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POINTERS URGED TO JOIN BLOCK WAR CLUBS

President of Farms and Two Councilmen Resign

Service Corps Asks Wide Cooperation Throughout Area

The Defense Council of the Grosse Pointe area has authorized the formation of Neighborhood War clubs, composed of residents in adjoining or contiguous blocks of houses. It is recognized that practically all Americans are eager to join in some phase of the war effort and are only waiting for their proper place in the general plan.

Existing agencies and organizations in the Grosse Pointe area that have been working in the war effort have been used in setting up an executive committee which will direct the organization and operation of the War clubs.

Why a War Club This war might be lost by a few persons, but it cannot be won by a few. It will be won only if every American is given an opportunity to do his part, and every last ounce of patriotic energy is devoted to worth while tasks.

Therefore, to create a better understanding of the war program; to carry forward civilian war activities rapidly and effectively; to avoid unnecessary duplication of services in important but non-protective functions; and to provide the means of participation in the war effort by all, this program of Neighborhood War clubs is given to you.

Your Help Needed to Win the War Do Home War Work in Your Block Club

Every man, woman and child in the Grosse Pointe area is urged to join the Neighborhood War club in their own "Block," thereby stimulating participation of all households in civilian war services, including Salvage, Transportation, War savings, services to men of the armed forces, and the activities of the Red Cross, the rationing program, the Consumer army and other groups or organizations working on the Home Front.

Form for Neighborhood War Clubs Committee, including fields for Name, Address, and a list of neighbors for membership.

OCD Head Praises Committee on 31 1/2 Tons of Collected Tin

Quadrupling its original effort, the Grosse Pointe area contributed thirty-one and one-half tons of processed tin cans Saturday in the fourth tin pick-up for the district. Co-ordinator of Civilian Defense George Elworthy, this week extended his official congratulations to the committee in charge of salvage in the area for the fine increase in tonnage as well as the splendid cooperation enlisted throughout the Pointes and Gratiot Township.

Joint action of the municipalities, made possible through representatives on the committee," said Elworthy, "resulted in the success of this campaign, just as it has and will in all phases of the area's War effort."

Members of the committee are: E. B. Lane, village manager, Grosse Pointe Park; Harry A. Furton, Clerk, Grosse Pointe Farms, H. Bennett, acting clerk, Grosse Pointe Shores; Phil Allard, clerk, Grosse Pointe Woods; O. Houtekier, supervisor, Gratiot township and Neil Blondell, assessor, City of Grosse Pointe, chairman of salvage for the area.

Trucks Out Early Trucks of the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and Gratiot township were on the streets promptly at eight a. m. despite snow and slippery streets.

A fire in the residence of Henry Freeman, 521 Roslyn, Tuesday at 7:45 p. m., resulted in an estimated thousand dollar loss to the property and furnishings. The fire broke out on the second floor from the fireplace downstairs. Much of the damage was caused by smoke and water. The Woods fire department controlled the blaze.

A sewage pumping agreement with the city of Detroit was renewed for a five year period, at an annual cost of \$4,183.

A quit-claim on the street car tracks, now being relinquished by the WPB, was deferred pending satisfactory assurance that the paving would be replaced in good condition, at the suggestion of Mayor Rummy, that the tracks might yet be put to use where they are.

Miscellaneous Matters Occupy City Council at Meeting Monday; Annual Reports Heard

Meeting for the first time this year, the council of the City of Grosse Pointe assembled in the municipal building on Maumee Monday night and handled a number of routine matters and heard annual reports. Strict efficiency marked the meeting presided over by Mayor McSwon P. Rummy.

A proposed amendment to the city's sign ordinance was tabled at the suggestion of Councilman Nettling, who, with Councilman Smith, suggested that a clearer definition of what constituted a sign would save future trouble. Insurance on city buildings was renewed by the council. A quit-claim on the street car tracks, now being relinquished by the WPB, was deferred pending satisfactory assurance that the paving would be replaced in good condition, at the suggestion of Mayor Rummy, that the tracks might yet be put to use where they are.

U.S. Army Ordnance School Open in Park

The former headquarters of the Eastern Chevrolet company, at Kercheval and Maryland avenues, which has been undergoing remodeling for the past several weeks, has reopened its doors as a unit of the training system which the Ordnance department, in collaboration with leading industrial firms, has set up for the schooling of mechanical personnel. Continental Motors corporation will conduct specialized courses here for selected trainees, to equip the latter for tank engine maintenance and repair work on the various fronts.

Sendoff Groups Honored by Burns Henry Post Friday

The Home Front Committee and the Breakfast Club were honored Friday morning at the sendoff for a contingent of sixteen service men at the Neighborhood Club, by the presentation of an American flag, with Sgt. Frank J. Snay acting for the Burns Henry Post. Co-sponsors with the Home Front Committee, the University of Michigan Club arranged for the program with Leslie P. Young, president of the organization, addressing the selectees. Douglas P. Crane was the club sendoff chairman.

The school is completely equipped for practical work as well as for lecture sessions. There are test stands, maintenance tools of the kinds used in the field, cutaway and demonstration engines, and two complete tanks.

The students, principally non-commissioned officers, are chosen from their respective organizations with an eye to their special fitness for this type of work, and are frequently promoted on completion of the course. They live at the Savarine hotel while enrolled in the school.

A large number of the men have finished the work of other training centers, such as Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler, and those who have not will take courses at one or another of those plants on completion of Continental's training. When they are through at all the special industrial-ordnance schools, they will be completely qualified to keep all kinds of ordnance equipment rolling.

Two waves from GROSSE POINTE COMMISSIONED Among four women recently commissioned in the WAVES and assigned to active duty from the Detroit recruiting branch are Priscilla Heath, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Parker Heath, 79 Cloverly Road and Harriet Heames, 848 Washington Road.

FARMS TURNS IN THREE 'JALOPIES' IN DEC. Highway Commissioner Carter Ponce reported to the Trustees of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms Monday night that his department had disposed of three 'Jalopies' for \$42.21 during the month of December.

Horticultural Co-ordinator Spikes Rumors of Seed Shortage; Urges Victory Gardens

Wild rumors by misinformed persons are being circulated purporting as originating in official circles that there exists at this time a grave shortage of vegetable seeds for American gardens. The general effect of these false rumors are to deter people from undertaking the preparation for home and victory gardens in the raising of much needed vegetables this coming season.

Grosse Pointe U-M Student Named Outstanding Soph

Cadet Edwin C. Meesta, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Meesta, 1254 Balfour, has been named the "Outstanding ROTC Sophomore" by Scabland and Blade, honorary military organization, at the University of Michigan. He was honored by this designation in from a field of some one thousand students. Cadet Meesta was among eight University of Michigan men to receive citations and medals last Saturday for distinguished service as a student body member during the past semester.

Council Appoints Trustees to Fill Vacated Posts

Indications of a political "declaration of war" were seen in the resignation of the popular mayor, Paul H. Deming and two trustees, William K. Muir and Edward P. Wright at the meeting of the council of the village of Grosse Pointe Farms Monday night.

Disagreement with policies of the remaining majority of the village council was given as reason for the resignations, with promise of a stirring contest in the coming primary and general elections on Feb. 8 and March 8, respectively. Disapproval with recent handling of pending labor arbitration and certification to the WLB was also registered.

The remaining four councilmen, Joseph Snay, Walter Strittmatter, Raymond Moore and J. R. Sutton appointed two men as trustees to fill the vacated posts on the council. They were Hoyt P. Spicer, an attorney, of McMillan road and Neal S. McEachin, display artist, of Hillcrest road. No president was appointed and it is not known if that office will be filled before the election in March.

Text of the point letter of resignation follows: Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan Jan. 12, 1943

Clerk of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, Dear Sir: We hereby resign as President and Trustees, respectively, of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Village has caused to be proud (Continued on Page 7)

Blood Donor Unit to Be at Defer School Wednesday

This is the last call for blood donor registrations for Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1943. Defer school 1:30 through 5:30 p. m. More donors are needed to make this a successful day for this community. Please make your registration as soon as possible so that your appointment sheet can be compiled. Blanks may be secured at Defer school or through the school children.

Five Thousand Dollar Fire Guts Garage; Destroys Four Cars

Fire of mysterious origin completely destroyed three automobiles and badly burned a fourth Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock when gasoline from one car was ignited and spread through the interior of the service department of Rogers Auto Sales, Park and Lakeshore. Park firemen answered the alarm and Fire Chief Ed Rector (pictured above in shirt sleeves) summoned the City of Grosse Pointe department as a safety measure. Estimated damage approaches five thousand dollars, exclusive of the loss of automobile.

Adjustment in Pay Effective Jan. 18; Ends June 30th

Culminating three months study of various plans for meeting cost of living adjustment within the limitations of the current year's budget, the Grosse Pointe board of education granted a special 10 per cent increase to all employees at its annual budget review meeting, Jan. 13. The 10 per cent increase is on all salaries for the remainder of the current budget year which ends June 30, 1943 and is effective as of Jan. 18. It is limited to the amount of \$125.00 which any employe may receive during that period. In other words, it will not, in general be applicable to any portion of an employe's salary exceeding \$2,500 per year.

This increase will not be a part of the normal salary schedule of the school employes upon which employes receive regularly scheduled annual increases in the new budget year beginning July 1, 1943. The board of education felt that they could not anticipate any tax collection reserves or savings in budget expenditures beyond that point.

According to Dr. Paul L. Esert, superintendent of schools, in his announcement of the pay increase to the employes, Friday, Jan. 15, "Many of the plans submitted to the board of education by different employe groups, either seriously threatened the operation of the normal salary schedule during 1943, or..."

Twin Sons Born at Cottage Hospital; Father in Service

Twin boys were born to Aviation Cadet Russell O. Rice and Mrs. Rice at the Cottage hospital Saturday, shortly after 6 p.m. Named Raymond Russel and Richard Arthur, the twins weighed 7 and 6 pounds 14 ounces, respectively. Aviation Cadet Rice left Tuesday night after spending a 15 day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rice, 144 Mapleton. The grandfather is Sergt. William Rice of the Farms police. Mrs. Russell Rice is the former Dorothy Schlenker of Marlborough, Detroit.

STOP AND GO SIGNS UNCHANGED IN FARMS

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms Monday night approved the recommendation of Police Chief Albert O. Fluit that present stop lights and blinker signals in the Village be continued in the interest of safety.

Richard Knitting Class

A knitting class will be started at Richard school on Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 starting Jan. 27. The fee is 50 cents.









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