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Praise For OPA

Another local evidence that the war is over is the fact that, last week, the OPA office in Birmingham was closed out; rationing activities still in effect will be handled from Pontiac.

Without going into any possible controversial phases of OPA, we'd like to register, for this community, its thanks and appreciation of the good service rendered by all who, whether paid or volunteer workers, carried on the OPA activities here.

It was no easy task. More complaints than praises were heaped upon the OPA offices all over the United States, and Birmingham was no exception. Not because there were not many reasons for appreciation, but simply because the contrast of human nature brings forth more gripes than commendations.

OPA regulations, as well as many other war-imposed restrictions and controls, are contrary to the American nature. However, thoughtful people realize that controls during war were absolutely necessary, and some of them still are.

Upon those who carried out the controls, of course, was heaped so much abuse and so little praise.

We cannot, here, mention by name every man and woman who served at the Birmingham OPA office; but to every one of them should go thanks.

And, on behalf of all the OPA boys and girls, on our own hook, we are singing praises to the vast majority of the public who, under the impact and understanding of war conditions, cooperated with OPA by being patient and tolerant, sympathetic and agreeable.

Because they have no hope of a specific defense against the atomic bomb, a majority of the scientists who participated in its development believe that the new weapon confronts the United States with a peril which the public does not realize, according to Howard W. Baleskelee.

The scientists differ as to the length of time before other nations will be able to make atomic bombs without the benefit of our secret, but their estimates of the delays only range from two to twenty years.

The scientists believe that by using more and larger bombs, "it will be possible in the near future to completely destroy the bulk of the population, industry and military strength of any nation within a few days."

They think that aviation and rocket developments might cut this time down to a few hours without the possibility of retaliation.

There is no doubt, of the peril that confronts all nations now that the atomic bomb has been developed. The dangers of sudden warfare are multiplied and the possibility of disaster becomes a certainty to any nation visited by a surprise, treacherous attack.

PERHAPS THE REAL REASON, RISQUE STORIES moved into the parlor is because of the scarcity of lively stories.

Detroit's Future

Detroit is a great industrial city. Within its area are counted the best informed minds and best craftsmen on earth.

But as a city bent upon getting the best in government, much is yet to be attained; the same goes for park and playground facilities, for development of a decent waterfront.

In a word, Detroit has grown so rapidly in the past 30 years, its leaders bent upon making fortunes, that it has not taken time out to blueprint and create that civic consciousness and pride that are so necessary to obtain enduringly pleasant and healthful surroundings.

So we are caused to smile a bit when a few of its sensational minded people get all hot and bothered about having a World's Fair; we react similarly to the idea of Detroit's immature desire to have the United Nations organization move its buildings and activities to the Fourth City.

There is so much that is needed in Detroit, which pertains only to Detroit, that we suggest to Detroit leaders that they focus their endeavors upon achieving purely local objectives; included with the above mentioned needs are better housing, elimination of slums areas, better street car service, etc.

Detroit has always been able to meet the urgent demands made upon it; it became the automotive center of the world, a great piece of industrial progress, of course, during this war it produced more weapons of war than any area its size in the whole world; these demands were physical ones, and Detroit brain and brawn met them.

It now needs tremendous stimulation of its great heart and imagination—if it is to become the city that it is rightly ought to be.

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—Or Else!



Lasting Gifts Are Given To Library

It has become the gracious custom in many parts of the country, for someone to contribute a framed picture of a friend's... who has died with a lasting gift to the people of the town in which that person lived.

Annual Scout Dinner To Be Held Nov. 8 At Royal Oak School

The district officers of District One, Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America have announced preliminary plans for the annual dinner and business meeting at the Royal Oak High School on Thursday evening, Nov. 8, at 6:30 sharp.

People's Column

To The Editor: Dear Sir: The conduct of the boys and girls while arriving and leaving the Teen Center has improved almost 100 percent. Last night there was no yelling and screaming; there was very little hair blowing.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO October 31, 1895

"Don't fail to secure your lecture course ticket."

"Miss Vanderbilt's duke ought to get himself labeled, back and front, if he expects recognition of his nobility from ordinary folk."

"Railroad earnings show a decided percentage in increased revenue, which is a state that shows good times are coming back."

"We are in receipt of Mayor Pioretti's book entitled 'Facts and Figures'. It makes easy reading and calls things by their right names. F. B. Dickinson is the publisher."

"J. S. Cannon and wife after summering in Denver, Col., returned last week much invigorated by the western climate. Miss Mame Cannon, their daughter, stayed over and will remain all winter."

"J. W. Carriss has about completed a very large and commodious new house on Pierce street for his son Charles. The house has ten large rooms and costs nearly \$12,000 and is a beauty and an ornament to that part of the village."

"Chicken pie and other good things at senior social at S. W. 1st, October 1st. Everybody come."

"Great Spoons! The 5th of next month the Duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt are to be married. An unlimited number of beautiful and costly presents have been sent over the sea but they are all to be returned because the hard hearted customs officials insist that the duty must be paid thereon just the same as common people would have to do. The Duke gets millions for his title and title from the Vanderbilt fortune and by gosh! he doesn't intend to lose a penny of it."

20 YEARS AGO October 30, 1925

"According to Clarence Vliet, Birmingham's school superintendent, work on the addition to the Adams school is progressing slowly on account of stormy weather."

"Drying a drizzle of rain last Saturday afternoon 1,000 courageous people watched the Sixth Annual Bloomfield Open Hunt races which were run off on the E. P. Hammond Farms, Bloomfield Hills."

"At a mass meeting of residents of Oakland Village, an incorporated subdivision west of Woodward avenue on the 13-Mile road, Charles J. Shain, Birmingham Village President, explained the workings of municipal government, emphasizing the necessity of having assessable improved property in a district that would attempt to maintain its own public service utilities."

"Solid" Marimba Band, internationally famous musical organization, one of the big numbers on the Lyceum course this season will be heard here next Monday evening at the Baldwin high school."

"Mr. and Mrs. John Pohl and Mrs. Mathilda Pohl, pleased guilty to charges of selling liquor at their homes in Troy township in Circuit Court Monday. The two women, the wife and mother of John Pohl, were put on probation for two years while John Pohl was given four months in jail."

"5 YEARS AGO October 31st, 1940

"The Rev. W. Hamilton Auburn, well-known in this area as assistant minister of Christ Church Cathedral for nine years, is returning here for a short visit. It was announced last week."

"Official dedication of St. Hugh of the Hills County Day School was held Sunday with the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit, present and presiding informally at the 9 o'clock service."

"West Va. Elmer, 23 years old, late of Arthurville, West Va., but since three weeks ago a resident of Birmingham, thinks it's great that he was chosen No. 1 draftee in the Birmingham district, which is comprised of this city, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Troy and Bloomfield townships."

"The City Clerk urges all who wish to vote early next Tuesday. She suggests that women who ordinarily wait until evening to go to the polls with their husbands, instead vote during the middle part of the day when there is less of a crowd. The largest vote in Birmingham's history is expected."

"Men forecasters in the Prediction contest were really put to shams last week when young Birmingham woman made the best record this far in the contest. Although she was able to forecast the outcome of every game but two. The expert is Miss Iris Beaven, 901 Glenaville."

NO HUNTING—NO TRESPASSING signs on sale at the Eccentric Office. 29-35P

Strictly Fresh

A GOOD many ideas have been advanced for attaining world peace, but probably the most potent of all is the United Nations Food Organization's plan to distribute food more evenly. The plan is strictly from hunger, too.

Statistics show that it's the young people who are involved in most automobile accidents. The older we grow, the more wreckless we become.

Everybody talks about the atomic bomb, but nobody does anything about it.

Despite strict Allied measures, black marketing flourishes in Berlin. It seems that the defeated Germans are determined to make their mark.

War Surplus Chairman Murray Maverick says that veterans are not getting all the leftover war goods they want to buy. First they were caught in the draft, and now they are being left out in the cold.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 1945.

In the Matter of the Estate of William G. Carrigan, Deceased. Under of said deceased, having filed a petition praying that an instrument bearing said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that distribution of said estate be granted to Wilbur G. Campbell, the executor named in said will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 5th day of November, A.D. 1945, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That notice of the above be given by publication of this order in said Probate Office, and that no person shall be permitted to file a petition for the revocation of this order, or to file a petition for the appointment of a new executor, until after the expiration of the time herein provided for the hearing of said petition.

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Electric kitchen equipment is not generally available for sale now. Some is being manufactured and distributed. It will be to your advantage to have your name on your electrical dealer's list, so that you will be able to get it at the earliest possible time.

The DETROIT EDISON Co. See your dealer for information. He will be glad to help you decide upon the models that will fit your needs. GIVE GENEROUSLY TO YOUR COMMUNITY WAR CHEST

Returning Service Men are finding many Long Distance lines crowded when they call home. That's because we still lack circuits. We're adding new ones as fast as possible, but it will take time... so we still ask your help. Please leave the lines for our service men during the evening, from 7 to 10. MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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