It is my considered conviction, after many years of contact with leaders and their followers, that most people work and sacrifice for international peace about as they work and sacrifice for entrance into Heaven; that's why we have so many wars, and, no doubt, too few people eating ambrosia in Heaven.

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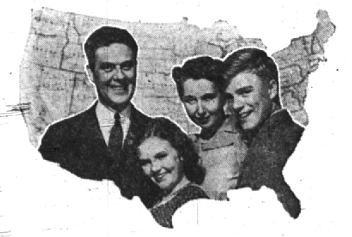

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Sink-a-Sub Club Being Organized By Group Here

Civilian Air Patrol pilots in this area are interested in a new "Sink a Sub" Club which has been formed to buy equipment for civilian fliers who are being called into the anti-submarine coastal patrol.

The pilots use their own planes and must buy their own life preservers, kitchen equipment, portable sleeping quarters, tools, repair parts and radio equipment, which are not furnished by the government. The "Sink a Sub" Club, with headquarters at 2340 Book Tower, phone Randolph 8570, has started to raise money to buy this equipment, according to James LaMeasure, 1067 Lincoln Court, one of Birmingham's members. Memberships at $1 each may be purchased by anybody from him. LaMeasure has his pilot's license and owns a plane jointly with another Birmingham man.

A membership committee formed here is composed of Lieut. Maynard Andreae, U. S. Navy, of 3155 South Bradway; F. D. Burnett, 1513 Buckingham, a C. A. P. flyer; Mrs. J. F. Hunt, 316 Pierce street; Wayne Mortimer, whose store will be used as headquarters; and Clyde Peabody, 579 East Maple, also member of a C. A. P. Squadron.

Details Received On Hallett Death

More details have been received regarding the death June 18 of Ensign Charles Hallett, 22, former Birmingham youth. The carrier to which he was attached, in California waters, was on a practice cruise and dive bomber pilots were sharpening their aim on surface vessels.

"The two officers behind Charles said that Charles' plane never came out of the dive, so that means the controls failed somehow and the plane went straight into the ocean," his mother wrote Miss Gladys Rogers here.

"Two destroyers were immediately sent to the scene but neither plane nor body could be recovered," she continued.

"The commanding officer wrote fine things about Charles, a pilot well-liked and well-above the average in performing his duties."

Ensign Hallett leaves his wife, Frances, of Coronado, Calif., whom he married in March; his mother; a brother, Fred, now a student in the Curtiss Wright Technical School in Glendale, Calif., and a sister, Lucille, of Houston, Tex.

Selective Service Will Pay Rent

The Selective Service office henceforth will pay the City $40 monthly for a suite of three offices on the second floor of the Municipal Building. That was decided Monday night when it was announced that the draft office, hitherto given rent-free quarters, would be charged for the larger space. The City Nurse and draft office traded places. Payment will be made through State Headquarters.

Cutting Traffic Lanes Costs Detroiter $35

John Flaherty, of 16503 Wisconsin, Detroit, was arrested on Hunter boulevard Saturday evening and charge with reckless driving. Patrolman Henry Timm said he was speeding and cutting in and out of traffic. He paid Justice Forbes S. Hascall a fine of $35.

Halting the use of tin in the production of bottle caps saved enough material to make 1,000,000 food cans; the same amount of tin would solder the electrical connections, bushings and bearings of 30,910 medium tanks; or it would do likewise for 300,000 heavy bombers.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Charles A. Lindbergh was in town the other day, getting the lay of the land. He expects to bring his family to his new Bloomfield Hills residence next week. As far as The Eccentric is concerned, Mr. L. is no longer news unless something unusual comes up, therefore he can live at peace with his family, relaxing with the realization that none of our large staff will be climbing his trees or taking pictures through keyholes.

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It was one of those pretty garden weddings in Bloomfield Hills, held Saturday. After the vows were exchanged, the bridegroom proceeded to give the bride the usual kiss, but this one was different. It went on and on and even the birds stopped their chirping. Finally the father of the bride, in what he thought would be a whisper, said: "Break it up, kids!" However, the whisper went to everybody's ears and the guests and bridal couple burst into laughter, making it a really successful wedding.

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A group of youngsters surveyed the July magazines on a drug store rack the other day and found that 32 covers bore the American flag in one form or another.

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Happy Hal emitted one of his worst puns the other day. Speaking of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in the "Corsican Brothers," Hal said: "Do you think that he can play that role better than anyone else? Of Corsican."

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The Civilian Defense office, 131 Pierce street, would like to borrow a typewriter. Phone Mrs. L. N. Pyle, at 4014.

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Dog bite activity increased during the past week. Joe Wheat, of 74 Jackson, Pontiac, told police Saturday he was bitten by a dog at 114 West Maple, but there is no such number. . . . Robert Brown, 5 years old, 384 Chesterfield, was bitten last Friday evening by the dog of T. B. Anderson, 683 Puritan. . . . Judy Myers, 610 Linden road, was bitten a week ago according to a delayed report made to police. When they went to pick up the dog, owned by the Holts, 572 Linden, it had been taken north for the summer. . . . Bill Fadberg, 6 years old, of 1088 Floyd, was nipped last week by the Hughes dog, Lincoln and Edgewood; also, another boy, Ronnie, whose last name police did not obtain, was said to have been bitten. The dog, which bore no license, was taken to the pound. . . . Peter Erhard, 2 years old, of 1507 Ruffner, was bitten on the face by the Smith dog, 1520 Ruffner.

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Francis Buckeridge, of 507 Brookside, marked his bicycle near the Bloomfield Theatre Thursday night. During his absence, a thief took a small electric generator, one of the bike's accessories.

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Ronald Anderson, of 235 East Lincoln, whom Patrolman Ralph Bell guessed was six years old, was riding a pretty big bike Monday afternoon on the West Lincoln avenue hill. He lost control and went into a spin, his cries attracting Mrs. E. Palmer Shelton, 1200 Latham, who took him in. Patrolman Bell took the boy home, suffering from a bump on the head and severe scratches.

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A well-known resident of Fairfax road was strolling up Woodward avenue the other day when she picked up an old rubber heel. A little farthher away, she discovered a piece of old rubber hose, and by that time she was intrigued. She kept going a half mile to Charing Cross road and picked up enough scrap rubber to weigh one pound. "I was amazed at the amount of rubber available," she said. Perhaps her experience will inspire others to "beachcomb" in the same way.

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An unusual request came in the mail this week—a mimeographed story and matrix of a double photo, all ready to use, sent by Robert C. Geffs, 3251 Washington blvd., Chicago. We get releases in the same sort of envelopes—by the bushel, but not of this type. Mr. Geffs was advertising for his two children, a girl, 17, blonde and very attractive, and a son, 13, who left home May 9, together. A $200 reward is offered for their return. The girl is five feet tall, the boy four feet, 10 inches.

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A reader on Merrill street calls us to complain of the moving company which maintains its warehouse at Pierce and Merrill. "Sometimes furniture is piled on the sidewalk so that people have to walk in the street in order to get by," he said. The same man added that dandelions are spreading in the Civic Center park and that unless they were stopped, the lawn would be ruined.

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Jim Anderson, the pro at Pine Lake, brought in a fine atlas to show us, sent him by relatives back in Scotland. The atlas was prepared by John Bartholomew and published for five shillings by Meiklejohn & Son Ltd., of London. We like the physical maps, especially—they ones showing the mountain ranges and topography. Ordinary flat maps don't mean much when you're using them for study of the military campaigns.

Because of shipping delays, it was several months before Jim got the package from home. We phoned Jim's shop a couple of weeks ago and were greeted by a Scottish burr which could belong to none other than our old friend, Adam Campbell.

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Speaking of the Scots, have you heard broadcasts from Britain in which the sons of Auld Scotia describe bombing raids? A Scot doesn't pronounce it like we do; he calls a bomb a "bum." Well, we hope our planes drop enough "bums" to make a bum out of Hitler.

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Why go north to do your bass fishing when Oakland County has so many lakes—more than any other in Michigan. Manley Bailey caught a 19½ incher at White Lake last week. His companion, William Pfennig, the hair dresser, caught one a half-inch longer.

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Did you know that the word "insignia" is plural; that the singular is "insigne?" A letter from the Michigan Council of Defense announces that a U. S. Citizens Service Corps is being formed, not to be confused with the Citizens Defense Corps to which the auxiliary police, etc., belong) and that the new corps will take in volunteers of salvage programs, victory gardens, consumer activity leaders, and other volunteer workers. The insigne for this new corps is reproduced herewith and is worn as a pin or button sewed on. The prescribed qualifications have not yet been announced.

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Patents have been issued to Daniel P. Kearney for an engine starter control; to Laurance A. Nelson, air conditioning system. Neither man is now listed in the phone book.

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Speaking of phones, the operators have a new answer for a disconnected phone. We called the Barnum School and the operator said: "The telephone has been disconnected at the customer's request." The "request" part of it must have been added to allay suspicion that the bill had not been paid.

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Lancaster Hills Golf & Country Club, Telegraph road, has provided free golf all season to men in uniform, according to Arthur Baynes, manager. He told us that after reading in this column that it has been suggested that our municipal course do the same.

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Mrs. Eva Fandale, of Birmingham, was among a group of 13 women who had their citizenship restored in a hearing in Circuit Court last week. The group had lost its citizenship by marrying aliens.

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J. B. Howarth says that interest is running high in the new war damage insurance which most householders can get for $1 a thousand. In fact, he says that the proper blanks are scarce because so many have been sent to the West Coast where the demand, naturally, is really heavy. People are interested because ordinary fire insurance doesn't protect property from incendiary bombs or other damage by enemy attack. However, the new government insurance does not underwrite losses from sabotage. Your regular insurance agent is handling this business for the government on a small commission basis.

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The Recreation Commission has asked us to announce that the playground at Holy Name School is open to everyone in the neighborhood, and is not just for the parochial school youngsters.

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Patty Price not only distinguished herself by being elected president of the Wolverine Girls' State at Ann Arbor, but also placed second in the tennis tournament.

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America's sloganeers are right on their toes, slingin' slogans at the enemy. If slogans will do it, the war is as good as won right now. For example, "Jappy, we'll knock you slap happy!" Here's another gem: "Speed the wheels to beat the heels," and, also "Hotsy totsy, kill a Nazi." This is more conservative: "The Nazis cheer each idle gear," and "Hyproduction means Axis destruction." Also, "Production quotas must be beat to knock the Axis off its feet."

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Dr. Hugo Erichsen sent a note to the City Commission Monday night pointing out that Harmon avenue here was being confused with another Harmon avenue in Detroit, with his mail occasionally going astray. He asked that the name be changed to Harmon drive.

The Commission decided to take no action because of the expense involved in changing records, legal documents and maps, both public and private. It was said that a survey showed that half of Birmingham's street names had duplicates in Detroit.

"Some of my mail goes to Birmingham, Ala.," Harry Bissett complained.

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The city now owns a soft drink stand at 1265 South Woodward avenue, seized last week for failure of the owner to pay $44 in personal taxes. When the money is paid, the owner can have it back; otherwise, the property will be put up for sale.

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Turning to the press, Coit Allen said: "Why don't you rib the Consumers Power Company about sending all their bills to Maple street? Everybody knows it is Maple avenue."

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Firemen were called to the home of Mrs. Amy S. O'Rourke, 691 Pilgrim, Saturday noon, when it was discovered that the house was full of smoke. The smoke came from a batch of prunes burned in a deep-well cooker in a stove. The prunes were a total loss.

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Sunday morning, firemen investigated smoke at the P. H. Walsh home, 851 Ann, caused by a short in wiring. There was no damage.

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Our constable, Irwin Neff, is vacationing at Elk Lake near Grand Rapids. He reports fishing good.

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The Landlords and Owners Association, of 624 West Bethune, Detroit, is trying to form a unit in Oakland County and is running a classified ad to that effect this week.

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The Maybelle Beauty Shop, formerly over Mulholland's store, is now situated at 361 South Woodward, next to the Bloomfield Theatre.

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A customer at the Birmingham Theatre, asked to buy war stamps, said, "Sure, I'll buy $25 worth." Howard Holah and his A.W.V.S aides have sold $600 worth in the past month. There is no secret to this success. It's simply a matter of suggesting them to the patrons.

Highland Parker Held for D.U.I.L.

Malcolm M. Withee, of 12561 Third street, Highland Park, was arrested at 6:48 p. m. Saturday evening and charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. He pleaded guilty in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court and was fined $50; his operators' license will be suspended, also.

The war materials saved by halting manufacture of almost all musical instruments could be used in making 11,500 6-ton army trucks, 83 medium tanks, 42,000,000 pounds of .30 caliber cartridges and 40,000 aircraft flares.

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