

# PUBLIC PAYS FOR ITS WANTS

Henry S. Booth Writes in Reflective Mood On Costs of Peace

To the Editor: The following is the result of an Armistice Day spent away from the flags, bands and marching men associated with that day.

Henry S. Booth

**What Priced Peace?**

You get what you pay for, whether it be groceries, automobiles, government or peace.

Housewives generally do not go about looking for food bargains for they know well that cheap meat is liable to be tough; cheap vegetables wilted; and the canned goods of an inferior grade. The purchaser of mechanical inventions from wind-up toys to oceanic ships knows he cannot expect much of any quality unless he pays what is reasonable for that quality. Our government is the same, but the price we pay is not only a tax on our not doing it, but a tax on our doing that, but includes the thought, the concern, and the sacrifice of all of us as are citizens. This last is sort of a charge for delivery. If we don't pay this extra amount, we don't get what we are looking for, but carry the burden of government home with us only to be disappointed when we see open air package.

When we search for personal peace we cannot buy it for our dollars, whether we pay one or a few millions. It is necessary to use some other "ship" to get peace. What that "ship" must be depends on the individual, to some extent, even though it requires more sacrifice of all of us than we are willing to gamble on genuine happiness. Because one place has attractive displays, bright signs, and all that goes with big business (including the crowds of bargain-hunters) we continue to be taken in; and buy a grade of mental peace which does not stand the wear and tear of more than a few weeks. Down the street there are other shops which are not made seductive with neon signs and chromium trim, where there are no bargains offered, but where trade has been going on in a small way for generations. At these establishments, like the other, you get what you pay for, but here the price is high, so you get goods which are "all wool and a yard wide," and consequently last a lifetime.

If we want peace among the nations we should not expect to get peace which will last for the bargain rates we have been paying. Bargain rates? Was not the price we paid last time high enough?—millions of dollars; millions of lives; millions claimed, blind, and mentally deranged? We get what we pay for. We may never get what we professed to want by blood sacrifice and nationalism. Possibly we are using the wrong kind of exchange to get a peace which will not only endure, but which will be free from rough spots and holes. For generations we have sought bargains, and, like the usual bargain-hunters, have been hoodwinked.

Isn't it about time we walked down the street and looked at the goods offered in the less attractive stores? Isn't there a chance we might find a new kind of peace we have never tried before—one which would at least be a better

# THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



I REALLY MUST WRITE THE BROADCASTING COMPANY AND TELL THEM HOW WELL JUNIOR IS DOING WITH JACK DENNY'S ORCHESTRA.

## Allen Announces Tax Office Change

"LANSING", Nov. 18.—District headquarters for sales tax administration in Oakland, Monroe, Washtenaw and Macomb counties have been established at 200 Transportation building, Detroit, it was announced today by Draper Allen, managing director of the State Board of Tax Administration.

Records and files pertaining to sales tax matters in these four counties have been moved from Lansing to the Detroit office for the convenience of taxpayers in this area, designated as District 2. Audits and adjustments for the entire district are now being handled from the Detroit office and taxpayers having business to transact with the department may do so without the necessity of making a trip to Lansing.

Raymond Green, district manager; heads a staff of office workers, cashiers and field representatives stationed at Detroit for the purpose of receiving payments, maintaining files and assisting taxpayers in making their returns. Any taxpayers in District 2 may now obtain any information he desires at the district office in Detroit.

Allen pointed out that the district office set-up will relieve the Lansing office of the burden of handling detailed work in connection with sales tax matters in these four counties. Shifting this burden to the Detroit office is expected to result in speedier disposition of all work in the department.

Will we pay our share of the cost? If so, what is the price liable to include?

We will have to contribute personal peace which will radiate like ripples from a tiny public's fall, and sacrifice our self-righteousness as individuals and nations. We will be required to give up the false pride which breeds enmity between classes, and brings many troubles upon the world. It will be necessary to substitute a generous justice for rights as we have known them. Each group will have to give up the idea it is God's chosen people, and give trust for distrust; credit where credit is due; consideration in religious matters; and decent opportunities to our fellows of whatever race. The price for peace will include tearing down the massive monuments we have erected to our former and unreasoning hates; the scouring of blood stains and misery from off the earth, and the loving of our neighbors as much as ourselves, both at home and abroad. We will have to sacrifice easy money for the slower profits of world-conscious bonds. We will be required to pay in thought, word and deed, in much time, and in infinite pains.

Will we pay our share of the cost, or are we self-centered, lacking in vision, penniless. If we pay the high price necessary we will eventually get what we pay for, and our graves will be visited, as the shrines of generous, far-seeing, and holy men by the peaceful and appreciative generations of the future.

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## Obituary

**BESSIE A. EDEN**

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 11 at 4 p. m., at the S. O. Wylie Bell funeral home for Mrs. Bessie A. Eden, 315 Hickory Grove road, who died at 2:15 a. m. on the same day, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, in Pontiac. The Rev. Robert W. Woodruff officiated. Burial was Saturday, November 13, at Greenwood Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Eden was the mother of C. G. Eden, with whom she had been making her home in Birmingham. She is also survived by two grand-children.

**IDA A. PARMENTER**

Ida A. Parmenter, Crooks Road, Royal Oak, died at 1:45 p. m. Saturday, November 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, from the S. O. Wylie Bell funeral home, with the Rev. Peter M. McKay officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Mrs. Parmenter had been a resident of Troy Township all her life. She was born March 31, 1901, and graduated from Baldwin high school in 1921. She was also graduated from the Farrand Training School for Nurses, in 1924, and had since nursed at Harper hospital, in Detroit. She was a member of the First Baptist church, of Birmingham.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parmenter; a brother, Walter H., of Birmingham; and two sisters, Mrs. S. P. Treadwell, of Syracuse, N. Y., and William T. Romister, of Detroit.

**IDA ALBRECHT FULLER**

Funeral services will be held today for Mrs. Ida Albrecht Fuller, at 2 p. m., at Bell's funeral home. The Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach will read the service, and entombment will be at White Chapel Park. Mrs. Fuller died Tuesday, Nov. 16, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, where she had been confined since Sunday. She was 52 years old.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York, and lived there until 1908, the year of her marriage. She lived until 1916 in Detroit, and moved to Birmingham then, where she made her home ever since.

She is survived by her husband, Bert Fuller. She was the sister of George Albrecht, of Lowell, Mass., and of Joseph, Harry and Benjamin, of Brooklyn. She also had four sisters, Mrs. F. E. Newlin, of Middleburg, N. Y., and Miss Marion Albrecht, Mrs. Henry Wagner and Mrs. Edward Walsh, all of Brooklyn.

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