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WOMEN WANTED

Many women find it difficult to think they are playing an important role in the war if they accept a job as waitress, or a telephone operator or a clerk in a store. There has been so much talk made over lady riveters, welders and machine operators that doing a normal type of job seems almost unpatriotic.

We suppose there is a sort of patriotic glamor for a woman in putting on a pair of overalls and having a hand in the making of a bomber of a gun, but our country would practically stop running if women insisted on doing that type of work to the exclusion of other business.

The campaign now being carried on to persuade women who are not working to "get a war job" doesn't stress production of war materials because the officials of that group realize the need for women in all other types of work if our distribution and our civilian businesses are going to be continued.

To judge the importance of a war job, a woman should ask herself if the work is essential. But she should be sure to include as essential all of the countless jobs which serve an important civilian need.

LABOR DAY SPREE

Nobody knows—except for a few people in Washington—why those in charge of gasoline rationing picked the date of three days before a holiday week-end to lift the ban on pleasure driving in the east.

But to the people of the east, that move was an open invitation to get out on the road on the holiday—and within 24 hours after the ban was lifted, cars were lined up at every gas station.

It is true that a day or two before the week-end Mr. Ickes and some of the others struggling with the gasoline situation warned motorists that they were on the honor system and that their cars should not be used for anything but necessary driving. But those warnings fell on deaf ears. The thing that stood out in the public's mind was that the ban on pleasure driving had been lifted—and from there on it was a free-for-all to see who could get what little gasoline was available.

As soon as the lifting of the ban was announced the public was immediately aware of the fact that there was going to be a rush for gasoline. It is hard to believe that Washington officials wouldn't expect that reaction.

The people in the east may thank the Washington officials for a nice Labor Day spree, but they will blame those officials rather than themselves for serious shortages which seem to be resulting from that spree.

If the government really wanted to conserve gasoline over Labor Day, the obvious thing to do would have been to wait until after that week-end to lift the ban.

DRAFT DODGERS

We hasten to agree with Representative H. P. Fulmer, of South Carolina, in his violent disagreement with the statement of Bernard Baruch that the farms of the country are havens for draft dodgers. Mr. Fulmer counters by declaring that the government office buildings and bureaus are hiding many more draft dodgers than the farms are concealing.

As a matter of fact, it is a rare thing to find on the farms of this section of the country any persons who are of eligible age for the army, who are not doing a man-sized job of work.

In the first place there are hardly any men left on the farms except those who are too old for the army or who cannot pass the physical requirements. In scores of cases men once considered too old for farm work are taking the places of young men who have been called to the army. They are cutting corn, picking cotton, helping make sorghum molasses, cutting and hauling hay as if they were 20-year-old stalwarts instead of 60 and 65-year-olds. We challenge the government to find few draft dodgers on many North Carolina farms. Of course, there are a few men who did hurry back to the farm from defense works and shipyards when they found that the army was about to get them. For one of these, you will find a dozen or two of the other kind who are putting in long and back-breaking hours at farm work, seeking to make up for the lost manpower on the farm.

On the other hand, there will be found in the government offices in Washington thousands of able-bodied young men of draft age who are hiding behind some desk claiming to be essential to the war industry. Mr. Baruch pointed out that there are numbers of young men in government offices who should be in the armed forces.—Gazette.

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ABOVE THE HULLABALOO



(The following article was prepared especially for National Weekly Newspaper Service by the publication division of the American Red Cross.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—State and national governmental agencies, farm groups, civic and commercial organizations and the American Red Cross have focused their attention on the widespread need of safety campaigns to lessen the constant drain on the nation's manpower due to negligence which in 1942 caused the death of more than 18,000 persons on farms and in farm homes and injured another 225,000 badly but not fatally.

According to the 1942 figures approximately 4,400 of the 18,000 farm deaths were due directly to occupational agriculture. A large portion also was burned to death in farm fires, many of which destroyed homes and barns.

Reliable state surveys reveal that machinery and animals are accountable for the greatest number of fatal farm accidents, machinery leading with 29 per cent and animals being the cause of 26 per cent. Other common farm deaths are caused by falls—10 per cent; excessive heat—9 per cent; lightning, 6 per cent; explosions and burns 4 per cent; and falling trees—4 per cent.

Electricity has come to the farm in increasing quantities in the past few years, especially under the government electrification program. It has been a great help and at the same time created new farm dangers.

The 1942 report on accidents shows that more than 28,000 persons were killed in motor traffic accidents and more than 1,000,000 injured. Two-thirds of these accidents occurred on rural highways. Farm people had a big share in them. Walking on highways after dark is one of the great dangers in rural America.

The American Red Cross Home and Farm Accident Prevention program provides instructions for farmers, farm workers and farm families in safe practice of handling machinery livestock and other sources of accidents which have caused appalling numbers of deaths and injuries on farms each year. Rural Red Cross chapters and branches have enlisted the aid and cooperation of country farm agents, home demonstration agents, schools and local farm group organizations to bring accident prevention courses to farm residents. Importance of safety campaigns is stressed by national farm groups and agencies to their state and local campaigns are conducted to show the danger spots on farms and simple steps which can be taken to eliminate many of the minor causes of major accidents.

Farmers are urged to place "No Smoking" signs in barns and other buildings, just as industry has done; to make regular check ups on ladders, steps and farm equipment not in use to safeguard against accidents. Care in the handling of electrical pieces and wiring is urged. Courses caution the owner and the "hired-hand" to handle livestock with great care, pointing out that due to the idiosyncracies or peculiarities of animals, they always constitute a danger. This is especially true insofar as bulls, rams, boars, stallions, jacks, and any animals with young are concerned.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NWN)—In the past month there has been frantic activity here toward working out practical post war plans. This does not necessarily mean that our government leaders are looking for a quick end of war, but they do realize the importance of having their plans ready just "in case". In the last war the end came suddenly and unexpectedly and our representatives in Washington are determined to have their blue prints for the future as complete as possible when the war ends.

Although normal productions are that the war will last another year, this new speed up in the formation of a post-war plan, coupled with the determination of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill to get together with Stalin as soon as possible, indicates that our leaders hope even if they don't expect it, that the war in Europe may end more

SIX INCH SERMON

• REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

The sin of Moses and Aaron.
Lesson for September 19:
Numbers 20:1-13, 27, 28.

Golden Text: Ephesians 4:26.

In 40 years the old generation of Israel had passed away and a new one that had not known bondage would soon begin the conquest of Canaan. The two brothers and a sister leader of the people, were reaching the end of their labors—younger leaders would take their places. Miriam was first to go. Older than Moses, she had watched over him in the bulrushes. She led the song of deliverance by the Red sea. Known as a prophetess, she was a woman of great force of character. Aaron was next called. On Mount Hor, when his priestly garments had been removed he died and Eleazar his son became high priest. And Moses himself would soon die on Mount Pisgah.

Miriam and Aaron had not always supported their brother; once they conspired against him. But on the whole they had been loyal to Moses, the great leader.

Sadly enough, Moses did not come to the end blameless. When the people murmured against him at Kadesh, in pride of leadership and worn with age and toil he resented their ingratitude, called them rebels and angrily smote the rock. God brought forth the water, but rebuked Moses. This was before the death of Aaron. The two brothers were denied Canaan, but their sin was put away and they were prepared for the heavenly land of promise.

Thus were the great brothers delivered from their own transgressions and prepared to go to a better world. And so may we, if we transgress against God, find deliverance from present bondage and the assurance of good things to come.

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quickly than that. For if the leaders of this country, of England and Russia do get together the purpose will not be to figure out how to fight together but to work out a peace plan to which all three nations can subscribe. In addition to activity in Washington itself on post-war planning the recent meeting of Republican leaders at Mackinac Island was confined almost entirely to that subject. The Republican leaders emphasized the aims of their party for post-war activities in this country, but it was made clear that the carrying out of these aims depended upon the peace terms and the role of our nation in international affairs.

The need for working out peace terms at once was also emphasized recently by Pope Pius who, in urging a hasty end to war said that "the soul of all people is revolting against violence" and that "people who have suffered so much do not ask for anything but peace, bread and work."

Following the Pope's talk, Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, one of the leading pre-war isolationists, wrote to the President that he agreed with the sentiments expressed by the Pope and urged the President to define "unconditional surrender" as a step toward bringing about peace in Europe.

"I fully believe," Senator Wheeler wrote "that you as champion of democracy and opponent of totalitarianism and tyranny, can now bring about peace in Europe and establish democracy throughout that war-torn continent. In so doing you can not only save European civilization but can prevent the future sacrifice of our own American boys as well as save the lives of thousands of non-belligerents whose freedom from gangster oppression we have pledged ourselves to guarantee. If you do this you will, I am sure, win the acclaim not only of every American, but the people throughout

the world." Although Senator Wheeler has been one of the strongest opponents of the President's international policy and has made many enemies because of his isolationism the wide interest shown in his plea makes it evident that there are many people in our country who hope that the President will consider telling our enemies what the terms of unconditional surrender will be. It is apparent, however, that this can not be done until we have reached a common agreement with England and Russia on these terms.

Our military leaders here seem to be almost unanimous in feeling that the invasion of Italy is the beginning of the end, but predictions as to how long the job will take to complete and how bloody a job it will be, vary widely. There are still some who hope for an end of the war in Europe this year, but they are among the most optimistic. But most military leaders expect the war in Europe to end in 1944.

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