

Poor Folks' in the Country Sections Can Laugh at Rationing of Food

BY GENE ALLEMAN Michigan Press Association This is a true story in fact. Once upon a time a city man, thinking about his country cousins, said to himself in smug self-satisfaction: "My poor country relations! They live on a farm many miles from town. Roads are bad. They get to stores with difficulty. They eat mostly meat and potatoes, have few luxuries, enjoy little entertainment, have scant money to spend, are usually in debt—well, it's very sad. I am truly sorry for my country cousins."

That was before 1942, mister. Times have changed! Don't pity the poor cousins today. There's a good reason, too. Your country cousins by now, this eventful November of 1942, are probably feeling downright sorry for you.

Only a few days your automobile will be rationed for limited use of gasoline. And if you're the average American citizen, you'll be given the exciting privilege of burning up four gallons of gasoline every seven days. In a few more weeks, perhaps around Christmas, Uncle Sam will give you a fat-full of ration coupons for just about every important commodity you will need. Meat, for example. And then the incidental matter of milk. That's going to be rationed, too.

Your country cousins can have a milk-shake by merely going to the dairy barn. Eggs, butter, chickens, meat, fresh vegetables—yes, your farm relations probably will have all they need. Incidentally, the electric refrigerator keeps meat and fruit and vegetables fresh all winter. You have a highway that the highway is now paved with concrete.

No, the average country cousin isn't dumb. Most farm authorities apparently agree that the farmer will come out of this present war with a smaller debt and a larger cash—large backlog of liquid assets—those things like war bonds which can be converted quickly into cash—than ever before. Because of high material prices, many farmers are postponing new farm construction until the war is over.

And here are some more encouraging trends: Ownership of farms is increasing; tenancy is falling. Rural retail sales have increased each month for 21 consecutive months. Instead of durables being in demand, farmers are turning to clothing, housewares, food specialties and minor luxuries. The big untavolable trend, of course, is the growing scarcity of labor. The selective service headquarters at Washington has recommended deferred farm labor and there is news of "freezing" labor on dairy and poultry farms. Farmers have been selling livestock, and even additional acreage, so that they can handle their farms themselves.

That is the basis of part of this story. It is one that heralds a possible scarcity of food by 1945 or 1944 with rationing of more and more commodities.

With approximately one-third more income this year than last year and with food right in his own garden and poultry house or on the "hoop," the Michigan farmer is doing very well, thank you. He represents the true American spirit of free enterprise. Getting the job done is more important to him than getting higher wages at short hours. He is going to make a significant contribution to winning of the war.

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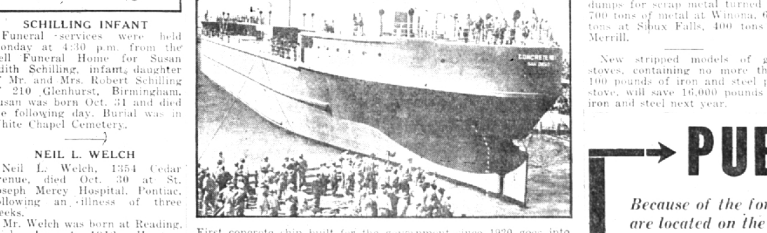
This world map shows where U. S. airmen, soldiers, sailors, marines and technicians are now in action or training to fight on the many fronts of the globe.

Dinner Music for Jap Prisoners



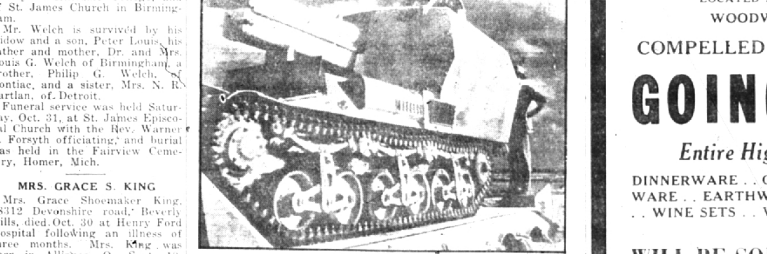
A home-made oboe supplies the dinner music for a group of Japanese taken prisoner on Guadalcanal. Prisoners get all the food they can eat and receive a ration of 10 cigarettes and one gram approximately 60 prisoners.

Concrete Ship in Service



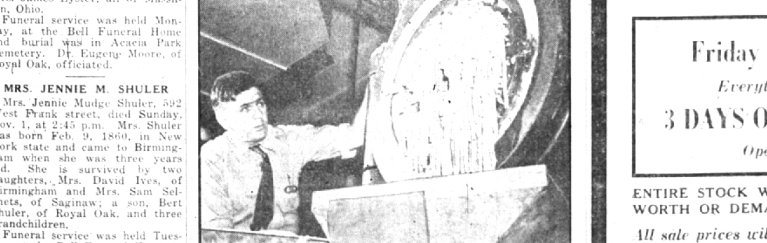
First concrete ship built for the government since 1920 goes into service of National City, Calif. The concrete flat-barge weighs 14,000 tons, is 375 feet long, and has a load capacity of 8000 tons.

Examine Captured Nazi Gun



This 150-mm. gun, first of its type taken intact by the British in desert fighting, was captured by Woodell Wilton on his way to the Alamogordo front. The speedometer showed less than 100 kilometers travel. (Photo radioed from Cairo to New York.)

Rubber Grinder



Synthetic rubber is squeezed over a screen and through the holes of a tuber, from which it emerges like meat from a meat grinder. Here large pieces are broken up and excess water is removed.

With the Collegians

Michigan State College EAST LANSING, MICH. ALICE GREENE, Birmingham sophomore in Michigan State college, has been initiated into Tower Guard, a sophomore women's honorary organization. Miss Greene is a student in the applied science division. Tower Guard honors 25 sophomore women who have been outstanding in scholarship and leadership. Its members must have a 2.1 scholastic average and give some indication of potential leadership.

Albion College Ten young people from Birmingham are students this year at Albion College, according to a statement just received by the college registrar. They are WILLIAM DANIEL BELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bell of 860 Kenton; a sophomore pursuing a pre-engineering course; MARLYN MAE KNIGHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Knight of 1429 Lincoln, a freshman taking the liberal arts course; MRS. JANE CLEMENT NEWMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clement, of 3154 1/2 Springer road, a senior majoring in English; BETTY FERKEMILLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Niedermeier, of 18500 Hillcrest, a freshman majoring in English; IRWIN J. SHUTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shuter, of 846 Woodland, a senior majoring in economics; ROGER BENTON STOLBERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stollberg, of 84 Riverdale, a sophomore majoring in English; IRWIN J. SHUTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shuter, of 846 Woodland, a senior majoring in economics; ROGER BENTON STOLBERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stollberg, of 84 Riverdale, a sophomore majoring in English; IRWIN J. SHUTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shuter, of 846 Woodland, a senior majoring in economics; ROGER BENTON STOLBERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stollberg, of 84 Riverdale, a sophomore majoring in English.

Albion College IRWIN SHUTER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Shuter, of 846 Woodland, has just been elected treasurer of the senior class at Albion College. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and is majoring in economics.

Name Dealer Here For Coal Stokers The M. H. DeKeyser Company, Michigan district manager of the White Stoker, have recently appointed George W. Forester, of 560 Brown street, their Birmingham dealer to handle the sale of White

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