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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1944 \$2.00 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

2 More Birmingham Soldiers Reported Wounded In France

Within the past week two more Birmingham soldiers have been reported on the list of American servicemen wounded in battle.

In Tax Problems, "The Blind Are Leading"

"Adding confusion to chaos," or vice versa, is the slogan of a proposed formula to allow local units of government the right to increase their own tax revenues, made within Michigan.

For years the State has depended on a three per cent rate to support much of State government, using this method instead of the former tax on real estate.

Seek City Aid In Providing For Day Nursery Schools

How to provide day nursing care for children of working mothers of Birmingham and especially those of war workers, is the problem just now confronting the Birmingham City Commission.

The Commission's order provides for a total reduction of from \$3,750,000 to \$4,000,000 on all Consumers bills throughout the State for December, 1944.

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Reduction On December Gas Bills Ordered

The Commission's order specified that the reduction should be made on all bills rendered to electric utility companies during December, 1944.

Consumers Power Is Conforming to State Order to Cut Income

Mailing of Consumers Power Company bills rendered this week reflects a 75 per cent reduction ordered by the Michigan Public Service Commission in new underground and wire continue through December.

Missing Over Merseburg

Smoke, flame and debris stream from a B-17 plummeting earthward as other B17 AAF bombers jetted destruction over a synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, Germany.

High School Variety Show One of Best Ever Presented In Birmingham

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Birmingham Asked To Give 600 Pints of Blood to War Effort

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Birmingham Boy Accident Victim On French Front

Mrs. Leo L. Flynn, 3214 Pierce street, received a telegram Tuesday, December 6, from the War Department in Washington, bearing word that her son, Pfc. Leo L. Flynn, 4578th Central Postal Directory, was killed in action in France November 19th.

Charles Calloway Dies In Accident

Charles H. Calloway, 33, chief assistant service manager of the Cadillac Motor Car Company, died Sunday evening after being struck by a motor car while clearing a tree from a road.

Robbery Suspect Is Taken In Flint

A number of burglaries and car thefts, which have been worrying Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Pointe, and other cities of the metropolitan Detroit area, appear to have been stopped.

Bond Premier Is All Set For Dec. 14

The Bond Premier, for the 6th War Loan Drive, will be on December 14, next, at the Metropolitan Theatre, with a full showing of the famous Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Dragon Seed."

Edwin T. Hall Dies Here Tuesday A.M.

Edwin T. Hall, of 303 Greenwood, passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 5, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital where he had been under treatment for some time.

NEW MEAT MANAGER

Announcement was made this week of the new proprietorship of the meat department at the Garrett Grocery store at 1056 S. Woodward.

MADE FIRST LIEUTENANT

Second Lieut. Warner L. Farley, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, it was announced by Col. George F. Schellert, commanding officer of Stewart Field.

RECOVER STOLEN CAR

Police report having recovered a 1942 Buick sedan, stolen from the home of Calvin Willis, of Detroit. The car was found in the ditch near Beechwood and Pine streets.

Retail Merchants' Christmas Party For Children To Be Held Saturday

The annual Christmas Party for Birmingham children is to be given on Saturday afternoon at the Birmingham Theatre, where the children will be entertained by the Birmingham Retail Merchants association.

Wait Decision In Re-Zoning Case

A decision on the matter of rezoning the proposed small business district on West Maple is anticipated by the Birmingham City Commission before the end of the month.

Two Classified Pages

So many are the demand for advertising this week that two pages are being given over to classified advertising. This is located on Page 7 and Page 8.

6th War Loan Drive Reaches Halfway Mark

Birmingham today has passed the halfway mark in the Sixth War Loan Campaign with a total cash value sale of \$1,000,000.

Merchants, Theaters And Schools Report Cash Sales \$656,080

The total sum reported from the office of Chairman Herbert R. Gardner, included the sale of \$183,342.76 in "W" bonds, the sale also included one large subscription of other bonds from an industrial.

Heavy Drives Under Way

Merchants reported that the motion picture industry, retail merchants and schools are in the midst of a hard drive to top their quota well within the time limit.

Sales in the State also have passed the halfway mark, according to reports from the Michigan War Finance Commission.

Seeds Money for Bonds

Today there came to the office of the Michigan War Finance Commission a check for \$100,000 from the State of Michigan.

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