

By Any Means Second Tri-City Blackout Set for this Sunday Night

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THIS and THAT

Potter and Clay

Here's a little soliloquy in rhyme that I did the other day, touching on the tremendous times in which we are living:

Leadership is like the potter,
Masses like the wheel,
Who spins the wheel, with
Deft hand shapes
The epoch of our day.

Herculean Task

One of the really great spectacles of our times is being presented every day in Washington, D. C. If you really want to get an idea of the maze of problems involved in transforming our Nation from peace to war activities, spend a few days in the national Capitol, arranged to visit many of the various offices as you can—talk to business men there for war orders, national government officials at noon and night. It is the most Herculean task this nation ever faced.

Citizens Give Up Freedom

Comes a national need for, say, the rationing of sugar, what happens then, in a Washington office, 600,000 people, who pride themselves on personal freedom, who are training themselves in regimented controls? Well, of course no one person can tell exactly what has happened here, but it is safe to assume that at least 99 percent of our people will obey the sugar rationing plan, not just because some remote public official says we should and must, but largely because they are trained to obey. Well, of course no one person can tell exactly what has happened here, but it is safe to assume that at least 99 percent of our people will obey the sugar rationing plan, not just because some remote public official says we should and must, but largely because they are trained to obey.

Life Is Like Music Vibrations

How do you ever feel deeply that your life, most of the time, is being lived in the past and the future—too little of it being lived intensely in the very present moment? I have and often pondered the elusiveness of the present. To me much of it is analogous to listening to strains of beautiful music; the very mechanics of harmonic vibrations, which is what music is, upon which rests a sustained condition of these vibrations—or may I put it this way: music is a system of vibration in motion, tuneful vibrations which quickly succeed one another, varying in the number of vibrations as the melody changes; the vibration is started and must quickly runs its tiny cycle of birth, life, and death, and the ear hears the beginning and the ending of each note longer than its in-between tone—and the multiples of the melody changes its notes. Have I made myself plain? Anyway, that's as close to an analogy of life that I can get at this time; in which suggests, to me at least, that in the laboratory of thinking, or even metaphysical approach to the problem, one's entire gamut of human experiences finally resolves themselves into THOUGHTS, a state of consciousness, made up of anticipations and memories.

WAR BRINGS INFLATION

There's one word that is being used more and more and already in this war the cost of living has increased by \$12 from the year 1934. TOO FEW GOODS! This year there's more money in circulation than ever before. Prices will inevitably be absorbed, prices will inevitably be absorbed, prices will inevitably be absorbed. ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES: taxes, buying of defense bonds, rationing of goods, regulation of personal credit, and price control.

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Religion and Life

Every human being has within him the following faculties: (a) a faculty to deal with facts observable through the five senses; (b) an artistic faculty, by which he seeks to bring order out of disorder and arrange things in such a fashion as to express his own personality; (c) a social faculty, by which he loves other human persons and is loved by them; (d) a mystical faculty, which he searches for unity with the meaning and the mystery that underlies all things; (e) a scientific faculty, by which he seeks to understand himself; (f) a religious faculty, by which he seeks to understand himself; (g) a social faculty, by which he seeks to understand himself; (h) a scientific faculty, by which he seeks to understand himself; (i) a religious faculty, by which he seeks to understand himself.

POSTPONED

Because of bad weather last Saturday, the annual City Scenic Drive was postponed until Saturday, June 6.

Street Lights to Be Dimmed In Blackout

Siren Will Sound For Three Minutes Starting at 9:57

Birmingham will be totally blacked-out in the second practice drill, scheduled for Sunday night at 9 o'clock.

Street lights will be dimmed at 9:57 p.m. Sirens will sound for three minutes, starting at 9:57 p.m. All cars will be required to stop at the curb and extinguish their lights and operators are cautioned against pressing brake pedals unknowingly, for that will illuminate the car and stop lights.

Merchants Busy Posting Their Lists Of Price Ceilings

Birmingham merchants were busy posting price ceilings today. The city is now on a rationing program, and merchants are required to post their price ceilings.

Deadline Nears In School Election

Closing date for the filing of petitions for the Board of Education is Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.

TAKE SCHOOL CENSUS

Taking of the annual school census is now under way. The census is taken by the State Department of Education.

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City's New 500,000-Gallon Water Tank Completed Just in Time; It's Paid For!

Birmingham's new 500,000-gallon water tank is completed, ready for use and what's more, it's paid for! The tank was built by the Birmingham Water Department.

Seek Volunteers For Poison Gas Job

A half-dozen able-bodied men are sought for volunteer service in the Chemical Warfare Service, First World War, in training the group. Persons willing to accept their names at the Civilian Defense Service Center, 131 Pierce street, Phone 4014.

Train Commuters Seek PSC Hearing

With gasoline rationing looming as a possibility in Michigan, interest is growing in rebates on better train transportation to Detroit.

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USO Drive Is Under Way; Goal \$10,700

The \$10,700 United Service Organization drive for Birmingham and Bloombfield Hills got under way this week, following a meeting held Monday evening at the Community House.

Pastor and Marine Send First-Hand Approval of Work

This meeting was addressed by six enlisted men of the Army among them, Rev. Robert Erickson, pastor of Birmingham, and all praised the USO and urged support for the drive.

Is the USO Needed? A Marine Writes

What do the Marines think of the USO? A Marine writes that the USO is needed and that it is doing an excellent job.

Will Lay Pipeline For Natural Gas

Natural gas is geyling closer to Birmingham. The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the pipeline project.

Justice Cracks Down On B'held Speeders

Justice H. Augustus O'Dell, of Bloombfield Hills cracked down this week on reckless drivers. Several drivers were fined for speeding.

New Bus Service To War Plants

War production workers at the Dodge Truck, Hudson Arsenal and Chrysler tank plants will be given regular bus service from North Woodward communities beginning Monday, May 25.

Insurance Payments \$485,000 in Year

Birmingham residents received \$485,000 in life insurance payments during the past year. The National Underwriters Association reported that Birmingham was one of the top cities in the country.

Fenton J. Watkins Quits Park Job

Fenton J. Watkins, clubhouse manager at Springdale Park, has resigned his position there to accept employment in a defense factory. Watkins was first employed at Springdale Park in 1935 and has served there each season since that time.

Next Draft June 8

The next quota of men scheduled for induction from Birmingham will be called for Monday morning, June 8. It was announced here this week by Local Board No. 7. The call is for 48 men, but because recent classifications by I-A do not approach that mark, it is doubtful whether there will be enough I-A men to meet the quota.

Commission OK's Salvage of Steel Rails

The City Commission readily agreed Monday night to a request of the War Production Board for removal of the old iron-carbon rails in Woodward avenue.

City Gets Setback In Dohoney Case

Birmingham had hardly allowed its bid to dry on its new budget when the Oakland Circuit Court handed a setback in the Dohoney case.

Notice for Firemen

Attention Auxiliary and Volunteer Firemen! Do not go to your emergency stations on the evening of Sunday, May 24, for there will not be a drill during the total blackout.

2nd Lt. Cameron Visits His Home

Second Lieut. A. I. Cameron, who was graduated from officers training school at Fort Benning, Ga., Tuesday, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cameron, 1215 Yorkshire, before going to Fort Meade, Md. He is in the Infantry.

Debate Over Budget Brings Opinion Split In City Commission

The City Commission did not agree unanimously on the new rate, even after a compromise was suggested by Commissioner E. M. Martz. Instead, an economy bill resulted in a 4 to 3 vote on one item and a 5 to 2 vote on the rate finally adopted.

Bond, Stamp Workers Get Good Response; Report Not Yet Ready

Delays made through many snafus in the campaign to sell War Stamps and Bonds makes it difficult to gauge the success of the drive. Although in nearly every case each of the 185 campaigns has reported good reception and response, inability to complete contacts will withhold final data on just how many hundreds of thousands of dollars Birmingham has contributed to the national salvage program.

Branch Rationing Office Uncertain

Whether Birmingham will get a branch of the County commodity rationing office is uncertain. A. J. Diebel, of Bloombfield Village, said he was not yet certain. Diebel said he would be in contact with the county officials.

Police Foil Theft Of House Lumber

Arrested while trying to steal lumber from a new house on Croft street, in south Birmingham, Carl C. Lapan, 1327 Croft street, Periard, 17, both of Square Creek, Pontiac, were placed on a year's probation and ordered to pay \$5 costs each when sentenced before Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court last week. They were found guilty of the theft on Monday.

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SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK others who believe in justice... (Continued from page 2)