

## Michigan Mirror

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Eugene B. Keyes, Dearborn's wealthy dentist-doctor-attorney-engineer who zoomed to the 1940 nomination as a darkhorse against a well-known field. He is reported to have the support of Edward Barnard, Republican leader of Wayne county.

Thomas Read, Shelby (Oscoda county) practicing attorney, oftentimes an independent, former lieutenant governor and attorney general with upstate rural, dry backing.

**WAR ECLIPSE:** Because the war is holding the center of the stage, a curious apathy towards politics is said to be prevalent among voters. More than one astute political observer is frankly puzzled.

This general eclipse of the war over state affairs is also accompanied by marked unrest of the public over progress of the war.

Military experts insist that the war is at a crucial stage, that opening of a "second front" is a matter of weeks, that such an enterprise will cost many thousands of lives, that our industrial production is not good enough to win the war—and so on.

**EMOTIONAL YEAR:** Translate the military situation into human emotions, and you have an explosive product.

Thousands of families face the prospect of the husband or father being inducted into military service. Dependents will get only existence federal support. Boys who are 18 and 19 also face active duty by 1943.

Gasoline rationing is inevitable; coupons are already in the hands of school officials. Prices are still mounting.

Mix this generously with portions of military reverses and casualties here and there, and what will you get on Sept. 15?

**DEMOCRACY:** We're fighting a war to save our skins. The presidential

called it "a war of survival." Dressed up in pretty language, it is a titanic battle for preservation of our freedoms.

Democracy, as we easy-going Americans understand it, offers the right to vote, the right to worship, the right to speak, and the right to print as we please, within certain self-imposed limitations.

And yet, predictions are being made that the Sept. 15 primary vote will be light. "Why?" you ask. "People are too worried about the war," one candidate told us the other day.

And there you have, a paradox. Are we fighting today for a freedom which we (this word used in a general sense) do not cherish? If you fail to vote on Sept. 15 and then complain bitterly about democracy failing because bad candidates are chosen, ask yourself this question: "What am I fighting for?"

Fascism breeds in civic indifference.

## Victory

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put; and the fourth—and most important—of these factors is our ability to do a job of salvage.

"Scrap Rallyes" in Order. You may be tired of hearing about salvage, and yet we cannot close our ears to the need for salvage; we cannot stop hunting scrap without risking defeat. WPA workers, beating the back roads of the farm country and digging old rails from city streets, have turned up 100,000 tons of scrap metal. Scrap rubber—54,155 tons of it—is moving to reclaiming plants at the rate of 4,000 tons a day. Washington, D.C., has set a pattern for "scrap rallies" to be held throughout the country. WPA's Conservation Division announces plans for school children to conduct a National-wide scrap canvass in October. And the American Legion is discussing with local governments a proposal that howitzers of 1918 be scrapped to make the guns of 1943.

All these enterprises will help but they are not enough. Only if each one of us does his part will we have enough—barely enough.

### A Labor Paradox

In the manpower section we have been fighting hard and we have been making some advances, too—although not yet the great advances we must make for victory. We have made gains in overcoming prejudice against workers because of race or religion; we have accomplished increased employment of the handicapped. But the War Manpower Commission says that out of 160 important labor market areas surveyed in July, 35 had shortages of male labor—2 more than in June.

Just as a military development may affect a front thousands of miles away, so gains or reverses on separate sectors of the home front have their effect on all the other fronts. The shortage of raw materials, for instance, has resulted in lay-offs in some war production plants, thus producing the apparent paradox of labor scarcities

in some communities, side by side with temporary unemployment elsewhere.

### Few Try To Dodge Regulations

At this moment when our troops are fighting on world fronts and all of us are caught up in united effort we cannot tolerate any attempts to dodge the restrictions and the deprivations most of us accept cheerfully. The people who try to dodge rationing regulations, who try to beat price and rent control, who think it smart to get illegally materials reserved for the armed forces—such persons are saboteurs as surely as though they had been landed on our coast from a Nazi sub. Fortunately they are few. Sugar rationing, according to OPA, has produced only 12 court actions so far.

Next month a lot of feet are going to be stepped on, a lot of arms are going to ache. The Office of Defense Transportation says that by the middle of September, when local schools open, the country's local transportation systems will be carrying the heaviest load in their history. . . . During the last war the mail-order price for a pair of overalls rose from 82 cents to \$2.35. Last week OPA took steps to make sure that work clothes, this time, remain at reasonable levels.

## WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwanen

Mrs. Fremont Carter, who suffered a badly sprained ankle ten days ago is recuperating nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Willets, who occupy the Mayfield Avenue house, formerly occupied by the Willoughbys, became the parents of a baby girl Friday evening. It is understood that mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary Weige of Detroit was a caller at the home of Mrs. Walter Kbean Wednesday.

While driving Saturday just at dusk near Howell, Marvin Teska of Bretton Road, collided with a truck and was seriously injured. He has a fractured leg and other bruises, and his car was badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Altman of Detroit were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. John Altman.

Betty Tallman is spending a week with the Minx family in Royal Oak. Mrs. Minx, who formerly resided in the Berger home on Mayfield Avenue, is convalescing from an operation due to a ruptured appendix.

Jimmy Rice, who enlisted in the service sometime ago, was on furlough and visiting his mother, Mrs. Blanche Rice Smith, this past week.

Mrs. Anna Sheets, son Jacob, with his wife and children, arrived here from Roanoke, Indiana, Friday evening and was the week-end guest of her daughter, Mrs. Homer Coolman and Mrs. Russell Ault. Mr. and Mrs. Don Goff of Sharpburg, Pa., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Goff of Pontiac, were guests of Mrs. Edwin Johnson Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harley of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Middlewood.

Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mrs. Emerson Ault and daughter, Miss Lora

Anne Ault, were guests at a farewell dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borland of Detroit Sunday afternoon. The affair was in honor of Mr. Borland's daughter, Margot, who is about to enter a convent.

Miss Ina Mae Tallman was on the sick list for several days last week.

The condition of Mrs. John Beard, who following the birth of a son ten days ago, has been extremely critical, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Mrs. Emerson Ault and daughter, Lora Anne, returned home Thursday evening from New London, Ohio, where they had been visiting Mrs. Ault's second daughter, Mrs. Johnsson Porter.

Mrs. Norbert Schmidt gave a farewell party Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Teska, who moved last week from this neighborhood into their own home on Brady Road, Detroit. The young folks held their party at the home of Mrs. Teska's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis, and presented them with a stand for their new home.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. August Radke of Brandon, Wis., are guests of Mrs. Radke's brother, Mr. Myron Carrier and family.

Mrs. Minnie Cox of Newcastle, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clappison.

Mr. James Eastman and Miss Anna Thayer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer at Union Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinzman of Redford were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eisenlord.

Mrs. William Chamberlain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Chamberlain of Lincoln Park.

Malcolm MacGregor, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade, returned to his home in Detroit.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Swartz and daughter, Lois, Miss Margaret Brennan and Mr. Harold Sheridan, all of Cleveland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan and family.

Mrs. Ivan T. Smith, Ferndale, and Mrs. R. H. Whitman, Detroit, were guests of Mrs. R. J. Bowman Thursday.

Mrs. Corliss Dorman of California and her daughter, Mrs. Robert McNeill and two children of Detroit, were guests of Mrs. Ota Jensen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Firth in Detroit Thursday.

Within a few weeks after scrap steel is placed in a furnace, to be melted down into new steel, it may help to win a battle in the war, it was stated yesterday at the headquarters of the local Scrap Salvage Campaign.

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