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Cully Ash and Earl Eaton are out with the road-grader -- so spring has officially arrived.... Most folks have done their grass-burning by now -- and many Victory gardens are planned and some are in the making. Lightening Engle took a 10-pound catfish from the river last Sunday and three whistling swans were seen on Lake Kalamazoo. And an unnamed gent in Saugatuck has been fined a hundred and ten dollars for knocking down geese out of season..... So altogether, we're on our way.

Here's a list of Douglas men now employed in war work, either in shipyards or defense plants between So. Haven and Holland: Willard Beery, Jerry Bekken, Lloyd Bolles, Hallie Bryan, Alec Campbell, Lee Deamerest, Carmen Forrester, Kenny Fuller, Keith Hamlin, Steve Hamlin, Vic Herring, Charlie Koning, Roy MacDonald, Ken Monique, Noland Schreckengust, Jack Tyler, Walter Welch, and John Zigterman. And the Wicks boys, Carl, Bob and Jack, all reported to their ships on the lakes last week.

Gene Bieler writes to Father Nugent from "somewhere in Alaska": "Do you have any trouble using up your gasoline ration?..... That's bad when they won't let you have gas and then cut down on your shoes too".

V-Mail, March 17th, from Lawrence Shumaker: "Just arrived in the southwest Pacific. Can't say exactly where, but it's somewhere between Ev Bekken and Benny Fisch".

And from his brother Leonard on March 28th: "Arrived Island X in the north Atlantic. Can't tell you the name of the place, but had a swell trip up and the climate is much like Douglas".

Did you hear about the woman who insisted on feeding her husband's meat ration to the dog? When the poor fellow protested she explained as follows: "Now listen, dear - you know all about the war and you understand rationing. Fido does'nt."

It's five months now since we published an address list - many changes and additions have been made during that time - so, on the following page, we bring our roster of forty up to date:

M/Sgt. Cleo L. Arndt, 16084518, Engrs. Mach. Tng. Det., APO 517,
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 Cpl. Fredrick S. Ash, Btry. K, 260th CAAA, Seattle, Washington.
 Pvt. Harold Bartholomew, Co. E, 6th Inf. Armored, Fort Knox, Ky.
 Pvt. Harold Beery, 36451956, 178 Ord. Co. Dep., Camp Barkeley, Texas.
 Sgt. Everett Bekken, 36164778, 579th Sig. AW Bn., APO 502, care
 Postmaster, San Francisco, California.
 Pvt. Eugene A. Bieler, 36157841, Btry. F, 40th C.A., APO 944,
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 Pvt. Leighton O. Buck, Co. 5, Casual Det., N.O.S.A. Brks. T24-5,
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 Pvt. Victor C. Culver, 506 Tng. Grp., 22 Sqd., BTC 5, Kearns, Utah.
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 Pvt. Robert J. Dempster, Det. Med. Dept., Waco AFS, Waco, Texas.
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 Bruce Gates, S21C, USNTS (MM), Kansas Univ. Div. 8, Lawrence, Kas.
 Pvt. William Goshorn, 579 Sqd. 392 Bomb. Gp. (H), Biggs Field, Tex.
 Pvt. George L. Inman, 36182051, 321st Inf., Camp Rucker, Alabama.
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 APO 29, c/ Postmaster, New York, New York.
 Donald G. Kingsley, Reported to Ft. Custer but unassigned as yet.
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 Field No. 2, Denver, Colorado.
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 Lawrence Shumaker, SF3C, Navy 8235, c/Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Cal.
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 Capt. William G. Tisdale, F.A., Fourth General Hospital, APO 924,
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 Sgt. Lawrence H. Welch, 664th Engr. Co. (Top), Camp Hale, Colorado.

We're happy to report that Tommy Thomas is in good health again and is back with his outfit, now on manouvres in Tennessee. And Ev Thomas has been promoted to Sgt/T, and has returned to his old outfit, the Anti-Tank Co. of the 126th Infantry. From Australia Ev writes: "Of all things - who got on a tram with me the other night but Howard Arndt, L Z's son - what a pleasant surprise. Also had a steak dinner with a couple of beery sailors who turned out to be from Benton Harbor".

Two fire alarms last week, both more or less foul balls. Jimmy Sewers lost a few roof shingles and Walter Welch, in the Forrester house, had a grass fire. Just a couple of rides for the boys. But by way of letting you know how war-minded we've all become, as the fire truck roared by Howard Schultz's place his 3-year old daughter piped up: "Daddy, what kind of a jeep is that?"

From Billy Goshorn in El Paso, Texas, on March 26th: "Finally hit a good camp and like it fine. Plenty busy too... Went over to Mexico (Juarez) last night and had a look around; some town. Just like spring down here now - but it can't compare with the springtime in Michigan. I never realized how beautiful it was there until I got away from it. Be seeing it all soon - I hope".

And from Cpl. Jack Campbell to Postmaster John: "Guess it's about time I'm answering your V-mail....Have had a lot to do lately, but I write as often as possible at that. I write Max at least three letters to his one to me - but I'll take care of him later on. (A fine way for a Cpl. to be talking about a Tech. Sgt.) Weather swell here now and everything O.K. Have already gained back most of the weight I lost in New Guinea. Expect to have a 7-day vacation soon. Gonna rent a hotel room with plenty of hot water and a nice soft bed - and oh boy!"

Here's one about an aviation instructor who was up in a plane with a rookie flyer. They had their radio on but were not aware that they were tuned in with the rest of the field. The rookie took the plane over a bad "bump" and in a reproving tone the instructor said: "Jesus Christ". A moment later the rookie negotiated an even worse "bump" and in an imploring voice the instructor shouted: "Good Jesus!". After a pause, from another plane came the flash: "Jesus listening; go ahead".

This issue of The Dope has been mailed to all Douglas men in the Services through the generosity of Carl Wicks.

Soaring cost-of-living note: Ky Walz has raised haircuts to 50%.

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