



# FLORIDA FRANCE SOLDIER STORIES

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## Warren Charles Beecher

1919 – 1992

Sergeant: US Army

US Army Air Force

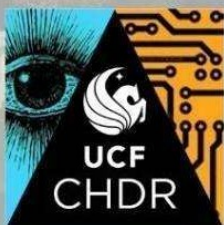
This Florida France Soldier Stories (FFSS) source packet contains digitally available sources documenting the life of a US Army soldier who served in Eastern France during World War II. The Memorial Museum of the Liberation of the Colmar Pocket preserves some of his personal items in its unique archival collection.

In this ongoing partnership, UCF history students conduct research as part of the FFSS project to assist the dedicated staff at the Museum. Our goal is simple yet profound: to help visitors connect with the events of the war and the individuals who lived them—bridging the distance between past and present and between the US and France.

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## Early Life

### **Cupid's Recruits Questioned By Officer of US Marines; Thirty-two Couples in Line.**

In an effort to discover whether the many young men who have been [sic], obtained marriage licences are "slackers," wedding to escape being drafted into the military service, Sergeant John Kozley, of the United States Marines recruiting office, stationed himself at the marriage licence desk in Probate Court yesterday morning, and quizzed the young swains who appeared there.

Sergeant Kozley asked the prospective grooms if they were desirous of getting married to avoid service for their country, but he received only a few answers, and none stepped out of line to enlist for battle rather than matrimony.

Probate Judge William H. Lueders conferred with Sergeant Kozley and said that while he had no objections to the officer questioning the applicants, he much would prefer to have a conference with his superior officer about the detail, because of the fact that the state law makes no provision for such questioning, and he did not wish it to appear that it was the official act, without authority.

Sergeant Kozley said he would report to his superior and return later. He did not come back, however.

A remarkable rush on the marriage license department caused the question to arise as to why the young men were to hurriedly marrying? Last Saturday there were 36 licenses issued, an unprecedented number for this time of the year. On Monday the number was 56, while Tuesday it fell off to 21, only to go to 32 yesterday. Out of these numbers more than 90 per cent were young men between the ages of 19 and 28 years.

The following obtained licenses yesterday:

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#### **Licensed in Kentucky.**

The following licenses were issued in Covington yesterday:

Millard E. Beecher, 36 years old, Reed City, Mich., and Theda A. Baker, 30, Chicago, Ill.....

### **Transcription of the news from the *Cincinnati Enquirer***

On April 12, 1917, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* newspaper published an article recounting how a Sergeant of the US Marines questioned young men seeking marriage licenses to determine whether they planned to wed to avoid the draft. Warren Beecher's parents, Millard Beecher and Theda Baker, married amid this unprecedented surge in marriages among men of military age.

Le 12 avril 1917, le journal *The Cincinnati Enquirer* publia un article rapportant qu'un sergent des United States Marine Corps interrogeait de jeunes hommes qui demandaient des licences de mariage afin de déterminer s'ils envisageaient de se marier pour échapper à la conscription. Les parents de Warren Beecher, Millard Beecher et Theda Baker, se marièrent dans ce contexte inédit de forte hausse des mariages chez les hommes en âge de servir.

"Cupid's Recruits Questioned By Officer of US Marines; Thirty-two Couples in Line," *The Cincinnati Enquirer* (Cincinnati, OH), April 12, 1917, Newspaper.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-cincinnati-enquirer-millar-beecher-a/191454634/>

For more information visit:  
projects.cah.ucf.edu/fl-francesoldierstories/  
<https://musee.turckheim-alsace.com/en/>

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REGISTRATION CARD				
SERIAL NUMBER	221	GR. NUM.	1809	
1	Millard Edward Beecher <small>(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)</small>			
2	PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS Reed City, Osceola Mich <small>(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>			
Age in Years	Date of Birth			
3	37	4	April	26 1881 <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>
RACE				
White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
5	6	7	8 Citizen	9 Non-citizen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
U. S. CITIZEN			ALIEN	
Native Born	10	Citizen by Father's Naturalization & 5 yrs. Res. in U.S. Majority	12	Declarant
11	12	13	14	Non-declarant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
15	If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?			
16 PRESENT OCCUPATION		17 EMPLOYER'S NAME		
Insurance				
18	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Reed City, Osceola Mich <small>(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>			
NEAREST RELATIVE	19	Theda A. Beecher <small>Name</small>		
	20	Reed City, Osceola, Mich <small>Address (No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)</small>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE FURNISHED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE				
P. M. G. O.		Millard Edward Beecher <small>(Registrant's signature or mark) (OVER)</small>		
Form No. 1 (Red)				

### World War I Draft Registration Card (Front)

In 1918, Millard Beecher, Warren's father, registered for the World War I draft. He lived in Reed City, MI, and indicated his wife, Theda Beecher, as his nearest relative.

En 1918, Millard Beecher, le père de Warren, s'inscrit à la conscription pour la Première Guerre mondiale. Il résidait à Reed City (Michigan) et indiqua son épouse, Theda Beecher, comme parent proche.

"US, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed February 16, 2026), entry for Millard Beecher.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/20154453>

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### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

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DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 ✓	23	24 ✓	25	26	27 <i>light blue</i>	28 <i>light brown</i>

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)

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.....

.....

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

.....

.....

*Am. Fleischhauer*  
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration *Sept. 12, 1918*

Local Board Osceola, County  
Hersey, Michigan.  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

63-6171 (OVER)

### World War I Draft Card (Back)

The back of the draft card provided a physical description of Millard Beecher: He was tall and slender, with light blue eyes and light brown hair.

Au verso de la carte figurait une description physique de Millard Beecher : il était grand et mince, aux yeux bleu clair et aux cheveux châtain clair.

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STATE Michigan COUNTY Osceola TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 10 SHEET No. 30  
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 297 8 B

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Reed City Village WARD OF CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 20th DAY OF January, 1920. E. A. Potter ENUMERATOR

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	SATISFY AND MOTHER TONGUE			OCCUPATION
							FATHER	MOTHER	MOTHER	
Place of birth	Name	Relationship to head of family	Sex	Age	Married	Education	Father	Mother	Mother	Occupation
Michigan	Blood Lewis B	Wife	F	71	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Laundry
Michigan	Barnes Lewis G	Head	M	48	2x		Michigan	United States	United States	At Home
Michigan	Lila J	Wife	F	34	2x		Michigan	Canada	Canada	Teacher
Michigan	Winnona J	Daughter	F	6	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	None
Michigan	Margaret M	Daughter	F	2	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	None
Michigan	Head Mrs Florence	Wife	F	16	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	None
Canada	Anderson Carlisle A	Head	M	38	2x	1891	Canada	Scotland	Canada	Scotch
Michigan	Flora E	Wife	F	38	2x		Michigan	Ohio	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Nicholas J	Son	M	16	0		Michigan	Canada	Swedish	Michigan
Sweden	Carlson Ella M	Head	F	49	2x	1876	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden	Swedish
Michigan	Frank L	Son	M	26	0		Michigan	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden
Michigan	Henry A	Son	M	24	0		Michigan	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden
Michigan	Flored A	Son	M	8	0		Michigan	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden
Michigan	Calvin J	Son	M	6	0		Michigan	Sweden	Swedish	Sweden
Michigan	Blank William F	Head	M	41	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Horvath Leonard A	Head	M	34	2x		Michigan	Canada	Swedish	Canada
Michigan	Petela J	Wife	F	27	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Charles G	Son	M	4	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Gerald A	Son	M	1	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Victorina Emma J	Wife	F	58	2x		Michigan	United States	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Annice E	Wife	F	54	2x		Michigan	New York	New York	Michigan
Michigan	Charles L	Daughter	F	14	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Willie Marie W	Daughter	F	10	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Margaret Wynne J	Daughter	F	8	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Frank W	Head	M	58	2x		Michigan	Ohio	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Anna R	Wife	F	52	2x	1879	Michigan	Canada	Swedish	Canada
Michigan	Charles B	Daughter	F	19	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Robert Mary	Daughter	F	12	0		Michigan	Canada	Swedish	Canada
Michigan	Michael Jessie	Head	M	35	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Charles L	Son	M	31	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Stella	Daughter	F	24	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Frank	Son	M	5	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Ammon Roy M	Head	M	39	2x	1872	Michigan	Canada	Swedish	Canada
Michigan	James	Son	M	11	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Remona P	Wife	F	28	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Carlisle M	Son	M	29	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Louis M	Son	M	3	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Robert R	Son	M	1	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Beulah Leona M	Wife	F	75	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Richard M	Daughter	F	41	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Wesley C	Son	M	37	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Madison A	Daughter	F	32	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Harmon G	Son	M	12	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Leola	Wife	F	62	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	George M	Son	M	57	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Howard R	Son	M	21	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Walter George G	Head	M	61	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Anna M	Wife	F	48	2x		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Michigan	Clarence J	Son	M	16	0		Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan

## 1920 Federal Census

In January 1920, 9-month-old Warren lived in Osceola County, MI, with his parents, grandfather, and aunt in a house owned by his grandfather; his father worked as an insurance agent, and his aunt as a music teacher.

En janvier 1920, Warren, âgé de 9 mois, vivait dans le comté d'Osceola (Michigan) avec ses parents, son grand-père et sa tante dans une maison appartenant à son grand-père ; son père travaillait comme agent d'assurance et sa tante comme professeure de musique.

"1920 United States Census," database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 13, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Beecher, Reed City, Osceola, Michigan.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/75033646?tid=&pid=&queryId=6d381a36-faf0-47ad-90b6-dea1f9a4c9d8&phsrc=zQ1360&phstart=successSource>.

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<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> 1941	<b>1. NAME (Print)</b> WARREN CHARLES BEECHER <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>			<b>ORDER NUMBER</b> 1154
<b>2. ADDRESS (Print)</b> 128 CRESCENT DR. GLENCOE COOK ILL. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
<b>3. TELEPHONE</b> GL. 1579 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	<b>4. AGE IN YEARS</b> 21 <b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> MARCH 4 1919 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	<b>5. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> EVANSTON <small>(Town or county)</small> COOK. <small>(State or country)</small>	<b>6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP</b> U. S. A.	
<b>7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS</b> MR. MILLARD E. BEECHER <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>			<b>8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON</b> FATHER	
<b>9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON</b> BOX 262 REED CITY MICHIGAN <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
<b>10. EMPLOYER'S NAME</b> NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY - STUDENT				
<b>11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS</b> EVANSTON COOK ILL. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
<b>REGISTRATION CARD</b> D. S. S. Form 1 <small>(over)</small>			<i>Warren Beecher</i> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>	

### WWII Draft Registration Card (Front)

The front of Warren's draft registration card showed that he studied at Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL, just north of Chicago, and listed his father as his personal contact.

Au recto de la fiche de conscription de Warren pour le service militaire, il était indiqué qu'il avait étudié à l'université Northwestern à Evanston (Illinois), au nord de Chicago, et que son père était la personne à contacter en cas de problème.

"WWII Draft Registration Cards for Illinois, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947," database, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>: accessed November 13, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Beecher, Glencoe, Cook, Illinois.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/656976496/beecher-warren-charles-page-1-us-wwii-draft-registration-cards-1940>.

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**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
	White	5' 10½"		140		Sallow
	EYES		HAIR		Light	✓
Negro	Blue	✓	Blonde	✓	Ruddy	
	Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental	Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
	Brown		Black		Light brown	
Indian	Black		Gray		Dark brown	
			Bald		Black	
Filipino						

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....  
*scar over left eye.*

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*Sarathy Fargo*  
 (Signature of registrar)

Registrar for *1-2-3 TRIER COOK ILL.*  
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *OCT 16, 1940*

**LOCAL BOARD**  
**COOK COUNTY #3**  
**WINNETKA, ILL.**  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

## WWII Draft Registration Card (Back)

The back of Warren's draft registration card listed his physical description: white with a light complexion, 5'10½" tall, weighing 140 lbs, with blue eyes and blond hair. It also reported a scar above his left eye.

Au dos de la fiche d'enregistrement de Warren figurait sa description physique : de type caucasien, au teint clair, mesurant 1,78 m, pesant 63,5 kg, aux yeux bleus et aux cheveux blonds. Elle mentionnait également une cicatrice au-dessus de son œil gauche.

"WWII Draft Registration Cards for Illinois, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947," database, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>: accessed November 13, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Beecher, Glencoe, Cook, Illinois.

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### **Northwestern University Portrait**

A portrait of Warren while he was a student at Northwestern University.

Un portrait de Warren datant de ses années d'études à l'université Northwestern.

Special thanks to Kevin B. Leonard and the Northwestern University Library.

Kevin B. Leonard, email message to Liam Ambrose, October 31, 2025.

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## Military Service

Full Name	Warren C Beecher
Army Serial Number	16078814
Enlistment Place	Chicago Illinois
Enlistment Date	9 Jun 1942
Army Branch	Air Corps
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Osceola County, Michigan
Source Of Army Personnel	Civil Life
Army Component	Reserves - exclusive of Regular Army Reserve and Officers of the Officers Reserve Corps on active duty under the Thomason Act (Officers and Enlisted Men -- O.R.C. and E.R.C., and Nurses-Reserve Status)
Level Of Education	4 years of college
Occupation	Professional occupations, n.e.c.
Marital Status	Single, without dependents
Birth Date	1911
Birth Place	Panama Canal Zone
Source Box Number	0216
Card Number	3
Source Film Reel Number	2.73
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

## Enlistment Record

Warren enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Jun 9, 1942, at Chicago, IL. At that time, he had completed his 4 years of college. The enlistment record incorrectly labels his birth year and place.

Warren s'est enrôlé dans l'Army Air Corps le 9 juin 1942 à Chicago (Illinois). À cette époque, il venait de terminer ses quatre années d'études universitaires. Son acte d'enrôlement mentionne une année et un lieu de naissance erronés.

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>: accessed November 13, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Beecher, Army serial number 16078814.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/84404315/warren-c-beecher-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-1938-1946>.

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## Military Service

Admission Date	Mar 1944
Military Service Number	16078814
Length Of Service	No entry made
Medical Diagnosis	Diagnosis: Pneumococcal lobar
Discharge Type	Duty
Discharge Date	1944
Conflict Period	World War II
Served For	United States of America

## Hospital Record

A hospital admission record for Warren informed us that he contracted pneumonia in March 1944 and returned for service sometime the same year.

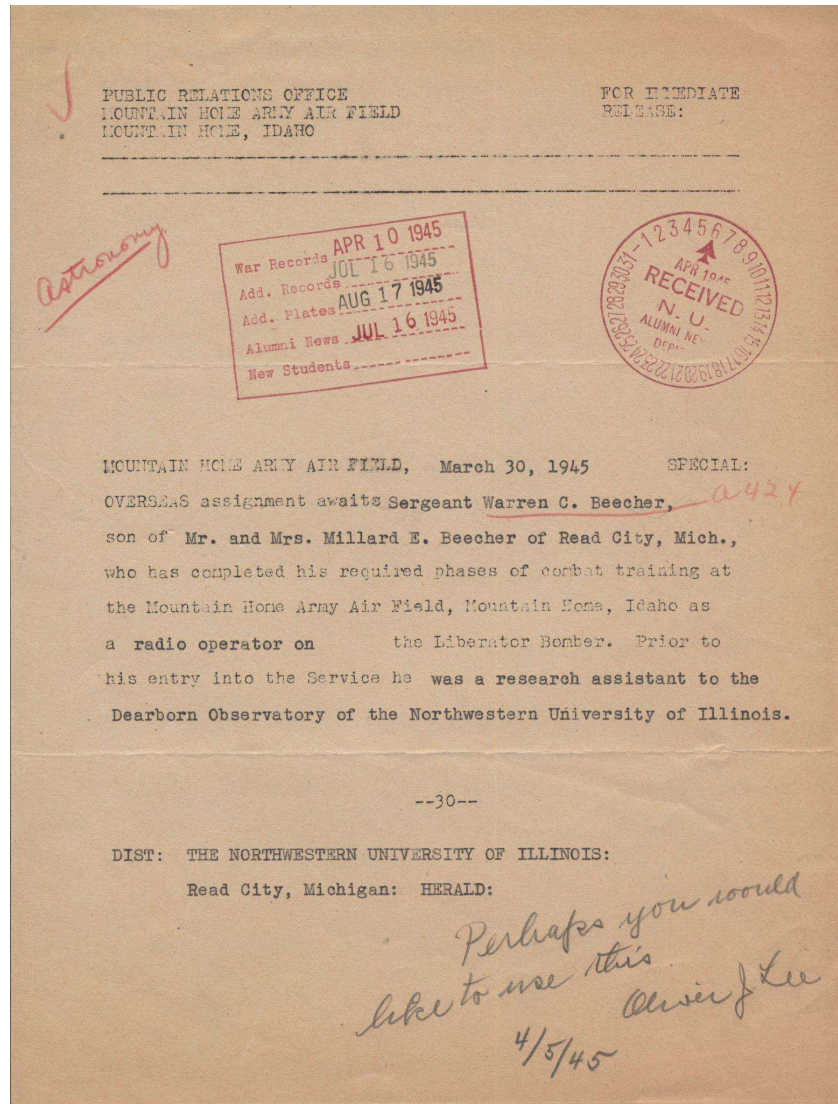
D'après son dossier d'admission à l'hôpital, Warren a contracté une pneumonie en mars 1944 et a repris du service au cours de la même année.

"US, Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954," database, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com>: Accessed November 18, 2025), entry for Army serial number 16078814.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/704276847/blank-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>.

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## Public Relations Office Message

The Army Public Relations office sent this memorandum to Northwestern University. It documents that Warren held the rank of Sergeant and completed training at Mountain Home Army Airfield, ID, as a radio operator on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

Le service des relations publiques de l'armée a transmis cette note de service à l'université Northwestern. Ce document atteste que Warren avait le grade de sergent et qu'il avait suivi une formation à la base aérienne de Mountain Home, dans l'Idaho, en tant qu'opérateur radio à bord d'un bombardier B-24 Liberator.

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## SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

An article entitled, "Vocabulary and Comprehension Difficulties of Sound Motion Pictures," by Joe Park, assistant professor of education, appeared in the March issue of *School Review*.

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

William Knopf, formerly instructor in physics and electrical engineering at the Technological Institute, has been appointed assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He received the B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Washington and Lee university and the M.S. degree in physics at Vanderbilt university. Before coming to Northwestern in 1943, he had served as an instructor at Vanderbilt for one year and at Illinois Institute of Technology for two years.

### Art Department

An exhibition of student work produced in classes directed by Clara MacGowan, associate professor of art, and Anne L. Gibbs, assistant professor of art, was held in Scott Hall, April 23-25. Sponsored by the University Guild, the exhibit was opened with a tea given by the Guild on April 23. . . . A recent issue of *College Art Journal* carried an article, "The Technique of Impressionism," by Prof. J. Carson Webster.

### Astronomy Department

Sgt. Warren C. Beecher, former research assistant at Dearborn Observatory, recently completed training as a radio operator on a Liberator bomber and is awaiting assignment overseas.

### Chemistry Department

Effective Sept. 1, Prof. Robert K. Summerbell will take over the duties of chairman of the Department to succeed Prof. Ward Evans who is retiring on that date. . . . Articles by Department members in recent publications include one in *Transactions, American Society of Metals* by P. W. Selwood and Jane Nash; one in *Journal of Organic Chemistry* by C. D. Hurd, P. Ferletz and S. S. Drake; and one in *Journal of American Chemical Society* by R. L. Burwell. . . . Prof. Selwood recently addressed the Physics Club of Chicago. . . . Dr. L. G. Ginger, research associate, is working on a new project, directed by Dr. L. C. King and sponsored by Baxter Laboratories. . . . Dr. N. Kharasch is in charge of the monthly meetings of the organic chemistry group of the American Chemical Society (Chicago Section). . . . Cpl. R. G. Pearson, instructor in chemistry last year and now stationed at Wright Field, visited the laboratory in March. . . . Two Chinese Army officers, both chemists, recently visited the Department. One of them, Capt. Tsar, was



Dr. Derrick Vasi, colonel in the Army Medical Corps and chief consultant to the Surgeon General, was recently appointed professor of ophthalmology and chairman of that department in the Medical School, to succeed the late Dr. Sanford R. Gifford.

a student of Fang Hsui Lee, Northwestern graduate.

### German Department

Dr. Curt R. Goedsche will become chairman of the Department on Sept. 1 when Dr. T. Moody Campbell, chairman since 1934, will retire. Dr. Goedsche has been a member of the faculty since 1931 and holds degrees from Washington State college and Northwestern.

### History Department

"The Origins of Middle Western Isolationism," by Ray A. Billington, professor of history, appeared in the March issue of *Political Science Quarterly*.

### Political Science Department

Prof. and Mrs. Marshall E. Dimock are writing an introductory text book on American Government which will be used in the beginning course in political science when completed. . . . Dr. John Stanton, visiting associate professor of political science, is giving a series of lectures on the area characteristics of Japan at the AST school at the University of Chicago. . . . Dr. William S. Stokes is political news analyst for the FM division of radio station WGN. He began his weekly 15-minute interpretation of political developments on Sat., April 21, at 6:00 PM. . . . The University of Chicago Press is having a second printing of Dr. Mary Earhart Dillon's book, *Frances Willard—From Prayers to Politics*, which has received an unusually large number of favorable reviews in magazines and newspapers.

### Sociology Department

Dr. Janina Adameczyk, for many

years an instructor in the Department, has accepted a position as associate professor and acting chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University of Toledo.

### MEDICAL SCHOOL

Graduation exercises for 23 members of two classes of Physical Therapy technicians were held at Thorne Hall on Mar. 28. Dr. John S. Coulter, chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine, officiated at the ceremonies, and Dr. George H. Gardner, assistant dean of the Medical School, delivered the commencement address. . . . Officers of the 48th Station Hospital, with which a number of faculty members and alumni are serving, have presented a Japanese surgical kit to the medical collection of the Archibald Church Library. The kit was captured by our forces on Guam and includes a translation of the Japanese characters appearing on it. . . . Dr. Leon Unger, assistant professor of medicine, is the author of *Bronchial Asthma* (Chas. C. Thomas 1944). With an introduction by Morris Fishbein, the book was written for the general practitioner, specialist, medical student, and patient. . . . Maj. Joseph M. Greene, now on leave from the faculty, is with the 105th Evacuation Hospital in Germany where he recently received the Purple Heart. . . . Cmdr. Herman Chor (USNR) *Grad 36*, assistant professor of nervous and mental diseases, now on leave, is head of the department of neuropsychiatry in a Pacific Naval Base Hospital.

### MUSIC SCHOOL

Northwestern's 68-piece concert band gave a concert—the first since the war—on April 22 in Gahn Auditorium of Scott Hall. Among the selections presented were "Commando March," directed by Harold N. Finch, and "Headlines," under the direction of David Davis, student director. Joseph Sperry, returned Navy flyer enrolled in the School, was tympani soloist in a performance of "Scherzo for Tympani and Band."

### SCHOOL OF SPEECH

"Gardening is a Way of Life," by Lew Sarett, professor of persuasion and public speaking, appeared in the March issue of *Better Homes and Gardens*. Calling himself "an inveterate amateur gardener," he states that "gardening is a superb way in which every man who has the use of a patch of ground can solve many of his personal problems in living." Lecturer, poet, and author, Prof. Sarett has been a member of the faculty since 1920. He has carried on research in the fields of applied psychology and English composition as they relate to speech.

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## Northwestern University Alumni News

A May 1945 *NU Alumni News* article relayed information from the Mountain Home memo. It noted, in the first column, that Warren, formerly a research assistant at the Dearborn Observatory, had completed radio operator training on a Liberator bomber.

Un article paru en mai 1945 dans le *NU Alumni News* reprenait, dans la première colonne, les informations contenues dans la note de service de Mountain Home, précisant que Warren, ancien assistant de recherche à l'observatoire de Dearborn, avait suivi une formation d'opérateur radio à bord d'un bombardier Liberator.

Special thanks to Kevin B. Leonard and Northwestern University.

Kevin B. Leonard, email message to Liam Ambrose, October 31, 2025. News article digitized and provided by Northwestern University.

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# Military Service

**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION**  
**HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>Beecher Warren C</b>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>16 078 814</b>	3. GRADE <b>Sgt</b>	4. APR OR SERVICE <b>19 45</b>
5. ORGANIZATION <b>1077 AAF BU</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>19 Dec 45</b>	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>Sep Cen 5 Sep Astoria</b>	
9. ELEMENTARY ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>381 W Todd Ave Reed City Mich</b>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>4 Mar 19</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Winneton Ill</b>	
13. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE COUNTY <b>See #7</b>		14. COLOR EYES <b>Blue</b>	15. COLOR HAIR <b>Blue</b>	16. HEIGHT <b>5'6"</b>
17. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single		18. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	19. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>Astronomer 0-3647</b>	

**MILITARY HISTORY**

21. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>9 Jun 42</b>	22. DATE OF EXPIRATION <b>9 Jun 42</b>	23. NAME OF SERVICE <b>Chicago Ill</b>	24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>Chicago Ill</b>
25. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	26. MILITARY SERVICE NO. <b>1077 AAF BU</b>	27. SERIAL NO. <b>16 078 814</b>	28. COUNTY AND STATE <b>Ill</b>
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>Radio Oper Mech 2756</b>		30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONS AND NO. (No., industry, division and marksmanship list) <b>Carbine sharpshooter AIR CREW MEMBER BADGE</b>	
31. DEVICES AND DECORATIONS <b>American Theater Ribbon; Good Conduct Ribbon; Victory Medal</b>			
32. DEVICES RECEIVED IN ACADEMY <b>None</b>			
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**Radio Oper Sioux Falls SD**

**PAY DATA**

43. LENGTHY PAY FOR PURPOSES	44. MONTHLY PAY	45. TOTAL PAY	46. SERVICE PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISCHARGING OFFICER

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54. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED  
*Warren C Beecher*

57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Signature)

## Enlisted Record and Report of Separation

On December 19, 1945, the US Army Air Force discharged Warren honorably. At the time of separation, he held the rank of Technician 5th Grade. He served as a Radio Operator and had trained as a carbine sharpshooter. He had earned the Air Crew Member Badge for his flying duty and was decorated with the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and a Victory Medal.

Le 19 décembre 1945, l'armée de l'air américaine a libéré Warren avec les honneurs. Au moment de son départ, il occupait le grade de technicien de 5e classe et exerçait les fonctions d'opérateur radio, ayant suivi une formation de tireur d'élite à la carabine. Il avait obtenu l'insigne "Air Crew Member Badge" pour ses missions de vol et avait été décoré du ruban du théâtre américain, du ruban de bonne conduite et de la médaille de la Victoire.

"Enlisted record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge," *National Archives*, Warren Charles Beecher, Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

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Form P1

1950 Census of Population and Housing

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## 1950 Federal Census

The 1950 census indicates that Warren lived in Cadillac, MI, as a lodger with a couple, the Umlors, and worked at a radio station.

Le recensement de 1950 indique que Warren vivait à Cadillac (Michigan), où il était logé chez le couple Umlor et travaillait dans une station de radio.

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 18, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Becher, Cadillac, Wexford, Michigan.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/178655600?tid=&pid=&queryId=35b0cdc4-200c-41b2-88d9-5156ede34780&phsrc=zQI369&phstart=successSource>.

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CHARACTER OF SEPARATION		REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES			DEPARTMENT	
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3. QUALIFICATIONS 32351F		4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION 27 Jan 52		7. TYPE OF SEPARATION Transfer to VRS		
8. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION AFL 39-12 par 5a(1)		9. PLACE OF SEPARATION Fairchild Air Force Base Fairchild, Washington				
10. DATE OF BIRTH 19 Mar		11. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State) Evanston Illinois		12. DESCRIPTION Male (Caucasian) Brown Blue 69" 144		
13. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER X Not Applicable		14. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER (City, County, State) Unknown		15. INTRODUCED Not Applicable		
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18. STATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Aug 50 Reed City Michigan		19. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (M., R.F.D., County, City and State) 321 W. Todd Avenue Unk Reed City Michigan				
20. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD Not Applicable		21. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD 1 5 12		22. ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE PAID ON EXTENSION OF SERVICE Not Applicable		
23. OTHER SERVICE (Act of 16 June 1942 as amended) COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES 8 2 6		24. TOTAL NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES 9 7 18		25. FOREIGN AND/OR RESERVE SERVICE 9 0 16		
26. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN BADGES AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre WW II Vic Medal, Korean Service Medal w/2 bronze stars, Air Medal						
27. MOST SIGNIFICANT DUTY ASSIGNMENT 345th Bomb Sq 98th Bomb Gp (M)		28. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date, if known) None				
29. SERVICE SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND OR POST-COMBAT COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED None		30. DATES (From-To) None		31. SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED None		
32. COPIES OF THIS REPORT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND COMMANDS (Specify type) None						
33. INSURANCE AND PENSION (See instructions) Paid Direct to VA		34. TRAVEL OR RELOCATIONS ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT None		35. DISBURSING OFFICER'S NAME AND SYMBOL NUMBER None		
36. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON SEPARATION 374.95		37. TRAVEL OR RELOCATIONS ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT 127.68		38. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN MATHSON T. ARLINGTON, Major, USAF, 225-  Ronald Clays RONALD CLAYS, Capt, USAF Personnel Officer		
39. BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) None						
40. DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT 1948 to 1950		41. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION Radio Engineer		42. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER Mid-Western Broadcasting Co, Cadillac Mich		
43. UNITED STATES CITIZEN X YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		44. MARITAL STATUS Single		45. NON-SERVICE EDUCATION (Form successfully completed) B.S. Degree Physics Astronomy Physics		
46. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION (M., R.F.D., County, City and State) Reed City Michigan				47. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Warren Charles Beecher		

## Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States

On January 27, 1952, the US Air Force discharged Warren honorably again and transferred him to the reserves. After serving in the Air Force for a second time, Warren had risen to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served with the 345th Bomb Squadron, 98th Bomb Group and was awarded the Korean Service Medal, a Bronze Star (BS) with an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) and an Air Medal. BS w/OLC means that Warren earned 2 Bronze Stars for meritorious conduct in the field, likely for heroism without regard for his own safety.

Le 27 janvier 1952, l'armée de l'air américaine a de nouveau libéré Warren avec les honneurs et l'a transféré dans la Réserve. A la fin de son deuxième tour dans l'armée de l'air, il portait le grade de sergent-chef. Il a servi au sein du 345e escadron de bombardiers, du 98e groupe de bombardiers, et s'est vu décerner la "Korean Service Medal, a Bronze Star (BS) with an Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) and an Air Medal". La mention « BS w/OLC » signifie que Warren a reçu deux Bronze Star pour conduite méritoire sur le terrain, probablement pour avoir fait preuve d'héroïsme au mépris de sa propre sécurité.

"Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States," National Archives, Warren Charles Beecher, Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

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## Post Service Life

### **Air Volunteers to Meet Tuesday**

The 9608th volunteer squadron of the airforce reserve will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at 148 Ransom av., NE, it was announced Saturday by Capt. Arthur W. Weber, public information officer. S/Sgt. Warren Beecher, recently returned from six months of combat duty as a radio operator on a B-24, will show slides of combat missions over Korea. A moving picture, "Weekend Paratrooper" also is scheduled.

### **Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press***

An article in *The Grand Rapids Press*, based in Grand Rapids, MI, published on March 7, 1953, announced a meeting of an Air Force Reserve volunteer group. It stated that Warren had recently returned from combat duty in Korea, had served as a radio operator on a B-24 bomber, and spoke at the event about his combat missions.

Un article paru le 7 mars 1953 dans le journal *The Grand Rapids Press*, dont le siège se trouve à Grand Rapids (Michigan), annonçait une réunion d'un groupe de volontaires de la Réserve de l'armée de l'air. Il indiquait que Warren venait de rentrer d'une mission de combat en Corée et qu'il avait servi comme opérateur radio à bord d'un bombardier B-24. Lors de cette réunion, il a pris la parole au sujet de ses missions de guerre.

"Air Volunteers to Meet Tuesday," *The Grand Rapids Press*, (Grand Rapids, MI) March 7, 1953, page 51, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1113365429/>.

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 --John (Beatrice) formr Forbes Stamp h345 Bertha  
 (CT)  
 --John F studt r139 Lowell av NE  
 --John B studt r555 College av SE  
 --Larry E (Dolores L) mach opr Fisher Body h122  
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 --Lep V (Marie P) mach opr h1718 Berkeley av SW  
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 --Luigi A (wid Richard) r136 Dean NE  
 --Raymond J (Vera) uphol h555 College av SE  
 --Rex O (Pauline) business agt Genl Teamsters Union  
 Local No 468 r505 Cherry SE  
 --Ruth L Mrs (East Inn) r504 Greenwood av SE (EGR)  
 --Walter R (Patricia) mach Fisher Body h136 Dean NE  
 --Wm E (Ruth L) eng Lear h804 Greenwood av SE  
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 --David E r523 Geneva av SE  
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The 1954 Grand Rapids city directory recorded Warren as an engineer at the WGRD radio station and a resident of the YMCA.

Selon l'annuaire de la ville de Grand Rapids de 1954, Warren était ingénieur à la station de radio WGRD et résidait au YMCA.

"US, City Directories, 1822-1995," database, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com, accessed November 18, 2025), entry for Warren Charles Beecher, Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/412743217?tid=&pid=&queryId=8e651e23-ab53-4529-9b09-7e2491e40608&phsrc=zQ1371&phstart=successSource>.

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### **Mrs. Naberhuis To Wed in August**

The engagement of Mrs. Dorotha M. Naberhuis, Penn av., to Warren C. Beecher has been told by the bride-to-be's father, Walter Henrickson of Gowen.

The future bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard E. Beecher of Reed City, and his fiancée plan to marry in August.

### **Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press***

On March 6, 1958, the *Grand Rapids Press* announced the engagement of Warren Beecher and Dorotha Naberhuis and reported that they planned to marry in August 1958.

Le 6 mars 1958, le *Grand Rapids Press* a annoncé les fiançailles de Warren Beecher et Dorotha Naberhuis et a indiqué qu'ils prévoyaient de se marier en août 1958.

"Mrs. Naberhuis to Wed in August," *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), March 6, 1958, page 27, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-grand-rapids-press/186008366/>

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### Card of Thanks

**Beecher** - The family of Mrs. Theda Beecher wishes to express their sincere thanks for the many kindnesses, shown to them during the recent loss of mother, aunt, and grandmother. Special thanks to doctors and nurses at Kent Community Hospital, Clergy of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Rev. David Evans for his comforting words, the ladies of the Reed City Congressional Church who prepared the delicious lunch, which was appreciated by all, the honorary casket bearers, to friends, neighbors and relatives who called, sent cards or floral arrangements, the organist, Mrs Robert Pantz, Mrs. Ruth Livingston of the Livingston Funeral Home, Reed City, Mich. and anyone else who helped in any way during our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beecher  
Adelaide and Theda Childs  
Dr. Theron Childs,  
B. James Naberhuis.

### Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press*

On December 10, 1972, the *Grand Rapids Press* published a notice in which Warren's family thanked those who offered condolences and helped with the funeral of his mother, Theda Beecher, his aunt, and his grandmother.

Le 10 décembre 1972, le *Grand Rapids Press* a publié un avis dans lequel la famille de Warren remerciait toutes les personnes qui avaient présenté leurs condoléances et apporté leur aide pour les funérailles de sa mère, Theda Beecher, sa tante et sa grand-mère.

"Card of Thanks," *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), December 10, 1972, page 95, Newspapers.com

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### **SKIES**

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“It certainly is not our intention to harass or cause any economic hardship,” said astronomer Warren Beecher of Grand Rapids.

The association is suggesting that current lighting be exempt for 15 years from the proposed ordinance to permit property owners to get use out of the lights they have.

Beecher indicated that although high-sodium bulbs are more expensive, they are more energy efficient.

### **Excerpted Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press***

In a 1990 *Grand Rapids Press* article, Warren explained that the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association sought regulations to limit light pollution.

Dans un article publié en 1990 dans le *Grand Rapids Press*, Warren expliquait que l'Association d'astronomie amateur de Grand Rapids souhaitait mettre en place des réglementations visant à limiter la pollution lumineuse.

“Amateur Astronomers Seek Darker Skies,” *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), September 20, 1990, page 112, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1119236614/>.

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### **Business lauds Engler tax plan; others call it cruel**

**By Ted Reolofs**

The Grand Rapids Press

A panel of Republican supporters of Gov. Engler's proposed property tax cut got what they expected in a hearing Friday: support from the business community.

But they also got a large dose of strident, perhaps unexpected, opposition from the majority of persons testifying before state Senate Finance Committee Chairman Nick Smith, R-Addison, and several area legislators.

"I think the timing is poor," said Warren Beecher, 71, a Grand Rapids senior citizens advocate, one of many to testify at the Grand Rapids City Commission chambers.

Beecher contended that Engler's attempt to provide a tax cut while juggling a \$1.1 billion budget deficit will hurt senior citizens and mental health programs.

### **Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press***

On February 23, 1991, the *Grand Rapids Press* reported that Warren spoke at a public hearing, voiced his concerns about a proposed property tax cut, and emphasized his role as an advocate for senior citizens.

Le 23 février 1991, le *Grand Rapids Press* rapportait que Warren avait pris la parole lors d'une audience publique, où il avait exprimé ses inquiétudes au sujet d'un projet de réduction de l'impôt foncier et avait mis en avant son rôle de défenseur des personnes âgées.

"Business Lauds Engler Tax Plan; Others Call it Cruel," *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), February 23, 1991, page 3, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1119101901/>.

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**Beecher** - Mr. Warren C. Beecher, aged 73, of Grand Rapids, died Thursday, March 5, 1992 at Butterworth Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothea Naberhuis Beecher on October 14, 1991. Surviving are his son, B. James and Patty Naberhuis Jr. of Grand Rapids; his granddaughter, Karstin Naberhuis; grandsons, John, Stephen and Christopher Beardslee; brother-in-law, Don (Lazelle) Hendrickson of Coral; cousins, Gerald (Sally) Hendrickson of Sand Lake, Theda and Martin Weaver, Adelaide Childs and Dr. Theron Childs, all of White Stone, VA. Mr. Beecher was a graduate of Northwestern University, served in the Air Force during WWII and the Korean Conflict, and was a retiree of Lear-Siegler. He was active as an amateur astronomer at the James C. Veen Observatory, held memberships in the A.A.R.P., US Power Squadron and holder of Ham Radio Amateur Extra Class License and was very active at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 Monday at St Mark's Episcopal Church, 134 N. Division, with The Rev. Joseph A. Howl, The Rev. Albert Daviou and The Rev. W. Eugene Snoxell officiating. Interment in Rest Lawn Cemetery, Holland, at 2:15 p.m. Relatives and friends may meet his family at the Reyers North Valley Chapel, 2815 Fuller Avenue NE at 3 Mile Rd., from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Reyers North Valley Chapel**

### Obituary

Warren Beecher died on March 5, 1992, at age 73. His obituary noted that his wife had died the previous year, listed his surviving family members, highlighted his service in the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War, and recognized his passion for astronomy and radio, as well as his community involvement.

Warren Beecher est décédé le 5 mars 1992, à l'âge de 73 ans. Sa nécrologie mentionnait que son épouse était décédée l'année précédente, énumérait les membres de sa famille encore en vie, soulignait son service dans l'armée de l'air pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale et la guerre de Corée, et rendait hommage à sa passion pour l'astronomie et la radio, ainsi qu'à son engagement au sein de la communauté.

"Obituaries: Beecher," *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), March 7, 1992, page 36, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-grand-rapids-press-obituary-for-warr/190514836/>

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### **Dark for observatory has residents' support**

#### **LOWELL**

**By John M. Maliepaard**

The Grand Rapids Press

It's been more than a year since members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association proposed an ordinance to protect the nighttime skies in Lowell Township for star-gazers, and still there's no ordinance.

But at least there's a glimmer of hope...

...The association hopes for an ordinance that would reduce the light directed at the sky. Members also would like the most commonly used type of outdoor lighting - mercury vapor - replaced by high-pressure sodium lighting, which is easier for astronomers to filter out.

They also have suggested that lighting on business signs be shut off at 11 p.m., or when an establishment closes.

Association members have proposed that current lighting be exempt from the ordinance for perhaps 15 years.

Member Warren Beecher of Grand Rapids maintains that although the high-pressure sodium bulbs are more expensive to buy, the cost is more than recouped because they are more energy-efficient.

### **Transcription of news from the *Grand Rapids Press***

On April 10, 1992, shortly after Warren's death, the *Grand Rapids Press* published a follow-up to a 1990 article about the astronomical society he belonged to and its efforts to secure an ordinance limiting light pollution.

Le 10 avril 1992, peu après le décès de Warren, le *Grand Rapids Press* a publié un article faisant suite à un article de 1990 consacré à la société d'astronomie dont il était membre et à ses efforts pour faire adopter un arrêté visant à limiter la pollution lumineuse.

"Dark for Observatory has Resident's Support," *The Grand Rapids Press* (Grand Rapids, MI), April 10, 1992, page 80, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1121031373/>.

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### Headstone

Warren Beecher and his wife, Dorothea 's headstone at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Holland, MI.

La pierre tombale de Warren Beecher et de son épouse, Dorothea, au cimetière Restlawn Memorial Gardens, à Holland (Michigan).

"Find a Grave", database, *Find a Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com>: accessed November 25, 2025), memorial page for Warren Charles Beecher, Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan

[https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/93159488/warren\\_charles-beecher/photo#source](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/93159488/warren_charles-beecher/photo#source).

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