Oakland County Quota Is $14,000,000 In Coming Bond Drive

Personally, I see no end to the recurrence of future wars unless human society ceases to be less selfish, less covetous, less lustful, and less many other negative qualities. Beautiful sermons and printed preachments have their rightful places, of course; but, remember, "actions speak louder than words."

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Lou Henry Hoover Was, Indeed, A Gracious First Lady

Quiet, calm, unobtrusive Lou Henry Hoover, helpmeet of former President Herbert Hoover, passed from the active scene of life in her New York City home one day last week, her husband with her at the time. Newspaper stories since have eulogized this gracious lady, always the available helpmeet of her husband, the fond mother of two sons.

It takes me back to a September evening, in 1932, in the Lincoln study in the White House when, together with 10 other Michigan newspapermen, I had arranged for a meeting to discuss domestic and world affairs with the former President.

Mrs. Hoover sat over in one corner of the not-too-large room on the second floor of the White House. She was interested, obviously, in the discussion that lasted about two hours. But she never intruded her voice in the conversation; she had, with her husband, welcomed us when we arrived, and smiled a gracious goodnight when we left.

As her husband talked, she watched him in rapt attention; his gaze, too, would wander to her face, as he outlined his views on problems of the day.

A month later I happened to be on the Presidential train from Washington to Cleveland, where the President was scheduled to make a speech. My seat in the press section was on the main floor of Cleveland's big auditorium, close to the footlights; on the stage were the distinguished guests, including the then First Lady.

I like to think that her memory was good, for at one time our gazes met and she nodded and smiled in my direction, across the stage from where she sat. Her personal life, while devoted first to her own family, found interest in helping others, too. She used her great influence gently, with kindliness; her footsteps will resound in fond memory to many who heard them—knowing that they carried a wonderful wife and mother and friend.

Certainly a deep, abiding love must have existed always between Lou Henry and Herbert Hoover. What a pattern for all to follow!

Kim Sigler, A Good Man

It is my hope and belief that Kim Sigler, of Hastings, engaged by Judge Carr to handle important phases of the grand jury investigations from Lansing, will do a good job. I've known Mr. Sigler for some years, in fact, went to Europe in 1937 on the same boat with him. He's honest, courageous, and as vigorous as a Tom Dewey. Kim is destined for larger public service; he can achieve much to purge state activities of evil. (If you, Dear Reader, really want him to do a splendid job, why not write him words of encouragement?)

Lacking Certain Courage

Recently "a man high in Washington" said that strikes in the United States will prolong the war, will result in needless killed and injured American boys and men; "he" also stated that these strikes provide Germany's Goebbels with propaganda that stimulates the German people to continue the fight. Now it is reported that the "man high in Washington" is none other than General George Marshall, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army; that Gen. Marshall spoke with the approval of the White House. Some day historians may write that FDR was afraid of American labor at a time when he, of all people, should have lambasted them for their striking in time of war; the President does have lots of personal courage at times—but he has directed it against business and management to the almost exclusion of labor lately. FDR is still, apparently, a politician, and 1944 is an election year.

There's probably little doubt but what many German soldiers are sick of this war; but let's not be lulled to another complacency by believing that a secretly circulated pamphlet, telling soldiers under Hitler how to feign illness, is of tremendous benefit to our side.

Mayor Edward Jeffries told me at a luncheon one day last week that he is open to suggestions for raising additional taxes to handle Detroit's post-war needs. His Honor really wants to learn "how to pluck the most feathers with the least amount of squawking." Indeed, taxes are taxing the Mayor's syntax.

PAPER DRIVE DATES

New dates for Birmingham's waste paper drive through the public schools have been changed to February 3, 4 and 5, it was said today. School activities for late January make it impossible to hold the drive as first planned.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —adv.

New Air Officer

Lt. Maynard

John D. Maynard, Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Maynard, 919 Mohegan drive, was a member of the class of aviation cadets to graduate from the new Columbus Army Air Field near Columbus, Miss., on Jan. 7, 1944. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lt. Maynard entered pilot training last March and attended flying schools at Jackson, Miss. and Montgomery, Ala. before his graduation at the advanced flying school near Columbus, Miss. Before he enlisted for pilot training, he had attended Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. He is a member of Theta Sigma Tau fraternity.

Birmingham And Oakland County Gain Population

Both Birmingham and Oakland county have had a gain in population since the 1940 census was taken, according to reports today by the census bureau of the department of commerce in Washington and from figures compiled by City Manager H. H. Corson.

While many areas in Michigan had a decline in population in the past three years, Birmingham has showed an estimated gain of more than 12 per cent while the gain in Oakland county has been 4.3 per cent.

The population increase in Birmingham was 1,304 while that for the entire county, as disclosed in figures from Washington, was 10,812.

Birmingham's population for 1940 is given as 11,196 while today's estimated figures are 12,500. The total in 1930 was 9,539.

The Oakland county figure in 1940 was 254,068, while reports from Washington today showed a total of 264,880. The 1930 total was 211,251.

Macomb county showed an increase in civilian population of 30,848 in an unofficial tabulation made in March, 1943. The current census shows Macomb's population to be 136,117 compared to 105,269 in the April, 1940, census. This is an increase of 29.3 per cent.

Wayne county grew to 2,165,466, a gain of 150,980 and a percentage increase of 7.5, and Oakland county increased 10,812 to 264,880, or 4.3 per cent.

Genesee county showed a slight decrease of 1.7 per cent. Its current population is 224,163, a drop of 3,781 since 1940.

Kent county showed the heaviest drop, losing 7.3 per cent of its population since 1940. The March, 1943, figure was 228,290, a drop of 18,048.

Ingham county dropped 6.7 per cent to 121,891, a decrease of 8,725.

War Film To Be Shown Thursday

All indications today point to a large attendance at the Community House this evening at 8 o'clock for the showing of the film "War Department Report," according to Ernest H. Fletcher and Percy K. Loud, who are in charge of arrangements.

The film is the War Department's official report on the military situation and was made especially to be shown to war workers all over the nation. The story in pictures was written and filmed under the direction of Robert P. Patterson, under secretary of war.

The introduction is to include a brief talk by Major C. J. Bishop, industrial services officer, Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department, Detroit.

The program is being given free of charge to the public of Birmingham and those making the arrangements urge that every local resident see the picture.

WAR BOND HELP NEEDED

There is an urgent need for volunteers to sell War Stamps and Bonds at the local theatres. Any woman or girl who can give time to this important work may call The Defense Center, 4014 mornings from 9 to 1.

Graduation At Baldwin Will Be On Jan. 27

Dr. Whitehouse of Wayne University Will be Speaker

The program for the Baldwin high school January Commencement has been planned and arranged by the members of the graduating class, the exercises to be held the evening of January 27 in the Baldwin auditorium. The main speaker will be Dr. W. W. Whitehouse, dean of the College of Liberal Arts of Wayne University.

The program is as follows:

Advance of Colors.

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar; Baldwin high school band, Arnold W. Berndt, conductor.

Invocation—Rev. Robert DeWitt, assistant rector of Christ Church Cranbrook.

Presentation of Class Gift—Fred Zoellin, class president.

Vocal Solo—Ave Maria, Schubert; Claire Rose Kean.

Introduction of Speaker—H. Ross Mack, trustee Board of Education.

Address—A Formula for Achievement, Dr. W. W. Whitehouse.

Piano Solo—Prelude in D Minor, Bach; Melodic Sketch, Cui; John Mathews.

Presentation of Class for Graduation, Ross Wagner, principal of Baldwin high school.

Awarding of Diplomas—Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

America—(First and last stanzas) audience.

Taps and Reveille.

The members of the class have set dates for other affairs taking place before commencement. The combination of senior swingout and the National Honor Society assembly was held Tuesday, January 11.

The senior class dinner took place at the Community House last night. Baccalaureate will be January 23 at the Presbyterian church. The contestants of graduating seniors is as follows: Don Benscoter, Joah Birthrong, Carl Blauman, Virginia Bostwick, Sue Burnside, Ralph Coryell, Ed Candell, Ralf Crookston, Don Fisher, Barbara Foster, George Gill.

Jim Hendricks, Jack Hopson, Bob Joyce, Nina Kalbfus, Claire Rose Kean, Paula La Tourette, Vivian Lustig, Charles Martz, Warren Mattice, John Mathews, Jean Nicolson, Shirley Parsons, Alford Peabody, Jack Powers.

Dorothy Porter, Patty Price, Don Roberts, Paul Smith, Dick Stewart, Jack Sweeney, Isabel Teichman, Mary Jane Tuttle, Lawrence Westerby, Catheryn Witt, and Fred Zoellin.

Swimming Pool May Be Opened

The Barnum P. T. A., and the Birmingham Board of Education are working on a plan looking toward the early opening of the school swimming pool for at least a part of the winter season.

Recently Hugh D. McLeese appeared before the Board of Education as chairman of a committee set up by the Barnum P. T. A. to request that plans be made to open the pool. He proposed ways and means for raising sufficient money to operate the pool.

The Board recommended that a committee composed of the teachers of physical education in the two high schools study the problem and report their opinions and suggestions to the Board.

After a careful review of these reports, the Board of Education made the following report to Mr. McLeese:

"The Board of Education is willing to open the swimming pool for ten weeks during the early part of the second semester of the current school year, provided that (1) the community will purchase contributing members at three dollars each to raise a sum of one thousand dollars by the end of January so plans can be made to open the pool early in February, and (2) sufficient pupils will pay a registration fee of one dollar to make up the difference between the above collections and the actual cost of the operation of the pool.

"The Board of Education will keep all funds for the operation of the pool in a separate account. A statement will be rendered at the end of the ten week period of operation to show the condition of the account, and any surplus that may accrue will be applied against further operation of the pool.

"Sufficient money should be available on January 28th to guarantee the operation of the pool."

The report was favorably accepted by Mr. McLeese and plans will be immediately initiated by his committee to solicit contributing memberships.

Accorded Highest School Honors

Mary Jane Tuttle

Sue Burnside

Mary Jane Tuttle has been named valedictorian and Sue Burnside has been selected as salutatorian of the January graduating class of Baldwin high school. These honors were announced Tuesday at a special program of the school. Commencement will be the evening of January 27.

Special Classes for Church Workers Will Be Conducted Here

Harold P. Cornell, Sr., 168 North Chester, will begin on Feb. 10 at 8 p. m. in the Community House, a series of ten classes of introductory and preparatory Bible study. The purpose of these lectures is to provide a practical working knowledge of the Bible for church members, Sunday School teachers, and Bible workers.

The class, which will be convened weekly for ten weeks, will be taught by Mr. Cornell, who is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., with two additional years as a divinity student in the Pittsburgh Seminary of Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1925, he became an ordained minister and served as a pastor in Presbyterian churches until 1938, at which time he withdrew from the ministry.

Secretary of the class is Mrs. Mildred Barkley, 833 Henrietta, phone 2059-W.

Bank Officers Are Re-Elected

Directors and officers of The Birmingham National Bank were all re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors Tuesday evening at the bank offices. President H. H. Gardner in his report to the stockholders indicated the bank had enjoyed another year of steadily increasing deposits and that customers of the bank were showing a keen interest in the purchase of government securities.

At the meeting of the stockholders the directors were renamed, the list including George R. Averill, H. H. Gardner, Charles E. Lewis, John E. Martin, Chancey Nixon, Ernest W. Seaholm and A. C. Wermuth.

Directors at their session later on in the evening re-elected Ernest W. Seaholm, chairman of the board; H. H. Gardner, president; P. G. Burnett, vice-president; Hilmer C. Carlson, cashier; A. Shanley Rosso and G. E. Thun, assistant cashiers.

In his annual report to the stockholders President Gardner called

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Speak Thursday Night For League Of Women Voters

As a service to the community, the Birmingham branch of the League of Women Voters is presenting a lecture and panel discussion with Frank Rising and Victor G. Reuther on Tuesday, January 18th, at 8 p. m. at the Community House. The subject is to be Labor-Management Problems.

Frank Rising

The program is a part of the League's "Let People Know" effort in which the organization is carrying out a rather carefully planned campaign to present various election issues to the voters—both men and women—of Birmingham and the Birmingham area.

Mrs. Ralph Yonker, East Long Lake Road, is president of the Birmingham branch of the League, and Mrs. Alfred H. McKeown, Briar Cliff Road, Detroit, is general chairman of the government and labor committee, handling this part of the program.

Mrs. McKeon, who is to introduce the speaker, has with her on the committee, Mrs. Herbert Royal, 1423 Buckingham road, and Mrs. Elden Bemis, Square Lake road.

Both of the men appearing on the January 18 program are thoroughly schooled in the present day problems of both labor and management.

Of himself Mr. Rising writes:

"I am general manager of the Automotive Parts and Equipment Manufacturers Inc. and it is one of 400 manufacturers employing some 350,000 war workers, throughout 26 states.

"I am a member of the Regional War Labor Board and of the Detroit War Manpower Commis-

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Lions Club Plays Host To District Conference Sunday

Fifty-nine Lions from eight Lions clubs of Southeastern Michigan met in the Community House Sunday afternoon for a meeting of zone 2 of region 1, Michigan District 11A. The Birmingham club was host on this occasion to the clubs of Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, Howell, Lake Orion, Vassar and Flint. President John Springman and Secretary Donald Cummings of the local club made arrangements for the meeting and officially represented the Birmingham lions.

Joseph B. Moery served as official tail twister for the meeting and William Spence led the singing. Joseph A. Lemke played the piano.

The meeting was in charge of zone chairman, N. Arthur Gleason, of the Flint club, who led the discussions which generally evolved from reports of the activities of the clubs during the past three months. The zone meetings are designed for the clubs to exchange ideas and become aware of the many different phases of Lionism, which are constantly being developed in the various clubs. Much discussion centered around the topic of membership, inasmuch as many Lions have entered the armed services. Most clubs are striving to keep up their numbers by securing new members to replace those. Figures disclosed that 18,000 Lions became soldiers throughout the United States during 1943 and during the same period 2,713 men became new members of the organization.

Jack Gilliland, a member of the East Side Lions Club of Detroit, who is the deputy district governor of District 11A, talked on several subjects principal of which was the post war job of the Lions Clubs in carrying on tehir sight conservation projects. He stressed the important part each club could, and should, play in the rehabilitation of the returning soldiers who have lost their eyesight or have impaired vision. He said that the national organization was working on plans for this aid and that all clubs would be given complete information regarding the research that is being conducted.

Girls Take High Honors At Baldwin

Mary Jane Tuttle And Sue Burnside Lead Their Class

Mary Jane Tuttle and Sue Burnside were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively of the January graduating class, of Baldwin high school.

These honors are bestowed each semester on the two graduates holding the highest scholastic averages in their class. Mary Jane and Sue have maintained an average around a 3.8 throughout high school, a four point average being straight A.

Mary Jane Tuttle has been active in publications, serving as sales manager of the 1943 Piper and the Royal Oak football program. She has also worked on the editorial staff of the Pipers and was assistant circulation manager of the Highlander. She was elected to membership in Quill and Scroll, international honorary society for high school journalists, and the National Honor Society last semester.

Miss Tuttle has also been elected treasurer of both the Girls' League and the graduating class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Tuttle of 1092 Ridgedale.

Sue Burnside has also been active in publications, serving as assistant to Mary Jane on the Piper and the football program. She was elected to the National Honor Society in the 11A and is president of the organization this semester. Miss Burnside is also a member of Quill and Scroll and vice-president of the graduating class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl A. Burnside of 620 Lakeview.

Methodists Plan Post-War Effort

Bishop Raymond J. Wade, resident bishop of the Detroit Area of The Methodist Chuch, has announced two day mass meetings for Michigan Methodists in connection with the denomination's Crusade for a New World Order. The nation-wide series of similar gatherings which are being held in a hundred key cities in January to mobilize sentiment in favor of a post-war world organized on principles of international collaboration.

The Michigan meetings will be held in Ann Arbor, Jan. 19, and in Kalamazoo, Jan. 20. Bishop Wade will preside in both cities.

Speakers will include Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of New York and Rev. Ernest Fremont Tittle, Evanston, Ill.

Pick Places For Court Tourneys

Coach Lloyd Cooper's Maples basketball team, off on what looks like a good season, is pointing toward the district, and regional state basketball tournaments, dates for which have just been fixed by the state high school athletic department.

The Maples are expected to participate in the contests to be staged on the Farmington high school court where Class B, C and D district and regional tourneys will be run off.

Dates and places for various tournaments have been scheduled for all parts of the state, according to announcement from Julian W. Smith, state director.

In addition to the Ferndale tournaments Oakland county events will include those at Ferndale which will have a district meet for classes B and C and the Lapeer tournament for classes C and D in the regional competition.

The dates for the district meet have been set for March 2, 3 and 4 while the regional meets will take place on March 11, 12 and 13.

Various high schools throughout the state will receive word early in February as to which tournament centers they will be sent. There will be district competition in 47 cities and regional contests in 15 cities of Michigan.

Tax Payments Reach High for Birmingham

The deadline for paying city taxes in Birmingham passed Tuesday with records at the office of City Treasurer Russell T. Berger showing a total of $205,273.63 collected out of a total of $327,450.04 assessed. This represents about 63 per cent of the total.

The penalty of three per cent is now in effect and applies to all taxes paid after Tuesday and before March 1. Collections are made at the city treasurer's office in the municipal building. After March 1 the taxes bear interest of one-half of one per cent per month until paid.

Wins Silver Wings

Richard Neely

Richard H. Neely, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Neely, 607 Oak, was a member of the class of aerial triggermen to guard Army Air Forces' bombers just graduated from the Harlingen (Texas) Army Air Field, aerial gunnery school of the AAF Training Command.

Along with his diploma he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's wings and a promotion in grade. After a delay in route to visit relatives, he will join an aerial combat team, unless retained at Harlingen to serve as a gunnery instructor.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up air offensive by a comprehensive six weeks' course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the deadly caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification and learned to tear down and assemble machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by firing on towed targets from Texan training planes, medium bombers and Liberators.

City Commission Favors Post-War Planning Proposal

Monday evening's meeting of the City Commission, one of the quietest in some time, found the commission members devoting considerable time to the study of the future growth and development of Birmingham and to the welfare of its citizens and its employees.

The commission approved a resolution adopted by the group of city engineers at their meeting in Detroit recently, calling on the State of Michigan to aid in financing a program of post-war planning. The engineers had asked that the state match, dollar for dollar, up to a total state sum of $5,000,000, funds to be allocated by the various municipalities for post-war planning.

The commission members, in discussing the proposal, found much in its favor and heard a report from City Manager Corson on what Birmingham has under way in its post-war program.

Improvements of streets, water systems, parks, schools, public buildings and parkways were among the undertakings listed as possible for Birmingham.

Then for the closing part of its evening's program the commission studied with Gerald Gabriel, of Detroit, possible plans for redrafting the municipal retirement program. This has been up for consideration previously and still further time is to be given to a thorough study of possible plans for this city.

Funeral Service for Geo. D. Wilcox Jan. 8

Funeral services for George D. Wilcox, 916, whose death occurred in Toledo on Wednesday, Jan. 5, were held from the William R. Hamilton funeral home, 3957 Cass avenue, Detroit, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Death of Mr. Wilcox in a Toledo hotel set off an investigation into gambling and racketeering which has been rocking the Michigan-Ohio border for a week.

The city of Toledo has taken over investigation of the gambling situation and is receiving assistance of Michigan authorities, especially those of Monroe county.

On the Ohio side of the line action includes the naming of Edward DeAngelo, Toledo director of public safety, and a group of police officers as deputy sheriffs in Lucas county to handle the gambling investigation.

PAPER PICK-UP

The Defense Service Center at 131 Pierce Street is open from 9 to 1 Mondays through Fridays and 9 to 12 on Saturdays. All calls for paper pick-ups should be made during those hours. The telephone is 4014.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 142 W. Maple. —adv.

Birmingham's 4th War Loan Drive Mapped

H. H. Gardner Leads City's Campaign to Raise County Quota

Every individual and every business firm in Birmingham will be asked to make large purchases of U. S. Government securities during the Fourth War Loan Drive opening January 18th. This was indicated today by H. H. Gardner, finance chairman of the war fund committee.

"Oakland county has been given a quota of $14,000,000" said Mr. Gardper today "and our part in the drive is to do everything possible to see that the county reaches and exceeds that quota."

Committees are being organized and workers assigned their tasks in the total program in the city, Mr. Gardner explained.

Women's Groups to Help

Leaders of the various women's organizations in the city met Wednesday at the Community House at which time instructions were given to the groups as to the part their members are expected to play in the campaign. Members of these societies are to cover the entire city, calling at each home, to further the sale of bonds. Special attention will be given by this group to the E bonds.

The business district committee, made up mainly of businessmen, will handle the sale campaign to the businessmen and business firms. Main emphasis will be on the series F and G bonds. Mr. Gardner said that there already was been interest in series F and G, the limit of which is $100,000 per person or firm. This sum may be made up of either series or a combination of the two.

Hits At Inflation

Mr. Gardner called attention to a letter received by the various banks of the nation from A. L. M. Wiggins, president of the American Bankers Association. Mr. Wiggins stated: "The United States Government will make a direct appeal to the people for fourteen billion dollars to "Back the Attack," on January 18, when the Fourth War Loan Drive starts. In this campaign the Government will not only attempt to obtain funds to maintain the victorious drive of America and her Allies but will also seek to erect a barrier against some of the destructive forces of inflation. It will endeavor to do this by placing five and one-half billion dollars of the national quota in the hands of individual investors."

New Official At Wabeek State Bank

The annual meeting of the Wabeek State Bank of Detroit was held at the bank's main offices on Tuesday at which time all directors and officers were re-elected, an assistant cashier added at the main office and an assistant manager named for the Birmingham branch.

Robert C. Peck was elected assistant manager of the Birmingham branch and S. D. Forsyth was named an assistant cashier at the main office in Detroit.

Stockholders of the bank re-elected these directors: W. M. Cornelius, Frank Couzens, Allen B. Crow, Henry T. Ewald, Leonard L. Healy, Clarence J. Huddleston, George B. Judson, Clarence E. Wilcox and William R. Yaw.

These directors held their annual meeting and re-elected Frank Couzens chairman of the board; George B. Judson, president; Henry T. Ewald, vice-president; Clarence J. Huddleston, executive vice-president; Benjamin F. Saylor, vice-president; John N. Daley, vice-president; Fred C. Schloff, vice-president and cashier; Albert C. Voss, vice-president; Evan Prowse, William E. Griswold, Lou A. Wilson, Arlie R. Trabern, Clifford C. Smythe, and Gaston A. Becigneul, assistant cashiers.

J. H. Sheridan Falls, In Critical Condition

J. H. (Ted) Sheridan, 688 Henrietta street, for more than a score of years a prominent Birmingham real estate man, lies critically ill, unconscious, in St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

New Year's he was stricken ill at his home and last Saturday night, at eight o'clock, shortly after being given a sedative hypodermic injection by his physician he either fell or plunged through his bedroom window to the ground below; no one was in the bedroom at the time, and it is believed that he was in a semi-delirious state.

He was badly cut as he went through the window and an extra storm sash, and was rushed to the hospital where it was determined his neck was seriously injured.

Prior to being stricken ill New Year's he was in apparent good health, and active in his business.