

Fewer B'ham Women In Labor Force

Special to the Eccentric
In many parts of the country, married women in droves are quitting the home to take jobs in industry—but not so in Birmingham.

In most cases, this increase in the number of working wives is tied up with the cost of living, states the Department of Commerce. Most of the women entering the labor force are doing so to help their husbands cope with the

DOWN TO EARTH

Gardeners Agree Snow's Important

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Many Michiganders debate variations in weather in all its cycles. For years to come there will be endless human interest stories told about New Year's Eve 1958-1959. Not many would swap their location for the far southern state which boasts of even temperatures.

garden can make a marriage a lot healthier and happier," Amen.

SNOW
JANUARY
Snow and its formation is always interesting. It results when atmospheric water vapor condenses directly into ice crystals. It occurs when air temperature is below 32 degrees. A snow crystal starts out as a microscopic grain of ice. As it is buffeted about in a storm cloud, water vapor continues to condense on it until the snowflake is formed, and it is a complex six-sided structure. The fact that no two crystals are alike stems from the slight fluctuations in temperature and humidity as it travels through the storm cloud. Now, that is your lesson for today.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has signed a bill ordering federal officials to investigate the damage to wild life caused by the increased use of poison sprays.

At the hearing prior to the passage of the bill, witnesses told the investigating committee that the increased use of DDT and other new chemicals threatens fish, game, birds and even domestic animals. The study will attempt to determine safe amounts of chemicals that may be used for a minimum loss of wildlife. This is a step in the right direction.

DO YOU know that when aircraft from a foreign country lands here it is inspected for dangerous insect pests? They also treat a plane inside and out with a spray to get any pests which may have been overlooked.

In this jet age there are complications. Though high altitudes may be fatal to some insects, time speeds cut transportation time making it possible for others to reach this country alive. Quarantine inspections will have to be more rigid to control the arrival of harmful pests.

SOME local dads are tempted to make a home skating rink. Of course, it will have some effect on the grass, but tender, loving care can take care of lots of problems next spring.

The trick is to control the drainage. Standing water for long periods of time is harmful. If standing ice is cracked up to encourage melting when the area is being drained, this step is a prevention. Have fun, enjoy this cycle of living. It is more important than a perfect lawn.

PERHAPS some of you read how a Chicago judge gave this New Year's advice: "To stay happily married 'lend your garden.' Mutual interest in a flower or vegetable



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house hold budget.

"Generally," it points out, "the lower the husband's income, the more likely his wife is to get a job."

Latest Census Bureau figures show that the proportion of Birmingham's female population, single and married, in the labor force is below average.

LOCALLY, only 23.6 percent of all women above the age of 14 hold outside jobs. This compares with 28.9 percent in the United States and 30.0 percent in the East North Central States.

The actual figures were 1410 in the local labor force out of a total of 5,961 women over the age of 14. While there has been an increase lately, it has not been on the scale reported for other areas.

Although the number of working wives has been rising, the number of single working women has been dropping, notes the Bureau. It attributes this to the fact that "there are now fewer single young women in the population be-

cause of an increased rate of marriages in recent years.

CURRENTLY, it reports, 60 percent of the women in the labor force are married, compared with 45 per cent in the years immediately following World War 2. In Birmingham, in contrast to the situation in many areas, only 23.9 percent of the jobs locally are held by women. Elsewhere in the United States, women held 27.4 percent of all jobs, and, in the East North Central States, 26.9 percent.

A Government survey, made a few years ago, showed that 55 percent of wives whose husbands earned less than \$5,000 went to work, that only 30 percent worked when their husbands earned from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and less than 9 percent when their husbands reached the \$7,000 to \$10,000 bracket.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1959

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, County of Oakland, State of Michigan: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Primary Election is Monday, January 19, 1959, at 8:00 p.m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham thirty days prior to February 16, 1959, are eligible to register.

TO REGISTER: Call in person at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building on or before 8:00 P.M. Monday, January 19, 1959.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, send a signed request to the office of the City Clerk stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address. Such transfer may be made any time up to and including Monday, January 19, 1959, at 8:00 P.M.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in addition to regular office hours, Monday through Friday of each week, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., the office of the City Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:
Saturday, January 17, 1959—9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday, January 19, 1959—8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk

January 8, 1959

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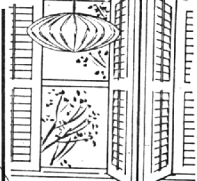
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Commercial, Bank, and Savings	\$1,627,638,052.94		
United States Government	83,130,839.20		
Other Public Funds	55,491,068.00	\$1,766,260,560.14	
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Acceptances and Letters of Credit		3,976,886.35	
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