It is axiomatic that human beings, circumstanced by travail and struggle, generally emerge better and stronger—for to come out on top of struggle requires the exercise of the best qualities of people. This war is bound to produce better post-war conditions; at least it gives people a vision of what they OUGHT to do.

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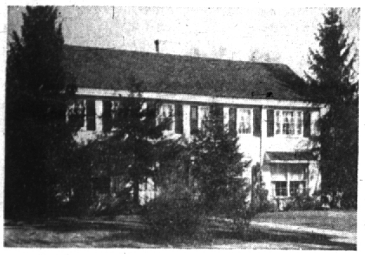
Red Cross Training Helps Lady Marine

"Thanks to my Red Cross training I'm able to do this job well," writes a former member of the Southern Oakland County Motor Corps who now is in training at the United States Naval Training school (Women's Reserve) at Hunter College in New York City.

The local Red Cross chapter office has received a letter this week from Private Edith L. (Mrs. Edward) Beppan of Royal Oak who enlisted in the marines along with Private Essiemae Lucas of Clawson. She wrote at length regarding their training in the Marines, and stressed the value of their experience while members of the Red Cross Motor Corps. While serving with the motor corps both women drove army trucks and met many other assignments. Miss Lucas worked seven nights a week as an inspector on a defense job in Ferndale, and drove for the Red Cross motor corps at least two days each week, often a third day.

What a Lovely Home



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Large Group Hear Christian Scientist In Lecture Sunday

Sunday afternoon, the auditorium of Baldwin School was well filled for a lecture given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham. Mrs. Mae F. Oosting, Second Reader, introduced the lecturer, Earl McCloud, C.S.B., of San Antonio, Texas, who spoke substantially as follows on the subject, "Christian Science, Its Restorative Mission:"

Never has the world been more in need of a restorative agency than today. Material sense is shrieking that destructions is stalking the earth and bringing it to a state of devastation from which it will never recover.

Discouragement and desperation sit at the counsel tables of the nations, crying to them: "Where is your God?"

Those who consider themselves wise in this world's wisdom seek to answer this query with some philosophy or ism, forgetting that deeply significant prophecy of Isaiah concerning the coming of Christ Jesus, of whom he said: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness: that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

In Luke's Gospel we are told that Jesus read aloud in the synagogue at Nazareth this prophecy, and acknowledged its application to himself and his work in these words: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Works of Restoration

Later, in Mark's account, as Jesus is about to be separated from his disciples, he tells them of the works of restoration he is interesting to them in these words: "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover . . . And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

And these were the tests our Master set for those primitive Christians, the works of restoration they must do to prove themselves in truth his faithful followers.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, the author of its textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and its forever Leader, states as her purpose in the "Historical Sketch" in the Manual of The Mother Church (p. 17): "To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing."

Amidst all the present-day confusion of thought and action, we are glorious peace and freedom are enjoyed by the Christian Scientist, who, with singleness of vision, clings to God, knowing that He, the only Cause and creator, is the Saviour of the world from its own false conclusions and fears!

Right Sense of Deity

How grateful all should be for the teachings of Christian Science, which have restored to the world a right sense of Deity! Not only a God afar off, but a God at hand—"Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet." A God who is everywhere present, everywhere all-powerful, everywhere all-knowing. A God who knows no evil, who sanctions it not; who says to the man of His creating: "You are free, whole, perfect, strong, intelligent, healthy, prosperous, progressive, and forever at peace with thy brethren."

This God—the only God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Moses, Elijah, and Elisha; the God of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Malachi; the God

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Bits of Birmingham

It's been a long time since some of the women in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills are doing what they are doing today.

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Lacking servants, they are cooking, washing and cleaning house. Some were caught without washing machines, and the laundries can't give the service they used to. Nor will the most of the laundries accept new customers.

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They are packing lunches, too. You'd be surprised how many professional men and executives going into Detroit carry their own lunches, for it's hard to get a restaurant meal without waiting.

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This Wanderer dined at a friend's house the other evening and remarked: "That's good coffee. Nice and strong".

"That's interesting," replied Mine Host. "It's one-third Postum Cereal". (Free adv.)

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That misanthrope with the mean voice phoned us again. "If people would rake their gardens as hard as they rake their neighbors, there would be some wonderful gardens about town!"

We wonder if that guy is the same one who wrote us a post card: "This is a short note to tell you not to get your hopes too (he spelled it "to") high about your 1876 dime on which the prices vary on the different mints. Philadelphia, 12 cents to 15 cents; Carson City, 15 cents to 30 cents and San Francisco, 12 cents to 23 cents. Signed, the Brewmaster. Sees all, hears all, knows nothing."

. . . . We can't make out the mint mark, although the dime is in good condition.

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Delbert C. James, another nuismatist, very kindly penned us a note saying that the 1876 Liberty dime had no extra value, "but if you happen to get an 1894 with an "O" mint on it, it's worth $1,000."

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Speaking of mints, George Mints, of 1368 Cedar drive, reported Saturday that some one stole 150 feet of welding cable from his car.

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A 16-year-old Daines street boy was picked up by police for breaking glass on Washington boulevard.

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John A. Burton, of 259 Merrill, whose boxer dog, "Tyson" was the first from Birmingham to be accepted into the Army, has received a certificate from the Quartermaster's office.

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Here's an interesting human interest story: A young wife, whose husband went in the Army a few weeks ago, had a phone call Saturday night from her husband at Fort Sill, Okla., and they talked for about 20 minutes. (She's going to have a baby in June.) Next day, she went into Mil-Po restaurant to tell a friend all about the exciting event, and she mentioned the fact that "the phone call cost me a week's wages." An elderly gentleman seated nearby heard the conversation, came to her and said: "Here's $10 for the phone call. My son is in the service and can't telephone me." The young wife is very grateful and hopes the donor reads that fact in The Eccentric.

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We wonder who will be the first person hereabouts to hire a Japanese from a western camp? They are loyal Americans and investigated by the FBI, and various Government and church agencies hope to see them put to work in a useful way. Some will be brought to farms upstate.

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Lenar Richardson, who told officers he lived at 144 West Maple, is being held on a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile. He was shot in the chest by State Police after a wild chase, but not critically. Two companions are also being held.

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There was drammar on Woodward avenue Tuesday afternoon, near Maple. A tire went flat, and the owner chose to change it right in the middle of the street. Twice the car slipped off the jack, and the man, cussing to himself, threw the jack into the car, then the tire and wheel, and disgustedly drove away on the rim.

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Divorce cases filed include the following: Mrs. Harriet Petrak against Donald O. Petrak; Mrs. Gertrude R. Brinker against Raymond F. Brinker; Mrs. Irene Kline against Warren Kline. All are from Birmingham and hereabouts.

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Sometimes divorce cases when filed may be suppressed, but once a decree is granted, no judge has the power to suppress that fact.

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Reports come through that discipline is much improved at the high school. The students, some of them, anyway, don't like it but that is a natural reaction.

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Mrs. George T. Hendrie is resigning from the Recreation Board.

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Howard Bell, 618 Landon, reported that some one left a car in front of his home. Police discovered that it had been stolen from Detroit.

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Sparks from the chimney set fire to the R. S. Koumarnitsky home, 7 Lone Pine Court, Sunday evening. The hole in the roof will cost several hundred dollars to repair.

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A contract for 10,000 gallons of gasoline has been given by the City to the Gulf Refining Corp., low bidder. Price quoted for the single lot to be delivered to City tanks was 7.9236 cents a gallon. The City pays no taxes, and gets deductions for quantity purchases.)

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The City Commission Monday night authorized the Mayor to go ahead with the project for supplying a picture of the late Ensign Robert W. Uhlmann to the new destroyer which is to be named for him. The High School Student Congress has asked to take part, for Ensign Uhlmann, killed at Pearl Harbor, was a Baldwin graduate. No date has been revealed as to the completion date of the vessel.

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It is now pretty definite as to the cost of the pay raises granted City employees Feb. 1. Monday night the Commission voted $2,532.26 from the contingent fund.

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Josephine Bristol Beck, formerly a teacher at Barnum school, has an article entitled, "An Easter Unit," in the current issue of "The Instructor" magazine. Pictures of Birmingham children illustrate the article. Mrs. Beck has been a contributor for some time to many national teachers' and children's magazines.

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Do you have a station wagon which you can make available in case of emergency? Mrs. E. H. Vehmeyer, 361 Shirley drive, phone 147, announces that the Citizens Defense Corps is looking for these vehicles, for two of them are to be stationed at each of the auxiliary police stations about the City whenever there is an alert.

Once a month, practices are held, and members of the Red Cross Motor Corps would drive the station wagons for short distances about town. In case of a real emergency, of course, they would see more service. Phone Mrs. Vehmeyer.

Blood Donor Head Explains Use of Red Cross Files

The following statement concerning use of plasma collected by the Red Cross has been issued by Harry D. Hoey, chairman in charge of the Oakland County chapter blood bank.

"The Red Cross blood donor service, like all of the other projects of the Red Cross, is anxious to help where it can. Its prime purpose in this national collection of blood, however, is the procurement of plasma for our fighting men and for civilian emergency disaster at home.

"From time to time we are called by anxious relatives to secure for them donors for blood transfusions needed by members of their families. In all cases of this kind we have tried individually to get help to the individual in need of blood. However we feel that we are not entitled to use the Red Cross file of donors for this purpose. We have always advised persons making such a request that they seek donors from among the friends and relatives of the patient.

"In the first year of our collection of blood for the armed forces, each donor was sent as recognition of his contribution a card giving his blood type. There are thousands of such cards in as many hands in this county at the present time. In all cases where the whole blood is used, it must be of the same type as that of the patient. Those seeking blood transfusions for friends or relatives are urged to seek donors of the same type from among their friends."

Southfield Consumer Group Forming

A consumer program is being organized in Southfield Township under the local Defense Council, with Mrs. Bruce Buchanan at its head. The purpose of the program is to show people how to adjust their lives to war time living, so that they will waste nothing, will take care of what they have, and buy only things they actually need, and conserve time, service, and utilities. Anyone who is interested in teaching or attending classes in home repairing, maintenance of domestic equipment, clothes or furniture is urged to contact Mrs. Bruce Buchanan, 21310 Handon Parkway, Redford Station, Detroit, or phone Southfield 3663.

ARRESTED

Clifford Cronin, of 50 East Longwood, Detroit, was arrested at 4:40 a.m. Sunday and charged with being disorderly. Police said he and a companion, who was not arrested, had been drinking in an automobile. Cronin paid a fine in Justice Forbes S. Hascall's court.

More than four million candidates for war jobs have enrolled in vocational courses specializing in training industrial skills for war production.

Three Big Crowds Fill Auditorium For Bond Review

An estimated 3,000 people last week saw the Birmingham Bond-Wagon staged at the high school auditorium as the climax to the club's bond-selling drive which netted $242,000 worth of securities for Uncle Sam.

More than 1,000 people crowded in the auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights, while on Thursday evening, some 700 students took in the glorified dress rehearsal of the revue.

An Achievement

It was a great achievement for the Lions and the large group of Birmingham residents who cooperated in putting on the show, and as scene after scene unfolded, it was apparent that a tremendous amount of work had gone into the performance—aside from the huge task which the 36 Lions Club members took on in their buy-a-bomber campaign.

There is so much on the credit side and so little on the debit side that the adverse comments can be stated, briefly, here and now. The producers gave the crowd too much for its money; there were too many acts and the wooden seats and bleachers got a little hard at the end of 3½ hours.

The music between the acts on Friday night was a little on the sentimental side; some rousing tempos would have been advisable as a leavener.

Now to the other side of the ledger:

Original Music

One remarkable thing about the whole show was the fact that almost every bit of the words and music was written right here in Birmingham, with the credit going to Ward Tollzien (music) and to Frank McGinnis for the words. James Bullock, who was prominent in the direction, wrote the words for "Better Pay Your Taxes With a Smile;" while Jean St. Clair wrote in its entirety a very clever song, "Save It For a Rainy Day"

Several of the tunes were very catchy and the lyrics equally intriguing and it would not be surprising if some publisher might be interested.

Because of space limitations, it is not possible to mention all 26 acts in this review, and the writer hopes he will be forgiven.

Taking part in the opening number was the quartette which appeared in several subsequent spots. It was composed of W. Carleton Scott, Waldo Fellows, Linton Hart and William Torrence, and they knew their barbershop warbling.

Style Skit

First scene on the esthetic side was "A Lady of Fashion" in which six comely maidens modeled some of the latest New York creations, and the surprise ending featured a girl in overalls whose welding torch sputtered as the lights were out. E. A. Schirmer and Robert N. Woodruff staged a humorous railroad skit, and this was followed by one of the best numbers in the show: James Bullock in blackface supported by the school choir also in burnt cork doing "Old Gray Ghost." Another clever act starred Winnie Coffin as Eleanor Roosevelt in "My Daze". Eleanor appeared in the most unexpected places. In the climax, she ran in Clare Luce, and threatened to have FDR take care Clare by the Lend-Lease Lend Luce method. In the final scene of the first half of the show, a group of girls dressed in costume sang a violets song and then skipped down into the audience to sell war stamp corsages.

Others in Acts

Others who participated as principals in the first portion were Russell McBride and Rolland Reese, William Martin and Ruth Middleton, Joan Baker, Clara Rose Kean, Mary McGinnis, Kay Broock, June Bell, Ruth Guest, Ruth Hart, Nancy Neumann, Blaine Eynon, Lois Chapman, Gordon Saunders, Jack Hart, Victor Ulrich, William Sloat, Wilson Jenkin and Ross Scrimgeour.

Between halves, Frank N. Isbey state chairman of the War Savings Committee, praised the Lions Club drive and urged further participation in bond buying, pointing out that Michigan leads the nation.

Then came these acts: "Oh, Lady Have a Heart," starring Polly Stevens and the quartette; Jean St. Clair's striking song, "Save It For a Rainy Day;" Lois Johnson Chapman in a sentimental ballad, "Victory Mail"; a clever comedy bit, "George Washington's Clock," with Ruth Hart, Jack Hart, Stan Saunders, George Fox, Nancy Day, and Raymond Hall.

Next was a humorous skit, "How the Audience Looks to Us," followed by the tuneful blackface number, "Dydee," and then a fast dance number starring Mary Jane Smith, Carol Smith, Nancy Neumann, Nadine Hecker and James Schermerhorn. The four girls certainly can tap! George Fox was a hit in his burlesque of Hitler, supported by Bud Sumner and Margaret Tollzien; the quartette reappeared, clad in four Uncle Sam costumes. While the choir sang Deep River, Bullock gave a patriotic recitative, which ended with the flag waving in technicolor on a backdrop. Mayor John E. Martz gave a brief comment at the end.

Costuming and scenery was lavish for a home town show. Ward Tollzien accompanied most of the numbers at the piano, with an organ duet (if that's the proper term!) supplied by Lee Bertling. Ned Shattuck played the organ prelude.

—John H. Harwood.

While waiting for point rationing to go into effect, an Enid, Okla. grocer found that a placard, "Use Your Common Sense," posted in his canned goods departmetment, served to restrain would-be food hoarders.

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