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Coast Guard Officer Course to Begin

A few vacancies remain in the U.S. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School class convening on Sept. 15. College graduates between 21 and 26 years of age who meet rigid mental and physical requirements can become commissioned officers in the Coast Guard in 17 weeks. Qualified applicants are enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve with a guarantee that they will be admitted to Officer Candidate School.

Classes convene at the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training center in Yorktown, Va., each September and February. Here the officer candidates are given highly specialized instruction in navigation, seamanship, anti-air warfare, law enforcement, and military drill.

Graduates are commissioned as ensigns in the Coast Guard Reserve and join the 3,000 Coast Guard Officers who are charged with enforcing Federal Laws and protecting life and property on the high seas and the navigable waters of the United States.

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Riding High on Romans

Roman Riders of John F. Ivory Farms practice for their featured performance during the annual James M. Hare picnic, Aug. 30, at Ivory Farms near Pontiac. More than 5,000 Hare supporters, including Birmingham residents, are expected to honor the five-term secretary of state. A complete horse show, featuring this Roman riding event, highlights summer outings for hundreds of groups hosted at famed Farms by John F. Ivory.

Nursing Students Use Training Film

Students nurses at The University of Michigan are introduced to operating room procedures by a film recently produced by the U-M School of Nursing.

A 38-minute video tape is shown to the students via closed circuit television prior to their two-week assignments in University Hospital operating rooms.

Mrs. Muriel Horton, associate professor of nursing and department head, U-M Hospital Operating Rooms, narrates the film and explains the scrubbing, gowning, gloving and "set-up" activities demonstrated by Hospital personnel.

The film was made by The University of Michigan Television Center.

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B'ham Water Towers: The Silent Springs

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

Birmingham's three water towers stand silently, but strategically over the city, oblivious to their size or their effect on the daily habits of living.

Residents would be hard put without their daily quota of eight million gallons of water, without realizing that the water towers are vitally needed not only to fill swimming pools but also to strengthen fire defenses and eliminate water-borne diseases such as typhoid and cholera.

The City of Birmingham moved its first water tower, located adjacent to the old Grand Trunk railway, in 1942 to a site at Eaton and Holland. The tallest of the three it stands 134 feet above the ground, measures 41 feet in diameter and can hold 300,000 gallons of water.

ALSO IN 1942, the City built its second water tower, at Hunter and Maple, at a cost of \$39,700. With a capacity of 500,000 gallons, it is 91 feet high and 60 feet wide. The newest water tower was built in 1951 at Derby and the Grand Trunk, at a cost of \$95,381. It, too, has a 500,000-gallon capacity and is 100 feet high and 60 feet wide.

Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning explained that the water supply and demand worked on the "ride-on" system.

"As water is forced into our system through pipelines from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, the water pressure forces the water up into the tanks through a hollow center steel column. At maximum pressure, the tanks are filled," said Kenning.

"AS YOU DRAW water from the system, the water drains out of these tanks.

"There is a constant circulation of water, and the towers are not a reserve in the usual sense of the word. The water level goes up and

down on the basis of demand and water pressure," said Kenning.

Connections between the SOCW and the Birmingham system are located at the intersections of 14 Mile Road and Eon, Cummings, Pierce and Southfield.

Kenning said the city has been "very fortunate" since there has been no major failures in the operation of the towers.

"We just use a method of cathodic treatment to keep them from pitting and rusting."

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT oversees operations, according to Kenning.

"We do not have a separate water department as such, but depend on the cooperation of a number of departments, such as the fire, engineering, public works and building and grounds."

Although water leaks seem relatively unimportant when talking about Birmingham's eight million-gallon-capacity a day, the cost of water leaks was dramatically pointed out in a pamphlet offered by Kenning.

A stream of water that is 3/4-inch wastes approximately 146,000 gallons during a quarter year. According to the Birmingham charge for water and sewage, this would increase a billing by \$54.75.

A 3/4-INCH leak wastes 400 gallons in 24 hours, 36,500 gallons in a quarter-year, costing residents \$13.69.

Although the city is well provided with water, Kenning emphasized that when a water leak is discovered—and size is no criteria—it should be fixed!

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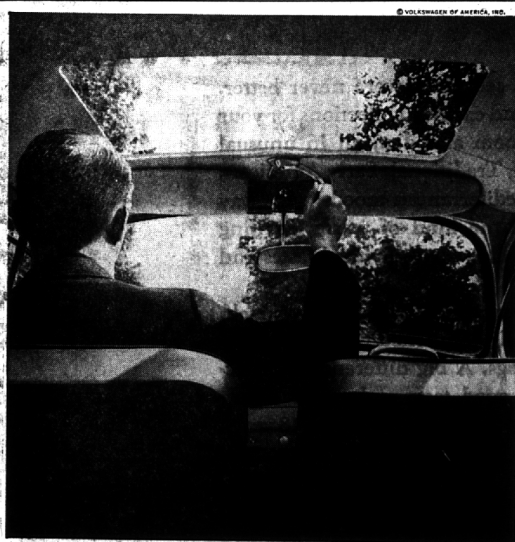
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