

# Michigan Mirror

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performed by the Railway Express.

"Will this gasoline rationing work in the Middle West?" you ask. A lot of people don't believe it will, and they are not hesitant to say so.

In the East, where this type of rationing was first introduced, distances between homes and factory are comparatively small. Highway transportation is secondary to railroads, buses and street cars.

In one day you can drive through three or four states in New England.

And then slow down the driving speed to 35 miles an hour, and you get the next best thing to a headache itself. Detroit, for example, has been an automobile town in more ways than one. Thousands of workers drive to work daily.

"Share-the-ride" is being promoted as one feasible solution for defense workers, but even this scheme has its limitations.

Hundreds of Michigan resorts in northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula are accessible only by automobile. A "ghost" season is feared in 1943.

That the Middle-West is more dependent upon automobile transportation than is the East and consequently is to require plenty of "education" before they accept it, is a possible deduction which could be made from appeal sent by Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner and Senator Prentiss Brown to Leon Henderson, the

OPA czar at Washington.

Van Wagoner and Brown, democratic nominees for re-election, reflected the popular attitude in Michigan with respect to gasoline rationing when they urged Henderson to re-consider the stringent restrictions.

Obviously there was a political reason for such action, but it was an admission that the average Michigan voter doesn't like what is in store for him, and he is saying so.

Even President Roosevelt gave weight to this conclusion when he returned to Washington from his coast-to-coast tour and said that the nation's capital was out of step with the rest of us.

Disatisfaction with the conduct of the war is rampant. Here are some examples:

1. Local selective service and rationing boards are confused. Orders sent from Washington and state headquarters are not clearly understood. Washington announces that such-and-such industries are "essential" to the war. Then local boards refuse to consider them; farmers, they inform petitioners that this does not permit such action.

2. Fabulous wages are being paid to city workers in war industries on a 40-hour basis. Farmers cannot compete either in pay or in hours. Then the draft takes farm labor, while the government urges the farmer to grow more food.

3. Small business is being slowly strangled to death economically. The parallel freeze of wholesale and retail prices as of last March was the first blow. Certain retail operators have large inventories;

others have few goods on hand. You can't stay in business without goods to sell.

4. Disruption of homes due to drafting married men and 18 and 19 years old. The December quota for Michigan cannot be filled without the calling of 5,000 to 10,000 married men.

5. High prices of staple commodities such as butter, eggs, and meat. We're right in the middle of inflation, and some of us don't know it!

6. The government is withholding information from the People. "Off the record" talks by government officials clinches this point. Their excuse: Military reasons.

7. Illustrations: Three American cruisers—the Quincy, Vincennes and Astoria—were sunk on Aug. 9. The Japanese sank the next day that had sunk "two heavy cruisers of the Astoria class." On Aug. 19 Prime Minister Curtiss announced the loss of the Australian cruiser Canberra sunk in the same engagement. The American navy department withheld news of the losses until sixty days after the event of Aug. 9.

8. The aircraft carrier Yorktown was sunk on June 6. Three months later its loss to the public.

9. The government revealed inevitably its policy of withholding news of major disasters for months will injure American mor-

ale. It will lead us to discount announcements of success.

These are only a few of the reasons why the average American is disturbed at the headlong trend of our war economy. Right or wrong, he is inclined to blame what he calls "Washington bureaucracy."

That's why the next reorganization hurdle on Nov. 22 is not being enthusiastically heralded in Michigan by a democratic governor and a democratic United States senator. We'll probably do what we're told, but we still are not happy about it.

them delivered. She'll keep down the cost of living, not merely by careful buying but by checking the prices of foods, newly brought under price control—poultry, mutton, butter, cheese, eggs, canned milk, onions, white potatoes, dry beans, cornmeal, fresh and canned citrus fruits and juices—all of which should not be priced above the levels charged between September 23 and October 2. She'll have to watch the quality as well as the price of these items. And this winter and next spring she must expect to find at her market fewer cantaloupes, cucumbers, cauliflower, eggplant, watermelons, bleached celery, head lettuce, green peppers, asparagus, and artichokes. The Department of Agriculture has urged reduced plantings of these foods to make room for more essential farm products.

Smokeless Powder Bags From Old Hose

Women who save their old and discarded silk and nylon hosiery for salvage committees will be furnishing smokeless powder bags to the armed services. . . . And sportsmen who collect for scrap all their discharged shells and rifle cartridges know what the "shooting" about overseas. If they save the short down feathers of the wild ducks and geese they shoot, too, they'll help clothe our airmen flying at high altitudes. For in "total" war there's nothing that doesn't count.

Mrs. Aurs Gondit, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, returned to her home in Ann Arbor Sunday.

Grade Mothers Are Entertained At Fall Tea

The mothers of the first, second and third grades were the recipients of a lovely tea given by the Room Representatives and their assistants of those grades, Mrs. William Buchanan, Mrs. Clyde Reed, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Elliot Tyler, Mrs. Theo. Wise and Mrs. Edw. Louns. Many thanks are extended to all those who helped to make this tea a success.

There were two tables, resplendent in lace covers with centerpieces of fall leaves and vines. Mrs. O. E. Lunckel and Mrs. C.

EVERYBODY BUY EVERY POUND 10¢

U.S. WAR BONDS

## Victory

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erous restrictions imposed.

Calla or "Day-by-Day Sacrifices

All these moves affect us immediately—not more than one delivery a day from the store, and no call backs; increasing difficulties with travel by rail or plane or bus, and less travel; fewer local bus stops for ourselves and our school children. And on all of us the compulsion to save our tires. Be sparing in gasoline, share our cars. For we know that our day-by-day savings and sacrifices, the attitude we take toward travel, rubber, gasoline, luxuries, meats, fats and oils, and countless other things, has a direct bearing on the tough job of fighters thousands of miles away.

More Manpower Needed

Materials and time—rate of production—must be bound together by manpower. From our aggregate manpower we must constantly subtract a growing figure for the armed services; soon to include teen age youths if we are to avoid calling up classes of older men. The 15 million workers now engaged in direct war work could not begin to do the staggering war job called for by next year's production goals, even were there no losses through military induction. Their numbers must be increased, by millions, hours of work must be lengthened; individual skill multiplied by time and labor saving devices and by extensive training within plants.

But all these expedients will not solve the manpower problem in its entirety. Just as we are beginning to lack many of our peacetime civilian goods and services and will miss many more after the first of the year, so we will have to forego many civilian occupations not necessary to war. Adequate war labor we must have—by voluntary means, if possible, but by what ever means may be necessary.

Housewife Now Key Figure

In this tightly woven pattern of war economy, the housewife is a figure of growing importance. She'll be bringing more parcels home herself instead of having

## LOCALS

Malcolm McGregor, of Detroit, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bader, Mr. John Roy and son, Douglas, of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grimm and daughter, Carole, of Milford, and Mr. and Mrs. Orman Haas and daughter, Marilyn, of Ann Arbor were Sunday guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Abola, Mrs. Meske and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davis attended a dinner in Detroit Saturday evening.

Mrs. Howard Hendricks of Toledo was a Sunday dinner guest of her cousin, Mrs. Mark Dalnes and family.

Mrs. Zimmermann and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Carrier were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Willard, on Metroview.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and Daniel and Mrs. Aurs Gondit of Ann Arbor spent Friday with Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Walling of Memphis.

Mrs. Myron Carrier was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Zella Nourjian on Wednesday afternoon.



# VOTE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN

Tuesday, Nov. 3







These men are experienced, capable and qualified to render efficient service in this critical period.

- FOR U. S. SENATOR
- HOMER FERGUSON
- FOR GOVERNOR
- HARRY F. KELLY
- FOR LT. GOVERNOR
- EUGENE C. KEYES
- FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
- HERMAN F. DIGNAN
- FOR AUDITOR GENERAL
- VERNON J. BROWN
- FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
- HERBERT J. RUSHTON
- FOR STATE TREASURER
- D. HALE BRAKE
- FOR CONGRESS
- GEO. A. DONDERO
- For State Senator
- GEO. P. McCALLUM
- For State Representative
- GEORGE N. HIGGINS (1st Dist.)
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- For County Offices
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- LEON F. COBB
- CORONER
- HOWARD A. SCHUNEMAN
- SURVEYOR
- MAURICE BALDWIN

## TELEPHONES

### ...IN AIR RAID PROTECTION

If enemy bombers ever come roaring in at five miles a minute—split-seconds will count. Fast communication is vital. The telephone has six important functions in Civilian Defense against air raids:

1.  **Receiving warnings.** If enemy aircraft are detected by the Army's "Spotter" System, warnings are transmitted by telephone to control centers in towns that are threatened.
2.  **Collecting workers.** Key men in Civilian Defense units are notified at once by telephone so that when the sirens sound they will be ready to direct the workers in their organizations.
3.  **Reporting bomb damage.** If a raid occurs, wardens quickly telephone complete information to the local control center about bomb damage.
4.  **Sending men to handle damage.** Depending on the nature of the damage, firemen, rescue squads, demolition squads or other units are dispatched by telephone to deal with it.
5.  **Contact between units and headquarters.** After squads reach the bombing scene, they use the telephone to report the progress of their work to the control center.
6.  **Exchanging help.** If the situation appears to be getting out of control of the local units, requests for help are telephoned to other control centers by commanding officials.

The telephone system affects the safety of all of us. That's why it is vitally important that you do not telephone during or for some time after an air raid alarm, except in cases of extreme urgency. The lines must be kept clear to handle the calls that guard your life and your home.

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He fought for peace — keeping his pledge to the people — Now that we are at war, he pledges an all-out fight for victory.

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