There never was a human gift worth very much that did not require effort on the part of the beneficiary. We value that which we struggle for. The best bed ever made does not provide for the non-worker slumberer the same rest that a worker's tired body can receive from a springless bunk.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Here Is A Leader Who Is Aware of Current Problems!

The impact of one man upon a segment of society, resulting in a changed attitude of those whose leader he is, is illustrated in the case of Eric A. Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce. This man, 46 years old, hails from Spokane, Washington, and now serves his second year as leader of an American industrial group very important to the future preservation of "The American Way of Life."

Recently I was among a group of newspapermen where Mr. Johnston, in a partial "off-the-record" speech, made some interesting observations on current domestic and world situations. A successful electric manufacturer himself, Mr. Johnston is, nevertheless, an ardent advocate of a liberalism somewhat contrary to the conviction of most of his predecessors in office.

He believes in plenty of freedom—not only for the individual business entrepreneur, but for the worker who produces the goods of this earth. You may recall that one of Mr. Johnston's first presidential acts was to call on F. D. R., later the heads of the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. unions. Instead of burying his head, ostrich-like, and remaining away from the liberal thought of the land, Mr. Johnston did the forthright act of meeting the "enemy"—a thing unheard of in the United States Chamber of Commerce history.

A Good Speaker

This Johnston gentleman looks younger than he is; actually, he is a handsome person; he speaks perfect English, never wavering for the right word and the correct emphasis to put over his thoughts.

This global war is pretty well understood by him. He sees it not as a mere repetition of one or more nations engaged in the chase for power, but rather as an epoch-making struggle, in the making for centuries, between the "haves" and the "have-nots", between the feudal lords and the serfs of today, with the great middle-classes between the two millstones.

Abhorring, as he does, waste in anything, Mr. Johnston doesn't get all excited about the expenditures of today by our nation; that is not to say that he thinks efficiency and frugality are being applied, either. He is intelligent enough to know that all war is waste, and this one especially is.

Mr. Johnston believes that a certain amount of government control is necessary in these days; but he implies that such controls come about largely because free individuals and groups have failed to control themselves—and, consequently, he sees no cessation of government controls except as the people themselves flee from a sort of anarchy of their own action.

Big Production Ahead

That the United States can liquidate, finally, its huge debt, be it 200 or 300 billions of dollars, he also believes. However, only if its industrial leadership enters an era of productivity unparalleled in the nation's history. "I believe that we can achieve such great production heights after this war as to make the past seem like child's play," he declared.

Then, in the open form period of his talk, I asked him if he thought the contemporary industrial and financial leaders of this country were more aware of the economic equities involved, as between capital and labor, and thus were willing to work together to create this productivity, Mr. Johnston smiled: "Well, maybe the best answer to that $128.00 question is the fact that the United States Chamber of Commerce re-elected me to office, in spite of my own liberal views. In other words, I can say that I believe today's economic leaders have learned much in the past ten years, and intend to correct most of their mistakes to the end that capital and labor will work co-operatively together. Labor, of course, must do its part in this accomplishment."

England Toward Socialism

You Folks may recall that Mr. Johnston recently made a trip to England, talked with her various leaders, and came away with some definite convictions about the future of the British Empire. I don't think I am violating Mr. Johnston's confidence by telling you that he believes England will drift more and more toward a venture in socialism; that the Allies will not repay, in money or in kind, their lend-lease debts to the U. S. A.

For example, have you heard that our certain Far Eastern British island possessions John Bull may be charging as much as $250 for allowing us to cut down a big tree, so that our military forces may construct an airport from which to battle the Japs? Have you heard that similar charges are being made, perhaps lower, for requiring bases in England for the same purpose against the Nazis? And that other comparable items may find themselves

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STARTING JULY 12th, 1943, this store will close each week day except Saturday from 1 p. m. until 2 p. m., until further notice.
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Cigaret and Card Funds Rising; Give Now!

Both the playing card fund of Oakland County Voiture No. 811 of the Forty and Eight and the Charles Edwards' Legion Post cigaret fund are booming along in high gear.

Russell Fisher, finance officer of Voiture 811, reports that he sent through another check this week for $625, which means 6250 packs of cards for men in the fighting forces.

Donations may be made by check to him at 256 Abbey Road or left in the container in the Leonard Electrical Co., store at 162 West Maple.

A number of retail merchants have the cigaret fund containers and recent contributions were made by Norman James, Conrad Schultz, Robert Flues and Ednma M. Lee.

Heroism of Robert Uhlmann Related In Radio Program

G. M.'s Victory Radio Program will broadcast a series of true stories, happenings of the present conflict, beginning the week of Nov. 1.

In the first program the christening and launching of a warship, the USS Uhlmann, named for a local man, Ensign Robert Uhlmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Uhlmann, of Monon Court, Lathrop Township, will be enacted.

The story originates with GMC Truck and Coach plant at Pontiac, where young Uhlmann was employed before enlisting in the Navy. Mrs. Uhlmann, Bob's mother, will be impersonated thinking aloud through Bob's childhood, his homecoming just after he was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy, and the time his twin brother Roy, a Lieutenant in submarine service, visited his grave in Hawaii.

Ensign Uhlmann was killed as he fired a machine gun at Jap flyers over Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. This program is a tribute to one of our many heroes who, upon coming face to face with grim warfare, unflinchingly stuck to the task at hand without thought of personal safety.

This will be the 66th program broadcast by General Motors.

Your Waste Paper Needed; Collection Will Be on Nov. 4

Get your waste paper to the nearest public or parochial school by 1:30 p. m., next Thursday. City trucks will pick it up at that time.

Members of the Junior Defense Council are cooperating with the salvage committee at the request of Dominic Caputo, chairman, to make sure that every home in the City is reached with the message that this material is urgently needed in the war effort. The school children will help get the paper to the schools.

The tin can collection this week is yielding lighter returns than previously was the case and there was a disappointing amount of other scrap metal. During all of November a special campaign for waste fats will be conducted.

Ration Book 4 Handled Smoothly

Issuance of Ration Book No. 4 in the public schools was handled smoothly the first three days of this week, with classes being dismissed at noon. Although 13,500 No. 2 books were issued here, only 13,000 copies of the current book were supplied. (Book 3 was done by mail.) In the first two days 10,445 were issued and some reports were received from outside districts that supplies there had run short, so applicants were handled here the third day. Any person who was not able to obtain a book during this period can apply to the local ration board, starting Monday.

City Will Pay $9000 Less of County's Costs

Lower Equalized Rate Also to Benefit Schools

Waging a consistent fight, as they have throughout the 10 years since Birmingham became a city, officials this week announced the largest percentage of reduction in the city's equalized valuation that has ever been won, from 6.21 of the total county assessed valuation to 5.46, or 3/4 of one per cent.

Birmingham is now 2.09 per cent below the equalization figure of its first year as a city, 1933. The letter which Assessor Elmer W. Haack sent the Commission Monday night outlining the situation and pointing to the fact that the school system will receive a small increase in State Aid funds as a result of it, as follows:

"The City of Birmingham was equalized this year at 5.4629 per cent. This means that taxpayers in this city will be obliged to pay 5.4629 per cent of the total county tax for operating and debt purposes.

"Birmingham was equalized at 7.55829 per cent in 1933 when first becoming a city, a figure which we considered entirely too high and making it necessary that we spread too high a county tax. An effort has been made each year to have our percentage reduced and these efforts have not been without results as we have realized a reduction nearly every year.

"This year we received a reduction in percentage from 6.2140 to 5.4629, which is the largest single reduction that we have received since becoming a city. This reduction in percentage will mean a reduction in the amount of county taxes that we would otherwise have had to spread in the amount of approximately $9,000.00, or a reduction of over 12 per cent.

"This reduction in percentage also increases the amount of state aid for our schools over the amount that they would have otherwise received.

"In Birmingham the sum of the millage for county operation and the millage for school operation must not exceed 15. The reduction in our equalized percentage means the resulting reduction in the amount of millage that we spread for county operation, results in a larger possible millage allowance, as far as the City of Birmingham is concerned, for school operation."

Rationers Attend Royal Oak Black Market Meeting

Charles Lawson, chairman of the local price and rationing board, accompanied by Lawson Lockhart, Mrs. Roy McCutcheon and Mrs. James Greenlee, attended a meeting in the Elks' Temple, Royal Oak, last night where several hundred retailers of that city and the southern part of the county heard a discussion of the ordinance Royal Oak intends to enact soon striking at black market operations in all lines.

During November, Lewis said, district OPA inspectors will be operating in the Birmingham area to check prices in laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairing; automotive repairs and the cost of anti-freeze will also be probed.

The local board will devote most of its attention in the immediate future to prices of women's and children's outer garments.

The information desk established by the consumer's committee in the board's offices to assist the public in making out applications, which was set up by Mrs. Genaro Florez, has greatly relieved pressure on the board staff and has won wide public approval.

Ypsilanti, Beaten 19-0, Has Yet to Score Upon Baldwin

By DON McLEESE

Scoring in the first few minutes of play and adding two more touchdowns later in the contest, Birmingham subdued a favored Ypsilanti team 19-0 Friday evening at Pierce Field in the first mud and rain of the season.

Until this game the Braves had been scored on only once and were leading the TVAA League with two wins and a tie. The Maroons, however, kept up their record of never having been scored upon by an Ypsilanti team and dominated the entire game.

McCoukie Scores Early

Following the opening kickoff, the visitors advanced the ball to their 31. Bud Keller set up the Maroon's first score on the next play when he intercepted a pass on the 35 yard line. After a run by himself and Tom Spiegel, Dick McCoukie crossed the goal from the two standing up. Conway Adams' kick was blocked because of the extra time needed to handle the wet ball.

Following a drive by the Maroons which reached the Ypsilanti 11 late in the first quarter, the Braves took over on downs and punted to Bob Joyce on the 34 after trying two plays in vain. Bud Keller again scored for the Maples two plays later when he crossed the goal after a 35 yard run. The attempt for extra point was not good because Keller's pass intended for Dick Dunn was incomplete.

The Maples' last score came in the closing minutes of the game when Bud Keller streaked down the sidelines 66 yards for another score. Tom Spiegel passed to Dick Dunn for the extra point.

Birmingham's advantage over Ypsilanti is upheld by the comparison of statistics. The locals

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Victor and Bluebird Records, New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 149 Maple. adv.—tf.

United War Fund Helps Children Here and Abroad

No less important to victory than the strength of the armed forces abroad is the fight on the home front against disease. Among the anonymous angels of mercy who are waging this battle are the visiting nurses. Their job is chiefly one of prevention. Checking on children in the neighborhood, they report every case of contagion to the health authorities.

Though Holland may be overrun she will never go down as long as the children, on whom her hopes for the future are based, survive. One of the objectives of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund, a member agency of the National War Fund, is to rehabilitate homeless refugees.

Make Your War Chest Gift Early

Two hundred and fifty solicitors start their two week task Monday to raise $19,250 in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills for the National War Fund, inc., plus $5650 for the local Y. M. C. A.

A special message detailing the needs of the war relief agencies, those serving our own armed forces, and the home front charities will be delivered by all ministers in this area Sunday.

The National goal is $125,000,000. The Detroit area is raising $8,000,000 and the rest of the State is matching it. Of this latter sum, Oakland County's quota is $213,000, with $110,000 going to the USO and accredited war relief agencies and the balance to home charities.

The local solicitation is being directed by Yates C. Smith, from the Community House, with Miss Gladys Chissis as secretary.

Hallowe'en Is Here Again; March, Feast, Dance, Be Gay

All is in readiness for the ninth annual Hallowe'en parade and community-wide celebration of the Feast of Witches and Goblins Saturday night.

The traditional bonfire will blaze on the old Hill School grounds, where the barbecued sandwiches, apples, cider and doughnuts will be eaten after the parade has been reviewed and before the high-school dances are held.

This program is given to the youth of Birmingham without charge as an expression of good will by the Retail Merchants' Association, the City Commission, the Board of Education and the various adult organizations such as the council of Parent-Teacher Association.

City Bought Steer

No activity in Birmingham enlists the services of more citizens and since its inception the generous contributions made to it have shown plainly the interest of the grown-ups in the enjoyment the children derive from it year after year.

The City of Birmingham Recreation Board purchased the 1000 pound steer for this year's barbecue last Spring. It was fattened on the Wylie Bell farm, cured by Erwin and Smith, will be barbecued by Machus Bake Shop and served by Rollie Reese of Stroup's Market and his assistants.

Judges for parade costumes and decorations are Dr. Ross Riddell, Robert Peck, Mrs. Ralph Coryell and Mrs. Thomas A. Schooley.

Committees Listed

Charles J. Shain has again served as general chairman. The various committees are headed by:

Parade, Lloyd G. Chapman; Howard R. Estes (Rotary); Line of March, John H. Springman (Lions); Prizes, Mrs. Geo. B Finch (A.A.U.W.); Food, Mrs. Charles L. Richards (P.-T.A. Council) assisted by Mrs. Ladner (Adams), Mrs. F. W. Niedenfuhr (Baldwin), Howard G. Tuggey (Barnum), Mrs. D. E. Rossman (Holy Name), Mrs. R. Squires (Pierce) and Mrs. O. G. Schwenk (Quarton); Food Tent, Miles W. Robinson; Food Reception Center, Mrs. E. F. Brumbaum (Girl Scouts); Bonfire, Chris Thompson; Sound Car, Lawrence W. Smith (Exchange Club); Tents, Wylie Bell; High School Dance, Mrs. Carol Darling (assist-

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Only Eight Listed As Delinquent By Local Draft Board

Only eight of the 3284 draft registrants currently delinquent in Michigan are within the jurisdiction of the local draft board. Three still live here, one in Royal Oak, two in Detroit, and two are out of the state. Their names:

Julius James Patrick, 2670 E. Big Beaver, Birmingham; Nicholas Thomas Kroenlein, 1324 Webster, Birmingham; Macedonio Quesada Ramirez, Slaton, Texas; Harold Frederick Maitrott, 11628 Mendota, Detroit; Emil Elmer Schleup, Allison Park, Pa; Newell Hayes Cowen, 1950 Edwin St., Royal Oak; Christopher Wilson Fleming 31975 Lahser Road, Birmingham; and Wesley Wellington Martin, 933 Michigan Avenue, Detroit.

Subsequent to November 1, 1943, all delinquents 18 through 44 years of age will be classified or reclassified into Class 1-A, 1-A-O, or Class IV-E, and all delinquents so classified 18 through 37 years of age will be ordered to report for induction or for work of national importance.

RUMMAGE SALE

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a charity rummage sale at the Legion Home 266 South Woodward, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 30. Proceeds are to go to charitable organizations in Birmingham.

F.D.R., Churchill Are Found to Be Cousins

Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt are cousins.

The authority for this statement is William Howland, of 590 Lakeview Drive, who is the president of the Pilgrim John Howland Society. McClure W. M. Howland, of 45 East Sixty Sixth street, New York City, is the vice president and director of research, who dug up the genealogical facts concerning the two leaders.

Mr. Roosevelt is a descendant of Pilgrim John Howland, who came to this country on the Mayflower in 1620, and was followed three years later by his two brothers, Henry and Arthur. Mr. Churchill is a descendant of Henry, through the mother, Jennie Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill, who was Miss Jennie Jerome of New York City.

Since the great-great grandfathers were brothers, the cousinship of President and Prime Minister results.

Local Golf Club Getting Members To Buy Property

Efforts on the part of members of the Birmingham Golf Club, including a large list of those who reside in and near Birmingham, are pointing toward current success in raising funds to buy the property outright from the bondholders who now hold title.

The club, which has been operating since 1934 under an agreement with the bondholders, has an option to acquire the entire property, one of the best in the entire Detroit area, free and clear for a cash settlement of $75,000. The option extends to Nov. 15.

"Already we have raised about $50,000 from members through the sale of membership first mortgage bonds, and we expect to reach the desired quota before Nov. 15," stated Ray Forsyth, president. The bonds bear interest, and are for ten years duration.

"We want to obtain at least 180 members, each to purchase a $500 bond, or larger," said Ralph A. Wilson, local druggist, and former club president, who is working hard on the campaign. "This property, consisting of 181 acres, is in one of the area's most attractive residential portions.

"We want to protect the values by seeing that the property is maintained on high standards; to that end we are enlisting the support of persons who not only will play golf, but those who wish to invest at least $500 in a first mortgage bond, which will pay them interest."

The clubhouse, built in 1929, cost $195,000, and the whole property has an appraised value of $335,000. Plans are to make it a neighborhood golf club, and the name will be changed to Birmingham Country Club.

Other local residents working to obtain additional memberships are Harry E. Bissett and Edwin D. Wolf; these men, together with Mr. Wilson, will be glad to explain the plan to persons interested in taking out memberships.

J. F. Hart "Missing In Action" Oct. 14

Word was received Monday from the War Department by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hart, 372 Harmon, that their son, Lieut. Jerome Hart, was reported "missing in action" after a raid over Germany on Oct. 14. He had only recently arrived at an English base.

On Sept. 23 The Eccentric carried a special article from the Army Air Forces' public relations bureau concerning the last stages of Lieut. Hart's advanced training at Dyersburg, Tenn., where he was the navigator member of a crew of 10 manning one of the most powerful Fortress type planes.

Lieut. Hart graduated from Baldwin High in 1935, attended the U. of M., and was a salesman at the time of his enlistment in the air corps. He received his commission and wings last January 23. His wife is the former Mary Jane Tippett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Tippett, 477 Lake Park Drive.

Banking Operations and Problems Told Rotarians

Something of the various operations of a bank, together with its responsibilities to the public, was told to Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House by Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, himself a member of the Club. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, local Superintendent of Public Schools, introduced Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Gardner, for many years a recognized authority in banking throughout the Middle West, outlined the various functions of a bank. These include the creation of proper personnel within a bank, investments, and public relations.

In these emergency war times, he stated that banks have added other duties, including the sale of War Savings Bonds and Stamps, acting as depository for the payroll withholding taxes, and numerous phases of handling rationing stamps for merchants.

"Right now banks in the United States have greater deposits than at any time in history, and the post-war problems that could develop inflation are immediate concerns of all bankers," declared Mr. Gardner. "Banks, under strong laws enacted since 1929, are prepared to meet the problems of post-war inflation, too. This will be accomplished by holding to conservative defenses in the business of making loans, to the end that speculative tendencies of the public may be avoided, especially in the realm of real estate."

The speaker praised the activities of the FHA, stating that this agency has done much good to assist in the financing of home ownership.

Mr. Gardner told the Rotarians that a banker's job is also to encourage and advise people in the development of their free enterprises, and to participate in every community problem consistent within the field of finance.

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Southfield 3 Votes Monday on Annexation

Will Add $1,400,000 Valuation, Boost Revenue

All qualified electors of Southfield School District No. 3 fractional are summoned to a meeting to be held tonight at 8 p. m. in the Pierce School, Birmingham, to discuss the proposed annexation of the district to the Birmingham school district.

A special election on the question will be held next Monday between the hours of 2 and 9 p. m. The polls will be located in the Knight-Menard real estate office at Southfield road and Riverside drive.

A. H. Knorr, chairman of the board in the fractional district, urges a large turnout both for the meeting, which will be attended by Birmingham school officials, and for the election. The district now has no school facilities and sends 146 children to the local schools on a tuition basis. This district has an assessed valuation of $1,400,000. It does not desire to participate in the projected township system of schools.

Dist. No. 1 Defeats Plan

At the time the fractional district broached the annexation question in September, residents of the northern half of Southfield District No. 1 also wanted to join the Birmingham district, but at a recent election the residents below the Thirteen Mile road outvoted those above.

There are 115 children in this district, some going to Royal Oak schools. The Royal Oak school board does not want to annex the No. 1 district, either in whole or in part, and Birmingham officials felt that they could not accept the entire load, but would have put the question of annexing the portion above the Thirteen Mile Road to a vote here if a split could have been arranged. The vote in Birmingham on the annexation of No. 3 fractional will be held at an early date if Monday's vote is in favor of the step.

Will Double Revenue

Birmingham received $4,500 from the state and $6,949 from the district for the No. 3 district pupils last year. On its assessed valuation the district would yield $24,290 additional revenue to the local system, more than twice what was paid last year.

This $24,290 breaks down as follows: At 8.35 mills for current

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Two Top Speakers Are Obtained

Walter M. Berry, of Lansing, executive secretary of Governor Kelly's Youth Guidance committee, and Fr. Harold E. Markey, of Detroit, archdiocesan director of youth activities, will be the principal speakers for the institute the Community Council will conduct Nov. 9 in the Community House. The theme will be "The Responsibility of the Home, the Church and the Community for the Welfare of Youth."

At an afternoon session, 2 to 4 p.m., to be presided over by Mrs. George Finch, the various community agencies will outline what they are doing. A dinner session, 6:30 to 8:15 p. m. will hear Fr. Markey. Dr. John K. Ormond, president of the Y. M. C. A., will preside.

The evening session will be presided over by Mayor John M. Martz, when Berry will present a resume of what the State is doing and is planning for the future to help local communities meet their youth problems.

Plan Draft Appeal For Principal Paul Carter, Adams School

Selective Service officials at Plymouth, former home of Principal Paul Carter, of Adams School, have granted him two months' deferral after recently placing him in Class 1A over the objection of the Birmingham Board of Education.

President Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., and Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland plan to make a strong plea to the Plymouth board to enable Mr. Carter to finish the school year. The case is in contrast to action by the local draft board which gave longer deferment to another male teacher at the request of the school officials.

Superintendent Ireland says it is out of the question to consider filling the Adams principalship with a woman.

"Open House" Dates Set For All Schools

In connection with "American Education Week," Nov. 7-13, three of the public schools will hold "Open House" sessions so that parents may visit the schools and observe the classes in operation. Baldwin High will receive the parents on Nov. 10, Pierce and Quarton schools will observe the program on Nov. 11. Barnum Junior High will have its day on Nov. 18, while the Adams P.-T.A. has asked that they be permitted to defer the observance until Dec. 6, when they have planned a special program of their own.

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