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An Interview with Linda F. Weber

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Linda F. Weber née Ficklin, an employee at a drafting department that produced war planes during World War II, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Illinois Public Media – WILL AM-FM-TV Central Illinois World War II Stories project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Linda F. Weber, née Ficklin, was born on March 11, 1926 in Columbia, Missouri. She grew up in Boonville, Missouri and remembers rationing during the war. Products such as meat, chocolate, sugar, and butter were all rationed during World War II. During high school, Weber remembers collecting gum wrappers and scrap metal for the war effort. Weber attended college at Culver-Stockton in Canton, Missouri.

In 1944, after only a year of schooling, Weber was recruited to Purdue University by Curtiss-Wright Corporation to build airplanes. She studied aeronautical engineering, physics, and calculus. She was then sent to a plant in Columbus, Ohio. She worked on the fighter planes, known as Hill Divers, before returning home when her mother became pregnant.

Towards the end of war, Weber worked at a grocery store and recalls saving items for regular customers. She was married her husband after the war and had four children.

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