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Second, a short-war lessens the need of a civilian furlough, but a lengthened strain upon our manpower will increase its importance. Recent over-optimism has been checked by military reverses of the past few weeks. Victory in 1942 no longer seems possible, even by a remote stretch of the imagination. The long haul is ahead.

Third, railroad and bus facilities are good to Michigan's vacationland. It vacations are started mid-week, instead of at weekend periods, these facilities should be adequate to meet the additional travel demands.

Fourth, Michigan comprises not only one peninsula, but two peninsulas. Our coastline is greater than any other state, even including Florida. Consequently, water transportation is possible to such isolated points as Mackinac Island—an attraction that many vacation states do not possess.

Newspaper editors of North Michigan met for a "war clinic" recently at Gaylord.

And here is a typical report of such a prospect:

"Things are a lot better than we thought they would be. In fact, there are signs that we may have a better season than usual, as some families prefer to travel short distances from the cities rather than make long motor trips."

Upper peninsula towns in mining and lumbering areas are booming with industrial activity, but the resort owners are still apprehensive. Many resorts in the U. P. lack transportation facilities except by automobile. Distances are great.

A bright spot appears to be Sault Ste. Marie where thousands of United States soldiers are stationed at Fort Brady and surrounding outposts and a ship lock and airport are under construction.

"A colorful drama of war defense is presented 24 hours a day at this great transportation artery which in peacetime is visited by tourists and sightseers from all over the world," writes John C. Merrifield, secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce.

"Just now barrage balloons float over the locks and the city all day long, and many a powerful searchlight scans the sky at night."

"Soldiers of the United States Coast Artillery man the anti-aircraft batteries that are installed everywhere. The guns are of many sizes and their crews are trained to a high pitch of efficiency."

"St. Mary's majestic river whose scenic charm has been celebrated for centuries is now patrolled for miles north and south of the city. A strategic shore road is being con-

structed from end to end of the mighty stream.

"Building of the new lock will keep 600 men busy for two years or more. Widening of the west ship canal has been started by the Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company."

Frank Davis of the Eastern Michigan Tourist Association reports philosophically, "People are going to take a vacation somehow. The biggest headache is local transportation to and from resort areas."

"Many of our tourists will be without cars and will demand jitney service, or some other means of transportation, into towns. Guests are not going to seek amusement by hiding around the countryside in an automobile, but will stay at resorts. Shuttle-board, camera hikes, horseback pack trips, ping pong, tennis, bicycling, softball games—these are some of the possibilities for stay-at-camp vacationers."

Davis gives this advice, too, to resort owners: "Don't talk war, or be a 'worry wart' about national affairs. Your patrons are on your resort to escape from the strain of war work, and are seeking relaxation to build their morale."

That is the spirit of the 1942 vacation industry in Michigan. The northland country, scenic in lakes and streams and forests, offers an ideal haven for war workers who want to keep fit.

Newly Michigan industrial centers are shore beaches and parks and small lakes—something which Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee lack. For their metropolitan populations, Michigan offers more than an arsenal of assembly-line production. It is an arsenal of outdoor recreation important to war-time morale.

Victory

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ment policy gave former employees the right to recall the employee on a week's notice, with loss of seniority rights the penalty for refusal. Now workers who have been trained for new war jobs may stay on them with full rights, unless the old employer offers them places which will use their new skills.

Rise in Living Costs Checked. Moreover, to develop a stable labor force for maximum airplane production, the WPB Labor Production Division prepared to hold the first of a series of wage stabilization conferences in that industry on July 6.

A second purpose of the conferences is to put wages on a sound level that will tend to check inflationary influences on the general economy. And there was news of

primary importance on this front last week; the Office of Price Administration announced that the rise in living costs has been checked.

The war information services operated last week without drastic outward change under the new Office of War Information.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwanen

The Sunshine Sisters held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Martin Wednesday afternoon. Two ladies, Mrs. Edington and Mrs. Hamill were welcomed, as new neighbors in the community. Following hymn-singing and Bible drill, the customary inquiries were made regarding sick and afflicted in the neighborhood and plans made to remember them. During the social hour, cake was served and "Happy Birthday" was sung in honor of Mrs. Alice Varhol. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Johnson on Wednesday afternoon, July eighth at two o'clock. This will be a very special affair and it is expected that Mrs. Cameron, wife of Rev. Gordon Cameron will be present and give one of her very worthwhile devotional talks. A birthday cake in honor of "Grandma" will be served. Any lady in the neighborhood is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. George Welch, who has been ill with arthritis, is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Earl Redding left Saturday morning for Los Angeles, California, to be with her sister, Mrs. Richard Besocke, at the funeral Tuesday of her husband, Richard Besocke. Mr. Besocke, who was president and owner of the Besocke Tool and Die Company of Los Angeles, dropped dead last Thursday. Mrs. Redding will remain with her sister about three weeks.

Miss Joyce Minx of Royal Oak, was a guest for a few days last week of her friend, Miss Ina Mae Tallman.

At the close of their Bible-study hour Friday night, the boys and girls of Rev. Cameron's neighborhood church walked across the way to the Ray Sanford residence and sang "Happy Birthday" for "Grandpa" Thatcher. "Grandpa" Thatcher was eighty-six years old on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bolyard attended a birthday party last Wednesday night in honor of the birthday of their eldest son, Charles. The affair was held at the home of the lately-married pair, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolyard of Detroit.

William Byers of Detroit, was the Sunday dinner guest of William H. Zwanen.

Mrs. Mary Weigle of Detroit was the luncheon guest of Mrs. J. W. Ault last Tuesday.

Frank Smith and family, with

Miss Clara Roberts as a guest, spent the weekend at their lakeside cottage near Coldwater.

Patty Ray Whitman of Detroit, was the guest Monday of Miss Gloria Hechman.

Don Vanatta and Frank Konesak of Plymouth spent the weekend at their cabin near Bay City.

Mrs. Mary Tallman returned to her home with the Jack Tallman's last Thursday after two weeks spent with friends in Detroit.

Miss Delora Smith of near Flat Rock, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Jennings.

Donald Bollinger, who underwent an operation at Mt. Carmel Hospital two weeks ago is expected to return home this week.

John Changaris and family of Wayne, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault.

Mr. and Mrs. John Timmer, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nordeck and children, Nelson, Jr. and Shirley, of Grand Rapids and Muskegon, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Wilson of Detroit, called on Mrs. Emerson Ault, Thursday.

Mrs. Ophelia Carroll of Mayfield avenue, returned home Sunday, after undergoing a serious operation at the Highland Park Osteopathic Hospital two weeks ago. She will be confined to her home for several weeks convalescing.

Mrs. O. L. Duncanson of Detroit was the Sunday guest of Mrs. William H. Zwanen.

Clarenceville News

By Mrs. Mary Rutla

The Edgewood Mothers Club held a special meeting at the home of their president, Mrs. Barnes, on Thursday. The Club has been asked by the County Nurse, Miss Dittich, to make and outfit a carrier for immature and premature infants who have to be taken to a hospital. The carrier will be placed somewhere in Farmington and will be available to all doctors of the County. And the Club will sponsor a child health conference for infants and preschool children, to be held each month for the duration, plans for which are rather indefinite at the present. Harvey Barnes has offered to make the carrier for the Club, and the ladies will outfit it.

About fifty women attended the Daughters of Isabella card party at the home of Mrs. Frank Stroy on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christmas of Independence entertained a number of friends on Saturday night, honoring their son Bill on his 18th birthday anniversary.

Verne Woodcock is now stationed at Fort Wayne and expects to be there for a couple of weeks.

Peggy and Bill Ryall are vacationing with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ryall.

The Clarenceville School Board will hold its annual meeting on Monday, July 6, at 8:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink of Detroit spent Sunday with their son, Sam Pink and family of Independence.

The Harold Shipley's spent Sunday and Monday in Corona, Indiana, where they worked on the farm of Private Wilbur Shipley who has been recalled to army duty.

Saturday was Tag Day in Clarenceville for the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Children's Clinic, near Pontiac.

The Harvey Barnes spent the weekend at their summer home on Hy-Land Lake.

The John Holroyds of St. Francis attended a C.I.O. picnic on Sunday.

The Burt family of Oxford avenue are spending this week in Cincinnati.

The Belser family have been spending the month of June at Houghton Lake.

The district was awakened very suddenly Monday morning about 5:00 a. m. by the Durham burglar alarm. The alarm has been going off at most unusual times of late.

The Edgewood Mothers Club will hold a card party at the home of Mrs. Arthur Bolitho on Waldron avenue, the first house south of Grand River, on Wednesday of this week to raise funds for the two new projects they are planning.

New Towns Rise In Rural Britain

Model Centers Will House Hundreds of Thousands Of War Workers.

LONDON.—Details of the steps taken in Great Britain to meet the housing emergency brought about by Nazi air raids and nation-wide armament production show that the construction is on a vast scale. Six permanent model towns, built to plans designed by architects, have already risen on what were green fields and another 94 are nearing completion.

The ministry of supply, faced with the necessity of finding living accommodation for hundreds of thousands of war-factory workers in rural areas where there were only small villages with tiny cottages, made plans to create these new centers.

Unlike the sordid shanty towns of the last war, these, says a description of them in the London Sunday Express, will stand and expand after this war, so that men and women in industry can continue to live in beautiful rural surroundings while within working distance of their work.

Each town has blocks of homes built to house 100 workers. The blocks are laid out in unostentatious form around a central green, where communal buildings stand as the center of social life. There are hospitals, chapels, half-dressing rooms, cafes and theaters.

Some of the townships are for single men and women, who have traveled from all corners of the kingdom to work in the factories tucked away from the sinister attacks of the enemy. Others have large blocks of two-storied houses built for married couples.

To make home life easier, the blocks are laid out in hotel lines. This is purely a war-time measure, and when peace comes and workers settle down to normal ways of life the hotel arrangements may be ended if the workers wish.

Each block has six bathrooms—the baths are shining pale green porcelain. There is a laundry with fitted sinks, ironing boards and electric irons. Drying rooms for airing, and a special room for drying wet clothes are included.

Two large dining rooms seating 500 at a time serve three meals a day.

Has Social Center.

In the big social center around which the houses are built are the rest rooms, reading and writing room, and the theater and dance hall. There are dances twice a week and a dramatic performance once a week.

The center has a shop, postoffice and telephones, and soon there will be a cafe open all day.

Central heating pipes running through all the buildings keep the homes at an even, warm temperature in winter.

Today the inhabitants of the new townships pay an all-in rate for living there. Girl workers pay 25s a week for full board and lodgings. Furniture and all equipment are supplied. Men pay 20s a week. A special rate is being worked out for married couples.

There are no chimneys, no ash cans, rubbish being burned in incinerators.

Aside from these rural model towns, one-story flat-roofed homes that after the war can be built up to regular size houses of two floors or more are being erected in bombed-out sections of cities.

Identity of Cat Poser For Judge to Figure Out

SAN FRANCISCO.—Justice of the Peace Hubert D. Wise may have to outwit Solomon when he established the identity of a baby with a sword.

Mrs. J. D. Newton has asked \$50 damages from her neighbor, Bert Fletcher, who she alleges is the owner of a black tunneling cat that tunneled out a miniature subway system underneath her front lawn.

Fletcher charges there are five black cats in the neighborhood and that it is a case of mistaken identity.

Band Gadget Invented To Snuff Out Cigarettes

CLEVELAND.—Anthony J. Millett, 31-year-old inventor, has devised a gadget he believes will prove a boon to absent-minded smokers—a cigarette "snuffer-outer."

The invention consists of a narrow band of fire-resistant material around the paper of the cigarette.

The band is movable. Millett said that with every cigarette equipped with a snuffer, there would be no reason to toss a lighted one out a car window.

Greeks Starving Under German Control of Food

ANKARA, TURKEY.—Greeks in Asia are collapsing in the streets from hunger and their suffering is being shared by numbers of British and Australian soldiers who are hiding in small towns and mountain villages.

The situation of allied soldiers left behind in the withdrawal from Greece was said to be especially difficult because they are without credentials for obtaining food.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



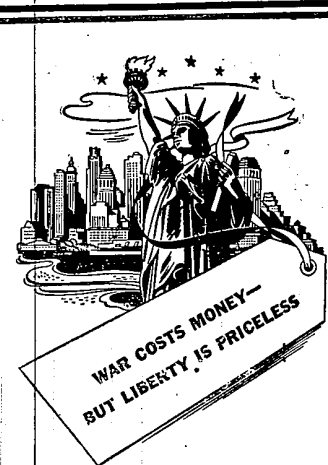
James Cagney's newest starring picture, "Captains of the Clouds," tells the story of the daredevil bush pilots of the North Woods country, who join the Royal Canadian Air Force, only to find that in spite of their years of flying experience they are not eligible to be fighter pilots because they are too old. Instead they are assigned to teaching jobs. Cagney, as the most individualist of them all, finds himself in hot water because of his disregard of rules, and his insistence that a good pilot flies "by the seat of his pants." In disgrace, he nevertheless achieves at last his ambition to fight his country's enemies in the sky, to the lasting regret of those enemies. In the story of technicians, the action drama is an unusual love story involving Cagney, Dennis Morgan and lovely Brenda Marshall.

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