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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

World Selfishness Demands That the U.S.A. Be Prepared

Along with the vast, vast majority of American citizens, I've always been in favor of the operation of a democracy with as little military emphasis as seemed practicable. That ideal, of course, is an ultimate world goal.

For most of our national history, the United States could afford that type of thinking.

But, while the common denominator of human selfishness hasn't changed a whole lot, mankind's abilities to wage more devastating war have; there are now available to human beings more engines and devices for destruction than ever before; topping the damnable list is the atomic bomb!

This second World War caught the United States in its customary mood of isolation, without much of a military establishment, and we almost went down to possible defeat.

Now that war is ended, but the antagonisms of nations still exist, with Russia, stronger than ever, more lacking in world cooperation than ever.

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War Chest Drive Passes Half Way Mark This Week

The Birmingham-Bloomfield campaign for the 1945 United Community War Fund has passed the half way mark, and additional reports from workers continue to show good results.

Young C. Smith, local campaign chairman, has reported that leaders to duplicate the 1944 results which were:

Bloomfield Hills, L. E. Tucker, chairman—$4,675.50; Bloomfield Village, Karl Crawford and John Slater, co-chairman, $2,616.00; Special Gifts-committee, Mrs. Ned McMath, chairman, $2,618.60; Bloomfield Suburban, Perry Vaughn, chairman, $3,375.50; Birmingham City, R. D. Lynd, chairman, $19,016.65.

Total, $32,301.25.

Interest Is High

Many calls are coming to the "Y" office in the Birmingham Community House, asking that a deficient be sent to pick up contributions not yet called for. This interest in the campaign, according to R. D. Lynd, secretary, is due to the large number of agencies supported by the Fund, in Wayne and Oakland counties, in addition to the U.S.O. and foreign relief. Some of the early reports from street canvasses show large increases over 1944.

Considerable interest has been reported in the announcement that in addition to the local social services already named, the Family Service Association of Southern Oakland County will be supported jointly from the Wayne County and Oakland County Community Funds for the 1945-46 program. Contributions now being solicited are going into these funds.

Urge Early Report

The 1944 contributions mentioned above were further increased by a percentage of Birmingham-Bloomfield contributions made in Detroit and turned back to Oakland county by Wayne county. For this reason Young C. Smith urges all workers to report cases where contributions are made in Detroit.

The final success of the campaign is assured if new residents are called on to take the places of contributors who have moved away since last year, according to E. W. Seaholm, county chairman and member of the Birmingham School Board.

District chairmen's reports are now coming in more rapidly, and may be left at the Y.M.C.A. office in Birmingham Community House, or with Mrs. R. W. Chisnus, 1492 East Maple, or at the Birmingham National Bank.

Special Art Display To Be Held Nov. 5-9 at Baldwin High School

An unusually interesting art exibit from Colonial Fine Arts will be in Birmingham next week, Nov. 5-9, when 150 reproductions of some of the world's greatest paintings are to be placed on the Eastern Michigan football title. Port Huron's Indian record thus far includes four wins and two losses, with two league games having been played. The Blue Water team defeated Mt. Clemens 20-7 and, in a bitterly fought contest last Friday night, lost to Ferndale 13-7.

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Retailers Pick Directors And Plan Program

Christmas Party for Children To Be Held On Saturday, Dec. 8

The Birmingham's Retail Merchants Association has named five new directors, at its annual meeting last week, and the members of the board amended its bylaws so that the officers will be elected by the Board members instead of by the membership at large, as formerly. The association rules governing the number of members constituting a quorum was changed for both association and board of directors. The change will make the members present at any regular or special meeting, regularly called, constitute a quorum.

Other members of the board are Peter Toothacker, Walter Parmenter, Mrs. Grace Glassford, Mrs. Gilbert Telfer, whose terms expire in 1946; and Paul Kurth, Ray Woolfender, and H. Lee North, whose terms expire in 1947.

Members whose terms expire this year are William Wieland, Edward Kurth, Katherine Hunt and Dom. S. Caputo.

Officers who served this year were John McKee, president, who resigned during the year; Philip J. Williams, vice president; Walter Moreland, treasurer and Walter R. Raychel, executive secretary.

New Directors

Named to the board of directors were Roland Reese, Sam Bruni, Keith Cries, and J. Mack Cox, for terms of four years and M. Ray Cook for a term of two years. Directors will meet shortly to elect officers for 1946.

Christmas Party Dec. 8

Walter L. Moreland served as chairman of the meeting and Donald Cummings served as secretary. The Christmas street evening merchandising hours were discussed, and most of the retailers appeared to be planning to have evening hours for about 10 days before Christmas. No formal action was taken.

The Christmas party for the children will be at the Birmingham theater on Saturday, Dec. 8, it was announced. Plans are now being worked out for an enjoyable program for the youngsters and a gift for each one attending.

The financial report disclosed cash in the bank of $1,340.45, $740.68; Receipts for year $415 (See RETAILERS, Page 2)

Ask City To Open Land On Railroad To Industrial Use

The Grand Trunk Western railroad, which owns a majority of the lots in Birmingham Gardens subdivision, just east of the railroad tracks on East Maple street, has petitioned the city commission to assist it in rearranging the property for industrial use.

The railroad, it was explained by Attorney John J. Gafill at the meeting, anticipates sale of the property on which may be established some small industries. The request included one for the closing of two short blocks of streets and an alley and also for the zoning of the Maple street frontage for industrial uses.

The Commission called a hearing on the street and alley closing request and also referred the zoning to the city planning commission for its recommendation. The date of the hearing was set at Nov. 26.

Ferd M. Brook appeared with Mr. Gafill as representing the possible purchaser of the property.

Ask Fire Protection

He also reported that the Apple Orchard Nursery School at 459 South Adams had petitioned the city for fire protection. He was instructed to draft an agreement with the school. The property is not now a part of the city although it is entirely surrounded by the city. Annexation of the property to the city was discussed by the commission.

Manager Harold H. Corson reported to the commission that a total of 525 service men had used Springdale as their golf course free of charge this season.

Seek Stop Street

The city has been requested to order a stop street at the intersection of Fairfax and Pine streets, and Manager Corson told the commission this will be done as soon as safety islands can be secured.

He also reported that the draft of new organization plans for Greenwood cemetery, under which the city will take over and operate the cemetery, is about half completed. He said Mark Dance, of the D.P.W., is studying procedure for handling the cemetery business.

HOME ON LEAVE

Home from Jacksonville, Fla., on a fifteen day leave is Paul G. Dunn, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Chantler, 2139 Yorkshire road.

All Classified Ads must be in The Eccentric office by 5p o'clock each Tuesday evening for insertion that week. Telephone or bring them in, please. adv. tf

Schools Playing Important Part in Victory Bond Drive

Birmingham's public schools are all set to play quite an active part in the Victory Loan bond selling campaign which opened this Monday.

While the schools are not expected to sell such large amounts of bonds it is thought the fine spirit developed through the bond selling campaign will be of great value in spurring on adults, stores and clubs for the larger sales.

The Victory Loan drive continues through Dec. 8 when Birmingham hopes to have sold more than a million dollars in these government securities.

As a means of handling their quota of bonds Baldwin High School will hold a Bond Auction tomorrow and the many fine articles and privileges secured for this bond sale gives indication, it is said, of the high esteem in which the school effort is held as a worthwhile project.

New Faculty Adviser

Harold Newcomb has been named faculty adviser of the Junior Defense Council and has been working with the Council members and committees from the various home rooms for tomorrow's program. Mr. Newcomb takes the place of W. S. Toothacker, who has resigned his post here and retired from active teaching.

The Assembly club of Baldwin High School is another organization working with the Defense Council in promoting the Victory Loan campaign. A member of the Council said today, "Baldwin appreciates the very fine cooperation which it has received from the merchants of Birmingham in connection with this project."

An Barton Junior High School quota of $750 per home room has been set in an effort to pass the total quota of $11,200. A thermometer chart in the lower corridor of the building will register the success of the drive during each day of the scheduled effort. Special posters have been designed and a special assembly is now being planned.

All elementary schools of the city are working on plans for their part in the Bond Sale campaign. Not all of them have completed their system but each school anticipates passing its quota.

Buy Privileges, Gifts

Among the entertainment and sports articles to be auctioned off at the bond assembly are two tickets to the Pigskin Prom; two to the Senior Play; two to the Birmingham and to the Bloomfield theaters; two to the Schubert-Lafayette on Nov. 5; two to the Cass; two to the New Year's dance, and two to Detroit Symphony Orchestra. For sports there will be a seat with the team for the Thanksgiving Day game, two tickets to the game, two to the Notre Dame-Packers game, two to the Michigan-Purdue game at Ann Arbor, an autographed picture of the football squad; season tickets to the (See BOND DRIVE, Page 2)

Presbyterians To Hold Pledge Day For New Building

Sunday, Nov. 4, is to be one of the outstanding days in the life of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham. On that day members of that church will be asked to subscribe $175,000 still needed to assure the erection of a new church home. Already about $125,000 has been paid in or subscribed toward the $300,000 project.

Recently property on West Maple street, between Larchlea and Pleasant, was purchased as the site of the new church home and members of the church and the pastor, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, are hopeful work on the building may be started within a year or so.

Work on the building fund has been going on for the past three years with good progress made despite the World War and other retarding influences.

Church members have been acquainted with plans for next Sunday and a record attendance is anticipated at the morning worship service.

Workers Organized

I. W. Robertson, the chairman of the solicitation committee, announces that pledge cards have been put into the hands of every member of the church. It is expected that most of these pledges will be returned through the mail or presented at the special Pledge Day services at the church Sunday. "This will eliminate the necessity of having a church canvasser call at the individual homes," he states.

"However, in case it is necessary to make personal calls, the city has been divided into four territories with a leader to act as captain of each territory."

The following men have been selected as captains: John Slater, Henry Torrence, C. V. Crockett and Chas. S. Kinnison. These captains are now selecting approximately ten canvassers each to call throughout their territories.

The canvassers have all been invited to a complimentary "kick off" dinner at the church Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, at 7 o'clock.

It is planned that the solicitation will be completed within three weeks—just before Thanksgiving—at which time a report dinner will be held.

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If selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer. 619 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. Adv. tf

Hallowe'en Party Attracts Hundreds

Mr. and Mrs. Goblin and all the Little Goblins were out in force in Birmingham last evening for the annual city-wide Hallowe'en party given by the children and young folk by the businessmen, clubs and various groups of the city.

There was a big parade, lots of noise and fun, lots of food and some really good programs at Baldwin and Barnum schools and at the Community House.

Assisting in making the event move along smoothly were scores of Birmingham men and women. But it was mostly the men this time who did the actual work of seeing that all the children and school pupils had their fill of food and then found their way into the entertainments.

The parade was formed over by Baldwin school and moved through the business district to music by the Baldwin band. There just wasn't much left to think of after one had watched the hundreds of costumed marchers pass the reviewing stand on West Maple.

One group of oldsters remarked "Mothers must have stayed awake nights for weeks past to think up all the outfits they arranged for their children." Every character of children's story books was noticed. And some of them, in fact a lot of them, were really clever.

And the way those big piles of pumpkins, seen for days in the food store and market windows, did disappear! They were soon transformed into big jack-o-lanterns and seen in all parts of the city. There seemed hardly a home with children which did not have its jack-o-lantern and its Hallowe'en costume.

Will Survey City To Find Homes for Returned Veterans

A well organized survey of the entire city is planned for Sunday afternoon as a part of the Veterans' Council campaign to find homes and apartments for returning service men and women.

The survey was planned by a committee named Friday night at a general city-wide meeting called to find ways and means of aiding the veterans.

Churches, service clubs, women's clubs and other organizations will provide 200 workers needed to make the survey. Each group will arrange its own meeting early Sunday afternoon and assign workers to sections of its territory. Territory has already been assigned to the several organizations.

Special attention is to be paid to sections of the city not now zoned for single residences, but the entire city will be covered.

The groups will begin work at 2 o'clock and hope to finish their task by 5. Persons who have not been assigned to any group for the survey and wishing to assist are asked to call Jack Thomas, veterans' counsel at phone 2778.

A large number of organizations were represented at a conference held last Friday night at the Community House to study ways and means of locating apartments, homes and rooms for the returning veterans. Out of this conference has come the Sunday plan for the survey, and serving on that group are Jack Thomas, the veterans' counsel; the Rev. Glen Harris, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; Fred Raife, Howard Estes, and Mrs. Paul H. Gleye and Mrs. George S. Dodwell.

Organizations represented were the MOMS club, Teachers' club, English Lutheran church, Holy Name Church, V.F.W., V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion and Auxiliary, Business Women's club, Exchange club, Rotary club, Lions club, Rebekah Lodge, Service Wives club, National Farm and Garden club, D.A.R. Rotary club and Masonic Lodge.

Find Few Homes

Mr. Thomas reported that thus far he had found few homes or apartments for the dozens applying. He made a plea for help in securing such places and suggested a city-wide survey. Mr. Estes declared that more than a sixth of the men had returned to Birmingham from war duty. "When all are home we are going to find a terrible problem trying to find them homes," he explained. Dr. John Lambie explained that building operations were moving (See VETERANS, Page 2)

LT. BREECH IS HOME

Lt. William H. Breech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Breech, of Manor road, has recently received his discharge from the Army Air Force at Randolph Field, Texas.

Bill has been in the service for the past three years and was a fighter pilot. He and his wife are with his parents until they can find a home. Another son, Capt. E. R. Breech, Jr., who has been in service for four years, is on terminal leave until Jan. 18. He has been stationed with the Transport Wing, Calif., since his return to the States. Captain Breech served three years in England.

G. A. Cram Tells Exchange Club of Plan For Redistribution of State Tax Money

"Redistribution of state taxes back to local government units should be made under rules set up by constitutional amendment," declared George A. Cram, Pontiac attorney, in a talk to the Exchange Club at their meeting in the Community House last week.

Mr. Cram explained that under the present system monies are petitioned by local government bodies and oftimes the amounts received are designated for certain purposes and cannot be used for any other. The whole system offers opportunity to politicians to bestow special favors which in turn may have strings attached, he stated.

Limit Law Makers

A constitutional amendment is proposed by Mr. Cram to regulate "redistribution of taxes" within which the Legislature must function. "This proposed amendment," said Mr. Cram, "is unlike most proposals upon the subject because they involve action of the Legislature which can change its mind every two years and thereby become a biennial football.

"By making the plan a Constitutional amendment, rules for redistribution of taxes will be set up beyond the reach of political aspirants and municipalities will know exactly how they will be apportioned. The three-cent gasoline and weight tax and the primary school money are set up much that way now and my plan is in no way affects them.

"Sales taxes, property and liquor taxes, however, are not so controlled, and as most of these are collected with the individual tax payer some plan should be presented that would permanently state how such money should be returned to the individual's local unit of government."

Two-thirds of all such taxes collected should revert to the counties under a plan enacted into the state constitution, according to Mr. Cram.

His Proposals

His proposed amendment is substantially as follows:

"Two-thirds of all tax revenues now levied and collected by the State must be turned back to the counties upon a combined "drive way" ratio to include (a) popula- (See STATE TAX, Page 2)

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Donald C. Egbert Is Promoted By Navy

Lt. Com'dr Donald C. Egbert is the way the Birmingham city manager on leave with the naval forces on Guam, now signs his name. The promotion from lieutenant to his present rank came only recently. Word reached his wife and son in Birmingham yesterday.

In addition to this fine bit of news was word that he likely would be leaving Guam early this month and probably will reach home around Thanksgiving Day. He expects to visit briefly at Santa Cruz, California, before proceeding to Birmingham.

Local Businessmen Study Ways to Solve Parking Problem

Birmingham's automobile parking problem was up for study before the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants association, Wednesday evening, at the Community House, with the main talks given by Mayor Wilmer E. Moody and Charles S. Rust of the City Planning Commission.

Mayor Moody explained that it may be necessary to create special assessment districts to handle the expense of acquiring and preparing parking lots.

Charles Rust gave facts and figures acquired by the planning commission in its search for an answer to the parking problem.

Rust Outlines Plan

Mr. Rust in his talk outlined procedure being followed by the city planning commission committee, and declared that the work of compiling facts and figures could not be completed in a day. "It takes time," he said.

"The solution of Birmingham's parking problem not only involves consideration of ways and means of providing more parking space, but a study of the traffic flow on the main streets of the business area," Mr. Rust explained. "The use of vehicle movement. Therefore, when we are considering the locations of additional parking areas, we must keep in mind the effect that these areas will have on the traffic flows of the streets on which they are located. It could well mean merely a transfer of congestion from, for instance, West Maple, to a minor street instead of more accessibility for your customers.

Study Requires Time

"It may seem to you that it takes a long time to complete the parking study. Having made similar studies in another city, I can truthfully say that it cannot be done in a day, nor a week, nor a month. Some studies similar to the one the Planning Commission is now doing have been revised in part at a later date.

"The reason for this is that much data must be collected before the final answer; however, a move like that would affect all you business men. Therefore, before any major business establishments are on West Maple, and that was my only reason for suggesting to the Commission that a committee from the merchants work with a committee from the Planning Commission to make a survey of the parking and submit recommendations to the Commission, which would solve the problem. I believe very strongly we have the public and the merchants are affected, they should not only be considered but have a voice in the plans.

Study Parking Meters

"There are many reasons for the existing conditions and I am sure you will agree with me that this is not a simple problem from two angles—First, the emergency which now exists; and second, the long run to take care of our anticipated growth during the next five to ten years. We have discussed the possibility of widening West Maple to the same width as East Maple, from Woodward to Bates. We have discussed the possibility of an installation of parking meters. We have also discussed the possibility of flowing the eastbound traffic through Merrill Street, and the westbound traffic, coming into the city north of Willetts, west on Willetts to Chester, and as I said before, removing all parking from West Maple.

"We do know this—that a lot of our difficulty is due to the conditions of a number of merchants who cannot receive their deliveries in the rear of their business. Therefore, it is necessary for these trucks to stop on Maple in front of their places of business to deliver their supplies. Then, we also know that a large number of cars, which flow through Maple from Woodward to Bates, circle the block until they find a convenient place to park. But, we believe that the largest contributing factor to the congestion is the fact that prior to the war, a large number of our merchants had de- (See MOODY, Page 2)

Compulsory Military Training Discussion To Be at Moms Club

The MOMS Club will meet Thursday evening, November 8, at the Community House, when a program of discussion on compulsory military training will be presented.

Harris Machus, who spoke to the MOMS after his return from Europe, will act as chairman, and participating in the discussion will be: Mrs. F. G. Garrison, vice president of the League of Women Voters; John L. Marts, former Mayor of Birmingham; the Rev. A. F. Runkel, pastor of the Methodist church; and Larned G. Goodrich, counselor at the Baldwin High School.

This program was presented a short time ago by the "Service Wives," and some of the MOMS who attended that meeting found it so enlightening that the members of the panel were asked to appear before the MOMS meeting. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

The MOMS are also asked to cooperate with the Veterans' Council conducting a survey to find rooms and apartments for the returning veterans.

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