

British Women's Part in War Related By Russell Barnes

The tendency in England at the present time seems to be toward mass feeding according to Russell Barnes, Detroit newspaperman, who spoke at Soroptimist Club members last night.

Much of his talk dealt with his experiences in England last fall. Food rationing, he said, has not harmed the English people—in fact they seem to thrive under it.

"The only long food queues during the three months I was in England," he said, "were before a little shop in Northern England which was issuing a quarter of a pound of chocolate per person."

"Children in school and men in factories are all given one good hot meal a day. This is one way in which the government can help to ensure good health for its people; and good health is essential if the people are to keep up the present pace of living and working."

On his arrival in England, Barnes was given a monthly supply of clothing ration cards. These were not sufficient for him to buy a suit—rationing being so strict so that it is impossible for a man to buy one complete outfit.

"Virtually every woman under 20 in Birmingham in fact, the only women not subject to the rationing of services men and women with small children. They are an auxiliary to every branch of the armed forces," he said, listing the W.A.S.P., auxiliary to the Navy, as the most popular.

Women Workers Brave "The work these women do is dangerous in fact, many of them are killed in raids. The women like it though," he commented, quoting an officer as saying, "you took the auxiliaries away, it would make an awful job in the army."

Anti-aircraft guns, even man-made factories, Barnes saw women working huge lathes and machines with comparative ease and accuracy.

Employers say that they are invaluable, too. The breaking-in of women in factories is rather amusing, according to Barnes, who told the group a story told him by an employer.

When a woman first starts to work, she sits at her bench, then in a day or so she becomes aware of the fact that other workers are not sitting so she stands for a time. She takes the drawer out of the bench, turns it on and sits on it. This phase lasts a day or so, and suddenly she puts her drawer away and stands in front of her machine as the other workers are doing.

The Food Ministry has deliberately cut down on the sweets and proteins to force the populace to eat more green vegetables. Sugar and most meats are rationed, while chicken, fish, potatoes, "awful" short, lima, and kidney beans and green vegetables are plentiful.

He commented that as a matter of course they had rationing of coffee, tea, beer or bread.

"Can Save Money "The people of England are now paying approximately a 50% increase in the cost of living," Barnes stated. Their living costs are at a minimum; they can buy more for their money by having nothing to do with their money but saving it.

At the leader's meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, he had a talk on Scouts and their place in the defense program by Miss Godwin of the Detroit Scout Council.

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Dr. K. B. Greene Says Children Are Responsibility of Community

The needs for children as a community responsibility was presented by Dr. Katherine Greene, head of Sherwood School, Monday evening at Baldwin High School before an audience of about 150.

Dr. Greene was introduced by Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon, president of the Birmingham P.T.A. Council, sponsor of this second annual city-wide P.T.A. meeting.

In her talk on "Child Psychology and the War," Dr. Greene pointed out physical safety and nutrition as essential needs for the mental and moral development of the child.

"How much do we know about nutrition?" was her question that preceded her discussion of the insanity needed in providing proper diets in this time of food conservation.

"Statistically, children are on the extreme well-to-do are usually the ones whose diets are inadequate. The children in between, where ingenuity guides the choice of foods, are usually better nourished," Dr. Greene suggested.

At the February Leaders Meeting there will be discussion and demonstration of singing games, music, dancing and dramatics for Scouts.

As the Council met for its day of training and inspiration on Jan. 22, the following members were represented: Mrs. A. W. White, commissioner; Mrs. F. L. Mather, department of finance; Mrs. Frank Macaskill and Mrs. Lee A. White, secretaries; Mrs. E. K. Smith, membership; Mrs. E. F. Brainbaum and Mrs. W. C. Allen, training; Mrs. E. F. Hyde, Mrs. Webb, registration; Mrs. C. H. Richey, Mrs. E. E. Schafer; Juliette, law committee; Mrs. W. Essery, a friendship; Mrs. C. W. Essery, social; Mrs. J. E. McCormick, leaders' representatives; Mrs. A. K. LaFave, public relations; Mrs. George Finch, Mrs. R. F. Kohr, Mrs. James H. Gilchrist and Mrs. Ewald E. Schafer, at the new members of the Council.

Mrs. Nell C. MacMann, commissioner of the Detroit Young Men's Society, Mrs. Florence O'Leary, filled the morning with instruction and advice for the council members. The luncheon was served by the Community House and in the afternoon the time was filled with discussion particularly planned for the leaders who were there with many of their troop committee members.

Members to come to the Flag Ceremony on Saturday at the Library.

The Franklin Girl Scouts, Troop 18, last week made ice cream at the home of Mrs. F. Maloney, as part of their cook badge project. They have given up riding lessons until spring, and in the meantime, take roller skating lessons at the roller rink each Tuesday afternoon.

Any girl scout interested call Mrs. B. E. Scher, Compton, 2443-W. We have room for half a dozen more girls.

Brownie Troop 16, met Thursday at the Adams School, came to a social at the Adams School, and to the City Club. They enjoyed very much. Later we made scrap books of our Christmas and birthday cards which will come to the contagious hospital in Pontiac, to be given to the Children there. We also elected some officers at a previous meeting. They are secretary, Marilyn Gregory; treasurer, Fannie Kellow; and sergeant-at-arms, Joanna Kandel. The officers will be changed frequently.

Mrs. AND MRS. E. J. ANDERSON will entertain friends at dinner in their home Saturday evening. Their guests will be Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Hammonds, Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Whirl, and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Yinkley, Jr.

Mrs. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. CAUSHING will entertain twelve guests at dinner Saturday evening in their home on Manor road.

MR. AND MRS. CARL H. ZUBER have sold their home on Oxford drive, and are moving into Detroit next week. Mr. Zuber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris D. Zuber, have been visiting them since Christmas.

MRS. FREDERICK E. BOOTH entertains the twelve members of her bridge club Wednesday at luncheon in her home on Harmon avenue.

Says Air Corps Offers Great Opportunity

Exceptional opportunities exist in the Air Corps, probably more than any other branch of the army, Capt. Richard Gillespie, chief recruiting officer for Lower Michigan, told the Exchange Club, Tuesday.

The Air Corps is practically the only branch where a recruit can specify his work and get it for sure, he declared. Every man is a specialist and the pay is high. Twenty per cent of pilots of the greatly expanded Air Corps will be sergeant pilots, he said, which will be a great opportunity for men who cannot achieve commissions. Enlistments for pilots are accepted from ages 15 to 26.

The program next week will consist of "The Flying Fisherman," a color movie of Florida fishing.

"Let us save and conserve the best of human values. Let us aim toward a slow resolution for improvement of children near and far. After the last war in Germany, in Scotland and other countries, children were starving until their development was far below children of the same age here who were not subjected to such privations. This war will be a tragic mistake if such human incalculables should occur."

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