

# Not Facing Dainty Cutwork Collars Realities of War

By RUTH MILLETT

WE women aren't asleep—as Americans are so often accused of being.

We're wide enough awake to know and care what is going on. The trouble is we're still not fighting, kicking mad.

We're mad enough to do some kind of defense work, if we can squeeze it into our full days—but not mad enough to get together and work out plans whereby one woman looks after all the children on the block while all the other women learn to be nurse's aides, or do some other hard, unglamorous war work.

WE'RE MAD ENOUGH to take deprivations without a bit of whining—but not mad enough to let the women who are hoarding know exactly what we think of them.

We're mad enough to sing the praises of the boy next door who volunteers for service in the air corps—but not so mad we don't try to persuade the men in our own families to get into what looks like a safer berth.

We're mad enough to volunteer for defense work, but not mad enough to keep at it if we get our feelings hurt, don't get enough thanks for what we do, or discover that a woman we always loathed is in a position where she can tell us what to do.

WE'RE MAD ENOUGH to abide by rationing as soon as it goes into effect—but not mad enough to conserve conscientiously those products we know may soon be rationed.

We're mad enough to let Papa ride the bus to work in the morning—but not mad enough to leave the car in the garage all day ourselves.

We're mad enough to yell about



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labor—but not enough to take our own pretty hands into a factory so long as there is a white collar job to be had.

We're awake—but we're far from fighting, kicking mad—the way women have to get before there's no stopping them.

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# Message to Quilt Club Mother

By EDITH B. CRUMB

Tragedy has entered the home of one of our Quilt Club members, Mrs. W. R. Goodson of Monroe. Her stepson, Ray, seaman first class, went down with the USS Houston under Japanese attack in the Sea of Java. Another stepson, W. R. Goodson, Jr., is serving in the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Goodson was advised of Ray's death by the Navy Department on March 14. He had enlisted in the Navy in 1939, was trained at the base at Great Lakes, Ill., and at San Diego and was aboard the USS Mississippi before being assigned to the American cruiser Houston.

Her own son, Roger Stevens, former University of Michigan bandsman, is now in the Rochester University School of Music under scholarship. Her husband, who was employed in a Monroe paper mill, died a year ago.

With her family life so broken, Mrs. Goodson has closed her house on Elm street in Monroe and has gone to live with her mother, Mrs. Albert Seymour, 443 Arbor street, Monroe.

To Mrs. Goodson goes our deepest sympathy.

### Bowling League

THE WOMEN'S Bowling League of the F. L. Jacobs Co. will give its annual dinner-dance Saturday in the ballroom of the Fort Shelby Hotel. The committee planning the affair includes Mrs. George McLaughlin, Mrs. Fred Otto and Mrs. David Thiel.

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