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Editorial

THEY NEED BLOOD

Who we read, can't fail to notice the constant appeal for more blood donors in order to get blood plasma which is used to treat the wounded. The surgeons generally of the army and navy have asked for a fourth more blood this year than last. This means 5 million pints to be supplied. It is a staggering task, and we are in the neighborhood of one...

POLITICAL PLATFORMS

Political party platforms of 1944 must not be accepted too readily. The Democratic and Republican conventions of 1944 will do about the same kind of "chartering" as to be found in the Roosevelt and Churchill platforms. It is a nine-tenths visionary. David Hinshaw in his recent article published in the New York Times Sunday Magazine catalogues platforms as "merely historical documents." He says that they do not represent but rather reflect the mood of the major parties and the candidates, but collectively these political platforms may be best classified as "monocentric designs."

As a matter of fact, the platforms of the Democratic party in the last 12 years have furnished as much as an index to the system of government which followed through three terms. In his very interesting review of party platforms Mr. Hinshaw finds that any political philosopher who will take the trouble to examine the platforms of political parties for the past 100 years will reach the conclusion that "these works of art forsooth seem like a graveyard of dead issues."

High Staff Officers Given Secret Protection. In the early days of the invasion a whole body of high-ranking Allied officers came to visit us—General Marshall, Blum and Arnold, Admiral King and Ramsey—there was so much brass you just bumped two-star generals without even being introduced. Everybody, it appears to indicate that the political platforms of June and July, 1944, will rapidly descend into a lower class than the "monocentric" design work do more and more. It is political experts can't keep up.

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Gen. Eddy Commands One Of Best Combat Divisions

Commander Dares Enemy Fire to Be With His Fighting Troops. By Ernie Pyle. IN NORMANDY.—One of the favorite generals among the war correspondents is Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander of the Ninth division.

We like him because he is absolutely honest with us, because he is sort of old-school and easy to talk with, and because we think he is a mighty good general. We have known him in Tunisia and Sicily, and now here in France.

Like his big chief, General Omar Bradley, General Eddy looks more like a schoolteacher than a soldier. He is a big, tall man with a white beard and glasses. He wears a simple, plain uniform. He is not a show-off. He is not a bluffer. He is a real fighter.

When the general is in the field he lives in a truck that used to be the Ninth Infantry division—the distinguishing mark of the division. He is not a show-off. He is not a bluffer. He is a real fighter.

Usually he stays at his desk during the morning hours. He is a real fighter. He is not a show-off. He is not a bluffer. He is a real fighter.

One day I rode around with him on one of his tours. At one command post we were sitting on a grass under a tree, looking at maps, with a group of officers around us.

General Eddy didn't move. He just said: "Why, that was one of our shells." And since I had known General Eddy for quite a while, I was held bound to say: "General, if that was one of our shells, I can say it is this is a hell of a way to run a war. We're fighting toward the north, and that shell was going the south."

The general just laughed. "The general also likes to get up at four o'clock in the morning, get into a white and go poking around into message centers and mess units, giving the boys a start. It was one of these night messengers that produced his favorite war story. It was in Africa. They were out in a new bivouac. It was raining cats and dogs, and the general was...



RECEPTION FOR ENLISTED WACS.—Mrs. Robert F. Patterson, wife of the Under Secretary of the Washington Military District, at a reception in her home where the girls in uniform were greeted by their hostesses and the wives of high ranking military officers and foreign diplomats. Above, Mrs. James H. Doolittle, whose husband commands the Eighth Air Force, shakes hands with Pte. Elizabeth Duchan, of Andover, Massachusetts. At the left is Mrs. Carl E. Spang, wife of the commanding general, U. S. Strategic Air Force in Europe. Mrs. Patterson is in the center. Among those assisting were Mrs. Somay Cheng Wei, wife of the Chinese ambassador; Mrs. Lydia Gromyko, wife of the Russian ambassador; Lady Maharaj Bajpai, wife of the army general for India, and Col. Ovea Culp Hobby, director of the Women's Army Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vandenhout and daughter Helen of Lowell were in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last night. Mrs. Vandenhout is the wife of the commanding general of the Ninth division. They were in the city for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Summers and daughter Helen of Lowell were in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last night. They were in the city for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rickert and daughter Helen of Lowell were in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last night. They were in the city for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Potter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Potter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Potter and children.

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SHIRLEY CORNERS. The thirty-seventh annual Snow School reunion will be held at the W. C. S. hall on Saturday night. The program will include a social dinner, a play, and a concert.

WEST LOWELL. Mrs. Mary Ann Ashley and her husband, Mr. Ashley, were in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last night. They were in the city for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lally of Ashabula, O., are spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lally of Lowell, Mich.

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Local News. Margaret Nevin was home from Kalamazoo over the week-end. Miss Amy Ridgely of Rochester, Mich., arrived Saturday afternoon at the Ray Rogers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seely were in Muskegon on Friday evening to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Seely. Mr. and Mrs. Seely were in Muskegon on Friday evening to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Seely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Althaus and family spent Sunday at Gun Lake with Dr. and Mrs. W. Perry of Kalamazoo. The Frank Coons and Austin Coons families were guests of Dr. E. Quick, Sunday at his cottage at Barlow Lake.

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STAR CORNERS. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Groff and Mrs. Harold Groff and son of Lake Odessa spent Monday evening at the Freeman Hoffman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Blough. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blough and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Blough.

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The proudest title in the Army. It consists of two simple words. Yet every soldier who's worth his salt covets it. This title is simply: "Good Soldier." It isn't just happenstance that so many women in the WAC have earned this title—the proudest in the Army. For wherever Wacs are working, both here and overseas, they find a job well done. And one with a spirit so gallant and fine that high Army officers everywhere say of the WAC... "They're soldiers. Good soldiers!"

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THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL (THE HASTINGS COMPANY) is making adjustments and paying losses to its policyholders just as rapidly as can be humanly done.

GOVE LAKE. Mrs. Beale Walker of Saginaw who was a former resident here, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Quiggle and Mrs. Effie Gregory, and others in our vicinity. She returned to her home last night.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Financial Statement of Graded School District No. 4, Fr.

Bowne-Lowell Townships, Kent County, Mich., July 10, 1944

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Board of School District No. 4 Fr. Bowne and Lowell townships, was held in the school building Monday evening, July 10, 1944.

FINANCIAL REPORT Receipts and Disbursements

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements, including Cash Balance, General Fund, and Budget Expenditures.

Signed: MARGUERITE PORRITT, Sec'y, MAUDE SKIDMORE, Treas.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs and family attended the Moose picnic at Crooked Lake Sunday.

ALTO NEWS

Red Cross Meeting
The Red Cross did plenty of work Friday evening though they had a very late start for a chicken pie dinner served by the committee.

Alto Garden Club Meeting
Mrs. Jack Simpson and mother, Mrs. Nell Clark entertained the Alto Garden Club Wednesday.

Alto Locals
We are thankful for the fine crops this year when food is needed so badly for our service men.

General Property Tax Receipts
Current operating tax collections \$1,398.34
Delinquent tax collection 30.83

ALTO NEWS

Beginning on August 1st, on library days, Tuesday and Saturday, the librarian, Mrs. H. D. Smith will read on hour to the children, commencing at 1:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holcomb and Mrs. Ernest Rosenberg spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loving at LaBerge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hotterli of South Downe called on Mrs. Beatrice Courter Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr and family of Grand Rapids called on his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacNaughton Friday evening and he returned to Grand Lakes Wednesday.

VERGENNES CENTER

The W. S. C. S. feel that their ice cream social was quite a success and they wish to thank the people of the community and town for their splendid patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Spars at home last Wednesday evening for the pleasure of her sister, Donna Thaler.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Endres of Grand Rapids were Sunday supper guests at the St. Peter's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hotterli of South Downe called on Mrs. Beatrice Courter Tuesday.

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FALLSBURG & VICINITY
Fred Miller has sold his place in Fallsburg to J. H. Muskegon.

RECORDS MATTERS
Mrs. R. T. Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Small and family of Elmhurst visited Mr. and Mrs. John Postma Tuesday afternoon.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...
"Mary and I were just saying, Judge, how lucky we were here today. We have so many natural resources to help win the war."

Ada News

Mrs. Mattie R. Pihla
Mrs. Mattie R. Pihla who has been spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Aden, who has returned to his duties here on furlough from Delhart, Texas, will report to Pratt, Okla., as chairman for the district to solicit donations for the Kent County Association Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stuklis and family motored to Cooperville Saturday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. Veneman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutton and Miss Grace Hutton of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boynton have returned to Grand Rapids after spending two weeks at their cottage in Zeeland Saturday night.

Shower Honors Mrs. Pauline
Mrs. Russell Pauline, see Janet Fletcher of Lowell, was honor guest at a subscription shower given at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Averill at the home of Mrs. Alfred Pauline at 10:30 Monday evening.

Church News

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
C. E. Pollock, Minister
Morning services at 11 o'clock every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
Rev. Guy Dillon, Pastor
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.—Worship Service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Cor. Washington and Kent
Morning services at 11 o'clock every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

ALTO METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Wm. E. Thuma, Minister
Morning worship at 9:45. Subject, "Christian Perseverance."

Church News

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CH.
Rev. N. G. Woon, Pastor
Church School—10:00 a. m.
Worship Service—11:00 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Lowell, Mich.
Rev. R. C. Warden, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.

GOSPEL HALL MEETINGS
At German Methodist Church
1:30 p. m.—Sunday School. Interesting lessons and classes for all ages.

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