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By G. R. A.
Long, Long Years Ago There Was Created a Greater "Atomic Bomb"

Long before the modern atomic bomb was released upon Japan, another kind of atomic bomb was released into the mind and conscience of man. It is, indeed, more powerful than anything with in the entire physical world.

This ancient force of power, whose energy is more and more making itself felt on mankind, was put together in the laboratory of the Supreme Architect, the Great Chemist, of our Universe.

I am referring to that form of atomic bomb whose constituent elements are contained in the words: God, Truth, Life, Love, and the best, exalted names by which we describe Godness.

In the realm of physics, the elements from which our scientists have obtained the atomic bomb are, largely, uranium and plutonium. These physical substances, when put through scientific methods and devices, result in the formation of atomic energy; to date this energy has been harnessed and made releaseable only through destructive devices.

But the power thus obtained has provided mankind with both a constructive and a destructive force. It has developed, and a cure; how such energy shall be used in the future depends upon the character of the "atomic bomb" I have alluded to that is understood and used by mankind.

Truth, Love, Life, etc., are the most powerful forces upon earth, within the yearning ability of man. Through a Christ, they have left a pattern of thought upon society that has changed the course of the whole world from barbarism to the present level of civilization.

Socrates, drinking the hemlock, was supported by his inner convictions of Truth, and his philosophical utterances have left their imprint upon all people who lived after him.

The dedication of countless millions to an ideal, regardless of the conditions of life that became theirs, was a manifestation of this "atomic bomb" of the spirit. Such dedication have come innumerable blessings to mankind.

This "atomic bomb" of the spirit, in close contact with the unmeasurable white light and heat of our Lord, has inspired the noblest human situation that stands within its way; history so well records the lives and struggles of the countless crusaders, both men and women, who consumed with a portion of this "atomic bomb" of Truth, Love, etc., have illumined the human mind of former ignorance, stimulated others to blast away the jungle-forest of poverty, of intolerance, of selfishness, of shallow vanities.

Today, the population of this earth is confronted with the terrific potentialities of the destructive atomic bomb; and well it may, in its present state of confusion and chaos.

But there is consolation today, as there always has been, to thoughtful people. It lies in the willingness of human beings to regenerate their yearning for greater development of the spirit, and to strive for the Divine created and bestowed power that can blast from existence the Hiroshimas and Nagasakis of humanly conceived and humanly applied evil. . . that can nurture and sustain for all mankind an indefinite era of peace and good-will and abundance.

Yes, there are two types of "atomic bombs": one is finite, limited to the resources of a revolving globe that is very small when compared to the Universe in which it exists. (See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

Speaks Here Monday Churches Plan Thanksgiving Day Services

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League Of Women Voters Official To Speak Monday

Two outstanding officers of the Michigan League of Women Voters, the president, Mrs. Frank Haskins, and Mrs. Walter Kull, state chairman of the county government studies, will visit Birmingham to address the members of the local League at the general meeting Monday, Nov. 15, at the Community House. The day-long session begins at 10:30 a. m. and resumes at 1 p. m. after the noon recess for coffee and sandwiches.

Both guests will speak in the afternoon. Mrs. Haskins will give a panoramic view of the League, clarify its objectives and summarize its achievements. Mrs. Kull, an expert on the problems of municipalities and counties, will discuss the need for understanding county government and give facts and figures on city government in Michigan.

That evening Mrs. Haskins and Mrs. Kull will meet informally at dinner with members of the executive board at the home of Mrs. H. J. Livermore, local president with the social committee, headed by Mrs. A. S. McKelzie, in charge.

Mrs. F. G. Garrison assumed the second vice-presidency when the State League executive board at a meeting Tuesday in East Lansing which she attended with Mrs. Livermore.

Mrs. Charles Shain, of the Soaklers' Bureau, announces that single admissions will be available at the door for the League sponsored Maynard C. Krueger lecture on the "Economic Problems of Peace" to be held at the Community House Nov. 27 at 8:15, second feature on the Community Program Series.

CAPTAIN DISCHARGED
GEORGE FIELD, Lawrenceville, Ill.—Capt. Donald G. Fouracre, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fouracre of 391 Townsend street, has been released from the service at this separation base. Captain Fouracre entered the Army at Detroit April 6, 1942, and was assigned to the Air Force. He was trained as a pilot and won his wings and commission at Marfa, Tex., May 20, 1943. Prior to reporting to this station for his honorable discharge, Captain Fouracre was attached to the Troop Carrier Command at George Field, Ill., where he was on duty as a flight leader and instrument check pilot.

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There's Plenty To Be Thankful For This Year



THERE he is, America's most popular seasonal bird all ready to do his part for our first peacetime Thanksgiving since 1941! The turkey family numbers 44,150,000 this year, a fifth greater than last year, 44 per cent more than normal, says the Agriculture Department. Our 647,100-barrel cranberry crop is slightly short of civilian demand, since the armed forces require 100,000 barrels, but even so it's way above last year's 370,000 barrels. There's plenty of food for all of us, plenty of reason to rejoice now that the war is over and the boys are coming back. Conspire your own situation with the malnutrition, disease, and wasting spirits across the seas. Be thankful!

Ferndale This Week and Royal Oak Thanksgiving Day Ends Grid Season

With the Eastern Michigan League championship at stake Birmingham will play host to a strong Ferndale eleven Friday night at Pierce Field at 8 p. m. Both teams, undefeated in league competition, will present big and aggressive eleven. Ferndale has won three and lost none, while the Maples have won two and tied one, being held to a scoreless tie by Hazel Park. Ferndale defeated Hazel Park 6-0 in an evenly fought battle.

At Full Strength
The two teams will be in full strength with the return of Ferndale's passing ace, Bob Currie, after being out for most of the season. The others having a big hand in Ferndale's success are Jack Kuback, and Captain Jim Morris whose speed and passing catching ability have spelled defeat for many a team this season. The Ferndale line will be big and strong with Tom Kirkpatrick, lanky end, and Bill Jenkins, 230 pound tackle, outstanding.

Both coaches, Ted Meister of Ferndale and Hal Helmer of Birmingham, will pull all of their tricks out of the hat in an attempt to win this, the first football championship of the new league.

It's the last home game of the season and is expected to attract a record crowd to Pierce Field. Birmingham plays at Royal Oak on Thanksgiving Day forenoon and end its schedule.

At Royal Oak Nov. 22
The other half of the end-of-the-season attraction is the annual Royal Oak game, on Thanksgiving Day forenoon at Royal Oak's Case Field. The opening kickoff will be at 10:30 o'clock. Tickets are still available.

In fact word comes from Royal Oak Kivans club, sponsoring the game this year, that additional seats are being provided. A crowd of 10,000 is anticipated.

Russell Barnes Day Planned For Dec. 2nd At Community House

Birmingham is to pay its respects to Russell Barnes, 748 Highland court, in a city-wide public meeting at the Community House on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Currie, who speaks of the present-day situation in the countries around the Mediterranean and of his own war work.

The event, just now being arranged, is being sponsored this year by the A. A. W., League of Women Voters' club and the Ruth Shain International Relations Club.

United War Chest Drive Nears End
The Birmingham-Bloomfield Community War Fund contributions are still being received at the local V. O. office in the Birmingham Community House, at the Birmingham National Bank and at 1425 East Maple, which is the address of the campaign secretary, Mrs. R. W. Chisus.

The total is increasing slowly toward a figure of 80 per cent of the 1944 total, some local districts having raised much more than 80 per cent.

Special attention is being given to areas where contributors have been missed in the first canvass, and Young C. Smith, campaign chairman urges all workers to secure every possible contribution.

Persons Injured In Bus Crash, Monday

The police department reports the following Birmingham persons having been injured in the crash:
Joel Closs, 36, of 930 E. Maple, Barbara Woodbridge, 18, of 376 Ferndale.
Dorothy Bickford, 20, of 836 Forest.
Mrs. Charles R. Baker, 927 S. Bates.

Persons listed among the injured were these from Pontiac:
Clarence Hamel, 44, Eugenia Kuczbala, 30, Homer Fuller, 60, Harry Nothli, 65, Harvey Fitzinger, Mrs. Arnold Miller.
Others from nearby places included:
Mrs. Vile Hurr, 34, Ferndale.
Mrs. Ruth Wilson, 81, Royal Oak Township.
Maddy Shiner, 7, Royal Oak Township.
From places farther away were:
Thille A. Timreck, 62, Tawas City.
Thomas W. Harris, 64, Flint.
Edith W. Harris, 66, Flint.
Mrs. Catherine Smith, 50, Okemos.

John O'Neil, 60, Detroit.
Mrs. Katherine B. Detroit.
Gertrude DeClair, 26, Detroit.
Mrs. Arnold Miller, 22, 41-1-1.
Amanda Jackson, 71, Flint.
George Jack, 25, Russell, Ark.
Leona Loftman, 15, East Tawas.
Lucia Fisher, 25, Flint.
William Peterson, 20, Alpena.
Arma Loftman, 15, East Tawas. (See INJURED, Page 2)

Bond Chairman In Plea For Retailers To Push Campaign

"Some people are still asking, 'Why is this Victory Loan so important and why should I invest in it?' The answer is simple, but not so easily apparent to some people," according to F. B. Quisenberry, local chairman for the Michigan Retailers War Savings Committee.

"It costs billions of dollars to keep the boot in our armed forces' pockets, but it costs only a few cents to buy a bond. Each five-dollar bond would be three billion dollars for that one item alone. Then, add the cost of bringing these boys home, and giving them the benefits they have earned, and the figure would probably double."

"Next, add the cost of care for our wounded, and the other heavy costs our nation faces in these post-war months—such as eliminating war contracts and paying the interest on our national debt, and you begin to comprehend why the Victory Loan must succeed."

"Every American should be as good a peace-time patriot as he was a wartime patriot, and back this last big drive to the limit. That is why every retail person in Birmingham is urged by our retailers' Victory Loan committee to ask at least 20 people every day to invest in Victory Bonds. The war may be won, but it still has to be paid for. After all, you don't spend your money—you merely invest it, and get \$4 for every \$3 you 'save'." Mr. Quisenberry said.

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General Scene Of Monday's Bus Crash On Woodward and Close-ups Of Wrecked Coaches



Here is the front end of the Bay City bus, showing how the front of the bus was crushed in by the impact. The bus was being turned to the right moving up Woodward in an attempt to avoid the crash.

Here is general view of the wreck scene, showing the Bay City bound bus heading east on Euclid; the driverless oil truck, and the local suburban bus on the left heading back north on Woodward.

Badly smashed suburban bus, which struck on the right front corner as it was swerved to the east to miss hitting the oil truck. Several passengers in this bus were painfully hurt.