

What I Think and Have a Right to Say

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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

In keeping with a custom of many years we are again expressing our thoughts pertaining to the New Year—its hopes, its opportunities, its rewards for the worthy accomplishments of mankind.

But what can we say? What can we hope for? What are the opportunities that lie ahead of us? What rewards can be expected when the people of all the world have but one aim in view—and that is to destroy and to KILL!

What joys can we experience when we know that millions of our finest young men are facing death every minute of the day and night—that thousands upon thousands of them are being killed and maimed and wounded? What joy can we see ahead when there is nothing but fear and worry and anxiety all about us?

The year 1944 brought only despair and suffering and grief to the world. We are plunging downward and backward at a terrific rate! But it is something that apparently must be done before we can again move forward and upward. We must go down into the gutters and kill the vermin that brought this war plague upon the world.

There can be no halfway business about it. The year 1945 must see the complete destruction of our enemies. We are fighting desperate and cruel enemies—enemies that utterly disregard all of the rules of warfare. That is what is going to make our victory such a costly one.

What of the future? In spite of the war, in spite of all the killings and sorrows it is bringing into the world, in spite of all the destruction and the fact that we have made no progress as a nation in twelve long years, we do see a ray of hope for the future.

That hope lies first in the determination of every American to devote his every effort to an early victory in the war. Then AFTER victory has been won, if we set our sails aright and chart our course straight ahead in the pursuit and attainment of life, liberty and happiness, surely we must emerge into a better world. At least there is no harm done in endeavoring to accomplish such a worthy ideal.

STARTLING FACTS.

In a recent publication that came to the writer's desk was a letter from a farmer living somewhere near Bronson, over in Branch county. He told of the startling decline of the farming industry in that part of Michigan—and of the opportunities that lie ahead in the field of agriculture.

The letter contains so much of interest to residents hereabouts that it is being published in full, as follows:

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What New Year Holds For U. S.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1945

By Roger W. Babson
GENERAL BUSINESS

1. A year ago the United States Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.6; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Babsonchart Index of 4. The Physical Volume of Business registered 206.9 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10% both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.
3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe. Inventories of raw materials, at their price values, rather than volumes, will continue, as a whole, during

Blood Donations Show Big Drop In Plymouth

Plymouth residents fell down considerably in their contributions of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank when it was here last Thursday.

Mrs. H. R. Penhale, chairman of the Plymouth Red Cross Blood Bank, said that only 189 pints were contributed last week as compared with 236 in September and the record 256 pints last February.

Not only did the low total hurt Plymouth's standing as a blood-giving center, but it also fell below the quota of at least 200 pints which is the minimum the Red Cross seeks on each trip.

There were 240 appointments but about 40 or 45 of them didn't appear, Mrs. Penhale said. Some others were rejected for various reasons, such as insufficient hemoglobin count, etc.

Appointments for the March blood bank are being taken now by Mrs. Penhale at 252-W, or they may be made at the City Hall or at Bevers' Pharmacy.

Mrs. Penhale urges everybody who possibly can do so to make an appointment for the March donations at once and thus enable Plymouth to erase the blot against its name caused by falling down on last Thursday's collection.

BABSON'S THUMBNAILED OUTLOOK FOR 1945

Look for these developments: FARMERS' CASH INCOME will approximate that of 1944, which was \$20 billions. Both BITUMINOUS and ANTHRACITE mining will run 5% below a year ago. PETROLEUM output will be upped 5%. IRON and STEEL will decline 10%. A similar drop is in prospect for CHEMICAL MANUFACTURES. LUMBER output will increase 5%. The PAPER and SHOE industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944.

Plymouth Will Close Monday For New Years

Another holiday for Plymouth and the rest of the country is in store next Monday. It is New Year's day, and business will come to a standstill, although the shutdown may not be so complete as it was on Christmas day.

Most of the retail stores in Plymouth plan to remain closed during the day, many of them planning to take the opportunity to do some necessary work in connection with income tax returns.

A new New Year's celebration events have been planned. Hillside will be closed all day New Year's but will open at 9 o'clock Sunday evening and remain open until 4 o'clock in the morning for dinner parties. Already many have made plans to attend the Hillside party.

Dann's Tavern and Pen-Mar also plan New Year's eve affairs. Pen-Mar plans to serve special dinners and Dann's Tavern will open at 10 o'clock Sunday evening to remain open until 4 o'clock Monday morning.

Won Honors, But Kept It Secret

Frank Konazeski, son of Mrs. Jennie Konazeski of 679 Adams street, sent home from Italy some months ago as the result of nerve shock, has never done much talking about his military accomplishments or the honors that have been awarded him.

Not until the Plymouth Mail received the following from The Public Relations office at the AAF Convalescent hospital at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, did we know of some of his honorable awards:

After two years of meritorious service in the United States Army service in Las Vegas, Nevada, Air Force, T/Sgt. Frank Konazeski, has received a medical discharge from the AAF Convalescent hospital, Fort George Wright, Washington.

Robert Beyer Comes Home on Leave, Goes Right to Work

When Robert Beyer, pm2c, arrived home Wednesday for a fifteen day leave of absence from the Naval hospital at Farragut, Idaho, he didn't expect to go right to work the minute he landed in town. But that's what happened, and he is delighted to think he had a chance to do so.

Because his sister, Marion will be in a hospital for a few days, it had been feared that the Beyer drug store would be closed until she was released. This is not going to happen, however, as Robert stepped right into the job and will keep things going at the well known north side drug store until his sister is out of the hospital.

Fire Damages Greenhouse — Plants Ruined

Flames early last Friday morning destroyed the heating plant and a portion of the Burch greenhouses on South Main street that have been operated during the past two years by Stewart Dodge, Main street florist.

The fire, discovered shortly after 1 o'clock, gained such headway that there was little the fire department could do to save the heating plant and packing rooms of the greenhouses.

The flames were prevented from spreading to the greenhouses, although some of them that adjoined the heating plant were badly damaged.

Hundreds of plants that were ready for the Christmas trade were destroyed, as well as thousands of plants that were being started for the spring trade.

There was no insurance on the building or on the flowers that were destroyed. The boiler and piping was not badly damaged and sufficient glass and lumber for frame work can be secured, an effort will be made to rebuild the destroyed part of the greenhouse early in the spring.

The Burch greenhouse was one of the oldest in this part of Wayne county. It was operated for more than a quarter of a century by its original builder and owner.

Then Robert Baughn leased it and operated the plant for a number of years until his death four years ago. A part of the time since his death it has been operated by Stewart Dodge.

Sixth War Loan Drive to Break All Records

When the Sixth war loan drive ends Saturday at midnight, the hundreds of Plymouth boys in uniform throughout the world who are fighting to save their homeland from our vicious enemies, will have plenty of reason to be proud of their old home town.

For Plymouth has not only come way over the top—but the "home folks" have opened their hearts and their purses to such an extent that probably no other community of its size in the country will be able to equal this city's record in the Sixth war loan drive.

Lieut. Gary Tubergen Missing

Late Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tubergen, 10269 Stark road, received a message from the war department advising them that their son, Lieut. Gary V. Tubergen, Liberator bomber pilot, had been missing in action over Germany since November 26.

The telegram stated that as soon as any additional information was received as to the fate of Lieut. Tubergen they would be advised immediately.

Gary was well known and popular among the younger residents of Plymouth. He is a graduate of the Plymouth high school and during his school days here, he was active in nearly all school affairs.

After he entered the armed forces, he made rapid advancement through the various training centers and was graduated from Napier Field at Dothan, Alabama, as a Lieutenant.

The war department report pertaining to Lieut. Tubergen makes a total of 34 Plymouth boys who have been killed or are missing in action.

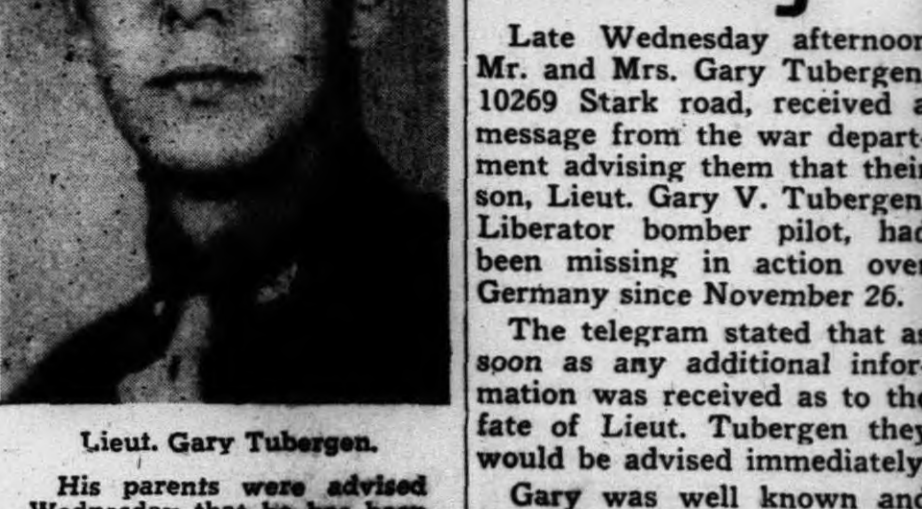
The last letter received by Mrs. Tubergen from her son was dated November 22 and received December 11.

In it he said: "If I should be reported as missing, please do not worry too much. I have seen a lot of boys who were shot down over Germany that made their way safely back to England. The weather has been terribly bad, but please do not worry."

It was but a short time ago when he received from her son the air medal that had been awarded him for distinguished services in behalf of his country.

Douglas Kellogg Dies In Jackson

Douglas Charles Kellogg sr., president of the Kellogg Corset Company of Jackson and one of the most prominent citizens of that city, a cousin of the Walter Kellogg Summers of this city, fell dead in Jackson last Friday while talking with a friend on one of the streets of that city.



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Needed Public Improvements Planned for '45

What is the city of Plymouth going to do during the year 1945 to better conditions? There's a lot that can be done and will be done, if it is humanly possible to do so, stated Mayor Stanley Corbett yesterday.

"But first we must take into consideration the fact that our country is at war. That requires our first responsibility. After that, if we can secure sufficient help, there is much that can be done to make Plymouth a better city," he added.

"Probably no city of its size in the state has neglected its own public services more than has the city of Plymouth. When Henry Hondorp was mayor he did what he could. Then Commissioner Carl Shear during the year he was mayor started a paving program that put an end to some of the mud holes around town.

"They both agree with me that our time and attention should be directed during the new year to street improvements, sidewalk work, more water mains and sewer extensions.

"We made a good start last year on street paving. We hope to do much more of it next year. There are many mighty nice streets in Plymouth that are almost impassable because of the mud during the spring period of every year. We hope to be able to remedy this situation.

"Not only are many new sidewalks needed, but there are thousands of feet of sidewalks that should be replaced lines that are nearly rusted through and that are too small to carry a sufficient amount of water for the sections of the city they serve. I would like to see some of these lines replaced. When Commissioner Shear was mayor he also called attention to this condition, and now we hope to be able to do something about it. The water situation in some parts of the city has needed attention for years.

Lieut. Gust Home From Pacific

Lieut. (j.g.) Kenneth Gust, arrived in Plymouth Tuesday from the Pacific coast on a surprise visit to his family. He will be home just a few days.

The ship on which he has been serving in the western and southern Pacific ocean for the past year and a half, has returned to the Pacific coast port for a hurried over-hauling. Its brief stay in port has enabled Lieut. Gust to make his first visit back to Plymouth since a year ago last September.

What about the war in the Pacific against the Japs? "Those Japs are scared to death of our Marines. How they run to cover when they know that the Marines are after them," declared Lieut. Gust.

"The newspaper correspondents are doing a good job in keeping the Americans informed of what is going on far out in the Pacific, I imagine from what I have read in the newspapers since arriving on the coast.

"There's one thing I can say and I am mighty proud to say it. The people of my old home town are winning for themselves the everlasting gratitude of the boys in service for the way they are supporting the war bond drives and other war activities. It makes one feel proud to call Plymouth my home town.

"Every man in the navy is anxious to get this thing over with as quickly as possible and get home to their families," he stated.

Gifts Of Flowers Is Appreciated

The Weiss sisters, who operate the Plymouth hospital, are most grateful to members of the Salvation army for the poinsettia plants presented to each patient in the hospital at Christmas time. Not only are the hospital managers grateful, but the patients as well, desire to express their appreciation for the flowers. These two energetic hospital workers also desire to express their thanks to the citizens of Plymouth for the support they have given the hospital during the past year, and to the carol singers from the churches for their songs on Christmas eve.

Dwight Paddock Home On Leave

Dwight Paddock, who has been home on a brief visit with his relatives and friends, leaves today for Jacksonville, Florida. Dwight, one of Uncle Sam's navy boys, has been stationed down on the island of Trinidad off the north coast of South America for the past year and a half. He does not know where he will be sent from Jacksonville.

Good Work In Music Rewarded

Music Director Clarence A. Luchman of the High School, who also directs the choir and plays the organ for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Detroit, took five members of his choral group to Detroit Wednesday night to appear in a Christmas concert.

The five singers joined with Mr. Luchman's Redeemer choir on the program sponsored by the music committee of the Lutheran Center Association of Detroit in the large auditorium of the Art Institute.

Ruth Campbell, Ardith Curtis, Dick Groth, Jim Thornton and Bob Bartel were the five chosen for the honor, all because of general excellence in their work. All were well received. A large delegation of Plymouth residents was on hand to hear them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Felton of Rochester visited with Plymouth friends Saturday night and Sunday. On Saturday, while in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Parham, they enjoyed a telephone conversation with their son and daughter, Lieut. and Mrs. Clark Felton, in Arizona. Mrs. Clark Felton was formerly Mary Parham.

Ration Clerk Is Doing His Bit to Save Paper

Ray Bachelder, chief clerk of the Plymouth Ration Board, is doing his bit toward helping solve the paper shortage.

He has issued orders to his entire staff to use both sides of the paper wherever possible. Only official reports which cannot be written on both sides are exempt from the order.

Ray even writes his news releases on both sides. Miss Margery Merriam entertained Virginia Wilson, of Detroit, her roommate at Michigan State College on Saturday. On Thursday, December 28, Margery was the guest of honor at a luncheon in the home of Virginia Labbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Labbett of Royal Oak.

It's hard for kids to acquire good manners when they don't see them practiced in their own homes.

BLACK MARKETS AND MOB RULE.

Black markets, to our way of thinking, are more damaging to the welfare of the nation than anything, except possibly mob rule. Both are flourishing under the present administration in Washington. Who would ever believe that in a civilized country like America, where law and order is supposed to prevail, a mob could walk into a store and wreck it as happened in Dearborn Wednesday? Who would ever believe that when thousands of American boys are being killed for our country, that there are people in our America who would stoop so low as to make fortunes out of the black market? Mark it all down as one of the black chapters in our history.

What New Year

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 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.
 5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.
RETAIL COMMODITY PRICES
 6. Rationing will continue through most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions especially in connection with meats, canned goods, etc.
 7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. The prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed.
 8. Steel prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies also to the heavy chemicals.
 9. The wholesale prices of raw materials in general may decline during 1945, but most consumer goods will hold firm or sell at higher prices. For both gasoline and bituminous coal, there may be

price concessions.
 10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how, to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars worth of unneeded supplies.
FARM OUTLOOK
 11. The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good on the whole for the past few years; but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or an early freeze.
 12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for the first half of 1945 should hold up.
 13. There should be a 15% decline in hog slaughter and a 5% increase in cattle slaughter.
 14. Dairy products will continue to increase both in volume and in price. I am forecasting at least a 3% rise in volume.
 15. Farmers will start in 1945 to work again for legislation on their parity program, due to fear of a collapse in all farm prices after the war.
TAXES
 16. Taxes will be increased during 1945 and some will be reduced; in fact, some nuisance taxes will be eliminated altogether.
 17. The Federal Debt will continue to increase during 1945.
 18. Whatever is done about taxes, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1945.
 19. Providing jobs for returning soldiers will be the big political football of 1945. I am not now prepared to forecast what will happen in this connection.
 20. Through a coalition of Republicans and Conservative Democrats, we should have a "do nothing" Congress during 1945.
RETAIL SALES
 21. The volume retail sales will show a decline during 1945. Prices of ladies' apparel and general luxuries will suffer, while grocery sales should be higher.
 22. The total dollar retail sales should be about equal to 1944 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles for civilian use.
 23. The best cities for 1945 business should be:
 Altoona, Pa.
 New York, N.Y.
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Davenport, Iowa
 San Jose, Calif.
 Wichita, Kansas
 24. There will be a great stampede in 1945 to get rid of the make-shift ersatz goods which have been made to take the place of good merchandise. Thus, 1945 will witness many "mark-down" sales of unrationed merchandise.
 25. Wise will be those manufacturers, merchants and consumers who realize that postwar competition will be terrific and, therefore, withhold purchases until 1946.
FOREIGN TRADE
 26. The United States will own over 50% of the world's ships in 1945.
F20-S-CRETAIL VOLUME
 27. There will be an increase in free exports with the "Freed Countries", but Lend-Lease exports will decline.
 28. We will make England and Russia large postwar loans probably on the FORECAST-GAL TWO... which they send the money in the United States.
 29. Both the British Empire

Air Force Triplets and Twins



Upper photograph shows the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Aldinger, Springfield, N. Y. Henry L., Robert J., and William F. Aldinger have flown a total of 70 trips since May. Right, Boyd and Loyd Bartley, identical twins of Keystone, Okla., who were members of a B-29 bomber crew. Loyd wears a Purple Heart medal.

and Russia will go into the competitive foreign trade market during 1945; many cartels and government monopolies will be in operation. I therefore forecast higher prices for coffee, cocoa, sugar and many other articles for which we are absolutely dependent upon foreign countries.
 30. No Central Bank will be organized nor will the stabilization of foreign currencies be attempted in 1945.
LABOR
 31. The Little Steel Formula will be amended during 1945.
 32. Industrial employment during 1945 will be off 7% in hours and off 10% in pay rolls.
 33. The building of a few new autos and new houses will be resumed during 1945.
 34. Many industries, now operating on a forty-eight-hour week, will return to a forty-hour week during 1945.
 35. Wage rates will not decline, but "take-home" income will be less.
WAR OUTLOOK
 36. The greater part of Germany's army will collapse before the German planting season opens in the spring of 1945. Before surrendering, Germany will try poison gas.
 37. Japan will not hold out as long as most people think. Japan will collapse within six or twelve months after Germany collapses.
 38. If Stalin's health continues, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1945 and may dictate the peace terms, especially for the Pacific.
 39. Sometime after April, 1945, Russia will join (or threaten to) the Allies against Japan but only after the promise of territory privileges and a huge loan.
 40. The markets may witness a "communistic scare" during 1945; but they should soon recover thereafter.
STOCK MARKET
 41. The rails will show the greatest decline during 1945, because the airplane and shipbuilding stocks are already pretty much deflated.
 42. The heavy chemicals, steels and motors may hold their own during 1945, but consumer goods will do much better.
 43. The safest stocks to buy—considering value, income and safety—will be the merchandizing stocks, especially the chain store stocks.
 44. 1944 saw a large increase in the demand for peace stocks with a decline in war stocks; but 1945 will witness them both moving more or less together. Switching has been over-done in most cases.
 45. 1945 will continue to witness creeping inflation, although the big movement toward inflation will not take place until the next business depression which will follow the postwar prosperity.
BONDS
 46. Though bank loan rates should continue to have an upward tendency, interest rates in general will remain low through 1945, since the money supply is now 20% above normal and government controls will continue.
 47. Anticipating the expected decline in Federal taxes, 1945 should surely see a falling off in the price of most municipal and probably other tax-exempt bonds.
 48. The highest grade corporation bonds will decline during 1945.
 49. More public utilities will be taken over by municipalities and "Authorities" during 1945.
REAL ESTATE
 50. Suburban real estate will be in much greater demand with higher prices during 1945.
 51. City real estate should hold its own, excepting in the congested war areas where declines may set in.
 52. Small productive farms will continue to increase in price; but large farms may sell for less in 1945 than in 1944.
 53. Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up 26%, but prices may be a little lower due to increases in lumber and cement production.
 54. There will be no changes in residential rents during 1945.
 55. Real estate will be helped by Congress ceasing to induct any more men into the armed services after June 30, 1945.

POLITICS AND POSTWAR PEACE
 57. The uncertain political factor of 1944 will be Mr. Roosevelt. People will soon fear that he may resign before the next Congressional elections either on account of ill health or to become head of a Peace Commission or new World Organization.
 58. Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1945. What we are going through to reorganize Italy, will be repeated in many other countries.
 59. The Latin American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries and our South American troubles will increase during 1945.
 60. 1945 will see more religious interest, including more church-going, than did 1944. People gradually are realizing that without a Spiritual Awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real Ruler and Guide.
 Some of the flying bombs launched today from Nazi planes toward targets in England carry a radio that transmits a constant signal so that the enemy can follow the flight and determine the location of the explosion with radio-direction finders.
 London is now demolishing the many pillboxes erected in 1940 to defend the city against invasion. Although concrete fortifications, they were never detected by the aerial cameras of the enemy, being ingeniously camouflaged as newsstands, information booths and similar small structures. For some time, they even deceived passers-by, despite having such facetious signs as: "Closed on Sundays; not open during the week."

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION.
 The regular meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 1 Fri., Twps. of Plymouth and Northville, held at the High School, December 11, 1944.
 Present: Brisbois, Eaton, Stark, Strong and Sutherland.
 Absent: None.
 The minutes of the special meeting held November 28, 1944 were read and approved.
 The minutes of the regular meeting held November 6, 1944 were read and approved.
 It was moved by Stark, supported by Brisbois, that bills amounting to \$3109.68 be approved and paid.
 Ayes: Brisbois, Eaton, Stark, Strong and Sutherland.
 Nays: None.
 It was moved by Stark and supported by Eaton that the appraisal values as set forth by the Michigan Appraisal Company be used as a basis in allowing the insurance contracts, and that the contracts be pro-rated to the six insurance agencies as last year.
 Ayes: Brisbois, Eaton, Stark, Strong and Sutherland.
 Nays: None.
 It was moved by Stark, supported by Stark, that the report and recommendations made by Dr. Brisbois regarding his conference with the school nurse be accepted and approved.
 Ayes: Eaton, Stark, Strong and Sutherland.
 Nays: None.
 Dr. Brisbois did not vote.
 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.
 D. H. Sutherland, Sec.

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Local News

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schockow were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Snow of Northville.
 On New Year's Day Dr. and Mrs. Carl January will be hosts at a dinner party at noon for several guests.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vealy were dinner guests, Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Innis. Mr. Innis' brother and wife of Grand Rapids were also present.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan Jaunter, Sally, and Mrs. George Taylor, mother of Mrs. Morgan, were dinner guests, Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Miller, in Detroit.
 The annual meeting of the Lutheran Ladies Aid will be held Wednesday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bakhaus on Warren road. Mrs. Wm. Sacriska will assist the hostess.
 A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hopper on Sharer Drive on Christmas day. There were 53 present and the afternoon was spent in exchanging gifts.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schryer, of Union street, announce the birth of a 7½ pound son, Richard Douglas, December 22, at the Garden City Maternity hospital. Mrs. Schryer, formerly Jeanette Bauman, is the daughter of William Bauman of this city.
 The Don Horton employes in company with their wives and employers enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner at Hillside on Thursday evening, December 21st.
 Miss Shirley Schockow entertained at a Christmas party Tuesday evening. Her guests were the Misses Nancy Pettibone and Ila Culbertson of Rosedale Gardens, and Miss Pat Kinnane of Plymouth road.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brake will entertain several friends at a New Year's Eve supper party.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hix of Pine street announce the marriage of their daughter, Geraldine, to Frank McCloskey Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCloskey of Mahan Road on Sunday, December 24.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown daughter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gots and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Shear and daughters, Barbara and Geraldine, are to be dinner guests, Saturday evening, of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee in Saline.
 Mrs. Charles Neale was hostess Wednesday evening at the annual holiday party of her contract bridge club. Guests were Mrs. F. R. Hohesiel, Mrs. Harry Deyo, Mrs. L. R. Crane, Mrs. Vaughan Smith, Mrs. A. Ray Gilder, Mrs. Jack Taylor and Mrs. Al Hillman.
 Misses Mary Lou Hartwick, Hazel Darnell, Margery Fay Tait, Jane Pierce and Shirley Schokow were members of a group who went Christmas caroling last Friday and Saturday evening in their neighborhood on Northville road. On Friday evening Miss Schockow served refreshments to the girls and on Saturday evening they were entertained by Mrs. Edith Bacon of Northville road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson, Mrs. Jerry Cooper, of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prom of Detroit were entertained at dinner, Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markson in Detroit.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Law Jr. and children will be New Year's Day guests in the home of his father, Hugh Law, in Grosse Pointe. On New Year's Eve the Laws will entertain a few friends including Dorothy Grateota, William Jahns and Mr. and Mrs. Al Snyder of Detroit.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Kaiser were hosts at a family dinner party Christmas Day with the following present: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hills and daughter, Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lyke and Shirley, of Northville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berringer of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston and daughter; Geraldine; Jean Lyke and fiancée, Warren Bogart of Northville; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fisher of Ann Arbor; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher of Plymouth.

Wishing you a Happy New Year
 In so many joyful ways,
 One that fills your heart with gladness
 Through a year of happy days.

Houseman's Standard Service

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1945

A date that will forever remain embedded in our memory.

The people of the United States of America are again drawn closely together by a savage threat to their cherished institutions. They have seen their own and their neighbor's sons and daughters march off to defend their homes in a spirit of courage that almost unknowingly is bred in the glorious soil of this free country.

During our eleven years of business we have become personally acquainted with so many of the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of our warriors and have deeply admired their courage and purpose. We, this day, extend to them our heartfelt greetings with a sincere hope that they may all be happily united early in this fresh new year.

To those families that have suffered loss we can only hope that they may find surcease from the ache in their heart.

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	Kroger's Country Club Brand
	Walnuts lb. 44¢
	Diamond Brand—New 1944 Crop

Ducklings lb. 35¢	
Roasters lb. 42¢	
Mincemeat lb. 22¢	
Filletts lb. 33¢	
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Local News

The regular meeting of Plymouth Chapter 115 O.E.S. on Tuesday evening, January 2, at 7:30 o'clock will be followed by a social hour and refreshments.

Mrs. Ella Hunter entertained at Christmas dinner Monday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor and son Vaughan.

Toy Crowe former Plymouth manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone company, was a brief visitor in Plymouth Wednesday. He is associated with the Bell company in Grand Rapids and was on a business trip to this part of the state.

The Plymouth Fire Department had a run at 10:20 p.m. last Saturday night to Plymouth road near Eckles road in the Tyroneville section to extinguish a small roof fire. Not much damage was caused.

The following children and grandchildren of Mrs. William Blunk enjoyed Christmas Day with her in her home on Williams street: Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt and son, Ellis, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pratt and twin sons, Roy and Rex, of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hill, David, Ronald and Mary, Mrs. Karl Schearle, of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skarritt and daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Skarritt and daughter, Judy, of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bent and son, Douglas, of Detroit, and Mrs. Olive Troyer of Plymouth.

The recent death of a boy resulting from a mineral deficiency shocked the nutritionists who have long claimed that scientifically prescribed diets should be strictly followed and that any craving or preference for a particular food should be completely ignored. This 3½-year-old boy had kept himself alive for two years by eating handfuls of salt, which he required because of an undiagnosed destruction of the adrenal cortex. When taken to a hospital and put on a "proper" diet, he died within a few days.

To help Mexico save 170,000 acres of valuable irrigated crops that were caught in a drought this summer, the United States sent to the affected area approximately two billion gallons of water a day from July 19th to September 13th by diverting it into the Alamo Canal from the All-American Canal in southern California.

A new microprint reproduces photographically 150 pages of an ordinary book on the back of a library index card, and a reading machine magnifies them to legible size with reflected light. As the index card also serves as the book, overcrowded research libraries may keep new volumes in this manner and even do away with all old books and shelves.

Utility Dress
One of the new functional dresses for housework now being designed in clothing laboratories of the Federal Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics is a princess-style frock, fashioned with an eye to safety. It is made for quick action; its sleeves are above the elbow where they can't catch on pan handles; belt-ties are in the back (no front bows or knots to catch fire near the stove); no bows or dangling trim at the neck front to catch on electrical equipment; skirt moderately wide (not too narrow to hamper free action; not too wide to droop and catch on heels when stooping); pockets at hand level where they are less likely to catch on door knobs and handles.

Safety Record
The explosives industry had the best safety record of all industries reporting to the U. S. department of labor for the first five months of 1944. That record is only 5.1 disabling accidents for every million employees-hours worked. On the other hand, one recent estimate puts the frequency of home accidents at 13 for every million hours of exposure. Even granting discrepancies in home versus industrial exposure to accidents, the wide difference in the two accident frequency rates would point out sharply that explosives plants are safer than the average home.

Aviators Aid Mapping
When the United Nations invaded occupied Europe they took with them 125,000 maps, the result of a "combined operations" job by the corps of engineers, the army air forces, the best brains of military intelligence and thousands of enlisted personnel in the U. S. army. Aerial photographs have completely taken away the "mystery" of the Pacific islands, and the location of virtually every thatched hut village and palm tree grove is known.

Definition of Prayer
True prayer, says Mahatma Gandhi, is first of all an all-pervading humbleness, an all-pervading sincerity. He underlines the humbleness. To the cynic he says: "You will never know the real meaning of power until you reduce yourself to a cipher. You must be humble enough to realize that in spite of your self-considered greatness and all-encompassing intellect, you are but a speck in the universe."

Sulphuric Acid
The first sulphuric acid ever manufactured in the United States was made by John Harrison in Philadelphia in 1793. The plant of Harrison Brothers was taken over by the Duponts in 1917. More sulphuric acid is produced in this country than any other chemical, since it is practically the basis of the entire chemical industry. In medieval times it was known as "oil of vitriol."

Dog Days
Dog days come at the end of July, and last from four to six weeks. The ancients named the time from the rising of Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major or the "great dog." Sirius is also called the "dog star." Its ascent, in modern times, begins about July 30. It was once believed that dogs are likely to have fits during this period.

Plastic Parts
One airplane producer is now using 2,500 plastic parts in the four military aircraft which he is manufacturing. Among these parts are lightweight phenolic flooring, antenna masts, de-icer fluid tanks and bulkhead doors.

Selecting Onions
In buying onions select ones that are bright, clean and hard, with dry skins. Watch for moisture at the stem end, as it may indicate decay at the heart of the onion. Store them in a cool, dry, well-ventilated room.

Control Bitterweed
Bitterweed in pastures can be controlled if the plants are not allowed to produce seed. Often three mowings are required, the first about six inches from the ground with plants in bloom.

Married in White House
The first President to be married in the White House was Grover Cleveland, who married his ward, Miss Frances Folsom, on June 2, 1886, during his first term of office.

Strengthens Wool
A new chlorination process, developed in Great Britain, is said to make wool fabrics non-shrinkable and add 50 per cent to wearing qualities.

Resembled Fruit
The word grenade was taken from the French word for pomegranate, because of a resemblance in shape to the fruit.

Gutenberg Bible
The Gutenberg Bible in the possession of Yale university, has been in an underground vault since war began.

Maintains Order
The coast guard has maintained law and order along Alaskan coasts since the acquisition of that territory.

Heavy Catch
Although some shrimp are caught throughout the year, the fall season is the period of peak production.

Fans Ancient
Fans have been known in China since about 3000 B. C.

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Restaurants lack the ingredients to make palatable dishes and the waiters to serve them.

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"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Up in the skies where our air force flies
there's a different perspective to the
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of view the big thing to be hop-
ed for in 1945 is the achieve-
ment of total Victory and
the beginning of
world
peace

May we take this opportunity to thank you
for the favors of the past and tell you that
we stand ready to serve you in the future.

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"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

Plymouth Family of Indians Give Seven Sons to Nation's Armed Forces

Here is a family of REAL Americans.

Besides having the blood of the original Americans coursing through their veins, the Paul LaRoque family, at 1085 North Holbrook, is more than doing its part in the war effort.

The LaRokes, of French and Chippewa Indian extraction, have given a total of seven boys to the services besides another who is just biding his time until he is old enough to join the Navy.

Besides that, they have been regular visitors to the Red Cross blood bank and are buying bonds to the full limit of their ability.

Mrs. Margaret LaRoque, Paul's wife and mother of his eight sons and four daughters, made her third trip to the bank last Thursday, only to be rejected a third time because of not enough iron in her blood.

Mrs. LaRoque, who also has raised Paul's youngest brother, Pvt. Henry, 35, as her own son since his parents died when he was 11, says she's going to see a doctor to get her blood condition corrected, and will be back when the bank returns in March.

Two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Bonneville, 21, and Alvera, 19, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruby LaRoque, 31, of 215 South Main, accompanied Mrs. LaRoque to the blood bank. Blood was accepted from the two daughters.

Five of the LaRoque's seven living sons are in the service besides the "foster son" and Lillian's husband, Marine Cpl. Roy Bonneville, 24. Of the seven in service, all of whom list their residence at the North Holbrook street address, six are overseas.

Francis, 37, the oldest, was rejected for military service and has remained at the family home in Bagley, Minn. Orville, 17, the youngest, is a private in the Michigan State Troops. Elmer, the eighth son, died in an accident in Minnesota seven years ago.

With the exception of Mother LaRoque and 13-year-old Geraldine, who keep the house and take care of the three children of Pvt. Charles, 36, and Ruby LaRoque, all members of the family have been working in war plants besides their other valuable contributions to the war effort.

Father Paul hasn't missed a day's work at Kelsey-Hayes since coming to Plymouth early in 1942. He also has given blood along with other Kelsey employees.

All of the boys also worked at Kelsey before entering the services. Ruby works at Willow Run and Lillian and Alvera have been working at Kelsey. The fourth daughter, Mrs. Gladys Leith, mother of five of the LaRoque's 17 grandchildren, lives in Northville.

Pvt. Charles is with the Engineers in the South Pacific. He has been overseas since August, 1943, and is the only one of the seven who enlisted. Pfc. James, 28, who has one child, is with the engineers in the Marianas. Pvt. George Roland, 26, father of two children, is at Camp Blanding, Ga.

Pvt. Ray, 24, father of one child recently recuperated in an English hospital from an arm fracture suffered in maneuvers and now is in France. Cpl. Lewis (Dick), 21, who has been overseas since May, 1943, is on Munda. Pvt. Henry, the brother-in-law-foster-son of Mother LaRoque, is in the Philippines. Cpl. Roy Bonneville also is in the Philippines and saw action in the battle of Midway.

Mrs. Bonneville was all set to join the WAVES but her husband and all her brothers in service joined in persuading her not to do so.

Orville is a student at Plymouth

High School while awaiting his chance to enter the Navy.

"I've been to the blood bank three times and I'll keep going until they take my blood," said Mother LaRoque. "It's the least I can do for my boys in service. I'm sure they'll take it next time because I'm going to see a doctor and have my blood condition corrected."

Father Paul's fondest recollection is of his days at Carlisle Indian school where he played football under the immortal "Pop" Warner and with Jim Thorpe rated the greatest Indian athlete of all time.

"My last year, 1908, was Thorpe's first," LaRoque mused. "I'll never forget that day in practice when Thorpe was picking up papers and he leaped over a high barrier with the ease and grace of an antelope. Warner told him to report for practice next day. His paper picking days were over."

At present, a total of three grandchildren, three daughters and one son are living with the LaRokes. The grandchildren are Elaine, 7, Charles Jr., 6, pupils at Starkweather school, and Elmira, 4 LaRoque children of Pvt. Charles and Ruby. Ruby lives away because of her work.

Cherry Hill

Pvt. Bruce Jorgensen, who is stationed at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, spent the Christmas week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knudt Jorgensen and family. Pvt. Jorgensen and friend Miss Alta Moyie and Miss Beatrice Jorgensen were entertained Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jorgensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph West and daughter entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day with the following guests present: Mrs. Jennie Houk, Mrs. Mable Robinson, Detroit, Miss Maud Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Knudt Jorgensen, Miss Beatrice Jorgensen, Margaret and Edwin Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houk and family, Virginia, Richard and Charles Houk, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powers, Louise and Harry, all of this place.

Mrs. Bernice Thomas, Lois, Marjorie and Calvin Thomas of Plymouth, Mrs. Robert West and Charles of Dearborn spent Christmas Day with their mother and grandmother. Mrs. Louisa West.

Mrs. Mable Robinson of Detroit who spent the Christmas holiday with relatives here returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome West entertained the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rowe of Midland over the week-end. Christmas Day dinner guests were

Waiting for Flush



Dog, Joe Contender, and his hunter, working like two halves of a well-oiled machine, stand by a covert. The dog is in a point and the hunter is ready for his shot.

also Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schofield and family, of Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley West and family entertained at a family dinner Christmas evening.

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Ask yourself these questions before you tell him not to worry—that of course America won't let him down. Ask them again when you start to cash in a War Bond you don't absolutely need to redeem—when more and more equipment is needed to finish the fight. Ships, tanks, planes—lots of planes. Like B-29's, costing \$600,000 in War Bonds each. Or like rescue planes.

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Weddings

Bridge-Stokes.
Marjorie Madeline Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stokes of Pine Tree road, Plymouth, spoke her marriage vows to Erland T. Bridge, Coxswain U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Bridge, at a ceremony at the Garden City Methodist church, Saturday, December 23 at eight o'clock in the evening.

The bride was dressed in a long white chiffon gown made with a tight bodice, full skirt, high neck and long sleeves. She wore a finger tip veil and carried white roses.

Mrs. Velma Hall, sister of the bride was matron of honor wearing a rose net and stain dress and carried deep pink carnations.

Stella Philips and Marie Foster, the bridesmaids, were dressed in blue satin and net and carried pale pink carnations.

Richard Reamer of the United States Navy acted as best man and ushers were William Donovan and Gerald Shoemaker of the United States Marines.

Miss Linnea Vickstrom sang

"Oh Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly."

The reception was held at the Rosedale Gardens club house. The bride wore a chartreuse crepe dress with black accessories for her wedding trip.

The bridegroom recently returned from two years duty in the South Pacific and is now being re-assigned.

Wixson-Woodhouse

The wedding ceremony uniting Pfc. Homer G. Wixson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wixson of Five Mile road and Miss Alice Woodhouse, daughter of William Woodhouse of Elmira, New York, will be read next Sunday, December 31 in the Livonia Lutheran church. The Rev. Theodore Sauer will read the service at 4 o'clock. A reception will be held in the Wixson home following the ceremony.

Rehner-Broegman

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Broegman of Blunk avenue announce the marriage of their daughter, Marguerite, to Sgt. Lowell E. Rehner Wednesday evening, December 6. The wedding was held in the Methodist church at Tyler, Texas. The bride wore a sateen length dress of light blue crepe with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Attending the couple were Pvt. Tom Ginter and Mrs. G. T. Rehner, mother of the bridegroom. The young couple will make their home for the present in Tyler, Texas, while Sgt. Rehner is stationed at Camp Fannin.

Mrs. Rehner is a graduate of Plymouth High School, class of 1938 and for the past few years has been employed as secretary in the offices of Drs. Ross and Rehner.

Felt-Vyn

On Saturday evening, December 23 at eight o'clock in the Methodist church Miss Barbara Louise Vyn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Vyn of Grand Rapids became the bride of Kenneth Edward Felt, son of Roy Felt of Fairground avenue, this city. The ceremony was performed at candle light by Rev. T. Leonard Sanders, pastor of the church.

The couple were attended by Mrs. Eva Jean Moorman of Grand Rapids and Donald Drews of Plymouth.

A reception was held at the Felt home after the ceremony.

The bride, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, has been in New Guinea for the past year or so, having returned to the United States a few weeks ago.

Partridge-O'Toole

On Friday evening, December 22, Isabelle Ann O'Toole, of Garden City, was united in marriage to Marvin Lee Partridge, of Detroit, son of Mrs. Ella Partridge of this city, in a service read by the Rev. T. Leonard Sanders in the Methodist parsonage in the presence of the immediate families.

The bride wore a grey flannel suit with white crepe blouse and matching hat, a pink veil and corsage of camillias.

Jacqueline Lee Sullivan and Donald F. Dietrich, of Detroit, attended the young people. Mrs. Sullivan wearing a suit of blue flannel with matching hat and accessories. Her corsage was pink roses.

A dinner followed at Hillside for members of the wedding party and families.

The bridal couple returned to Detroit that evening and are residing at 14618 Sussex avenue.

Hannah-Bower

At a candlelight service Christmas night, Fern I. Bower, daughter of Mrs. S. T. Wheeler of Whitmore Lake, became the bride of Kenneth H. Hannah, seaman first class of the coast guards. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Hannah of Ann Arbor road. The double ring service was read by the Rev. T. Leonard Sanders

at 8 o'clock in the Methodist church at Plymouth. The altar of the church was decorated with baskets of white chrysanthemums and tall candelabra. Preceding the ceremony Miss Marion Fischer sang "Because" and "O Promise Me" accompanied by Mrs. M. J. O'Connor.

The bride wore a gown of lace and net, the lace forming the bodice made with a sweetheart neckline and the long sleeves which ended in points over the hands. The long full skirt of net extended into a train and a cap of lace held her fingertip veil with orange blossoms on each side. She carried gardenias tied with a wide satin ribbon and a white Bible.

The bridal attendants were Mrs. Jack Birchall, as matron-of-honor, sister of the bride, wearing a floor length gown of light fuchsia velvet made with sweetheart neckline and bracelet length sleeves. Irene McMichael of Whitmore Lake and Cecillia Elzerman of Plymouth, bridesmaids, were dressed alike in a darker shade of fuchsia velvet, made the same as that of the matron-of-honor. All carried bouquets of matching carnations.

Ross Martin, a cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man and an uncle, Mervyn Breen, seated the guests.

Mrs. Wheeler wore a gown of wine red velvet with corsage of yellow rosebuds. Mrs. Hannah wore a blouse of beaded white crepe with skirt of black crepe and sash of shocking pink. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

A reception was held in the church parlors immediately after the service with about 150 guests present from Whitmore Lake, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Wayne and Plymouth.

The young couple, who are both graduates of Plymouth high, left Tuesday evening for New York City, where S/c Hannah is stationed at Staten Island.

Cherry Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome West entertained Mrs. West's sister and family for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkie attended a family dinner at the home of his brother, Robert Wilkie, Christmas Day.

Mrs. Grace Corwin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ash and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldrich and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Corwin and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell and Douglas, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams spent the week-end with friends at Wyandotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe West entertained the Hawk family for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lobbestael and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell and Douglas, Mrs. Betty Freedle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Burrell of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lobbestael entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and family spent Sunday with her sister in Ann Arbor.

The Cherry Hill Book club met with Mrs. Paul Simmons near Canton Center Road last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons visited relatives at Byron last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Theisen of Dearborn entertained Robert and George Simmons and family Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buchner entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day.

The school is closed for a week's vacation.

The time will come and may not be distant when cash will again command goods of the finest quality at proper prices.

Former Governor Lauds Dr. Ross

Do not think for one minute that the reputation of our own Dr. John A. Ross, Plymouth optometrist, exists just in this part of Michigan alone. Far from it.

Plymouth's well known eye specialist, who is a member of the state board of optometrists, has attracted the attention of former Governor Osborn, whose Michigan home during the summertime is some 360 miles from Plymouth and who spends the winter not less than 1200 miles from here.

Writing in a recent edition of the Sault Ste Marie News, which is published by his son, George Osborn, Michigan's former Governor has the following comment to make pertaining to injured eyes, a subject he has become a keen student of because of his own near blindness:

(By CHASE S. OSBORN)

Specialists in the laboratories of Harvard University have reached the conclusion that the inhalation of the smoke of even one cigaret impairs the keen eyesight needed at night by military fliers. Inhaling three cigarets will account for the loss of vision which comes at about 8,000 feet altitude.

Although the carbon monoxide in a single cigaret had up to this time been thought not to affect vision, even though it caused the eyes to smart, it is now proved

that, for night-fighting aviators working at the threshold of vision, impairment does occur to an important degree.

Fliers realize that they need every possible edge on the enemy. They are not likely to balk at giving up smoking before night take-offs.

Everyone needs every possible edge on the innumerable enemies of ordinary life. Smoking is an impairment of equipment in the

fight for existence.

Dr. John A. Ross, of Plymouth, Michigan, who is doing much to advance general knowledge of the influence of diet upon defective vision, will be interested in the assertion that added Vitamin A does not improve night sight in healthy young men on adequate diets, but only when a boy's eyes dim on account of improper food.

We're proud of the men and women who were once our neighbors—and who are now serving around the world in our armed forces. To them especially go our New Year's thoughts and wishes for their speedy, safe return.

The Parkside Bar

Walter Beglinger

Rudy Hansen

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

BEGINS

Tues., January 2nd

ODD AND SOILED MERCHANDISE, BROKEN SIZE RANGES, DISCONTINUED NUMBERS, REMNANTS, READY TO WEAR, ETC.

TAYLOR & BLYTON, Inc.

336 South Main Street

PLYMOUTH

823 Penniman Ave.

AT THIS SEASON of the year we feel it is appropriate to take time out from our rather hectic present day business pursuits to extend our greetings to you and thank you for your splendid cooperation and keen appreciation of our problems in supplying your needs during the past year.

1945 is just around the corner... our hopes are high... We intend to do everything possible to continue serving you better and better in spite of every difficulty.

We realize that your support is essential to our future growth and that sincere cooperation on the part of consumer and retailer is mutually pleasant and beneficial.

With every possible good wish for a Victorious, Successful and Happy Nineteen Forty-five.

TAYLOR & BLYTON, Inc.

Plymouth

'SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT'



A Happy New Year

THIS New Year's Eve, more so than for many years past, the songs we sing and the merriment we indulge in flow from hearts that are lighter, for we all know now that the future is brighter, and we can look forward to 1945 with the conviction that much better things are in store for us.

With many thanks for past favors, and wishing you the full joys of this happy season, believe us to be ever at your service.

KEN & ORKS

Ken Gorth, Owner

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



We'd like to be of service to you all through the year ahead, and we can promise the best in our power! Looking back over the difficulties of the past year, we must say you have been wonderfully cooperative, and we have appreciated it!

Atchinson Gulf Service

Early Mailing Campaign Clicks; Volume Up but Rush Is Avoided

The campaign for early Christmas mailing paid off in such a big way as to astound officials, Postmaster Harry Irwin says. The result came as a complete surprise, Irwin said. Mail kept coming in at such a slow rate that they were nearly frantic with worry over the anticipated last-minute rush, which never materialized. However, a check of figures Tuesday showed that Christmas mailing approximated and even went over last year's total in several instances. "This is an entirely new experience to us," Irwin said. "We never had such a situation before what with the early overseas mailing. The mail kept coming in at such an even flow that we didn't realize we were getting as much as last year. Instead we kept tearing our hair out worrying about what would happen the last few days—and, like most worries, it never happened."

Broken down into figures, approximately 253,000 pieces of mail went through the cancellation machine from Oct. 1 to Christmas as compared with 253,114 last year. Stamp sales totaled approximately \$25,000 this year for the same period as compared with

about \$21,000 last year. Total postal receipts for the same period were \$37,905 as compared with \$37,652 last year.

Third class mail dropped off considerably, due to the fact that there was less advertising matter, Irwin said. But there were a great many more parcels mailed than in 1943, he added.

He also pointed to the fine health record of his staff this year as another factor in making the mail handling easier. This year nobody was off sick while during the 1943 rush, as many as 10 were off.

"We're still marveling at the way our campaign for early mailing worked out," Irwin concluded. "We never would have thought it possible."

"We owe a great debt of gratitude to the newspapers, especially the Plymouth Mail, for their aid in the mailing campaign."

Husbands' Night Plans Are Made

Annual husbands' night of the members of the Plymouth Woman's club will take place next Friday evening, January 5, at 6:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The committee in charge states that all reservations should be in not later than Saturday night, December 30.

Either men or women in the armed services who might be home at the present time and are members of the family of some one belonging to the club, are also included in the invitation.

The guest speaker will be Austin Grant, a Detroit News broadcaster. The music for the program will be furnished by high school students.

Program chairman for the evening will be Mrs. Milton Laible. Dinner chairman is Mrs. Floyd Wilson, who has as members of her committee Mrs. Mawry Arnold, Mrs. William Bake, Mrs. Thomas Bateman, Mrs. Frederick Bentley, Mrs. J. T. Chapman, Mrs. E. J. Cutler, Mrs. Edward Dobbs, Mrs. Claude Dykhouse, Mrs. Harold Finlan, Mrs. Henry Hees, Mrs. Jesse Hines, Mrs. J. W. Kaiser, Mrs. Gustaf Lundquist, Mrs. Ralph Lorenz, Mrs. Earl Mastick, Mrs. Robyn Merriam, Mrs. Frank Nair, Mrs. Thomas Phillips, Mrs. Russell Roe, Mrs. Henry Walch and Mrs. F. A. Volbrecht.

Bowling News

Team standings:

Team	W.	L.
Mollie's Ladies Apparel	45	9
Fishers Air Steppers	42	14
AAA	39	17
Parkside Bar	39	17
Maplelawn Dairy	36	20
Purity Market	32	24
Hillside	32	24
Plymouth Coach Company	31	25
City of Plymouth	27	29
Cloverdale Dairy	24	32
Catholic Women, No. 2	23	33
P. U. S. Bank	23	33
Catholic Women, No. 3	18	38
Young Ladies Sodality	14	42
Catholic Women No. 1	13	43
West's Grocery	12	44

A classic example of Nazi stupidity was witnessed by the two pilots of a U. S. Navy plane flying 50 miles off Iceland in the summer of 1942. Sighting a surfaced U-boat, they dropped all their depth bombs but none had any effect on the submarine, or frightened it into submerging. As the pilots circled back, a lone seaman climbed up on the deck and, finding one of the bombs held by a grating, rolled it over the side instead of setting it afloat on a life raft. Within a few seconds, consequently, the bomb reached the depth for which it had been set and exploded, fatally damaging the German pigboat.

Good Skating on Wilcox, Newburg

Plymouth children, as well as adults who find pleasure in skating, are getting plenty of it these days on Wilcox and Newburg lakes that have been cleared of snow by the Rouge parkway employees.

Hundreds of skaters Sunday and Monday covered the lakes from early morning until late in the evenings of each day.

While the ice was not as smooth as most skaters like, nevertheless it provided good skating, as well as safe skating.

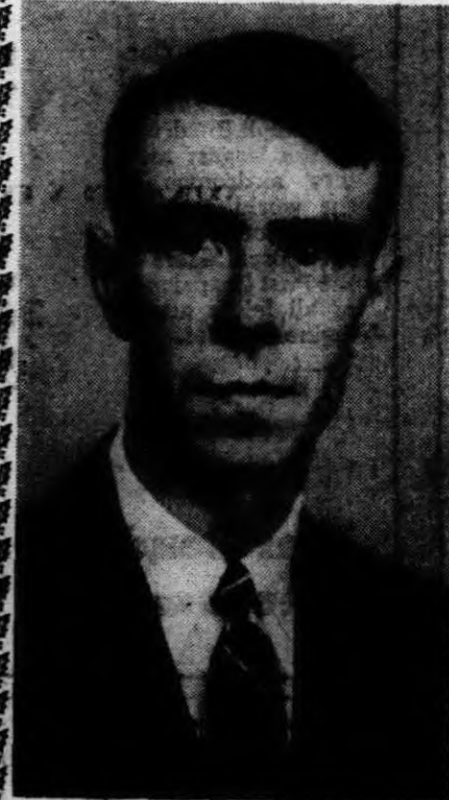
Both lakes, one almost within the city limits, and the other just a little over a half mile east of the city, provide Plymouth residents with skating facilities enjoyed by few other cities in the entire state.

The only citizens of this country who possess the title "His Excellency" by legislative act are the governors of Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

New Year's Eve DANCE AT THE BARN

Good Modern and Old Time Music by Kauffman and His Sky Larks

6 miles west of Northville on Currie road between 7 and 8 mi. roads



JAMES HAUR

Happy New Year



BLAKE FISHER

This is our last opportunity to send you greetings before the New Year arrives and . . . we sincerely wish you well. To the mothers and dads, and the children, too, to the boys in the service here's our wish to you . . . Happy New Year.

Please know that we have appreciated the many nice things you have done for us during 1944 and that we shall be happy to serve you in 1945.

FISHER SHOE STORE

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



Blow, Whistles, Blow!
Ring, Bells, Ring!

Full steam ahead! The past is behind us—opportunity lies ahead. Let's go, America!

In the midst of the gay clamor we pause to consider your part in the success we have enjoyed during 1944. Your support has meant everything to us.

In this spirit of appreciation it is a genuine joy for us to wish for you a very

Happy New Year

THE BOX BAR

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



Charles Lamb said:

"Of all sounds, of all bells, most solemn and touching is the peal that rings out the old year. . . ."

Had Charles Lamb lived in the year of grace, 1944, he might hear only joyousness in these pealing bells that ring in a New Year filled with hope and promise of better things to come—for surely they are on the way!

Happy New Year to all—and 365 days of good luck!

HOTEL MAYFLOWER

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



MAY IT BE YOUR BEST YEAR

When all is said and done the eternal quest of human beings is for happiness. Our wish for you in 1945 is for more happiness—more than you have ever known before, whether that happiness be in gainful occupation or the attainment of some long desired goal.

Thank you for having remembered us so generously during the past year.

The First National Bank In Plymouth

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



We All Send New Year Greetings

All of our best wishes and all of our best efforts will be with you in the New Year as they were in the old. You can count upon us to do our utmost to deserve your continued confidence during 1945.

The Purity Market

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Sing it loud, sing it low. Sing it fast, sing it slow. Sing it high, Sing it deep—this promise we will keep: your wishes for a happy New Year will be echoed as our voices pick up the refrain and sing it back to you! Happy New Year, one and all!

THE A & P STORE

Wayne Sidenbender, Meat Mgr.
Clem Diegel, Grocery Mgr.

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



Travel by air has made the world small indeed, with every land quickly accessible from any other. What good fellowship we can enjoy if 1945 will find an end to war and all nations joined together in liberty.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Austin Taxi Service

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

Local News

Nancy Morrow left Wednesday to be a guest for a few days in the H. Allen Lake home in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith (Shirley Mason) announce the arty Christmas Day in their home on Ann street.

Mrs. Gerald Simmons of Six Mile road, will entertain members of her bridge club this (Friday) evening at a holiday party.

Lt. (j.g.) Basil Cline and Mrs. Cline arrived last Friday to spend the holidays with Lt. Cline's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Otwell will be hosts to a few friends at a New Year Eve party in their home on Sheridan avenue.

Mrs. May Tyler of Hazel Park has been a house-guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stever, the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Holmes and daughter Kathryn of Detroit spent Christmas day with their parents and grandparents respectively, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mumby will entertain members of their 500 club at a pot-luck dinner and evening of cards on Saturday in their home on West Ann Arbor Trail.

Mrs. N. B. Sage, Mrs. A. C. Forrester and Mrs. David Lewis of Oakfield Drive, Detroit were guests last week Wednesday in the Clayton Clair home on Five Mile road.

J. H. Jones left yesterday for Rego Park, Long Island where he will spend three weeks visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Papile and family. Mrs. Papile is the daughter of Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Baldwin (Maurine Dunn) announce the birth of Robert Eckert on Friday evening, December 22, in St. Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor weight six pounds and 7/8 ounces.

Mrs. C. G. Draper entertained a few guests Thursday at a breakfast party complimenting Miss Winnifred Bartlett, of Grand Rapids, who is a guest in the home of her brother, Wvman, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Morrow entertained at supper Christmas Eve the following: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gernonprez, Mrs. Maud Bennett, Mrs. Marv Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Burr and daughter, Margaret. On Christmas Day a family dinner, which included Mrs. Anna Burr, was held in the Morrow home.

Mrs. Richard Minshall Dale Sr. and two small sons of Wilkes-barre, Pennsylvania, are spending a month with Mrs. Dale's father, Rev. Mark F. Sanborn, pastor of First Baptist church. Mr. Dale is a Yeoman, third class, stationed at San Diego, California.

Lieut. and Mrs. Paul F. Thams (Shirley Mason), announce the arrival of Helen Margaret on Saturday, December 23, in Ford hospital, weight 8 pounds. Mrs. Thams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mason in Rosedale Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Baker and family spent Christmas Day with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ostrander in Stockbridge. William Baker was home from Northwestern University from Saturday until Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stever were Sunday dinner guests of their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goodsmith, in Grosse Pointe. On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Stever were entertained at a family dinner party Mrs. William Evens in Detroit, a niece and husband.

On New Year's Eve Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson will be hosts to their dinner bridge club, in their home on Auburn avenue. Mrs. Olivia Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. William Arscott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dobbs and Mr. and Mrs. George Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Parmalee were hosts Sunday and Monday to Ensign and Mrs. R. W. Foley and daughter, of New York City, Mrs. Patricia Flaherty, of Detroit, Mrs. Charles Rumsey and daughter, Karen Ann, of Hillsdale and Ruth Parmalee of Grand Rapids. On Sunday also were Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Parmalee and children of Middletown, Connecticut, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Staninger of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kirkpatrick, daughters, Marion and Mrs. William Magraw of Plymouth, and Captain and Mrs. William A. Kirkpatrick and son, Billy, of Greenbelt, Maryland, spent Sunday with the former's mother and sister, Mrs. L. W. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Grace Cambray in Unionville. On Wednesday the Kirkpatricks' entertained at a family holiday dinner which also celebrated the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Marion. Also present were Rose Marie Ericsson of Royal Oak and Beatrice Johnson.

Members of the Riverside Reading club met recently at the home of Mrs. Cass Kershaw on Wayne road. Miss Fitch, in charge of books for children in the Wayne library, reviewed one of the recent books written by Annis Duff. A Christmas party followed the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Lawson of Roosevelt avenue observed their 26th wedding anniversary Wednesday, December 20.

According to information received from England Charles Barger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barger of Canton Center road, has been sent to a hospital in England where he will undergo an operation. The letter did not state what the operation was for. Charles recently received an infantryman's combat badge.

S. Sgt. Edward F. Frye of Fort Benning, Georgia, visited last week at the Arthur R. Dahl home of 7440 Salem road. Sgt. Frye has recently returned from North Africa and Sicily. He was wounded in action at Casablanca. He is on his way to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he expects to remain for two or three months.

It is the very essence of love, of nobleness, of greatness, to be willing to suffer for the good of others.—Spencer.

★ BUY WAR BONDS ★



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The sign of the "V" is the symbol of Victory. The stars and stripes are emblems of liberty. Together we blend them in the hope that 1945 will see this land visited by final Peace.

WOOD'S STUDIO
1165 W. Ann Arbor Trail

Rotary Auction Brings in \$177

There was \$177 in cash added to the Christmas Goodfellows' fund and a whole bagful of Christmas toys for the boys and girls as a result of the annual auction sale conducted by the Plymouth Rotary club last Friday noon.

As a "ringer" Auctioneer Harry Robinson who has conducted these sales for the Rotarians for more than a score of years, had George A. Smith do most of the "auctioning."

Just like his old master, Auctioneer Smith took dollars right and left. Some articles supposed to have been sold for a dollar, brought five dollars—and no one escaped.

When it was all over, the total sales amounted to more than \$177, stated Carl Shear who did as masterful a job as the two auctioneers, in getting cash for the Goodfellows' fund.

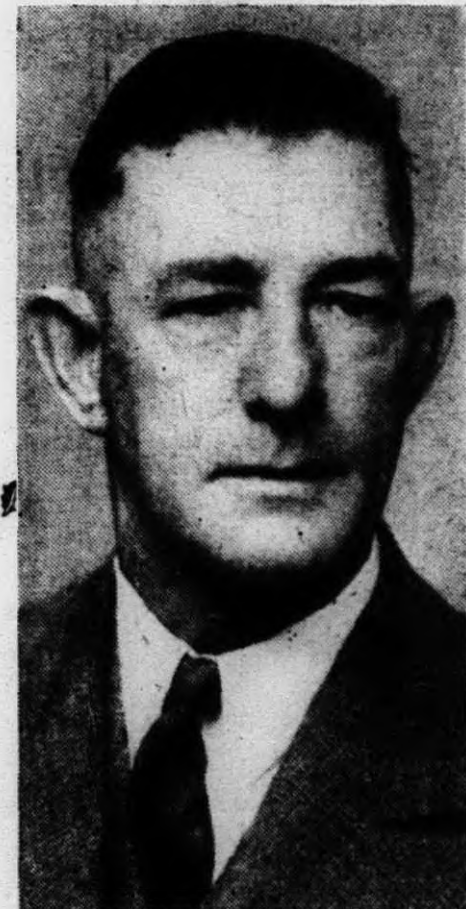
Ed. Sinta, who served as chairman of the toy committee for the Goodfellows, stated that it was a

real pleasure to have so many nice toys donated.

You see even after a Rotarian buys a toy for the auction, and again buys another toy that some other member brought at the auction, he doesn't get the toy he bought at all. He's out both cash

and toy—the Goodfellows get it all.

Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts—the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims.



JOHN JACOBS

New Years Greetings

Plymouth Automatic Sealing Vault Works
JOHN JACOBS & SON

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



HARRY DAVIS

Greetings 1945



WENDELL LENT

We extend our most sincere wishes to you for all things good in 1945. We also want you to know that we have considered it a privilege to be able to serve you throughout the year just closing and that we will do everything in our power to serve you even better in the days ahead.

A Special Greeting To Our Boys In Service

We know that many of you are far away but we just couldn't pass up this opportunity to send you greetings... We hope that peace will soon be here and you'll all be home within the year.

Davis & Lent

"Where Your Money's Well Spent"

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

RING in the NEW YEAR

Gala New Year's Eve PARTY!

Dancing-Entertainment-Fun-Favors

Make Your Reservations for a Night of Fun Today... 10 to 4 A. M.

GEORGE MALACOS AND HIS GREAT LAKES ORCHESTRA

In a Brand New Gala Show for This night of Nights

Doug and Evelyn Richards extend their most sincere wishes for a very Happy New Year to you and yours.

DANN'S TAVERN

Phone Livonia **9275** For Reservations

News of Our Boys
In Uncle Sam's Fighting Forces
Defending Our Homeland and
Our Liberties.

PLYMOUTH BOYS
HAVE "GET-TOGETHER"
OUT ON PACIFIC ISLAND.

It is strange what sometimes happens in this world-wide war. The other day a letter came from Robert Phillips, better known to his many Plymouth friends as "Bob," who is serving on a submarine out in the Pacific. He tells of the discovery of a number of Plymouth boys on the island—and what a good time they had.

Read his letter. It follows:
"For several months I have been planning on writing you and thanking you for the many copies of The Plymouth Mail I have received but I am at sea a big part of the time and just never seemed to get to it. I have more than one reason for writing this as you will see in a minute."
"The submarine I am on pulled into port a few days ago to give us fellows a rest. The first day in I was at the ship's service buying some badly needed things when I heard someone call my name. I turned around and there was Wilfred Green from Plymouth."

"I guess there is no need to say how glad I was to see a buddy from home, but imagine my surprise to hear there were three more from Plymouth on this little island."

"As soon as I could get away I'll take me over to John Shaw's barracks who is a C.B. here. From there, up to see Neal Curtiss or 'Buck' as most of us know him. He is in the Marine band here and I might add the band is pretty good."

"The other fellow Red Herter. He is on another island near here and I only got to see him once but I really enjoyed that afternoon talking over old times with Red."
"We fellows on this island have been getting together every night and have really had some times even though there is nothing much to do here outside of snoring. We got Buck laughing so hard last night we began to think he wouldn't pull out of it. He claims he hasn't laughed like that since he left home. I won't mention what was so funny."

"There is another fellow from Detroit hanging around with us and all in all we've had a swell time. I really hate to leave here but we're planning on another get together in Plymouth, 'Soon, we hope.'"

"I must close now but not without again thanking you for The Plymouth Mail. Keep 'em coming and we'll keep 'em running."

ALMA FOERSTER
SERVING IN AIR
TRANSPORT OVERSEAS.

Private Alma Foerster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foerster of 9150 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, is now serving in the European Theater of operations. She is a member of the European Division of the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces, commanded by Brigadier General Earl S. Hoag.

As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe, the ATC's European Division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldiers' mail, and returning wounded American soldiers to the United States.

Pvt. Foerster enlisted in the Women's Army Corps May 14th, 1944.

PRIVATE ALFRED GATES
WINS RIGHT TO WEAR
"WINGS AND BOOTS."

Down at Fort Benning, Georgia, Private Alfred Gates of this city, recently completed his training, and won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States army paratroops.

Jumping at The Parachute School has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. American Paratroopers have been recognized throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy.

In addition to producing jumpers, Parachute Specialist Training is given to qualified men in Communications, Demolition, Riggers and Parachute Maintenance, vital skills for Airborne troops.

WINS DISTINGUISHED
FLYING CROSS.

S. Sgt. Kenneth L. Gullekson of this city has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement in aerial combat. He is a tail gunner in a big Liberator bomber and has made 34 successful missions over Europe. His wife, "Bobbie," lives at 511 North Holbrook avenue. His parents are residents of Mesick, Michigan. He also wears the air medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, awarded for meritorious achievement in aerial combat over enemy-occupied Europe.

MARGIE HADLEY
TELLS OF CHRISTMAS
PLANS IN NEW GUINEA.

Margie Hadley, who was recently transferred from Australia to New Guinea for Red Cross duty, writes to "Our Boys" page telling of plans for Christmas down in the jungles that far away land. Her letter follows:

"Just a few words to tell you how much I enjoy The Plymouth Mail and how much enjoyment we all get from our home town paper. It really is a constant reminder of how much we miss all our old friends and how they are working to bring us back soon. Over here in New Guinea it is hard to believe that back home people are having snow and frost while we sweeter in tropical heat."

"As Christmas draws near we all think of home and hope that next Christmas we'll be taking part in it, but this year we'll make out quite well. We'll have a few Christmas trees brought in from Australia, and a type of native tree, too. We'll have decorations, too, which we'll make out of bits of metal, plexiglass or perhaps broken ping-pong balls brightly colored by the medics. We'll even have a fire-place built out of painted paper but none the less real."

"We're having floats made to take carollers out all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to isolated units, to hospitals and to all the large and small groups of men all over the area. We'll probably have a wonderful dinner too and super movies to follow. Yes, we do get quite new shows here. Last night it was "Dough-girls."

"We girls are awfully lucky. We have everything made as easy as possible for us. We may go through bombing raids but the men watch out for us. But we are able to help, a little. We are so fortunate to be in the Red Cross, over in New Guinea and able to do a small part towards making life easier for the boys. And we are lucky that it is fun so much of the time. There are times when we drive through a heavy fog of white dust for almost an hour just to deliver doughnuts and iced drinks to a bunch of boys but it's well worth it when they whistle and yell as we drive up, in their various expressions of approval and in their real delight at seeing us. Then as we leave there is no doubt in our minds but that we are darned lucky girls! Of course, clubmobile units are the luckiest of all!"

"I almost forgot to tell you but I met Mrs. Harold Jacob's brother over here. He is in the navy, also saw one of the Dempsey boys for a few minutes and just had time to hand him a doughnut and a cold cake before his truck moved on. I also met Ira Davis who is from Northville and who has been over here quite a while."

"There goes my phone so this time I really must close. My clubmobile activities really keep me on the go."

ALDEN PLANK NOW
IN THE PHILIPPINES—
TELLS OF NATIVES.

Boys from The Plymouth Mail office are now in all parts of the world. Some are in Germany. Some in the South Pacific and a letter from Alden Plank, who was a job printer in The Mail office and is now a member of the Sea-Bees, writes that he has landed in the Philippines.

His letter follows:
"Here is another of those letters from half-way round the world. Little did I think when I left The Plymouth Mail a little over a year ago that I'd be a part of this campaign. Although I'd much rather be in Plymouth or for that matter, anywhere in the States, still I'm mighty glad to be a part of the return to these islands. A particular friend of mine was among those left here at the beginning of the war so like thousands of others that makes mine a personal reason for wanting to come here."

"We left Emirau in the St. Mar-thias group where we'd been for the six months prior to this move (Continued on Next Page)



DAVID MATHER

Will you please accept our hearty wishes for a most joyous New Year. During the last year we have been happy to serve you and we want you to know that your patronage has been greatly appreciated.

We look forward to serving your needs in the future and we look forward eagerly to the time when all of our friends in the service shall return to their homes and again take their places in our community life....

To You and To Those Away
HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Plymouth Lumber & Coal Company



IRVING BLUNK



HORACE THATCHER

We Send
You

GREETINGS!

To the people at home... to the men and women at the battle fronts and to all of our many friends... Greetings... We extend our sincere wishes for a Happy New Year to you all and look forward to the return of our service people to their homes in 1945.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many nice favors of the past and assure you that we will deem it an honor to serve you in the future.

Blunk & Thatcher

COMPLETE HOME FURNISHERS

Time is fleeting. No truer words were ever spoken. Yet for each of us, our allotted time seems long. That is why we should make the most of it by accomplishing what we can to help make a better world.
Happy New Year!

McLAREN'S
Plymouth Elevator Co.

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

NEW YEAR



ALL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!

UNION INVESTMENT CO.



NOTICE
OF BOARD OF REVIEW FOR
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
ROLLS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Review will be held in the Commission Chamber at the City Hall on

Thursday, January 11, 1945
From 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M.

at which time the following special assessment rolls will be reviewed:

- Roll No. 120 Harvey and Wing Streets 24" Integral Concrete Curb and Gutter (Ann Arbor Trail to Main Street)
- Roll No. 121 Harvey and Wing Streets 7" Uniform Concrete Pavement. (Ann Arbor Trail to Main Street)
- Roll No. 122 Maple Avenue 2 1/2" Composition Plant Mix Oil Aggregate. (Main Street to Hamilton Avenue)
- Roll 123 Roosevelt Avenue 2 1/2" Composition Plant Mix Oil Aggregate. (Boroughs Avenue to Edison Avenue)
- Roll No. 124 Carol Avenue 5" Concrete Sidewalk. West of Harvey Street—South Side Only.)
- Roll 125 Palmer Avenue 5" Concrete Sidewalk. (Main Street to South Harvey Street—South Side Only.)
- Roll No. 126 Main Street 5' Widening. (7" Concrete Pavement) on each side From City Hall to Dodge Street)

Any property owner deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessment will have an opportunity to be heard. Any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Review, may appeal to the City Commission at its next regular meeting after the completion of such review by the Board.

ARNO B. THOMPSON
City Assessor

Davis
Custom Tailored
Clothes
Men's Suits
and Coats
LADIES
Tailor made Coats
Suits & Slack Suits
Wm. RENGERT
Phone 1060-W
736 Maple Street
Plymouth



good things taoina
It is our sincere hope
that your quota of
good things will be
enriched and enlarged
with the coming
of the New Year, 1945
Call on us for any service we can render.
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
Jack &
Judy Shop

HAPPY NEW YEAR



This is the time of year when by-gones are by-gones, and small differences are forgotten in mutual observance of New Year's. Let that spirit be expanded so that after Peace comes all the world will live together joyously.

THE PARROTT AGENCY

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



RUSSELL A. ROE

GREETINGS

ROE LUMBER COMPANY

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

Ask any fighting American what he wants most and he'll say "to be home again"; so we're making it our New Year's wish that all our boys return victorious in 1945.

Boyer's Haunted Shack

M. E. Horn, Mgr.

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



The year 1944 will soon be history. We are happy to say that we formed many new friendships during this eventful year, and strengthened many old ones.

To all of our friends, both new and old, we extend most cordial New Year wishes.

CONNER HARDWARE

News of Our Boys

(Continued from Preceding Page)

the early part of October, stopping on route at Manus Island in the Admiralty group and at Hollandia Bay, New Guinea. As we entered Hollandia Bay the skipper of our transport called our attention to the ships lying in the harbor and remarked that there was a good representation of what our boys were going for.

"We lay in the harbor there watching the first waves of the invasion leave, wondering when our turn would come. At last it did several days later. We steamed north for a number of days passing through waters reported to be heavily mined, narrowly missed being involved in a big naval engagement, watched our battleship give the army a hand in blasting out an enemy position finally sailing into this place on the heels of an air raid.

"Our first few nights ashore were rather exciting but the AAF has succeeded in making our sleep almost uninterrupted. Occasionally a few Boegys slip past the interceptors but their chances of getting home are slim. It's a pleasure to see with what deadly precision the army pilots work.

"When we came ashore we were greeted by natives, Filipinos of all sizes. We had a most royal welcome. They are of the poorer class of people who, prior to the war, had made their living fishing and growing rice and corn. Clothing has been a major problem for them but they soon blossomed out in white skivvies, dungarees and fatigue clothes. Matresses covers make a dress for mother and little daughter. They repaid in a few fresh eggs, chickens and bananas. They are friendly, honest but pretty sharp traders. They speak English quite well and like American music, boogie-woogie in particular.

"We hadn't had any mail since we came out several days ago. I haven't seen a Plymouth Mail for so long I've nearly forgot what it looks like. Helen has been enclosing clippings in her letters so when this mail finally caught up with us I got a few clippings. One interested me in particular. You used a cut of two marines in a gas buggy made from the belly gas tank of a Corsair fighter for a filler in either a September or October issue. It was a familiar sight to a good many of us who were on Emirau. Its small wheels and motor were no hindrance on the coral roads of that island but I'm afraid they'd have quite a bit of trouble here. The rainy season is just getting full swing and heavy traffic has turned the soil into soup. Although boots are the preferred footwear when at work we are housed in screened tents with wooden decks.

"Gobby Lorenz is the only Plymouth boy I've seen out here, although there is a chap by the name of Flint in the 88th who worked on the Pere Marquette out of Plymouth. I don't doubt that there are Plymouth boys here. If there are any in naval shore units here I'd appreciate their address. I say naval units because it is almost impossible for me to see any boys in the army. I must close now and do a bit of 'sack duty'."

CAPT. JOHN ROBISON BOOSTS PLYMOUTH OVER IN INDIA.

The fame of this progressive little city is being spread 'round the world by Plymouth boys in the army, navy and air services of Uncle Sam.

In a brief note from Capt. John M. Robison, now stationed somewhere in India, he says in part: "It was with a great deal of pleasure that I received my old home town newspaper, The Plymouth Mail. In fact, the adds had a certain appeal even though I must admit I have no need for a second hand milking machine at the present. Nevertheless the old backyard fence element in one has a yearning for news of 'goings on' back home and this news link helps to satisfy my curiosity."

"The local Chamber of Commerce might like to know that while you are extolling the beauties and virtues of Plymouth, I'm toing the same on the other side of the world, so that the sun never sets on the paeans of praise 'aised in her honor.

"I note with much regret the names of many of my friends who have served our country to the ultimate. It is to be hoped we will be spared an ever lengthening list and that a concerted effort by everyone will bring to an early end this terrible conflict.

"Your policy of sending your paper overseas merits congratulations, for, like a letter from an old friend."

SGT. WM. DEMPSEY AWARDED AIR MEDAL FOR INDIA-CHINA SERVICE.

S/Sgt. William H. Dempsey, new member, 1623 Garland street, Plymouth, has been awarded an Air Medal, it was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Turner, commanding general of the India-China Division, Air Transport Command. Sgt. Dempsey has been in India for sometime.

The award was made upon completion of 150 hours of operational light in transport aircraft over the dangerous and difficult India-China air routes, where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

The air trail over the Hump, famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya Mountains, blazed by the Air Transport Command, is recognized by airmen as the world's toughest. Today the Hump route is the only lifeline of vital military supplies for the Allied forces fighting the Japanese in China.

The citation accompanying the award adds: "Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments... requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome... he accomplished his mission with distinction..."

The award was made for a period of service December 9, 1943 to April 21, 1944.

IVAN CAMPBELL ASSIGNED TO RADIO SCHOOL IN WEST.

Ivan Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Campbell of Canton Center road, has been assigned to the AAF Training Command Ra-

dio School at the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It will take some 20 weeks for him to complete this course.

SGT. ROBERT BIRT AWARDED HONORS FOR AIR SERVICES.

Sgt. Robert P. Birt, of 41525 East Ann Arbor Terrace, a waist gunner now serving in Europe, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his air medal at an Eighth Air Force command somewhere in England. The official citation read, "For meritorious achievement, while participating in heavy bombardment missions in the air offensive against the enemy over Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sgt. Birt upon these occasions reflect great credit up-

on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

ROBERT McFARLAND NOW LIEUTENANT.

Robert L. McFarland of this city has been made a lieutenant upon the completion of a course at the officer's training school at Fort Benning.

A wise man will always be a Christian, because the perfection of wisdom is to know where lies tranquility of mind, and how to attain it which Christianity teaches.—Landor.

Legals

STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE, IN CHANCERY.

GERTRUDE GARNETT, Plaintiff, vs. ELMER J. GARNETT, Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION. At a session of said Court held at the Court Rooms in the City of Detroit, on the 4th day of December, 1944:

PRESENT: Honorable Clyde I. Webster, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it appearing from the Affidavit on file that the Defendant, Elmer J. Garnett, is a resident of this State but concealed somewhere within the State but his whereabouts not known:

ON MOTION OF DAVIS AND PERLONGO attorneys for the Plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED, that the Defendant, Elmer J. Garnett, cause his appearance to be entered in this cause within three (3) months from the date of this Order, and that in default thereof said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within forty (40) days this Order shall be published in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Wayne and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six (6) weeks in succession and that a copy of this Order be served on said Defendant by registered mail, as required by law, to his last known address: 1317 Sheridan Avenue, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan.

CLYDE I. WEBSTER, Circuit Judge.

Davis & Perlongo, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Dec. 8-15-22-29, 1944 Jan. 5-12-1945.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE, IN CHANCERY.

DAISY MILLSAP, Plaintiff, vs. CARROLL MILLSAP, Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION. At a session of said Court held at the Court Rooms in the City of Detroit, on the 4th day of December, A.D., 1944:

PRESENT: Honorable Clyde I. Webster, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it appearing from Affidavit on file that the Defendant, Carroll Millsap, is not a resident of this State but resides at Harlan, in the State of Kentucky, Box 293.

ON MOTION OF DAVIS AND PERLONGO, attorneys for the Plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED, that the Defendant, Carroll Millsap, cause his appearance to be entered in this cause within three (3) months from the date of this Order, and that in default thereof said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within forty (40) days this Order shall be published in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Wayne and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six weeks in succession and that a copy of this Order be served on said Defendant by registered mail, as required by law.

CLYDE I. WEBSTER, Circuit Judge.

Davis & Perlongo, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Dec. 8-15-22-29, 1944 Jan. 5-12, 1945

Attorney: Claude H. Buzzard, 233 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss: No. 321,195

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the City of Detroit, on the Twenty-Ninth day of November, one year one thousand nine hundred and forty-four. Present Joseph A. Murphy, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William C. Minehart, Deceased. Clarence Sherwood, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, having rendered to said Court his first and final account in said matter and filed therewith his petition praying that the residue of said estate be assigned in accordance with the provisions of said last will:

It is ordered: That the ninth day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said Court Room be appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

And it is further Ordered, That a copy of this order be published once in each week for three weeks consecutively previous to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

JOSEPH A. MURPHY, Judge of Probate.

(A true copy) ALFRED L. VINCENT, Deputy Probate Registrar. Dec. 15-22-29, 1944

NURSE LOSES FAT SAFELY AYDS WAY

Get slimmer without exercise. Eat starches, potatoes, gravy, just cut down. AYDS plan is safe, sensible, easier. No exercise. No drugs. No laxatives.

Nurse was one of more than 100 persons losing 14 to 15 lbs. average in a few weeks. AYDS plan is safe, sensible, easier. No exercise. No drugs. No laxatives. Delicious AYDS before each meal dulls the appetite. Yet you get vitamins, minerals, essential nutrients in Ayds. Start the Ayds way to lose weight now. 30 day supply of Ayds \$2.25. If you're not delighted with results MONEY BACK with the very first box. Phone COMMUNITY PHARMACY 330 Main Street



Far and wide our words of cheer are sent to reach those at home and those across the seas, who have been our friends as well as customers for many long years.

Greetings all, and may we together soon enjoy the benefits of Peace.

SWANSON SALES - SERVICE

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

'EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW'

It's an old, old custom, this ringing of bells and dancing out the Old Year, but the spirit that rides in at the stroke of 12 is as new as tomorrow.

With so many old friends and so many new friends, this New Year of 1945 means more to us than ever before... and we hope it means more to you.



WOLF'S CASH MARKET

Stanford Stubblefield, Mgr.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



With revelry and old fashioned good wishes, we greet the New Year! Amid your gay surroundings think of us, and remember that you have our sincerest thoughts. Here's to a New Year of Peace, Health and Good Cheer.

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New Year's is pretty much a universal holiday, but we feel it's always celebrated with special zest in the grand American way. Here's to it, then, and may it bring you and yours every good thing you're wishing for.

OLDS GROCERY

K. A. OLDS, Proprietor

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



Over the air lanes far and wide go our deep thoughts of New Year's sentiment. We look to it for so much — from the bringing of peace to the world, to the personal contentment of each of our friends. And of course YOU are included in our kindest thoughts.

HARRY C. ROBINSON

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

HAPPY NEW YEAR



You couldn't wish any more zealously than we do for a good year ahead! That encompasses the joys of Victories to come, and good health and prosperity! So what better greeting can we extend to you than that all our mutual aspirations come true.

Steinhurst Beauty Shop

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Many are the strange places where New Year's will be celebrated under the stars and stripes this year. Yet as far around the world as our uniformed men and women may be, we hope our Greeting will reach them with our wish for their glorious homecoming.

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1945 is just around the corner. All hail to the New Year! This is the season for new resolutions.



We have served you well in the past. Our aim is to serve you still better in the future. To this end we pledge our full devotion.

We want you to be happy this New Year's . . . and during the weeks and months that follow.

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY



As the clock strikes twelve let our hearts reciprocate the sentiment of Tennyson's New Year bells:

Ring out the old,
ring in the new,
Ring out the false,
ring in the true.



May Yours Be a Most Happy
and
Prosperous New Year

THE PLYMOUTH COACH COMPANY

Returned Soldier Tells of Filth And Ignorance Of The People of India

Over ninety percent of the people of India are illiterate. The vast majority of the natives are beggars and the filthy conditions under which they live are almost unbelievable, declared Corporal Robert Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Martin of Ann street, who is home from India for the first time in nearly four years on a furlough.

Corporal Martin has been stationed at an American army flying field near Calcutta during most of the time he has been away from the American continent.

Being near the great city of Calcutta, he was able to make frequent visits to that famed and historic city.

"The native shops and eating places were out-of-bounds for American troops. They were so dirty and filthy that we were not permitted to go inside of them," said Corporal Martin.

"The cast system is so firmly fixed in that country I doubt if it could ever be changed. People are born into the station of life which they occupy. If the parents of children are beggars, then the children must be beggars. If they are of the merchant class, then the children must follow the pursuits of their parents. If one is of the land-owning, the rich class, then the children simply follow on in the footsteps of their rich parents. There is no opportunity for one to change from the class into which he is born. He is there from the cradle to the grave."

"The destitution of most of the people of that country is beyond belief. How they live on the little amount of rice they get now and then, I could never figure out. You always see great crowds of people in Calcutta. Apparently there isn't much for them to do."

"The native people of India seemed to like the American troops very much, but they have no use for the English."

"Apparently the English have lorded it over them for so many years that the ill-will will never die out."

"But what India would do if it was given its independence, no one knows. I don't think the country would exist long as a nation, because such a vast number of the people are so ignorant. In fact if the English gave them their independence, there is no question but what the country would become worse off than it is at the present time."

Corporal Martin declares that the days are passing all too rapidly for him and that his furlough will be over almost before it has started. He is due back on the Pacific coast January 14.

Not many boys in the armed forces were away from home over three and a half years without at least one or two furloughs back to their home cities. But this visit is the first one since June, 1941 for Corporal Martin.

Snakes-Lot of 'Em Ship Clothing In New Guinea To Sufferers

How would you like to wake in the morning and see a big snake crawling around in your tent?

That's nothing—just nothing. It's so common over in New Guinea that the American fighting lads over there think nothing of it any more.

Kenneth Felt, who has been home on a furlough from New Guinea, says, however that there are a lot of nice things about that big island, even if he doesn't like its snakes and weather.

"The natives are very friendly. They are clean and they are smart. They build their huts so that the floors set on poles about three feet above the ground," stated Kenneth.

"In all parts of the island where I was stationed there is plenty of fruit of all kinds. The natives live on it to a large extent. Some of it is very delicious. But the heat and rain over there is something else. It rains most of the year. Only now and then do you have a clear day. The mercury very frequently goes as high as 135 degrees," stated Kenneth.

Kenneth's mother died since he entered the armed forces and his father is now in Herman Keifer hospital seriously ill. Kenneth is being sent by the army to Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek for treatment before he is returned to active service. He is in a chemical warfare unit.

Over 400 pounds of good clothing, all cleaned and ready to wear as soon as the wrinkles have been pressed out, are on their way to the suffering residents of England, who have been blasted out of their homes by Nazi rocket bombs. The clothing is a contribution made by the Rotary club of Plymouth.

Some months ago President Rolphe Smith appointed Horace Johnson as chairman of a special committee to collect clothing suitable for winter wear for the unfortunate men of England who have lost all of their possessions as the result of the rocket bombs that have brought such terrific damage to the homes of the people of that country.

It was prepared for shipment by John Blyton of Taylor & Blyton and when weighed, the contributions amounted to 409 pounds of good suits of clothing and overcoats. The shipment was turned over to the British War Relief Society.

The only sound and durable foundation for true fellowship and brotherhood is love for God, and the teachings of Christ (Jesus) that direct us in love for others.

—Henry Geestings.

Keep 'em rolling! We mean dollars! Buy U. S. Savings Bonds and Stamps.



★ We heartily believe in the New Year tradition . . . the ousting of the old to make way for the new.

May 1945 light the way to new pinnacles of achievement for you, as well as to new goals of health and contentment. Accept our heartiest New Year wishes.

M. POWELL & SON

WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45'

The Great Seal
The reverse of the Great Seal of the United States appears at the left of the reverse of the one dollar bill. Above the eye is the Latin motto "Annuit Coeptis," translated as "He (God) favored our undertakings." The motto below the base of the pyramid is "Novus Ordo Seclorum," translated as "A new order of the ages." Both mottos are condensations of excerpts from Virgil's "Aeneid."

The unfinished pyramid is a symbol of strength; its unfinished condition denotes the belief of the designers of the Great Seal that there was still work to be done. The eye in a triangular glory, surmounting the pyramid, symbolizes an all-seeing Deity.

★ Buy War Bonds ★



WHAT'S ahead?
That is the unspoken question in the mind of every thoughtful person.

We hope for a much brighter future . . . look forward to it eagerly. The handwriting is in the sky.

C. H. Donaldson



In this, the gayest season of all the year,
our best wishes for a Happy and
Prosperous New Year!

THE PARKSIDE BAR
37604 Ann Arbor Road
Walter Beglinger Rudy Hansen



As Old Father Time looks to the future we hope he determines on 1945 as the year which will see an end to world strife and the beginning of a peaceful life spent in true harmony by all mankind. May your New Year be rich in all good things.

The Effie A. Beauty Salon
"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



JOY TO YOU!

† † New Year chimes will soon be drifting over town and countryside. It's time to throw dull care aside and renew old acquaintances.

With 1945 about to make its debut, we can think of nothing more appropriate than that time-honored greeting, Happy New Year!

HOWARD SHARPLEY
IRA WILSON & SONS DAIRY

Gather the gang together and make merry this New Year's Eve. And when you do, give us a thought, for our heartiest good wishes for your merriment will be with you. And through the year ahead as in the past, we hope to serve you well.



WILLIAM WOOD

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, into a New Year we do go—and may it soon bring every thing good to everyone we know. That, includes Victory and Peace foremost while you can make your personal wishes for yourselves!

W. C. ROBERTS — COAL

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



The American is a wonderful composite of grim determination to see justice done, and of a gay spirit of abandon when it comes to fun-making. That's why the fighting American is a winner every time! To each and every one—a happier New Year next year!

MOLLY'S Ladies' Apparel

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



'Let Freedom Ring'

As another New Year dawns we are thankful for the American heritage of freedom—thankful, too, for the friends who have helped us gain the manifold blessings of this freedom.

With this in mind we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

EARL FLUELLING

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

Tax Payments Under Last Year

Collections on the county and school tax levy, which may be paid before Jan. 10, 1945, without penalty are about 35 per cent as compared with 36 per cent at the same time last year despite the lateness of billing, City Treasurer Charles H. Garlett says.

He also pointed to the fact that the city levy, which was due last July is 98 per cent collected as compared with 97.7 per cent last year at the same time as evidence that taxes come in pretty good in prosperous times.

The penalty on the city levy if paid by March 1, will be only 4 per cent, he added. He also urged that anybody who may not have received their bill for any reason get in touch with him and have the matter straightened out as the burden is on the taxpayer.

The county and school levy is \$93,879.87 and the city levy was \$92,808.42 on an assessed valuation of \$6,300,000, Garlett said. The county and school rate is \$14.70 per \$1,000 valuation and the city rate \$14.83 per \$1,000.

War-time Travel

In 1943, a comparable war-time period, there were 521 deaths of passengers and "travelers not on trains." In 1943, despite double the amount of travel, there were only 284 deaths of travelers (including both passengers and those not on trains). The death rate per 100,000 passenger miles for these two classes of travelers was 0.32 in 1943, only one-fourth of the World War I rate.

New Oils

European chemists are considering utilization of various oils, including blueberry, currant, haw, asparagus, tomato, pumpkin, herbane, buckthorn and ash seed oils for possible use in varnishes. It is stated that all of these oils have iodine value greater than 100 and that most of them are suitable for use in paints.

Health Precaution

One mother makes use of an old-fashioned china salt box to prevent colds from spreading among her five children. When one child contracts a cold, his drinking glass is kept in the salt box as a reminder to the other children not to use it. When the youngster recovers, the glass and box are sterilized.

Window Screens

Window screens, too worn for use, can be utilized in other ways. A stippled effect can be obtained by spraying paint through a piece of screen. This gives an unusual effect in a playroom. In singing a fowl, place a piece of screen over the burner to protect the hands.

Clean Before Caulking

Before applying regular caulking compounds, care must be exercised to clean away dirt and grit to fill the opening and obtain a neat appearance. Mortar should not be used for filling cracks because it is likely to dry up and fall out.

Air Travel

War changed sharply the character and volume of air traffic. In 1943, total revenues soared to an all-time high estimated at \$125,000,000, made up approximately as follows: passenger 72 per cent, mail 21 per cent, and express 7 per cent.

Save Energy

According to scientific tests, as much as 24 per cent energy can be saved if a woman will sit in a comfortable chair to iron. If she sits on a stool she can save as much as 18 per cent of her energy.

Adds Variety

Drying is one of many ways to save surplus foods, but should not take the place of freezing, canning, or storing. It can supplement the stores of preserved foods and add variety to winter eating.

Saves Time

The design and arrangement of storage space can help homemakers to do their kitchen work with the least expenditure of time and energy.

Expert Worrier

The really expert worrier is like the person who takes most of his exercise on a stationary bicycle: each puts forth effort which never gets him anywhere.

Egg Stains

Rub salt on silk to remove egg stains. Linen stained by eggs should be soaked in cold water before washing. Hot water sets the stain.

Farm Fires

If America's farm fire losses could be reduced by 50 per cent, 1,750 lives would be saved each year.

Game Law

The first American game law was established in 1694, setting a closed season on deer in Massachusetts.

Can't Drive Cabs

In Ohio, women are banned by law from driving taxicabs.

Literate Nation

Practically everybody in Iceland can read and write.

May Be Inflammable

Fluids labeled "non-explosive" are not necessarily "non-inflammable."

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—Christ Jesus.

Sidney Friday Suffers Wound

Sidney Friday, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gould of West Ann Arbor, is in a hospital at the Naval Supply depot at Williamsburg, Virginia, suffering from a bullet wound through the stomach.

How the accident happened the officials in charge of that Marine corps station did not advise Mr. and Mrs. Gould. A sister, Kathryn Friday, also resides in Plymouth. She is employed at the Burroughs plant.

The injured man was stationed for nearly two years in the Aleutian Islands and returned to the States last fall. After a brief furlough, he was sent to Williamsburg, where he has been stationed since that time. The telegram advised his relatives that his wound was a critical one.

New Rules For Truck Licenses

With the sale of 1945 automobile licenses scheduled to begin Tuesday, Frank Rambo, manager of the Plymouth Secretary of State's office, urges truck owners to pay particular heed to the new regulations.

The new commercial license applications require information not heretofore needed. The new information has been asked at the request of the War Department.

The five new items of information required are: A—Manufacturer's rated capacity; B—Annual mileage; C—Fuel type; D—Miles

per gallon, and E—Kind of carrier. By having the above information handy when they apply for their 1945 licenses, commercial vehicle owners can greatly expedite the issuance of the new plates, Mr. Rambo said.

The approximately 9,000 vehicle owners who will purchase their plates at the Plymouth office, have until the last day of February, Wednesday, the 28th, to get them.

SHIP AHOY!

Here comes our shipload of good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year for every man, woman and child in this community.

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SEASONS GREETINGS • A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL •

Greetings! And Best Wishes For A Victorious New Year!

We did our best to give you good postal service during the past year. We will try as hard as ever to make it better in 1945.



Best wishes to you, and may the New Year bring Victory and Peace.

Postmaster Harry Irwin

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



SHE'S THREE YEARS OLDER NOW

-But Her Daddy's Still in the Fight, and the War Bonds You Bought Back in the Days of Pearl Harbor are Still Needed in the Fight, Too—for Victory!

REMEMBER this touching picture of a little girl's farewell to her war-bound daddy? Appearing shortly after Pearl Harbor, it touched the hearts of millions of Americans and helped to launch the greatest voluntary savings program in all history.

That girl is three years older today. In that time, our enemies have been pushed steadily back toward their own frontiers... thanks in no small measure to the overwhelming flood of tanks, ships, planes and guns that more than 85 million Americans have poured into the fight through their purchases of War Bonds.

But her daddy is still at war—the fight goes on—the money you've put into Bonds is still needed, just as it was after Pearl Harbor. KEPT IN THE FIGHT—KEPT IN WAR BONDS—IT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR VICTORY—AND FOR YOU.

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For just as that little girl has grown, so have the War Bonds you bought three years ago. The \$100 Bond you paid \$75 for then is already worth more than you paid—and how swiftly the time has passed! In another year it will be worth \$80—at maturity, \$100. Here's money you'll need later—for education, repairs, replacements, retirement—just as your country needs it today.

So let this picture remind you—HOLD TIGHT TO YOUR BONDS!



KEEP FAITH WITH OUR FIGHTERS—Buy War Bonds For Keeps

Hotel Mayflower



Humble homes and palatial manses are visited by the same joys—by the same tribulations—by the same exigencies of war. To one and all we therefore send the same good greetings for the New Year. May it be a happy one—rich in health and God's blessings.

BECKER'S
Friendly Service
Earl B. Becker

"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"



"For hope shall brighten the days to come
And memory gild the past"

Free men can hope and plan and achieve—and we Americans are free!

As the old year wanes, hope springs up afresh, and the determination to do better in 1945 than ever before rises buoyantly. That your fondest hopes may be fulfilled during the coming year is the earnest wish of

LOREN GOODALE



Another year is knocking at the door. Let us give it a royal welcome.

We look forward to 1945 with the firm belief in better things to come. And we want to express our deep appreciation to each of you for having contributed in such an important way to our continued success in this community.

The Plymouth United Savings Bank
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"WORK AND FIGHT TO WIN THE WAR IN '45"

Public Not Given Facts About War

(By Gene Alleman.)

That the Michigan "battle for war production" is entering its most urgent phase since Pearl Harbor appears to be the real news for Michigan's 52nd week of 1944.

This column started out to be a review of the home front news in 1944.

We are reminded that in January, 1942, just after Pearl Harbor, we noted that "Washington now plans for a three-year war"; that "production of arms, growing as it has been, is totally inadequate to meet new needs," and that "unless the German nation collapses from weak morale or a lack of needed supplies, we must wait until 1943 and possibly 1944 before there are sufficient arms and trained men to justify a full-fledged military offensive." That was approximately 36 months ago!

D-Day did not come until 1944. In May, 1943, Lieut. General Erehon H. Somervell, chief of the army services of supply, visited Michigan. He warned then that the U.S. army would not be completely equipped until late 1944, called rumors of over-production the work of "fifth-columnists" and declared that only in the field of ammunition was there a reserve.

One year ago, December of 1943, the American home front was flush with optimism and confidence that Germany might capitulate by Christmas. Again the illusion persisted in the minds of many persons that the war would be over soon.

General Eisenhower issued a pre-New Year's statement, predicting victory in 1944 as the reward for the heavy price to be paid from an Allied invasion. Politicians speculated upon the possible effect of victory before the November election. Post-war programs were pushed.

In January of 1944 the state of public opinion was said to be one of "complacency" and "over-confidence." The army-navy thinking at Washington was that the public was letting down and should be jacked up to be more tense and grim.

Late in January the WPB decided to suspend reconversion, to hold up for the present any sizeable increase in civilian production.

The army-navy decision, which prevailed, was that this was WAR—in fact, all-out total WAR—and that until the defeat of Germany was assured there should be no trifling with the mechanism of production of war goods.

In March the domination of the military, as to the future course of war production, was noted still more. Quotas were set; orders were issued accordingly. The White House issued an order urg-

ing review of deferments; the need for replacements was publicly acknowledged.

The warm days of spring focused the public's thinking on the coming D-Day in Europe. Still the assumption prevailed that the invasion would be successful and that a weakened Germany, impotent to meet the terrific blows, would surrender unconditionally during the Fall months as Germany capitulated in 1918.

By mid-July, following landing of Allied troops in Normandy, public opinion was speculating on the time of the 1944 victory. The failure of the Luftwaffe to make an appearance anywhere in Europe, the conceded lack of German reserves in men and material, and German scarcity of gasoline and oil—all these influenced our thinking that 1944 was the time to begin thinking about that post-war job.

The exodus of war workers from Michigan war plants became a steady stream. All of this was disturbing to army-navy officials who debated with WAB chairman Donald Nelson about the effect of post-war reconversion plans. Nelson's attitude: Workers would stick to high-pay war jobs as long as they can if they see evidences that the government has plans under way for after-the-war employment.

By October the public attitude was still one of confidence. German troops were being pushed back almost daily. A Washington news letter informed clients of the imminence of Germany's defeat, adding that "informed opinion at Washington still is that it will be 4-to-6 weeks."

Looking over the events of 1944, we raise this question: Who over-confidence and over-optimism is responsible for the public's ism?

A few days ago George Lyons, news chief of the Office of War Information, declared at Supreme Headquarters in Paris, as reported by the Associated Press: "In my opinion the Army is making a bigger mistake than it did in the Patton case (the incident of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's slapping a soldier in Sicily). It is following a head-in-the-sand policy. It could tell a great deal more without giving any information to the Germans."

Lyons protested vigorously against the suppression of bad news.

On Dec. 14, in a friendly note to "Michigan GI Joes," the "Michigan Mirror" writer made this comment: "You know, Joe, the newspapers still print the news as Washington gives it out. Officials at Washington possess vital information. Much of it is censored and not disclosed to newspapers at once."

If the American public has been complacent and over-confident, Washington cannot sidestep responsibility for its persistent 1944 policy of minimizing our losses and emphasizing our gains. As we analyze this failure, which coincided with a national presidential campaign, Washington still cannot comprehend the strength of the people back home to "take it."

Do politicians still look upon us as mere children?

Must we be protected from bad news which might discourage us?

Actually the reverse should prevail. With battles being fought thousands of miles from our shores and with American homes secure from enemy air raids, the civilian has extreme difficulty in trying to visualize the grim picture of modern war.

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He who sees most clearly and enlightens other minds most readily, keeps his own lamp trimmed and burning.—Mary Baker Eddy.



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Hope for Tomorrow

Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come.

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Season's greetings to one and all.



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AT THIS TIME of resolution-making it might be apropos to recall the words of a wise old philosopher of a long forgotten era. He said:

"Every first of January that we arrive at is an imaginary mile-stone on the track of human life; at once a resting place for thought and meditation and a starting point for fresh exertion in the performance of our journey. The man who does not propose to himself to be better this year than he was last must be either very good or very bad indeed."

We wish you a very Happy New Year

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