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Michigan Mirror

Yes, you'll be glad to live in Michigan. Influx of many Southerners into Michigan during the current World War II industrial boom is a social movement that is bound to aggravate our post-war problems. It also should awaken in Michigan natives a greater appreciation of their own state.

Take the Southern's viewpoint, if you please. Dr. Henry Vaughan, dean of the University of Michigan's school of public health, recently declared that the health problem that is arising from the war-time migration of Southerners to Michigan is a serious one.

Through no fault of their own, many southern workers have had to adjust to a relatively low living standard. "Economic conditions precluded the cultivation of more nutritious food crops for the sake of producing the maximum yield of cotton and other staples."

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A few months ago an American troopship, carrying two thousand of our soldiers to the fighting front, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine. One thousand young American lives were lost. It was the greatest single blow our nation has suffered in the war.

Let us put together, out of a very realistic imagination, a picture of what might have happened: An American mother, in any town or city in the nation, had just said good-bye to her son, who has been home on his last furlough. In explanation of her worried look, she tells a neighbor that her son is sailing the next day from Brooklyn. The neighbor happens to know that the boy belongs to let us say the 32nd Infantry, and that several other boys from the neighborhood belong to the same outfit.

That night at the corner bar he sees the father of one of the other boys. "Your son is sailing tomorrow," he tells him. "Yeah—from Brooklyn. Certainly, I'm sure. He belongs to the 32nd, doesn't he? Well, Billy James was home last week and told his mother in law that he was at the next table strolls casually to the telephone booth. The man at the other end of the telephone sends a telegram in code. In a little while away on Long Island another man seems very interested in the telegram. It gets winging across the sea by the fastest route. In Berlin, in a room filled with maps and charts and code books, a group of men put this bit of information with other bits that have come from elsewhere. At a German port a night-packer moves stealthily out to sea. Four nights later a torpedo strikes a ship. A messenger rings a doorbell. There is a telegram for Mrs. Ames. Billy is dead—and with him a thousand other boys.

The Army, the Navy and the FBI have asked civilian defense organizations throughout the country to impress on Americans the importance of safeguarding military information. You may feel that this does not include you, but it does. You may feel that what you know is not important, but it is. Bits of war information, which seem immaterial to you, may be vital to the enemy. A word about the sailing of one soldier may endanger a whole convoy. A casual remark by a warworker about his day's work may reveal an entire factory's output.

The safest procedure is to think before you talk—and then, don't talk. What the enemy doesn't know won't hurt him. What's more important is that what the enemy doesn't know won't hurt us.

Time To Make Up Canning Budgets Right now is the time to make up the home canning budget, according to Mrs. Milton Maller, 430 Aspen, who is chairman of the Birmingham nutrition committee of the Office of Civilian Defense. Mrs. Maller suggests that the canning budget for 1944 should include 100 pounds of corn, 100 pounds of beans, 100 pounds of tomatoes, 100 pounds of peaches, 100 pounds of apples, 100 pounds of pears, 100 pounds of peaches or pears for each member of the family.

Strictly Fresh WPB Chairman Donald Nelson said that liquor will be made an essential civilian product as soon as the war is over. He said that liquor has been made for some time, but it is not being distributed because of the war.

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To Save Free Enterprise

Free enterprise after the war might easily be lost by this country if business adopts a policy of pricing goods at what the traffic will bear instead of establishing price policies that make for high production.

Col. Knox late Secretary of War, removed from public life an outstanding patriot, a man whose heart and soul did much to build up our Navy to its staggering power and size. Although a life-long Republican, Mr. Knox has served in the Democratic administration. He was known longer as an American newspaperman, of considerable ability. His dominant personal characteristic was a love for pomp and circumstance—he never forgot that he was a Rough Rider in Cuba with Teddy Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War. Col. Knox had a real personal courage; he fought for what he believed in; we need more like him in high places.

When this war is finished and the boys and girls come home, many of our institutions must meet the new and realistic challenge the armed forces will present. Included in this are the churches; perhaps the returning chaplains, though, may offer some help in this direction. They will have seen men in combat action; they will know better how far man has strayed from God.

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Hold Spring Meet Outdoor writers and photographers from every section of Michigan met May 13-14 at Rockwood for the first annual conference of the recently organized Michigan Outdoor Writers Association. About forty attended the two-day meeting. Sessions were held at the conservation department training school at Lake Umbagog.

STATE OF MICHIGAN: In a session of said Court, held at Lansing, Michigan, on the 15th day of May, 1944, the following was presented: Present: Honorable Arthur R. Moore, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan. In the Matter of the Estate of William J. Hayes, deceased. William M. Hayes, administrator of said estate, vs. the said Court, for the confirmation of a petition for the discharge of said administrator. The discharge of said administrator was granted by the Court on June 4, 1944, at which time the same was approved by the Court. It is Further Ordered: That this public notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in this State, for a period of thirty days, commencing on the date hereof, for the purpose of giving notice to all persons who may have claims against the estate of the said deceased, to file the same with the Court, within the time herein specified. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at Lansing, Michigan, this 15th day of May, 1944.

ARTHUR H. MOORE, Judge of Probate. ROSCOE B. MARTIN, 2483 Folsomville Bldg., Detroit 15, Michigan.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 17, 1894 "Julian Leet was home over Sunday." "Ladies and gentlemen bicycled out from Detroit with alarming frequency."

20 YEARS AGO May 16, 1924 "Thirty-four members of the local Division of the University of Michigan League attended the banquet at the Lone Pine Tea House Saturday night, May 15, one of the several hundred banquets held throughout the country in honor of a student worker for a woman's building on the campus at Ann Arbor."

6 YEARS AGO 1938 "Because only 225 qualified electors of the Birmingham School Board registered to vote in the school election June 12, the Board of Education authorized Superintendent Howard D. Crull Friday evening to make plans for a house-to-house registration plan."

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Wh-Wh-Who's Nervous?



This City Much Interested in Improved Fishing and Hunting Being Planned

A large number of residents of this city, including sportsmen and those who enjoy getting out into the out-of-doors are showing a lot of interest in the proposed improvement of fishing and hunting areas, and installation of many more parks in the area included in the Huron-Clinton parkway development.

MARTIME DAY MONDAY This annual event of National Maritime Day, May 22 (this year will be the 4th year) will be the 4th year of the event. The next of most merchant officers and seamen killed in action, the War Shipping Administration announced. Special services will be held in churches on Sunday, May 21, for the more than 600 merchant officers and seamen who have given their lives deriving war material. Ceremonies, stressing the purposes and accomplishments of the U. S. Merchant Marine will be held at shipyards and American Legion posts and clubs.

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