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was so protested by whites a year or so ago that Governor Van Wagener sent state troops to Detroit to protect Negro families as they moved in, was named in honor of Sojourner Truth, the famous ex-slave who made her home in Battle Creek.

In the village of Marshall, a Kentucky plantation owner, accompanied by a deputy sheriff, sought to seize a family of Negroes. A Paul Revere of Marshall, riding a horse through the village, awakened the inhabitants with a bell. A force of 200 "determined men" held the Kentuckians at bay. The Negro family was spirited hurriedly to Detroit and thence into Canada, and the slave-hunters returned to Kentucky as heroes and martyrs. The Michigan people were denounced as barbarians and traitors.

And, of course, the birth of the Republican party itself at Jackson on July 6, 1854, was a part of this anti-slavery sentiment in Michigan which invited Negroes of the South to seek a haven here.

Whenever industry is confront-

ed with a shortage of workers, the historic solution has been to import cheap labor from elsewhere. The Southern plantation owners imported the Negroes from Africa. When the first World War created a labor shortage in Michigan, industrialists encouraged a notable migration of Negroes from the south into Detroit and other factory centers. Today, the Mexicans and Jamaicans are "summering" in Michigan for the same economic reason.

Where the Negro population in Michigan was only 17,115 in 1910 and more than one-third of these were in Wayne county, it had grown by the first year of the World War to about 23,000 in Detroit alone, and by 1920 it had reached 60,000. In 1930 it was 180,000. Today the Negro population is estimated to be close to a quarter of a million and it is still mounting.

Perhaps it is a bit trite after reviewing a century's history of how Negroes have been encouraged to migrate to Michigan, to make a simple observation that the "chickens are coming home to roost."

The Negroes are here because, historically at least, we invited them to come. Putting blame on

mythical Axis agents or Klu-Klux-Klaners won't change this collective social responsibility of our own lots.

It's our job, not theirs, to find the solution.

Victory

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No Gas To Go To Gardens

Special rations of gasoline for travel to Victory gardens were discontinued July 12, although rations already issued for this purpose may be used as long as valid. This action was taken by OPA upon advice of the Department of Agriculture that gardens planted after that date would be too late to produce enough food to warrant extra use of tires and gasoline in cultivating them.

Can't Send Recordings Overseas

Discs for recordings containing personal messages cannot be sent to soldiers stationed outside the continental limits of the U.S., the War Department has announced. There is no objection to sending discs of personal messages within the continental United States.

Vacation Trip For Motorists

Motorists in the Northeastern

gasoline restricted area may use their "A" rations, beginning July 15, for one round trip to a summer home or other vacation place. In the absence of adequate alternative transportation, Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown has announced. Before making a trip, motorists must apply to their ration board for the starting point and destination of the trip and dates on which it will be made. Authorization does not give the motorist an extra ration of gasoline.

Agricultural Jobs Filled

During May, the United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission filled 1,005,489 jobs in industry and agriculture, an increase of 11.2 per cent over April. Of these jobs, 297,725 were in farm work or food processing, an increase of 23.2 over April and 63.6 over May 1942. For January through May, the total placements were 739,044, an increase of 12.3 over the same months in 1942.

Rations For Sick

Although the need to conserve rationed foods is great, no hospital patient's health need suffer, the OPA has announced. Local rationing boards have been given authority to provide supplementary allotments to meet the dietary

requirements of patients in hospitals—whether or not such patients are on special diets.

Mileage For Air Raid Wardens

Air raid wardens, while not eligible for "C" ration books, may continue to get "B" books, according to OPA. Volunteers regularly performing work contributing to the war effort or public welfare should have applications certified by some authorized representative of the agency for which the work is being performed.

Fuel For Incubators

Fuel oil for incubators, brooders, and other equipment used in raising poultry, livestock, or other agricultural products can now be obtained regardless of the age of the equipment. OPA has recently removed these items from the list of equipment for which no fuel oil rations were previously allowed.

Casualties Of War

Casualties of the United States Armed Forces from the outbreak of the war to July 2 total 91,644. This total, based on War and Navy Department reports, includes: dead, 16,696; wounded, 21,828; missing, 31,579; prisoners of war, 21,541. Of these, Army casualties total 64,621; Navy, 27,023.

Traffic Decreased In Rural Areas

Traffic on rural roads in the East decreased from December through May to less than half of pre-war normal, according to the Public Roads Administration of the FWA. A minor exception is March when eastern traffic was 52 percent of normal. Traffic in the "western" area, rationed since December 1, 1942, has settled down to less than two-thirds of pre-war normal.

Bandage Cloth Supply Assured

Adequate supplies of bandage cloth, both for civilian and military use, will be available. Looms making cotton cloth suitable for bandages and other specified uses will continue to do so, by a recent WPB order.

Local Poultry Prices

Regional Administrators of the OPA now can adjust local processors' prices for dressed poultry. Regional Administrators also have the power to change definitions of sellers and types of sales. They are not empowered to change the farmers' selling price for live poultry, however, and may not increase the selling price of poultry at retail, or to any ultimate consumer.

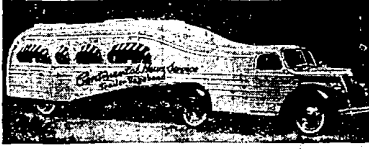
More Fertilizer To Be Available

From 5 to 10 percent more chemical fertilizer will be available in the year ahead according to WPA officials. It is estimated that U.S. farmers used about 10 million tons of chemical fertilizer during the 12 months beginning July 1, 1942. Although the supply of nitrogen and phosphates will be greater, potash is expected to be less plentiful.

Enough Floor Coverings

Smooth durable linoleum and printed floor coverings are being produced in substantial quantities to meet the greatly increased demand, WPB has reported. Used in new housing projects and

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEN

CLAREMORE, OKLA.— WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL

In 1911, WILL ROGERS went home to Claremore and while standing on a hill overlooking the city, remarked, "I've just bought this 20 acres, so I'll be coming back here some day when I'm old and the world is tired of my act, and I'll build a home on this hill and just set here and whittle and gab with my friends until the Big Boss staggers the last round-up and us strays head for the big corn corral."

That round-up was staged on August 15th, 1935, near Point Barrow, Alaska, and today these stands, instead of a home as WILL had planned, Oklahoma's Memorial to WILL ROGERS, the "WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM."

No sooner had the news of the tragic death of the great humorist been spread to the world than friends and admirers began plans to perpetuate his memory with a bronze statue of the humorist. In 1937 the Oklahoma State Legislature appropriated \$200,000 for the purpose. Mrs. ROGERS donated the 20 acres WILL had planned to use for his home and actual construction began in April, 1938. Dedication ceremonies were held on November 4th, 1938, on the anniversary of his birth.

The Memorial stands on top of the hill overlooking a beautiful valley and the home town to which he was so loyal. It is of ranch-house design, probably very much like the "home" WILL might have built himself. More spacious, of course, and more formal, yet it symbolizes the type of structure and the rough simplicity that char-

acterizes WILL ROGERS and his belongings.

It consists of 4 principal galleries and a library planned around a central foyer. All four galleries are devoted to Indian, Pioneer, Historical and Educational collections of keepsakes and mementos. Here you will see and read many original programs and letters WILL sent to his friends, and all sparkle with wit and are written just as he talked. Among other exhibits is his portable typewriter which was with him when the plane crashed. The frame is badly twisted and its type scrambled, giving one some idea of the force of the fall.

The library is devoted to books of the Indian territory, early Oklahoma and American Indians, and is used for educational and research purposes. ROGERS was 9/32 Cherokee.

In the central foyer stands a bronze statue of the humorist—a duplicate of the one which stands in the Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C. On its base is a simple inscription in ROGERS' own words—"I never met a man I didn't like."

Claremore is also well known because of its radium water. WILL was especially proud of its health-building properties. In writing to a friend about the water, he said, "William Jennings Bryan drank one drink of this water and turned against liquor. Senator LaFollette drank two drinks and turned against everything. So remember Claremore, the Carlsbad of America, where the Frisco crosses the Missouri Pacific Railroad, not often, but every few days."

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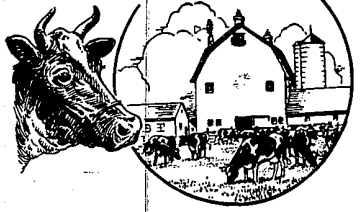
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WORN-OUT FARMS CAN BE RECLAIMED WITH PROFIT NOW

CHICAGO.— Reclaiming "worn-out" farms so they can contribute effectively to the nation's wartime food production is largely a matter of reversing the process that exhausted their fertility, according to a statement made public here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"Most worn-out farms have lost their ability to produce profitable crops because the farmers who tilled them used up the soil fertility faster than they replaced it," says the statement. "These farmers sold



Plant food pays.

plant foods off the land in the form of crops, livestock and milk without bothering to put back any of these plant foods into the soil. The result was lower yields per acre and poorer quality crops.

"The remedy," continues the statement, "lies in paying back to the soil what has been borrowed from it, so that its fertility account is solvent once more."

"The rebuilding job entails attention to four steps to put the land back in shape to be farmed profitably. These include: sensible crop rotation; the growing of clover, alfalfa and other nitrogen-fixing legumes; the more effective employment of manure by the regular addition of superphosphate; and the use of fertilizers containing plenty of phosphorus and potash."

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