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PART-TIME WORK FOR WOMEN

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Members of the Womens Voluntary Services are meeting housewives who would like to enter the factories and are promising to make this easy for them.

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SECOND:

We will do your washing too, every bit of it.

THIRD:

And your shopping; we'll see to that.

FOURTH:

The children at school - we'll take them to the British

Restaurant for dinner.

SECOND:

^{it} We look after the ^{Toddlers} under-fives in the day nursery.

THIRD:

We'll do anything we can to help you: only tell us what ^{to do} ~~we may~~

do.

Women are enrolling for part-time work in a steady flow ^{6 1/2} ~~10~~.

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"Oh it's grand: I like it," a young mother said when she came to fetch her boy from the nursery after her first half-day's work. She looked fresh and keen and ready to play with him. Long hours, over-strain and monotony are the bane of industrial labour, while too much seclusion depresses young housewives sometimes. A system valuable in peace as well as in war is now being tried out and it promises success.

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