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Michigan Mirror

By GENE ALLEMAN

"Of surpassing interest, scarcely second to that of Mackinac Island." As voiced by Harry H. Whiteley, chairman of the Michigan state conservation commission and publisher of the Dowagiac Daily News at Dowagiac, such is the historical significance of old Fort Drummond on Drummond Island, the topic of last week's Michigan Mirror in this newspaper.

The British fort, which was manned by 350 to 400 red-coated soldiers for 13 years after the War of 1812, had been shamefully neglected for the 116 years by both federal and state governments. Its location is unmarked today by other than a simple historical tablet, in sharp contrast to the care given by the Dominion of Canada to old Fort St. Joseph on St. Joseph Island nearby. A summer resort had nailed a board to a tree to indicate the location of the military cemetery at Fort Drummond.

These facts, recorded bluntly here, are not the result of an incidental visit to Drummond Island by the president and manager of the Michigan Press association.

They brought an invitation to write from W. H. Whiteley, director of the state conservation commission who wrote:

"I am glad the Michigan Press association is reviving this Drummond Island restoration project. At various times during the past years many persons, including our department, have tried to revive the public interest. It is an important matter to me. I have written and spoken on it many times. I am intimately acquainted with the history of this spot and find it of great interest. I have written second to that of Mackinac itself."

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Dr. Madison Kuhn, East Lansing, president of the State Historical Society of Michigan, declared that the newspapers of the state had started something. "I have been interested in Mackinac Island for many years. I have written and spoken on it many times. I am intimately acquainted with the history of this spot and find it of great interest. I have written second to that of Mackinac itself."

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SALVAGE MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last city collection day of the month. Keep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave at curb on your last city collection day of the month. Copper engravers' plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, M. G. A. ZINES, SCRAP PAPERS—Pick up of these may be arranged for by calling the Salvage Desk, at the Municipal Building, Phone 1230 between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 o'clock Monday through Friday. Remember that your curb pickup first Friday of each month.

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Why the U.S. Fights

The present generation of fighting Americans, called upon by President Roosevelt to keep its "rendezvous with destiny," is performing with a valor that belies the pessimistic prophecies of some of their ancestors. They are beginning to realize that the "red devils" in a costly meeting, but it would be a mistake for the American people to conclude that the only justification is "to be a just and lasting peace."

While nearly every American is anxious for the present war to result in some scheme to prevent future wars, and we are willing to take some risks in the hope of attaining the objective, we must not become confused in our thinking and conclude that a failure to secure permanent peace would make vain the sacrifice of our fighting men.

The proof of this, seems to us, is clear when we consider what course the nation would pursue if, through some miraculous dispensation, a glimpse into the future would reveal a continuation of wars-between-nations. Certainly we would not give up the struggle even if convinced that lasting peace was impossible and that nations would, in the future as in the past, resort to arms. Our beligerent efforts against Germany and Japan would be continued and redoubled until complete victory covers our battle flag.

This is because our freedom and civilization are under attack from enemies who would rob us of our liberties, enslave our bodies and shrivel the development of individual personality.

While it is natural to hope that the long-range results of the present struggle will be something like permanent peace, it should be obvious to every American that the short-range necessity is victory in order to escape the fate of Germany and Poland, who have exercised over some areas of the world.

To escape the domination of these brutal powers is a sufficient justification for the exercise of our full strength in combat. If we attain the victory, it will be worthwhile to consider what happens between nations in the future.

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Russia, 1914, 1941 and 1944

A little less than three years ago Adolf Hitler proclaimed that he was about to destroy the last Russian army before Moscow.

The trend of the campaign against Russia seemed to support Dr. Kaizer and his estimate of the situation was generally accepted by military experts throughout the world.

Today the Russian armies have outgeneraled and outfought the best that the Nazis could offer and are within reach of one of the greatest military victories in the annals of mankind.

In the First World War the Russian nation was unable to accept the reverses that afflicted the czar's armies and revolution resulted. In this struggle the Soviet not only gave up vast areas in retreat but reorganized its armies to score decisive victories.

The difference? It is easy; the people of Russia are behind the Soviet government. They were not behind the Czar. The Kaiser fought a rotten government in 1914, but when Hitler invaded Russia in 1941 he moved against a people determined to save their country and support their government.

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School Lunch Aid Is Again Promised

Birmingham public schools expect to participate again this year in the government aid for operation of school lunches. The Birmingham contract with the government is expected shortly.

The Office of Distribution of the War Food Administration in Detroit announced today that \$1,343,600 was available for assisting schools and child care centers in Michigan in the purchase of food for community school lunch programs. The major portion of the fund, \$1,074,880 will be used to reimburse schools for the purchase of food in the local communities. The remaining \$268,720 is to be used under the government's price support program for the purchase of agricultural commodities in temporary abundance which will be donated by kind to school lunch and child care centers.

The school lunch program is an integral part of the nation's war food program as it will result in increased consumption of agricultural commodities in temporary abundance which will be donated by kind to school lunch and child care centers.

Home Safety Pays Big Dividends to Members Of Mich. Families

Safety measures in the home and kitchen pay big dividends to the members of Michigan families. This is the message of a booklet received in Birmingham from Julia Bond, extension specialist in home management, Michigan State college.

There is not a family in this state which can afford to neglect the time and energy because of home accidents, so a few minutes spent in the prevention of accidents will prevent accidents in time to well spent, says Miss Bond.

Miss Bond says that the booklet which may help to make the Birmingham home—especially the kitchen—a safer place.

Prevent accidents by using safe equipment in the proper manner. Do not put them into the drawer separately. Do not store sharp knives in a drawer with other utensils unless you have a separate compartment for them. Better still, if you are going to store sharp knives in a drawer, equip the drawer with a knife rack. Another possibility is to hang knives in a rack on wall or inside of cupboard door. By keeping them in racks you will avoid cuts, save time in locating and have to cover less time sharpening knives.

Discard the badly chipped cracked or broken dishes. When you do discard them, put them where children won't be tempted to play with them. Make it a habit to always use pads or holders when picking up utensils containing hot foods. Hand holders near the stove so you will always have one in the right place at the right time.

Play safe by making certain the handles of cooking utensils don't get too hot. If you can't repair a loose handle, then use that particular utensil for one or two days. When cooking foods, always try the handles of utensils away from the edge of the stove. One never knows when a child will take hold of the handle and soil the hot food with water, causing serious burns. In some instances, adults may accidentally brush by the stove and cause the handle to over-heat because the handle extended beyond the edge of the stove.

Stand on a step ladder when on a box or edge of cupboard drawer when it is necessary to get articles from the shelves beyond your reach.

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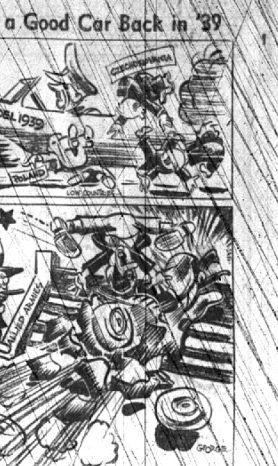
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