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FORD PLANT BEGINS

FIRST CARBURETORS COME OFF ASSEMBLY LINE ON MONDAY

FIRST DAY'S OUTPUT 860 UNITS, WITH FULL PRODUCTION OF 1200 UNITS SCHEDULED TO BE REACHED WEDNESDAY

ROUGE CARBURETOR ASSEMBLY CLOSED DOWN FRIDAY NIGHT

The new Ford plant at Milford, latest addition to the Little Industries now an important part of the plant Ford organization, is in production, with the first carburetors taken off the assembly line on Monday. Employed at present is an initial force of about 135 men, of these about 80 were transferred from the carburetor department at the Rouge plant, and 55 are new hands. Nearly all are men from this area, those transferred being men from this section who have driven daily to the Rouge.

The first day's output was 860 carburetors, with double that amount sought for the second day. By Wednesday the plant will be in "full production," for the number of men and machines employed, with an expected output of 1200 units. Rouge workmen were ordered to report at Milford Monday, and new men taken from a long list of applicants were notified by mail to report for work Monday.

Carburetor assembly was cut at the Rouge plant Friday night, and immediately the work of transferring the equipment to Milford began. This was carried out over Friday night and Saturday so that production could be started at Milford on Monday. From henceforth, all carburetors for Ford automobiles will be products of the Milford plant.

As yet, operations here are confined to assembly, the various parts being brought in from the Rouge. As soon as machinery and equipment can be installed and made ready, the program calls for the manufacture of the complete carburetor unit at Milford. This will considerably increase employment, with a maximum employment capacity considered to be about 200 men.

The factory building proper was pronounced finished on Friday, as far as the work of the contractor was concerned. There remain, however, a few outside details which will require a small number of men for several days yet.

Much work remains to be done inside the building in the way of installing machinery and equipment to bring the plant up to its full production capacity, and this work is in charge of a Ford crew from the Rouge. About 100 men are thus engaged.

The plant has an engine room, boiler room, foundry, die casting room, main assembly room, receiving and shipping station, storage, lunch room, wash room, first aid room and an office. In charge of the plant is Harry Barkley, who was superintendent of the carburetor department at the Rouge. More machinery will be brought from the Rouge plant from day to day, as the Milford plant is ready to receive it.

Favored by good weather, the job of laying the huge steel frame from Moore's lake to the lower mill pond is moving along swiftly. This Tuesday morning first excavation was started to drive the pipe beneath the railroad right-of-way. Pipe-laying activity has been centered the past week in the area north of Summit street, and several concrete "saddles" are being built to support the pipe through a "marshy" area. Pipe has been laid, welded and covered for several hundred feet north of Summit street.

For initial operations, the plant is operated from Edison current, but when developments are finished, the two Milford waterpowers will be harnessed to produce electricity for the plant. In addition, the factory will have facilities for steam generating for auxiliary power, as well as Edison for stand-by source.

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LANSING—Should the state government fix the retail price of milk? Here is a neat question. It will come before the Michigan legislature in 1939.

Let's consider the varying viewpoints, most of which are in direct conflict with each other, and rather inevitably so.

The dairy farmer insists that he is producing milk at a loss, and he naturally insists he should have a higher price. The distributor, who buys this milk for delivery, isn't making much of a profit either. Borden's Farm Products company of Michigan recently completed a study of milk distribution costs and profits, revealing that milk sold in Detroit since January was at a loss, due principally to widespread unemployment. The company offered to open its books to impartial investigation.

And these viewpoints aren't all by any means.

Labor Wants More
So far you have the producer and the distributor both wanting more money.

The state milk marketing commission, which was created by Governor Murphy early in the fall, has been conducting hearings on the advisability of creating a state milk authority.

Spokesmen for labor unions put in their nickel's worth, too, demanding that legislation, if it be drawn, include a provision for an eight-hour day and a guaranteed wage for milk wagon drivers who are now paid on a commission basis.

The Borden Michigan study showed that of the 16.62 average price of a quart of milk delivered to the home, 6.73 cents were paid for delivery, selling and miscellaneous expense. The wholesale cost per quart was 3.74 and expenses to prepare product for market, 1.63 cents.

This is all fine and dandy. We're all in favor of labor getting its just share along with producer and distributor.

Consumer's Interest.
And then there is the consumer viewpoint.

Seldom if ever does the public offer voluntarily to pay a higher price. If artificial regulation runs counter to the natural law of supply and demand, pegging prices arbitrarily, consumers usually buy less and producers find themselves with a surplus supply.

G. V. Branch, director of the Detroit municipal markets, advocates competition. He told the study commission: "Crucial as it is, competition

USE D CLOTHING SERVICE OPENS HERE DECEMBER 10

COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROJECT STARTED FOR GATHERING AND DISTRIBUTING SERVICEABLE WINTER WEAR

One of the services inaugurated by the Community Council which will prove a benefit throughout the winter is a clothing "service", whereby used garments, still serviceable but no longer required by their original owners may be passed along to someone who may have a use for them. The service will be opened December 10 and the municipal building has been designated as the collection and storage center, where the committee has made arrangements for space on the second floor.

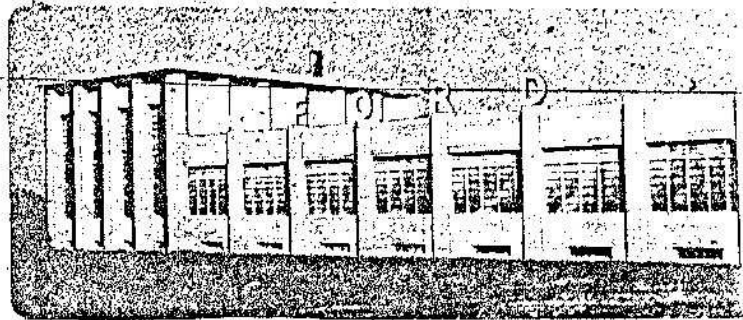
As cold weather is approaching, winter wearables will meet the greatest demand, and any householders who find they have a surplus of winter clothing, still serviceable, will be filling a need by turning them over to this organization.

A number of Milford ladies have interested themselves in the operation of the service and a word to them, prior to December 10 and arrangements will be made to gather up the garments. Mrs. W. S. Lovejoy is chairman, Mrs. Charles Gamble, Mrs. Dan Smith, Mrs. Paul Huber, Mrs. W. J. Tripp, Mrs. R. N. Watkins and Mrs. Walter Eis are members of the committee, any one of whom may be contacted with regard to collection of garments.

The idea of the service has been brought up and discussed in several council meetings, the thought being that in any community there are always those with an abundance, who are willing to turn over such garments they no longer need or care for, provided there is an agency which takes the responsibility for collection and distribution. Likewise in any community there are those individuals who would be glad to utilize such a service, provided there was one available, and a place to which they might report their needs. The service idea is an outgrowth of these discussions, and needs but the cooperation of the community at large to make it successful.

Thanksgiving Eve Date For Approaching Marriage

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Coalter will be the scene of a lovely home wedding this Wednesday evening, November 23, when their daughter, Margaret Maxine becomes the bride of Richard Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker of Clyde. The ceremony will be performed at 8



Latest in the group of Little Industries is this plant of the Ford Motor Company at Milford. It will house one of the most modern and up-to-date carburetor manufacturing plants in the United States. Natural setting, enhanced by attractive landscaping, beautiful of the Ford "Little factories".

Stretching the Poultry Dollar Means Buying High Quality

Using money, instead of spending it, will make your dollar go farther. The secret of using money, as compared to spending it, lies in your confidence in the article at the time it is purchased. And this applies particularly to your selection of Thanksgiving poultry.

Choose a bird for inspection and examine it personally. Good poultry has a wide breast, well-fleshed body and short legs. Its youth is detected by smooth skin, sharp claws, absence of long hairs on the body and a flexible breast bone. Dry-picked birds keep better than those scalded with boiling water. Fresh dressed poultry has been frozen sufficiently to bring it to market in good condition. Frozen poultry should be delivered to the consumer still frozen.

Roasting chickens 5 to 9 months old, 3 1/2 lbs. A 4 pound serve six to eight are the most tender of all roasts. Young turkeys should be less than weight should be to Turkey hens have breasts than the 3. If the entrails of a bird has been cut bird includes about 1 lb. Since very little label or grade, ask details of quality, cleaning and preservation. Know how to make your dollar

UNION-THANKSGIVING SERVICES WED. EVE.

WILL BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH, 7:30; GENERAL ATTENDANCE URGED

The community is invited to take part in a union service of Thanksgiving, held this Wednesday evening at the Methodist church beginning at 7:30. This service is arranged by several Milford churches and is in keeping with the Thanksgiving tradition. For the service this year, Rev. Robert Woods of the Presbyterian church speaks.

Thanksgiving is a purely American holiday, and every school child is familiar with its origin. What is needed is a genuine manifestation of the true spirit of Thanksgiving, returning earnest thanks to the Supreme Being for the blessings we enjoy, individually and collectively. There is no better way to express this thanks than by participation in a service of Thanksgiving.

At this Thanksgiving season of 1938 Americans have much for which to be thankful—a nation at peace, most prosperous as judged by world standards and highly favored in innumerable ways. Any follower of world news is convinced of that. Admitted that America has many problems, and much of our economic and social structure is not all that it should be. But by and large, as individuals and Americans, we can truly find cause for this Thanksgiving day to give thanks for those things which are ours.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HAS SERVICE

The Christian Science Society and

Milford Men V Detroit Wo

Milford men were championship team in a match played in a noon before a large crowd of spectators. \$22 plus per game, a \$236 pin total to total for the ball team was composed shree, who turned it H. R. Baker, 468, W. L. J. Lodge, 421. A high score for an was made by Truss, a 216. Ladies were Conger, Hazel Hunt and Edna Hunt. A high for the women 3 games, and 181 score for a single p. A return match is played in Detroit

"Shutter Art" Monday

"Shutter Art" is a of next Monday's m day Club, under the tion Department in E. R. Ladd. Two presented, "History by Mrs. J. H. Daw Photography" by M. An exhibit of interest is sought, requested to turn snaps they may have. The exhibit before of the depart those shown are Mrs. Mrs. Oliver Moore