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## Farm Bureau and AFL-CIO Representatives at ACC

### Dean's Column

I have been asked to mention a few of the main highlights of the new proposed certification code for the teachers of Michigan.



Dean Van Lare

About two and a half years ago, I was appointed by the State Board of Education to the subcommittee for code revision. The subcommittee has met approximately monthly since that time and now has the ninth draft of a proposed code. At the last meeting, it was decided that the subcommittee would merge with the advisory committee for teacher training in Michigan. The two groups will now act as one committee to hold hearings throughout the state to present the revised ninth draft to the teachers and people of Michigan. The ninth draft is now under study by the combined committees.

Briefly the main highlights of the new proposed code as presently written are: (1) There is more emphasis on subject matter with the idea that all teachers, even in elementary fields, need to achieve mastery in at least one discipline. (2) There is a forty semester hour general education requirement. (3) Each teacher, before receiving a continuing certificate, will need to complete at least one year of internship in a school approved for this purpose. (4) There is provision for certification of administrators. (5) Community college certification is in the direction of more emphasis on content preparation and less emphasis on professional education with the professional education requirement for provisional certification reduced to ten semester hours. No hours in professional education are required for the Ph.D. Recommendations for community college certification have been changed from the teacher training institution to the employer. (6) The code provides that the teacher is not considered fully trained until five years of academic work have been completed. The fifth year of graduate work may be completed while teaching under the provisional certificate. The five years will be a planned program of study with the graduate work continuing the mastery of content involved in undergraduate work. (7) In the community colleges, instructors in technical fields may be employed if they meet the requirements of the State Board of Control for Vocational Education. See DEAN, Page 4

### THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving day is a day set apart to give thanks to God for the mercies of the past year.

To give thanks to God at this season of the year is praiseworthy, especially if that thanks comes from our hearts and not our lips only.

The Apostle Paul has advised us to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We live in an age where alarmingly few people are truly thankful for the Grace of God in sending Christ Jesus to be our atonement. The Bible says that we should give thanks unto the Father, who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

While in the service of our country, I became aware of

this unthankful attitude among our military personnel. It seemed as though a conversation would not be complete without complaining.

Robert K. Churchill has said, "To every nation comes a season when it lives from the fruits of a faith it has begun to deny."

The chosen people of God, known as the Israelites, lost favor with God because of their unthankful attitude towards God. They were not thankful even when God gave them manna from heaven.

Ask yourself these questions. Am I thankful for God's mercies? Am I thankful for the abundant supply of food and clothing?

Let us give thanks as the Psalmist who said, "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

—Ferris Liske

### Explain Details of Various Plans Operating Under Their Respective Programs

For the past several weeks the political science classes at the college have been studying the role of interest groups in American society.

Interest groups have been analyzed according to historical role, organization, methods and objectives. Various members of the community who represent particular interest groups, such as the Farm Bureau and the AFL-CIO, have been invited to speak on the activity and objectives of their interest group.



ROBERT KURTZ, SR.

Speaking on behalf of the various interest groups were Mrs. Alex Kennedy state chairman of the Women's Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Mr. Clinton Lancour, president of the Thunder Bay Council of AFL-CIO, and Mr. Robert Kurtz, Regional Director of the Stone Workers Union and a member of the executive board of the union.

Mrs. Kennedy stressed the importance of lobbyists representing Farm Bureau objectives in the Michigan Legislature as well as in the federal government, while Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Lancour analyzed labor legislation, local, state, and national activity of labor unions.

Propaganda is one of the basic methods employed by interest groups to obtain their objectives and influence public opinion. A cordial and open-minded audience does not necessarily insure

### Alpena Community College Provides For Needs of Industry

A college rises out of the hopes, aspirations, ideas, energies, and material support of those people who feel that they have a personal investment; and it will continue to exist through the efforts of its community, students, faculty and administration if there is a continuing need for it.

Alpena saw the need for a college; and in 1952, the Community College was established to fulfill the needs of Northeastern Michigan.

One of the immediate needs of Northeastern Michigan is to provide local industry with individuals who can fill growing requirements for technical skills in industry, without extensive formal training on the part of industry. This is where the Community College can play a major role. Through the development of terminal technical programs and basic-technical courses offered to the general public, qualified individuals can be trained who will be able to meet the basic needs of industry.

What then should be included in the technical programs and basic courses offered by the Community College?

Much research has been done in the organization of the present curriculum at the Community College, but there may be needs yet to be met. The determination of these needs and the organization of the program

is to be handled by a coordinator, working with the college faculty and the administration officers of the college.

The coordinator will contact local industry, union officials, adult education officers, and all concerned individuals who are part of this program. Through these contacts with industry and individuals, the needs of each can be analyzed and outlined. Once the needs are determined, it will be the responsibility of the College to expand the programs and to provide course offerings to meet these needs.

Mr. Joe Pinson, Vice President of Besser Company stated that industry today needs individuals who can communicate intelligently with others; both verbally and written, and have a full command of the fundamentals of mathematics.

If people can come to industry with these basic qualities, they will be better prepared to grasp the methods and techniques required for a specific position.

Mr. John Wilson, Production Department of A.C. Sparkplug Division, G.M.C., Flint, in a speech at the Junior College Convention, Lansing, said, "Individuals seeking employment in industry today should realize that the placement for unskilled workers is almost gone. Industry needs skilled personnel, trained in specific technical fields. See INDUSTRY, Page 4

### Radio-Drama Club Presents Excellent Play

"You can never tell, Charles. I once read where there are such things as ghosts or spirits."

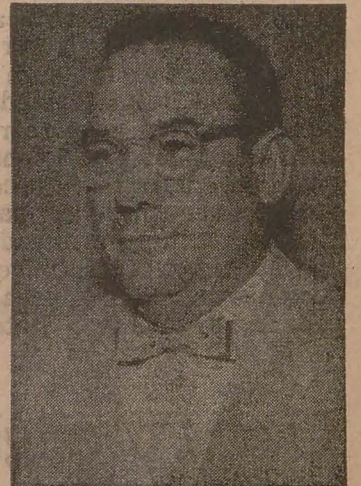
Are there? Some began to become aware of the fact that the outward appearances of friends may be misleading.

The play was more than just entertainment, it was food for thought. How many of us will be willing to sit and listen to the evidence of our lives here on earth?

All in all the play was good. There was a psychological climax when the man "heard" the accusations of his "friends". We believe this was very good.

The cast and directors were wondering if their play was successful until they overheard in the lunchroom; "That play was so real, I had goosebumps at the end of it." "I thought it was too morbid." "I couldn't hear them." "That set was sure impressive."

If Friday's convocation is an example of what the Radio-Drama Club can do, then we can look forward to a season of well-acted plays. —The Critics



CLINTON LANCOUR

blind acceptance or effective indoctrination.

A cordial audience met and challenged the various speakers on controversial issues.

The college was very happy to co-operate with the community. See AFL-CIO, Page 4

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JV's - 6:30 pm.