

TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN . . .

By **Barbara Baines**

WOMEN HOLD RESPONSIBLE JOBS IN WAR INDUSTRIES

Spread across Canada there is a small army of women engaged in our war industries. They are tackling jobs never before undertaken by women in this country, and are earning high praise from managers and foremen for their ability and perseverance. You will find them grinding, welding, boring, drilling, punching, pressing, shearing and dapping—and at a dozen other jobs once held exclusively by men. During the last war women were utilized in factories chiefly as inspectors; but today modern machinery has made it possible for them to maintain production in a wide variety of jobs demanding constant alertness, manipulative dexterity, or repetition. Women have also shown a special aptitude in the use of light precision instruments, at which plant officials say they are more efficient than men.

Most feminine workers wear slacks or overalls while at work, and say they like them because they prevent accidents, keep their clothes clean and protect their silk stockings. They also wear a hair net or bandana to keep their hair from catching in machinery. Many are able to wear gloves at work to protect their hands; and lipstick and nail polish are just as popular in the factory as behind the sales counter or in the drawing-room.

Many women hold very responsible positions as supervisors, inspectors of inspectors, etc., but Miss Elsie MacGill is perhaps our most celebrated woman worker. Why? Because, though a frail, crippled girl, she bosses one of the biggest warplane plants in the British Empire. She is chief engineer of Canada's great Hurricane Fighter factory at Fort William.

Miss MacGill has done a job experts said couldn't be done. A few months after the start of the war Elsie, as she is known in the plant, was handed 3000 blueprints and told to start making Hurricanes. But you can't just take a bunch of blueprints and start turning out finished planes in a factory which used to build railway box cars.

First came the gigantic task of tooling up—designing and making machine tools that are used to fashion the 25,000 parts of a plane—then installing the new equipment—and teaching sailors, lumber-jacks and farmers how to handle the machine. Finally in January 1940 she was ready to begin production. Today the skeleton staff of 120 has grown to 4500, and Elsie is turning out over 100 Hurricanes a month—Hurricanes that are built with such precision that most of their 25,000 parts are interchangeable to meet the rigid requirements of the British Ministry of Air.

In 1927, Elsie, whose father is a lawyer and mother a judge in Vancouver's Juvenile Court, came to Toronto University to study electrical engineering—the only girl in a class of 130. Her first job after she graduated was with the Austin Aircraft Co. in Pontiac, Mich., and while at work there she took a post-graduate course in aero-dynamics at the University of Michigan. It was then she took infantile paralysis, and she had to write her examinations in the hospital.

She went home to Vancouver and to bed—but she continued to read and study. When she was well enough she went to Fairchild Aircraft in Montreal where she performed experiments in stress analysis. Her discoveries were recognized as revolutionary.

Then she went to Canadian Car and Foundry in Fort William, where she designed and built a training plane for Mexico—the first ever designed or built by a woman in 30 years of aviation history. An American test pilot described it as "one of the swiftest jobs I ever handled."

Then came the Hurricane job. And now, though she is only 34, is crippled, and weighs less than 100 pounds, Elsie MacGill is tops in the field of aeronautics.

THE U.S. CHURCHILL'S ORGANIZE TO AID BRITAIN

The Churchill Family Organization was formed in the United States recently to raise money to be sent to Winston Churchill to be used as he sees fit. The founders, five ninth cousins of the famous Winston, are sending letters to 3,000-4,000 members of the American branch of the family, pointing out to them that their ancestors were heroes in England, and that stirring blood still flows in their veins. They also hope to contact the numerous related branches of the family, the de Coureys, Seymours, Goodriches, Ingersolls and others, and give them an outline of the family history. By appealing to their pride and their English traditions they hope to stir up Churchill's American cousins to help Britain in a big way.

LET ME REMIND YOU

She had the essential attributes of a lady — high versatility, delicate honour in her dealings, deference to others, and refined personal habits. — George Eliot—

BOOK REVIEW

By Marguerite Aills

"NOT WITHOUT PERIL" (Thomas Allen Ltd., 408 p.p., \$3.00)

"Not Without Peril" is a thrilling story of Vermont in the 17th century when the British were at war with the French, and Indian raids a constant menace to the settlers.

The story is built around the life of the beautiful Jemima Bartwell, a great and courageous woman, who spent all her life, with the exception of three years in captivity, on the Connecticut River.

When very young she was married off by her father to Phipps who had a good "pitch." Though they had two daughters, so bitter was her experience with him, that she could feel only horror when he was scalped by the Indians during a raid on their blockhouse.

With Caleb Howe, her next husband, she knew great happiness, and she bore him five sons. But during a surprise raid she and her seven children were captured. Miss Aills' description of their life among the Indians and French is a masterpiece — the story of a broken-hearted woman, suffering the greatest of hardships, and all the while seeking for the children taken from her and news of her husband's safety.

Then with five of her children she returned to the river. The long suspense was broken when she learned her husband had been murdered the day his family was captured.

She married Amos Tute, seven years her junior because she needed a strong hand to control the children who had learned the savage Indian ways.

And so she began to rebuild her life. White-haired and still beautiful, she bore another son. She saw her children grow up, then, too, go to war, her grandchildren flock about her home. Then Amos died with a lung fever.

"Not Without Peril" is a powerful story — a story of violence and brutality, of steadfastness and courage, of disappointment and frustration, of bitterness and death — and something else — a new will to freedom.

COCOANUT MERINGUE CAKE

Cocoanut meringue cake is a great favourite in our house — a favourite with the cook because it is so simple to make, and a favourite with the rest of the family because it is not too rich, yet is moist and delicious.

1-3 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1 1/4 cups pastry flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoonful vanilla
3/4 cup milk

3 egg whites
pinch of cream of tartar
pinch of salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup shredded cocoanut

Cream the butter and add the sugar gradually. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Sift the flour and dry ingredients together three times. Add alternately with milk. Add flavouring. Pour into a greased 8-inch pan.

For the meringue beat the egg whites until foamy. "Add salt and cream of tartar. Add sugar gradually and flavouring. Beat until mixture stands in peaks. Fold in cocoanut. Spread on batter in pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 45 to 50 minutes. Cool about 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Keep in air-tight cake tin.

BONATHAN - HAYWARD WEDDING

A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. George's Church of England, on Friday evening, May 23rd, when Margaret Lily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayward, became the bride of William Alfred Bonathan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bonathan. Rev. W. G. O. Thompson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of heavenly blue sheer with white accessories and wore a corsage of Tal-

isman roses and lily-of-the-valley. The matron of honour, Mrs. J. Weatherston of Toronto, sister of the groom, wore a beige crepe ensemble with a corsage of pink roses. Mr. William Hayward, brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

Following a reception at Hunter's Inn, at which the bride's mother received wearing a dress of dusky rose crepe with white accessories and a corsage of red roses, the young couple left on a wedding trip to North Ontario. On their return, they will take up residence on Charles St., Georgetown.

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM Sunday School LESSON

Broadening Christian Horizons: The Antioch Movement

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1941.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Romans 1: 16.

LESSON PASSAGE: Acts 11: 19-30.

Wherefore praise we famous men, From whose bays we borrow; They have put aside today All the joys of their today, Bought for us tomorrow.

A Limited Company, 19.

To become thoroughly Christian in racial attitude is usually a slow process. Even the early Christians, under the spell of Pentecost, when they were scattered abroad by persecution preached the word to none but Jews only. This exclusive attitude is of course also very modern. Quite a number of faithful Christian worshippers see no reason why the Gospel should be given to people of brown, yellow, or black complexion. Yet the universal application of the Gospel is implicit in the teaching of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Christ deliberately broke down religious barriers by travelling through Samaria, by talking to a woman of Samaria, by telling the story of the good Samaritan, by healing the daughter of a Syro-Phoenician woman, by welcoming the Greeks who came to see him, by telling of several Old Testament heroes who were not of the Jewish race. It is going to be a long, hard, educational struggle to break down national exclusiveness in the twentieth century, just as it was in the first.

The Antioch Innovation, 20, 21

No matter what rules and regulations are formed or what conventions are established, eventually someone does the natural and sensible thing. Some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who had not been narrowed by the Jerusalem mental habits preached to the Greeks in Antioch. Their words fell upon responsive ears. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number believed and turned to Christ. Quite apart from theology and theory, the universalism of the Gospel has been demonstrated by fact. A study of Christian biography will show us that there have been great Christians in Japan, China, India and Africa. It is just ignorance for us to say, or even think secretly, that the Christian religion can be a monopoly for the benefit of the white race. Christ died for all.

A Good Man, 22 - 24

A thumb nail sketch introduces us to Barnabas: "He was a good man." When Luke said that, he said much. Barnabas was a forerunner of all who seek to be good and let who will be clever. No one ever thought of Barnabas as being a Christian strategist but he was the man who opened doors for Paul. Because he had come from Cyprus he was sent from Jerusalem to Antioch to investigate the strange heresy of preaching Christ to the Gentiles. It did not take long for him to become convinced. He saw quarrelsome people become gracious, defeated people become victorious, unhappy people become happy. Instead of starting a controversy or attempting to show them the error of their ways, he urged them to remain true to Christ. Barnabas had a strange power to influence others for good. He was full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. We would probably say that his personality was positive.

A Nickname at First, 25, 26

People of every generation take a strange delight in imposing nicknames. Children do it. Crowds at hockey or football games do it. In a time of war scurrilous nicknames revived. Tens of millions of people speak of a certain make of motor car by a nickname. Quite frequently, the nickname becomes a term of honour. The Quakers received their appellation from scoffers: today the name has advertising value. The Salvation Army was a term of scorn but now there is pride in the name. The Methodists were called such in accents of opprobrium but two hundred million Methodists now feel no blush of shame at the description. The custom of calling followers of Christ "Christians" which began at Antioch, spread far and wide and has continued for nineteen centuries.

Faith Justified, 27 - 30

Recently a Canadian minister preached a sermon on "Wheat," telling how the fertility of the western prairies had brought immigration, describing the drought areas and depicting the problem of Canada's surplus wheat. He argued that this surplus wheat created a moral issue. What are we to do when we have plenty and to spare? Recently a member of the federal parliament suggested that one hundred million bushels of Canadian wheat be given to China as a war gift and as an expression of sympathy. Incidentally, it was pointed out that a permanent market for Canadian wheat might be found in China. Admittedly, the problem of Canada's surplus wheat cannot be solved solely on an economic or financial basis. There may be famine in one country with superabundance in other countries. It remains to find some way of just distribution between countries that have too much of a certain kind of specific products. It will require social vision and sympathy to solve this question—a kind of vision and sympathy that was displayed in Antioch when the hunger of the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem caused pain to the Gentile Christians in Antioch.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do I think of others as "we" or "they"?
2. Can there be preaching without a pulpit?

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3. Why was Barnabas called a good man?
4. What entitles us to be called Christian?
5. What may Christians do to solve the Jewish problem?

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GLEN WILLIAMS
Mrs. George Gibbs, of Sprucedale, has returned home after spending the past two weeks with her sons, William and Charlie Gibbs. Glen Gibbs spent the week end with his grandmother in Sprucedale, Ont.
Miss Ann Ronald, of Paris, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Blyth. ACZ George Blyth, Mountain View, spent the week end at his home in the Glen.

CARD OF THANKS
Having in mind the very many acts of kindness and sympathy shown by the large number of friends on the occasion of the tragic deaths of two members of our family, also their staunch friend, James Munro, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to all; also for the many floral tributes.
The thoughtfulness of our local school scholars was very much appreciated.
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