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Birmingham's Joint Assets Total \$206,000 In Starr's Report

The City of Birmingham would receive property valued at \$78,814.41, and cash assets, represented by delinquent tax credits and deposits in closed banks, of \$127,104, against which it would be charged liabilities of \$57,085.66, under the terms of a detailed proposal for distributing the joint assets and liabilities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township.

The proposal, worked out by Harry S. Starr, Bloomfield Hills chief representative in the settlement, has been submitted to committees representing each of the three units, and copies have also been given to members of the Birmingham City Commission.

The proposal, covering 16 typewritten pages, is a detailed expansion of the general proposal submitted by Mr. Starr several months ago and which has been approved by all three municipalities.

The general proposal provides for Birmingham to take over the Township Park and for Bloomfield Hills to take over the garage.

The detailed report, covering all aspects of the division except the legal phases, was first submitted at a meeting of representatives of the three units last

FACTS REVEAL TRUTH OF WAR

Personal Opinions Must Be Sharply Evaluated, Writer Warns

(Note: This is the fifth of a series of eight articles being written for The Centric on the world peace. The author, Mrs. Charles J. Shain, is well known as a student of international affairs. In January she was a delegate to the annual Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington, D. C.)

By MRS. CHARLES J. SHAIN

Obviously, in writing these articles I have only one object, that of having people inquire whether such and such things I've stated are true and how I know they are true. That attitude will assure any writer for causes, well known, as far as the doctrine that man from his very nature is incapable of forming trustworthy conclusions concerning ultimate reality.

When it is a question of opinions I should say that statement is unquestionably true. If it is a matter of fact—and there must be a few of those things left—then I should say it depended upon who had the more formidable array of facts to display. There aren't so many who argue from a factual basis. Almost more than any other question this matter of war runs into emotionalism and passion. How can this be avoided?

Opinions Must Be Tested

War is not an objective, non-personal business. If ever there was an experience that savaged the human heart, it is that Women can go such a little way without getting warts in most arguments however. Most of them immediately reduce the cause to a personal, subjective basis. Yet I'm not sure that the high abstract plane, either. They say terrible things about each other—only to be found "kibitzing" around the same council table the next day. I repeat, then, that it is our opinions we want to review, to see why we harbor them.

I am again coming back to the appropriations for this Vinson-Trammell Navy Bill at the risk of being thrown out on my ear. I have a letter in my hand from an outraged reader who says, "Our present place of poor third in the navy race is just like letting insurance and property lapse. A second or third rate navy is no better than second hand teeth. If we had had a navy in the condition it was under T. B. Germany would have respected our neutrality in the Great War. If we persist in suicide and starve our navy we will be licked as we were in 1812." It somehow seems to me that it hasn't been the navy that has done the starving. If any one wants to skip this next paragraph he may, but it contains some interesting figures.

To compare navies on the basis of money spent won't tell the whole story, of course, but for the last three years, according to a speech by the Honorable George Foulkes in the Congressional Record of Jan. 30 this year, "we have appropriated four thousand million dollars during the same three years Japan has spent \$281,000,000. Or for the purpose of comparison, during this period we have

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FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR AGED BEE-KEEPER

Albert W. Smith, 94, Birmingham Resident For 30 Years, Taken By Death

Private services for Albert W. Smith, widely known in this vicinity as a bee-keeper, were held Saturday afternoon from the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home. He was 94 years old last August.

Mr. Smith died Thursday night at his home, 816 Hazel street. He had been ailing since the death last April 13 of his wife, Sarah Jane Smith.

Mr. Smith was a professional bee-keeper for 50 years, and owned apiaries in both Troy and Southfield Townships. He retired 19 years ago. Born in Worcester, Mass., he had lived in Birmingham the past 30 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jennie Bolkley, with whom he lived. The services were in charge of the Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

SING SING PHYSICIAN ON INSTITUTE SERIES

Dr. Amos Osborne Spauld, for 20 years chief physician at Sing Sing and now consulting physician at that famous prison, will speak at 3:30 P. M. Sunday at the Detroit Institute of Arts on "Famous Criminals I Have Known," telling anecdotes about Charles Becker, Father Hans Schmidt, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the Diamond brothers and others whom he has seen meet death in Sing Sing's electric chair.

WOMEN SUSPECTED IN THEFT OF AN IRON

The theft of a \$7.50 electric iron from the Huston Hardware Company, 205 North Woodward avenue, was reported to police Thursday afternoon. Employees said they suspected two women, one of whom they described as being tall and thin and wearing a black coat. They failed to obtain a description of the second woman.

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Production of Shaw Play by Cranbrook Students Set For April 12

A famous play by George Bernard Shaw, 'Androcles and the Lion,' will be presented by the Cranbrook Ergasterion Club on April 12 in the school auditorium. It has been announced by Carl Wonnberger, faculty director, and David Dorn, president.

This will be the second major production of the club this season, the first having been "The Night in a Barroom," which was given shortly before Christmas. George Finkler and Norman Peterson, both of whom had important roles in that play, will take the leading parts in "Androcles and the Lion" also.

While the rest of the cast is to be non-traditional, some of those chosen for other parts include Olds Anderson, Joseph Smith, Wilbur Martin, Charles Williams, Louis Ruthenburg, Jerome Himelchoch, Ralph MacDonnell, and Doris Lovett.

Jack Lovett is business manager of the production, assisted by Edward Row and Pottinger Blunt. Hubert Davis of the Cranbrook School faculty has charge of the scenery, and Charles Gilbert will supervise the construction of the lion. The remaining positions in both the cast and technical staff will be filled at an early date.

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