

## E) Summing it all up. . . .

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# Hempstead's Work on the Home Front

Now that the war has been won on all fronts, and peace time will bring things back to normal, it is time to look around and remember all the many sacrifices and good deeds performed on the home front. There are many men and women of Hempstead who deserve a great deal of praise for their work in war times but probably will never get anything beyond their own thoughts of work well done.

Civilian protection workers are deserving of more than a pat on the back. This group, numbering hundreds of men and women, gave of their time freely and in Hempstead built up an organization which was ready and able to meet any emergency that might have arisen. Each and every one of them earned the commendation of the community and the nation.

The men and women who worked on the various ration boards also performed a necessary and difficult task. They gave of their time freely and helped in a major way to make the rationing system work. They contributed greatly to the war effort on the home front and in so doing deserve the highest praise.

The Red Cross program was so extensive that it would take pages to cover even the high spots in Hempstead alone. Women and men engaged in this work were active in practically every phase of the war effort. It seems silly to try to praise this group because its work calls for more than that. Maybe, it can be reflected in future Red Cross drives for funds.

Workers in the USO, especially the Girl Service Organization, did a great job in keeping up the morale of servicemen. It is difficult to estimate just how great a job this group did--it was so fine. All women, church groups, entertainers and others who had a part in this program were real war workers.

The men and women who helped stage the war bond drives and other drives for war funds, the men who went to Mitchel Field at early and late hours to help unload, wounded servicemen from ambulances, the men who served as male nurses in hospitals and all others who did their part can look back with the satisfaction that they helped win the peace.

Summing it all up--Hempstead's men and women did a swell job during the war and now are ready to do as well, if not better, in the formation of a just and lasting peace.

Questions:

1. According to this article, what important jobs did women do on the home front during World War II?
2. Why were these jobs important to the war effort?
3. Do you think these women should be credited with helping to win the war? Why?