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By G. R. A.

Why Don't Women, Who Bear Soldiers, Crucify Today For Tools of War?
It's not that the physical things in this war that will leave the greatest scar upon the human heart of the United States; it's not even the menace of the loss of some of our boasted freedoms, that makes this war life's most terrible scourge.

What is it, then?
In my opinion, it's the mark that leaves upon every person whose son, brother, relative, or friend is destined to enter the military service—boys and men who may never come back or, if they do, some of them will bear physical handicaps that will always produce scars.

Sure, it's heroic to defend your country, and I'm not discounting this fact; any man, woman, worth his or her salt, will do what can be done to defend the home-land; whether it be at the fighting front, or back home in any kind of activity that helps to wage and win the war.

But, after all, it's the thought of human loss that bears heaviest upon the hearts and minds, isn't it?

What Can A Woman Do?
Which leads me to a definite point I'd like to make. It really relates to that branch of the war man family most closely joined to the boys and most to engage the enemy at the battle front—the WOMEN of AMERICA, whether they be mothers, sisters, wives, or sweethearts.

What are they doing to increase the industrial and civilian efficiency of our country in this war effort?

Oh, I know that they are doing their best work. They are patriots, and certain things concerning civilian activities; but what are they doing to increase the industrial efficiency of our country?

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Warren Sumner Dies Wednesday; Funeral Tomorrow

Special Election Formally Approved By School Board

Warren S. Sumner, 37, automobile dealer here for the past 12 years, died suddenly Wednesday morning at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, where he had been the past six days. He suffered from a heart ailment.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, March 13, at the Bell Funeral Home, with Dr. W. Glen Harris, Presbyterian minister officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Park cemetery.

Mr. Sumner, who was 61 years old, was born in Kalamazoo. He had been married and his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Sumner, survives him, as well as one son, W. S. Sumner, Jr., 1266 Maryland boulevard, Detroit, and one grandson, one brother, G. Lynn Sumner, of New York City, and one sister, Mrs. M. M. Laddick, Montague, Mich.

Further Business Of School Board

In the past, teachers' pay has varied widely with no standard for equal training and performance. This year the board has passed a new salary schedule which teachers and a board committee are now studying for several months.

One feature is that elementary and high school teachers will be paid the same, on the theory that an age level is less important than another.

The principal object is to compensate teachers automatically as they become more experienced and as they acquire additional training, spread over a 15-year period.

Not all of us can be air raid wardens or auxiliary fire fighters. The unglamorous community service jobs are doubly important just now, because the morale and health of all the people must be maintained.

"Every day we are asked, 'What I do for my country?' Do by the same things you ordinarily do—only do more of them. Make your home a sound home. Family health is vital. Refrain from idleness, from gossip, from laziness. Eliminate waste and fire hazards."

Warren Davis, of 4128 Brush street, was arrested here Friday on Woodward avenue and was charged with reckless driving. Arraigned in Justice Forbes Hall's court, he pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$35.

The construction of many good duplex homes is to be preferred to cheap "defense" houses, a delegation informed the City Commission, Monday evening.

H. M. Stephen, of 1343 Washington boulevard, attended the meeting with a half dozen neighbors who are desirous of helping to finance his area. He related that he was recently discovered that there were no restrictions on the lots in the Birmingham neighborhood.

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A "show movie" was presented by the City Commission chamber last Friday night when the City's motion picture unit exhibited incendiary bombs was shown. A special showing will be held this Friday at 8 p. m.; the public is invited.

Speaks on Aviation

1,700 Men Await Saturday Is Deadline For City Candidates

The list does NOT reveal the third draft registration coming next Tuesday at Washington, clerks in Local Board No. 7 here are preparing the list of serial numbers which are needed in the operation.

The list of 1,700 names will be ready by Monday, but may be ready by Saturday if the list is posted on the bulletin board at the police station. A duplicate list will also be ready for the office and available for inspection.

The System Explained
The list does NOT reveal the order numbers by which men are called to service. The serial number is not incidental, it is the way. Cards of the 1,700 registrants in the third registration will be drawn from the folder.

The cards are purposely shuffled. The average number going through the whole list is 1,700.

Physical Exam Monday
More than 100 men, in four buses were taken to Detroit, Mich., for the Army physical examination.

Charles E. Doherty, who recently sued the City over alleged pollution of a drain running through his property at the east end of the City, was cast in another role Monday night.

Commissioners did not appear as yet in friendly toward Doherty's request. They pointed to a frazzled statement of policy which hangs on the Commission chamber's wall.

The "vicious dog case," which was being tentatively called off when the Eccentric tried to press last week, is very much alive and will be tried this afternoon in the Municipal Building.

Complaining "What's the matter with you, you old man, you were bitten on the face by a German Shepherd dog owned by the defendant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, 451 Park street, all of whom are well-known Birmingham people.

Seaman Son Goes To Father's Old Ship
The U. S. Battleship South Dakota, which was at Detroit, was again in on ward-duty and again has a Jack Boomer, a dog, on board.

On March 14, 1918, J. C. Boomer, then 17 years old, made his debut in Detroit from his home in Pontiac for the purpose of entering the Michigan State Auto School to learn the automobile mechanic trade.

Residents Ask for Duplex Homes in Preference to Cheap "Defense" Houses
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Durham plans to fall within Title VI of the F. H. A. in that half of the house sells for less than \$5,000.

The matter was adjourned a week, Mayor Martz and City Manager Egbert will meet with Durham this week to seek more information.

Senator Prentiss Brown Visits Birmingham
Senator Prentiss M. Brown was a visitor in Birmingham last Saturday morning. He has been surveying industrial production in the Detroit area for a report to the Senate.

Victor and Elizabeth Records, New records weekly, Leonard Street, 141 W. Main.

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Howard E. Estes, 425 E. Bivona avenue, formally announced his candidacy for the City Commission this week. In his statement, printed herewith, he promised to "oppose the introduction of governmental reform."

The deadline for candidates Saturday at 4 p. m. The deadline for registration is next Tuesday at 8 p. m. So far, those who have been elected by the voters are: Ray A. Palmer's petitions are not in yet. Petitions are being circulated for the following: J. B. Howarth and Mrs. H. W. Wood.

Estes' statement is as follows: "As a candidate for the office of City Commissioner, I am aware of the responsibilities which must be assumed if the voters see fit to elect me to office."

State Troops Open Office in City
A temporary Birmingham office at 126 South Woodward avenue has been opened by the Michigan State Troops as a training center for their training course, offered weekly at the Pontiac Army. They are anxious that prospective selectees and men wishing to enlist in the Michigan State Troops, succeed in the National guard, earlier as soon as possible.

HILLS ELECTION NOTES
Only two petitions have been filed thus far in the Bloomfield Hills election, one for George Coleman and one for J. B. Howarth. Coleman is a former state legislator, and J. B. Howarth is a former state legislator and incumbent commissioner, and for Walter O. (Spik) Briggs, Jr.

Information concerning civilian defense will also be given out through this office. At this time a booklet on civilian defense is being compiled for an Oakland County Civilian Defense manual which will be published at 3025 Michigan and William Murray, both of Pontiac, are in charge of the Birmingham office.

Interest Growing In Victory Gardens
Interest is running high in the Victory Garden program which the Birmingham garden club is sponsoring.

No trouble at all has been experienced in getting free use of vacant lots in many parts of the City. Next week, The Eccentric will print a coupon through which prospective gardeners without and of their own may apply for space. Those who have questions may phone Mrs. Emory E. Wilcox, chairman at 3025 Michigan. The City Commission has not yet decided whether to permit the request.

Sugar Rations Coming But Details are Dark
Sugar rationing is coming to Birmingham soon but so far, no one knows much about it.

Birmingham Youth Now in Australia
As far as is known, the first Birmingham youth to arrive in Australia was Richard D. Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Erwin, 1119 Southfield road. Tuesday, he was reported to be in Australia, stating that his son had arrived safely; the last they had heard from him was a card written seven weeks ago from Brooklyn, N. Y. He was inducted in the Selective Training and Service Act.

Police Radio Aerial To Top City Hall
The City Commission tentatively OK'd Monday night a seven-foot addition to the height of the brick tower on the Municipal Building. It will go the new 7-horsepower siren which will be more than twice as loud as the present machine. Also, the new police radio aerial, 26 feet high, will jut from the tower. Alterations are estimated to cost \$950.

TROY POSTMASTER
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator Prentiss M. Brown, of Michigan, has announced that he has received the recommendation of the Postmaster General that he be named acting postmaster at Troy, Mich.

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