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AUTO CUT

That fanfare OPM cut of 26 1/2 per cent in auto production drew no cheers from war department chiefs. To them it was a big disappointment.

First of all the cut looks a lot bigger than it actually is. For one thing the OPM carefully did not reveal in its hoopla press releases was the fact that even with this curtailment auto production still will be 10 per cent greater than in 1938 and 1939.

In other words, notwithstanding the increasing shortage of strategic raw materials, such as steel, rubber, alloys and other metals, auto production is to continue at levels higher than in the peaceful years of '38 and '39.

Another reason for the army gloom was that it wanted an immediate cut of at least 50 per cent.

For months war department heads pleaded and argued with OPM moguls for drastic curtailment, on the ground that the material going into pleasure cars are desperately needed for planes, tanks, ships, guns and other vital armaments. But for months the OPM masterminds did absolutely nothing.

Finally, in July, scrappy OPACS Director Leon Henderson, who has seen eye-to-eye with the army on this issue from the start, took the bull by the horns and "ordered" a 50 per cent slash.

OPM's reaction was to hit the ceiling. It refused to accept the ruling. And while OPM battled behind the scenes with OPACS, autos continued to roll off assembly lines in record-breaking numbers. However, Henderson's bare-knuckling finally took effect. The 26 1/2 per cent cut is a little less than half of what the army and Henderson wanted, but it is 8 1/2 per cent more than OPM's original figure.

TANKS FOR BRITAIN

Some time ago the Merry-Go-Round revealed that a chief objective of Lord Beaverbrook's visit was to get more tanks—tanks for Iran; tanks for Egypt, tanks eventually for an invasion of the continent. Beaverbrook particularly wanted the new powerful 32 tonners that soon will roll off the Chrysler assembly line at the rate of 450 a month.

It can now be revealed that the British supply minister will not go home empty handed. He will take back with him very cheering assurances regarding the division of these tanks between the U. S. and British

armed forces. But that isn't the end of his tank problem.

Allotting tanks to the British in this country is one thing, but delivering them across the Atlantic is another.

In fact, the problem of transporting large numbers of 32-ton tanks is the toughest shipping problem maritime experts have faced since the magnetic mine, which ravaged shipping until the de-magnetizing devices were evolved.

In a nutshell here is the problem: For every shipload of light 12 ton tanks sent to England or Africa, the same ship plus nearly three-fourths of another ship would be required to transport the same number of 32-ton tanks. In other words, they are bigger. Translated into specific figures—that 26-ship convoy which landed 560 light tanks at Alexandria three months ago would have had to consist of 44 vessels to carry the same number of medium tanks.

With shipping scarcer than hen's teeth, a difference of 18 ships is an extremely important factor. Also, the necessity of traveling in slow convoys further reduces the amount of shipping available. Some experts estimated this reduction as high as 50 per cent. In addition the British sometimes take an excessively long time to unload cargoes.

So the tank problem thus also becomes an acute shipping problem. One bright spot in the situation is the great reduction in ship losses in the last 60 days since the extension of the U. S. neutrality patrols. But the basic problem of securing more cargo bottoms still remains.

Note: Since January 1, U. S. shipyards have turned out a total of 56 cargo vessels.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Army officers are singing the praises of 20th Century-Fox's Darryl Zanuck and many movie moguls for their big job in filming 100 reels of army training films. This was the first time training films have ever been taken, and Hollywood did them for 40 per cent of what it would have cost Hollywood itself to do the job. In other words, the army only had to pay union labor and cost of film. Hollywood supplying the studios, production, overhead and everything else.

The Washington Diplomatic corps is goggle-eyed over Mrs. Warren Pierson's new book, "The Good Neighbor Murder." Her husband is head of the Export-Import Bank which loans millions to the Good Neighbors.

Dr. I. Lubin, brilliant White House defense expert, is the most "officed" official in Washington. He has an office in the White House, another in the labor department as head of the bureau of labor statistics, a third in the labor division of OPM, and a fourth in the treasury as an adviser to Secretary Morgenthau.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

by Savant

Individually and collectively people persist in reasoning from their prejudices. The latest outbreak of the kind is the cry of resentment raised against Britain for joining with Russia as a co-belligerent against their common foe, the Germans.

For over twenty years the Russians were guilty of the fault. After their successful revolution, they startled the world with a war-cry against England and this country as mortal enemies of Communism. They were so infatuated with their own Marxian ideology that they were totally blind to the fact that it was the successful war of England, France and the United States against Germany that made possible their successful revolution against the Romanoffs.

The prejudice affecting our people is that of a moral revulsion to association with a government that has been guilty of what has appeared to us as ruthless assassinations and cruel oppressions of personal freedom and private property. This is a sort of willingness to suffer for one's faith and one's moral ideals a very praiseworthy form of heroism. As a matter of fact it is the first step to martyrdom. If one looks back in history he will find nations and thousands of individuals persisting in martyrdom rather than give up their ideals. But one also finds that it all now seems a sort of foolhardiness. It is doubtful of a single martyr ever added an iota to the betterment of man or the progress of civilization. On the other hand, there is such a thing as reasonableness, one too often sees gross, inhuman stupidity in martyrdom and loyalty to faith and idealism. The Egyptian will not brush flies away that feast on their infants because, say they, "God made flies and it is God's will to let the flies alone."

The situation in the world today is that three nations of people have turned pirates. The Russians are now sacrificing themselves, perhaps by the hundreds of thousands, in attacking the chief nation of pirates. Simple reasoning informs us that it is good and that it will be a blessing if the Germans are stopped by the Russians. And that reasonable people always did and always will choose the least of two evils. If Russia stops Germany, we can go back to arguing about capitalism and Communism, a lesser evil by far, thus submitting to pirates.

THE GRAPEVINE

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Alfred J. Hamilton, 721 North St. Johns ave., probably over celebrated Labor day, and now finds himself in a tough spot. He was picked up by Highwood police and charged with drunken driving, and may be charged with theft of a motor vehicle. The car belonged to A. Donelli, Lake Forest, and Hamilton "borrowed" it from its parking place in front of a Highwood garage.

No groom shook harder than Justice of Police Howard Huber who performed his first marriage Saturday night. Huber swore that he would never marry anyone (being a conformed old bachelor himself!)—but he couldn't hold out on the pleas of Ethel Sampson, Chicago and John Coogan, New York. Huber said, "I'm scared. I never married anyone before" When Coogan assured him that he hadn't either, Huber "tied the knot." (now since he's broken the ice, girls, he may be doing a little "marrying" himself!)

Mayor Frank Roman officially opened the bowling season Saturday night by rolling the ball down the alley.

Susie Pitts, colored domestic at 842 South Linden avenue, was slugged and robbed of \$2 Monday, because she refused to "date" Bill Morris, of Waukegan. Susie says the attack occurred on the Beech st., station of the North Shore line. Police are looking out for Morris.

Albert Lenzini, a Highwood cabbie, was in police court Tuesday trying to talk himself out of this one: Seems that Gladys Fawler a maid at 878 Cherry St., Winnetka didn't want to hire his cab, and Lenzini was overly insistent.

Plan Bowling League At First Elks Meet

The Highland Park Elks held their first meeting of the season Tuesday night in the club rooms. Plans to form an Elks Club Bowling league were made.

The Elk's auxiliary held their bi-monthly bridge-luncheon Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Howard Moran and Mrs. Gus Klemp as hostesses.

American Legion Meet In Regular Session

The Dumaresq Spencer post of the American Legion met Thursday night in their club rooms, 21 North Sheridan road. Reports of Boy's State, Springfield were heard. Harry Eichler, commander, presided.

School Year Starts Today For High and Grammar Schools

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a circle tour of the Eastern States and spent the rest of the summer at her home in Bloomington, Ill.

Attends School

Miss Jeanne King attended summer school at Columbia university in New York City. Miss Harriet Marks visited relatives in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and in Chattanooga, Tenn. Miss Ethel McBroom spent part of the summer at her home in Grundy Center, Iowa, the remainder traveling. Joe Nash has been painting portraits at his home in Lake Forest. Bert Leech spent a month as nature study director at the Boys Scouts Camp at Makawan, Wis. Don Slutz has again been helping run his father's boys' camp in northern Minn. Wm. E. Cunningham had photography and nature study classes at the Community Center and spent some time at Camp Minocqua, Wis.

Teaching Here

Bert Greene has been at his home in Highland Park, gardening and teaching instrumental music. Miss Virginia Sproul has been working in the office of a paper company in Chicago. Miss Mildred Turpin and Miss Sara Wheelock spent the summer at their cottage on St. Joseph's Island, Canada. Miss Dorothy Roberts has been studying at the University of Colorado for the entire summer. Miss Maurine Tschirigri has been studying at the University of Chicago and visiting her parents in New Mexico.

Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman has been in summer school at the Eastern Illinois State Teachers college in Charleston. Miss Margaret Henedraon has been in summer school at the University of Iowa. Mrs. Dorothy Proudfoot has been doing clinical work at the National College of Education in Evanston.

Miss Felicia Rogalski, Miss Clara White, Miss Fern Sprague, Miss Gladys Willcutt have been at their respective homes in Wheeling, Ill.; in Essex, Ill; in LaCrosse, Ind; with some in Shalek, Iowa traveling. R. H. Price, superintendent of School District 107, has been teaching at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

District 108

Schools in District 108, including Ridge, Braeside, Ravinia and Lincoln, will open this morning. The day will be given over to registration and the purchase of books. Regular classes will be scheduled for Friday.

Children should report to the Oak Terrace school in Highwood at 9 a.m. today. They should bring money for the rental of their books which will be issued to them.

Give Dance At Y For Fifty Soldiers

There will be a dance at the YW Friday night for 50 soldiers from Fort Sheridan. Mrs. Herbert Klee is chairman of the party. She is a member of the dance party committee of the Service Men's Club. Mr. and Mrs. James Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tausig will act

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Boynton, 204 North Sheridan rd. are spending their vacation at Nantucket, Mass.

BEG YOUR PARDON

John Meyers of Highland Ten Pin bowling alleys advises that his are Brunswick Twentieth Century alleys, and not Brunswick Centennial alleys, as stated in The Press August 28.

YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT: WHAT IT IS DOING

Due to the absence of Elmore M. Murphy, who is on a "Hayfever Vacation," there will be no city hall comments, until his return, September 15.

Give Box-Supper For Art League

The Lake County Art League will be entertained at a supper-meeting Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilder, Ravinia. A box social will be held at 6:30 o'clock, with prizes awarded for the best decorated boxes. Mrs. Lloyd White and Mrs. John White are chairmen of the party. Following the supper and business meeting, Gerald Snyder will show pictures of South America.

Spend Honeymoon In North Woods

Miss Kathryn Pape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Pape, Evanston and Edward J. Steffen, 652 Michigan avenue, son of the Bernard Steffens, were married at St. Nicholas church, Evanston, Saturday morning. The bride wore a beige afternoon dress with brown accessories and a shoulder corsage of purple orchids. Mrs. Robert Bezdek, Chicago, wore a golden brown frock with a darker shade accessories. Her flowers were pink rosebuds. Leonard Steffen served his brother as best man. Breakfast was served at the Orrington hotel to members of the immediate families. A reception for 100 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents. After a honeymoon in the north woods, they will reside at 244 North Green Bay road.

Among the parties given for Miss Pape were a buffet supper by Mrs. Leonard Steffen; and Mrs. R. J. Sheahan; a pantry shower by Mrs. L. Nolan, Homewood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cole, are the parents of a son, born at the Highland Park hospital Sunday night. He has been named Dennis Vaughn.

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Elect Mrs. Canmann Council Chairman

The North Shore Committee of the Council of Jewish Women will start its year's work under the able leadership of Mrs. Harry L. Canmann of Highland Park, Illinois, a Dessert Lunch Meeting on Monday, September 15th at the Temple Lounge in Glencoe.

Highland Park women holding offices in the organization are: Mrs. Bernard Davis, membership; Mrs. Robert Landauer and Mrs. William Karpf, hospitality; Mrs. Joseph Michaels, Sr., ways and means; and Mrs. Wilford M. Newman, publicity.

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Hold First P. T. A. Meet September 19

Early notice is hereby given the parents of the Elm Place-Green Bay school district, of the opening joint meeting of the Parent Teacher association, Friday evening, September 19 at the Elm Place school.

DEERFIELD LOCALS

Dr. and Mrs. William F. Weir were guests of Prof. and Mrs. LeRoy M. Weir at the latter's home in Ann Arbor, Michigan last week. Prof. Weir is tennis and squash coach at the University of Michigan.

Miss Constance Keobelin, daughter of Mrs. Laura Ott Keobelin, Sunset ct. has returned from the National Music camp at Interlochen, Mich., where she was a member of the famous National High School orchestra for the past 8 weeks.

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