Are Your 5th War Loan Bond Dollars Marching At His Side?

War is not, never can be, a cure for the causes that create war. It can, of course, bring adult thinking more and more upon the causes of war, because war required great sacrifice. However, since most people do not think wisely, the causes are seldom removed; science increases the tools of destruction.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

A Modern Question

If some one said to you: "You may come into my yard if you use your own feet to get you there, providing you step forward first with your left foot, providing the left foot has not preceded the right foot, unless, of course, in the getting to my yard you used the two feet alternately, each following the other in rapid succession, and further providing that the right foot preceded the left foot after the right foot had preceded the left foot, and both feet preceded and followed each other."

Question: would you be able to figure out whether or not you were welcome to come into that yard?

Then ponder this brief excerpt from the U. S. Internal Revenue Code:

Section 23 (p)

(p) Contributions of an Employer to an Employees' Trust or Annuity Plan and Compensation Under a Deferred Payment Plan.—

(1) General Rule.—If contributions are paid by an employer to or under a stock bonus, pension, profit-sharing, or annuity plan, or if compensation is paid or accrued on account of any employee under a plan deferring the receipt of such compensation, (such contributions or compensation shall not be deductible under subsection (a) but shall be deductible, if deductible under subsection (a) without regard to this subsection, under this subsection but only to the following extent:)

I don't know, either; nor does my good neighbor, Jim Barrett, of Kennesaw avenue, secretary-treasurer of the Murray Corp., who handed me the above revenue gem.

How High Should Debt Be?

There are those today who argue that the enormous debt incurred in this war should be paid within the lifetime of the adults who are contemporary in this war; that little, or none, of this debt should be handed on to coming generations—on the theory that these new generations had nothing to do in creating this war.

In many ways, that sounds like good logic. Surely, as individuals, one ought to pay off a debt acquired by another.

But to expect this enormous war debt to be paid off within even a score of years would, in my opinion, violate those laws of economics which govern a cycle of prosperity; you cannot withdraw from the natural stream of producing-buying too much of the "medium of exchange," which is money, without cutting down production.

Personally, I have been pondering this thought: government always will be inefficient and extravagant, will always take and spend about as much money as the people are willing to provide by keeping the public debt high enough, new and even foolish projects for spending money via politics will be held in check; maybe, then, we ought to recognize this factor and not try to pay off the war and other public debts "within the lifetime of those who created them."

Oh, I know that many will oppose this idea. Basically, for individual conduct, I do myself. But when you are dealing with masses of people, said people led by extravagant and "politically minded" public officials, you must set up financial controls over them.

Anyway, I'm giving you this rambling thought, for what it may be worth.

Rosso Closes 12 Years On School Board

Treasurer For All That Time; Never Missed a Session

"John H. Rosso, member of the Birmingham Board of Education 12 years, treasurer 12 years, attended every meeting, both regular and special throughout that time." Thus reads the record of the well known Birmingham business man, who, on Monday evening, attended his last regular meeting of the Board on which he had served so faithfully and well for so long a time. His term expires June 30. The new year opens July 1.

His associates on the Board, attempting to convey to him their appreciation for his long years of service to the school district, passed and presented to him a resolution calling attention to his work and expressing their feeling in the matter.

Remains Interested

President Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., speaking for the Board, told the retiring trustee that although he was retiring from the Board the members hoped and expected he would retain his keen interest in all matters concerning educational work in Birmingham, and that they hoped he would be willing to give it his valued counsel. Especially in the matter of finances and of building, repair and maintenance contracts, President Joslyn pointed out, has Mr. Rosso proven of great value to the schools through his 12 years as a trustee.

In response Mr. Rosso declared that he would retain interest in the schools and assured the other Board members they might call on him at any time for any advice he might be able to give. He thanked the trustees and Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland for their assistance and co-operation to him in his part of the work on the Board.

The Board's resolution on the retirement of Mr. Rosso reads:

Whereas, John Harvey Rosso

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Local Legion And VFW Posts To Give Vets GI Bill Aid

Birmingham American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War members are ready to give all possible aid, free of charge, in obtaining full benefits under the new GI Bill of Rights for all veterans of World War II.

Any veteran can go to either the Legion or VFW post here or anywhere and receive this free assistance.

For those who may want to go to headquarters the Legion maintains an office at 602 Barnum Tower and the VFW has an office at 704 E. Jefferson in Detroit where advice, counsel and processing of claims is available without cost.

In addition to this, special field men of both organizations are visiting the hundreds of VFW and Legion posts throughout the state instructing post commanders and local service officers in the details of processing claims under the new GI bill.

Here is what the GI bill provides for veterans of World War II:

Unemployment compensation of $20 weekly up to 52 weeks for veterans, jobless during the first two years after discharge.

Assistance in helping veterans to find work.

Necessary hospitalization through the Veterans' Administration.

First Day Of Summer Finds Large Groups At Recreational Fields

The big annual Recreational Board program for local young folk and older children got off to a great start yesterday when all the various fields, courts, playgrounds and the Barnum pool were opened for summer use and the band instruction was opened at Hill school.

Registration has been going on since Monday, with indications that the number of persons participating in the program will equal or exceed last season. The number listed is expected to increase rapidly as actual play gets well under way this week and next.

Members of the Board and directors spent part of Monday and Tuesday at Royal Oak attending conferences and instruction groups and the work of registration was handled by members of the P. T. A. recreational committee. Today Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, Board chairman, expressed the thanks and appreciation of Board members and directors to the P. T. A. members for this timely and helpful service.

Adult Band

Arthur Berndt, band and orchestra director, said today he was organizing an adult band, starting this evening at 7:30 o'clock and invited all men and women wishing to do a bit of tooting. Persons with musical instruments are invited to bring them. Band instruments from the school are supplied for those in the summer band.

Other band instruction hours include Mondays at 9 for grade school winds; Wednesdays at 10 for the junior band; Fridays at 11 for the junior orchestra; Tuesdays from 9 to 11 for the senior band; Thursdays at 1 for all beginners and Thursdays at 11:30 for grade strings.

ADDRESSES REALTORS

M. E. Snyder of the real estate firm of Snyder, Buck and Bennett of this city was the speaker at the June meeting, on Wednesday, of the Detroit Real Estate Board. His topic was "Suburban Property."

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, PHONE BHAM 1-0788. —adv.

Naval Physician Is Enjoying Home Stay Before Heading West

Lieut. Comdr. John B. Hassberger, USNR, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hassberger, 1360 Northlawn, since last week, expects to leave Birmingham next Tuesday to report for duty at the naval hospital in Seattle.

Lieut. Comdr. Hassberger has been serving for the past 19 months as assistant medical officer aboard the battleship Massachusetts and said today he hoped soon to be assigned back to sea duty again.

He wears the naval ribbons indicating service in the South Pacific area, this ribbon having three stars. He also wears a ribbon indicating service in the Atlantic area. He has been in the service for 22 months.

Asked about other local physicians and men in the service Lieut. Comdr. Hassberger said that while he had met many friends among the naval medical service group he had thus far failed to meet a Birmingham youth anywhere on his many ocean trips. He once met three of his old classmates aboard a transport on the Pacific.

Community House Fund Drive Goes Far Beyond Quota

The 1944 edition of the Birmingham Community House fund campaign today had already gone well over the top with a total received thus far of $17,900 on an expected quota gift of $16,000. And better still, the committee in charge reports, there are quite a number of substantial gifts expected to be received shortly. Several of the Guild Workers are not yet finished with their calls and are expected to turn in cash and pledges for a considerable sum.

This fine response on the part of local residents and families from Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village and other surrounding areas is expected to make possible a number of repairs and improvements in the building and maintenance items the board had hoped to handle.

Appreciate Help Given

Hubert J. Quinn, general chairman, said that the response had been one of the most liberal in history of the Community House and the campaign was considered a most wonderful success from every angle. He asked that the deep appreciation of both himself and his committee be expressed to all who had aided in the campaign. "It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we can announce the campaign has gone over the top," he stated. "The Guild Workers have given many long hours to the calling and the entire committee has worked untiringly to make the campaign successful. Gifts have been in very substantial sums and all are greatly appreciated."

The Community House is to be closed during August for repairs and maintenance improvements. However, the building will be open for such necessary meetings as the Red Cross surgical dressing and for the Blood Bank to be conducted here on August 16 and 17.

City Planning Will Be Studied by Group Meeting Tuesday

A large number of clubs, societies, city and school commissions and boards and other groups will be represented when a party of about 25 Birmingham residents meet with Eliel Saarinen, city planning expert, at Cranbrook school on Tuesday evening, June 27.

The evening will be given over to a study of possible future plans for Birmingham. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, is heading up the group being formed for the city planning study.

Among those who have already announced plans to attend the session, according to Dr. Ireland, are Ernest Seaholm, Wylie Groves, John R. Rosso, board of education; City Manager Harold Corson and Mayor Ray Palmer, city commission; Charles Shain, city planning commission; the Rev. Glen Harris, Presbyterian church; the Rev. Warner Forsyth, St. James church; H. Lee North, Birmingham Eccentric; Lawrence Smith, Exchange club; R. F. Webber, Lions club; Mrs. Ralph Yonker, League of Women Voters; Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, community council; Mrs. Harry Gruber, A.A.U.W.; Francis W. DuBois, Hi-Hi-12 club; Dr. John K. Ormond, Y.M.C.A.; and Amos Gregory, Methodist church.

Highway US-10 Will Soon Be Repaired

News comes this week that bids have been opened for the highway repair job on Highways U.S.-10, M-47 and M-21 through Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties.

The state reports that the low bid was entered by the Denton Construction company, of Detroit. Their bid was $65,516.

Birmingham's New Fire Ladder And Truck

Here is Birmingham's newly built power fire ladder and truck, all built on a powerful chassis by members of the Birmingham Fire Department. The big, modern fire fighting equipment was recently given its first official test and worked splendidly. "It did everything we expected of it," is the general verdict of Fire Department members.

Members of the department, shown with the new equipment are standing, left to right—Markel Harper, Lester Collins, John Pepperell, department clerk; Captain Walter Benscoter, Chief Vernon Griffith, Captain Stanley Pepperell; Stanley Church, one of the first drivers for the new equipment; Lee Carroll, fire inspector, and Charles Reynolds. On the ladder, reading from the top are—Joseph Lamet, Joseph Collins, Donald Richardson, first driver of the truck on the other shift; Wilson Clingan, Herbert Hopkins, and Captain Park Smith.

Birmingham Fire Department Is Proud Of Its New Power Ladder

This city has been much interested, especially for the past week, in the new fire department truck and powered ladder equipment, built by the firemen themselves and mounted on a large fire truck chassis. The truck received its initial tryout at the two home fires of June 11 and was found to be well assembled and apparently in perfect working condition.

Interest has been so keen in the new truck and power ladder that the fire department members and Chief Vernon Griffith have been asked all about it. The department members appear very proud of their new equipment and of the part they played in its building.

Following are some bits of information secured in an interview with Chief Griffith, who said:

Started in 1938

"In 1938 the Birmingham fire department had an old ladder truck 21 years old. The truck was much too short to carry a fifty foot ladder. It was necessary that the City have available to reach certain buildings in the city. The insurance rates on these buildings were reduced because of the presence of the ladder in Birmingham. The thought was then given to the purchase of a truck that would carry this ladder and specifications were drawn up for a truck that would not only carry this ladder but later on be suitable for the adaption of a power operated extension aerial.

"Accordingly in the fall this chassis was purchased and delivered to the fire department. Plans were then drawn up for the body together with specifications for water pumps, booster tank, air blower for masks and for a 110 volt generator for flood lighting and later to power the aerial lift. Building of this truck started late in the fall of 1938 and was completed and put in service in September of 1939, less the power operating aerial ladder. However, room was left between the cab and the body compartment for the traversing table or turn table. The truck then carried 114 feet of portable hand ladders, and at the time of going into service was a completed service truck with all fire fighting accessories.

"During the winter of 1939 and 1940 plans were drawn for the aerial ladder. Tubular steel, reduction universal 110 volt motors and all other necessary materials were ordered and delivery made before

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Richard Neely Is Killed In Crash

Another gold star has been placed in the Birmingham service flag, this one for Corporal Richard H. Neely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

Corp. Richard Neely

liam H. Neely, 607 Oak street, who was killed in an airplane crash near Casper, Wyoming, last Sunday.

Corporal Neely was an aerial gunner on a B-24 bomber plane which was on a routine flight when the crash occurred. It was reported several other airmen were killed when the plane crashed.

It is expected the body will be sent home to this city for the funeral. Plans are being made to hold the service at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Bell fu-

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Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. —adv.

Birmingham Happy When Summer Comes Wednesday Morning

Summer came to Birmingham Wednesday morning at 8:08 o'clock, bringing to a close a rather unusual Spring season.

Wednesday at 8:03 a. m. the summer solstice began. "The heating influence of the sun increases with the length of the day," the almanac states, "and with the sun's altitude at noon. The daily accession of heat is therefore greatest at the time of the summer solstice."

Tuesday was one of the three longest days of the year. The north pole tilted nearest the sun Tuesday and the season brought the longest days of the year to the northern hemisphere.

For long Birmingham saw new heat and cold records broken. And both of them almost within one week. Sunday it was really warm here and Tuesday it was almost too cool for late spring comfort.

Sunday's temperature was around the 90 mark but the mercury had a sinking spell and dropped to the region of fifty by Tuesday morning.

Education Board Closing Up Its Work For Year

The Birmingham Board of Education is busy right now closing up its business for the present school year and completing necessary plans for the reopening of school next September.

Tuesday evening the present Board held its final regular session at its office at Hill school and spent several hours acting on business matters and planning for the future.

This, too, was the final regular session for the present five-member Board. Starting with the first meeting in July the Board will be composed of seven members. The members will meet in the Board Offices at 7:30 o'clock the evening of July 10 to organize and then adjourn to Room 101 in Baldwin high school for the annual School District meeting.

The new board will elect a president, secretary, and treasurer, and probably pass on a number of resolutions and hear reports from various departments.

Funds Near Balance

In making his final monthly report as treasurer, John Rosso, retiring board member, called attention to the condition of various funds, many of which will end the year in the black. This condition is in contrast to earlier expectations and favorable comments were heard on the careful handling of the cost items in all departments of the public schools under the guidance of Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland. All members were highly pleased to learn

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Fred Sanders Wins Commission In East

Lieut. Fred Sanders, who recently received his commission in the meteorology division of the Army Air Corps at the Massachusetts Institute of technology, has returned to duty on the east coast, after spending a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders, of Epping lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and their daughter, Nancy, attended Lieutenant Sanders' graduation exercises at M.I.T. after which he returned to Birmingham with them. He was graduated from Dartmouth and attended Amherst College before entering the Air Corps.

Many Residents Get Fire Signals And Air Raid Warnings Confused

Birmingham hasn't had an air raid warning signal in a long, long time because the powers that be decided there was little use continuing the 'practice sessions;' at least not for the present. But sometimes in case of fire, especially at night, some folk mistake the fire siren as an air raid warning, or some such similar warning. The other night when Birmingham had a bit of a fire—quite a bit—the fire signal was blown a couple of times to call the volunteer fire fighters from their homes to the scene of the trouble.

Some people, awakened in the still of the night by the fire siren thought at first there must be an air raid or some sort of trouble somewhere right close. Some were really frightened for a bit until neighbors—also out of doors in their pajamas—explained the fire signal system.

Some residents, new to Birmingham, were not only frightened but were so thoroughly frightened they thought they should do something to assure safety for themselves and their children. Some even thought of making use of the pedestrian underpass at Hunter and Oakland.

But today most of these folk have become assured that they will be able to tell the fire call from the air raid warning in the future.

The fire call is three blasts, or "swells," on the fire siren. If more men are to be called, or in case of a bad fire needing immediate attention, this is repeated at an interval of one minute.

The air raid warning is a constant signal or "swell," continuing for five minutes or even longer.

Local residents—especially the new ones—may hear the fire signal each Monday at 12 noon, as the signal is sounded in a weekly practice or test for the firemen.

Officials say that while the war is far from being over and the danger of air raids still exists, the Allies are keeping the enemy so busy on his own home front that no air raid or some sort of trouble somewhere right close. Some were really frightened for a bit until neighbors—also out of doors in their pajamas—explained the fire signal system.

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Two Get Call For Service In Army

Two more young men from the jurisdiction of the Birmingham Selective Service board have received calls for duty with the U. S. Army and will leave for final induction into the service on Monday, June 26.

The men are William H. Bronsing, of Birmingham, and Lewis H. Bayliss, now of Rochester.

On Monday of this week four men from the Birmingham board left for duty in the navy. In the group were Jerome Ellison, Victor Charles Koch and James Anthony Bylski, Birmingham; and Embros Wilson Edwards, Hazel Park.

City's Bond Drive Is Likely To Be Half Finished By Tonight

The 5th War Loan Drive quota of a million dollars for Birmingham is expected to be half subscribed by tonight, according to Chairman Herbert H. Gardner.

With the amount already listed, plus the $145,590 bonds sold by the Birmingham public schools, and the day's anticipated returns the totals are expected to be well past the half million mark this evening.

Totals reported Wednesday morning were about $295,000 in maturity values of bonds, the $145,590 from the school drive also is listed as maturity values.

But even with this showing the drive is considered as "lagging" in Birmingham, and the various groups and committees are asking their workers to speed up their efforts.

"We must have a lot more sales of E, F and G bonds if we are to reach the requested three quarters of a million dollars in these three issues of bonds," said Mr. Gardner in today's appeal to every Birmingham resident to buy more bonds and then buy some more and buy them early."

Last Half Hardest

The committee members consider the last half million the hardest part of the campaign and are appealing to their members to make their home to home calls at once.

The retailers' committee is doubly busy and persons visiting many retail establishments are being asked and asked again to buy just as many bonds as possible.

There will be some heavy sales of the bonds for corporation investments, and the tax note bonds, but what the government and the local committees are most interested in are the E, F and G bonds being bought and held as an investment by millions of American families.

Here are some facts the committee asked to be stated again:

Date—The Drive started on June 12, ends July 8.

Objective—The total goal is $16 billion, $6 billion of which is to be raised directly from individuals. The great bulk of promotion should be directed at individuals.

Insignia—There is an official "V" design with Minute-Man silhouette.

Theme—As our military effort increases in intensity, so must our financial effort.

Salvage Record For May Considered High

This city's May salvage record was a good one, but not near as good as could be made if everyone co-operated 100 per cent, according to Don S. Caputo, general salvage chairman. All Birmingham residents are urged to save every bit of paper, fats, metals, rags, old clothes and prepared tin cans for the war effort. "Every little bit of help given now will tend to shorten the war and may result in saving the life of some Birmingham boy," Chairman Caputo stated.

The May record discloses 87,800 pounds of paper was salvaged and sent to the mills to be made into shipping cases for food, clothing, munitions, medical supplies and other supplies for the American fighting forces overseas.

Salvaged was 17,000 pounds of metal, 5,624 pounds of rags, 4,850 pounds of scrap metals; and 11,000 pounds of old clothing and rags.

A freight car loaded with prepared tin cans was shipped recently to headquarters for this salvage. The car carried 32,000 pounds of metal.

Salvage is no longer gathered from the lot at the Post Office, but persons wishing to leave salvage may take it to the City Yards on Elm road.

Rutan Day Draws Big Golf Crowd To Birmingham

Sunday at the Birmingham Country Club found members and visiting players paying honor to the new club pro, Chick Rutan. It was Rutan Day with lots of fun, some really fine golf, a big dinner and everything that goes to make such events successful.

The forenoon play was given over to a blind bogey tournament for members with exhibition matches in the afternoon when a pro-amateur best-ball tourney was played.

Among the pros playing in the exhibitions were Al Watrous, Claude Harmon of Lockmoor, Bill Graham of Bloomfield, Thomas Shannon of Orchard Lake, Jack Witney of Detroit and J. Rutan.

Amateurs included Si Janes, Bill Nettle, E. C. Richards, Ralph and Elmer Ellstrom, Joseph Osplack and Elden Auker.

There was a gallery of about 300 fans for the afternoon exhibitions.

Among the good shots of the day was one by Harmon who put his sixth hole shot 340 yards onto the green. He took three putts.

Rutan also had his good shot. On the par five 18th hole he drove to the green in two shots and sank his first putt for an eagle three.

City Commission Hears Complaints

Monday night's City Commission was given over largely to hearing a complaint of Claude Moser on the method used in arriving at personal tax figures for his property at 668 South Woodward avenue where he operates the Birmingham Motor Sales.

There were no public hearings listed for Monday night, no communications or petitions on the file for action. There was the handling of the bills and claims and planning for future meetings but most interest centered on Mr. Mosher's complaint.

Complains on Methods

He told the Commission that on a brief visit to his place of business City Assessor Elmer Haack placed a valuation of $1,000 on his personal property, consisting of tools and equipment and such cars. He stressed the point that the used cars were "junkers" with all value able parts already sold off. A value of $400 was placed on the cars, he stated.

Valuation placed for personal taxes last year, he said, was $1,200 and that since then much of value in way of tools and equipment had been sold.

Mr. Mosher said he later visited the Board of Review and that some member of that body there waived his place of business, but only for a brief stay.

He also complained of inequality of assessments of businesses of the same nature.

Up to Board of Review

City Commissioner Wm. Cort Allen explained to Mr. Mosher that the law provided a way of presenting complaints on tax matters to the Board of Review to which body the taxpayer could have gone with a sworn statement as to the valuation of his personal property. Commissioner Milton T. Mallender told the visiting taxpayer that the City Commission had no authority to aid him, the law placing tax assessments matters in the hands of the Board of Review, with the next step being the courts.

Various members of the Commission questioned Mr. Mosher regarding his tax assessing efforts, condition and extent of his business and other matters connected with the case. No official action was taken.

The Commission discussed methods used in several nearby cities for handling tax assessments, various forms that had been suggested for use of taxpayers and the tax situation in general.