

Birmingham Cross the Lines to the Love's Liberty Chairman Reports

Reminder for Hin-cans: Collection of tin cans will start March 25.

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THIS and THAT

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Human, Even in War

Here are several humorous stories on the war, which I picked up on my recent visit to several U.S. Army Camps. They prove that mankind, even in the grim struggle of a bloody war, can smile and retain a certain sense of humor.

Norwegian patriots in a Troidheim movie plane were astonished to see a propaganda film showing the German forces giving food to the Norwegian civil population. For a few minutes they were too smart to speak. Then one of them stood up and cried, "Stop! You're running the film backwards."

One day a German officer said to a close-mouthed layed Duchman, "Who is behind the resistance given by your people?" "Only one man," was the reply, "and he is dead."

"What was his name?" pursued the officer.

"William the Silent," replied the Duchman.

In parts of France the Germans have imposed a fine of ten francs for the use of the French language. An Alsatian girl one day entered a shop and said, "Good morning, everybody," in French. A Gestapo man reminded her that the use of French was prohibited. The girl gave him 10 francs. The man looked at it and said, "Now I can say 'Goodbye, everybody' in French as well."

Expect Action Soon on Panel for Rationing

Allen Promises Announcement On New Set-up

Further details on the local panel which will be set up to handle Birmingham district rationing matters were revealed Wednesday by Draper Allen, who last week was appointed director of a new three-county CPA field office with headquarters in Pontiac.

"I have been discussing Birmingham rationing," Allen said. "But it will be a week or two before we will have a definite announcement to make regarding its set-up."

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Local Pilot with 350 Hours of Combat Breaks Arm in Less-Dangerous Job

Like the war heroes who escape harm on the battlefield but are hit by a faxiac at home is the case of Lt. Louis Gillette, of Wing Lake, who is now back in the United States after many perilous months flying against the enemy in the eastern Mediterranean sector.

Lt. Gillette has a broken arm. He did not get it during the 350 exciting hours of combat flying, piloting a big four-engine Liberator bomber on many missions, but instead he was hurt when testing a Curtiss P-40 fighter plane at a base on the Red Sea, in a 4 1/2-day flight from Cairo, Egypt.

His father, John W. Gillette, Jr., related Tuesday that his son narrowly escaped being shot down when the P-40 went haywire and was brought down in a crash-landing. The doctors are working on the broken arm, for it did not set properly. His mother has gone to Florida, and his father hopes to welcome him home soon.

Takes Brother's Place

When the young son of a confederated flier first 100 hours of combat flying, Lt. Gillette now has the Sillars, who, like his brother, distinguished flying crew.

He enlisted in the Air Force in July of 1941, worked hard to master the necessary mathematics and other courses (two years of college were required then) and qualified for pilot training.

He was employed by the Birmingham-Police department, said today.

Detroit Bluejacket Orchestra to Play Next Monday at Public Concert

Members of the Detroit Army band and orchestra will be featured at a public concert at 8:15 p. m. Monday, March 22, in the Birmingham Community House, 321 S. B'ham.

The concert is sponsored by the Birmingham Auxiliary Police, Walter Braun, chairman, in conjunction with the city's current bond campaign. The meeting will be a tribute to the many civilian defense groups in Birmingham.

4 Candidates File for City Commission

John D. Maynard Is Last to Enter Name in Contest

When the deadline was reached Saturday afternoon for the April 5 election, four candidates had filed nominating petitions for two city commission jobs, providing a contest.

The newest to file was John D. Maynard, 6244 East Forest, vice-president of the Knorr-Maynard Co., a Detroit firm.

The commission aspirants are now:

Ralph L. Coryell, incumbent, business man.

Harry E. Bissett, incumbent, business man.

Miller A. Mallender, lawyer.

John D. Maynard, business man.

State Garden Head Gives Talk Here

"Home economics experts at our college have figured that present conditions are a serious basis of a month's allotment, provide enough food for five to eight days. This certainly suggests that the best way for a family to ensure its coming food supply is to plan an average of one-and-a-half of the 1943 food program."

The substance of a talk made before Birmingham Rotarians Monday night by Paul R. Ketchum, director of Michigan State College Victory Garden program. He was introduced by Rotarian Ralph E. Crone.

Youth Delinquency Shows An Upturn

Juvenile delinquency, which is on the increase throughout the country, has not skipped Birmingham.

Two 15-year-old boys, one of whom formerly lived here but is a resident of Cadillac, were arrested last Friday for taking \$50 from the cash register of the General Auto Service, 1208 Chestnut. An eight- and a nine-year-old boy also were arrested.

Red Cross Fund Bugged at \$2,700; Leaders Ask Action

Birmingham was able to report only \$2,700 collected for the Red Cross, it was revealed Wednesday by F. Raymond Wolfenden, local treasurer. The quota is \$23,400.

"We've got to push hard if we are to meet our quota," Charles Kinson, chairman, declared, urging workers to complete their calls.

Dutch Attaché Addresses Lions

W. K. VonWeller, attaché of the Netherlands Consulate in Detroit, spoke to a luncheon of the Lions Club Wednesday afternoon at the Hotel Excelsior.

Mr. VonWeller, who was introduced by Ben E. Hoffman, said that the only information received from the Netherlands was that of the evacuation of his daughter from the Netherlands.

Says 'Pooch' Should Get Most of Credit For Saving Dog in Pit

"Pooch," dog named by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Blum, of Cobleskill, Pa., really should get most of the credit for finding "Skippy" the famous pit bull terrier, who recovered this week after spending 22 days at the bottom of a 35-foot well.

61 Men Subject To Induction at Detroit Saturday

Saturday will be induction day for 61 men subject to call by the Birmingham Selective Service Board.

Most of the selectees are married men without children, plus some 18- and 19-year-olds. They will go to the Detroit induction station for final physical examination and, if they pass, will be given approximately one week's furlough before going to Army, Navy or Marine bases.

With Husband and Two Sons in Service She Would Go, Too

With one son already serving in the Navy, and her husband and two other sons joining up too, Mrs. J. E. Reavis is wishing she could join the W.A.S.P.

Mrs. Reavis, who has a second hate in the Merchant Marine, said she is planning to go to the States and join the W.A.S.P.

A. Stanley Rosso Gets Commission

A. Stanley Rosso was graduated Wednesday from officer candidate school at Gravelly, Va., and given a commission of second lieutenant in Army Administration.

He is expected soon at the home of his brother, John Harvey Rosso, 64 Pierce street. Lt. Rosso, for many years an employee of the national bank, went early in the selective service, but was released in October of 1941. After Pearl Harbor, he was called back to service in February of 1942.

Working-Mother Needs to be Surveyed

Birmingham's Day-Care-of-Children committee met Monday and decided that it is essential to be made to determine whether there is need of day care for working mothers.

Mrs. William Laurence Shaffer is chairman, and those who met with her were Russell H. Fisher, Civilian Defense chief, Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mrs. E. H. Brilesford, Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, and Mrs. J. N. Pyle. Further plans will be announced.

Catchy Tunes, and Many Laughs In Bond Wagon Variety Show

A reporter who poked his nose into the Community House Tuesday night to see what was going on at a real show in the making for the Birmingham Bond Wagon, scheduled for the high school stage April 9 and 10.

Woman Is Burned Entering House

Mrs. Jacob Cantos, who lives on Brandt road, off Crooks road, near 16-Mile, was burned about the face Wednesday night when she tried to enter her burning house. The house was raised inside and the loss estimated at \$10,000.

Baby Swallows Pin; Taken to Ann Arbor

Michael Andrews, six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews, of Birmingham, Birmingham, was taken to University Hospital at Ann Arbor last Wednesday and operated on for removal of a pin which he had swallowed. Mrs. Andrews said yesterday that the baby will be fully recovered.

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