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Avon-Sebring Sponsor New Ball Team

Two Towns to Back
Orange Belt
Team

Avon Park's entry in the Orange Belt League, the Citrus Leaf, will hereafter be known as the Avon-Sebring ball club as a result of a meeting held at the Sebring Hotel Tuesday night with representatives of the Avon Park ball club and the Sebring Firemen present. The two organizations will hereafter sponsor the team together. All the scheduled Wednesday night home games are to be played at Firemen's Field at night and Sunday games will be played at Avon Park.

Officers elected for the new organization are Joe Prevett, president; Avon Park; P. G. Gearing, vice-president; Sebring; Francis Shockley, secretary; Avon Park; and Woodrow Harshman, business manager and treasurer, Sebring. These officers in addition to Hal Long of Sebring and Harold Rowe of Avon Park will form the executive council.

A seven man committee from each town has been named to conduct the business policies of the Avon-Sebring ball club. Those representing Avon Park are Joe Prevett, Francis Shockley, Jack Young, Frank Armstrong, Durr Martin, R. F. Sappington and C. E. Crabtree. Those from Sebring are the regular Firemen ball committee, P. G. Gearing, H. W. Long, Woodrow Harshman, C. E. Weaver, A. C. Altvater, Tom Jones and E. G. Burton.

The team personnel at present includes three Sebring players who saw action with the Firemen's entry in the league last year. They are Max Long, pitcher; Bill Long, third base and Bill Freedland, short. Other players on the team are Bill Evans, catcher; Bill Stephens and Ken Willis, pitchers and outfielders; Dave Cifer, first base; Bill Strickling, second base; and Ben Porth, Ben Elder and Clyde McAuley outfielders.

The Firemen are co-sponsoring the ball club with the thought that ball fans will turn out to see a good ball club in action. It is thought if the support of the local rooters is not sufficient to support the team that it is possible there will not be any ball club organized at least until there is a demand for it.

Sunday afternoon the club will go to Lake Wales for a double-header and next Wednesday night will play Winter Haven at Firemen's Field in a night game.—Sebring News

Summer School For Students Desiring To Make Up Work

Announcement is made by J. Paul Garber that the Avon Park School Trustees and the Highlands County Board of Public Instruction have arranged for summer school for all high school students who desire to make up any school work they failed to complete the past school term.

This summer school will be taught by Mr. H. J. Mumman, for approximately a five weeks period. All students interested in summer school are asked to register at Avon Park High School next Monday morning, 9 A. M., June 9th.

Mr. Mumman will at that time advise when the summer school will start and on what days and hours it will be conducted. Mr. Mumman is donating his services for this summer school and all students who have school work to make up are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

FELTON CAUSEY LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

Felton Causey, son of Mrs. A. C. Causey, will be tonight for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will take a course in maintenance engineering at Curtin-Wright Institute. The course will consist of a year's training in this department. Causey was a popular member of this year's graduating class, and his work at the Institute will be a matter of interest to his many friends here.

HONOR STUDENTS RECEIVE MEDALS

This year as in the past, Dr. Reeves awarded the outstanding students in each class with an honor medal. These medals are based upon scholarship, leadership, character, and sportsmanship. The purpose of these medals is to encourage boys and girls to enter into as many activities as possible and develop an all-around personality.

For a student to win one of these medals he must have taken part in such activities as student council, athletics, band, glee club, class officers, serve on class committees, take part in school plays, cheer leaders, for athletics, and many other activities where leadership is demonstrated.

The sportsmanship is based largely upon his ability to take defeat as well as win. He must be a good sport at all times. His character must be demonstrated by actually living a life that other students in his class can follow. While entering into and participating in all the above activities the students must at all times maintain a scholastic average that will place him in the upper ten of his class. The faculty of the Avon Park High School decided that the following students had best won the above qualification for each grade:

Twelfth grade, Malcolm Crews; Eleventh grade, Betty Touchton; Tenth grade, Mildred Barnard; Ninth grade, (a tie) Dorothy Lawhorn and Madge Picher; Eighth grade, Betty Jones; Seventh grade, Betty Jo Brown.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK—ALL BAD!

(By RUSSELL KAY)

I can remember back in Florida to catch a man of fish was to go into some old clothes, rather up your tackle and head in most any direction, for every lake, stream, bay or bayou teemed with 'em.

I've always insisted that this state was the original and only genuine "fishermen's paradise" and if I couldn't argue a guy into my way of thinking I'd take him out and PROVE it. The fact is I've bragged so much about Florida fishing over the years that folks come to me from up country and say "All right, we're here to check on you and your fish stories and you better make good."

That's exactly what happened to me last week when Vernon Ramsey from Suffolk, Virginia, blows in the office and starts talking like a guy from Missouri—he's gotta be shown.

I knew that most of the lake around here didn't even have any water in 'em, let alone fish, so I decides not to take any chances and I takes him down to Lake Okechobee.

Accordin' to the guide, the lake was too high and the water was dirty, but it ought to be alright in the morning. Well, being suckers for a little excitement for fish, we're up before breakfast and at it again. We slung spears, plugs, baits, minnows, and other assorted hardware from hell to breakfast, whippin' the lake into a sitherin' foam, and we're still no closer to a fish.

FOUR—count 'em—four little bass and none of 'em old enough to vote or sprout a whisker. The guide explained that it was too calm and the water was too clear—you really need a little ripple, but it ought to be just right late in the afternoon.

By this time Vernon is fousin' me out of the corner of his eye and is startin' to mumble in his beard and my red face ain't all chargeable to sunburn.

"Hold everything," I says beatin' the air to the draw. "I got a better idea: we'll go all water fishin'—it ain't far to Ft. Myers and the waters around there are so full of fish you can't cast without hittin' one—mackerel, trout, redfish, snook, mummichog, bass, ladyfish, jacks—and they'll hit anything!"

Bela's patient and tolerant guy, Vernon lets his faith in human nature turn get the better of his good judgment, and acceptin' my explanation about our experience at Okechobee, we head for Ft. Myers.

I stumbled onto Grover Hackney who was with the Conservation Department for years and knows more about fishin' than the guy that wrote the book. He assured us we'd come to the right place and tells us where to go to get the best bait and guide in those parts. We made a deal to go out the next mornin' and sat around the fish camp all that evening listening to stories about Florida fish and what they do when we're fairly popped. "But you're sure the fish will be runnin' tomorrow?" I asked.

"Runnin'?" he says, "why they run as consistently as Jerry Carter."

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1941

Hospital Bill Voted Down By Senate

West Florida Swings
Big Stick To
Kill Measure

Avon Park lost a three year fight to establish a South Florida branch of the State Hospital Monday, when the senate voted 12-10 against the house approved measure 22 to 13. The bill sought to authorize the state to accept a 210-acre site in Glades Hills, but carried no appropriation.

The senate killed the measure because West Florida senators were afraid it would harm the present state hospital at Chattahoochee, 40 miles west of Tallahassee on the Georgia line.

Representative Charlie Lanier of Avon Park, and Senator William Clett of Bowling Green, who made the bill their principal legislative project, said they would continue their fight for it in 1942.

Generally, the vote was on a sectional basis, although speakers on both sides denied sectionalism in their views. Several senators from South Florida voted against the bill, and two from North Florida also favored it.

Voting against the bill were Senators: Delmar, Clett, Bowling Green; County, Mott; Dora; Dr. Bradenton; Householder, Sanford; Wanner, Sater, McKee, Paik; Pender, Sumner; Ross, O'Leary; Smith; Green Cove Springs; Taylor; Langer; Ward, Ft. Myers; Wilkerson, Tampa, 1941.

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Not voting were Senators: Polk, Ocala; King, Winter Haven; and Parker, Mayo.

WHITAKER SUPPORTED IT

Senator Pat Whitaker of Tampa, made good his promise to Avon Park people, and supported the bill, speaking for it on the floor of the senate.

He said that if the state were accepted it could be used for a new hospital in connection with the defense preparations, although no appropriation was carried in the bill for construction.

"Chattahoochee is all right for the present hospital," said Senator Whitaker, "but since it was established, our state has grown southward, and we need more facilities for insane patients than we now have. For example, in South Florida who have relatives there, they might as well be on an island in Spain. Nobody can go see them."

Senators Wilson, Quincy, Lewis, Marianna and Johnson, Brookville, spoke against the bill. Wilson called it an "entering wedge" to decentralize the present hospital, and Johnson said it would mean state expenditure for a duplication of effort.

"The rift of a 210-acre site is not enough and it has a joker in that name," said Senator Brookville. "They'll be back two years from now asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 to build a branch hospital."

GRADUATES WITH HIGH HONORS

Among the students graduating in law from the University of Florida on Monday evening was Charles E. P. Brown.

R. R. Brown, of Avon Park, Brown graduated with second highest honors from this department, and was a member of Blue Key, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, the executive council of the student body of '41, and historian for Phi Kappa Phi fraternity.

He has visited his brother and family here on numerous occasions, and has made many friends, who are interested in the honor that have been bestowed upon him in his senior year. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and daughter, Leah, Jane attended the graduation program in Gainesville on Monday.

700 Sign Up First Day For National Defense

Census Shows
Avon Park Still
Largest Precinct

Avon Park continues to be the largest community in the county, according to latest census figures just released by the state department of agriculture, in spite of a loss of 250 in population within its incorporated limits in the past ten years. Figures for voting precinct 1 and 1A, Avon Park, show a population of 3752. By comparison, Sebring's precincts 1 and 2A show a population of 3306.

Sebring leads incorporated towns of the county with a population of 3155. Avon Park has 3125. Lake Placid is the third largest town with 340, and DeSoto City has a population of 131.

Hughes county is given a population of 9246 in the official figures, showing a slight gain of 54 over 1930 figure of 9192.

Avon Park's loss of 250 is largely accounted for by the drastic reduction in city limits since the 1930 census was taken. The limits were cut from an area of 36 square miles to less than half that size in 1933.

Population figures for other voting precincts in the county are: Precinct 3, DeSoto City, 351; Precinct 4, Lake Placid, 968; Precinct 5, Venus, 354; Precinct 6, Hicoria, 129; Precinct 7, Bussenger, 125; Precinct 8, Brighton, 66; Precinct 9, Isakpaga, 201.

New Laws of Legislature Are Briefed by Watson

Tallahassee, June 6.—Attorney General J. Tom Watson reports that the following laws have been enacted by the 1941 Florida legislature.

HIGHWAYS—Create State Department of Public Safety, increase driver's license to \$1, provide 100 state patrolmen, consolidate tax and patrol offices.

Increase auto license tax, 2.50 per year; \$15,450,000, 225, CAPITO—spend \$200,000 for new south wing to state capital. FAIRS—Appropriate \$200,000 for fair and new expense of Florida exhibits.

PUBLICITY—Create Florida Economic Advancement Council, \$50,000.

PLANNING—Continue State Planning Board, \$25,000 yearly. REFUGEE—Pay Ferry, Wall \$3, 98¢ for 1931 tax report.

PENSIONS—Pension state employees after 35 years, or 70 years old, and 50¢ per month.

PAROLE—Create state parole commission, to handle pardons; \$75,000 yearly.

EXECUTION—First assistant engineer at Railroad to pull switch, instead of sheriff.

CITRUS—Make Florida Citrus Commission terms all expire May 31.

MOVIES—Make Sunday movies legal.

MILK—Give University of Florida \$10,000 for state soil survey.

CRIMINAL LAW—Allow Florida to co-operate with other states on extradition.

Adopt uniform set of witnesses in criminal proceedings.

Define "felony" as a crime.

Allow nuisances to be enjoined without closing entire establishment.

MILK—Prohibit "filled" milk, using fat or oil to reinforce milk base.

LIMES—Lay out of four cents per ton for advertising fund.

Prohibit shipment of immature shrimp.

THEATRE—Make Sunday sheet shooting legal.

THANKSGIVING—Make last Thursday in November legal Thanksgiving.

SURETIES—Require public surety bonds to be written by Florida companies.

IMPROVEMENTS—Create Florida State Improvement Commission. (Continued on page eight)

HONOR ROLL

AVON PARK SCHOOLS

"A" AVERAGE FOR YEAR

1st Grade: George Gandy, Kelly Green, Lola Mae Boggs, Arlene Hansen, Marie Johnson, Nell Smothers, Jack Ward, Mickle Ware, Bobby Whitcomb, Joyce Elaine Higbie, Milla Kate Moore, and Virginia Dobson.

2nd Grade: Kurlia Jackson, Lynn Longbottom, Delores Coste, and Geraldine Elder.

3rd Grade: Anna Vukich, John Clements, Rosemary Kipp, Helen Knowles, and Hazel Dine.

4th Grade: Stanton Gilliland.

5th Grade: Nina Gilliland.

6th Grade: None.

7th Grade: Leslie Collins.

8th Grade: Sammy Longbottom.

9th Grade: Thomas Thompson, Winfred Demorest, Ruby Paton.

10th Grade: None.

11th Grade: Louise Bishop.

12th Grade: None.

"B" AVERAGE FOR YEAR

1st Grade: Edgar Papp, Franklyn Wells, Betty Lou Browne, Betty Rose Ford, Betty Jo Henderson, Joyce Hill, Linda Landress, Barbara Sue Yates, James Kelly, Billy Murphy, Robert Stokes, Charles Marshall, Edie Meeks, and Richard Dreyer.

2nd Grade: Mary Mathis, Billy Allen, Robert Palmer, Sheila Bowman, Jennie Rella, Mary Patricia Ann, Mary Jo, Mary Jo, Billy Gandy, Douglas Fields, Vera Mae Garrett, Harry Hood, and Jack DeWitt.

3rd Grade: Carl Crosby, Edward Vann, Gloria Bowman, Betty Burdett, Katherine Hower, Margaret Lawhorn, Bonnie Linton, Billy Wingfield, Marjorie Hetherington, Darcie Ivel, Mann, and Ralph Richardson.

4th Grade: Marjorie Thompson, Joyce Keene, John Bason, Nell Beckett, Gloria Garber, Arlene Anderson, Archie Johnson, Betty Sprick, Betty Dobson, Peggy Dunn, Little Mae Collins, Billy Rutledge, Jerry Doherty, Anna Papp, Mary Watkins, James Howell, Joyce Grace, Ruth Elder, David Lanier, Jean Tanton, Virgil Martin, and Mary House.

5th Grade: Ted Ward, Garth Spencer, Bill Collins, Mary Bismore, and Doris Cannon, Jimmie Harrington, Howard E. Gibson, Peacock, Harold Reeder, Phoebe Linton, Ella Mae Bennett, Florence Aron, and Fred Pender.

6th Grade: Betty Ruth O'Hern, Irene Carlisle, Kylene Williams, Clare Mae White, Vencie Jones, William Carlisle, Margaret Dixon, Bobby Hall, and Fred Pender.

7th Grade: Ivan Brown, Glen Bryan, Roger Sappington, Glen White, Mary Bismore, Barbara Lawhorn, Charlotte Orr, Ann Vann, Betty Jo Wells.

8th Grade: Carl Coley, Arthur Gregory, Constance Knowles, Gene Mathis, James Perdue, Howard Todd, Alfred Engelman, Winfred Archer, Margie Flowers, Mary Elizabeth Hall, Betty Lynn Helms, Janet Finch, Alice Rose, Bessie Lee Rye, Velma Stewart, Pauline Thomas, Lillian White.

9th Grade: Billy Archer, Jack Earle Collins, Jimmie Hetherington, Ned Hill, Bobby Keller, Walter Martin, Bob House, Geraldine Cribb, Wynell Godwin, Dorothy Lawhorn, Ruth Pender, Christine Peters, Madge Picher, Lois Harrison, and Mary Jo.

10th Grade: Jack Reed, Charles Lawhorn, Gladys Mingdorf, Charles Locke, Mildred Barnard, Josephine Browne, Myrtle Cobb, Penona Landress, Ruby McCollum, Helen Jarrett, Clyde Cribb.

11th Grade: Edward Sherman, Powell Skipper, Mary Carrat, Naomi Dine, Gloria Hughes, Janita Hunt, Lillian Kelley, Peggy Mandis, Martha McNichols, Betty Touchton, Dorothy Welch.

12th Grade: None.

FRED WILD COUNCILOR

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wild have gone to Oldtown to spend several days with relatives. Mr. Wild will then go to Tallahassee to attend Boys' State Week, June 14 to 21, as councilor, as will Ethelberg McWhorter, Sebring, and Mrs. Wild. This Mr. Wild plans to attend summer school at Gainesville.

Eat More Citrus
For Your
Health's Sake

SINGLE COPY: FIVE CENTS

Expect To Reach Goal of 1500 Saturday

A check of registration figures at closing time Friday showed 768 men and women of Avon Park had volunteered their services in case of emergency in the national defense registration, being held in the county Friday and Saturday.

This figure is a little more than half of the 1500 goal set for Avon Park by County Defense Chairman Ben T. Stewart. Registration will continue through Saturday and as late as necessary to give everybody a chance to sign up. "We'll set the last day of our Saturday," said Stewart.

While the figure is encouraging, an added effort will be made Saturday to bring the total for Avon Park to the 1500 goal sought. For the convenience of shoppers, sidewalk tables will be placed along the Mall all day Saturday. A competent group of volunteers worked throughout the day Friday, under the direction of the county defense chairman and James E. Bowman, co-chairman of the Avon Park registration. Most of these and others will be on hand again Saturday to finish the job.

The colored people of Avon Park—always dependable in a test of patriotism—responded with 302 registrations the first day. There were 201 colored women and 181 men registered at the Hopewell school house. No matter what may happen, Avon Park will have plenty of cooks, as most of the 201 signed up in that capacity. The men volunteered as truck drivers and for a variety of other work.

The chamber of commerce booth registered 97 men and 102 women. The Florida Public Service room listed 165 men and 60 women. A sign on the wall, an "American citizen's duty," scattered registrations accounted for 23 men and 19 women. The total white registration was 491, up until closing time Friday night. Total men registered were 386, total women 382.

In addition, there was a registration at the high school before school closed, but these blanks were not available to be counted in the total. Neither were county figures available.

"Everywhere, all over the state, patriotic citizens who believe in the American way of life have gone to the voting places and signed their names on the dotted line," said Ben T. Stewart, county defense chairman. "They are offering their services if ever needed for the protection and the continuance of our way of life."

Registration in Avon Park is going on in full swing now. If you have not already done so, go now. This is your American patriotic privilege. Today is your last chance. You will find plenty of help to serve you. You can register at either the chamber of commerce or the Florida Public Service customers' room.

Leafs Break Even In OB Week's Play

Avon Park's Citrus Leafs won and lost one in the past week's play. The Leafs took revenge on Frostproof here Sunday afternoon for a previous "defeat," and walloped the Packers 7 to 4. Ken Willis held the Packers to seven hits, and shut out the visitors in the ninth inning, with two errors, a base on balls, and three singles gave Frostproof their only scores.

Dave Carr hit the Leafs with four for four hits. Willis, Bill Stephens and Bill Strickling hit homers.

LOST TO WALES

Lake Wales defeated Avon Park 13 to 3 in Lake Wales Wednesday night. McCloskey for Lake Wales a hit home run with the bases loaded in the third. Stephens and Willis hit triples for Avon Park.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Legion hall on Monday evening, June 9th at eight o'clock. All members are urged to be present, so that they may be counted on the new attendance drive which the organization is conducting.

Saves on Candy to Buy U. S. Sub

Girl Mails \$1 to President; Donations Are Pouring Into Treasury.

WASHINGTON.—There are a lot of Americans who are doing something besides worrying over the high cost of defense and as a result there is an unprecedented flow of cash donations into the treasury.

Brooklyn scrubwomen, Texas cowpunchers and old army children all contributed.

A small girl in Los Angeles sent President Roosevelt \$1 she saved from her weekly candy allowances. With the money was a note scrawled in pencil on a school tablet.

"I have saved one dollar from candy and I have started orders for a submarine. And as soon as I get another I shall send it immediately. For dear president I hope you will get enough men and ships to wipe out a certain Nazi leader named Hitler. Well sir that's all I wanted to say."

Frederick Licking. As the government deficit for the current fiscal year tarried at the \$4,000,000,000 mark, the growing volume of mail and voluntary cash increased that America is becoming increasingly aware of the critical international situation.

Among the letters pouring into the White House and the treasury was one from a retired railroad worker in Alliance, Ohio. He told Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau: "Hereby \$25 to be used for the best purpose to lick Hitler and Mussolini."

A letter to the President from a New Jersey town said: "I am an American of Italian descent and have been in the Democratic party since I am a citizen of the United States. Small earnest don't pay no tax. I am enclosed."

Chester the Pup

by GEORGE O'HALLORAN

Now, Peter wasn't particularly friendly when he saw Reddy. He knew perfectly that Reddy had had all that he wanted of the old bramble-tangle and wouldn't venture to crawl in again. Still that he, Peter, had to do to stay where he was, and he was patient. He made a face in the middle of the night and drive 40 miles in the rain to reach the lake. It looked like a big swamp full of quack grass, and I guess everybody in the state who owned a gun was there. Old Pulp-skull started pulling up weeds and covering the hole and pretty soon all three of us were covered with wet weeds and shivering like a stovewarm in an iceberg. About six o'clock four ducks flew over the blind and everybody started shooting. It sounded like the battle of the Marne. The air was so full of buck shot I thought it was raining, and when one of the ducks glided down to the lake 22 boats rowed out to pick him up. We were in the lead, but just as we reached him he took off. The duck wasn't shot at all, he just came down to take a drink.

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Dog's 'Blitzkrieg' Backfires

by V. V.

Working around in a garden is a simply grand fun. But, oh, what it does to your hands! Before you even touch a towel make it a point to put on your garden gloves. Not little fabric nummies. Wear good, sturdy earth-proof leather ones. This protection does help keep hands soft and white.

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Pilots Sent to Britain

To Learn Air War Lesson

WASHINGTON.—Both the army and navy have sent an undisclosed number of younger pilots to Great Britain to act as observers in the Battle of Britain and learn the lessons taught by aerial fighting there.

From authoritative army sources came word that the army had assigned to this study, having been selected on the basis of youth and aptitude.

Secretary Knox said that the navy was following the same procedure and had sent "quite a bunch."

The observers are expected to act as observers only and not indulge in risks incident to combat.

Sunday School Thief

Partly Saves Conscience

ASHLAND, Ky.—Mrs. Clarence Reynolds, who had reported that a thief rifled her purse of \$300 while she was teaching a Sunday school class, told police she had received a letter containing \$241 and this request: "If you receive this please advise me."

The writer didn't give his name and didn't explain about the missing \$18. Mrs. Reynolds added:

LONDON'S REFUGEE CHILDREN LIVE IN HISTORIC HOME

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND.—Little children from London who have never seen daylight until the roofs over their heads are bombed off and they are "blitzed" out of London into the country, are learning to talk about birds instead of bombers at Syden Court.

There they sleep in the same rooms which Henry VIII used 400 years ago. They were built in his

twenty dollars money order. Contribution for American defense. God blessed America."

'Old Cook' Sends \$10.

A woman describing herself as an "ordinary old cook" in New York mailed \$10 "to help be prepared against war."

She explained to the treasury that because the only worked six months last year, she was not subject to income taxation.

A little New York girl sent in 25 cents to help buy your army, a former Italian army officer sent in \$5 and suggested that other people follow his example every month.

From Pennsylvania came a telegraphic money order for \$150 with the message "for defense" and an Arizona cowboy mailed in a dollar with the promise to send more.

Looking at them from a cold financial viewpoint, the contributions did not add up to very much—less than \$100,000 a day. But government officials regarded the letters and small cash gifts as an indication that the new defense savings campaign would succeed.

Possible Solution for Housing Shortage

In an effort to relieve acute housing shortages in defense production areas, this prefabricated house of radical design has been developed and submitted for inspection by government.

The interior of the steel house is 20 feet in diameter, 12 feet high and is divided into four rooms by canvas partitions. Manufacturers state they can turn out 1,000 units per day at about \$750 per unit.

Corporal Six Hours

Late; Alibi Airtight

CAMP BLANDING, FLA.—"Well, sir, I was in Jackson, Miss., ready to catch the train to camp," explained Corporal Virgil W. Thomas, on the carpet for being six hours late. "Just before I boarded a band began playing the national anthem. I came to attention and stood there. Meanwhile the train pulled out."

Smugglers Ply Cosmetic

Trade in North Ireland

BELFAST.—Glen "beauty" smugglers, operating out of Ulster, Eireann border, are smuggling contraband cosmetics into Northern Ireland with the hope of making a profit. They believe the supply order has made beauty aids precious products.

One thousand powder puffs recently were seized by the anti-smuggling police after an exciting chase across the Ulster border at dawn. The powder puffs formed part of the largest haul of contraband beauty accessories seized in Ireland since war began.

Among the goods confiscated were hundreds of bottles of perfume, 3,234 hair nets, 900 combs, 50 dozen handkerchiefs, 9,000 pairs of long stockings, 4,000 pairs of shoes, and 100 neckties.

The Northern Ireland police are co-operating with the Eire customs police in an effort to track down the organization. They believe the "brains" behind the gang are women—many of them girls who would not consider crime in peacetime, but are now working on the principle that beauty is above the law.

Minute Make-Ups

By V. V.

Pictured at the top of the column is a dessert which I'm sure will answer your desires. It's

Tropical Gingerbread

2 eggs

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup pure molasses

1/2 cup melted shortening

2 1/2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 cup boiling water

2 teaspoons ginger

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon cloves

2 teaspoons nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

Beat the eggs to the sugar, molasses, and melted shortening; then add the dry ingredients which have been mixed and sifted, and add the hot water. Bake in small individual pans, or in a greased pan, in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 30 to 40 minutes. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with shredded coconut.

With this dessert, you'll want to serve a beverage . . . coffee, tea or perhaps an iced drink of fresh fruit mixture.

Vanilla mouse is the basis for a number of appetizing desserts, and is a good party refreshment in itself. Among the many variations are peanut brittle and chocolate fudge mousses.

To make the vanilla mouse, fold one cup of confectioners' sugar and two teaspoons of vanilla into one quart of heavy cream that has been whipped. Fold in four egg whites beaten to stiff peaks.

Spread the mouse into two large refrigerator ice trays and place in the freezing compartment of your refrigerator, or, freeze in your ice chest.

LYNN SAYS:

In thinking of party foods, I remembered these few suggestions which my mother passed on to me. Maybe you'll find them helpful.

To remove peanut meats whole, cover the shells with boiling water, let them stand until cold, before cracking them.

Chocolate cakes usually call for unsalted butter, and this is true. But blends with the cake mixture much better if it is cut in small pieces and melted, rather than grated.

Rhubarb juice is a good substitute for fruit leas as a basis for fruit drinks.

The children are cared for by nursery school teachers and uniformed nurses.

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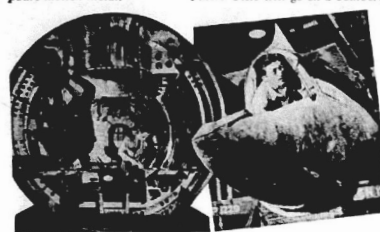
Making Our 'Flying Fortress'

One of the large eggs in the U. S. defense machinery is the Glenn L. Martin aircraft factory in Baltimore, Md., where the B-26, Uncle Sam's super "flying fortress," is being turned out in quantity lots. This is one of the most powerful airplanes in the world. These photos take you inside the workshops of Vulcan.



Wearing heavy metal shoes, a freeproof suit and a helmet that looks like a diver's, a worker pours molten metal.

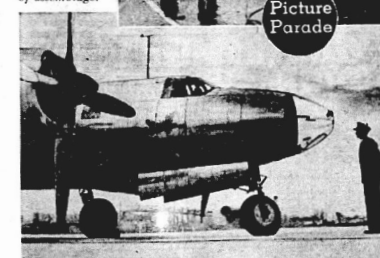
This worker is using a band-saw to trim a compound contour formed on a Martin drop hammer. This will go on a bomber.



There are two miles of wiring in the B-26. At the left we see a cross section of the tail section with equipment and gadgets being installed. Right: Like a modern Jonah emerging from a flying whale, this workman is coming from the tail of the B-26.



Mass production! A line of noses moves toward final stage of assembly.



The first step after one of the giant B-26's leaves the assembly line is to give it a thorough ground test. This flying fortress, destined for the U. S. army, is pictured undergoing such a test.

Below: Glenn L. Martin, with models of two famous Martin bombers of other days. On the table is the Martin bomber of the first World War.



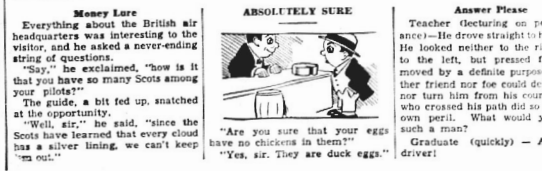
Above: Wings for the Martin 167. Most of these 167s go to England, where British flyers call them "Marylands." The wings make a special package.



A new type mid-wing monoplane Martin bomber. Construction is all-metal monocoque. Landing gear is a retractable tricycle type.

OUR COMIC SECTION

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Advisability of a negotiated peace note is questionable . . . Defense industry strikes form one of Washington's biggest problems.

WASHINGTON—It is interesting to examine the logic that is governing the isolationists in the senate, whether one agrees with it or not. For instance, take Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana. He was killed by some friends the other day as to his present motives. "Listen," said Wheeler, indignantly, "I am doing what I am doing because my conscience will not let me do anything else."

"We ought to have peace right now, and there is no reason why we should not have it. There has never been a time when Germany was not willing to make peace without disturbing the integrity of the British empire—if one excepts the African colonies."

There are two lies in this content, as his friends hastened to point out. One is that a peace now would leave Australia and New Zealand at the mercy of another Axis partner, Japan. The Australians are very frank about this. They think they sink or swim with the British empire. If Britain goes down, the Aussies think that it would be only a question of time before they would be overrun by the Japanese. **HITLER'S PROMISES WORTHLESS** The other fly is that unfortunately for the prospects for any negotiated peace, no one in high position in any country is willing to trust Hitler. He makes no bones about his plans to break any promise whenever it should be to the interest of Germany, as he sees it, to do so. It has been pointed out frequently that if Hitler had kept his word pledged at Munich, he could have taken the Polish corridor without plunging Europe into the second World war. In fact there is reasonable certainty that he could have gotten back the African colonies that belonged to Germany up to 1914. But instead of keeping his word pledged at Munich, Hitler seized the rest of Czechoslovakia shortly thereafter. Hence when it came to the Polish corridor, the British and French could not believe him. So that promising to leave Britain intact now would not carry any real assurance to the British people. They would rather fight it out now than live in fear through an armistice.

Congressmen Discuss Defense Industry Strikes

Just how long the patience of Franklin D. Roosevelt is going to last about this business of strikes in the national defense industries is the biggest question mark in Washington today. The President knows that his figures about the small percentage of workers involved in national defense strikes are misleading. He knows that the difference between the production of 1,600 planes and 1,500 planes produced in a month, may mean the difference between winning the war and losing it. In fact, it is entirely possible that the difference between the production of 1,600 planes and 1,602 planes would be decisive. Military experts have often argued that if the Confederates had possessed a dozen breech-loading cannons at Gettysburg, instead of only two, they would have won that battle and the war. They could have shelled the Union forces off that ridge instead of letting Pickett lead his men to slaughter and repulse.

HITLER BREAKS PROMISES Feeling in Congress is getting hotter and hotter about the situation. "An editorial in the Detroit Times," Rep. George A. Dondero of Michigan, said on the floor of the house, "truthfully said that strikes in our defense production plants constituted the bottleneck out of which 'we may try to pull our head when it is too late, as was the case in France, which lost her war with Germany, mainly because she would not inaugurate compulsory arbitration in her defense industries.'"

"That paragraph," Mr. Dondero continued, "ought to be posted above the desk of every member of Congress. It ought to be read every night in every home in this broad, free land of ours. There is no guarantee that it may not become a prophecy unless we face this problem honestly, frankly and wisely."

Mr. Dondero quoted further from this same editorial: "We either have not the power—or will not use the power—to order peace in our defense industries, to order compulsory arbitration of all differences between the employer and employee in those matters that aim straight at our vital—strikes which are so evidently fomented by Communists." "We are actually now," Mr. Dondero continued, "in the process of demanding from the youth of our land the supreme sacrifice if necessary, yet we continue to temporize with a situation which constitutes a greater danger to the defense and security of this nation than if whole divisions of those brave young boys were stricken by plague."

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