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Why The Secret?

It is a matter of fact... In Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese fleet... resulting in destruction of ships and thousands of lives...

Officially, it is, yet... As Commander-in-Chief, F.D.R. has used every power he possesses to prevent an investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster...

Well, from the standpoint of "practical politics," F.D.R. cannot be blamed for his efforts to maintain secrecy... After all, the U. S. Navy and its personnel are not the personal playthings of one man...

For every \$100 worth of war bonds... 9,000,000 Bonds worth of War Bonds... of this year, \$22 were cashed in, according to a Treasury report...

Everybody knows that some people, under the strain of war bond drives, over-extend themselves and buy more bonds than they can afford to hold... The average American will learn with a shock that between nine million and ten million individual bonds are being redeemed every month...

What redemption means, in the way of additional money to be borrowed, is seen when we recall that in May, June and July, \$754,000,000 worth of bonds were cashed in... This means that \$3,000,000,000 worth of bonds will be sold in 1944 to provide the funds with which to pay for bonds redeemed...

and another is promised for some time next spring... "The placing of the boulevard lights on West Maple avenue last spring has proved to be the means of bringing about several changes in the presentation of moving pictures in the high school auditorium...

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 27, 1894 "Our first frost was last Tuesday morning..."

5 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1939 "The football season in Birmingham will officially get under way Friday at Pierce Field when the opening whistle will be blown for the battle against Deacons, start at 3:30 p.m..."

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 26, 1924 "Birmingham's annual quota to contribute to the Red Cross for education for the boys of the village was given an added impetus Tuesday night of last week when the local Exchange Club accepted a challenge from the Rotary club to see which club could give the greatest sum of money next February..."

"A FRIENDLY BANK" WABEEK STATE BANK OF DETROIT

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Better Living of the People of the United States, for the Ahead?

The national income of the people of the United States, for the first six months of this year, was at the rate of \$136,000,000,000. The rate of production was at the \$196,000,000,000.

It is strange that a great nation, like our own, can find itself for a war emergency and produce miraculously. Even the financial system is able to take the war's demands in stride without talk of bankruptcy and financial collapse.

One of the fascinating tendencies of those who direct the thought of mankind is to advise the people of the world not to make the same mistake again, particularly in connection with the post-war program for peace.

There is but one and one certain only, to maintain perpetual peace: that is to have enough human beings live peaceful lives—peaceful in every big and little way. Peace is a virtue, never a vice.

Don't forget to save waste paper; after the war ends you can burn it up if you want to.

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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish brief contributions of material provided it has new value and suggestions are given. Contributions are usually mailed regularly so that they conform to general newspaper style.

Saturday successfully helped today that the celebration would engender an increased year-around interest and cooperation in Birmingham affairs by all its citizens.

"Evening school is a definite possibility for Birmingham if enough interest is shown by the public, the Board of Education decided Tuesday night."

"Plans for an extensive celebration in Birmingham Oct. 26, marking the completion of Hunter boulevard as a part of Woodward avenue, one of America's greatest highways, were launched Tuesday night in a meeting at the Community House."

"Representatives of various civic, church, club and school groups met Tuesday night at the Community House and mapped plans for the annual Halloween celebration for children of the community."

"With Civic Loyalty Day last Saturday, the Birmingham Eccentric is pleased to publish brief contributions of material provided it has new value and suggestions are given."

Agent To Assist Farm Purchasers

County Agricultural Agent Karl D. Bailly will soon be prepared to offer counsel to industrial workers returning to the farms who are interested in starting farming operations in Oakland County.

Background information is now being prepared by the farm management staff of Michigan State college under the direction of Clyde O. Meyers. This will be passed on to each agricultural agent to assist him in advising persons seeking help in getting readjusted and located on farms.

Some of the questions that it may be possible for the agent and his local Land Use Planning Committee help answer are: Do I have enough money to buy a farm? Do I have enough background and experience? Am I physically able to do farm work? Is this a good time to buy a farm? Is the farming land in this locality suitable for the type of farming I wish to do?

Information based on farm records gathered by college specialists also will be available to agents in deciding where to purchase a farm.

School Children Are Warned To Be Very Alert To Traffic Dangers

Michigan's more than nine hundred thousand returning school children face greater traffic dangers than in many years, it was warned today by Ernest P. Davis, director of the safety and hazard division of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The warning went to school authorities reorganizing the 2217 school safety patrols throughout the state equipped and instructed by the state's traffic police.

"We shall re-double our alertness this school year," said Davis, "we shall never duplicate the great record of safety these patrols achieved last year. Here are a few reasons for the greater danger this year."

- 1. Fewer police officers. 2. War-deteriorated traffic signs. 3. Worn-down tires that prevent quick stopping of cars. 4. Deleterious safety equipment.

RATIONING AT A GLANCE

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through A5, good indefinitely. BLUE TOBACCO—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5, good indefinitely. BLUE TOBACCO—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through L5, good indefinitely.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30, 32 and 33 each good for five pounds indefinitely. SUGAR stamp 40, good for five pounds of cane sugar through February, next year.

GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast states, A-11 coupons good through November 8. In States outside the East Coast Area, A-12 coupons good through September 21 and A-13 coupons in "B" book become good through October 31.

FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons, and new period 1 coupons good throughout coming 1 and 2 years.

SHOES—Airplane stamps 1 and 2. BLENDABLE FOOD—Onions.

RESTAURANT OPERATION SCHEDULE

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DIXIE DINER 255 E. Merrill WEEK DAYS 8 A.M. TO 8 P.M. Including Saturdays CLOSED ALL DAY SUNDAY And Every Evening

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KINGSLEY INN N. Woodward at Long Lake Rd. Open Daily from 12 Noon to 2:00 a. m. Closed All Day SUNDAYS For Reservations Phone B'ham 9039

Nearing the End of His Rope

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ARMY NEEDS NURSES IMMEDIATELY

The Army needs 4,000 Nurses immediately. Paul W. McNair, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, reported last week. Men wounded in battle must have nurses to care for them quickly.

Four or five members of the city government will represent the city at the meeting of the Michigan Municipal League at Jackson later this month. It is thought the local group will attend the sessions on Friday, September 22 when numerous departmental sessions will be held. Some of the local representatives are: present both Thursday and Friday.

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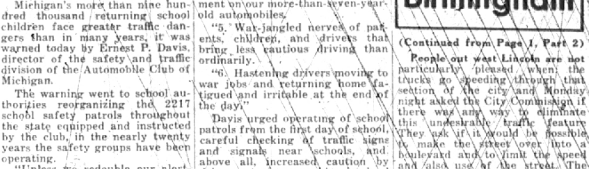
PEOPLE in Uniform

Public Phone

"He makes up for it with his big heart," though."



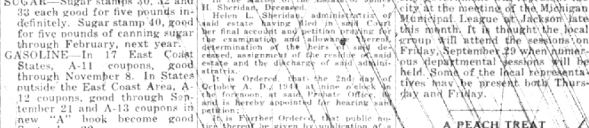
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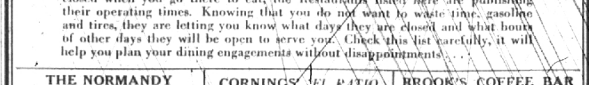
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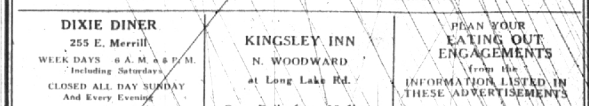
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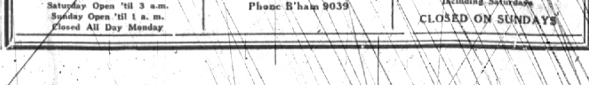
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