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Devoted to Our Own Locality—We Labor for Its Interests

FORTY-FIRST YEAR. NO. 20.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1918.

WHOLE NUMBER, 2,099.

HOW DO YOUR BIT

The Bloomfield War Board is Ready to Superintend the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

We, the undersigned, have been named, at a public meeting of the citizens, to be the War Board of Bloomfield Township, and, having accepted our appointment as such, now feel that the status and duties of the War Board should be stated to such an extent as will promote its usefulness and efficiency, and establish it in proper relations with our citizens. The War Board was established by a resolution adopted at the citizens' meeting mentioned above, held at the Baldwin High School, in Birmingham, June 24, 1918, as follows:

The War Board, when formed, shall have full charge under the direction of the County Committee, of all future Liberty Loan drives, Patriotic Leagues or Red Cross campaigns or other patriotic work.

In furtherance of the general purpose so expressed, this War Board will proceed along the following lines, viz:

First.—To establish an Executive Committee, composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, and three other members of the board, who shall conduct the routine work of this war board.

Second.—To aid the Government in organizing its war activities in Bloomfield township, in connection with the regularly constituted State and County Committees, so as to secure the full and patriotic co-operation of our residents.

Third.—To insist that all residents shall subscribe in proportion to their respective means, to all loans and war funds authorized or endorsed by the Government, and shall assist in other ways in promoting the same from time to time; and especially to urge a prompt and voluntary response from citizens in these matters.

Fourth.—To urge and encourage all loyal and patriotic persons to report in good faith information regarding alien enemies, and regarding other individuals who are evading the draft or who are shirking their reasonable share of any kind of work necessary to carry on the war with the understanding that the War Board will receive such reports in confidence and will take proper action.

Fifth.—To trace to their source, and in certain cases, to report to the proper authorities, seditious remarks, or statements made derogatory to the Government, its officials, or operations, and to discourage, and prevent the spread of pessimistic or malicious gossip.

Sixth.—To listen without prejudice to appeals from any resident of the township who may wish to explain his standing in relation to his support of the Government.

Seventh.—To frankly advise and counsel with any person who may have honest doubts as to the extent of his proper contribution or aid to patriotic funds or purposes, especially in cases where such individual has heavy personal obligations of any nature.

Eighth.—To respect and keep secret and confidential, any information received from loyal citizens regarding their private affairs or their relations with other persons.

We subscribe to this declaration of purposes, and pledge our support of the proper work of this War Board, to the extent of our individual means, and we confidently ask the ready and cheerful co-operation of all loyal citizens of our community, to the end that the task of winning our war may be hastened and simplified for all of us.

CHARLES EDWIN JONES.
L. D. ALLEN.
WALTER F. JOHNSON.
E. P. WALDRON.
WILLIAM C. HARRIS.
E. J. CORLEY.
W. T. BARBOUR.
H. J. BROUGHTON.
H. GEORGE FISK.
T. W. MINER.
FRED Y. QUARTON.
W. R. HARRIS.

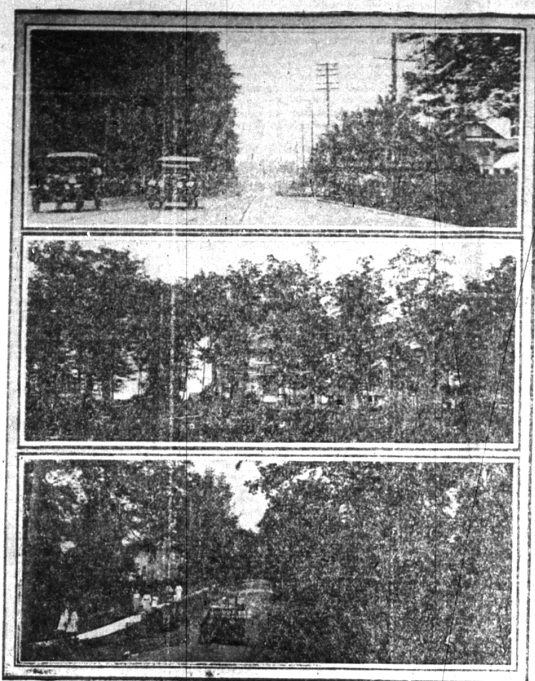
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Don't miss this. Cut out this in-
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Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Writing your name and address clearly.
You will receive in return a trial pack
containing Foley's Honey and Tar
cough medicine, for cough, cold and croup;
Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic
Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

NAVY Y. M. C. A.

Great Lakes, Ill., Sept. 2, 1918.
Editor, Eccentric.
Dear Friend:
I am Lucius Nixon Co. 4 15th Aviation
and am having the Y. M. C. A. men
write you about the work they are
doing at Great Lakes Naval Station,
with full permission to use my name.
The Y. M. C. A. deserves all the
publicity it can get from the papers.
I am home, especially this branch of
the Navy Y. M. C. A.

During the week they have fine
moving pictures, musical education,
classes, and athletics, as you will see
from the copy of their weekly Camp
Circular, they are doing very well.
The booklet OPPORTUNITY tells
you about the work on Sunday among
men by the civilian and military
teachers. There is no discussion of
creeds in these Bible classes, where
the needs of men at sea are met
and their everyday problems and diffi-
culties.

In short the whole organization is
well balanced, in full co-operation
with the Naval Officers and always on
the lookout for the welfare of the
men. If you will be kind enough to
give a boost will make mail 2 copies
in care of Y. P. H. Fay, Y. M. C. A.
Box 276 Lake Bluff, Ill.
Thanking you in advance
YOUR FRIEND,
Miss Lydia Murdoch has returned
to Northville after visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Chas. Bailey, on Brown street.



SOME BIRMINGHAM VIEWS.

WINS FAMOUS WINCHESTER JUNIOR RIFLE CORPS MEDAL.

Hadsell Smith, 145 Burlingame avenue, Detroit, with a score of 203 has been awarded the Marston medal and diploma offered by the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps, a recently formed National Organization of our residents shooting among the boys and girls in America.



The Railroad Administration.

Director General McAdoo has issued a circular to all employees of the railway lines operated by the Government in which he enjoins upon them in emphatic terms the policy of courtesy and efficiency. He announces that the policy of the Railroad Administration is exactly the reverse of the policy known as "the public be damned" policy.

He states that the fact that the United States is running the railroads is not an excuse or justification for the shortcomings of either the employees or the Railroad Administration. The people have accepted cheerfully and patriotically the burden of increased railroad fares that war conditions have imposed upon them, part of which is due to the increased expenditures caused by the rise in the wages of the railroad employees, says the Director General, "and the least that the railroad employees can do in return is to serve the public faithfully, courteously, and efficiently."

Railroads are just as much public servants under Government administration as under private control. The change of management was made for the purpose of making the railroads more efficient servants of the people, more especially in the great work of winning the war. The relation of the railroads and the railroad employees to the public, therefore, is unchanged except that patriotism to their country as well as loyalty to their employer should actuate the railroad employee.

The Director General has also issued a statement to the public regarding the overcrowded conditions of passenger trains, which he admits, and expresses regret for the unsatisfactory condition in some sections. The great number of troops now being handled over the railroads, it is stated, has caused a shortage of coaches and sleeping cars, which can not immediately be remedied, and, further, the increased demand upon the transportation of the country by the tremendous amounts of coal, food supplies, war material, and other things required for war purposes forces a curtailment of passenger train service. He urges the American people to refrain from all unnecessary travel as a measure of war economy and war sacrifice.

In the last 14 months the railroads of America have transported 3,277,000,000 of whom 2,000,000 were transported prior to December 31, 1917; 3,277,000 between January 1 and June 30, 1918. Patriotic co-operation by the people will greatly help the solving of our transportation problem under the strain of war.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR.
All regular services of the church will be resumed in the new building, next Sunday, September 15th at the regular hours.
10:30 a. m.—Divine worship and sermon. Subject "Giving God a Chance."
12 m.—The Rally Day Exercises of the Sunday School in the S. S. room. All departments will have a part in this service.
7 p. m.—Evening worship and sermon. A popular service of helpfulness. Subject "Is God On Your Side?"

All services in this church strangers and those without a church home are invited, and are welcome.

"The Church of the Friendly Handshake."

Mrs. S. M. Dudley has begun her fall term of music lessons at her parents' home on Brown street, and will be pleased to meet all her former pupils, and any other interested in the piano instruction. Phone 453-57.

THE FARMER AND HIS BONDS.

Everything indicates that the farmers of the Sixth District are going to beat all records on the Fourth Liberty Loan subscription. This is the opinion of a former Governor of Illinois on his return from an extensive "swing around the circle."

"I have been making some inquiries," he said, "and I find that the criticism of the farmers for being a little slow in understanding the rock bottom facts about the First and Second Loans has lost all its point now."

"We are apt to forget that people close to the land readily fall into the habit of thinking in terms of land property. Whereas the city man early gets used to paper values and feels very comfortable with a bundle of collateral, the farmer had to be educated out of the notion that nothing is safe except the solid red dirt in the fields—unless it be a mortgage resting solidly on that ground. It took the farmer a little time to get accustomed to the notion of securities, outside of mortgages on the next quarter section of land. It took a little time to convince him that a bond was not a highly perishable thing. He thought it out and knows better now."

By having Liberty Loan bonds registered they are as safe as an upland meadow, and besides that they back up the army which is fighting for the safety and protection of everything in America. There isn't a foot of ground in America which would be immune from the exactions of an invading enemy if his armed forces should get a landing on our shores. The farmers have come to a full realization of this, and that there is no other way of going to be a hearty response on the part of the farmers when the FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE begins. Liberty Loan bonds are the best insurance as well as the best investment. Trust Mr. Farmer to get the full force of both propositions.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of D. U. R. Ward Room.
Sunday 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
All are invited.

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Many Birmingham people are availing themselves of the opportunity offered at our Greenhouses for Ferns.

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Flour Regulations Now in Force

Wheat Flour may be purchased with following substitutes: Corn Flour, Corn Meal, Barley Flour, Oat Flour, Potato Flour, Rice Flour, Buckwheat Flour.

One lb. of Substitute to Four lbs. of Wheat Flour RYE FLOUR

Two pounds of Rye Flour to Three pounds of Wheat Flour

Purchaser is not limited as to quantity purchased, but is expected to use Flour economically.

It is expected all Flours will soon be sold mixed—20 per cent substitutes to 80 per cent Wheat Flour.

We have a limited quantity of Straight Wheat Flour to offer our friends—Birmingham Flour, Red Wing, Pure Spring Wheat, and others.

Enright's Whole-Wheat Flour can be bought without substitutes. Early buyers will secure the supply.

MINER GROCERY CO.

THE HOME OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT

ABOUT THAT DOG LICENSE.

It is not the intention of the village authorities to require the licensing of dogs that are provided with a tag issued by the township. Our investigations convinced us there were many dogs about the village without license of any kind.

About 40 residents have taken out license under the new village ordinance. If these dogs are licensed it becomes easier for the owner to locate his pet in case the latter is lost and it also enables the village to place the responsibility if any licensed dog commits any mischief or in any way is a nuisance to the public.

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There will also be free attractions worth seeing as well as an exciting midway.

For the horse races there is prize money the amount of \$11,000 and for the ball games, \$175.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Shattuck and family and Dr. G. S. Shattuck have returned from a visit with relatives at Tilsburg, Ontario.

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Happy Farmer Tractors get the greatest amount of work done—they stay on the job—they work for the minimum cost. In fact they seem to "like the work". These facts explain why they are making money on hundreds of farms today. This low priced kerosene burning tractor is ideal for the small farm. It will work efficiently where many other tractors will not pay. Two good models—A and B—two and three plow types. The "Happy Farmer" plows best.

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