

Use of Women in War Industries Is Seen as Vital and Inevitable By Michigan Press Commentator

By GENE ALLEMAN Michigan Press Association

The ladies, bless 'em, may win the war yet. No kidding, folks, we're serious about it. Michigan is in a bad spot, and Uncle Sam isn't doing so good a job of it.

Michigan has been given more war contracts than the average state. Why? Because the auto and automotive industry, including automotive suppliers in scores of small towns in Michigan, has demonstrated an ability to produce goods quickly.

Michigan young men are being called to the arms services in increasing numbers. Even husbands are going. No labor shortage looms, and it's high time we started to think about it. Here is a realistic picture, as we see it, and no punches will be pulled.

We're not out of the woods. The war isn't won yet. In fact, we can lose it on the home front. Unless management and labor produce MORE AND MORE airplanes and tanks and other urgently needed arms for our tanks and our hard-pressed Allies who, incidentally, are doing most of the fighting for us until we are ready to hold our own.

Unless a serious shortage of workers in Michigan can be solved in the near future. This conclusion is inescapable in view of facts which are readily available. Michigan's mass production industries have been given a leading role on the home front. Lieut. Gen. Erelson B. Somervell, chief of the army's services of supply, and Lieut. Gen. William Knudsen, chief of production, did not visit Michigan this month to extol management and labor. They came, and it might just as well be put bluntly, to plead for MORE production.

As General Somervell phrased it in an interview, our present production—as remarkable as it has been and is—still is pitifully inadequate to meet today's very urgent needs. The output, as recorded on paper reports, is enough to justify pessimism at Washington. Yet the spirit of the men—management and labor alike—is enough to justify the utmost optimism in Michigan.

No bombs have fallen on Michigan. No we hear no sound of cannon. It is still hard for us to imagine what war is like even though we read about it in the newspapers, hear about it on the radio, and see it on the motion picture screen.

At Washington, said General Somervell, the situation is precarious. Until every American man has been fully equipped, every American division has been fully armed, American industry hasn't done the job," he said emphatically, using some colorful phrases worthy of the really meant it. We are still trying to hold ground defensively, to arm our allies while we train and equip our own men, while civilian industry continues to take quantities of raw materials that are desperately needed by the army and navy.

Raw material is a serious bottleneck in the West, just as shipping is a bottleneck on the seaboard. The need of Michigan war plants is still continuing. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. From the best figures which we can obtain, Michigan's available labor supply is not adequate to meet the needs of our war industries between July and December. Approximately 135,000 MORE workers will be needed to fill the jobs of men who will be called into the army and navy to meet the needs of additional machines and the three-shift day production.

Here is the picture, and it is startling in its significance, concerning the need of women in war industries. Ladies women can be recruited voluntarily to man the additional war machines in Michigan war plants, one or more of these things may happen: 1. War contracts will have to be shifted from Michigan and given to other areas. 2. Workers will have to be imported from other states. 3. Workers will have to be transferred from non-essential manufacturing enterprises to the essential war work.

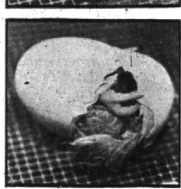
The alternative to the above three possibilities, as the war work planners see the situation, apparently rests with the ladies. It's a radical departure from the role of the woman in the kitchen or nursery, but it is a realistic responsibility that is being imposed upon us by dire necessity, so the argument goes. And here's why: Any large scale importation of labor to Michigan, if it pointed out, would only overtax existing housing facilities, would overtax existing living conditions, would reduce worker morale, and would also open the gate to a serious race problem. Utilizing Michigan woman-power for Michigan war jobs, so the officials say, would avoid putting the burden on housing in industrial centers. Women workers would lessen the likelihood of

the civilian—perhaps. In our great country our farmers are doubling their efforts so that there will be food for all and additional supplies so needed by our Allies. A man behind the plow is also a man behind the soldier—savior and marine. HOUSEWIFE: In former wars the housewife's role was more or less one of moral support. But today she is taking an active part in many branches of service. Home-making is not a minor part of our war effort. Well-fed families, attractive homes and careful buying and planning are truly essential and patriotic.

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Coming Out



Coming out parties like this one are repeated 50,000,000 times a year as the nation's hatchery industry increases production of baby chicks. East becoming one of agriculture's leading specialties, the hatchery industry is lauded by the Department of Agriculture to keep them spaced out across the country. Can't you just hear the barred cock chick demanding, "Let's get on with the war!"

heavy relief loads for imported workers, stranded here because of the war. Well, that's one way of looking at it. It's not a pleasant outlook. It is another call for sacrifice. In our opinion the Michigan home-front is far ahead of Washington in its willingness to forgo individual pleasures for national security. We're ready for the job. As soon as the leaders at Washington can make up their minds what they want us to do, we'll deliver the goods! Michigan will not fail.

Celebrating the Fourth of July with bonfires dates back to the first observance of the holiday in Philadelphia in 1777. You can help build a bonfire under the Axis every pay day by buying U. S. War Bonds. Each bond you buy adds fuel to the fires of America's freedom.

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Forget the Weather by Generous Dose of Light Literature

By LINDO MOORE

Recommended for the next Dog-day, when it's too hot for civilized living and you want to murder the weather. Buy yourself into a gay-colored beach chair strategically placed under the densest shade tree in your garden. (If you are a hammock addict, we won't quibble about using one.) On a small table nearby have a two-quart pitcher of lemonade wherein the ice tinkles merrily. And best of all, a fat pile of not-too-heavy literature.

There are a number of books recently added to Baldwin Library shelves, that should make the hot days more bearable, if not actually cooler. From this Day Forward, by Ellsworth Thayer, a mild and practical world marries professor of zoology with a penchant for the best parts of the modern world. With everything against such a marriage, things were bound to happen. The author's enjoyment of the book is evident.

Keeper of the Flame, by I. A. R. Wylie. Fragment story of a young wife's devotion to her husband's memory and her attempt to prevent the world finding out that he was never the great man it had thought.

The Season, by David Walden. A witty novel about a summer hotel.

Intruders in Eden, by Arthur Stringer. A story about a woman and two fugitives from a world that has treated them harshly, but which has a life in quiet Canadian countryside.

Old Soldiers Never Die, by Jerome K. Jerome. A humorous English, embittered because "they" found him too old for active service in the first world war. He finds himself useful in this present war.

Village in August, by Chun T. Chen. A novel about a young man of modern western China. The intensity of nationalist feeling permeates the story, and creates an unusually absorbing novel.

Floods in Spring, by Henry Bellman. An unusually compelling story of a man who attempts to dominate his world left him with nothing but the land on which he had expanded a lifetime's efforts.

Sea Magic, by Sara Ware Bassett. A story of a girl of eastern birth who is swept into a novel.

Assignment in Brittany, by Heloise MacLennan. First-class international yarn with handsome British intelligence officer bent on making a name for himself in France as leading theme.

For mystery addicts: Mystery Murder, by Lee Crosby. Strange and sinister happenings for a summer's end.

Big Midget Murders, by Craig Rice. The midget was chief hanger-on at a swank night club until he died suddenly and shockingly.

The Man Who Slept All Day, by Michael Venning. After their host had slept all day, his workmates guests discovered that he would never wake. A fine puzzle.

Captain and Mrs. Sherwood Sheldon are living at 324 Park Street. They are moving here. The Sheldons lived in Albany, N. Y. They came to Michigan when Captain Sheldon was stationed at the Chrysler Tank Arsenal. They looked all around for a spot to live, and decided that Birmingham was just about perfect. They have three children, John, 13, Grace, 11, and Freddie, 6.

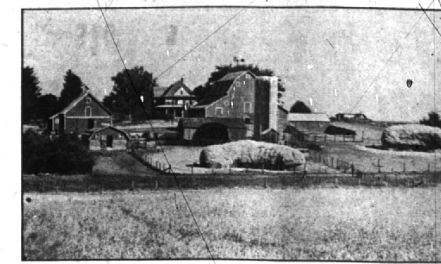
Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Goddard who moved here from Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Goddard is in the operations analysis department of General Motors in Detroit. They built their home in Birmingham because Mrs. Goddard's parents lived here and because they liked the town. They have two children, Russell who is three, and Martha, one.

The Albert deSalles who have moved into their new ranch-house on the corner of Brooklake and Manor roads. The house is still in the process of being finished, but they decided to start living in it anyway. When completed it is to have a studio in which Mrs. deSalles, a photographic artist, will work. She does mostly photographing of fine arts collection and portraits.

Mr. deSalles is also interested in art, being the buyer for the fine arts gallery at the L. L. Hudson Company. The deSalles moved out from Detroit because they have many friends here and because they were fortunate in finding an ideal spot, a four-acre lot, on which to build their home.

STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, on the 14th day of July, 1942. Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of John B. DeWitt, Deceased. Oliver H. Kirk, administrator of said estate, praying for license to sell at private sale certain real estate in certain real estate therein described. It is ordered, That the 15th day of August, 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and that all persons interested in said real estate appear before said Court at said time and place, to show cause why they should not sell the real estate in said real estate should not be granted. Further ordered, That the publication of this notice be given by publication of a copy of this order in the Birmingham Evening Post, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County. ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney, Birmingham, Michigan. 14-7-15

Farm Income Sets New Record



Farms, like this one in Grady county, Iowa, earned a higher cash income from marketing in 1941 than in any year since 1920. Gross county income in 1941 is estimated at just under 14 billion dollars. Increase resulted both from heavier marketings and higher prices.

Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph. D.—Minister. David Curry, Supt. Sabbath School. Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. W. J. Woodhead, Pastor. 9:45 Morning worship. 11:30 service. The pastor will preach the sermon: Subject: "Apprentice Christianity." Tuesday evening, Bible Study and Prayer service, 8:00 o'clock.

Embury Methodist Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

United Brethren Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

First Methodist Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

St. James Episcopal Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

St. George of the Hills Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

Southfield U. P. Church, Bensonville and Woodleaf. Rev. J. M. Jorgensen, Pastor. 8:00 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Church School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School.

CRASH AT LIGHT Mrs. Suzanne Shirley, route 1, Birmingham, driving west on Maple, Friday, stopped for a traffic light and was rammed from behind by Robert C. Stevens, of 651 Wallace, driving a car owned by William L. Barth, Jr., of Townsend apartments. Damage was not extensive.

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Air Conditioning Is Debated Again

The City Commission went through another air conditioning debate Monday night when L. E. Davidson, South Woodward avenue merchant, made application for license to use City water for cooling his shop. Commissioner Harry E. Bissett, who has consistently opposed the use of water for this purpose on the ground that the City did not have water to spare, voted against it.

The rest of the Commission, after debating the pros and cons for an hour, followed its policy of the past, voting permission with the proviso that discontinuance may be ordered if there is a shortage. Davidson's unit, a simple device which relies on air blown through coils which are cooled with the City water, will use about 3,000 gallons a day, it was said. It is the same type as at the National bank and at several other stores.

What Your City Commission Is Doing July 20, 1942 Bills approved in the amount of \$25,738.67. Davidson's granted permission to use city water for air conditioning system. Tentative draft of new Detroit Edison franchise submitted. Agreement with Oakland County authorized for payment of taxes on 173-acre park site purchased at Scavenger Sale. Girl Scouts granted permission to construct well on Springdale Park property. Report from manager listing special assessment projects on which work must be deferred until after the war. Report from manager stating that present water supply was operating satisfactorily. Irene E. Hanley, City Clerk.

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EASY WAYS TO SAVE electricity



when you cook on your ELECTRIC RANGE

In these days when "waste nothing" is a household rule, you can save time, effort and electricity by using your range efficiently. The 5 suggestions listed below are not new. Perhaps you already follow them. If not, they will prove worthwhile.

- (1) Use LOW heat whenever possible. You can prevent your cooking cost from going up by finishing most of your surface cooking on low heat after foods have reached the steaming point. Once the steaming point is reached, you cannot speed up the cooking operation one bit by continued use of high heat. Reducing the heat will reduce your cooking costs, as well as conserving vitamins and minerals.
(2) Plan more oven meals. Preparing a complete meal in the oven at one time is economical. The same amount of electricity can cook meat, potatoes, vegetables and a pudding in one operation. And by using your clock control, you can forget the dinner until it is ready to serve, and devote your time to other things.
(3) Use little water in cooking. Vegetables are far more delicious and healthful when "steam-cooked" in only half-a-cup of water. This conserves precious minerals and food values—and you don't waste electricity heating up a large quantity of water which is poured down the sink after the cooking is finished.
(4) Make use of "stared" heat. When the cooking operation is almost finished, the heat may be turned completely OFF. The heat that remains in the unit can be used to complete the cooking operation. Take advantage of this method and the extra saving in the use of electricity.
(5) Use the thrift cooker often. If your range has one, the thrift cooker is ideal for soups, stews, and less tender cuts of meat. Its long, slow cooking gives excellent results, and its "deep well" construction and heavy insulation achieve economy of operation.

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