

Interviews European Soldiers

Lt. Donald T. Laird, son of Edward H. Laird, 1230 Redding, Birmingham, speaks with a British soldier (left) and a French soldier (center) for the American Forces Network in Europe.

Laird recently headed a delegation of press representatives from the 24th Infantry Division to the NATO Small Arms Prix Leclerc competition at Sennelager, Germany. He prepared tape recorded coverage of the seven-nation competition for use on the network.

Serving in the Information Office of the 24th Division Headquarters in Augsburg, Germany, Laird supervises troop information instruction and radio, television and hometown news coverage of men in the division. He is a graduate of Birmingham High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a master of arts degree in Romance languages from the University of Michigan. He entered the Army in February, 1962.



Testing Workshop Held for Schools

A testing workshop for Birmingham Public School elementary principals was held this week at Pierce Elementary School.

Dr. William McHouse, consultant in counseling and guidance, Oakland County, directed the three-day workshop which began on Tuesday.

The purpose of the workshop was to give the principals an opportunity to review Birmingham's current elementary testing program and to evaluate current test data and tests being used in the system.

THE PRINCIPALS evaluated testing procedures and testing information in relation to the intellectual capabilities and the achievement levels of Birmingham students. The uses of the test data were evaluated in terms of the total educational program and the pilot research programs now in progress in the Birmingham schools.

Dr. Moorhouse also discussed new developments in testing and how these might be utilized in Birmingham.

Relatives of Civil War Veterans Sought

Do you have a Civil War veteran relative who was buried in Oakland County after 1925?

If so, Mrs. Roy V. Barnes, 813 Catalpa Drive, Royal Oak, needs your help. She is the Oakland County chairman of the Committee on Registration of Graves, one of many committees formed by the American Revolution, Pontiac, made a record of all burials in the 90 cemeteries in Oakland County.

USING THEIR records and the 1894 Census of Michigan Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and the 1817-1877 History of Oakland County, Mrs. Barnes is preparing her part in the Graves Registration work. She is requesting anyone knowing of the burial in Oakland County of a Civil War veteran—either North or South—since 1925 to give her the information.

The veteran's rank, Company and Regiment and the birth and death dates, when known, is desired, as well as the name and location of the cemetery in which he is interred.

ALSO, IS there a G.A.R. or government marker on his grave? This kind of information from all counties in Michigan is to be published this year; therefore, the work needs to be completed soon. The Civil War Centennial Observance has been taking place in Michigan since 1961. This is in no way a celebration, but a recognition of what the veterans of that day did for a cause in which they believed.

The Birmingham Eccentric Classified pages offer you a fine opportunity to sell your unwanted household goods.

West Bloomfield Family Goes North In New School Bus

A new school bus carrying eight members of a West Bloomfield Township family is well into the heart of Canada today headed for Soldota, Alaska.

Frank Jones, 45, of 6590 Commerce, his wife, Janey, their six children, the family maid and a friend began the 5,000 mile journey Friday.

Jones, a purchasing agent for the Ford Motor Co., is delivering the bus for use in the Soldota school system. Several seats in the bus have been removed to provide eating and sleeping space for the expedition.

Mrs. Jones estimates she has planned 300 individual meals for the 10-day journey. The driving will be done by two teams that include a driver and navigator.

On the return trip the family will make their way back to West Bloomfield by train, plane and boat. They expect to be home by Sept. 2.

Vaccination Advice Often Not Heeded

Get vaccinated! Does this sound like something you've heard before? Many, many times?

Well, you have. And you'll hear it again and again. Despite all the combined efforts of the medical profession, public health officials, school officials, voluntary groups and many others, there still are countless millions of Americans who are facing unnecessary risk of disease, crippling and even death—simply because they have procrastinated about immunizations for themselves and their families.

THERE ARE vaccines against a number of communicable diseases now readily available.

There have been no cases of smallpox in the United States for several years, but there still is smallpox in much of the world, and each year of two this nation has a smallpox scare from an infected traveler returning from abroad.

Re-vaccination for smallpox is recommended at three-to-five-year intervals. How long since you've renewed your protection?

THERE STILL are cases of tetanus, or lockjaw, every year. Almost every one is unnecessary. Tetanus toxoid offers excellent protection.

Dehn Participates In War Exercises

Richard D. Dehn, missile technician seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Jean Scheer of 30670 Rose Mound Road, Franklin, is serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS King which recently participated in a major fleet strike and anti-air warfare exercise conducted by Commander First Fleet off the Pacific Coast.

Dubbed "Exercise Golf Ball," the five-day exercise centered around the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany. Opposing the force was the "enemy" group consisting of a submarine, a heavy attack squadron, two carrier airborne early warning squadrons and a Canadian Air Force patrol squadron.

Institute Gives Hints for Safer Highway Driving

You may not see eye to eye with other motorists, but it certainly pays to keep them in sight.

The Institute for Safer Living advises that a wide screen approach to driving is necessary in today's fast-paced traffic.

While the eyes are chiefly focused on the road and traffic ahead, they should also be kept moving constantly to take in the big traffic picture. This includes frequent checks to right and left and in the rear-view mirror. This eye-check pattern also helps to relieve strain and keep vision sharp.

LETTING OFF steam on the highway may wreck more lives and property than a boiler explosion.

The Institute for Safer Living warns that an automobile should never be used as a pressure relief for pent up emotions.

Be sure that your feelings are under control before you attempt to control your car.

Too many motorists are becoming chronic hurry-warts. Yet, haste on the highway is seldom justified.

Repeated tests show that little time is gained by seeking reasonable speeds or by practicing such crude traffic tangles as passing other cars with tissue paper clearance, crowding the fellow ahead, lane weaving and jumping, persistent horn blowing and shouldering by on the right.

EXPRESSWAY drivers should be prepared for instant trouble. According to the Institute for Safer Living, the ability to look and think ahead is essential in fast traffic.

An accident, stalled car, obstruction, or slow down detected a mile or more ahead may prevent you from slamming head-on into trouble on a rough stretch of roadway. The Institute for Safer Living warns against a natural impulse to brake quickly.

EASE UP on the gas pedal and let the motor slow the car while you concentrate on steering. Be especially alert in pavement depressions. You may be thrown off the road or into other vehicles.

Summer pedestrians often stray away from their usual sidewalk habitats.

The Institute for Safer Living warns that motorists should be on the look out for hikers and other pedestrians who may appear in unexpected places along highways.

Be especially alert in vacation, resort and populated rural areas.

A SUCCESSFUL speaker is one who thinks well on his feet, so is a successful pedestrian. Institute for Safer Living states that when a pedestrian commits an unsafe act, it is usually the result of confused thinking or failure to think at all.

Think as you walk.

Area Shares Money From State Fund

The State Highway Department has started distributing second quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund collections to Michigan counties and incorporated cities and villages.

All state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and license plate fees go to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. After deduction of collection costs and the Waterways Commission's share, the money is distributed under provisions of state law.

Oakland County's share is \$73,679. Bingham Farms will receive 1,094; Birmingham, 36,520; Bloomfield Hills, 6,111; Lathrup Village, 6,808 and Southfield \$0.014.

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