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Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS
By GENE ALLEMAN

Listen to this:
"In the rural areas of Michigan live one and three quarter millions of people. It must be the primary concern of all to make life in these sections richer, more attractive, more satisfying, more secure. That some of these essentials are lacking is manifested by the large number of people—young people especially—who migrate to the city for comforts and privileges denied them on the farm."

This frank admission that Michigan rural life must be improved if Michigan is to possess a strong foundation for sound prosperity of its citizens comes from three Michigan educators: Dr. Alexander C. Ruthven, president of University of Michigan; Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University; and Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent of public instruction.

Their opinion was issued jointly for "Rural Michigan," a comprehensive study of Michigan rural life just issued by the state department of public instruction through the cooperation of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

The challenge is founded upon hard facts—not merely theoretical guess-work.
Here are some of them.
Religious life, for example, in 1936 about 20 per cent of the rural population (those living on 2,500 population) were members of the 2,832 rural churches then operating. Another 10 per cent were members of urban churches. Average expenditure per church for all purposes was only \$1,547.

"Many clergymen, like teachers, accept positions in rural communities as stepping stones to larger opportunities in urban centers."
"Rural pastors often are not adequately trained for rural work."
"Church services frequently are weak and Sunday school teachers untrained."

The rural church, in many cases, is neglected by denominational groups.
Not pleasant reading, we grant. But there they are—only a few of many indictments presenting the weakness of rural life in Michigan today.

Education—Michigan has 6,166 rural school districts with a student enrollment of 367,908. In 145 urban districts with an enrollment of 581,832. Rural teachers receive \$900 less per year than their counterparts in districts which employ superintendents
Rural schools consequently are in a weak position to compete for the better teachers In 1940 the annual salary of teachers in districts with less than 1,000 population was 37.2 per cent, or an average tenure of less than three years. This compared with a state-wide average of 7.3 per cent.

"There are very few modern school buildings in the rural areas since 1918 only 700 new rural school buildings have been constructed, although 1,300 have been modernized in recent years."
"Many districts are not able to pay as much tax for school purposes as they can and should. In 1942, there were 847 districts in Michigan with less than four mills for school purposes. (A mill is one dollar per \$100 assessed valuation.) A total of 114 districts levied no tax whatever for school purposes, while 902 districts levied seven mills or more."

Remember the old World War I song, "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paris?"
More quotations from the challenging study:
In the years between the wars (World War I and II) more than half of Michigan's farm youth were employed in agriculture. Hundreds uncertain of their futures if they stayed on farms, sought the opportunities for education and employment offered by urban life.

"In spite of many excellent programs now active in Michigan 4-H club work, high school vocational agricultural or vocational home-making courses, etc., the overall educational program is unachieved. It does not reach effectively the majority of rural youth."
"It is frequently stated that farmers give more attention to their livestock and crops than to their youth. What do you think?"
"One of the cultural advantages of city life is ready access to books and magazines, through public libraries."
Not so, however, with many people who live in the Michigan rural communities.
"Two-fifths (42 per cent) of the rural people of Michigan are without public libraries. Scarcity of libraries is particularly associated with sparsity of population. South of the Muskegon-Bay City line 36 per cent of the rural people are without public libraries. North of this line the percentage is 57, while in the Lower Peninsula two-thirds (67 per cent) have no public libraries."

The State Board for Libraries recommends a local per capita tax of \$1 to \$2 to be supplemented by grants from the state.
Rural health in Michigan is not what it should be.
Among rural youths rejections military service for physical reasons were higher than among those residents in cities. Many of their defects were associated with faulty nutrition.
"Cities have had full-time health departments for many years, but only since the county health department law was passed in 1927 have Michigan's rural areas begun to enjoy the same advantages. With modern transportation, rural and urban health problems have come to be much the same."
The study points out that a county district health depart-

ment may be established by the local county board of supervisors. Social insurance is provided for most urban residents, but not for the average farmer.
Only a small proportion of Michigan farmers and rural people are included in the nation's social security program. Farmers, together with all other self-employed persons, are completely excluded from the social insurances."
"Social insurance is a sound business program, the objective of which is to provide a safeguard against economic hazards which are unpredictable in the case of a single individual, but are predictable in the case of large groups."
"Many elderly farmers continue to operate farms because of inadequate provisions for current income, but preventing younger men from obtaining a start in farming."
Recommendations: That social security benefits be extended to rural citizens.
"It may be true, you add but the fact still remains that the average person gets what he pays for. What is the answer to the above challenges—more taxes for farmers?"

People's Column

To the Editor:
"For the past three months, one or two individuals have made it their business to deliberately sabotage the work of many mothers and wives in the Bloomfield area who are taking the time and trouble to prepare their tin cans for salvage. They place their offering in the barrel placed at the corner of Cranbrook and Quorton one each month for their convenience—and alone comes a very superior (?) patriotic (?) person who proceeds to very carefully place a mixture of tin, crumpled and broken glass into the barrel and on top of all the shipping prepared cans so painstakingly prepared! This is sabotage, no less!—and it must be stopped. There were almost nine hundred pounds of prepared cans ruined in the past three months—the efforts of a great many completely justified by one or two, is this fair?"
During the last pickup of cans from Cranbrook and Quorton—which occurred on August 3rd and 4th—this barrel was under surveillance most of the time and the identity of the guilty fairly well established.
If these kind (?) people insist on continuing their practice, the barrel will no longer be placed there at the intersection—and between one and two thousand pounds of prepared tin will be lost in the next three to six months.
As a resident and an salvage chairman for this Bloomfield area, I can not understand how any individual living anywhere in this entire community could stoop to such premeditated—war, or no war! We are supposed to be living in a fairly cultural section where the general "level of education" is supposed to be a little above average. Are we???

Richard Nelson On Small Carrier Which Polished Off Japs

ABOARD THE USS PETROF BAY—Richard R. Nelson, seaman, first class, USNR, 19879 Quenton, Birmingham, Mich., helped polish off Japanese planes and shipping when this small aircraft carrier fought at Okinawa, Iwo Jima and other engagements that sometimes carried her within 15 miles of enemy-held bases.
"Pilots from this carrier have knocked down 20 Jap planes and the ship's gunners have accounted for five more. Five flags painted on the bridge signify that three Jap cruisers, a destroyer and a destroyer and a merchant ship merchant ship have fallen victims to the PETROF BAY."
Officers, pilots and men aboard the carrier have won 100 decorations for outstanding devotion to duty from September, 1944, to February, 1945, 18 of the awards being Navy crosses, the Navy's second highest award, while 37 have been Silver Star Medals.

Machine Age
Joe: "And how do you like your radio, Mac?"
Mac: "Mon, it's grand, but the wee light's hard to read by."

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat
Town Meeting
American Expression of Popular Government.
AS SOON AS THE EARLY NEW ENGLAND SETTLERS CLEARED THEIR LAND AND BUILT THEIR HOMES—THEY MET TOGETHER IN TOWN MEETINGS. THERE EVERYONE HAD THE RIGHT TO SPEAK HIS MIND—MAKE RULES FOR THE COMMON WELFARE—PLAN COOPERATIVELY FOR THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE.



TODAY, TOWN MEETINGS ARE STILL HELD IN MANY COMMUNITIES—AND THROUGHOUT THE LAND THE PRINCIPLE LIVES AND IS CHERISHED—AS DEMOCRACY SPEAKS.

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Enjoy coffee the way you like it—become A&P Coffee is available to you in a choice of these blends—Eight O'Clock (mild and mellow), Red Circle (rich and full-bodied), This Boker (vigorous and winsome) to you richer, finer coffee comes to you in the bean and is custom ground for you when you buy. Serve it iced or hot—it's good either way.

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19c

TRY THESE MARVEL VARIETY BREADS

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MARVEL Rye Bread 3 Loaves 32c
MARVEL Raisin Bread . . . 3 Loaves 32c
MARVEL Wheat Bread . . . 3 Loaves 32c
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25-lb. Bag **\$1.25**

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Quarts **60c**

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GRADE "A" ROUND STEAK Lb. **38c**
LEG OR RUMP VEAL ROAST Lb. **30c**
GRADE "A" BEEF CHUCK ROAST Lb. **26c**
GRADE "A" LEG O' LAMB Lb. **37c**
GRADE "A" SIRLOIN STEAK Lb. **39c**
GRADE "A" STANDING RIB ROAST Lb. **29c**

FOR STUFFING: Breast of Veal Lb. 19c
Shoulder Veal Chops Lb. 28c
RIB Lamb Chops Lb. 42c
RIB Skort Ribs Lb. 19c

SING OR LACK Bologna Lb. 32c
SOUS SAUSAGE Ham Lb. 38c
SMOKED Liver Sausage Lb. 38c
ASSORTED Meat Leaves Lb. 46c

FRESH LAKE ERIE YELLOW PIKE

1 Lb. **49c**

WELL-CURED Steak Cod Lb. 28c
FRESH-CATCHED Blue Pike Lb. 53c
FRESH-CATCHED Sheepshead Lb. 26c

WELL-CURED White Fish Lb. 13c
FRESH-CATCHED White Bass Lb. 56c
FRESH-CATCHED Carp Lb. 16c

DAIRY! KRAFT OR BORDEN PIMENTO-OLIVE-RELISH

CHEESE SPREAD . . . 2 1/2 Lbs. **37c**

FRANKENMUTH Cheddar Cheese Lb. 34c
WISCONSIN Swiss Cheese Lb. 44c

PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese 1/2 Lb. 10c
WISCONSIN Blue Cheese Lb. 43c

SUNNYFIELD CORN FLAKES
11-Oz. Pkg. **8c**

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46-Oz. Can **29c**

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IONA Spinach 12-Pk. 12c
WESTERN Turnip Greens 12-Pk. 14c
IONA CUCUMBERS 12-Pk. 27c
IONA PRIMA'S F&Z Bits 12-Pk. 27c
IONA VEG. VEGETABLE COCKTAIL JUICE 18-Oz. Can 15c
IONA LUNCH VEGETABLE COCKTAIL JUICE 46-Oz. Can 30c
WOODBURY'S Soap 3 Bars 23c

HEINE CLAM CHOWDER
SOUP STOCK
CHILI SAUCE
GOLDEN BUTTER
COCOA
AUNT JANE SPANISH STUFFED OLIVES
VEGETABLE FLISH
FRUIT PECTIN
REGULAR KERR LIDS

STEP ON IT
SAVE THE DANCE