

United War Fund Drive Opens in Oakland County

Part One

Higher education may be able to turn out men and women with profound technical knowledge, able to do the work which will be needed but education that stresses only the financial rewards of life is not education in the true sense of the word. Perhaps such education is partly what's wrong with us today.

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By G. R. A.

Albert J. Engel Is A Crusader in Our Nation's Capitol

If there is one Congressman in the nation's Capitol who has stirred the American people untold millions of dollars, I think that it is Albert J. Engel, of Michigan. This 56-year-old human dynamo visited Birmingham two days ago and told an Oakland County audience something of the waste he has observed in army camps and industrial centers since Pearl Harbor.

Do you know that Mr. Engel, as a Republican member of the House Committee on Military Affairs, alone traveled thousands of miles over the eastern half of the United States, sleeping in small hotels, in tourist camps, even in his car, and produced documentary evidence of widespread waste of your money?

What he saw is now a matter of evidence in the Congressional Record, and he did this investigation with only one prime consideration: to save the taxpayers' money. He found waste in industry in this respect. He investigated 47 big and little industries; only two, the automobile and the steel industry, because he exposed their huge profits, he says.

What Mr. Engel really showed the nation that millions of dollars were unnecessarily wasted in numerous army camps. He reported on General Marshall, General Arnold, Admiral King, and other top brasses with the exception of General Brenton Sprenckell, who, Engel believes, is incompetent to handle his job efficiently and economically.

Do you know why Engel did so much more than your average Congressman does? He knows what struggle against poverty is. Engel was raised in a lumber camp in Michigan, and he worked in a lumber camp before he was 14; but he was not content to be a lumberjack, at any cost; so he went to Chicago shortly after 14, worked in the department store where he obtained the equivalent of a high school education; then he entered upon a study of law at Northwestern University, completing a four-year course in three years. After that he went to Western Michigan, was a county prosecutor, then served four terms in the Michigan State Bar, and is now running for his fifth term in the House of Representatives.

He has been reasonably close to government and public officials for more than 25 years; when I see a man like Engel, I feel good. I had even a dozen more like him in my opinion than the Federal Government would function better, and cheaper.

So here's to the Hon. Albert J. Engel. May he win November 7, and, folks, some of these days he ought to run for the White House. He has chased the bad boys out of Lansing in short order, and your tax dollars would be better far as compared to money and ability could be made to go on these bewildering times.

From Soldier Dad to Baby Son

Here's a fine bit of parental writing to a little Birmingham boy, from the father in France, fighting to preserve human freedom. The writer is Pvt. Dean H. Smith, the baby is Gary S. Smith, and the little tot's mother is the former Betty Shinning daughter of Mr. George W. Spinning, Knox street. Under date of Sept. 15, 1944, Pvt. Smith writes:

This is probably your first letter and you are still too young to be able to read it. The rate you are now going it won't be long. Your mom's letters to me are full of descriptions of your every action and new words. I will be my lifelong regret that I can't leave to serve my country just when you were growing up and learning to think for yourself. However, as you grow up, you will find that this world is a rather tough place and that freedom is not something that your ancestors would give you without a fight. It's something you have to keep fighting for all your life, one way or another. I hope you'll be a good citizen and help to keep our country free.

THEY WERE SPEEDING

Two speeders received police tickets Tuesday. Mile Nikola, H. Pontiac, were listed as driving 60 miles an hour in 35 mile zones.

Re zoning Out West Maple Is Being Studied

New Owner Would Open Business Place Near Chesterfield

That little stretch of business local "Business A" just across the street from the gasoline station seem to be causing considerable worry to quite a few people. One section of the block originally listed as "Business A" on the zoning map, was running and operated by the City Commission. Along with this an ally was closed and the property was sold to a new owner. Now a part of the property has been purchased by Phil Vetrari who is planning to open a business place near Chesterfield.

War Chest Fund Drive Is Off to Very Fine Start

The big annual United War Fund drive appears off to a splendid start in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomington townships according to Herbert H. Gardner, general chairman, today. The drive opened Monday and already the funds are coming in.

Get Proper Credit

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Division of the 1944 campaign for the Oakland County United War Fund has been advised by Benjamin E. Young, of the War Chest of Metropolitan Detroit, that Bloomfield Township contains over 800 contributors to the Detroit Fund in 1943, but that all are concentrated in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area in 1944 through the joint contribution effort of the district, which is distributed with 60% going to the Detroit War Chest and 40% to the Oakland County United War Fund.

Pick Judges For Halloween Parade

Work on plans for Birmingham's 11th annual Halloween games room will be open to junior and senior high school boys Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 5 o'clock. The room will be open for the "Teen Canten" group.

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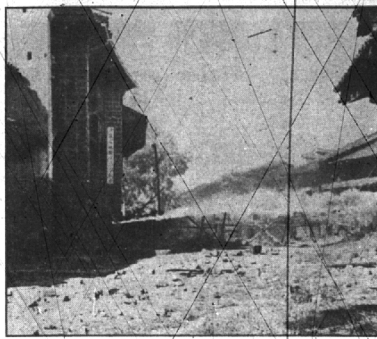
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Hot Time in Old Tengchung



A Chinese soldier attacks with a flammethrower in the fierce fight for Tengchung, first Chinese city east of Burma to be liberated. Chinese troops, supported by the U. S. 10th and 14th Air Forces, fought five weeks to oust 2000 entrenched Japs. Tengchung, the ancient jade city, is a key to junction of the Burma and Ledo Roads.

Y.M.C.A. Clubs Are Being Organized in Local Schools

The Y.M.C.A. Clubs, meeting in the various schools, began their fall program this week. Victor Ullrich, music teacher in the schools, is the leader of the Gray Club which met at 7 o'clock Monday night. Fifteen boys attended the first meeting. It is expected that the clubs will be organized in all schools by the end of the month.

Study Whole Plan

The Commission did discuss the advisability of asking that all of the "Business A" property on the south side of Maple street be rezoned in question be proposed as "residential." The fact, Commissioner Colt Allen, said, that the zoning commission is to be held in view of this property with a study of the property with a view to rezoning it.

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Board of Education Fixes Total School Budget at \$481,500

The total school budget for the school year 1944-45 for the Birmingham School District was set at \$481,500.12, at the annual budget public hearing session of the Board on Tuesday evening. This includes \$352,629.62 general operating budget and \$128,870.50 for maintenance and other services.

Birmingham Sends 40,720 Packages for Servicemen Overseas

A final count of the number of Christmas packages sent off from the Birmingham post office from September 16 to October 15, for service men and women overseas disclosed a total of 40,720 packages according to Postmaster Joseph A. Bynrd.

Donald Webb Is Killed In Action In South Pacific

Donald Webb, a U. S. Navy hospital corpsman, was killed in action July 24, according to word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Webb, 425 Brimley Ave., from the department in Washington.

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City Opposes Bus Fare Increases

The Birmingham City Commission, at its meeting on Monday evening, took action looking toward the city's opposition to the proposed fare increases for the city's bus system.

Exchange Club Holds Convention in Toledo Sunday and Monday

The two-day wartime conference and annual convention of the National Exchange Club, held in Toledo, Ohio, Sunday and Monday, was attended by Walter O. Morgan, delegate from the Birmingham area.

Call For Workers For 6th War Loan

Within a few days a call is expected to be sent out by Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham War Loan Organization, to recruit their workers for the Sixth War Loan.

Cooks Road Youth Made Naval Ensign

Jackson Blair Reavis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reavis, 3901 S. 1st street, Birmingham, was named as a recipient of the Cooks Road Youth made Naval Ensign.