

**Begins Active Duty** Edward H. Mertz, 220 Northlawn Avenue, Birmingham, will begin a three month tour of active duty as a member of the VI U.S. Army training on Aug. 26 at Fort Knox, Ky. After completing his tour of duty, Mertz will return home and continue his military service as a member of the VI U.S. Army Corps Central Group.

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## Con-Con Planning Committee Named

Republican State Central Committee Chairman George Van Peursem has announced the creation of a Constitutional Convention Campaign Planning Committee to implement the County and District organizations in effectively carrying out the basic statewide campaigning program.

The committee will at the same time provide assistance to individual Con-Con delegate-candidates in the conduct of their respective campaigns.

PHILIP BADEN, Chairman of State Central's Executive and campaign Committee was named by Van Peursem to head the new group. Gordon Getzinger of Birmingham, Chairman of the Michigan Republican Vote-Getters Committee, was appointed Vice Chairman. Named to serve on the Commit-

tee are Mrs. Elly Peterson, Vice Chairman of State Central; Lawrence B. Lindemer, former State Central Chairman; Arnold J. Levin, former public relations director for State Central; Ben Calvin, Vice Chairman of State Central's Finance Committee.

NORMAN O. Stockmeyer, State Central Secretary and Chairman of the Wayne County Republican Committee; Alfred O. LaPorte, Tenth District Republican Committee Chairman; Mrs. Lillian Wright, Vice Chairman of the Genesee County Republican Committee.

Wendell W. Hobbs, Chairman of Washtenaw County Republican Committee; State Representative Robert Waldron of Detroit; Ralph Huhta of Iron Mountain, Dr. Walter D. DeVries of Grand Rapids; Don Wimer of Port Huron, Wallace Clayton of Detroit, Waldo Gray of Wyandotte and John A. Gibbs of State Central Committee Executive Secretary.

COMMENTING on the setting up of the new committee, State Chairman Van Peursem observed, "The Sept. 12 election offers the Republican Party of Michigan a golden opportunity to provide the people of Michigan with a constitution which serves the best interests of all the people.

The Constitutional Convention Campaign Planning Committee will make available to the candidates, counties and districts the necessary assistance to insure the Republican Party a major role in determining Michigan's future destiny."

THE NEWLY formed committee will hold its initial meeting at the Capitol Park Motor Hotel in Lansing on Monday evening.

## Murphy Succeeds Stodart at Ford

J. G. Murphy has been named to succeed R. J. Stodart as traffic manager at Ford Motor Co.'s Tractor and Implement Division in Birmingham. Stodart, 18810 San Quentin, Lathrup Village, is on medical leave. Murphy's appointment was announced by R. Kappler, 5250 Pon Valley, Bloomfield Hills, general purchasing agent.

A NATIVE OF Basil, O., Murphy has been supervisor of traffic for Ford Motor Co.'s Lima, O., engine plant. Following service in the U. S. Air Force in the European Theater of Operation and graduation from Ohio State University, Murphy was with Chevrolet Division of General Motors Corp. in Cleveland before joining Ford in Oct., 1951.

His first Ford assignment was in the traffic department of the Cleveland Engine Plant and Foundry. In 1950 he became senior clerk of traffic for the Lima Engine Plant and in 1950 was placed in charge of its traffic activities.

HE IS A MEMBER OF Delta No. Alpha traffic fraternity. He is married and has three children, Timothy, 13, Kevin, 8, and Holly, 5.

## Toys for Tots Campaign Near

The national kick-off for the 1951 "Toys for Tots" campaign sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve will be held at the Birmingham area Sept. 9 at Walled Lake.

The Marines, in cooperation with WXYZ-TV, will take over the amusement park for the day. Youngsters and their parents can enter the park by presenting a hand unwrapped toy at the gate.

Once inside, children and adults can enjoy the 17 rides free and meet the television station's performers including Johnny Ginger, Rickey the Clown, Rita Bell and Pat Morris.

MAYORS OF MORE than 30 cities in the area have been invited as well as leading sports figures from Detroit's professional teams.

The toy campaign is an annual event which the Marine Reserves throughout the country stage to collect new toys for needy children at Christmas time. The toys are distributed either directly by the Marines or through welfare and charity agencies.

## Midshipman Hess Aboard Destroyer

The first phase of annual summer training aboard the destroyer USS Forrest Sherman was recently completed by Midshipman third class Gerald R. Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hess of 844 Pine Hill Drive, Birmingham, Mich.

The "middle" complement, representing Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps units from colleges and universities throughout the country, is participating in the second phase of the eight-week training period aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain, operating out of Newport, R. I.

The eight weeks of training in seamanship, navigation, gunnery, engineering and the coordination of anti-submarine warfare techniques prepare midshipmen for commissions in the naval service upon graduation. Midn. Hess is a student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

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