

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Greeks Continue to Push Back Italians
As British Seize New African Bases;
Laval Loses French Government Post;
Knudsen Claims Defense Industry Lag

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the writer and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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DEBACLE:

Italian Version

Unquestioned was the fact that Italy had been kicked wholeheartedly out of the war by Britain, Greece and the Free French, together with other sundry allies, as with Polish, Czech and other hands that had joined into the Battle of Greece and the Battle of Egypt.

The invader, who stepped briskly into the war just at the moment of France's collapse, had been along the Mediterranean coast from the border of Libya to Sicily, and then sailed across mountains, and Athens from an Albanian take-off, had become the invader on both fronts.

At the British and Greeks summed up huge supplies of war materials captured, and enormous inventories of prisoners in hand and still coming in, the Vesuvian rumble began sounding through vari-

ous parts of Italy, but more particularly in the north, and about the industrial cities of Turin and Milan.

Despite all efforts of censorship to keep the true situation from becoming generally known, the debacle was too enormous to be hidden longer, and Mussolini's aides had to take to the radio and to the Italian press to prevent a spread of the disaster to home fronts.

Dismissal of leaders, disaffection in the Dodecanese islands, riots in the streets of the two big factory towns had leaked out, and then the Fascist party line editors and commentators began dishing out orders to the populace from the high-ups, at the same time, they were warning to Britain and the Helenees as to what they might expect from the Italian troops when "they get really mad."

While there was some news of sporadic increased resistance at certain points in Italy, the general words were two—retreat and evacuation all along the line. And the press articles about the "unfair" bayonets of the Greeks were just a foretaste of what was to come with Tirana full of wounded and dying soldiers back from the front lines.

UNREST:

French Version

Britain was getting little comfort, according to her own sources, from France's governmental upheaval which sent Pierre Laval, pro-Fascist foreign minister, flying out of the Pétain cabinet presumably into confinement, and put Flaminio, pro-Nazi, into his place.

In fact, British circles frankly doubted the authenticity of any internal disturbance to amount to anything, and laid the whole change to orders direct from Hitler.

However, it was a notable occurrence, and accompanied by a scurrying about the streets of Vichy, and presumably Paris of a body of G.P. men—France's new Gestapo—or "G.P.U." as they were called, it was all the same sort of strong-arm governmental police.

France called them "Groupe de protection," hence the GP on the arm-band. It was a GP band that

took Laval into custody, thus putting into at least a momentary debacle the man on whose shoulders rested considerable of the onus of France's surrender.

Rumor floated double-barreled around the French overturn. Rumor No. 1 had it that Old Man Pétain, realizing that revolt was stirring beneath him, charged Laval with plotting to get France into the hands of the English, and had summarily ousted him.

Rumor No. 2 was to the effect that Laval had plotted to overthrow Pétain and create a new government with himself as dictator. Whichever might be true, watchers agreed that the aged general acted with much the same speed as the younger Hitler in slapping down a "purge" which shot Laval's fate from under him with dispatch.

The upheaval met the same view in most circles, that it was another evidence of the general European unrest that was moving through all the conquered territories, an unrest that might lead no directional force for a long, long time.

SIX DAYS:

Shalt Thou Labor

Pointing toward the six-day, perhaps seven-day week in defense industry, Defense Council Chairman Knudsen rebuffed American industry for lagging, and declared the United States was "not getting the spirit" of defense work.

Knudsen told the manufacturers many things, but one of these was outstanding, and had to do with airplane manufacturing.

U. S. goal, declared Knudsen, had been 1,000 warplanes a month by January 1. He said at the rate things were going, we'll be lucky if we are getting 650 a month by that time.

The reason for the lag is lack of comprehension by manufacturers, by laborer, of the meaning of the national defense program. U. S. is supposed to be getting ready to protect the nation in case of aggression and to help England hold things in status quo until that time.

Knudsen pulled no punches and told the manufacturers that they were spending too much time figuring out how to do with their profits and earnings, and not enough getting out the material. This was a double-barreled blow at the employers for temporizing with employees' demands for higher pay, and with

Champ Recruiter

U. S. Navy Called Best in World

Men Who Know Say Fleet
Has More Ships Than
Any Other Nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States navy is called the best in the world by men who have been working with ships and men and guns long enough to see what kind of a fighting machine can be brought out of a combination of those three elements.

It has more ships now than any other single navy. And when the new building program is finished, it will be almost twice the size of the projected new British fleet. It will have just two fewer battleships than the combined fleets of Germany, Japan and Italy are building. It will have six more aircraft carriers than these three combined. It will lack just 13 cruisers of having as many as any two of them combined.

Only in the submarine class will Germany have a superiority. Germany's value is U. S.

Naval experts say the chief value of the submarine for the United States would be local defense, to delay or throw caution into enemy enterprises, or to deal enemy shipping.

The submarine has sharp limitations. It is slow and can live but a short time under water.

The United States has 103 submarines now, and is building 22 more. Germany has 120 and is building 180 more.

Where the submarine is probably the most vulnerable ship in the fleet, and works on its outer fringes, the battleship is sturdy, well padded against blows and is the very heart of the fleet.

It is a fighting fortress whose guns can fire eight tons of TNT from 15 to 20 miles at the rate of three loads a minute. It is the pride of the navy.

They take from 49 to 53 months to build and cost, fully equipped but with empty fuel tanks and no groceries for the men, from \$80,000,000 to \$93,000,000—each. They have a

Minute Make-Ups

By V. V.

A navy bomber soared down onto the blue Biscayne water, a motor-boat met the duke, and off he went, shrouded with more secrecy than the President himself has been when he started out. He was back the same day, and the next day the Biscayne came in and the cruise was over.

The public, prepared by all this for something monumental, had to satisfy itself with the story that the duke and the President had talked about the unavailability of pin-pointed Mayaguez island for a naval-base, and asking the duke if he couldn't arrange a better one. It was the biggest anticlimax in city.

Anxious

Strangest public health story in years "broke" in Rochester, N. Y., with a whole city of 300,000 folks rushing to be inoculated against typhoid.

First in sharp sequence of dramatic events was the "firing" of two city officials when a public health officer, "on his toes," Coyote, told the city's water supply had been contaminated with water from the Genesee river infested with sewage.

Rochester's population, most of them modernly health conscious, rushed to have themselves inoculated against typhoid. Job whizzes takes three injections with an interval between.

First day, the health officers distributed 8,000 "shots" of the serum, which were promptly gobbled up by private physicians and shot into 8,500 anxious arms.

LOTION:

Predicts, Then Dies

The notable, blunt-spoken British bachelor Marquess of Lothian, ambassador from Britain to the United States, lay dying in his Washington home from uremic poisoning at the very moment when his written words, spoken by proxy at nearby Baltimore, were predicting what the war in Europe will be.

Lothian's "death" prediction was that Britain, with the help already promised and under way from America, will win the war "decisively" in 1942.

Whatever the facts may be, the shocking news of his death gave his final utterance unusual prominence in the news, editors tearing their hair over the problem of whether to put the largest headlines on what had happened to Lothian, or on what Lothian had said.

His passing was the occasion for the press here and abroad to express genuine sorrow and shock at his untimely death, and his loss was believed to have left a gaping hole in Britain's diplomatic body.

Lothian was a worker, his speech was brusque, and these two qualities alone had given him great weight in Washington.

As in his prediction of the end of the war in 1942, and with Britain victorious, it was met with keen interest and surprise when it was learned it was to all practical purposes, his dying utterance.

displacement of from 35,000 to 45,000 tons, are from 150 to 170 feet long and have a beam width of about 100 feet.

The navy has 15 of these, the youngest 18 years old and the oldest 27. Seventeen new battleships are in the making.

Next on its own list of ships, the navy puts aircraft carriers—huge combination hangars, repair shops and floating landing fields. They have to cling close to the fleet since they carry little armor and might fall prey to either bomb, gunfire or torpedo.

But the cruiser ranks next to the battleship as a fighter. The United States has 37, about equally divided between the heavy and light class. Britain has 12 and is building 23. Japan 44 and 6. The United States is building 48.

In the destroyer class, the United States has 13 and is building 170. Britain has 172 and 12; Japan 135 and 11; Italy 130 and 12; Germany 47 and an undisciplined number built in 1937.

Lean, lithe and dangerous, the destroyer is the most romantic and the most uncomfortable of all fighting ships.

The wing of the Boeing bi-plane flying fortresses, one of the largest planes in the world, makes a nice shelter for the bomber, world famous acrobatic pilot of the Romanian air force, is shown standing in front of his day plane.

40 P. C. of Air Deaths
Laid to 'Showing Off'
WASHINGTON.—More than 40 per cent of all fatal airplane crashes in the last year were caused by student pilots "showing off" to friends accompanying them on training flights, the civil aeronautics board said.

The C.A.B. warned that "an un-finished pilot in a show-off mood is a menace."

Mix Coal Waste and Oil

To Produce 'Superfuel'

MANHATTAN, KAN.—An experiment leading to the development of a supercombustion "colossal fuel" under the direction of Dr. J. E. Hedrick, instructor of chemical engineering at Kansas State college, has attracted inquiries from industrialists throughout the United States and as far away as England.

Hedrick has mixed slack from coal washings, a waste product, with oil. Before the theory was developed two main problems arose. One was to develop a method of burning the oil from settling out of the mixture. The other was to use a method to grind coal cheaply.

The three-year experiment will be completed when colossal fuel is produced satisfactory under tests involving actual commercial conditions. Hedrick claims the fuel is cheaper than oil, has a higher heat value and is easier to handle than coal.

The mixture is 40 to 50 per cent slack from coal washings.

WISE BIRD

much as if he thought Sammy Jay was making fun of him. Probably this was the first time in all his life that he had ever been thanked for anything, and it gave him a queer feeling.

"Good morning, Mr. Coyote," said he.

"What for?" asked Old Man Coyote, glowering, and looking very much puzzled.

"For leading Brown the Hound into a trap and to teaching him and his master what dreadful things traps are," replied Sammy.

"Pooh, that's nothing!" said Old Man Coyote. "I guess that silly dog has learned a lesson, but that doesn't look as if his master has, does it?" He pointed to the traps he had just uncovered.

Sammy scratched his head thoughtfully. "No," said he slowly. "No, I can't say that it does. What a pity it is that someone doesn't trap him. Then you people wouldn't have to worry. I'm glad I live in trees and not on the ground. I don't have to worry about traps."

"Do you notice that I am doing much worrying?" grunted Old Man Coyote. "Traps don't bother me. It will take some one smarter than I to see that he was not bragging. He was just stating a fact."

"My, how smart you are!" exclaimed Sammy. "I've always said that you were the smartest person on the Green Meadows. Nobody else has ever said that. You must have been smart enough to have found those traps."

Old Man Coyote looked very much flattered. Sammy's quick eye saw it. "I mean it," he said. Old Man Coyote looked at him with a kinder expression in his yellow eyes than Sammy ever had seen before. It began to look as if they were going to be friends.

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Cat and the Fiddle

This silver tabby kitten was one of the numerous animals exhibited at the Boreford Cat club show held recently in Chicago. Olden cat club in America, the annual Boreford show has entries from all sections of the country.

SCIENTISTS USE SOUTHERN RAT TO STUDY PARALYSIS

CLEVELAND.—From a disjunct laboratory in Cleveland's City Hospital came the word that a bushy-haired, high-strung rat from the cotton fields of the South may help scientists uncover the cause of infantile paralysis, the microbe which they have never seen.

The little rodent bounded into the spotlight when it was discovered that it could contract the disease from human beings.

For years men have searched the animal kingdom for a suitable experiment victim. There has been only one eligible candidate, the muskrat. But muskrats imported at high cost from India.

Because of a high mortality rate and higher upkeep charges, the cost for a single experiment with the chattering little tree mammals has been staggering—sometimes as high as \$500. Hundreds of worth-

while experiment ideas have been tossed aside because of insufficient funds.

The Southern rat can be delivered for \$1 a head. It is probable that experiments now may be conducted for as little as 60¢.

The susceptibility of the rodent to infantile paralysis was discovered by Charles Armstrong of the United States public health service, who years of search finally took him to

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Christmas on the Prairie Frontier

The Story of the Most Unusual Celebration in American History

FARM TOPICS

SWINE DISEASE SPREAD FEARED

Erysipelas Presents a New Threat in U. S.

Throughout the ages, one of the first and most certain results of war has been a marked increase in the contagious disease of live stock.

One serious animal disease, for example, which enters here by the war, and has already caused serious losses to live stock producers in a number of states.

Today, serious outbreaks of Erysipelas are taking in frequency in many states. Naturally, the greatest losses have occurred in the swine raising sections of the Middle West, but according to the American

Swine Erysipelas is caused by a specific bacterial organism. In swine, the organism or germ may cause several different types of the disease varying from the very acute blood-poisoning type, to the slowly developing chronic type characterized by lameness, enlarged joints, sometimes an inflamed and cracked skin.

The fact that Erysipelas and Cholera symptoms are often very much alike is undoubtedly an important factor in the recent spread of the former disease in this country. If veterinary diagnosis is not made and the correct treatment run its course, many farmers conclude that their hogs have recovered from an attack of Cholera, when as a matter of fact the animals have been suffering from Erysipelas.

The first point for every farmer to remember is that Erysipelas often resembles hog cholera. Erysipelas is a poor substitute for accurate diagnosis when either of these dangerous diseases is involved.

Finally, an effective treatment for Erysipelas is now available and should be used whenever the disease is indicated. The correct treatment for the infected hogs, but to help prevent further spread of the disease in this country.

At the station they were whisked into a small room. It was strangely quiet, Margie thought. In a corner two men were whispering and suddenly one of them walked over to her chair.

"Oh, Joe," she sighed, "then you really haven't done anything wrong?"

"Of course not, dear!" he answered. "I'm a detective now, I've been for the last six months since I helped the cops smash a burglar ring."

"But Joe," she moaned, "to think that I refused to hide you back at the apartment. I—I'm not worthy, Joe."

"Don't worry about that, Margie!" he replied. "I'm a crook myself, any more, and I wouldn't want to marry me!"

New Year's RENDEZVOUS

"ONLY a year, my dear," he pleaded. "Twelve months to prove that I'm a new man—for myself, for the world and, above all, for you."

That was last New Year's Eve, the day Joe walked out of prison a free man. Margie met him at the big iron gate, a puzzled and frightened boy wearing an ill-fitting suit. His debt was paid.

Twelve worried months Margie had waited, praying each night that wherever he might be, her Joe was safe on the narrow path. And now his year's probation was up.

The clock struck eleven thirty and Margie turned on the radio. Back in New York, it was already 1941. She should have arranged to meet Joe there; it would all be over and his year's probation would be finished.

"Please, God," she prayed. "Let him come to me at midnight!"

Suddenly she heard a furious din in the hallway. Then a knock, nervous and sharp, and a door opened, and suddenly she saw Joe, his eyes wide and his face dead white.

"Margie!" he cried. "Hide me quick. The cops are after me but I didn't do anything wrong!"

"But Joe!" she answered. "Why should you hide, then?"

"Please, honey, don't argue!" His hands were trembling.

While the midnight bell tolled outside, Margie rushed him to the unused closet off the hall. Then she shut the door.

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Greetings and Salutations



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Magic With Mirrors And Covered Shells



By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

ON HER way home from the club Mrs. Martindale was thinking. "It will be my turn next. What will they think when they come to our house?" Then she put her hand to her forehead and stepped into her own front hall.

"Just what I was afraid of," she said aloud. "When you look at this hall as an outsider the worst thing you think is that its owner is lacking in imagination."

Right then things began to happen. The shabby old hall carpet was washed right on the floor and

then dyed a deep green with hot dye applied with a scrub brush. Long lines of the green sateen curtains turned the space between door and window into a mirror and a console shelf. The sketch shows you how these were made from next to nothing.

The frames of the three inexpensive small mirrors were painted red before they were fastened together. The shell was covered with cream colored monk's cloth to match the walls and woodwork and edged with a wide red velvet fringe tacked on with large red tacks.

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Folks You Know . .

George Asimopoulos visited his sister, Mrs. Alex Stellogianis and family in Ocala on Christmas day.

Mrs. H. C. Biggie has gone to Birmingham, Ala., where she was called by the illness of her mother.

Joe Allen Landow of Raleigh is spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Bass and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves spent their holiday vacation with relatives in Vidalia, Ga. Dr. Reeves returned yesterday, while Mrs. Reeves will spend the remainder of the holidays in Vidalia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spink of Kissimmee are spending several days in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin and daughter, Barbara Allen of Tampa spent Tuesday in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kenney of Milwaukee arrived Monday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Frank England and family for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Blake of Lakeland spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin.

Mrs. Frances Cloud returned to Orlando Christmas afternoon, after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Virginia Cloud.

Lynn Bunting of Newport News, Va., is the holiday guest of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hagan and son, Sonny, and Mrs. Russell Childs spent Christmas in Pine Castle, near Orlando, where they were guests of Mrs. Hagan's brother, S. S. Braddock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson and sons, Bud and Bill, who recently moved to Lakeland, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Miss Genevieve McClelland will return to Ocala today, after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. J. H. McClelland.

Walton Touchton arrived this week from Memphis, Tenn., to visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carter visited Mrs. Carter's sister, Miss Elizabeth Chandler in Orlando, on Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson and sons, Joe and Bud of Winter Haven were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Thayer and family on Christmas day.

Miss Jennie Stockdale and Miss Martha Stockdale of Dayton, Pa., arrived recently, and are spending the season at the R. H. Board apartment.

Miss Martha Weaver of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Weaver, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Childs and son, James, left Wednesday for Hartford, Ala., where they are visiting relatives through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emery of Williamsport, Pa., who have spent the past several winters in Avon Park, are expected to arrive this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moore and son, Dixie, and Mrs. Dixie Yancy arrived last Friday from Owen, Ky., to spend the winter at their home here.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Walston of Marion Center, Indiana County, Pa., are holiday guests of W. A. Stewart of Home, Pa., who is spending the winter at the W. H. Kempton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Elliott of Bristol, Va., arrived Thursday evening, for a visit with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott. While in Florida, they will also visit relatives in Tallahassee and Marianna.

Mrs. Carl Burned and daughter, Betty returned home Wednesday from Orlando, where they had been visiting relatives. Mrs. Burned's sister, Mrs. Lloyd Coy, returned with them for the day, and went back to her home in Orlando in the afternoon.

Mrs. Katherine Bristol, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Wells in Washington, D. C., for the past several weeks, returned home last week end. She was accompanied by her daughter, who will visit her mother here.

Mrs. Walter S. Betts and daughters, Misses Barbara and Nancy Betts, and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield spent Friday in Tampa.

Mrs. L. L. McDonald of Tampa is the holiday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Doris Bradbury and family.

Mrs. M. E. Rugger of Jacksonville is the holiday guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Keller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pinch and daughter, Janet Mae will leave Sunday for Miami, where they will spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Riche of Wheaton, Ill., spent Monday night here, as guests of Mrs. May Walden. They went on to Bradenton, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Frances Castanum of Memphis, Tenn., is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooke Van Dyke. She will return to Memphis next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Arlington, Va., arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shepherd.

Word has been received here by relatives that Eliza Saunders, who is with the U. S. Marines, that he has landed in Hawaii, where he will be stationed.

Miss Katherine McKinley arrived Friday from Brooklyn, N. Y., to spend the winter at the Jacksonville hotel. Miss McKinley has previously visited in Avon Park.

Mrs. Emma Gary Crapo of Nashville, Tenn., is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney at their home, The Villa on Sebring road. She will enjoy her visit here until New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brown entered as their Christmas guests, Charles Brown of Gainesville, Mrs. T. O. Brown of Orlando, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore and daughter, Judy of Winter Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McClelland of Fayetteville, N. C., and the latter's sister, Miss Beasley of Four Oaks, N. C., returned home Friday, after spending Christmas here with Mr. McClelland's mother, Mrs. J. H. McClelland.

Ralph Turlington of Gainesville arrived Friday to visit his friend, Charles Sherman for several days. They are in Fort Pierce today, where they went to attend a SPE fraternity dance. Both young men are students at the University of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock of Lakeland, who spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kinsey, left Wednesday afternoon for Clermont to visit Mr. Hancock's mother, Mrs. A. H. Hancock.

Captain Chester Yates was home from Camp Blanding for a short visit with his family during the holidays. Accompanied by Mrs. Yates and their daughter, Bobby Sue, he left Christmas morning for Plant City to spend the day with relatives, after which Captain Yates returned to Camp Blanding, and Mrs. Yates and Bobby Sue went to Jacksonville to spend the remainder of the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers and two children, Ruth Esther and Bryant of Washington, D. C., spent several days, including Christmas here, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney at their home.

Mrs. F. W. Ames and her son, Byron Ames of Zephyrhills spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Glen, Jr., and small daughter, Nancy. Mrs. Ames visited her daughter and family several days before Christmas, and returned home with her son on Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Longbottom and two children, Sammy and Lynn spent Christmas in Tampa with Mrs. Longbottom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Willis. Mrs. Longbottom and children remained over for a few days visit, and will return home Sunday with Mr. Longbottom, who will join them there for the week end.

Gene Melton, who has been quite ill for the past several weeks was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Melton in Ft. Myers last week end. Mr. Melton has been a patient at a Sebring hospital, and was recently brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. Roland Drott. Mrs. Melton, who has been at the bedside of her husband, accompanied him to Ft. Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFerrin of Lakeland, announce the birth of a baby son, weighing six and three quarter pounds, who arrived at a Sebring hospital Monday, Dec. 23. The young man has been named John Earl. The McFerrins were former residents of Avon Park, and their friends here are pleased at the announcement of the new addition to the family.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson of Arnolda Park, Iowa, are announcing the birth of a baby daughter, weighing nine pounds, who arrived on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The little lady has been named Katherine Inell. The Johnsons formerly resided in Avon Park and have numerous friends here, who will be interested in the little new arrival.

SILVER TEA FRIDAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will entertain at a silver tea on Friday afternoon from three until five o'clock at the paragon. No personal invitations are being issued but all ladies of the church and interested friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy this social hour.

Fellowship Committee, Mrs. Walter S. Martin, chm.

Milford Dilley Hosts at Party

The gaiety of the Yuletide Season was predominant in the colorful decorations of brilliant red poinsettias, garlands of mistletoe, and a lighted Christmas tree, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley on Friday evening, when they were hosts to members of their club at bridge.

Tallies and scorecards, in a seasonable motif were used for the bridge games, and the prizes were wrapped in red and white. High score prize for the evening was given to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hood; second high was won by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong; and John Hood won the floating award.

Following the bridge games, an exchange of gifts from the tree, proved a delightful diversion.

An innovation in serving at the refreshment hour, was created, when the tables were laid with holiday covers, each centered with a flat arrangement of poinsettias, and the guests given a paper bag, containing the "eats." When opened, they were found to contain delicious refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, olives, fruit cake, underneath a large paper napkin, embossed with a Santa Claus. Hot coffee was served, and novelty paper boxes, designed in the shape of houses, stores, a post office, and various parts of a Christmas village, held

candies, peanuts and popcorn, and were given as favors.

Club members enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wells, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, and Mrs. Chas. H. Moffett.

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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. HETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Christmas Party at McNicholas Home

Colorful bowls of poinsettias and Christmas greetings were used to attractive advantage to decorate the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas on Friday evening, when they entertained members of their club, and a few additional friends at a buffet supper, followed by bridge.

The dining table, from which the tempting supper was served, was overladen with a lace cloth, and centered with a low bowl of poinsettias, with tall red Christmas candles burning in crystal holders on either side.

A most delightful feature of the evening, was an exchange of gifts from a decorated tree, gay with sprays of colored lights. Several progressions of bridge followed, with high score prizes being awarded to Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, and second high given to Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hart. The packages were daintily wrapped in white and red tissue and ribbons.

Those enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lauer, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touch-

ton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Betta, Mr. and Mrs. C. Farke Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Fortner.

Covenant Circle Met at Mrs. Hauptmann's

The "Covenant Circle" Woman's Missionary Society of the United Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. William Hauptmann on Lake Avenue, on Wednesday, December 18, with 21 members and friends responding to the roll call. Mrs. E. L. Thomason had charge of the devotion and Dr. Elliott spoke on "The Story of Christmas." At the close of the meeting, the hosts served refreshments. The following were present: Mrs. Beulah Osgood, Miss Alice Davidson, Mrs. A. C. Elliott, Mrs. William Hauptmann, Mrs. Irving Smith, Miss Katherine Culler, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Mrs. W. H. Yaton, Mrs. Max Wild, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. L. H. Park, Mrs. W. C. Hitchcock, Mrs. R. E. May-sack, Mrs. E. G. Wood, Miss Mar-sarie Marvin, Mrs. Anna E. Hollingworth, Mrs. Charles Maderin, Mrs. Blanche G. Williams, Mrs. James Griffiths, Mrs. Maude E. McCord and Dr. Elliott.

Dinner Party at Sherman Home

A most delightful affair of Tuesday evening was the dinner party given at the Chas. Sherman home. The rooms were beautifully arranged with bouquets of poinsettias and Brazilian pepper, and holiday greenery.

The centerpiece for the table was a flat arrangement of poinsettias, on silver arborvitae encircled with sprays of Brazilian pepper, tied with red cellophane bows, and flanked by four red Christmas candles in single silver holders. Places were marked with name cards, to which were attached colored corsages for the girls and label bougainvillees for the boys. The young people sang Christmas carols, at the conclusion of the supper.

Those at this lovely party were Miss Dorothy McNicholas, Miss Mary Lydia Stebbins, Miss Martha McCord, Miss Martha McNicholas, Miss Betty Sherman, Jim Skipper, of Schriber, Harold Sullivan of Schriber, L. C. Davis, A. C. Wester, Jr., Charles and Edward Sherman.

Guest Club Has Christmas Party

A delightful event of the week was the Christmas tree party at the Winter Guest club Monday evening, when members assembled at the clubhouse for an evening of good fellowship amid the kindly spirit of the happy holiday season. The rooms were profusely decorated with poinsettias and greenery, and a decorated tree, with many colored lights, twinkling among the greenery created a beautiful effect.

Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. George Symonds as leader, and Frank Bradley at the piano. Mrs. Lloyd Wells of Wausau, the former Miss Claire Vandewende, sang two vocal solos, Roger Sappington sang a solo, and J. C. Starrast played the harmonica as a part of the enjoyable evening's program.

As the closing number, Morris Harvey, Darley Merideth, Stanton Gilliland, and Roger Sappington sang the always beautiful and favorite carol, "Silent Night."

Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree, and were given out by Major J. W. Zimmerman, assisted by Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Mae Purvis.

Cards and a general social evening followed. Those present were: Maj. and Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman, J. B. Coen,

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beninger, John Kemble, J. W. King, Adam Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Luthy, Wm. C. Haglan, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Symonds, J. C. Starrast, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, Mrs. John Raab, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reed, Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, Mrs. Blanche Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maderin, Mrs. C. Bielmann, Mrs. Lena Kvan, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Hunnings, Mrs. Mae Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Love, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Howard, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Langenshan, Miss Amy Starrast, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rulison, Miss Elizabeth Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Woodson, Joseph H. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reddick, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Armstrong, Fred C. Simcox, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wester, Miss Margaretha Vogt, Mrs. Maxine Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Forbes, Mrs. Nancy Boroff, Robert Cloyd, Mrs. R. F. Sappington, Mrs. Lena Blumen-shal, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Albertson, Charles Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Kelley, Mrs. Grace Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. May-sack, Mrs. S. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thurston, Mrs. Rosa Kirkham, J. W. Zimmerman, Jr., Mrs. Arthur Johnson, E. J. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Quintall, Mr. Drummond, the Misses Stockdale, Doree Meredith, Morris Harvey, J. C. Gilliland, Stanton Gilliland, Roger Sappington, Mrs. Starrast, Miss Snader, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Moore, Mrs. Louise Gardner, Mrs. Coe, Miss Marie Gilliland, and Mrs. Floyd Wells.

FLORIDA

FERRIS WHEEL

By MORTENSEN K. WELLS

It's just plain scandalous how soft and snailified we've grown, and by "we" we mean all of us, without even realizing it. It's a two hour "blackout" in Jacksonville a few days ago, due to mechanical breakdown, the chorus of grating was so loud it drowned out the sound of Christmas carols. We were part of the chorus until, all of a sudden, we remembered the hours we'd spent back in Georgia, doing our first daily chores, filling kerosene lamps and cleaning the chimney, and if you don't think that's a messy job you ought to try it some time.

We hope that everybody had a happy Christmas (except the partnership of Hitler & Mussolini), that the socks were all the right size and the ties the correct color, and that the world found in its collective stocking the prospect of an early lasting peace. While we're hoping, we hope that the New Year will bring prosperity to all except H & M. One of our responsible friends wished us "all we deserve." That's one thing we don't want; we can think of lots

of things we'd rather have than our just deserts! Millions of words have been, and will be written and spoken, about the Duke of Windsor, who relinquished position and power because he loved a woman.

Although carried in AP releases, how many can remember even the name of the man who, the week before Christmas, died because he wanted to give his sweetheart a Christmas present. Found dead of suffocation in a truck load of flowers, where he had slept in order that he might save, for her gift, the one dollar he possessed, they found in his pocket the one dollar bill and a letter from "the woman I love."

In the capitol of Britain a man gave up a throne; in the capitol of the United States the other gave up his life because he too, loved a woman.

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By Kitty Kitchen

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2. Be sure brown sugar is moist when you buy it, then keep it in a mason jar, using a rubber on the jar lid.

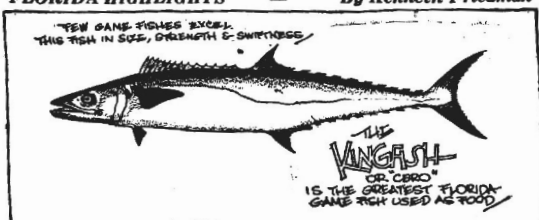
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OSCEOLA's rank and birth were humble and obscure, but he dared nevertheless resist the demands of the Government that the Indians evacuate Florida. He was born in 1804 on the Chattahoochee River, in Georgia, and belonged to a branch of the Creek Indians who had removed to Florida. Famous as the governing spirit of the great Florida Seminole War, Osceola is noted for his great courage, determination, skill and bravery. In the fall of 1857, he was captured in violation of the sanctity of a flag of truce, and imprisoned in the old fort at St. Augustine. Later he was moved to Fort Moultrie near Charleston, where shortly afterwards he died of grief and disappointment over the lost cause of his people.

Hawk in the

BY HELEN TOPPING MILLER

CHAPTER XVII—Continued

"I'll have to see the windmill," Wills said. "I can't see through it."

At that cut their faces rushed in as he opened the door. Marian thought of old Tom—the thin, old man who had been in the jail, his feet shuffling through the freezing mud, wind cutting through merelessly.

"Oh—hurry!" she whispered. "But—Mother, what if he didn't come this way?"

"He came this way. He took the old log trail across the ridge, and crossed the river on that swinging bridge."

"There's a light," said Bradford Wills. "The gate is beyond that big tree. It's steep beyond—you'd better change gear."

"Has he had time—"

"He left before dark. A boy saw him go. They didn't miss him till supper time—"

"If only they had locked the door," Marian mourned. "He was in the time. 'Virgie was hopeful."

"The house that sprang out of a marbled darkness of old apple-trees was black and smoky and somewhat desolate."

"The door's open—" breathed Marian. "Virgie gave a little groan."

"I'll go," said she. "You wait here."

"Not alone, Mother."

"No—not alone," Wills sprang out after her.

Marian hurried after them, slipping and panting in the wet beam of their headlights. But somehow she knew it was too late. She had known it when the door had opened, leaped out of the darkness, out of the solitude and silence which for a year it had known.

"Don't let her come," Virgie warned sharply.

"But I'm coming," Marian answered, setting the chin she had from David Morgan.

"Take my hand," Wills said. "I can walk alone." But she took the hand.

He led it, clutching by the dread of that sinister, opened door. Beyond that door a lamp flared in the draft. Beyond that was a deserted room, where coils glowing in a base burner and Walter Withers' elastic-sided shoes sat warming on the floor. Shoes he would never wear any more.

"Don't come closer," Virgie called sharply.

But Wills went on and Marian would not let go of his hand, though her flesh was icy and her hair lifted by the wind on her head, at what they said, there, far beyond in that of that open door.

Wallace Withers had been shot cleanly through the head.

"This time Tom's gun had not jammed."

"Don't touch anything," Wills warned. "Is there a telephone in this house?"

Virgie, a little sick because she could not hate even a dead, cruel old man who had wrangled her, shook her head.

"But—we've got to find Tom!" Marian began sobbing wildly.

"Take care of Virgie," Wills said to Wills wearily. "I'll get her. I know where he is. I can't leave him lying there—like that."

She had seen Marian's little, choking cry, "Oh, Bran—Bran—"

She had seen Wills holding her in his arms. Suddenly she was old

Speaking of Sports

By ROBERT McSHANE

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PHOG ALLEN, University of Kansas basketball coach, is a former well-known football player, predicted recently that college football will die—a suicide—in 10 years.

The Kansas, in an interview, stated that "It's a sad commentary on our present setup that a boy has to prepare for four years to be a professional football player instead of starting out in professional football as a rookie and working up the hard way. Educators want a boy to get an education in college, not to learn to play football."

Allen emphasized that he has no prejudice against the game, but—

"The handwriting is plain. At the schools Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Chicago have de-emphasized football or are preparing to do so."

He further stated that "the big time starts when any athlete in college gets more than he works for. When a player demands and gets room, board, tuition, books and expenses or won't play."

"In some schools under present conditions football is more professional than it is on the straight out and out pro basis of the National League. Certainly there is less hypocrisy among the professionals."

Hypocrisy?

Admittedly the esteemed Mr. Allen is correct in at least one of his statements. Hypocrisy does exist in certain intercollegiate football circles. However, it isn't fair to indict the whole setup because of a few localized spots. A wholesale condemnation isn't justified on the grounds of a few bad apples.

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Southern Rat Found

Paralysis Carrier

Science Now Hopes to Find

Cause of Disease.

CLEVELAND.—From a diary laboratory in Cleveland's City Hospital comes the news that a baby-hunter has found a carrier of the disease of the South may help scientists discover the cause of infantile paralysis, the milder which they have never seen.

The little rodent banded into the spotlight when it was discovered that it could contract the disease from human beings.

For years now have searched the animal kingdom for a suitable experimental victim. There has been only one eligible candidate, the macaque rhesus monkey imported at high cost from India.

Because a high mortality rate and higher upkeep charges, the costs for a single experiment with the chattering little macaques have been staggering—sometimes as high as \$500. Hundreds of worthless experiments have been conducted because of insufficient funds.

The Southern rat can be delivered for \$1 a head. It is probable that experiments now may be conducted for as little as \$25.

The susceptibility of the rodent to infantile paralysis was discovered by Charles Armstrong of the United States public health service, whose years of search finally took him to the cotton fields of the South. Army health service is in the process of isolating virus into the rat from a monkey who had died of the disease in Lansing, Mich. Results were revolutionary.

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Living Rat Risen a Third

LONDON.—The cost of living has risen by nearly 32 per cent since the outbreak of the war, and the price of food has risen by one-quarter in cost.

Clothes are 39 per cent higher, fuel, heat and light 18 per cent. Some cuts of beef are up 44 per cent, while cheese shows an increase of 28 per cent. Fish and eggs have gone up 32 per cent.

The price of flour has remained stationary, but bread has risen 5 per cent. Bacon is 20 per cent higher, tea 11 per cent.

Milk costs 2 to 4 cents more a quart than before the war, although that is offset to some extent by the season cheese under which particular cuts of cheese are up 44 per cent. Butter shows increase from 15 to 25 per cent.

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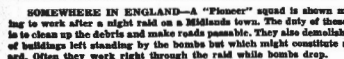
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