

Michigan Mirror

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meat and fruit and vegetables fresh all winter.

You have forgotten that the highway is now paved with concrete. The rural route carrier brings the newspaper and periodicals right to the front gate. The radio brings Toscanini right into the living room. "Molly and Fibber" are there, too.

Electricity has replaced the oil lamp. The old windmill doesn't clutter like it used to, because an electric pump runs the pump now. And that isn't all, brother.

For the city slicker who likes to get out his bankbook and swell with pride, here's a stopper:

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has just figured out that the cash farm income from marketings THIS YEAR of our Lord, 1942, will be about 15 billion dollars, an increase of approximately ONE-THIRD over 1941, and nearly double the pre-war 1935-39 average.

Why, the peak during World War I was 14.6 billion dollars, back in 1913.

The 1942 farm income represents, according to the Bureau, a rise in prices of around 25 per cent over last year and a 12 per cent increase in sales.

But that isn't all, folks.

Government payments for soil conservation will be about the same this year as last. This will raise the total cash farm income to around 15.6 billion dollars compared with 11.5 billions in 1941 and the 1935-39 average of 8.5 billions.

What's the farmer doing with all this money?

A large portion of this 1942 cash is going into payment of debts, reducing mortgages, savings through war bonds along with purchases of semi-luxury lines which are still available. One of the most encouraging signs, say the experts, is the absence of a speculative spirit which prompted farmers in the last war to go heavily in debt for purchase of land and equipment and then were caught in the vicious post-war price cycle.

No, the average country cousin isn't dumb.

Most farm authorities apparently agree that the farmer will come out of this present war with a smaller debt structure and a large backlog of liquid assets—those things like war bonds which can be converted quickly into cash—than ever before.

Because of high material prices, many farmers are postponing new

farm construction until the war is over.

And here are some more encouraging trends:

Ownership of farms is increasing; tenancy is falling.

Rural retail sales have increased each month for 21 consecutive months. Instead of durables being in demand, farmers are turning to clothing, housewares, food specialties and minor luxuries.

The big unfavorable trend, of course, is the growing scarcity of labor. The selective service headquarters at Washington has recommended deferment for farm labor, and there is a dearth of "freedmen" on dairy and poultry farms.

Farmers have been selling livestock, and even additional acreage, so that they can handle their farms themselves.

This is the bearish part of the story. It is one that heralds a possible scarcity of food by 1943 or 1944 with rationing of more and more commodities.

With approximately one-third more income this year than last year and, with food right in his own garden and poultry house or on the "hoof," the Michigan farmer is doing very well, thank you.

He represents the true American spirit of free enterprise! Getting the job done is more important to him than getting higher wages at shorter hours.

He is going to make a significant contribution to winning the war.

Yes, the "poor" country cousin is feeling sorry for a lot of city folk these days. Pass the fresh eggs and bacon, and have a laugh on us.

Victory

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1943 and a total of 9 million in the armed services—several million of whom must come from our present reservoir of labor—means that the production of nonessential civilian goods and services will be cut to the bone, and into the bone. Next year we'll have about 15 million fewer people to carry on all civilian work and services than were employed for all purposes in 1940. Already production of civilian durable goods made mainly or entirely of metal has been halted and the plants are turning out war products.

The drive to save metals, to find new sources of metals, grows more intense. To save tin, we are returning to the "kraut barrel" and there'll be no more tinned sauerkraut.

The tin-plate coating on cans for apples and applesauce has been reduced. The govern-

ment has acquired more than 30 million pounds of copper from owners in this country, and in addition, the United States will see that operators of South American copper mines get the mining equipment they need. Manganese, an important metal used in making alloy steel, came almost entirely from abroad. With foreign sources cut off, United States scientists have developed new methods of recovering manganese from deposits of low-grade ore in this country.

Tungsten, another precious alloy metal, is being brought from China in limited quantities by our Army and Navy ferry planes.

More Food In Soup

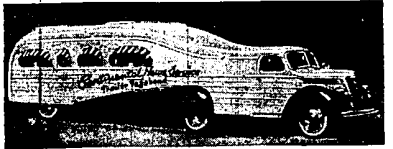
The necessities of wartime economy have resulted in improvements in packaging and in the quality of many products. The new types of canned soups, for example, are higher in food value than the old-style soups—one reason why most of them cost a few cents more. But if we pay more, we should get more. And the words "new and improved style" or "new recipe."

Under the voluntary share-the-meat program there will be some changes in family diets, especially for heavy meat eaters, but dieticians stand ready to assist the housewife in balancing the family nutrition as consumption of chops, steaks, and roasts is reduced. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Home Economics offers suggestions along this line. Proponents of public eating places will have to apply tact and intelligence to their problem of rationing patrons. They'll need to provide half portions at reduced prices for meat savers, play down the restricted menus on menus and boost the "variety meats"—liver, heart, kidneys, tongue, pigs' knuckles, and the like. And they'll get cooperation from customers by displaying printed explanations of the whole program as it affects diners out.

Feeding Our Allies

By contrast with conquered Europe, Americans feast every day. Except for potatoes, this year's European harvest is below even last year's subnormal crops. Our Allies' thanks to Lend-Lease will fare better. Foreseeing the increased needs of Allied soldiers for food and clothing throughout the coming winter, the Government stepped up its September purchases of agricultural commodities to 115 million dollars, an increase of 38 percent over August. During the last 18 months farm products, amounting to \$1,750,000,000 have been purchased under the Lend-Lease program, and nearly two-thirds of these products have been delivered for shipment to Allied countries.

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

Today, as the tide of battle sways back and forth in Russia, the possibility of a continuous advance with a communist form of government becomes more and more a certainty. Already the powers that be have gone on record that our enemies must be reduced, never to rise again as a military power. That means the future of England, Russia, and the U.S. will be as closely interwoven as the hands of 3 old maids at a tatty-poll.

Ten years ago we could have laughed at such a possibility. But necessity makes one choose strange bedfellows. The moment Germany attacked Russia, the Soviet Union became our big brother. Chances are that Uncle Joe will remain in the family for some years to come. What will be the outcome of this strange union? Water seeks a common level. Will Russia adopt our form of government, or will we adopt communism? Or will it be a combination of both with each country borrowing something from the other for the betterment of the people of both countries? Whatever the outcome, of one thing we can be sure—we are going to have some interesting reading. When this war is ended a flood of communist propaganda is going to sweep over us like a spring torrent. Out of the deluge we must separate the good from the bad. Upon our ability to do that will depend the future of the United States and our American way of life. When this war is over, our fight will have just begun.

In the past Uncle Joe has been a bit reticent about letting anyone know just what he was doing or how he was getting along. That keen bit of strategy has been our

salvation—it could be our undoing. When this war is over we are going into a poker game with all our cards face up on the table. Our opponent is going to have a very great advantage.

Perhaps you wonder why all this discourse about Russian-American relations after the war, when the war hasn't even been won. I'll tell you. We had Communism in the United States once, and the way it worked out, I wouldn't want to see it happen again.

Yes, we had Communism in the United States. In 1849 several hundred French Communists under the leadership of Etienne Cabet settled here in Nauvoo. They occupied the buildings vacated by the Mormons when Brigham Young led that group to Utah. For 3 years everything went well. In 1852 the colony showed a profit of \$9000. Then the fun began. Various factions began fighting for control. Cabet was ousted and in 1859 it was decided the communist idea was impractical. The property was sold and the colony disbanded. The first attempt to establish Utopia in the United States failed. Let's not let it happen again.

Some of the old buildings used by the Communists still stand here in Nauvoo, but the real points of interest are the old buildings of the Mormons. The homes of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young are among the many. If you enjoy historical places, you will enjoy Nauvoo. That includes the nine-mile drive up the banks of the Mississippi to reach the town. You'll go a long way before you find its equal.

Miss Janet Mae Zwalen of Detroit was the weekend guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwalen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carter left Monday for their home at Cheboygan after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Carter on Hubbard Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyoff of Farmington have moved into one of Freeman Carter's houses on Hubbard Avenue.

Miss Junetta Schurzer of Redford was the dinner guest Monday of Miss Shirley Zwalen.

The Women's Community Club comprised of women of West Point Park, have contributed twenty-five dollars to Doctor L. Hotchkiss, who is emergency medical head of Livonia Township. The money is to help defray expenses of emergency supplies and equipment in case of disaster. Doctor Hotchkiss is most grateful for this voluntary contribution and will see that this money is put to good advantage.

An executive council meeting of the Pioneer P.T.A. is to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Howard R. Middlewood, Thursday, November 12th, at 2 p.m. An interesting program for the November 19 P.T.A. meeting is being arranged by the program committee. Please note the date of the P.T.A. meeting for this month.

The Sunshine Sisters met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ault Wednesday afternoon. There was a fair attendance with the usual devotional service, business period and social hour. The group will hold a Sunshine Rally in the Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon.

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Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cameron, who reside in Dearborn, will be interested to hear that a 10½ pound son, Ross Garfield, was born to them in Grace Hospital, October 25.

Tire conservation and the prospect of gas rationing is creating a greater demand for walking shoes in the Folker subdivision surrounding neighborhood. Carts and little wagons are being purchased to aid in bringing home the groceries and women are planning to walk together to P.T.A. meetings every fourth Thursday evening and to Home Nursing class Sunday afternoon. Sunday evenings it is proving a fine idea for young and old to make the Neighborhood Church the end of the road when out walking.

CLARENCEVILLE

(October 29, 1942)

Mrs. Dave Ryall attended Grand Avenue Hive Macabee Initiation Ceremony on Thursday evening in Detroit.

Lloyd Egeler, Scout Master, Arnold Rutla of Long Avenue, and Mr. Dixon of Bretton Drive are attending First Aid Instructors' Course being held at Cooley High. Their instructions commenced last Monday evening, and will run for five weeks, three hours each week. Upon completion of the course, the men will be qualified teachers of First Aid.

Mrs. Albert Bollobo of Waldron gave a luncheon on Wednesday. Proceeds amounting to \$11.10 were given to the Methodist Sunday School to help buy an American and a Christian flag for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollobo attended their bridge club at the home of friends on Wisconsin Avenue, Detroit, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Rutla and children visited with her mother in Canada on Friday and Saturday.

The Swathout Cubs, Den 8, attended a Pack meeting at Hope Chapel on Middlebelt Road, Friday evening. The Den has been organized about a month, and have been very busy with their endeavors. They have made a remarkable showing at the Pack meeting, thanks to the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Swathout and Scout Norman Hall, who direct their activities.

The Harvey Barnes family spent Sunday in Komius visiting with friends.

The Macabees will hold a card party in their hall at Eight Mile and Grand River each Tuesday evening, until further announcement.

The Edgewood Mothers Club will hold their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Burt on Oxford Avenue, on Wednesday, November 4, at 12:30 noon.

Don't forget the Mothers Club Bazaar to be held at the High School, November 6, commencing at 6:30 p.m. There will be lunch, bingo, and booths with baked goods and miscellaneous items.

Miss Anna Cottrell of Colwell entertained a number of people at her home on Sunday.

LOCALS

Mrs. Richard Taylor entertained at dinner Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Taylor's birthday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Newlin, Dr. and Mrs. Ollie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagnall, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leland and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bursen.

The LaDado property on Orchard Lake Road has been sold to the Edwin Martins.

Joy Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor, went to Detroit Wednesday to be the guest of her grandmother and aunt. She returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Westfall of Detroit were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall.

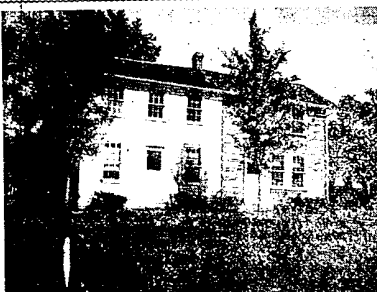
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Joseph Smith Homestead and Mansion



The Homestead (upper photo) and Mansion of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon faith, are among the historic buildings still standing in Nauvoo, Ill. French Communists established a colony in this city in 1849.

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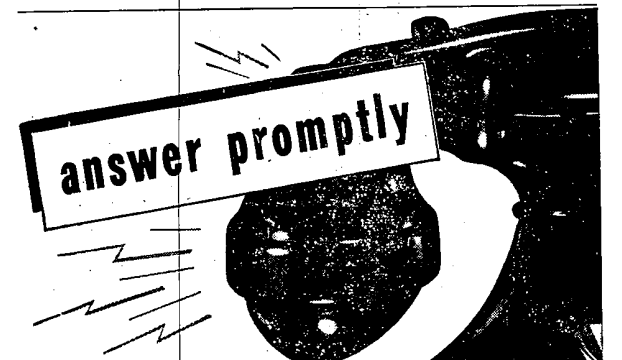
Mrs. William Zwalen

Seventh and eighth graders of Pierson School held a Halloween party in the P.T.A. Hall Friday evening. The usual stunts were in evidence and the usual hilarity was the result.

Miss Joyce Varhol, of Shadyside entertained several of her friends Thursday evening by giving a masquerade party. There was plenty of good fun and lots of "cats."

In honor of the second birthday of their twin daughters, Bobbie and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson of Norfolk Avenue, entertained a group of relatives from Detroit Sunday afternoon.

Now that cold weather has arrived the Prayer Band of the Neighborhood Church will be held in homes. Their meetings are proving very helpful and any of the neighbors and friends are invited to attend and sing in the blessings received. Announcements will



and save minutes for war!

You've wondered what else you could do, in your own daily life, to speed the war effort. Here's one thing everybody can do —

When your telephone rings, answer as quickly as you can.

It's a little thing, but if all cooperate it can be far-reaching in its importance.

Every call must pass through a central office switchboard. And, switchboard facilities and telephone lines are busier than ever — carrying war messages. We'd like to add enough new equipment to meet all demands, but that's impossible because of material shortages.

So you can see why it's important not to keep any call waiting. Your cooperation in saving telephone minutes helps clear the wires for war calls that must go through!

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Here are other ways you can help:

1. Keep all your telephone calls as brief as you can.
2. Don't call information for numbers listed in the directory.
3. Make only the most essential Long Distance calls.
4. When possible, give the number of the distant telephone you are calling.

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