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Tom Abair
Charter City Credit Union Organize With 74 Employees – Seventy-four investors form the nucleus of the newly organized credit union that will provide a savings and loan plan for River Rouge’s city employees. **Chartered by the State Banking Committee, the credit union will serve employees of the Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works and all elective and appointive city officials.** At a meeting last Thursday in the Council Chamber four of the credit union’s nine-member Board of Directors were elected officers of the organization: William Duncan, Housing Commission Director, is the local group’s first President. Other officers are Ray Schattler, Vice President; P. Thomas Redmond, Treasurer; Joe J. Fowler, Clerk. **Tom Moore, Don Chester, John Ledl, William Simmons and Tony Zambo complete the roster of board members.** Elected to the Credit Committee were Mrs. Elaine Butler, Jack Kaurain, Richard Rivers, Tim Winphrey and Kenneth Booker.

The Supervisory Committee, which makes periodic checks of all credit union transactions, is composed of Judge Jerry Gagneau, Mrs. Theresa Zachny and Ernest Solmose. The application for a charter was signed by the board members of three other investors, Loren Pittman, Louis Balaze and Oliver Jacques, after a potential of 100 members was assured. **According to Redmond, the group’s treasurer, the River Rouge Employees Credit Union Act and supervised by the Bureau of Federal Credit Union.** Objectives are to encourage thrift through deposits, providing members with a method of systematically saving a portion of their earnings, and to provide the average person with a place where he can get credit on reasonable terms. Investors’ deposits are used to lend funds to other members at low rates. **The Local State-Chartered Credit Union conditions loans upon interest amounting to one per cent of the unpaid balance per month. Both Federal and State law lets the cooperative group set any interest rate not in excess of that amount. Members are also eligible for life insurance.**

**Girl, Boy Top Seniors at Rouge –** An outstanding scholastic record has won for Carol Featherston of honor of being named Valedictorian of the June graduating Class of River Rouge High School. Adam Adolphus, who also earned top academic honors, was named Salutatorian. Fifteen others were selected as honor students on the basis of Scholastic Averages and Honor Points. They are: Jean Beyer, Ann Bumgardener, Mary Burges, Carol Carless, Shelba Davis, Robert Douglas, Janice Fullwood, Mildred Jones, Joe Lujan, Blanche Martin, Yvonne Pattenauda, Jean Riding, Adarene Tackett, Andrew Yates and George Yates. The honor students traditionally are in charge of arrangements for Senior Class Day, to be held this year on June 10.

**Blind Twin’s Schooling Hinges on Finding Home –** In all of River Rouge there must be a vacant unfurnished five-room house or flat, and the owner of such a desirable residence must, if this story is to have a happy ending, have a heart – a big, generous one. **Charity, in a monetary sense, is not involved by any means. Twin boys, blind since they were born six years ago, are however.** For three months their mother has been advertising in the Herald and otherwise searching for a place in River Rouge where she may make a home for the lads and their eight-year-old brother. There’s a reason why it’s so important that the home be located here. The family now lives far from the school for pre-school blind children at Ann Visger School, and the mother, a Laboratory Technician, has no way of taking the twins to and from school every day. **Both of the youngsters have met all admission requirements but until there’s a home for them in River Rouge they will be unable to attend the special classes.** The West Side Lions Club will pay moving expenses and assist in other ways in getting the little family settled in a home here…. If someone will call Ann Visger School, VI-2-610, during school hours and let Glenn Lockwood, Principal, know he has just the housing facilities needed.

**Consider New Sewer For Industry –** Bids for construction of a sewer to provide sewage facilities for three riverfront industries will be sought by the city when plans and specifications are submitted to Council and City Engineer L. T. Bowen. Estimated cost of the sewer is $5,400. The installation of a public sewer was advised by the Michigan Water Resources Commission to eliminate pollution of the Detroit River. Of the industries mentioned by the Commission, one Great Lakes Engineering Works, is located in River Rouge. The Murray Corp. and Nicholson Terminal and Dock Co., are in Ecorse. River Rouge and Ecorse city officials will confer regarding
the financing of the sewer construction. The sewer, Brown informed council, will be construction on the north side of Great Lakes Ave from an existing sewer in the alley east of Goodell to a point across the D. T. & I. Railroad tracks. The three industries would be required to build sewers to connect to the city’s sewer system.

New Comfort Station – A public comfort station to be located in the center of the main business district is being planned by council. Bids for the structure to be built on the site of the proposed off-street parking lot at Coolidge and Burke will be opened at the May 17 Council session.

The Social Whirl

- The River Rouge Woman’s Club will meet on May 10. The program will consist of a panel of foreign students from Wayne University, who will discuss their countries and their customs. Program Chairman is Harriett Greene.
- The Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Pittman of 136 Walnut last Friday. They played games and prizes were won by June Kapusky, Mildred Totten and Margaret Biggs. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Florence Steele of Wyandotte at 8pm.
- The Circle is accepting applications for new members to be initiated in October. An invitation is extended to all Catholic women in the down river district, married or single, to join the Circle. Rev. Fr. T. Esper is the Circle’s new Chaplain. For further information call: Membership Chairman Marie Hoss or Regent Loretta Laginess.

34 Enter Poppy Poster Contest in River Rouge – Poppy Posters submitted by 34 students from the seventh through the twelfth grades of River Rouge High School were judged last week at the American Legion Memorial Home. Second Group Winners were Vernis Hampton of 32 W. James, first place; Sandra Touchstone of 436 Polk, second place; Linda Chirillo of 41 W. Anchor, third place. In the third group the winners were: Tom Armhart of 90 Haltiner, first place; James Childs of 345 Polk, second place; Shirley Smith of 46 Auburn, Ecorse, third place and honorable mention; Jean Holbrook of 107 Burke and Yvonne Stevens of 34 Forest. The two first place posts will be sent to the 16th District for further judging on Wednesday, May 18 at the American Legion Home on Maple Street in Dearborn.

Our Men in the Armed Service

- Pfc. Ronald R. Pregler, 21 son of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer E. Pregler, 117 E. Pleasant St. recently was graduated from the Seventh Army Non-commissioned Officer Academy in Munich, Germany. Pregler entered the Army in December, 1953 and arrived in Europe in May 1954. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was graduated from the River Rouge High School.
- A/3c Frank J. Gumlack, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gumlack, Sr. of 209 Haltiner, was home on leave for 17 days. A/3c Gunlack is stationed in Labrador.
- Pvt. Louis W. Weiss left for overseas duty on April 21 after spending a few days visiting with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. William Weiss of 191 Goodell. Pvt. Weiss attended River Rouge High School.
- Pvt. James J. Metty, 20, son of A. E. Metty, 372 Burke, River Rouge, will participate in LOGEX-55, an Army-Wide Logistical Exercise, May 2-7, at Fort Lee, Va. Approximately 5,000 officers and enlisted personnel will be trained in supplying combat troops for modern warfare. Although no field units will be used, simulated conditions will give realism to the exercise. Private Metty is a member of the 9135th Technical Service Unit’s Casual Company at Fort Lee. He is a 1953 graduate of River Rouge High School.

Rouge, Inkster Thinclads First In CMC Relays – Coach Roy Krueger’s River Rouge High Track Team took a long stride toward the State Class B track crown with a fine showing in the Central Michigan Relay held at Mt. Pleasant Saturday. The Panthers scored in nine events and tied with Inkster for top honors in Class B, each team scoring 50 points. In fact Inkster had to win the last two events, the mile relay, and the 880 relay, to gain a tie with the local lads. **Rouge showed excellent balance in the CMC relays, with the Panthers winning three events and**
placing in six others. What was more exceptional was the fact that Rouge established new meet records for Class B in each of the three events which it won. The Panthers first record came in the middle distance relay when his quartet of Ron Wade, Herman Ector, Bob Wilson and Willie Burgess won the event in 6:04.6, bettering the old mark of 6:12 set by Traverse City in 1950. Wade and Burgess ran 880 yards each, while Ector and Wilson ran 440 yards. Rouge came up with a terrific performance in the shuttle hurdle relay to set a second mark. The team of Joe Louis Johnson, Bob Douglas, Charles Anderson and Dick Frazier skimmed over the barriers in 60.9 seconds, knocking almost a full second off the old mark of 61.8 set by Birmingham in 1948. The third standard came in high jump, where junior Walt Ector gave a brilliant performance to clear 6’1/2” to break the previous mark of 6’ even by Allen Osborn of Big Rapids last year. Ector’s fine showing boosted Rouge’s Stock for the State meet. Rouge got some unexpected help in the hurdle events, where Joe Louis Johnson placed in both individual races. Johnson ran a great race to finish second in the 120 yard high hurdles, and came back to get a fifth in the 180 yard lows. Shot Putter Jim Childs came through with his best heave of the year, a 48’ toss to take third in his specialty. Henry Pollard missed fifth place by only one inch, with a toss of 45’9”, so another inch would have been enough to give Rouge the meet. The Panthers picked up valuable points in three other relay events. Rouge was fourth in the Central relay, as Jesse Meadows, Levi Johnson, Ozell Bankhead and Blanche Martin covered the 660 yards in 1”11.1. The Panthers were second in the Sprint Medley, as Bobby Washington, Ozell Bankhead, Dick Frazier and Levi Johnson covered the distance in 2:38.4. Since Inkster was favored to win the final event, the 880 relay, Rouge needed a third place to assure themselves of a tie for team honors. And that’s just what happened. Inkster won the event in 1:33.7, and Ecorse took second with a 1:34 flat clocking. Rouge’s quartet of Blanche Martin, Ozell Bankhead, Herman Ector and Dick Frazier came up with a 1:35, their best mark of the season, to clinch third place. While Ecorse failed to win any events, the Red Raiders did very well in most of the sprint relays and finished fifth in the scoring with 33 points. The Raiders were behind Rouge, Inkster, Mt. Pleasant and St. Louis. Ecorse was fourth in the two mile relay with a clocking of 8:49.6. The Raiders were third in the Central relay and second in the 880 yard relay. Ecorse also was fourth in the sprint medley and second in the 440 yard relay. Most of the Raiders’ points in these relays were scored by the quartet of Fritz, Gaudy, Thomas and Hussey. The Raiders had only two pint makers in individual events. Ebsen Smart took a fourth in the high hurdles and Cliff Hussey was fifth in the broad jump with a leap of 20’5”.

Upsets Give Bear Nine Title Chance – Lourdes Bears divided a pair of games during the past week to keep alive hopes of repeating as the West Side First Division baseball champions. The Bears were aided in their cause by a wave of upsets which left Mt. Carmel as the unbeaten crew. Coach Tom Connell’s nine will have a chance to knock Mt. Carmel from the unbeaten class when the two teams collide today at 4pm at Glemet Field. A win for Lourdes will throw the race into complete confusion and give the Bears a chance to repeat. Lourdes could have been sitting pretty in the standings right now if the Bears hadn’t blown a three run lead to St. Patrick of Wyandotte last Thursday. The Bears held a 5 to 2 margin with two outs in the seventh frame but two errors and a homer enabled St. Pat to tie the score and the Irish came on to win the game in the ninth inning, 6 to 5. The Bears finally got into the win column Monday, afternoon, blanking St. Gregory at Great Lakes Field, 7 to 0. Right hander Ed Drabczyk allowed only three hits and fanned fifteen while hurling the Bears to an easy win. Second sacker “Specs” Sabuda bashed a three run homer for the Bears.

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Win Fifty Silver Dollars In Giant Jackpot Contest – Fifty silver dollars will jingle in some lucky shoppers pockets every Monday for the next eight weeks. Anyone living in the area in which the Herald Advertiser is distributed can win the fifty shiny silver cartwheels to be given as a prize to the winner of the Giant Jackpot Contest beginning today. The thirty River Rouge merchants sponsoring the contest are also offering special values every Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the run of the contest. These merchants are making it possible for you to win the fifty silver dollars as an incentive to area residents to shop locally. You don’t have to write jingles, work crossword puzzles or check your license plate numbers to be eligible for the big jackpot. Save Sales Slips Just shop in River Rouge each weekend and keep the sales slip from any of the thirty stores sponsoring the Giant Jackpot Contest. (See names of merchants and special items they are featuring this weekend on Page 6).

Remember, you can win only if you have a sales slip dated the previous Thursday, Friday or Saturday. The winning name will be selected on Monday from the telephone book by three judges, Ken DeGroat, Jeweler, President of the River Rouge Businessmen’s Association; Ralph Lozon of Lozon’s Hardware; Howard Wolfe of Louis Wolfe’s Men’s Wear. If your name is the lucky one you must be able to hand the judges a sales slip as proof
that you did your shopping in River Rouge this weekend. **Consolation Prize.** You won’t lose out completely if you haven’t kept your sales slip, because there will be a consolation of $5 for each person whose name is chosen. **If a winner has no sales slip from one of the 30 stores, the $50 in silver will be added to the next week’s fifty dollar prize.** If no one during the entire eight weeks has a sales slip that would entitle him to claim the prize, the Giant Jackpot could total $400. In shopping in River Rouge you will be eligible for the Giant Jackpot and at the same time be trading with the businessmen whose taxes help pay for your schools and parks, and civic improvements, police and fire departments. You’ll be patronizing the Merchants who do their best in supporting local churches, charities and civic organizations. If you live in River Rouge and Ecorse, or in the southwest section of Detroit bounded by Campbell and Fort Streets and West Pleasant to Outer Dr. The Herald Advertiser circulation area, you are eligible to win the Giant Jackpot, Renaud Drugs, 257 Burke’ Frank’s Paint and Wallpaper, 10900 W. Jefferson; Why-Not Cleaners, 11324 W. Jefferson; Hazen Pingree Knoch, 10939 W. Jefferson; Bakers Department Store, 10430 W. Jefferson, Louis Wolfe & Son, 10497 W. Jefferson; Parrinders River Rouge Fish & Poultry, 10994 W. Jefferson; Smargons, W. Jefferson; Rouge Hardware, 10677 W. Jefferson; R & S Shoes, Reno Building; Lozon’s Hardware, 10460 W. Jefferson; Labadies Drug Store, 11292 W. Jefferson; Mercury Cleaners, 10692 W. Jefferson; Regal Jewelry, 10490 W. Jefferson; Johnson The Jeweler, 10522 W. Jefferson; Werners Department Store, 10508 W. Jefferson; Babcock Bros. Sales, Inc., 10268 W. Jefferson; Wayne Outfitters, 10390 W. Jefferson; Schneiders Cafè, 10837 W. Jefferson; Dailey’s Pure Oil Service, 10820 W. Jefferson; Lenore Beauty Salon, 10406 W. Jefferson; Kresge’s, W. Jefferson, Rinna’s Market, 63 E. James; Kramer-Eberts, 10225 W. Jefferson; Joe’s Market, 10344 W. Jefferson.

**Gets Council OK On Appointments – New Parking Authority Is Named** – Commission assignments and Commission appointments made by Mayor M. Warren Duncan Tuesday night were approved without a hitch by Council. **Tuesday was the first night since inauguration April 5, that the entire council was in session, which accounted for the mayor’s delay in announcing his appointments.** A three member parking authority, the city’s first, was appointed to make recommendations to council in matters pertaining to on-street parking. Named to the Committee were Finance Commissioner Earl R. Beaudrie; Judge Jerry Gagneau; P. Thomas Redmond, City Treasurer and Police Chief Ralph Phillips. Mayor pro-tem is still unannounced. **Mayor Duncan made the following council assignments; Beaudrie, Finance; Roy Cheff, Public Affairs; Woodrow W. Dillon, Public Works; John R. Tattan, Public Utilities; Orlando Rinna, Health and Welfare; Tracy Denninger, Sanitation.**

**Named to Standing Committees for the ensuing year were:** Finance – Beaudrie, Cheff, Tattan; License – Tattan, Dillon, Beaudrie; Bonds & Sureties – Rinna, Denninger, Beaudrie; Building Permit – Dillon, Cheff, Rinna; Recreation – Cheff, Tattan, Dillon; Youth – Rinna, Denninger, Tattan. **George A. Deering was reappointed Public Works Superintendent and Building Inspector; Richard Crosson remains Superintendent of the Water Department, and W. G. Whitehead was appointed City Auditor. All appointments were at the regular salaries they are now drawing. Jack Bewick was reappointed to serve as a member of the Public Safety Commission. The term is for five years and there is no salary. The services of a full-time Health Officer were made available to River Rouge residents for the first time with the appointment Tuesday night of Dr. Harvey S. Broderson by Mayor M . Warren Duncan. Annual salary for the post was approved by Council at $6,000 excluding usual fees charged for emergency calls. In making the appointment, Mayor Duncan explained, “Dr. Broderson has agreed to answer all emergency calls from citizens who, for some reason are unable to reach their family doctors. Every week the Police Department gets several frantic calls for a doctor and until now there has been no physician available for emergency cases. “**We have been trying for years to find a qualified, capable physician who is ready to answer these calls at any time, day or night. Dr. Broderson,,” the Mayor said, “answers our every requirement for time, day or night. Dr. Broderson, the Mayor said, “answers our every requirement for such service.** Dr. Broderson has served the city as Health Officer for 11 years, intermittently from 1922 to 1939. He was School Physician from 1940 to 1945. Until his appointment Tuesday as Health Officer on a full time basis, he had been serving the unexpired term of former Health Officer Dr. Gerald J. Aben who resigned the post last June. He has been a General Practitioner since his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1912 and has lived in River Rouge since 1917.

**Social Whirl**

- Mr. & Mrs. Roland Bowdler of 171 ½ Goodell, announce the birth of their fourth son, Jeffrey Lynn, born on May 4 at the Wyandotte General Hospital weighing six pounds and four ounces. The Bowdler’s other sons are: Gary, Billy, and Michael. Mrs. Bowdler is the former Mary Moore of Oklahoma.
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Nesbitt of 116 E. Henry, announce the birth of their son, Harold Thomas, born on April 23 at the Riverside O. Hospital weighing 6 pounds and ten ounces. Mrs. Nesbitt is the former Beverly Foote of River Rouge.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the River Rouge Boat Club will sponsor a Bake Sale on Friday, May 20 beginning at 10am at Lozon’s Hardware.

The Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9 taking in new member, Lillian Kirby. A mother and Daughter Banquet is being planned for May 18 and a Fish Fry and Beef Dinner to be held at the Club hall on West Jefferson on Friday, May 13 from 4 to 8pm.

**Our Men In The Armed Service**

- Alex Kapetan is the son of Helen and Steven Kapetan of 68 E. Auburn, Ecorse and has been in the service for 15 months; and receives his training in Detroit; Larry Lozon, son of Elaine and Samuel Lozon of 161 Haltiner, has been in the reserves for one year and eight months and is entering the regular service in September; Elwood Hilton, son of Audrey and Theodore McCormick of 89 Hill has been in the service for six months and receives his training at Selfridge Air Force Base; Bill Farrand, son of Mendie and Irving Farrand of 63 W. Cicotte, has been in the reserves for five months and will attend a Tool & Die Engineering School; Ronald Davis, son of Wanda and Frank Gurowski of 201 Frazier has been in the reserves for five months and will attend a Tool & Die Engineering School; Cleaver, son of Lenore and Harold Cleaver of 30 Ruth, Ecorse who has been in the reserves for six months and is going into the regular service in September. All of the boys are senior students at River Rouge High School. Bill Farrant and Elwood Hilton have recently returned from a flight to Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Chicago, Ill.

- A/3c James F. Thompson of 125 Elm, is stationed at Okinawa. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Class of 1953 and received his basic training at Sampson A.F.B., in New York and at Selfridge A.F.B. for six months. A/3c Thompson would like to hear from his friends. His address is: A/3c James E. Thompson, Hq. 18th Ftr. Bmbr. Gr. A.P.O. 239, San Francisco, Calif.

Panthers Back In Race For TVC Baseball Crown – Two big wins during the past week have pushed the River Rouge Panthers right back into the title chase in the Twin Valley Conference baseball race. The Panthers moved into second place in the standings with a 3.2 mark by whipping Lincoln Park, 9 to 6, Friday after having eked out a 2 to 1 win over Melvindale Tuesday. The two triumphs shot Rouge within one game of the front running Dearborn Pioneers. The Panthers have a real chance to move into first place this week as they play a crucial game with Dearborn Tuesday afternoon at Great Lakes Field at 3:45pm. Rouge also has a non-league battle with Lowrey set for 3pm today (Thursday) at Lowrey’s Field. **Rouge had to come up with a five run splurge in the seventh inning to beat Lincoln Park Friday and avenge an earlier loss to the Railsplitters. **Rouge hurler Harry “Biff” Lozon hurled a sparkling three hitter for the Panthers, but faulty support kicked in five runs in the fourth inning and put Rouge in the hole. The Panthers scored first as Jack Peer doubled home Dave Stewart, had singled, in the third inning. The Parkers got five runs in the fourth when Rouge made five errors to make things easy. Rouge pulled within one run of the fifth on an error, a walk, a fielder’s choice, Jack Peer’s sacrifice fly and Stan Kliyk’s two run single. That made it 5 – 4 in the seventh. The Panthers broke loose in the seventh. Singles by George Osmond, Chucky Cody, Jack Peer and Kliyk, a fielder’s choice and Lew Brown’s two run safety gave the Panthers their margin of victory. **Lozon went all the way for Rouge allowing three hits while fanning ten and walking four. **Right-hander’s George Osmond of Rouge and Jim Cooley of Melvindale hooked up in a real mound duel. The game went into extra innings before Rouge pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the eight. Osmond allowed only three hits, struck out eight and walked five, while Cooley was touched for five hits while fanning four and walking two.

Ed Drabczyk Hurls No-Hit Masterpiece – While Lourdes Bears are out of the race for the Catholic League West Side Baseball chase, the local nine is still dangerous, thanks to the sturdy right arm of pitcher Eddie Drabczyk. The stocky right-hander has pitched excellent ball for Lourdes in five straight contests, but poor support has cost
Drabczyk three games and ended the Bears’ hopes of repeating as West Side Champions. After Mt. Carmel edged Lourdes 4 to 2 Thursday, the hard-working Bear hurler must have made up his mind to take care of things himself the next time out, and that is just what he did. Drabczyk hurled a no-run, no-hit game against St. Theresa Monday afternoon, fanning 15 and walking four during his masterpiece. Drabczyk is a conventional fast and curve ball pitcher, with a good fast ball and a sharp breaking hook. The chunky hurler also possesses good control most of the time, and this has been his main asset in recording 14 or 15 strikeouts in his last four outings. St. Theresa hitters never had a chance against Drabczyk Monday as the Bear mound star was in top form. His fast ball was alive and his curve breaking well all afternoon. Mt. Carmel, one of the Loop’s top teams, took advantage of errors to nip Lourdes, 4 to 2, Ron Konopenksi hurled a six hitter for the Comets who recorded their fourth straight win. Lourdes will complete its home schedule today (Thursday) at Great Lakes Field, meeting St. Mary of Redford. The Rustics have a 3 – 2 mark for the season and the contest should be a close one, as Roger “Rocky” Donahoo, former St. Francis Xavier ace, who transferred to St. Mary, is expected to oppose Drabczyk on the mound. Game time is 3:30pm.

MAY 19, 1955

Harry Golden Merchant Here 32 Years This Month – Among the blessings a businessman enjoys are the customers who return year after year to patronize his store. Harry Golden, by this token, considers himself exceptionally fortunate, because this month he is celebrating the thirty-second anniversary since he first opened a grocery store in River Rouge … and among his customers today he counts many who made purchases the day he opened for business. He recalls when his first market, at the corner of Delisle and Jefferson, overlooked a narrow, country-like street. River Rouge began to grow, and Golden’s Market grew with it. When in 1934, West Jefferson was widened and paved, Golden moved his store to its present location, 10391 W. Jefferson. Mr. & Mrs. Golden came here when their son, Robert was two years old, and Esther, their daughter, was two weeks old. Bob now is his father’s partner in the business. Esther’s husband, George Sugarman, has been working with them since he was discharged from service seven years ago. Golden has become respected, key figure in the civic and social life of River Rouge. He holds several appointive position’s in city government and belongs to many social clubs and civil organizations. For six years he has been Treasurer of the River Rouge Days Committee. The Golden’s live at 71 E. Great Lakes.

Northrup Pupils Plan Operetta – Pupils of the upper elementary grades at Northrup School will present “The Magic Beanstalk”, an operetta in three acts, tomorrow at 8pm, in the school auditorium. Members of the chorus will support the following pupils in leading roles: Allen Phelps, Marvin Johns, Susan Holmes, Randall Evans, James Fudge and Zack Benford, Paul Woods, Donald Moore, Douglas Gardner, Delores Murphy, Cozette Williams, Doris Johnson, Gloria Shealy, Jimmy Lee Butler and Elaine Fudge, Louie Hyatt, Marshall Knox, Brainard Williams, James Price, Albert Crutchfield, Marvin Richardson, Jimmy Folks and Will Tower, Shirley Campbell, Deborah Taylor, Arlene Reynolds, Betty Logan and Delores Jones. A matinee performance will be staged free of charge for the lower grade pupils.

Trace ‘Smog’ Burn To Rouge Plant – Checking on complaints from people in downtown Detroit that an acid fog was making them cough, Benjamin Linsky, Detroit Smoke Abatement Bureau Chief, upon investigation, found that the chemical cloud causing the trouble had drifted from the General Chemicals Division of the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., 800 Marion and mixed with a low-hanging fog over the downtown waterfront. George A. Deering, River Rouge’s Smoke Abatement Inspector, in a check up with the local plant, learned that a power failure at about 4:20am caused the release of sulphur trioxide control. “The chemical is discharged from the stacks when the pumps are not working for longer than five minutes,” Deering said. “We received no complaints here,” he continued, “because the wind carried the gaseous mass in a northerly direction away from River Rouge into Detroit.

Three File For 2 School Board Vacancies – Three candidates are seeking election to the two vacancies on the River Rouge Board of Education. Saturday was the deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions for the annual school election to be held Monday, June 13. Incumbents Roy Howell of 124 Elm, with 20 years’ service on the Board, and Paul A. Whitmore, of 38 Myrtle, completing his first four-year term, as a Board Member, are hoping to retain their posts. William Parrinder, who lives at 315 Burke, has filed his candidacy for a board position for the first time. The three candidates are contesting for two terms that expire June 30. In the River Rouge School District a seven-man board is elected for four year terms. Howell is running on his outstanding 20 year record in helping to build up the schools to their present high standard. Dr. Whitmore is basing his campaign on his board activities during the past four years and his keen interest in providing
adequate schooling for River Rouge children. Parrinder cites his experience in business and civic affairs as qualifying him to administer the business of the school system.

Exchange 'Mayor' Pagel Given Warm Reception – Everyone who met River Rouge’s mayor-for-day, Warren Village President George Pagel, was well-pleased with the drawing that resulted in his swapping Chief Executive Posts with Mayor Duncan, Monday. Warren’s President pro-temp Merton Lyons, who accompanied Pagel, was also a most welcomed visitor. The exchange was part of the State-wide celebration of Michigan Week, with top community officials throughout the state becoming, for a day, good will ambassadors for their home towns.

President Pagel was escorted from Warren, about 15 miles from here, by Mayor Pro-temp Roy Cheff, Commissioner Tracy Denninger, Police Chief Ralph Phillips and a motorcycle officer. Welcome signs and flags greeted him on his arrival and Warran (population 1,500) was similarly decorated in honor of Mayor Duncan’s one-day reign as the Village’s Chief Executive. Mayor Duncan’s companions were Commissioner Earl R. Beaudrie and George A. Deering, D.P.W. Superintendent. The three River Rouge men were impressed with the sincerity and friendliness of everyone in President Pagel’s bailiwick. Of particular interest to them was the immense General Motors Technical Center located in Warren. They were met by a motorcycle escort and greeted by the High School band and hundreds of citizens. Pagel, now serving his third term as President, was a village commissioner for seven years. City elections are held every year in Warren. He and Lyons showed great interest in the Detroit Edison plant under construction and the city’s “wonderful off-street parking program underway and fluorescent street lights”. Pagel said he was planning on returning to River Rouge at night to see the system in operation. His first official act as exchange mayor was to cut the ribbon opening the new Goodwill Industries Store here. A luncheon attended by 40 guests including city and school officials, and business and industrial leaders at Pete Sam’s Elbow Room following the ceremony. Mayor Pro-Tem Cheff welcomed the honor guests and presented a key to the City to President Pagel, who responded with a brief acceptance speech, thanking the luncheon guest for their warm reception. Commission Lyons and River Rouge’s first mayor, Kirby L. Wilson, Sr., were the only other speakers.

The Social Whirl

- On Wednesday, April 27, at Our Lady of Lourdes School Auditorium a bridal shower was given for Mrs. Marilyn DuChene of 19 Myrtle for 175 guests. The shower was given by Jean Messer, Janice DuChene, Rita Higgins, and Beverly Windhurst. They won prizes and were served a buffet luncheon. Miss DuChene will be married on June 11.
- The Social Club held a meeting on May 13 at the home of Geraldine Paddock of Ethel St. in Lincoln Park. Prizes were won and they were served a nice lunch. The next meeting will be held on May 27 at 8pm at the home of Margarite Biggs of Elm St. in River Rouge.
- America’s favorite comedians, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, are heading toward Detroit for a one night only. They will headline a two and one half hour all-star Hollywood Revue at Olympia.
- It’s time to change your way of thinking if you are of the opinion that clubwomen tend to become bored with each other after a few meetings. And, if you are of a mind to voice your thoughts, take heed. You may be within earshot of one of the “Red Peppers”. The ten “Red Peppers” are a testimonial to the friendship that can be developed among women over a period of years. Six of the members formed the nucleus of the present club – 43 years ago, when, as little girls, they’d meet to sew on dolls’ clothing. Then they called themselves the “Busy Bees”. In their early teens they were the “Little Gossipers”. The club’s name was changed to the “Bachelor Girls” when the members were in high school, but when they married, obviously, a new title was necessary. Hence, the “Red Peppers”. The four “newcomers” have been members of the club for a mere 35 years. As each member reached her silver wedding anniversary, the occasion was marked by a celebration, attended by club members and their husbands. Tuesday night, instead of meeting as usual in one of their homes, the members celebrated Florentine (Gardner) McQuade’s birthday at a dinner at Sibley Gardens. Original members of the club are: The Mesdames Rosalie (Belanger) Anderzak of Dearborn; Ruby (Heslip) Balog of Detroit; Leona (Dufour) Merrill of Allen Park; Anne (Belanger) Botz, Helen (Sabourin) Cabanaw, Helen (Daly) DeGroat all of River Rouge. Members
Peer’s Hit Brings On Winning Run – by Joe Enright – Jack Peer’s fourth hit of the game, a sharp single scored George Osmond and Dave Stewart with the deciding runs in the eighth inning as the River Rouge Panthers edged Lowery, 9 to 7 Thursday afternoon at Lowery. It was the fifth win in seven games for the Panthers, who still retain a slim chance for the Twin Valley Loop Title. Peer’s safety came with the bases full and one out in the eighth after Lowery had scored twice in the last half of the seventh to tie the score. Junior Gary McGowan worked the first seven innings for Rouge and received credit for the win, McGowan was nicked for nine hits and he struck out six while walking three and hitting two in his first varsity starting role. Panthers started fast, getting three runs in the opening frame on a walk to Peer, a single by Stan Kilyk, Jim Mile’s booming triple and a sacrifice fly by Chuck Richardson. Lowery got one run in the second and four in the third to lead, 5 to 3. Rouge tied it up in the fourth when Chuck Richardson singled and scored ahead of Dick Stewart when the latter poked a long Homer to knot the count. The Panthers went in front in the sixth on a walk to Lew Brown and David Stewart’s double. A single by Peer, an error and another sacrifice by Richardson produced the seventh Rouge run in the 7th but Lowery pushed across two in their half to tie it up. In the Panther 8th, Osmond opened with a single. David Stewart also hit safely. With McGowan due up, Coach Jack Wise inserted veteran hurler Harry Lozon into the lineup to move both runners along and Lozon delivered a fine bunt. Chuck Cody walked to fill the bases and set the stage for Peer’s game winning hit. Down Inkster To Win First Regional Title Since 1947 – Coach Roy Krueger’s River Rouge High School Track Team is just one step away from the State Class B Track Championship, after winning the Regional meet at Ypsilanti Saturday afternoon in a photo finish with last year’s defending Champion’s, Inkster. The Panthers tallied 48 ½ points to edge Inkster by three points. It was the first regional track Title for Rouge in almost a decade. While the Panthers took Inkster in the Regional, Rouge is still a long way from State Crown. It will take some superlative performances by Rouge’s eight individual qualifiers and two relay teams to score enough points to cop the championship. Right now it looks like 30 points will be enough to claim the State diadem, but the Panthers will have to step to score that much, and teams like Inkster, East Lansing, St. Louis, Adrian and Lansing Everett are figured to be right in the thick of things. Preliminaries will get underway at Ann Arbor Saturday at 10:30am, with the finals set for 2pm at Ferry Field. Rouge got some standout individual performances in the Regional’s, but the Panthers also failed to qualify as expected in the low hurdles, the shot put and high jump. Failure here could be just enough to cost Rouge the State Crown. Topping the qualifiers for Rouge was the Medley relay team of Herman Ector, Ozell Bankhead, Jesse Meadows and Robert Wilson. This quartet cracked the previous Regional mark by three seconds and almost equaled the State B mark as Ector and Wilson ran sparkling quarters to clip the time to 2:33.2. Rouge’s speed relay team also enjoyed real success, finishing second behind Inkster. The quartet of Blanche Martin, Herman Ector, Ozell Bankhead and Dick Frazier sped the 880 yards in 1:32.4, the best time of the year. Blanche Martin qualified in the 100 yard dash, finishing third to earn the trip to the finals. Levi Johnson made the grade in the 440, with a second place. Jim Childs just got under the wire in the shot put, finishing third with his worst showing of the year. The Panthers got some good individual chores, too. Dick Frazier won the high hurdles in 15.9 seconds. Willie Burgess capped his section of the half mile in 2:06.6. Herb Wood and Jim Bentley both qualified in the mile, Wood winning it in 4:44.2, with Bentley less than a stride behind. Walt Ector tied for first in the high jump at 5’9”. After the State meet Rouge has some unfinished business in the Twin Valley Conference, as the league meet takes place Tuesday and Wednesday. The Panthers are figured to dethrone Dearborn this year but you can never tell about track events from day to day.

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Ptl. Balogh Nabs Looter In Store – Minutes after he signed off duty at midnight Monday Patrolman Lawrence Balogh, after firing a warning shot, single handedly arrested a burglar as he tried to escape from the Andy Kandy Confectionery, 11188 W. Jefferson. Balogh on his way to a restaurant two doors from the Confectionery, noticed that the store’s night light, usually left burning, was out. Directing his flashlight into the store, he saw a man crouched in a booth. Balogh’s command to come out to the street was ignored by the burglar suspect, who dashed to the rear of the store. Balogh fired through the door, then ran to the rear of the building where he caught the man trying to escape through a window. Held is Robert L. Burke, 33, of 1214 Jordan Hamtramck. According to Chief
of Detectives Louise Balaze, Burke released from prison on parole in 1954. He had served two years of a 2 ½ to 5 year sentence for the daylight burglary of Labadies’ Drug Store in 1950. Burke as arraigned Wednesday on a charge of breaking and entering and placed on $3,000 bond by Judge Jerry Gagneau. He was taken to the County Jail today.

**Great Lakes Steel To Erect $176,000 Structure** – Council Tuesday night approved a building permit for construction by Great Lakes Steel Corp. of a $176,000 steel frame building on its property south of Coolidge at the Detroit River. The one-story structure will house equipment for breaking up slag and metal deposits that form in the bottom of ladles and cinder pots. A Great Lakes Steel spokesman said the new structure is part of a program for plant expansion recently announced by National Steel Corp., of which Great Lakes Steel is a division. Plans submitted to Council by the steel firm specify of building volume of 1,478,800 cubic feet and 14,288 square feet area of ground story. The 94 X 152 foot structure will arise to an average height of 103.5 feet. Specifications also include an open crane runway. Ernest T. Weir, National’s Board Chairman announced March 24 that National’s expenditures for new facilities at its plants in the two years, 1954-1955, will total approximately $120,000,000. A large part of the amount is being invested at Great Lakes Steel. Notable features of the program here are a new blast furnace, enlargement and improvement of continuous hot sheet mill facilities and increases in soaking pit, annealing, and pickling capacity.

**Memorial Poppies On Sale** – Today has been designated Poppy Day in River Rouge in a proclamation issued by Mayor M. Warren Duncan. All citizens are urged to wear memorial poppies today to honor those who have given their lives for their country in the two World Wars and the Korean Conflict. “Many of our young men have answered with high courage and patriotism the call to help turn back a threat to America on foreign battlefields,” Mayor Duncan said, “and some of the finest of them have laid down their lives in the nation’s defense.” “Our memory of our war dead and the honor in which we hold them is individually expressed,” he pointed out, “by the wearing of the memorial poppy”. Memorial poppies will be distributed by members of H. A. Dennison Post No. 2222, VFW, under the Chairmanship of John Zioka; Wallis-Wainwright-Hack Post 314, American Legion, with Mrs. Mae Dailey as Chairman, and Johnson-Garrett Post No. 8592, VFW, with Commander Steve Choice as Chairman.

**Band Concert Today Will Feature 200** – River Rouge High School band will present the Annual Instrumental Music Festival, featuring over 200 public school music students, in the high school auditorium at 8 o’clock tonight. Major presentation by the High School band will be Tschajkowsky’s “March Slav.” One of the most popular selections in the libraries of recording companies, the composition depicts musically the war between Russia and France during Napoleon’s time. The program will also include four movements of a suite by Ralph Hermann of the American Broadcasting Co.; a modern arrangement featuring clarinets of the band; the “Overture Stradela” and a movement of the “Nordic Symphony” by Dr. Howard Hanson. A class of over 100 fifth and sixth grade students from Northrup, Ann Visger and Dunn Schools will present a short program, directed by Raymond Schultz. Also on tonight’s program will be the presentation of River Rouge High School’s newly-formed junior high band. Composed of seventh grade students, the band, in its first public appearance, will play two short numbers.

**Weeber, Phillips On CKLW Saturday** – For the sixth consecutive year Frank Weeber, Recreation Director of River Rouge and Chief of Police Ralph Phillips will be interviewed by Harold Harvey of the Secretary of State’s office on Station CKLW, 6:15pm Saturday. The program, sponsored by James M. Hare, Secretary of State, is devoted to traffic safety as it is met in various communities. The interview is a timely one, for Weber will explain River Rouge’s summer recreation program and Chief Phillips plans to outline the city’s safety program and to give tips on traffic safety applicable to the holiday weekend.

**Rouge Woman First Winner In Grant Jackpot Contest** – It was a real silver bonanza for Mrs. Rudolph Spikberg of 63 Hill, River Rouge, first winner in the Giant Jackpot Contest sponsored by 29 River Rouge Businessmen. For 20 years Mrs. Spikberg has been saving a silver dollar, the only one she has ever owned. On Monday she was literally showered with 100 silver coins her prize for being first winner since the contest began two weeks ago. She won the 100 silver dollars because she had a sales slip for a purchase made last Friday at Regal Jewelry, one of the 29 merchants who are making it possible for you, also, to pocket a silver dollar jackpot. The Spikbergs, who have three children have lived in River Rouge 20 years, and Mrs. Spikberg does most of their shopping here. “This is the first time I’ve ever won anything” Mrs. Spikberg said, “and I’m tickled pink”. I want to thank these merchants who made this possible. That one silver dollar I’ve been saving so long looks unimportant next to a hundred of them. I think I’ll continue to save it. It really was a good luck piece,” she said. Next Monday another 50 silver dollar prize will be waiting for a Giant Jackpot winner. All that is required to win, if your name is chosen, is to
have a sales slip to prove you shopped today, Friday and Saturday at any of the 29 stores advertising Jackpot specials in the Herald Advertiser this week. If the person whose name is chosen by Judges Ken DeGroat, Jeweler, President of the River Rouge Businessman’s Association; Ralph Lozon of Lozon’s Hardware and Howard Wolfe of Louis Wolfe’s Men’s Wear, has no sales slip, he will receive a $5 consolation prize. Only if you have a sales slip are you eligible to win the top prize. Monday’s prize of 50 silver dollars will be added to next week’s total Jackpot if there is no sales slip submitted to the judges.

The Social Whirl

- Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fitzgerald of 112 E. Henry announce the birth of their daughter, Lisa Mary, born on May 15 at the New Grace Hospital weighing seven pounds and six ounces. The Fitzgerald’s have two other children, Michael, who is eight years old and Patrick, who is four years old. Mrs. Fitzgerald is the former Marie Solon of Detroit.

- Barbara Lee was born on May 22 at the Riverside O. Hospital to Mr. & Mrs. John Trefethen of 228 Frazier, weighing 8 pounds and 14 ounces. They have one son, Jimmy, who is one year old. Mrs. Trefethen is the former Nancy Kirtland of Erie, Michigan and a former teacher at Ann Visger School.

- Susan Rasberry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norm Raspberry of 112 E. Henry celebrated her ninth birthday at a party at her home on May 21 with 30 guests. Susan received many lovely gifts.

- A rummage sale will be held at St. Stephen’s Greek Catholic Church, corner of West Jefferson and Coolidge Highway on Friday and Saturday beginning at 9am.

- Fun for all is the theme of the old fashioned square dance and box social which is being planned for June 11 by the Women’s Guild of St. Hilda’s Episcopal Church in River Rouge. At last the younger generation will have an opportunity to discover what enlivened the social lives of their elders. In the good old days at box socials each lady brought a gaily wrapped box lunch which was auctioned off to admiring swains. This may be a novel experience for our local young adults although many of them already have become acquainted with the old time square dances and they will appreciate the experienced caller and lively music scheduled for the occasions at St. Hilda’s Parish Hall.

- A large crowd attended the Mother-Daughter Social held by Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society last Monday evening. Movies were shown by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Agnes Chinavere, the oldest mother; Mrs. Joan Hodges, the youngest mother; Mrs. William Donathan who had six daughters present, oldest 16 years and youngest 16 months. Mrs. Edward Knack of Lincoln Park brought her six month old baby, the youngest at the social. Two sets off four generations of the Napoleon Sigler family attended, and Mrs. Napoleon Sigler won the prize. Refreshments were served.

Feature Film To Exhibit Bodrie’s Shooting Exploits – The Metropolitan Movie Studios of Connecticut announce this week that Joe Bodrie of Wyandotte has successfully completed a screen test and in June will go on location in Connecticut for a two-hour feature film of his shooting exhibition. Nicknamed “Bullets” and recognized as one of the fastest “gunslingers” in many a day, Joe will star in the Technicolor film that will feature his artistry with both pistols and rifles of all popular calibers. The film’s feature will be his famous drawing of an Indian head picture with bullets, not with a rifle, as done by three others in the country, but with pistols. Bodrie is the only known person who can perform this almost impossible feat. After signing the contract, Bodrie stated that the film will be dedicated to the late Miss Irene Beaty, who was responsible for his shooting professionally. Without her guidance and confidence, according to Bodrie, he would not have persisted in the development of his talents in practice sessions. Miss Beaty, until her death lived in River Rouge.

Elmer Drouillard Attends Institute – Elmer Drouillard, owner of Clock Heating, River Rouge, was in Wichita, Kansas, last week for a heating and air conditioning school sponsored by the Coleman Company, Inc. Drouillard was one of 37 Coleman dealers selected for special instruction in the classrooms and laboratories of the Coleman Heating Institute. The school serves to acquaint Coleman dealers with the newest developments in the field of home heating and air conditioning. The five-day session included both lectures and laboratory sessions. Coleman
Heating & Air Conditioning equipment offered by Clock Heating includes wall furnaces, water heaters and Blend-Air, a new system for heating and cooling old as well as new homes.

**ADS**

1. **D & D Food Mart – 10859 W. Jefferson (between Walnut and Elm) – Don’t Miss This Decoration Day**
   Values - * Chase & Sanborn Coffee 75 cents a pound.  
   * Pin Bone Sirloin Steak 41 cents a pound.  
   * Porterhouse or T-Bone Steak 69 cents a pound.  
   * Domino Pure Cane Sugar 5 lb. bag 39 cents.  
   * Peters Grade 1 Skinless All Beef Vienna’s pound package 41 cents.  
   * Swanson Fresh Frozen Chicken pies 4 (8 oz. pkgs.) 99 cents.

   * Near Park – Six rooms, three bedrooms shower and lavatory in basement. Excellent condition $13,000 terms.  
   * “Walnut Street – large brick 8 room home. 4 bedrooms side drive. 2 car garage. $3,000.00 down.**

3. **West End Lumber Co. – 10156 W. Jefferson – Fence posts 7ft. plain 79 cents.  
   * Special Combination Door 2′6” x 6′8” $14.95 other sizes slightly higher.  
   * Dupont House Paint $6.35.  
   * Steel clothes poles painted, 4 hooks on cross arms only $4.95.

4. **Down River Federal Savings & Loan Association (Est. 1934) – 10455 Jefferson Ave. – “Save A part of all you earn. Time passes quickly – Dollars mount rapidly as our earnings shorten the time needed to reach a successful goal. Start Now! Money received by June 10th Earns from first 2 1/2% per annum on savings current rate.**

5. **Dixon’s Super Market – 585 Visger (near 19th) – Thursday, Friday, Saturday. (Free Delivery).  
   * Sweet potatoes – special only 10 cents a pound.  
   * Small meaty Bar-b-que ribs 47 cents a pound.  
   * Charcoal 47 cents large bag.  
   * Steak – round – sirloin – t-bone 69 cents a pound.

   * Little girls play suits 9-18 months 3-6-7-14 $1.99 and $2.99.  
   * Boy’s sun suits – cut for action, sizes 2-8 $1.79  
   * Women’s slacks sizes 10 – 20, 30 -52 $5.95 - $8.95.