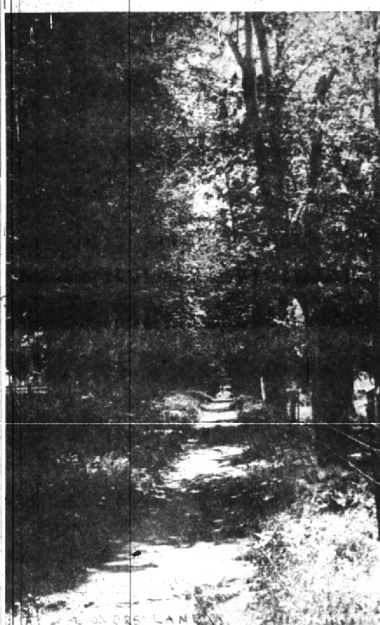
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The two most powerful groups known to man's world are the bullet and the ballot. The bullet is supposed to be the symbol of self-government. Government requires a sound intelligence. Hence, to make it work, it is cut by selfish motives are, finally, self-destructing.

## Birmingham Background

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ALMOST EVERY TOWN had a lovers' lane 40 years ago, but Beautiful Birmingham, Pride of Old Oakland, had two. Starting at the top of the hill on the north side of West Maple near the Southfield intersection, lovers walked downhill along the shaded lane in a northwesterly direction and then strolled along the banks of the River Rouge. The other lovers' lane traced a wooded path through Electric Park on the east side of Woodward avenue. Before the advent of such accommodations as lanes for lovers, Greenwood cemetery was the trysting place for young men and women in love.

## Chosen to Attend Clerk Typist School

Pvt. Charles J. O'Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, 27631 O'Neil will receive instruction in Santa Barbara, has been selected typewriting, the Army filing system at the 5th Armored Division, publications, principles of Clerk Typist school at Camp Chaffin, military correspondence, personnel files, Ark.

## Infantry Member On Rest in Japan

CAMP HAKATA, Japan—Pfc. John C. Nelson, 21, whose wife, Sally, lives at 2036 Cecil St., recently spent a seven-day rest and recreation leave from his unit in Korea at Camp Hakata, on Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu.

Sight-seeing and extensive entertainment facilities at the camp provided him with a welcome break in the task of maintaining security on the Korean peninsula.

## ROTC Commission

Woods Proctor of Wing Lake received a cadet commission Captain Executive Officer in the Air Force ROTC. Ceremonies took place at Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., where the commission was presented by Colonel John W. Cagrar.

## Get Boot Training

Two Birmingham boys are among those who enlisted in the Navy during the month of October through the Navy recruiting office in Pontiac. They are Harley G. Gourley, 5433 Putnam, and Donald R. Allen, 2975 12 Mile road, who are now at Great Lakes, Ill., for nine weeks of boot training.

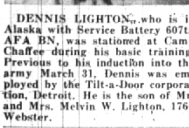
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## Carrier Task Group In Western Pacific

Leon W. Barlow, electronics technician seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Barlow, 2650 Lois lane, is serving aboard the destroyer USS BME, flagship of Commander Destroyer Squadron 13.

The Blue is in the Western Pacific on maneuvers with a carrier task group. She has visited in Honolulu, Hawaii; Midway Islands, Yokosuka, Japan; Subic Bay and Manila, Philippine Islands, and is expected to return to the states early in 1955.

## Released from Army

Cpl. Kenneth Word was released from the Armed forces on Nov. 5 after serving for three years. Spending two years in the Korean area, he served aboard the aircraft carrier "Oriskany". He enlisted after his graduation from Baldwin high school and now plans to attend college. Word is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tait, 380 Catalina.

## Supplies Graduate

Pvt. Gerald O. Pike graduated recently from the signal supply enlisted course at the Southeastern Signal School, Camp Gordon, Ga. The course trains men to receive, store and issue Signal Corps supplies. Pvt. Pike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Pike, 544 Frank street.

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