

### Michigan Press Defense Organization Urged as Model for Rest of Nation

LANSING, Oct. 2.—Another Michigan newspaper, 34th of them strong, published daily and weekly, have sponsored the first all-media state committee for effective dissemination of national defense information. The Office of Civilian Defense at Washington has declared that the Michigan press program to be a model for adoption by state councils of defense.

This announcement came today from the Michigan Press Association, newspaper trade organization since 1875, which made public statements of congratulation received from the White House, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, Secretary of War Henry Stimson, William S. Knudsen, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and many others, including Michigan congressmen.

In July the newspapers took the initiative in sponsoring a non-partisan advisory group for the newly formed Michigan Council of Defense. The media are requested to meet on an equal basis—motion picture theaters, radio, outdoor advertising, grandstand acts, and periodicals.

In addition are several advisory agencies representing industry and labor, governmental public relations and advertising.

**President's Secretary**  
Stephen Early, secretary to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, wrote: "I congratulate the Michigan Press Association for its patriotic determination to put one whole weight of its influence behind the campaign for national defense. Freedom among our cherished freedoms is freedom of the press. Without that guarantee our other freedoms would languish and disappear."

"The example of the Michigan Press Association is one which I hope will be widely emulated," Secretary of War Henry H. Stimson, in commenting Michigan newspapers, said: "The efforts of your member publications will do much to assure a full public understanding of the defense program. The importance of Michigan as an industrial center makes your program of special interest at the present time."

**"Patriotic Public Service"**  
Lieut. Colonel E. Ernest Dupuy, chief of the planning division, declared that the Michigan newspaper move was "a patriotic public service of high order."

"You may be interested to know that while there have been no other similar groups which have perfected the formal organization of your association, quite a number of state press associations have been directing combined efforts towards the same end. All this is in the finest tradition of the American press, and is of particular value in this emergency."

Likewise, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, in his commendation for the "splendid arrangements that have been made by Michigan journalism to coordinate its efforts in behalf of effective national defense. This is a real public service, and I congratulate all of you upon this fine enterprise."

**Secretary Knox Lauds**  
Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, who served as president of the state newspaper association in 1904 while publisher of the Sault Ste. Marie Evening News, wrote: "I get the same satisfaction out of hearing about the fine cooperation of the Michigan press in our defense program that anyone gets out of hearing about a good job done by the people back home with whom he has lived and worked. I know from first-hand experience of the fine tradition which Michigan newspapers are carrying on today. And I know, too, that at no time has there been greater need for such cooperative action on the part of the press than there is today."

Another excerpt: "Democracy depends upon the wide dissemination of information about our nation and I congratulate all of you upon this fine enterprise."

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### Steer Clear of Mad Steer



When a Brahma steer grazed, his time to get out of his way. This cowboy is doing some expert dodging at the Bendleton, Ore., roundup.

### From the Women's World

**By LILLIAN DIEDERICH**  
Secretary Margaret, in the spirit of woman's right, warned the public against eating and drinking in restaurants. Not many people will be smart enough to know how to avoid it. Of course by refusing to eat at a restaurant, you can't get in the habit of eating there. But what of those who are not so smart? They are, and better and look at the statistics. With Mr. Margaret's speech for the year, it looks almost certain that Mr. Margaret's speech when it is read for the first time, it will be read for the first time. The price tag for a restaurant is not so high as it used to be. It is now only a few cents more than it was a few years ago. It is now only a few cents more than it was a few years ago. It is now only a few cents more than it was a few years ago.

**MINUTE CROSSWORDS**  
No. 1  
Fill in the horizontal blanks with words suggested by the key words. HIDDEN PARTS. Each letter must appear in its proper place. Just to show you the answer, No. 1 in this puzzle is: HIDDEN PARTS and Word No. 1 is TALENT.

**B R I D G E P A T R I A R C H Y**

**VFW to Hold State Conference**  
BATTLE CREEK—Department Commander Alton C. Britton, Battle Creek, announces the 13th annual convention and fall conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and members from the 170 posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be held at the Hotel Old Mansions on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12.

**Apple Garnish**  
Take whole peeled (not sliced) apples and cook in a syrup of 2 cups sugar to 2 cups water until apples seem transparent, but have not lost their shape. Remove and fill centers with cranberry jelly and place around the ham; or divide the syrup and cook one-half green (using a vegetable strainer) and cook half the apples in this.

**Set Bull and Buggy Style**  
The Wells children of Wallville, Pa., have solved the gasoline shortage problem by taking the bull by the horns. Their 10-month-old ox, Doc, is hitched to their cart to provide transportation.

### Fire Prevention Week Proclaimed By Mayor Martz

To call attention to National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5 to 11, Mayor John E. Martz has issued the following proclamation: "Mindful of the urgency of individual action for a great public need, the period of October 5-11 has been set aside as National and State Fire Prevention Week and also includes the same dates as National Fire Prevention Week."

"This is for the purpose of calling to the attention of all the citizens of Birmingham a full realization of their duty to prevent fire. It is the solemn duty of every home owner to safeguard that home against fire and each store keeper to keep his business place safe for the public."

"Let us join with the Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week, to fight fire, to save lives and through united effort make Birmingham safer and better place in which to live."

JOHN E. MARTZ, Mayor  
Dated Oct. 1, 1941

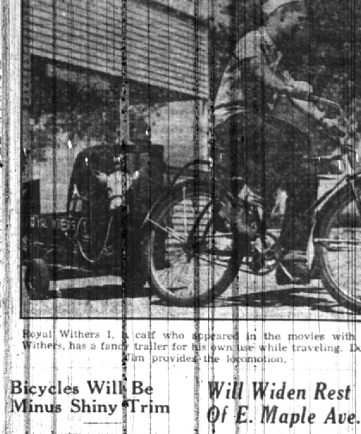
### Little Flower High Dedication Friday

The Little Flower High School for girls located on 10-Mile Road near Woodward, will hold formal dedication ceremonies Friday, Oct. 3. The school will be opened by the presence of the Most Rev. Edward McGarry, Archbishop of Detroit, who will celebrate the pontifical high mass to be chanted in the recently completed auditorium.

After Mass, the special guests, including the mayors of Royal Oak and Sterling Heights, will attend a breakfast held in the modern cafeteria. Visitors will be given an opportunity to inspect the building with its modern laboratories, classrooms and equipment. However, due to the defense program, the building is not complete in detail.

**Better Next Time**  
Philadelphia Neuman who fired five times at her fleeing spouse last week, says she will return home. She misses him—Arkansas Gazette.

### Calf Transportation De Luxe



Royal Withers, a calf who appeared in the movies with Jane Withers, has a fancy trailer for his own use while traveling. Donald Kim provided the locomotion.

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A voluntary program to conserve materials and garments for national defense by simplification of design, substitution of materials, and reduction of the number of bicycle models has been requested by the Conservation Bureau of O.P.M.

In a letter sent to eleven bicycle manufacturers, Robert E. McConnell, chief of the conservation bureau, asked producers to reduce the number of models to a maximum of 10 for each manufacturer. The number of models presently being turned out ranges from about 20 to as many as 40. Jigs, tools and racing tracks, under the program, probably will be discontinued.

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### Seek to Open 'Blind' Alley

Stops were taken by the City Commission Monday night to provide a public alley back of Wilson's drug store, Huston Hardware and other buildings on Woodward avenue from Maple to Willis and also parallel to West Main.

The present alley starting between Brown & Smith's market and McBride's is private and is blind.

Merchants for several years have asked that another street be provided. City Manager R. C. Erbert has been authorized to get further information and to make preliminary negotiations.

### Two Cars Crash At Townsend, Bates

A crash occurred last week at Bates and Townsend. Melvin J. Patterson, of Sheridan road, Bates, said he was driving south on Townsend. James Patterson, 30 years old, received a bump on his head. An affidavit Lloyd Jones, 979 Westwood, a witness, declared that Mrs. Sprague did not stop at the sign.

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