

# Editorial Page of the Birmingham Eclectic

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## Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

### PROBLEM OF THE JAPANESE

Among the Japanese interned in this country are many who are native-born Americans who love this land as dearly as anything for Nippon. Yet, to find a place for these people is a difficult problem, for a great many Americans assume the attitude that the only good Jap is a dead Jap, regardless of his nationality or loyalty.

Yar some of these people possess great capabilities, as outlined in the following letter from a well-known school executive and Boy Scout leader.

"I have become interested in a young man who is a natural born American citizen of Japanese ancestry. I learned about him through a friend in Seattle, Washington, in whom I have the utmost confidence.

He is now in Idaho. His name is Robert H. He and his wife are now residents of the High School of Seattle. The high school principal writes me that he was a boy of fine character, was very cooperative, and was very helpful around the school because of his leadership in many activities. He recommends him to me highly.

After graduation from high school, he entered Whitman College where he graduated with the honor of cum laude. While at Whitman he was elected a member of the Order of William, an honor conferred upon six members of the junior class for scholarship, public service, character and personality. He is elected Phi Beta Kappa and placed at the head of the college publicity bureau.

Letters of recommendation from influential people who know Mr. H.—convince me that he is a young man of consideration. They all testify that his record shows him trustworthy and loyal to the United States of America.

He desires to return to normal living and to become a citizen of his country and himself. He has been employed as a retail store clerk and has done some newspaper work. He has also been a boy's camp counselor and a recreation supervisor. Although he passes newspaper work, he is willing to do anything to help his country.

Do you know of any business or industry which he might be able to place in this young man? If you do, will you please write me once and I will work out the necessary contacts and details.

**ALL MACHINE-GUNNERS**  
The War Department has revealed that during January, American industry turned out 80,000 Garand rifles, 27,000 heavy machine guns, 15,000 submachine guns, which lead us to the speculation that the day may come when every foot soldier will carry a sub-machine gun, or a "tommy" with even more fire power than a Garand rapid-fire rifle.

**JAP SELF RELIANCE**  
Stories come from the Pacific relating that the Japs are good soldiers as long as they have time to live.

**SALVAGE MEMO**  
TIN CANS—Rinses after using, remove labels, pop bottom end and flatten with foot. Place in cub for two months. Keep dry, keep separate from rubbish.

**WASTE FATS**—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

**SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER**—Leave in neat piles near Post Office or put in cart on your last City collection day of the month. Keep dry, keep separate from rubbish.

**NEWSPAPERS, M.A.C. AZINES**—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

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## Some Thoughts For Planners

Following 20 years of the Napoleonic Wars, England found herself a century ago in a situation comparable to that which may face America at the end of the present war.

She had been fighting Napoleon in Europe, Asia and Africa, besides financing the war efforts of her European allies.

Her annual debt, in proportion to her population and income, was equivalent to the staggering load which we are piling on our own shoulders.

Her currency was depreciated and her budget badly unbalanced.

Unemployment was widespread and she had a larger proportion of her people on relief than ever before.

How did she recover from what appeared to be so hopeless a situation—recover to the point where she attained the greatest era of prosperity and progress in her history, at the same time retaining her liberties?

In the forefront of the constructive forces was a chamber of commerce in the industrial city of Manchester. Members and officers of that chamber, liberal, clear-thinking and courageous, foresaw the dangers which, exposed the folly of bootstrap policies of government—lavish spending, restriction of trade and production, and economic rigidity.

They aroused the English people to the opportunities which free and competitive enterprise can create for all. They showed the menace and reactionary aspects of unbalanced budgets, depreciated currency, and expanding bureaucracy. They reversed the collectivist tendencies and set England on the course of economic freedom necessary for all economic progress.

It is something for our own planners to think about.

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**Invented Telegraph To Point**  
Morse, inventor of the electro-magnetic telegraph, calls attention to the fact that he was a painter of some merit and that in his spare time he painted portraits and a successful painter, charging anywhere from \$50 to \$600 for a portrait.

The author of the biography of the Massachusetts inventor says that "Morse spent twenty years perfecting his invention and when he was finally successful he said, 'I have triumphed' and emphasizes that his first purpose in telegraphy—perhaps, his essential purpose—was to win an income that would permit him to devote his life to his work."

It is interesting because, very often, individuals devote their lives in an uninteresting enterprise in order to gain a competency in order to enjoy some other work.

## Sign Aviation Cadets At Age of 17

A new program for Army Aviation Cadets is being instituted which will permit them to sign at the age of 17.

The plan, which is two-fold, is as follows. General Aarand said: "You may apply as Army Aviation Cadets. If accepted in the physical and mental examinations, they are notified by the Army Aviation Cadet Selection Board. The man so qualified takes this notice to his local Selective Service Office. He then appears there in person. He is then processed as are all other selectees. However, the procedure varies sharply. Instead of being sent to an Army Reception Center, the man reverts to an inactive status and is called, is ordered direct to an Army Air Force Reception Center.

**MCCARTHY IN CALIFORNIA**  
Frank C. McCarthy, formerly of 375 Henrietta, was inducted Jan. 23 from the University of Michigan, and went into active service as a member of the California National Guard. He was inducted at Fort Sheridan, Feb. 15 and now is in Camp Roberts, Calif. His parents, Capt. F. C. McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy, are now in New Orleans.

**SIGNS FOR FLYING**  
Ralph W. Appell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Appell, 327 West Lincoln, Birmingham, enlisted at Detroit this week in the Navy's new flight training program. The 18-year-old high school seniors and graduates will not be called to active duty, however, until they are 19.

## School Aid And Efficiency

The financial burden of school support in Michigan has steadily shifted to the state government in recent years. State supervision commensurate with the support given would be highly undesirable.

The system of equalized educational opportunities which Michigan has embraced would seem to require, however, a greater degree of state guidance than is exercised at present to make certain that more equal educational advantages are offered in all parts of the state. Fundamental to the adequate safeguarding of local expenditure of state funds would be a more uniform system of accounting and auditing. Without these devices it is impossible to make certain that any minimum program set forth is adhered to and that local expenditures are such as state money is expended as appropriated.

Unfortunately, provision for state aid on an equalization basis has a tendency to perpetuate unproductive school district organization because of inadequate local resources available to the state contribution.

Reorganization, which comes too slowly when left to local initiative, might be encouraged if there was a state program for reorganization and the establishment of a central distribution of state aid. It has long been apparent that the small, sparsely settled school districts have ceased to be an effective administrative unit and render difficult and costly the execution of any state program but local inertia and special interest has maintained the status quo. It is, of course, recognized that the small school district form of organization must remain in some sparsely populated communities where transportation and other factors make larger districts unsatisfactory. Michigan Public Expense Survey.

HOUSEWIVES WHO TOILED over a hot stove last summer can now feel rewarded. With several score glass jars full of fudge in the basement, they need give little thought to rationing.

## Consumer News Let's All Help

### CAN GRAPEFRUIT

One of the contributions every one can make to the war effort is conservation. We should conserve food, clothing, transportation and health. Because point rationing has reduced our buying of processed foods, housewives will have to plan so as to provide an adequate diet to maintain the family health.

Mrs. Milton Mallerer, who is in charge of the Birmingham Office of Civilian Defense, says, "Citrus fruits and tomatoes are two of the best sources of Vitamin C in the family diet. Vitamin C is needed in the formation of red blood cells, good bones and teeth and strong, healthy blood. Every day's food quota should contain ounces of citrus juice or double that quantity of tomato juice. Raw vegetables and salads are other excellent sources of Vitamin C. Fresh vegetables should be cooked quickly in a small amount of water to conserve their supply of this vitamin."

In order to preserve citrus fruits for "spending" as evenly as possible, citrus fruits, when their supply is curtailed, many women are now canning grapefruit. Local growers of this fruit at the present time is ample for this purpose. It is not necessary to use sugar. A sugar does not help in the preservation and it may discolor the fruit. The water bath or the pressure cooker method of preserving is recommended. The grapefruit should be peeled and the bitter pulp removed carefully. The pulp between each section and in the center of the fruit should be removed. The water bath or the pressure cooker method of preserving is recommended. The water bath or the pressure cooker method of preserving is recommended.

### HOW TO "SPEND" POINTS

Here's a way to spend your points so evenly as possible over the full month of March so you won't run short toward the end of the month. Spend your points into four shopping periods—March 1 through 8 (eight days); March 9 through 16 (eight days); March 17 through 24 (eight days); March 24 through 31 (eight days).

Use of steel-rings for container users to increase their production of steel. The U. S. War Relocation Authority has approved the use of steel-rings for container users to increase their production of steel. The U. S. War Relocation Authority has approved the use of steel-rings for container users to increase their production of steel.

## SPEND LESS. SAVE MORE. WHY?

**WE NOW MAKE FEWER THINGS WE CAN BUY.** **WE'RE MAKING THE MOST QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS.** **THIS GIVING US MORE VEGGIES.**

**BUT**

**IF WE SPEND THESE WAGES** **FOR THE FEWER THINGS WE CAN BUY** **WE RAISE THE COST OF LIVING**

**SO WE MUST**

**TURN OUR WAGES INTO SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS** **FOR OUR OWN AND AMERICA'S SECURITY**

## Happenings of Long Ago

**50 YEARS AGO**  
March 8, 1893  
Why, oh why don't some capitalists build some houses to rent in Birmingham?

**25 YEARS AGO**  
March 15, 1918  
"Forty-thousand American soldiers had been killed in France at the end of March 15, while 242 had been killed in England. The price was a necktie clip."

## Men Classified On March 8

**Classified March 8, 1943**  
Kasper G. Wild, 2-C; Pringle G. Smith, 2-B; Robert G. Thompson, 2-B; George R. Peabody, 2-C; Robert Robertson, 2-C; Peter Silva, 2-B; Richard S. Shirk, 1-A; Paul N. Starnes, 2-B; George A. Beauchamp, 2-A; Ray J. Swank, 1-A; Robert L. Stuebs, 2-A; John C. McArthur, 2-B; William A. Wimmer, Jr., 2-B; Grant W. Howell, Jr.; Sam T. Burns, Jr.; Kermit R. Skelton, 2-B.

## Dorr F. Lovett Becomes Officer

**CAMP LEE**—Dorr F. Lovett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lovett, has been graduated from the Quartermaster School here and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

## PROMOTED IN ALASKA

**ROY T. LEWIS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lewis, Cedar drive, has been promoted to corporal in his unit in Alaska. He is with the Army engineers.

## BACK TO WORK

**LEO CURT DUTTON**, Seaman First Class, left Wednesday for New York where he is stationed. Mr. Dutton had spent his winter vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Dutton, of Ruffner avenue.

## STARTS TRAINING

**JOHN THOMAS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thomas, of Filigree street, started last week at the flight training in the Army Air Force.

**IN FLORIDA**  
**DOUGLAS EYEN**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Eyen, of Hamlet road, who left for Ft. Chiswell two weeks ago, is now stationed in St. Petersburg. He is with the Army Air Force. He was formerly a student at Oberlin College.

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**JOHN J. WALLBRIDGE, JR.**, of 966 Glenhurst, who has been a student at Purdue University and a member of Phi Gamma Delta, has left for the Army Air Force flight training at San Antonio, Tex.

**BRIEF LEAVE**  
**PRY JAMES W. RAY**, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ray, of Birmingham, spent Saturday in Birmingham, having been called here to attend the funeral in Grand Rapids for his grandfather, E. F. Barber. He left Sunday for his Air Force base at Ft. C. No. 6, St. Barbara, Fla.

## What's What About Our Men In Service

### SEVEN IN THE SERVICE

**E. F. BAUMANN family**, formerly of 1312 1/2th St., Birmingham, has set their children in the service. Five sons are in the armed forces, two in the Navy and one in the Marine Corps.

### RADIO STUDENT

**GEORGE GROSSBETT**, Eccentric pressman, has gone to the wars and is now learning a new trade—that of radio operator for the U. S. Marine Service. He writes from Gallipoli Island, Boston, Mass.

### TAKE 'BOOT TRAINING'

**Cliff Carey**, a student at Michigan College of Mining' here, has accepted his acceptance as an Aviation Cadet.

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