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Any excuse you can give for not upping your payroll savings will please Hitler, Hirohito and puppet Mussolini.

"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

(By RUSSELL KAY)

Florida has every reason to welcome the New Year with hope and confidence. Few states face a future outlook so bright and promising. State finances are in excellent shape. Tax collections are the best in years; large and healthy surpluses are stacking up ready for use in any emergency; revenues are far ahead of anything anticipated and at the same time the tax has not been too burdensome.

With the war going well, indications point to a slacking off in industrial activities. Before the year is out we may see many of our present war industries curtailed or discontinued but it is not a prospect that need cause undue alarm. Other industries of a permanent nature will arise to replace them and such unemployment as may temporarily occur will be met with funds backlogged for this purpose.

When miltiary establishments are curtailed, as they are very apt to be during the coming year, it will give us an opporutnity to sort of tidy up and put our house in order preparatory to caring for the greatest tourist trade in the state's history.

An indication of what may be expected in this direction is already evident in the steady influx of visitors today, in spite of the rigid travel restrictions, gasoline shortage and general inconvenience which under ordinary circumstances would tend to discourage such movement.

The year should witness a general readjustment. Small businesses and industries, hard hit by the war, will be reestablished, while those that have sprung up to make mushroom growth as purely "war babies" will feel the pinch and many will disappear.

Our agricultural outlook is excellent. Food will be needed in even greater quantities and if given an opportunity to do so Florida can meet this need in a big way for, from the standpoint of agricultural production, this state has hardly more than scratched the surface.

During the past year Florida has established an enviable record in her loyal support of the war effort. Her enlistments have been heavy in all branches of the service; she has supported every war loan magnificently; in the collection of waste fats, waste paper and other scrap she has led many of her sister states and will continue to do so.

Compared with other sections of the country, Florida has been relatively free of labor troubles. Strikes and work stoppages have been few, differences between labor and industry have been quickly adjusted in most instances. This situation can continue and even improve if both sides will cultivate a spirit of justice and fair play and such quarrels are kept more or less in our own family and free from outside influences.

Efforts of labor racketeers have been noticed in certain areas and such troubles have come from outside rather than within the state. A firm and determined, better, a UNITED, stand on the part of both Florida labor and Florida industry to discourage such outside effort and care for our own affairs will do much to solve the problem.

The only, real cloud on the picture is the ever-present danger of bureaucratic interference and muddling, primarily from Washington, which will retard progress, foster ill will and generally mess things up.

Most of the troubles that have limited our production and handicapped both industry and labor in the past can be directly charged up to the interference of governmental agencies, brought about through conflicting directives, poor administration, red tape and nonsense, but Florida has been no worse off than other states in this regard.

During the coming year the people of Florida will have an opportunity to employ the ballot as an

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STORES TO CLOSE NEW YEARS'

Most of the business establishments in Avon Park have agreed to close for the day on Saturday, New Year's. Housewives were busy on Friday, shopping for supplies to tide over the two-day closing.

Clerks Make State Record In Collections

Collect $6 Million In Delinquencies In Two Years

Records in Clerks' offices in the various counties show Florida's taxpayers are proving oft repeated contentions of Comptroller J. M. Lee, that given assurance of equitable enforcement of the tax laws —from the assessment through to complete collection — the men who pay taxes would respond to a degree unprecedented in the state's tax history.

Believe it or not — and this is almost one for Mr. Ripley — more than two-thirds of the $10,000,000 in delinquent taxes disclosed by Comptroller Lee's survey early in 1941 were collected in the subsequent two years with indications that succeeding delinquencies have been reduced to a record minimum.

Reports gathered by Comptroller Lee show that in 2 years thru June 30, clerks in 61 counties collected $6,383,990 in delinquent taxes, as a result of drives based upon appeals from Governor S. L. Holland and the comptroller. In addition, clerks report unprecedented delinquent collections since June 30, while tax collectors were collecting all but 1.12% of the current roll.

County commissioners and clerks waded into a tip top job on delinquencies following the 1941 disclosure of approximately $10,000,000 delinquencies accumulated since the Murphy law cleared the rolls. Encouraged by the legislature's enactment of the new Holland program in 1941, Comptroller Lee found commissioners and clerks anxious and aggressive in working on the problem—the most notable plan being the Highlands county plan for streamlining and modernizing the job by merchandizing tax certificates much the same as a merchant would "move" his "dead" stock. Application of modern sales and advertising methods brought such amazing results that many counties which hadn't "hit upon" successful plans of their own adopted the Highlands plan when it was explained by representatives of the Comptroller's office.

'But, regardless of the plan adopted," Comptroller Lee states, "the results have astounded everyone — including the taxpayers themselves, who have been waiting so long for the assurance now being given by aggressive and conscientious officials. Teamwork — from the job of preparing the assessment roll, right on through equalization by commissioners, collections by collectors and pressure for delinquent collections by clerks and commissioners — has brought us to the top of the heap! Meanwhile the taxpayers are indicating they are happy about the whole thing. And this is what we tax officials can take to our own hearts with real pride."

MRS. RAWLINGS FATHER DIES

John Will Rawlings, 91, father of Mrs. W. S. Rawlings, died at his home in Rectortown, Va., Tuesday. Due to his advanced age, he had been in failing health for a number of years. He passed away in the same home in which he was born. Besides Mrs. Rawlings, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. T. F. Galloway in Rectortown; eight grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

One battle won does not win a war. We've got tougher times ahead.
Buy More War Bonds
For Freedom's Sake

One-Third County Truck Reported Killed by Frost

About one-third of Highlands county's truck garden crops were killed out by the frost of last week, according to County Agent Arthur M. Bissett. Crops affected, he said, were mostly those on low ground.

The Florida Vegetable committee, representing vegetable growers of the state, has taken up with the Florida congressional delegation the situation created by freezing weather of the past week and requested them to confer with Fred M. Vinson and the Office of Price Administration in an effort to have ceiling prices removed at least temporarily until the industry has an opportunity to determine where it stands.

Heavy crop losses in some areas has completely changed the crop picture, the committee said, and growers hesitate to replant until they have some assurance that they will be permitted to market crops without loss.

"This cold damage should show Washington officials the impracticability of rigid prices on crops dependent entirely on the weather," said John Ford, secretary of the Florida Farm Bureau. "Vegetable men in Florida are willing to gamble on their crops, but under the present set-up, it is everything to lose and nothing to gain."

Florida radio stations now are scheduled to forecast dangerously low temperatures during the current winter through the courtesy of the weather Bureau, United States Department of Commerce, and the Florida Agricultural Experiment station.

As heretofore, these stations will broadcast the forecasts made by the Federal-State Horticultural Protection service with headquarters at Lakeland. A little more detailed weather forecasts will be included in the reports this year than during the past two seasons due to the lifting of war restrictions.

Warren O. Johnson is the meteorologist in charge of the Lakeland office. Assistant meteorologists are assigned to duty in the various districts of peninsular Florida to assist with problems of cold protection and grove heating.

Twenty-one stations in Florida broadcast official temperature bulletins at regular intervals. Broadcasts on some stations start as early as 11:45 a. m. and may be heard as late as 11:30 p. m.

Information on the exact hours when stations will broadcast temperatures may be obtained from the county agent's office.—Sebring News.

21 To Report To Blanding From County Monday

Twenty-one men from Highlands county will report Monday to Camp Blanding for induction into the armed forces. Five of the group are from Sebring.

Those in the draft call are Mathew Weaver, James Guignard Maxcy, Feldman Meyer Irving, Jones Franklin Walton and Starke L. Camp, Jr., of Sebring; Ernest Clinton Woodman, Conner Batson, Julian Howard Giddens, Henry Thomas Rutledge, Donald Lee Wiggins, Edward Bernard Bradbury, William Roscoe Carter, Bryan Victor Sandlin, Dolphus Rondo Wilkes, James Gordon Creel and Floyd M. Johnson, Jr., of Avon Park.

More are Emmett Jones Bates, Joseph Robinson Parrott of Lake Placid: James Oscar Waldron of Lorida and Thomas Logan, Jr., transferred from Lakewood, N. J., and Rollin Lee Peek, transferred from Daytona Beach.

WCTU TO MEET THURSDAY

The WCTU will meet at the First Baptist Church at 8:00 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mass Assaults On Co-ops Seen Walker Says

Exchange Head Urges Groups to Support Council

C. H. Walker, who is serving his fifth term as president of the Florida Citrus Exchange, sees tendencies by the federal government to take away certain benefits now enjoyed by co-operatives, and calls upon all organized co-ops to unite to defeat the movement. His article appears in CITRUS, official publication of the Florida Citrus Exchange. It follows:

by Charles H. Walker
President, Florida Citrus Exchange

As Justice Brandeis once pointed out in the Supreme Court, the way of cooperation leads directly to the freedom and equality of opportunity which the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution aims to secure. This has commonly been accepted by courts and legislatures as justifying tax exemption and special recognition for producers in marketing their output. Now, this way of life is under attack by direct organized effort and it behooves every group of organized cooperatives, especially in the predominantly agricultural states, like Florida, to unite and defeat this movement.

Along with an attack on cooperatives there is a concurrent effort to weaken and emasculate farm credit agencies which cater to the credit needs of agriculture.

Some results of this campaign are already apparent. Farm co-ops, for instance, would be required to file an annual income statement under a provision adopted by the House Ways and Means Committee in shaping up a new tax program. Under the existing law, one certificate of non-profit exemption from the Treasury Department permanently exempts such organizations from filing a return. This move is more than a mere symptom of the bureaucratic tendency to require questionnaires on every conceivable form of activity.

A special committee named by financial instutions is asking amendment of farm credit regulations under which agricutulrists could not apply to these agencies for loans until they had first been rejected by banks serving commerce and industry. In other words, it is proposed to take over all gilt-edge loans, though even such business, when originating from the needs of the producer, does not fit well into the operations of credit institutions depending largely on deposit funds. More than once in recent years moves have been made to curtail representation of farmers as stockholders in these credit agencies, although it has been shown by their successful operation that no one is better fitted than the farmer himself to pass upon such applications.

It is true that all these efforts have been defeated in the past and probably will be in the future, but every cooperative in Florida should be represented in the one organization which has insured cooperative representation before Congress. That organization is the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, of which the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives is one of the fourteen associate state members. Altogether there are now more than 4,500 sparately incorporated member organizations in the United States. Voting council membership includes large scale centralized and federated regional organizations and several single unit cooperatives, as well as national commodity federations. There is a special citrus and sub-tropical fruits division, with seven voting members, some of which represent many individual cooperatives, which are also members of state

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Keeping On the Go With the USO

(By Tom W. Dobson, Director)

It appears as though most everyone needing a sandwich or coffee on Christmas Night visited our USO Snack Bar. Servicemen, their wives, and members of the community formed a seemingly never ending line before the Snack Bar. Mrs. Margery Church, Snack Bar manager, along with Mrs. C. S. James and whatever help I could give, worked like real troupers to see that nobody had gone away hungry. Mrs. Church and Mrs. James should jointly receive the 1943 USO plaque for outstanding service during an emergency. Truly those ladies deserve heaps of praise for sacrificing their Christmas Evening to see that others enjoyed theirs. If the same condition exists whereby all eating establishments are to be closed late in the afternoon of New Year's Day it would certainly be appreciated if several ladies of our Senior Hostess group would sacrifice a few hours to help us in the Snack Bar.

The Gas shortage has finally put a stop to our Tuesday night dances, at least temporarily. We had been informed by Hendrick's Field that the orchestra would be unable to come due to the lack of gas in the area. However, Colonel Higgins, C. O. at Hendricks, has promised to allow the orchestra transportation just as soon as the situation becomes better. To me this means we will not hold a dance for at least another week or two. Whenever the orchestra is available you can be assured that we shall return to our regular Tuesday night dancing party.

This will remind the Senior Hostesses that on Thursday, January 6, at 8 P. M., the first regular monthly meeting of the New Year will be held. I am asking for a full attendance of all the Senior Hostesses as the New Year promises more plans and progress for the USO in this area. This continued progress can only be furthered with the aid of the ladies of this community. Won't you start the New Year right by making a real effort to be present in the club on Thursday?

Our Feature Movie shown in the up-stairs ballroom continues to grow in attendance. When we receive our 9 x 12 movie screen more comfort in viewing our shows will be assured. The Feature Movie to be shown on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8 P. M. this week is entitled "The Road to Morocco," with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour. Those of you who are free any one of those nights are most welcome to attend.

We are leaving Friday evening open on our program schedule for the Avon Park High School basketball games. We feel sure that the community and the service personnel will enjoy seeing several good basketball games during the winter months. When the first game is played notice shall be posted of the date and time.

As we approach a New Year the staff of this USO Club extends to all those who have helped us in our work, particularly our Senior Hostess group and commercial establishments in town, a real happy and prosperous New Year culminating in a final peace.

More Records By Employers Required

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 29 — Employers making deductions from the wages of employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act for board, lodging, or other facilities or who furnish such facilities to their employees as additions to wages will, beginning April 1, be required to maintain records substantiating the cost of such facilities in accordance with a new amendment to the record-keeping regulations, according to Regional Director James G. Johnson.

Carroll Belin, U. S. Coast Guard, stationed at Fort Pierce is spending New Year's here at his home.

Rotary Speaker

CAPT. A. A. NICHOSON

Texas Company Executive Will Address Rotary

Captain A. A. Nichoson, World War veteran and Assistant to the Vice President, The Texas Company, will address a noon meeting of the Avon Park Rotary Club on Wednesday, January 5, 1944, at the Jacaranda Hotel here. Captain Nichoson's subject will be, "America's Secret Weapon." He will be introduced by Harry Price, Program Chairman.

For the past seven years, Captain Nichoson, a speaker of nationwide reputation, has averaged 15 speeches a month before large audiences of executives and professional men and women throughout the country. He has talked on preserving the American way of life to industrial, trade, and professional organizations; civic and service clubs; military, patriotic, religious, and welfare organizations; and high schools and colleges — in all the large cities of the United States. Much of his time of late has been devoted to promoting the sale of War Bonds and Stamps among Texaco employees.

Captain Nichoson was educated at the Columbia University School of Journalism, but later entered upon an industrial career. He started to work for The Texaco Company as a laborer; later became a foreman, salesman, personnel director; and was finally appointed Assistant to the Vice President.

In World War 1, he enlisted as a private and was honorably discharged with the rank of major. He saw active service in practically every sector of the western front and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and two citations by the United States.

Bishop John Wing To Visit Episcopal Church Sunday

The Right Reverend John D. Wing, Bishop of the Diocese of South Florida, will make his annual visitation to The Church of the Redeemer on Sunday, January 2nd.

Bishop Wing will be the celebrant at the Eight o'clock Holy Communion Service, at which time all of the Organizations of the Parish will make their first Corporate Communion of the New Year.

At the eleven o'clock Service the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following candidates:

Miss Patricia Ann Smith, Norman Todd, Miss Jane Hartt, Mrs. William McCarthy, Mrs. Walter Mandis, Mrs. Ralph G. Herring, Mrs. Fred Swaffield, Mrs. W. Calvin Pidgeon, Mrs. Lucile Childs, Mrs. James A. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Truan.

EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will meet at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the parish house. As this is the first meeting of the new year, all members are especially requested to attend.

Honor Roll Fund Reaches $1397 Total

Legion Needs Only $600 To Finish Canvas

An additional $326.00 was received this week on the American Legion Honor Roll fund, running total contributions to $1397.00 which is about two-thirds of the estimated amount needed to erect a permanent honor roll marker bearing the names of all Avon Park servicemen of World War II. The honor roll will be built in the east end of the flag pole park. It will be of concrete construction, following an original design by Architect W. J. Heim. The names will be painted on for the present, but after the war, the structure will be finished in marble, with the names sandblasted in the marble for a permanent record. It will take $2000 to do the job, according to estimates, and the whole amount will be raised now. The balance not needed now will be invested in War Bonds until after the war, when the marker will be completed.

The public is invited to make contributions.

Committeemen from the Legion have been busy through the holidays and have not seen everybody. If you have been missed, don't wait, but send in your money to John Hood, treasurer, American Legion Honor Roll fund.

The following contributions are reported by Mr. Hood:

Previously acknowledged	$1071.00
O. C. Wilkes	50.00
G. D. Huss	50.00
AP Citrus Exchange	25.00
Ben Stewart	25.00
Earl Green	25.00
Fred Smith	25.00
Gus Carratt	25.00
C. S. Donaldson	25.00
Rotary Club	25.00
W. A. Foster	10.00
W. C. Beckett	10.00
E. W. Hartt	10.00
W. M. Hetherington	10.00
J. D. Raab	10.00
Scott Wells	1.00
	1397.00

"Use Shortening to Help Shorten War" New Fats Slogan

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23 (FNS) — Margaret Mitchell, who wowed the nation not long ago with a book about a gal named Scarlet and a fellow named Rhett, came through in support of the war program this week with a spanking new slogan for the nation's salvage program.

In a message addressed especially to housewives, Miss Mitchell, who in private life is Mrs. John Marsh, of Atlanta, urged: "Use your shortening to help shorten the war!"

Here is the message the author of "Gone With the Wind", herself a housewife, sends to other housewives:

"Turning in our used fats and grease began to seem really important to me when I first heard it was being used in making sulfa drugs, as well as glycerine for high explosives. Of course we want our soldiers to have ammunition to fight with, but even more strongly we want to be certain that they will not be denied the drugs that can save their lives.

"If American women could go onto the battlefields with a magic powder that brought dying men back to life, nothing could hold them back. They can't do that, of course, but they can help provide that magic powder simply by saving their used kitchen fats and grease.

"Let's really pitch in and save our grease, turn it in at the neighborhood store and start it on its way to the battlefront. Use your shortening to help shorten the war!"

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Jap Defensive Positions in Pacific Crumble Under New Allied Invasion; Senate Studies Revised Tax Measure; Government Acts to Halt Rail Tie-Up

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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Goin' Back—Brought to the Ukraine following its capture in 1941, these German farmers left with their possessions when Nazi armies fell back before the Reds' 1943 offensive.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
New Landing

One day after U. S. bombers had dumped 350 tons of explosives on Arawe on New Britain island, U. S. warships moved shoreward to the enemy base and pumped big shells into the defenses, even as planes returned to assist in the bombardment.

After this terrific crescendo, U. S. doughboys swarmed ashore to establish a beachhead on this strategic island, center of Japanese shipping for supplying its embattled forces on New Guinea and Bougainville.

By landing on Arawe, U. S. forces drove a wedge into Jap positions on Cape Gloucester to the west and Gasmata to the east, where the enemy has established airfields to help cover the barge operations with which he feeds supplies to his troops in this area by traveling along the jungle shorelines by night.

While the U. S. stormed Arawe, heavy bombers continued to smack the Marshalls, small Jap island holdings in the central Pacific.

RAILROADS:
Strike Called

With 97.7 per cent of the operating railroad union members voting to strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and with the walkout date set for December 30, the government acted quickly to prevent transportation interruption.

Said spokesmen for the 350,000 trainmen, firemen, enginemen, engineers, conductors and switchmen who have demanded a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum boost of $3 daily: "It is a strike against inflation for the privileged few and deflation for the many."

To meet the crisis which was provoked by the unions' rejection of an emergency board's award of a 32-cents a day increase, the government's national mediation board summoned both union and rail officials to meet to settle differences.

Meanwhile, over 1,000,000 non-operating rail union members awaited final congressional action on a resolution granting them an eight-cents-an-hour pay boost over the U. S. stabilization director's objection.

BRITAIN:
Miners Ask Raise

Seeking to boost average weekly earnings from $16.60 for underground employees to $24, and from $13.40 for surface employees to $22, Britain's Mine Workers federation planned to take their case to a government panel if employers rejected their demands.

Because of possible coal shortages, the government recently cut home rations for the fuel by 20 per cent, and it was anticipated that any strike by the 690,000 miners might result in further reductions.

Child Delinquency

Like the U. S., Britain has its juvenile delinquency, and most of it is attributed to lack of adequate supervision because of parental occupation in the war effort.

Juvenile delinquency has increased from the prewar rate of 4 per 1,000 to 9 per 1,000, principally because thousands of fathers are in the armed forces, one out of four mothers are holding full time jobs, and inadequate rations compel families to eat at least one meal away from home.

ITALY:
Action in Air

Connecting link between Germany and Italy, Europe's historic Brenner pass was pounded by waves of U. S. bombers, seeking to disrupt the rail lines feeding Nazi armies to the south.

By striking at the pass, the bombers countered a successful Nazi air raid on the southeastern Italian port of Bari, in which 30 German planes whizzed in at low level and sank 17 Allied cargo vessels lying at anchor in the harbor.

On the ground, U. S. and British troops clambered forward over mountainous country toward Rome in sleety weather. Fighting bitterly from strong defenses in the hills, and throwing armored formations into action on the level plains, the Nazis succeeded in slowing Allied advances.

CONGRESS:
Tax Bill

Tacking on an additional 144 million dollars, the senate finance committee approved a new 2 billion, 284 million dollar tax bill which, if passed by congress, will boost U. S. revenues to 43 billion dollars yearly.

Sen. George

Written under Sen. Walter George's chairmanship, the senate bill requires payment of the 3 per cent Victory tax by everybody with income over $624 a year, and raises levies on amusements, travel, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, furs, luggage, toilet articles and other luxuries.

Also included in the bill was a provision requiring labor organizations and farm co-operatives to file financial statements annually.

Whisky

As the senate's liquor investigating committee charged that big distilleries ". . . are using the war emergency to get control of the wine and beer industry," a federal grand jury called on Hiram Walker & Sons, Seagram & Sons, National Distillers Products Corp. and Schenley to present records of the companies' stock organizations, including their wineries and breweries, and their distribution and merchandising practices.

Subsidies

Action in the senate on the tangled subsidy question became further tangled with the banking committee's recommendation that consideration of subsidies be postponed for 60 days.

Previously, the banking committee had turned down the proposal of Sen John Bankhead (Ala.) to abolish subsidies under which the government reduces consumers' retail prices by paying processors the difference for their charges, and had also tabooed the suggestion of Sen. Robert Taft (Ohio) to limit subsidies to a half billion annually instead of one billion.

Sen. Taft

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

FLU: Almost a thousand people died of influenza in Great Britain last week, the highest since the epidemic began. In the previous week 709 succumbed.

NURSES: Plans to conscript registered nurses for service with the armed forces have been dropped, Representative Bolton said, after a conference with war department officials.

HONESTY: A 43-year-old Briton of American descent has been sentenced by a London court to nine months' imprisonment for receiving stolen goods. His name is Abraham Lincoln, and he claims to be a grand-nephew of "Honest Abe." Lincoln was charged with receiving a calculating machine which he knew was stolen from U. S. army headquarters.

RUSSIA:
Drive in North

While Russian and German troops slugged at each other in the central and southern sectors, the Nazis reported 100,000 Reds attacked to the north, in what they said was a preliminary move to a major winter drive for the Baltic sea.

By driving to the Baltic, the Reds would split the Germans' northern armies from those of the south, and also give them a base from which to attack enemy shipping making use of the sea to supply its armies in the area.

In the Ukraine, both sides gave ground grudgingly under heavy blows. The Nazis pressed forward toward picturesque and domed Kiev, while the Reds pounded out gains farther to the south in the Dnieper bend.

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As of December 1, 176,045,000 pounds of butter were in cold storage, and other stocks included 177,110,000 pounds of American cheese; 197,382,000 pounds of poultry; 376,072,000 pounds of pork; 183,096,000 pounds of beef; 31,074,000 pounds of lamb and mutton, and 1,762,000 cases of eggs.

TRANSPORTATION:
Parts Needed

Trucks, railroad equipment, buses and tires are wearing out and replacements must be made if the nation's transportation system is to carry record loads in 1944, the Truman investigating committee asserted.

Particularly acute is the reduced stock of truck parts, especially in view of the longer use of vehicles and greater demand for repairs, the committee said. Low inventories further were aggravated by the government's scrap drive, in which many cars were junked from which parts might have been salvaged.

Railroads have been hampered by lack of enough new rails and slowdowns in locomotive production because of priority regulations, the committee declared. Because of the critical situation in lumber brought about by military purchases, price controls affecting operations and labor shortages, ties available for railroads will fall below needs in 1944, the committee said.

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On September 30, 2,980,026 civilians were on the government payroll, a drop of 22,121 from the previous month. It also was revealed that 263,637 persons were serving without compensation or as $1-a-year men.

CIVILIAN GOODS:
Study Output

Following the War Production board's initial announcement that 15 per cent more civilian goods would be manufactured during the first three months of 1944 than in the last quarter of this year, it was later revealed that WPB was changing certain aspects of its program after a survey of needs of 7,000 homes.

Studies have been made to determine what quantity of electric irons, washing machines, refrigerators, trucks and automobiles can be made, and what plants will be able to produce the goods.

It was also revealed that the civilian requirements agency of the WPB will play an important role in determining policy when industry is faced with reconversion. Although reconversion is expected to create unemployment, much hardship should be relieved because the shift will be gradual, and consumers' demands should result in quick rehiring by reconverted plants.

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Taking advantage of the lowest level of prices for the year, corn belt buyers purchased an almost record volume of stockers and feeders during November. In eight states, in-shipments totaled 383,000 compared with the all-high of 391,000 in 1942.

ARMS OUTPUT:
Keeps Soaring

Despite a reduction in output of ammunition, U. S. war production in November soared above the previous record month of October, with the present rate 550 per cent over 1941.

Declaring problems of manpower, design changes and material shortages have been largely overcome, the War Production board said gains in terms of dollar value were recorded for aircraft, communication and electronic equipment, shipbuilding, guns and combat motor vehicles. Ammunition output was down 2 per cent, chiefly reflecting a 13 per cent drop for small arms.

Indicative of the emphasis on production of heavy bombers, average air frame weight per plane in November was 8,130 pounds, compared with 7,560 pounds during preceding months. Output of aerial bombs increased 11 per cent, reflecting the intensification of the Allies' bombing operations on the world fronts.

INFLUENZA:

Cases of influenza in the nation increased 500 per cent in the week ended December 11, according to U. S. Public Health figures. Reports for the week from every state department excepting Maine's showed a total of 23,724 cases, five times as many as in the week before.

Federal health service officials stated that there was no particular cause for concern, as the new cases are of the same mild type of the disease that has been prevalent since the epidemic began in the fall.

You'd Only Need to Buy a Calendar Once In Your Life—If We Used 'World' Model

Any Date Always Falls on Same Day Of Week, Every Year

By ELLIOTT PINE

Released by Western Newspaper Union.

New Year's day falls on Saturday this year. If it hadn't been for Hitler and the ambitions of Japan, New Year's day might be Sunday this year, and next year; in fact it would be Sunday every year.

Back in 1931 the League of Nations began to talk about calendar reform. During the next four years there was much talk, but at last two plans emerged from the welter. One was the 13-month year, and the other the World Calendar. In the World Calendar, New Year's day is always on a Sunday. If it were not for the war, the League would still be functioning, and the World Calendar might be in use by now. So Hitler is responsible for wrecking, or at least sidetracking, calendar reform.

But the calendar can wait. Time goes on, and a better way of measuring it can be adopted at some future time. Of the two schemes, the World Calendar seems to be the more favored as it does not break violently with custom and tradition, as the 13-month calendar does.

Principal advantages of the World Calendar are: first, it is perpetual; that is, any date in any year is always the same day of the week. Second, every quarter is the same in length and arrangement. Third, the months are almost the same length; eight have 30 days and four 31 days. Every month has 26 week days.

How It Works.

The World Calendar is based on the idea of equal quarters. Each three - month period contains the same number of days: 91. The first month of each quarter has 31 days; the other two, 30. So January, April, July and October are 31-day months; the other eight each have 30 days.

To accomplish this rearrangement it is necessary only to change seven days in the familiar pattern. The first is in February. That peculiar month gets two additional days. These two days are the 31st of May and of August, which are taken off these two months, leaving them each an even 30 days. Then the 31st of March is sliced off and put onto April. Lastly, December 31 becomes "Year-End day," which has no number on the new calendar.

This "Year-End day" is the really brilliant feature of the World Calendar. The 365th day is the one that throws every attempt to formulate an evenly divisible year into chaos. By calling the last day of the year "Year-End day" and making it an extra Saturday, the problem is pretty well solved.

One other difficulty, the additional day of leap years, as 1944 is, must be taken care of some way. This is done by adding a day to June. In leap years the last week of June would have two Saturdays.

This "Year - End day" seems somewhat fantastic, the first time it is thought about, but it is no more difficult in principle than turning back or advancing your watch an hour when you cross one of the time belts, or picking up or losing a whole day at the International Date line, out in the Pacific. It would not be hard to get accustomed to the change. It is only about 60 years since the Standard time system was adopted. The difficulties as well as the advantages of Standard time are now taken for granted. Right now we are living under a temporary disturbance of this system, called War Saving Time, which inconveniences many, despite its benefits. The "Year - End day" would fit in much easier than it seems at first glance.

Advantages of the World Calendar are several. First, the calendar is "perpetual"; that is, any particular date in any year would always fall on the same day. Thus, for instance, May 21 would always fall on Tuesday, no matter what the year. It would be Tuesday in 1950, 1976, 1949 or any other year. Fourth of July would always be Wednesday; Christmas day always Monday. April Fools' day always would fall on Sunday. This is what is meant by a "perpetual" calendar.

Even leap year does not throw the World Calendar out of joint, as the extra day is fitted in as a numberless or "intercalary" day like Year-End day. Leap-Year day is an extra Saturday too.

Next in importance, probably, is the fact that every quarter of every year would contain the same number of days, 91, making calculations of interest, rent, comparative production, and so forth, much easier. Each month would have 26 week days, so direct comparisons of months as equal working periods would be possible. Thirty - day months would have four Sundays, 31-day months five Sundays, so the extra day would not be a working day anyhow. Holidays, insofar as possible, would be celebrated on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

An Inca calendar, made of hammered gold, found in Peru. The symbols around the rim are supposed to represent the months. Many ancient peoples devised fairly satisfactory calendars, often having the year divided into 12 30-day periods. The five days left at the end of the year were special days, sometimes feasts, sometimes unlucky or evil days.

Holidays, at least in the United States, would fit into the week-ends rather conveniently. Christmas, the 25th of December, would always be on Monday, giving most working people a 2½ or three-day holiday. The new holiday, "Year-End day," being an extra Saturday on the end of December, would lengthen the New Year's week-end, for New Year's day would be Sunday always. Labor day would fall on Monday, September 4, every year, providing a nice long week-end. The disruption of holidays in the middle of the week would be done away with.

Thanksgiving day could be moved to Monday, November 20, if it were thought necessary, or Monday the 27th. So various other holidays, observed in different sections and states, could be moved to the nearest Monday, Saturday or Sunday.

Churches in Favor.

Church councils and synods have gone on record as favorable to the World Calendar, as well as a fixed date for Easter. Between 1931 and 1936 the Episcopal church, the Presbyterian, the United Lutheran, and the Methodist Episcopal of the South, to name a few, have all passed resolutions endorsing calendar reform, and a fixed Easter. The Roman Catholic church, while making no formal declaration of approval, has stated that no dogmatic difficulties exist. Eighteen Catholic bishops and archbishops, throughout the world, are members of the World Calendar association. The Eastern Orthodox church, through the Patriarch of Constantinople, has endorsed the plan. Little religious opposition has been shown or is anticipated to the World Calendar, in fact.

Business men want some kind of calendar reform. The difficulties of computing interest, making comparisons of periods, keeping inventories, and other accounting problems, are much complicated by the irregularities of the months. A few businesses use 52 weeks, divided into 13 periods of 28 days, or four even weeks. But this 13-month calendar, it is thought, would never be adaptable to general use, for many reasons, some traditional and sentimental, but real, nevertheless. In any case, the International Chamber of Commerce went on record in 1933 as favoring the World Calendar, or a similar plan.

Lawyers Like It.

The legal profession also has endorsed the World Calendar through action at a conference of the American Bar association in 1931. Lawyers are particularly anxious for the complications of the present calendar to be ironed out, according to spokesmen.

Social activities would be easier with the World Calendar in use, as invitations would then be dated accurately more often than now. People would not be arriving on the wrong day so frequently. Practically everybody, in fact, would benefit by a simplified calendar: farmers, merchants, housewives, scientists, schoolteachers and everyone else. Publishers of calendars would be the only losers.

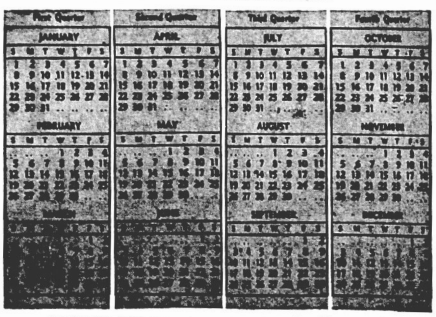
Leaders of every important nation have endorsed the calendar reform, most of them advocating the World Calendar, or some similar 12-month, equal-quarter plan. In June, 1931, a special League of Nations committee, after due consideration, had trimmed 200 proposed reformed calendars down to two. One was the 13-month calendar. The other was the 12-month, perpetual, equal-quarter scheme, known in the United States as the World Calendar. Delegates of six nations leaned toward the 13-month plan. Most speakers stated that the people they represented would wish to retain a 12-month calendar from custom and religious reasons, and that, in their opinion, a change to a 13-month calendar would be too drastic to gain wide acceptance. In the end, the question of reform was laid aside for further study.

Must Wait on New 'League.'

In the '30s the League of Nations steadily lost power and prestige, and with the outbreak of the European war the only international body capable of putting the World Calendar into effect, disappeared. It must be remembered that a new or reformed calendar would have to have world-wide acceptance. The world has grown too small, as has often been said lately, for nations to go their ways independently. Air travel will demand uniformity.

It may be that the Peace Conference everybody is looking forward to will give this calendar reform matter consideration and perhaps, in the postwar period of eagerness for improvements, some new League may be able to have the reformed calendar adopted. Swift action will be necessary, however, as the next chance to slip the World Calendar into use without a ripple will be January 1, 1950. If much time is spent in arguing and ratifying, the opportunity for a smooth transition will pass again.

The World Calendar
All Years Alike — All Quarters Equal


First Quarter
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Fourth Quarter
JANUARY
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JULY
OCTOBER
FEBRUARY
MAY
AUGUST
NOVEMBER
SEPTEMBER
DECEMBER

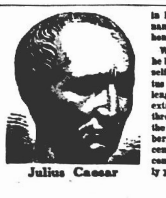
*YEAR-END DAY, December Y, follows December 30 every year.
**LEAP-YEAR DAY, June L, follows June 30 in leap years.

—From the World Calendar, edited by Elisabeth Achelis.

Roman Emperors Gave Us Present Calendar

Our present calendar was arranged largely by Julius Caesar and his nephew, Caesar Augustus. When Julius returned from his Egyptian campaign in 46 B. C., he brought with him Sosigenes, a famed astronomer, to correct the Roman calendar. This sage established the length of the year at 365¼ days, divided into 12 months. The unevenly numbered first, third, etc., had 31 days each, and the even months 30 days, except February, which had 29 days, regularly, and 30 only in leap years. The seventh month was named Julius, by order of the senate, to honor Caesar.

When Caesar Augustus came to power he had the eighth month named after himself. This being a 30-day month, Augustus felt it was inferior to July, so he lengthened August to 31 days, taking the extra day from February. Then to avoid three 31-day months in a row, he pulled the 31st day off September and November, and added them to October and December. Thus the egotism of one man completely disrupted the wise and orderly year of Julius.



Julius Caesar

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A piece of velvet is often more effective than a brush to remove dust from silk.

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Instead of pricking your fingers pulling out sandburrs, hold your socks or other clothes over a pan of water and pull off the burrs with a regular hair comb.

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If your tablecloth is beginning to look shoddy, cut it up with the pinking shears to make place mats, bibs for the children, or potholder pockets to hang on the kitchen wall.

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Examine children's shoes frequently. In as short a time as four weeks a child's foot may grow from one to three sizes larger.

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To keep stockings and socks from wrapping around the clothesline on a windy day, drop a marble in the toe of each. You'll get longer wear from your stockings if you take this precaution, and these days that is something.

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When hot compresses are required, use a potato ricer to wring out the hot water and save your hands.

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Before storing white shoes or other summer footwear, wash and replace the shoe laces, clean or polish the shoes, insert shoe trees, and place the shoes in boxes or other wrappings. They will keep better and be ready for immediate use next season.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

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How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Said the Optimist:

If I have lost my ring I still have my finger.

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Kidneys Must Work Well-
For You To Feel Well

DOAN'S PILLS

Postwar Buyers Prefer Automobiles

25,000 Queried Rate Homes 2nd, New Radios 3rd

Few 'Won't Buy at Inflated Prices'; Woman Wants 'A Decent Girdle.'

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — More Americans plan to buy a new automobile within the first year after the end of the war than any other major item; a new home is the second most frequent purchase found on Mr. and Mrs. America's postwar shopping list, it is shown by replies to an inquiry made to 25,000 policyholder families of Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

A new radio ranks third among postwar purchases now planned, and an extensive trip, either U. S. or foreign, is close behind, the survey shows.

Eager anticipation of coming improvements and new "gadgets" described in current newspaper and magazine articles and advertisements, was disclosed by replies which listed such items as home air conditioning, plastic kitchen equipment, and frozen food cabinets. Almost two-thirds of the prospective postwar home owners stated their intention to build rather than buy, suggesting a desire to incorporate new ideas in construction and equipment.

"What major purchases do you expect to make when the war is over—say within the first year after the removal of wartime restrictions?" was the question. Over 13 per cent of the families queried—one out of every eight—sent in their postwar "shopping list." This unusually high questionnaire return is another measure of the eager interest of the U. S. public in postwar products, the report points out.

Replacements Needed.

Most lists name several major purchases planned; many remark that it will take considerably more than a year, perhaps several years, to manage all of the purchases listed. Many more say that present automobile or household equipment is nearly worn out, and list mechanical refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc., as "must" purchases at an early date.

Tabulating the replies to the inquiry, the report shows that slightly over 50 per cent of the families responding plan to buy an automobile within the first year after wartime restrictions are removed. This represents 6½ per cent of the entire 25,000 queried; even assuming that most of the families who failed to send in shopping lists are not planning any purchases, extension of the tabulation would indicate a banked-up demand for at least two million automobiles in the United States as soon as they can be made available, the report says.

One-third of those replying expect to build or start buying a home soon after the end of the war. Of these families, 60 per cent intend to build, 32 per cent plan to buy, and 8 per cent are undecided.

Better than one out of four—28 per cent—of those replying plan an extensive trip of some kind, three-fourths of them in the United States. A new radio is listed in 30 per cent of the shopping plans for the first postwar year, a new mechanical refrigerator in 23 per cent. A new heating plant is on the postwar purchase program of 10 per cent of the families replying, 7 per cent plan to buy home air conditioning equipment, 3 per cent expect to remodel their present house. Many say they will buy an airplane after the war, "if conditions are right for its use."

Farms, Equipment Listed.

Approximately 2½ per cent list new farm equipment, 2 per cent expect to buy a farm, most likely a small one. Other miscellaneous items listed for early postwar purchase are washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and other household equipment, with a frequent notation that present equipment is almost worn out. Additional education for the children and additional life insurance are also listed.

Some families hedge their buying plans with such provisos as, "Won't buy, however, at inflated prices," and "Depends, of course, on how much it takes to pay taxes after the war."

Several responses list among their major postwar purchases, "plenty of beefsteak and butter." And one lady looks forward to a new automobile, a new radio, an extensive trip, and—"a decent girdle."

Healthiest 4-H'ers; Fashion Winners

Top: Ten winners of the 4-H club contest for home-made clothes pose at the 22nd National Congress of that organization held in Chicago, Ill. Left to right: Irma Picl, Indianapolis, Ind.; Margaret Mesher, Germansburg, N. Y.; Leona Fairburn, Sandy, Utah; June Andrews, Parkdale, Ohio; Alta Lawson, Orrum, N. C.; Carolyn Holman, Collinsville, Okla.; Barbara Reid, South Lincoln, Mass.; Ella Severance, Concord, N. H.; Wila Hartman, Parma, Idaho; and Verda Patterson, Marathon, Ind. Bottom left: The four healthiest contestants were, left to right, John Weis, St. Cloud, Minn.; Rena Garner, Ozark, Ala.; Delmar Couch, Eagletown, Okla.; and Virginia Nelson, North Platte, Neb.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Hair that was golden-bright looking a bit dull now? Take an extra minute after your shampoo to rinse it! But use the juice of two lemons in a pint of water. This "natural" rinse will brighten blonde hair. Use the lemon rinds to massage your hands, arms and elbows. No waste these days, remember!

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Blind Warriors Rehabilitated by Mechanical Aids

Soldiers and sailors who have lost their sight in action since Pearl Harbor have begun to discover and welcome the existing services and mechanical aids devised to help blind people generally.

The American Foundation for the Blind, New York, N. Y., reports that these sightless veterans find especial pleasure in the "braille" watches it has sent them. On these watches the numerals which the servicemen cannot see have been replaced by raised metal dots which they can feel.

The government includes the study of braille in its rehabilitation program, but while the men in the military hospitals are learning to be adept at this finger-reading, they are enjoying, according to their letters, the entertainment provided by the Talking Book. This aid consists of long-playing phonograph discs on which trained readers from the stage and from radio have recorded much that is of value in classic and contemporary literature. The returned men find that the Talking Book offers them detective fiction, travel stories, some of the leading present day best sellers, and even Broadway plays acted in their entirety by distinguished casts. The Talking Book is available to all blind people without the slightest cost to them.

Another device to help sightless people which the veterans are just discovering is the braille typewriter. They have begun to use it in connection with their study of braille, and on it they are writing notes to other blinded servicemen. They find, too, that with packs of ordinary playing cards identified by braille symbols, they can continue to enjoy pinochle, bridge, poker, and other card games. The most recent recreation aid to be invented is a checker game based on a small metal board on which the checkers are magnetized. This prevents them from sliding out of place and enables games of checkers to be played comfortably almost anywhere.

When sightless servicemen wish to travel they are finding that they can make use of a concession service which has been in operation for several years. It is an arrangement whereby blind people can travel on railroads and on bus lines accompanied by a companion or guide for the price of a single ticket.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

By NANCY PEPPER

LUSH WITH LACE

GIRLS ARE SORT OF LIKE DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAMS. THE "B" PRODUCTION IS A CARELESS LOOKING JOB WHO GOES AROUND ALL DAY IN OVERALLS ROLLED TO THE KNEE, SLOPPY SHIRT HANGING OUT LIKE A POTATO SACK, WORN LOAFER SHOES AND PIGTAILS. BUT THE FEATURE PICTURE, AH-H—THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN—SOMETHING ULTRA FEMININE IN CHINTZ, SHEER BLOUSE AND FLOWER - STREWN GLAMOUR BOB THAT INSPIRES A LONG, LOW WHISTLE FROM THE CORNER DRUG STORE ROOTERS. LOOK CLOSELY AND YOU'LL FIND THAT THIS CLASS "A" VISION IS APT TO BE FROSTED WITH LACE. HERE ARE SOME OF HER TRICKS:

FLUFFY RUFFLES—When you make your new pinafore, add a row of white lace around the shoulder ruffles and, maybe, outlining the heart shaped pocket on the skirt.

CROWNING GLORY—Hair bows are much prettier when you edge the ribbon with narrow lace. Makes you look like a fugitive from a Valentine.

TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Now's the time to take inventory of your old sweaters. Sweaters are going to be precious as rubies, you know—only more so. If your elbows are worn out, sew on felt or fabric patches, the louder the better. If your sleeves are torn beyond repair, rip them out and convert your sweater into a sleeveless jerkin. Use the sleeves for mittens or socks. If your sweater is hopelessly out of shape, but the yarn still in good condition, rip it: Stretch the yarn in tightly wound balls and knit it up again. If your necklines are sagging, string them around with narrow velvet ribbon and tie in front in a bow. Do everything with an old sweater, EXCEPT throw it away!

What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT

What is meant by a baby's "christening robe"?

Answer—In some families christening robes have been handed down from generation to generation. These old robes are usually very long and elaborately trimmed and embroidered.

However, the newer christening robes are shorter and not quite so elaborate. It is a custom that every stitch in the christening robe should be done by hand, and that is the reason that these are very often quite exquisite garments. The dress is usually made of mull, or some other similar material.

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

America In Action

ALL-WEATHER GASOLINE

Development of an all-purpose, all-weather gasoline, designed to meet year-round requirements of all army ground forces vehicles, ranging from jeeps to tanks, has been announced by the war department.

Specifications for the new gasoline insure maximum operational efficiency at temperatures ranging from zero to extreme heat, thereby eliminating the necessity of differentiating between summer and winter grades. Vapor lock is eliminated at high atmospheric temperatures; and good starting, with short warm-up periods, is provided at low temperatures.

Slightly different requirements are specified for fuel which may be required for operations in extremely cold temperatures.

The new all-purpose gasoline provides a single fuel standardized at 80 octane. It was developed through three years of experimentation by the fuel and lubricants division, office of the quartermaster general, army service forces, working closely with the ordnance department, ASF, and the oil and automotive industries. Data was obtained from theaters of operation, army installations, and industrial organizations. Tests were conducted in the blazing heat of the desert and in the cold of the North.

Behind development of the gasoline were three necessities, all dictated by the size and scope of the war:

1. It was necessary that the army have a gasoline which could be used effectively in combat under practically all climatic conditions.

2. It was necessary that the army have a gasoline high enough in octane rating to operate all of its vehicles effectively in combat, yet low enough to permit ample procurement.

3. It was necessary that the army's gasoline have sufficient stability so as not to gum under the long storage which sometimes is necessary in building up stocks for military operations.

Prior to the war, the army's use of gasoline was confined, for the most part, to the continental United States. Changes from winter grade gasoline to summer grade gasoline were taken care of automatically by the petroleum industry.

Global warfare, however, presented a different picture. Gasoline designed for winter use is dangerous in summer or desert operations, as a vapor-locked and stalled tank or vehicle makes a good target. Therefore, winter grade gasolines used in the United States could not be used effectively in the desert or in areas where it was summer. Conversely, summer grade gasoline used in the United States could not be used effectively in areas where it was winter.

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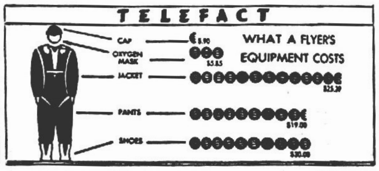
This Woman Speaks From Experience

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Domestic Relations Judge H. B. Webster must have figured this woman never had any matrimonial luck.

In her divorce petition she said her husband of less than a month was "all in all the sorriest of the four husbands the complainant has had and the others were all too sorry to live with."



Extra Rat in Berlin Dropped by Bombers

LONDON. — It probably was a dirty trick on the rat, but a Halifax bomber dropped one on Berlin in a record raid.

The crew discovered the rat—origin undetermined — tottering around the plane, groggy from lack of oxygen at that altitude, as they neared the target.

As they drew closer to their mark, a flier cast it overboard muttering: "Just another rat in Berlin."

TO YOUR Good Health

by DR. JAMES W. BARTON

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WHAT ARE CATALYSTS?

One of the words you may have come across in recent years is catalyst. A catalyst is a substance that causes other substances to join with one another to produce a third substance through chemical action, but the catalyst does not itself join these other substances. After the third substance is formed, the catalyst remains unchanged.

Dr. Barton

In thinking about foods and food combinations in these days, food experts again remind us of how much the human body resembles a steam engine in that it burns up fuel (food) to provide energy and there is left ashes (wastes thrown out by the lungs, skin, kidneys and lower bowel).

The body differs from a steam or gasoline engine in that, unlike engines, the fuel or foods eaten become a part of the body, and the body renews its parts as they become worn from food eaten.

Other words you are reading about frequently are vitamins, hormones, and enzymes. These are catalysts in that they are practically invisible and in such small amounts that they are not really foodstuffs but are so important in their action on foods that we could not live without them.

I have spoken before of the difference between a vitamin and a hormone. A vitamin is a substance that is taken into the body as part of the food eaten. Some foods contain a number of vitamins, but generally speaking we speak of foods rich in one particular vitamin, as vitamin A, B, C, D or E foods. A hormone is a chemical substance which is formed in the body by the ductless glands; thus the thyroid manufactures the thyroid hormone, the adrenal glands adrenal hormone, the pancreas the insulin hormone.

What, then are enzymes? Enzymes are chemical substances formed in the cells of the body; they are elements of great importance to the general health of the body, particularly digestion.

The point, then, is that while we look to the main classes of food—proteins, fats, starches, minerals and water for heat (energy) and nourishment, the catalysts—hormones, vitamins and enzymes—serve almost like spark plugs in an engine causing the foods eaten to supply the utmost of their food value.

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X-Ray Treatment Ends Plantar Warts

Just a few years ago it would have been difficult to convince anyone that the small warts, the tiny groups of warts so often found on the soles of the feet, were caused by tiny organisms. It would have been even more difficult to make anyone believe that these warts were "catching" just as are diseases such as whooping cough or measles. Today these two facts are known.

There are many different forms of treatment for plantar warts. Some warts come and go again in a short time without treatment; others disappear after application of some caustic, and still others by doses of epsom salts taken internally.

For the last few years the use of the X-ray has been considered the best form of treatment. In the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Drs. J. E. Gendreau and Eugene Dufresne, director and assistant director, respectively, of the Radium Institute of Montreal, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different usual methods of treatment.

Surgery: This was formerly the commonest form of treatment, but it requires a local anesthetic, keeps the patient off his feet for many weeks and sometimes leaves a disagreeable scar. This method—surgery—will probably be abandoned by skin specialists.

Negative electrolysis: This method also requires a local anesthetic and there follows considerable discomfort in walking.

Diathermocoagulation: A needle introduced into the wart and left there as long as the high frequency current lights up the wart is an excellent form of treatment, but must also be done under a local anesthetic and sometimes inconveniences the patient for several days.

There are certain disadvantages also with other forms of treatment—electrodessication (drying out the wart); fulguration (burning the wart with a fine spark); carbonic snow treatment is painful and not always reliable; radium, excellent treatment, but very expensive.

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QUESTION BOX

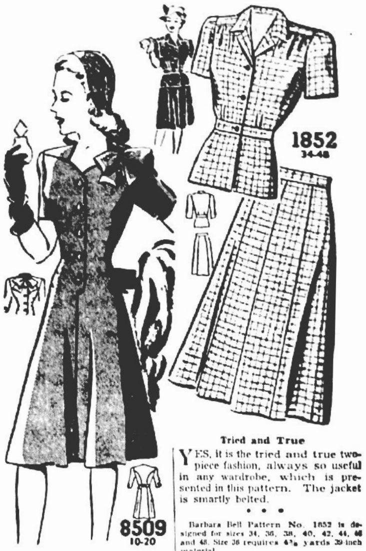
Q.—Is insanity inherited?

A.—Any cases of insanity may or may not be inherited. There is usually a case of nervousness, or odd behavior, in families where insanity is said to be inherited.

Q.—Would it be harmful to wash, daily and over an extended period of time, a 10-months old baby's hair in bleaching peroxide?

A.—Peroxide does no harm to scalp, but tends to make hair harsh and coarse.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



Drama in Bow

NATURALLY, since we must use less material in clothing, we must expect a sheath-like treatment to be the next new step fashion takes. Here it is, in a dress with a bow for drama.

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Pattern No. 8509 is designed for sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 12, short sleeves, 3⅛ yards 39-inch material.

Tried and True

YES, it is the tried and true two-piece fashion, always so useful in any wardrobe, which is presented in this pattern. The jacket is smartly belted.

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Barbara Bell Pattern No. 1852 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 requires 4⅞ yards 39-inch material.

Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers.

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Enclose 20 cents in coins for each pattern desired.

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ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. The word billingsgate, meaning coarse and abusive language, is derived from where?
2. The tokay grape gets its name from a district in what country?
3. A somniloquist is one who does what?
4. Who was the victorious general at the historical battle of Cannae?
5. About how much of the earth's atmosphere is composed of oxygen?
6. The treaty of Portsmouth terminated a war between what countries?
7. An albino animal results from lack of what?
8. Who was the inventor of dynamite?
9. How many times louder can a normal man shout than he can whisper?
10. If, after the war, you wished to fly around the world, how long would it take you?

The Answers

1. A fish market in London.
2. Hungary.
3. Talks in his sleep.
4. Hannibal.
5. Twenty-one per cent by volume.
6. Japan and Russia.
7. Pigment (in skin, hair and eyes).
8. Alfred Nobel.
9. Recent studies of the differences between the loudest and faintest sounds that can be produced and heard by human beings disclose that a normal man can shout 1,000,000 times louder than he can whisper and that he can hear sounds having a range in intensity 10,000 times greater than that of his voice.
10. You would need to spend only one week in the air.

Unarmed Combat

One of our most beautiful film actresses, visiting a military hospital, asked a soldier: "Did you kill a German?"

The soldier said: "Yes."

"With which hand?" asked the actress—and then kissed the hand.

"And did you kill a German?" she asked the man in the next bed.

"I sure did," he told her promptly. "I bit 'im to death!"

DISCOVERY OF THIS COLDS' RELIEF
(home medicated mutton suet)—which grandma used for coughing—nasal congestion, muscle aches of colds—teaches modern mothers to follow her example. So their families get relief from these colds' miseries with Penetro, the salve with modern medication in a base containing old fashioned mutton suet. 25c, double supply 35c. Demand Penetro.

Circumstances Rule

Men are the sport of circumstances, when the circumstances seem the sport of men.—Byron.

CARMEN
BRAND
TEA

Keep Awake

Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Tropical Pure VANILLA EXTRACT
LEMON ORANGE and ALMOND

Gather Your Scrap; ★
★ Throw It at Hitler!

FALSE TEETH HELD FIRMLY BY "Comfort Cushion"
NOW WEAR YOUR PLATES EVERY DAY—
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Personals

Mrs. Kathryn Wells of Chicago is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Bristol.

Paul Jordon has returned to Jacksonville after spending Christmas here with his family.

Joe Paschall is spending the week in Miami with his sister, Mrs. Howard Wray and family.

Mrs. Phillip Boardman is spending the holidays with relatives in Sebring.

Mrs. M. C. Richardson of Tampa is the house guest of her sister,, Mrs. S. E. Booth.

Mrs. C. A. Boxall Jr spent the Christmas week end in Orlando with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boxall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowman and daughters, Gloria and Jeane spent Christmas day in Lake Wales with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Farnell and son, Ronny of Tampa spent Christmas in Avon Park with relatives. They were accompanied home on Monday by Mrs. Farnell's mother, Mrs. Theo Weisheyer, who will be their guest for the next two weeks.

Mrs. F. E. Wray returned home Sunday from Miami, where she visited her son, Howard Wray and family. She was called to Miami on account of the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Howard Wray, who was suffering with a severe case of the flu. Avon Park friends will be glad to know she was convalescing rapidly when Mrs. Wray returned home.

Mrs. Jack Stoll of Deland, and her two sons, Cadets Darwin and Bill Stoll of Gordon Military Institute in Barnesville, Ga., spent Christmas here with Mrs. Stoll's mother, Mrs. Annie Palmer and other relatives. When they returned to DeLand Wednesday afternoon, they were accompanied by Mrs. Palmer, who will visit her daughter and family for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ley and son, Freddie and Mrs. G. D. Godwin Jr. of Tallahassee spent Christmas in Avon Park with Mrs. Ley's and Mrs. Godwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin. Mrs. Godwin also visited Lt. Godwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Godwin. They were accompanied back to Tallahassee by Mrs. Paul Baldwin, who had been spending some time with her parents-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Booth and daughter, Mrs. Carmen Quintana spent Christmas day and Sunday in Frostproof with Mrs. Booth's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxey.

Mrs. Devon Reddick and son, Dickie returned home Monday from Alexandria, La., where they had been visiting Captain Reddick, stationed at Camp Livingston.

Mrs. Carmen Quintana of Jacksonville spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth. She left Tuesday for Tampa to visit relatives there for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boseman and baby daughter, Vicki of Lake Placid spent Christmas with Mrs. Boseman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stebbins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fields and son, Douglas, and daughter, Miss Ouida Fields spent Christmas in Wauchula with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Lee and other relatives here.

Miss Margaret Cook of LaBelle is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Drawdy and family. Her sister, Miss Betty Cook is the guest of their brother, A. P. Cook and family.

Cadet Arthur Gregory, returned to Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga., on Tuesday after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Sue Gregory at Lake Byrd Lodge.

Mrs. Ralph W. Heim of Tallahassee spent Christmas in Avon Park with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heim and family. Her husband, Lt. Ralph Heim, j. g., U. S. Navy is in England.

Donald Todd, who is employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Todd and family.

Mrs. Scott Wells returned home Monday from a visit during Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. I. R. Morgan and family at their home in St. Petersburg. Enroute home, she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wells in Tampa.

Bill Beckett will leave next Tuesday for St. Petersburg, where he will enter Florida Military Academy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beckett will accompany him to St. Petersburg for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent and daughter Arlene spent the Christmas holidays in Ft. Lauderdale with Mrs. Sargent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wiggins, and in Miami with Mr. Sargent's sister, Mrs. L. H. Goyen and his mother, Mrs. Jennie Pickler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thayer and two children, Thomas and Tirzah and Mrs. G. P. Thayer spent Christmas in Lakeland with Mrs. S. S. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson. Mrs. G. P. Thayer and Thomas and Tirzah remained in Lakeland as guests of the Pattersons until Tuesday night.

Chandler Wingfield, of Arcadia, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wingfield, formerly of Avon Park, entertained a group of his friends on Sunday at his home at a dinner party. Those attending from here were Miss Betty Touchton, Miss Willa McGiboney, Malcolm Crews, and Miss Gloria Hughs.

Mrs. H. G. Sadler and daughter, Dawn spent Christmas in Ocala with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McGough of Miami spent Christmas here as guests of Mrs. McGough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cannon.

Bobby Keller returned home Tuesday night from Daytona Beach, where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. John and young son, Stevie spent Christmas in Sarasota with Mr. John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. John.

Mrs. E. R. Nelson and daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Higgins and her baby daughter, Jean, have arrived from Ishpeming, Mich. to spend some time here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Spurlock and sons, Bobby and Larry spent the Christmas week end in Live Oak with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cornell and families.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Head and daughter, Yvonne, and Mrs. Ruby Bass and son, Mel., and Mrs. Lucy Crumley were guests of Christmas day of Mrs. Head's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith at their home in Ft. Meade.

Mrs. William Carter left Wednesday afternoon for a short visit in Okeechobee with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Paige and family. Manson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carter has been visiting his aunt during the holidays.

Misses Mary Carratt, Betty Touchton, Gloria Hughs, Susan Dorminey, Martha McNicholas, Winifred Hood, and Willa McGiboney will leave next Tuesday for Tallahassee to continue their studies at Florida State College for Women, after enjoying the holidays here at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen entertained their grandson, Lieut. E. R. Skyrms, who is stationed at Drew Field, Tampa, on Christmas day. Other out-of-town guests were their granddaughter, Mrs. George Pfuch and her daughter, Susie Lee of Pitsburgh, who are spending some time here at the Coen home.

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LIKE a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1944 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. HETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Miss Jean Young Honoree at Party Wednesday Evening

Mrs. Ray Young entertained at a lovely party on Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Jean Young, the affair being planned as a complete surprise. The party was given in celebration of the birthday of the honoree and as a delightful courtesy to the students home from colleges and military institutes, for the holiday season.

The yuletide motif was predominant in the colorful arrangements of holly and mistletoe, with an especially pretty decorative effect on the mantel. An electrically lighted and decorated tree further added to the theme of the Christmas season.

During the evening, dancing and games were enjoyed after which hot dogs, rolls, marshmallows, cookies and orange juice were served. The marshmallows were toasted over the slow embers of the fireplace. Mrs. John Giddens assisted Mrs. Young in the hospitalities.

Friends sharing the evening with the attractive honoree were Miss Winifred Hood, Miss Susan Dorminey, Miss Winifred Demorest, Miss Willa McGiboney, Miss Dot Gribble, Miss Winifred Archer, Miss Margaret Dilley, and Miss Madge Pilcher.

Bobby Keller, Walter Martin, Cadet John Giddens, Jimmie Creel Cecil Skipper, James Perdue, and Ricki Spatz.

Lotela Wives Club Has Christmas Party Monday

The Lotela Wives Club met Monday, Dec. 2 at the Lotela Club at 8:30 o'clock. After a short business meeting, gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Mrs. Roy Seims received high score bridge prize, and Mrs. Ambrose P. Clark, second high award. Mrs. C. P. Robertson was the recipient of low score prize. Mrs. Jack Krouse and Mrs. Berb Tymeson were gracious hostesses for the affair, which was attended by eighteen club members.

Lovely Tea at Mandis Home on Thursday Afternoon

Among the loveliest affairs of the holiday season was the tea given from four to six o'clock on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Demos Mandis, when she entertained in honor of her daughter, Miss Peggy Mandis of Rollins College, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walter Mandis, a recent bride.

Seasonable decorations, in keeping with the yuletide motif predominated in the rooms. Guests were received at the door by the hostess and Miss Mandis and Mrs. W. Mandis.

The beautiful appointed tea table, overlaid with an Italian cut-work cloth, was centered with a silver bowl, filled with red berries intermingled with greenery. Silver trays held assorted homemade cookies in novelty designs, individual chocolate cakes, small cream puffs filled with chicken salad, olives, and compotes were filled with salted almonds and candies. Mrs. Sue Gregory poured during the afternoon, and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy assisted in the dining room.

Among friends calling during the designated hours were Mrs. Edward Greene Touchton, Miss Barbara Betts, Miss Nancy Betts, Miss Jane Hartt, Miss Elizabeth Hetherington, Miss Dot Hughs, Miss Gloria Hughs, Miss Betty Touchton, Miss Martha McNicholas, Miss Susan Dorminey, Miss Winifred Hood, Miss Willa McGiboney, Miss Mary Clements, Miss Mary McCarthy, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Miss Madge Pilcher, Miss Jean Cannon, Miss Mary Carraft, Mrs. John Daley, Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. Kenneth Higgins, Mrs. W. C. Pidgeon and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. Sherman is Hostess at Party Honoring Visitors

Mrs. Alice Sherman entertained at a most delightful informal party at her home on Monday evening in honor of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman of Baltimore, Maryland.

Lovely arrangements of blossoms in colorful hues emphasized the Christmas theme predominating in the party rooms. Clusters of holly berries formed effective bouquets, at vantage points.

Following a pleasant evening, delicious refreshments of dainty sandwiches, crescents, fruit cake and iced fruit juice were served.

Friends sharing the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman and the honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Touchton, Miss Barbara Betts, Miss Jane Hartt, Miss Elizabeth Hetherington, Miss Mary McCarthy, Miss Dot Hughs, Miss Nancy Betts, Miss Gloria Hughs, Miss Betty Touchton, Miss Peggy Mandis,, and Donald Todd.

Booths Entertained at Christmas Dinner Friday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth entertained at a lovely Christmas dinner party at their home on Friday evening. The prettily appointed table had for a center arrangement, a bowl of colorful poinsettia and tuberose, combined with fern to create a striking red and white motif.

Covers were laid for Lieut. and Mrs. O. D. Carmichael, Lieut. and Mrs. W. J. Lagarde, Sgt. and Mrs. Dick Peden, Mrs. Carmen Quintana, and Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

Couple Entertained at Anniversary Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Sapp of Canfield street were given a party recently to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary. In keeping with the Christmas season, the rooms were arranged with yuletide decorations. Following the festive dinner, the couple and their guests spent an enjoyable evening at Eagle Lake.

Among the guests present were Sgt. and Mrs. "Tex" Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bovard, Mrs. Reba Haynie, Cpl. "Whitie" Turner, Miss Laurie Sapp, and Lt. and Mrs. John Quentin Sullivan of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Entertain at Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Todd entertained at a most delightful dinner party at their home on Thursday evening, in honor of their son, Donald, home for the holidays from Newport News, Va., and Mrs. Todd's niece, Miss Marian Riefstahl of New York.

The appointments for the table were especially colorful and lovely. The centerpiece was a miniature green decorated Christmas tree, on a reflector, flanked on either side by white, scented tapers in the shape of small Christmas trees. Poinsettia candle holders held a lighted green candle at each place, which was designated by name cards attached to a tiny crystal flower basket. Yuletide decorations added an attractive note to the other rooms of the Todd home.

Friends sharing the occasion with the two honor guests were Miss Jane Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Touchton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman, Miss Nancy Betts, Miss Elizabeth Hetherington, Miss Barbara Betts, J. W. Tuten Jr.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Pauline Rovinsky of Tampa is the house guest of Mrs. J. E. Crosby and family.

Joe Cannon of St. Petersburg spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cannon and family.

Mrs. Alice Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sherman and Mrs. Harry Cannarey spent Wednesday in Sarasota and Tampa.

Mrs. Fred Keune of Miami is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, and other relatives here.

Seaman Dayman Sadler, Merchant Marines, who has been stationed in St. Petersburg, has been transferred to Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Giddens and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier are in Miami, where they went to attend the Orange Bowl game.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Ft. Myers spent Christmas here with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worden are spending the week end in Auburndale with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hensler. Their two children, Harold and Elaine are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. C. P. Worden in Winter Haven.

Paul Revere was born on New Year's Day, 1735. We hail that day! And just as he returned to his goldsmith's work, long after his historic ride, so will we return to the normal occupations of the ways of peace. That day we also hail, looking forward to it with renewed hope.

On this Eve of New Year, 1944, we salute all of our friends. Happy New Year to you!

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Outside of the incidents . . . a red headed lovely wife . . . survived the stabbing by her husband . . . and one of our best known young couples . . . came to the final parting of their ways . . . and Junior Tuten . . . long absent . . . now returned . . . causing much flutter, fuss and stew . . . amidst local belles . . . Avon Park went on as usual . . . last week.

Heard many remark . . . that they shore missed . . . the annual egg nog party . . . given on Christmas eve . . . by that handsome Crabtree couple . . . Note from Catherine . . . informed us that Crab . . . is transferred to Savannah . . . while eye-filling Catherine remains in Jacksonville . . . for the time being.

Has you all evah seen . . . Lillian Kelly in a white formal? . . . If not, you've missed sumpin', mister . . . 'cause lissen, she's a knock-out . . . Dark eyes and darkhair. . . . with a look too bewitching . . . to be seen in a Bible class . . . But then, every beautiful lady . . . is a mixture of Sweet Sue and a hussy . . . All sweetness would be nauseating.

Too bad she's married . . . Mrs. Marion Miller . . . the GI's choice of Merry Christmas . . . a blonde dream vision . . . just as high as a man's heart . . . utterly adorable in an upswept hair do and black evening gown . . . and of all things, blushing . . . so appealingly.

If you run out of new ways to punish . . . that little boy of yours . . . make him go wash his face.

. . . A. B .W. . . .

TUTEN RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Sgt. J. W. Tuten Jr., who has served overseas for the past year, "long enough" as he expressed it, is spending several days here with his mother, Mrs. Alice Tuten and his sister, Miss Helen Tuten. He will go from here to Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he will take special training at a service school

Miss Gwendolyn Wever of Ft. Myers spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever and her sister, Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier and family.

Col. and Mrs. Dan M. Ellis have as their guests, Mrs. Dan M. Ellis Jr., and Dan Ellis, the Fifth of Mt. Airy, N. C. They arrived this week and will spend a month or more.

Sgt. Bunk Clark, stationed at Camp Plauche, New Orleans, who has been visiting at his home during the Christmas holidays, returned to his post on Friday.

Miss Marianne Riefstall of New York is visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. G. Todd and family. She is a grandniece of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reck, and is also visiting in their home.

Charles Sherman, U. S. N. R. and Mrs. Sherman of Baltimore, Md., spent the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. Alice Sherman, leaving for their home on Friday. Mr. Sherman is taking a specialized medical course at Johns Hopkins hospital. Mrs. Sherman is also taking a similiar course.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hall's Dry Cleaners

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by June Corby

McCLURE SYNDICATE—WNU FEATURES

Paul Harris, manager of the Devon Arms, gives Jan Payson the lead in the hotel floor show when he finds that William Anthony Deverest, rich and popular, knows her. But Jan thinks he is Tony Williams, the chauffeur, and he is afraid to tell her the truth because he knows she hates Deverest. She breaks with Tony believing him dishonest. Dr. Curtis, who has cured her invalid sister, asks Jan to marry him, just before he goes to his northern camp. When she learns that Deverest is to announce his engagement at a Christmas party at the hotel she decides to go to Dr. Curtis' camp. The bus takes Jan north and runs into a bad snowstorm. Tony picks up her trail.

CHAPTER VI

"I'm sure it wasn't there," said Paul. "Dora certainly would have mentioned it to me."

"Go back and ask her," Tony urged. "We've got to know!"

When he rejoined Tony, Paul found that young man almost beside himself with impatience.

"Dora hasn't seen the cat—"

"Then what are we waiting for?" cried Tony, hustling Paul down the stairs and out into his car.

"Let you off at the hotel," said Tony between clenched teeth. "I am going to make a round of the railroad stations."

He had about given up when he discovered a man who remembered seeing a girl, in a green coat and carrying a basket with some sort of animal inside, buying a bus ticket. Tony's informant decided that it must have been a northbound bus.

At every bus station he stopped and questioned the attendant. Generally somebody remembered the girl in the green coat. But the answer to the one question that mattered was always the same. No—the girl hadn't got off at this station.

The telephone rang.

Everybody straightened as the bus driver took down the receiver.

"Yeah? . . . Good! . . . Okay . . . I get it."

He hung up the receiver and started for the door. "The bridge is safe. Come on, folks. Step on it. Got to make up for lost time."

The bus with a sudden lurch slid sideways; the bride screamed. Instinctively Jan felt for the arm of the seat with one hand and braced herself as she reached for Pussypuff's slipping basket with the other.

The bus seemed to hang suspended for a second as if undecided whether or not to turn over. Then, slowly, so that Jan felt she could almost see the wheels sink gently into the snow covered ditch, the bus tilted to one side and lay there, panting.

Surprisingly enough the lights of the village did not seem to come any closer. Tony tried desperately to see if a road led off from the main highway, which, evidently, ran some distance from the town, but the soft unbroken snow effectively concealed any such road, even if there were one.

The little wayside stand before which he finally drew up did not seem firm enough to withstand the fury of the wind that rushed at him as he opened the door.

"You'd better shut that door, mister," the young man tending the counter said brusquely, "it's one freezing night!"

"Do you suppose that the buses try to get through on a night like this?"

"Oh, sure. Nothing stops them."

"Just tell me if the last bus went through," asked Tony, impatiently.

"Sure, about two hours ago. But, as I was sayin'—"

"Two hours ago?"

"Yeah. They was late on account of the bridge bein' unsafe—"

"They had to go over a bridge that wasn't safe?"

"I'm tryin' to tell you. The bridge got fixed."

Tony gave a sigh of relief.

"But they never did get to the next station. Had a call from Moose River an hour or so ago. Must have been some sort of accident."

"You fool!" Tony shouted. "Why didn't you tell me there'd been an accident when I first came in? How badly were they hurt?"

"Say, mister," the young man said aggrievedly, "I'm no receiving set! Just an accident, that's all they told me. Somewheres along the road . . ."

But the last words were lost on Tony as he slammed out of the station and flung himself into the car. The next minute, careless of drifting snow, he was driving headlong around hairpin turns and down the steep grades of the mountain road.

A moan? Singing!

The gratitude that enveloped Tony made him realize how miserably sure he had been that he would come upon a silent and frightening scene. Of course Jan, brave as she was, would sing in the face of disaster. But as the chorus swelled louder and he heard many voices joined with hers, he was definitely reassured.

"O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant—"

As the beautiful old hymn rolled forth toward him Tony felt that he wanted to sing, too.

Were all runaways as glad to be back home as she was? Jan wondered. Even runaways who had accomplished nothing by their escapades, who were still faced with all the problems they had tried to escape? Dora was still thin almost to transparency, but she sat up really straight in her wheel chair and her blue eyes were radiant when she announced that Paul was going to take her to the party.

Now that she knew Dora was going, however, there was no help for it; Jan had to go too. But she lingered so over brushing Dora's curls and fastening a sprig of holly at one side, that Dora protested.

There was a soft knock on the sitting room door.

"From Mr. Deverest," said the boy who handed her a square white box.

Jan undid the ribbon after glancing at the name, "Miss Jan Payson," on the outside of the box. Inside was a mass of orchids.

Jan looked at the enclosed card. There was a mistake—the box was from Tony. She read:

"Chin up! Christmas is coming. Tony."

The roof garden had been transformed into a regular dream of a Christmas party. In the center of the dance floor stood a Christmas tree, so tall that the electric star at the top seemed very far away. It was decorated as a Christmas tree should be decorated, Paul pointed out firmly.

"I had no idea Paul could be so funny!" gasped Jan, choking with laughter after a particularly hilarious introduction of a "snowflake dance." Dora leaned forward, her cheeks suddenly pink.

"You look as if it is a happy something," said Jan.

"It is. Paul and I—" Dora hesitated, and began again. "I—Paul—oh, Jan, he loves me! He wants to marry me and take care of me always!"

"Dora, darling," Jan jumped up and threw her arms around her sister, "I'm so glad!"

Jan jumped when someone behind her said suddenly, "Here I am!" Before she could turn, Tony had slipped into the vacant place by her side.

"Oh, Tony!" she cried. Then, lowering her voice, "Is Mr. Deverest here?"

"Yes. But don't you worry about him. I fixed that up all right."

"Shall I tell him?" Dora broke in, and without waiting for Jan's nod she made the announcement of her engagement.

"Dora," Tony began, "I'm in a spot. I want to propose to a girl and I've never done it before. Now, as an engaged girl who has experienced a proposal, I want your advice. Maybe you'll listen to what I've prepared, and see how it sounds to you. I know it won't be so good as Paul's, but let me rehearse it anyway."

Jan, turning swiftly, opened her mouth to speak, but Dora forestalled her.

"Go ahead, Tony," she invited. "I'll be glad to tell you what I can to improve your technique."

"All right—here goes." Tony drew a deep breath. "Now we'll pretend I'm talking to the girl. I begin something like this—

" 'D-darling, I l-love you . . .' "

"Good!" Dora interrupted, clapping her hands.

"You think that'll do? Then," Tony went on, "I thought I might say 'Will you marry me?' "

"Jan—will you?"

"Yes, Tony," said Jan.

"Well," Tony defended himself, "I told you I didn't know how to propose."

Paul dodged over to their table, and after a while he tapped his fork against a glass to get attention.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he announced, "there's no need to ask if you're having a good time. And I'm sure you want to thank the man responsible for it. May I present your host, William Anthony Deverest!"

Tony bowed and grinned while they cheered him to the echo.

"I can't begin to thank you for this reception," said Tony when he could make himself heard. "But I want to tell you that you'd better cut it short, because each person is to get a present from that tree and there are a lot of people here."

He made his way to the center of the floor, and at a signal from Paul, several of the hotel employees hovering in the doorway rushed forward to help him. Twenty-four Santa Clauses from the orchestra lined up behind them and as each present was detached from the tree Tony read aloud the name on the gift and then shouted:

"Paging Santa Claus! Another gift for special delivery."

At that point a Santa Claus would detach himself from the group, seize the gift and go in search of the recipient. Soon the room was full of red figures bearing gifts and as Tony reached each name Jack and his friends took up the cry:

"Paging Santa Claus!"

Under cover of all the excitement, Jan, very white, leaned close to Paul.

"You've made a terrible mistake!" she whispered. "And it's all my fault. That's Mr. Deverest's chauffeur, Tony Williams. I introduced him here as Mr. Deverest because you seemed to think . . ."

"What do you mean Deverest's chauffeur?" Paul interrupted, genuinely astonished. "I know Tony Deverest—I knew his chauffeur, too—the last one he had. He fired him about a month ago. That's Tony Deverest all right, up there at the Christmas tree. Listen!"

Tony's voice came clearly to Jan's doubting ears:

"There's just one present left on the tree and I'm going to call the one for whom it is intended up here to receive it. Will Miss Jan Payson please come forward?"

Jan sat motionless.

"Go on, Jan," whispered Dora. "Don't you hear Tony calling you?"

As in a dream, Jan rose and made her way through the tables. The blue dress rippled softly about her and her face, beautiful and serious, was turned toward Tony. When she reached the tree he took her hand and guided it to a small white package almost hidden in the green branches.

"Open it," he said softly, and she obeyed. The outer wrappings removed, there was disclosed a tiny jeweler's box.

"Paul called you William Anthony Deverest," she murmured, bewildered.

"Paul was right," said Tony. "And you've promised to be Mrs. William Anthony Deverest."

He took the box from her and out of it he took a ring. Jan scarcely looked at it as Tony slipped it on her finger. Her eyes were on his face and she did not move them even when he turned to the audience and said, his voice full of pride and tenderness:

"I am happy to tell you that Miss Jan Payson has promised to marry me. That's true, isn't it?" he added softly to the girl beside him.

For answer Jan took a step closer and Tony, his arms around her, could barely catch her whispered "It's a promise."

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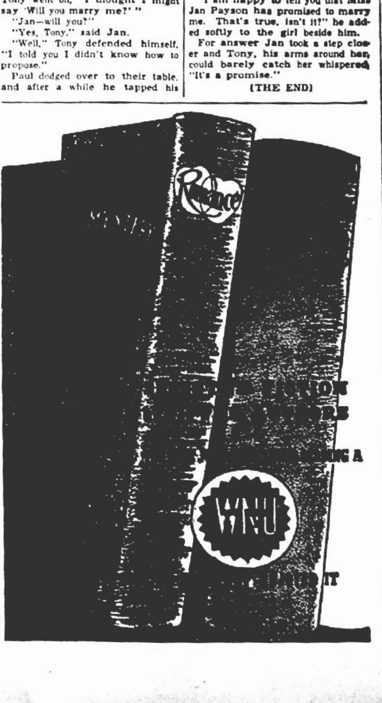

WAR
ON ALL FRONTS
A SERIES OF SPECIAL ARTICLES BY THE LEADING WAR CORRESPONDENTS

G. I. Paradise

By Gordon Gaskill

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with The American Magazine.)

There is a spot in Palestine surrounded by orange groves where the U. S. army has established a rest camp for tired or vacationing soldiers. It can handle 750 at once and draws them from a vast, 5,000-mile territory stretching from the Persian Gulf to the west coast of Africa.

Next to home, this is a sort of paradise which soldiers dream about. The kind of place where captains tiptoe in and ask if there's anything they can do for you. The kind of place where top sergeants even smile at privates.

The official name of this unique spot is "Levant Recreation Center." The army shied away from the name "Rest Camp." They were afraid the boys would think they had nothing to do but sleep, eat, read, and knit khaki-colored wool. They needn't worry. The G.I. grapevine works fast, and by now every soldier from the West African jungles to the sweltering Persian Gulf, and in all the great desert lands between, knows that this is a place where a man can write his own ticket.

Sure, he can read and knit if he wants to. But he can also—and 90 per cent do—spend only $14 for an all-expense tour of Palestine which as a peace-time tourist, would cost him at least $500. Holy Jerusalem is only 75 minutes away by car. He can loll on the army's private and fancy beach if he likes lolling. Within 15 minutes he can be in clean, modern Tel-Aviv, which is the world's greatest all-Jewish city, for as much hell-raising as suits him. A little over 99 per cent do this.

Like Luxury Hotel.

Arrivals at the Center meet first Capt. Lloyd Howard, who runs it. He makes a short talk to each incoming batch of soldiers.

"Fellows," he says, "I'm just running a hotel for Uncle Sam. We're trying to provide you with everything but breakfast in bed, and we're working on that."

Howard used to be superintendent of playgrounds at Lynchburg, Va.

One morning I watched nearly 200 new arrivals come in. They carried only musette bags containing toilet articles, mess kit, and a few extra clothes. The camp supplies everything else. Only a small handful of them had ever seen action. Most of the men, like Private Salvadore Spano of Newark, N. J., had never heard hostile bombs or bullets, yet army doctors say men like him need rest and change even more than combat troops. Front-line excitement keeps them pepped up.

It's different with the Private Spanos of the army. Their work is essential but unexciting and monotonous. This was Spano's first furlough in 14 months. He had been stationed in a godforsaken desert aircraft repair depot. I asked him what the climate was like.

"Climate!" he snorted. "There ain't no climate—just half heat, half sand. Whatta hole! All we needed to be really buried was to have a little dirt sprinkled on us."

Then Private Spano looked out over the great, green gardens the Jews have created in Palestine, out to the blue, white-edged Mediterranean and to shining Tel-Aviv.

"Boy," breathed Private Spano "after that desert stuff I see now why they call this the Promised Land."

Eight Days of Fun.

Nearly all the men had the army's famous eight-day furlough. Most came by train (a few arrived in trucks and planes) and coming and going gobbled up two days. Only six days, or 144 precious hours, were left, and Captain Howard was wise enough not to waste it on red tape.

He has pared the checking-in process to a bare 15 minutes. Men move swiftly past a row of tables. One table gives Palestinian money for whatever kind the soldier has.

Once through this line, which is the last concession to military organization for six days, a man is practically a civilian again. He can do what he pleases and go where he pleases. It's theoretically possible—although nobody does—to spend all of one's leave at the camp and have a swell time absolutely free.

Music and Cold Showers.

From morning till evening, the camp is bathed in music, played softly over loud speakers everywhere. One of the camp's principal charms is hot showers all day, which seems like a mirage to men overlong in the desert. Another is a plentiful supply of ice water at fountains. Another is the fact that you can sleep as long as you like in the morning.

The best G.I. foods are supplemented in season by vegetables, grapefruit, oranges and pork from the camp's own farm.

Washington Digest

'Lean, Aged Mountaineer' Breaks Down Allied Distrust

Secretary Hull's Determination and Sincerity During Visit to Moscow Broke Barriers Of Suspicion. Russia Now Real Ally.

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building,
Washington, D. C.

The flag is flying over the White House again, a real symbol, no longer a ruse de guerre. After the past few weeks, it is a relief to know it really means that the President is there—not an attempt to hide his absence from the enemy.

Already the nervous bulletins, announcing the forbidden truths or the invented canards as to the whereabouts of the Allied leaders, are forgotten in the more instant interest in the happenings on the battle fronts—on the home front.

Washington has had time to ponder on America's new leadership in world affairs. Perhaps that toast offered by Premier Stalin to American war production without which, he said, the war could not have been won by the Allies, brought the truth home. America is emerging out of this holocaust as the world's greatest power.

And for the first time in history, the world's greatest power is the nation whose people are least prepared, least experienced, least anxious for world leadership. There is a chance that we may let it go by default.

Washington has assayed pretty well by this time the fruits of the Moscow conference, the Cairo conference with Chiang Kai-shek attending; the Teheran meeting; the meeting with Turkey's president.

Russia's New Role

The achievement, first and foremost, unless we read all the signs a-wrong, is that Russia emerges in a new role. As Secretary Hull firmly believes, the fate of the world depends now on Russia and the United States.

Until the Moscow conference with the Teheran meeting to put its seal upon it, Russia was still an international enigma. She was fighting the same enemy that we were in Europe. But she was in no sense an ally.

Today she is still fighting the same enemy in Europe but is allied with us.

Those are the main fruits of the Moscow and Teheran conferences.

We are not a nation of diplomats. England has the wisdom of the ages inherited from an intimacy with the chancelleries of Europe since the days of Metternich. Today she has, at the head of her government, one of the greatest leaders the empire has produced. But not even English guile or graciousness, her wile or her wisdom accomplished what one lean and aged mountaineer achieved in the Kremlin.

When Cordell Hull went to Moscow, he went as a knight on a crusade, not for personal glory, not for gain, but because he felt that was the duty the Lord had laid upon him. He told himself before he went, despite the timorous restraint of physicians in whose care he had been, despite the concern of the wife he loves so well, that he would go on this mission if it took him by land or sea or air to the ends of the earth.

And when he arose at that first meeting and addressed the representatives of the three powers, he said frankly that what he was about to propose was in the interest of his own country. He hoped he could show that it would be in the interest of all.

Mr. Hull's Terms

And he said that what he would say would be frank and forthright and what he expected would be said to him would, likewise, be frank and forthright, truths minted in the same coin. And Mr. Hull was met squarely on the terms he laid down.

Jan Christian Smuts, now mellowed perhaps with a flavor of British diplomatic acumen, is fundamentally a person who sees beyond his own borders (he envisioned an association of nations before the League was proposed in the last war). After the last of the conferences, he declared that no such gatherings for the last hundred years had been as important as these.

I do not pretend to say that Secretary Hull was solely responsible for the success of these meetings; in fact, only time will tell how lasting their success will be, but it is the firm conviction of even the skeptical in Washington that it was the oneness of purpose, the sincerity, the unwavering determination of this hardy son of Tennessee that broke down the barriers of suspicion and distrust and found a common way for Russia to march solidly shoulder-to-shoulder with Britain and America in this war and to give promise that the three would face the peace afterward with the nearest thing to international altruism that this weary world can expect.

Moscow paved the way. Teheran sealed the covenants. It killed once and for all the controversy over the "second front" and struck the cadence that brought the Allies marching in step toward victory. How was this accomplished? By convincing Russia that it was not the plot of the capitalistic nations to let her bleed white on the battlefields so that she could be throttled in the postwar world.

About Chiang Kai-shek

We cannot omit from any discussion of these meetings what America achieved when she brought Chiang Kai-shek into the picture. The Chinese believe in America. They think we have decent ideals. But they assayed us as a still more or less kindly, indifferent people who, without much thought, would dance to the British tune. And Britain they distrusted.

They know now that America had the breadth of view and the acumen—to use that word again in its best sense—to bring China into the higher councils of the Allies. It was Hull who insisted that China become a co-signatory of the four-nation agreement at Moscow. It was America, Hull, Roosevelt—whomever you wish to credit for the act—who brought Chiang into the Cairo conference.

Strangely enough, America, nearer to Europe by the racial ties of a great part of its citizenry, is even closer to Europe's culture than the residents of the tight little British Isles themselves. Yet America's ignorance of Europe's real needs and thoughts is vast compared to that of England's statesmen. But America does seem to understand the Far East, can sympathize with it, and once America assumes the position to which her mighty power gives her the right, she can be the real interpreter between the East and the West. And lacking an interpreter, the East can only become a great potential enemy, protagonist of racial hatreds and racial wars.

America won her spurs at Moscow and Teheran, all we can ask is the support of the people so that she can wear them with the honor she loves, with the power she has.

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U. S. Food Production—And World Needs

A detailed analysis of the world's food, fiber and tobacco needs and the part the United States must play in supplying them now and in the post-war period, has been made public by the National Planning association.

"If the United States were to adopt a minimum diet . . . and direct its present food-producing resources and agricultural labor accordingly," says the National Planning association (a non-governmental organization), "there would be enough food left over to feed another one hundred and thirty million people."

The report, "World Needs for U. S. Food and Fiber," was prepared by Dr. John D. Black of Harvard. Dr. Black is also a member of the Food and Nutrition board of the National Research council and on the Economic panel which is advising the United Nations Interim commission on food and agriculture.

Home production must and can be expanded to meet the needs of the United Nations, the armed forces, our own civilians, and to aid starving countries, the report contends. But even with greatly expanded production, it holds out little hope for an end to all rationing for a year or even two years after the war.

"A highly efficient, low cost, balanced human diet can be compounded from whole wheat, potatoes, peas and beans, whole milk, vegetable oils and carrots and tomatoes," says Dr. Black, "but at the same time, any reasonable statement of food needs must recognize not only the difficulty of changing food habits quickly but also the production factors which can diversify the diet considerably."

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Royal Air force home stations are encouraged to grow their own vegetables.

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The mint has embarked on a nation-wide drive to draw small coins, especially pennies, out of hiding and into the hands of merchants as a means of reducing metal-consuming demands for coinage and to increase supplies of change.

Sixteen Latin-American republics and the United States have joined in a war against malaria.

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A check for $15,000,000 has been delivered by the French Committee of National Liberation to foreign economic administrator Leo T. Crowley in payment for civilian supplies shipped to French North Africa under the terms of the Lend-Lease act

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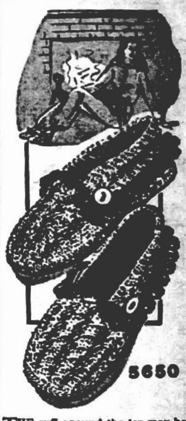
Things to do



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THE cuff around the top may be emphasized by an edging of contrasting color—with the button matching, the smartness of these slippers is assured. The sole may be crocheted with rug yarn. These slippers are pretty in rose with black soles and edging.

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To obtain complete crocheting instructions for the Bedroom slippers (Pattern No. 5650) send 16 cents in coin, your name and address and the pattern number.

Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers.

Send your order to:

HOME NEEDLEWORK
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Birds as Masons

Some birds show great ingenuity in the handling of clay and mortar.

The widely distributed baker-birds build oven-shaped structures of clay, planted in the most blatant manner in exposed positions, where they are taken to be lumps of stone by the hungry night-prowling beasts. These clay nests take several months to construct, and become so hard that a hammer must be employed to get at the eggs.

The cock-hornbill incarcerates his lady in a hollow tree and bricks up the opening with clay, leaving only a space sufficient for the passing of food through to her.

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CONSTIPATION
SLOW YOU UP
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Sunny Athens

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666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

Get Into Action
For Full Victory!

Things to do

TEA towels as gay as your dishes are possible with this new transfer. Applique does the trick, with bright-colored pottery dishes providing the motifs. Added gaiety is achieved by placing the dishes on shelves above a strip of colorful shelf paper. There are seven of these appealing motifs for your tea towel corners; the eighth design is a bowl of flowers for a panholder.

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No. Z9501, 15 cents, is the hot iron transfer bringing all eight fiesta motifs. Welcome this set to your own kitchen, and make extra sets (the one pattern will stamp them) for gifts that excite complimentary comments.

AUNT MARTHA
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Enclose 15 cents for each pattern desired. Pattern No............
Name ....
Address ....

Indexing Names

The latest system for indexing personal names enables a clerk to locate quickly even those that sound alike but are written differently, says Collier's, such as Kelly with 14 spellings, Snyder with 29, and Burke which is also written Bork, Byrk, Bhourque and 36 other ways. Each entry is listed alphabetically under the first name in the section containing all surnames with the same chief consonant sounds. Hence, the card for Lily "Burke," however spelled, would be filed in section Brk under Lily.

Gems of Thought

Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are, go right forward and be happy.—Pomeroy.

The soul of a philosopher runs away from his body and desires to be alone and by herself.—Plato.

It is something to have an influence on the fortunes of mankind; it is greatly more to have an influence on their intellects.

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.—Luke 6:44.

Records Phone Talks

A new portable device picks up and records incoming and outgoing telephone conversations with a sapphire stylus on roll film, one loading of which will take down 15 hours of talk. Recording by induction, the machine does not require any physical connection with the telephone instrument or the wires, even being able to operate some distance from them.

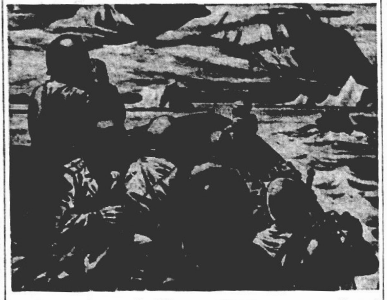
A few timely drops help prevent many COLDS from developing
Put a few drops of Va-tro-nol up each nostril at the very first sniffle or sneeze. Its quick action aids Nature's defenses against colds. Follow directions in folder. VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

For Victory

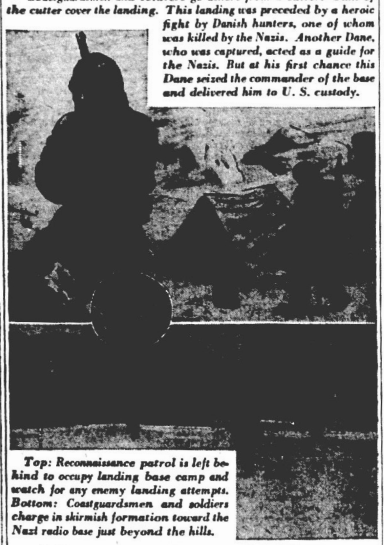
BUY U. S. BONDS AND STAMPS

Kicking Nazis From Greenland

Vital war information was reaching Germany from a post not far from the North American continent. A Nazi radio and weather base was operating in the Arctic off the coast of Greenland. It was solidly built and its occupants, hidden by blizzards and arctic wastes, expected to remain permanently. But the Nazis were surprised by vigilant Danes who spotted the base, battled its occupants and got word to the United States. Soon U. S. troops smashed the Nazi nest. The campaign is shown in the following sketches by Norman Thomas, combat artist, and photographs taken at the base.

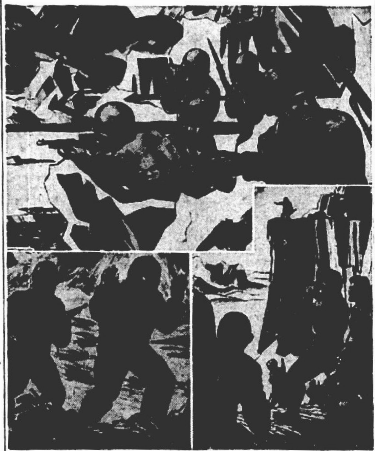


Coastguardsmen and soldiers go ashore from a cutter. Guns of the cutter cover the landing. This landing was preceded by a heroic fight by Danish hunters, one of whom was killed by the Nazis. Another Dane, who was captured, acted as a guide for the Nazis. But at his first chance this Dane seized the commander of the base and delivered him to U. S. custody.

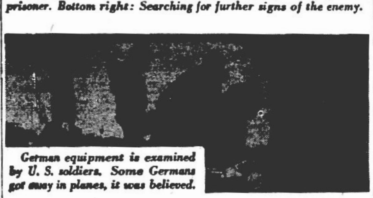


Top: Reconnaissance patrol is left behind to occupy landing base camp and watch for any enemy landing attempts. Bottom: Coastguardsmen and soldiers charge in skirmish formation toward the Nazi radio base just beyond the hills.

Besides a radio station, the enemy post included a power house, emergency generator, machine gun emplacements and food caches.



Top: Another view of U. S. troops. Bottom left: Taking a Nazi prisoner. Bottom right: Searching for further signs of the enemy.



German equipment is examined by U. S. soldiers. Some Germans got away in planes, it was believed.

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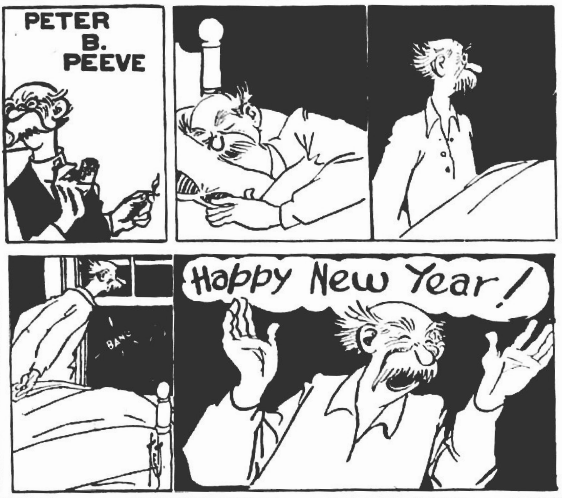

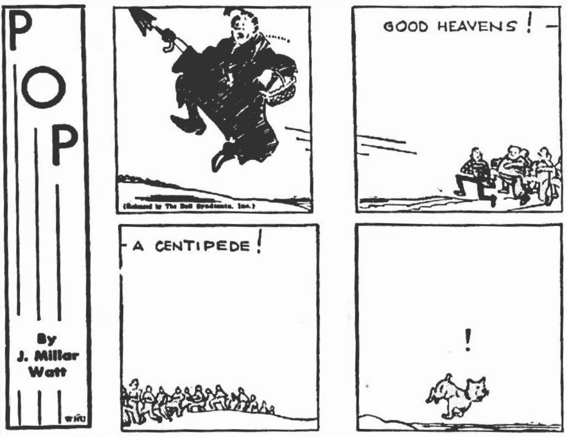

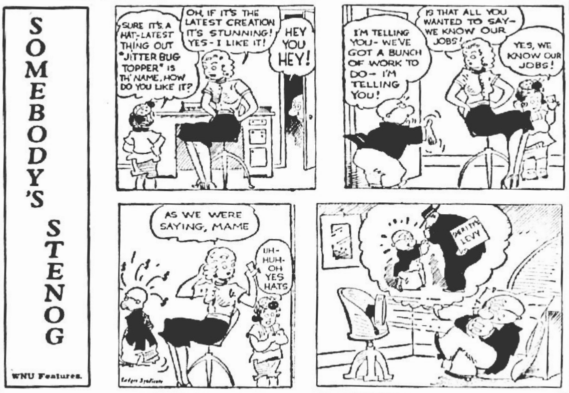
SOMEBODY'S STENOG
SURE IT'S A HAT-LATEST THING OUT "JITTER BUG TOPPER" IS TH' NAME, HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
OH, IF IT'S THE LATEST CREATION IT'S STUNNING! YES-I LIKE IT!
HEY YOU HEY!
I'M TELLING YOU- WE'VE GOT A BUNCH OF WORK TO DO- I'M TELLING YOU!
IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO SAY- WE KNOW OUR JOBS!
YES, WE KNOW OUR JOBS!
AS WE WERE SAYING, MAME
UH-HUH-OH YES HATS
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SAME DIFFERENCE

Rastus—What makes you say dat brother of yours am hard-boiled?

Sambo—He jus' naturally am—he's in hot watah all de time.

Dangerous State

Jones—My memory is getting bad.

Smith—Yes? How?

Jones—Well, when I meet a guy who acts friendly, I can't remember whether he owes me money, or I owe him!

Well?

Her—Father says you have more money than brains.

He—The joke's on him. I'm broke.

Her—Yes, Father said he thought you were.

Unusual Case

Judge—Your wife accuses you of terrorizing her.

Defendant—Well, your honor, you see it's this way. She does—

Judge—I don't care what she does. As man to man, tell me how you go about it.

An Old Friend

Mrs. Smith—Do you believe Mrs. Brown is only thirty?

Mrs. Jones—She must be. I've heard her repeat it for the last twenty years.

Vice Versa

Harry—You know he's such an accomplished speaker it never bothers him to go before an audience.

Jerry—After listening to him, I'm surprised the audience doesn't go before he does.

Wise Chicken

May—Isn't it disgusting? Muriel has been making a fuss over that rich old bird all evening.

June—She's just trying to feather her nest!

BY ALL MEANS

Carrot Top—My boy friend doesn't like my red hair. Shall I change it?

Blondie—I'd say change your boy friend!

Plus Overtime

Boss—Okay, you're hired.

Applicant—What will you pay?

Boss—Anything reasonable. Whatever you're worth.

Applicant—I don't think I can afford to work for that.

Always There

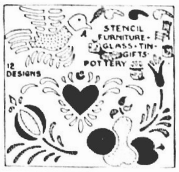
Foreman—Lunch hour is over! Didn't you hear that whistle to go back to work?

Joe—Yes, but I was waiting for the echo!

ON THE HOME FRONT
with
RUTH WYETH SPEARS

NOT all the Pennsylvania Dutch were free-hand artists and you may not be either. The early Dutch artisans often used stencils for the main part of a motif and added a few flourishes to give a free-hand effect. You may do that too or you may stencil the scrolls and flourishes on chairs, chests and gay gifts until you get the feel of this type of decoration.

All of these quaint motifs are symbolic. That is the Dove of Peace that you see in the upper left corner of the sketch. The tulip symbolizes Lily Time or the golden age of peace and plenty promised the Dutch settlers in the New World. The pomegranate bud and fruit symbolized God's bounty. The blade, the flower, the seed and the heart of man were symbols used in decorating furniture, pottery, glass and tin. "Hex" signs were for luck and to keep away evil.


A STENCIL FURNITURE - GLASS - TIN - GIFTS - POTTERY
12 DESIGNS

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NOTE: Mrs. Spears has prepared stenciling designs for 12 authentic Pennsylvania Dutch motifs with color guide and directions. There is a large design for cupboard doors, designs for chairbacks, dresser drawers and chests. Also borders and small motifs for decorating bottles, boxes, jugs and tinware. These designs may be used many times for gifts and for bright touches in every room in the house. Ask for Pattern 262 and enclose 15 cents. Address:

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Bedford Hills New York
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Enclose 15 cents for Pattern No. 262.
Name ....
Address ....

Gas Arising From Sea Off Peru Defies Explanation

Along 700 miles of the coast of Peru, says Collier's, volumes of hydrogen sulphide arise at times from the sea, a mysterious marine phenomenon that still defies scientific explanation.

Not only does this gas kill much bird life and cause epidemics of headaches in coastal towns, but it becomes so dense in and around the port of Callao that it tarnishes silverware and blackens boats and other objects painted in light colors, hence its name—"The Callao Painter."

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You breathe freer almost instantly as just 2 drops Penetro Nose Drops open your cold-clogged nose to give your head cold air. Caution: Use only as directed. 25c, 2¼ times as much for 50c. Get Penetro Nose Drops

Guided by Ideals

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

By the end of this year almost 50% of the tires now on war workers' cars in Ohio are likely to be completely worn out under normal use, according to a survey which showed that war workers faced a crisis in their motor transportation. Failure to have tires recapped in time is one factor responsible for this situation.

Use of nylon cord instead of cotton or rayon has made possible the manufacture by B. F. Goodrich of an airplane tire that conserves materials, yet provides extra strength and light weight. Nylon cords in motor vehicle tires are well advanced in the experimental stage.

Jerry Shaw

In war or peace
B.F.Goodrich
FIRST IN RUBBER

May this New Year's bear a photographic likeness to the one of your heart's desire, and may 1944 be an album of 366 very happy days. This, friends and patrons, is our New Year's wish for you.

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The future? Your guess is as good as ours—but, if our wishes count for anything, there is a lot of health and happiness in store for you in 1944.

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ON THE THRESHOLD OF 1944 IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENVISION A BETTER WORLD . . . "A WORLD WHICH SHALL AFFORD TO ALL NATIONS THE MEANS OF DWELLING IN SAFETY WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH WILL AFFORD ASSURANCE THAT ALL MEN IN ALL LANDS MAY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT." MAY GOD SPEED THAT DAY, WE PRAY, AS WE SEND YOU OUR NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

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expression of their will concerning future governmental policies. Much will depend on how we as individual citizens accept our responsibility.

Unfortunately, too many of us are apathetic and inclined to "let George do it." The matter of selecting the men to serve us in Congress and in our State Legislature is just about the most important question the average citizen has to consider. Not only should he vote, but before doing so should carefully weigh the qualifications of all candidates. If we as citizens accept our obligations and face the New Year with faith, hope and courage, we have nothing to fear.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO SELL MINOR'S LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1944, I will apply to Honorable T. A. McNicholas, County Judge in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, at his office in Sebring, in said county, for an order authorizing me, as guardian of Clarence E. Kylander, Jr., minor heir of Clarence E. Kylander, Sr. and Alice V. Kylander, deceased, to sell at private sale the following real estate belonging to the estate of said minor, same being in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Groves 230, 233, 236, 239 and 242, in Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-three (33) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) East;

Said minor has the fee simple interest in said property. Such application to be based upon petition now on file in the office of said Judge.

This 17th day of December, 1943.

W. C. KYLANDER
AS GUARDIAN

Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22.

Mass Assault On Co-ops Seen Walker Says

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associations, such as the Florida Council of Farmer Cooperatives. In the case of the dairy division, the voting member is the National Milk Producers Federation. To list all the co-ops which are represented by and members of this single division would take more than a page of CITRUS magazine.

Though such diverse interests are thus united in the National Council, it is the most homogeneous of the three great groups, which constitutes what the press usually refers to as the "farm bloc." It is the most like minded in its make-up because very member, from the largest to the smallest, is above all a cooperative organization and each member contributes financially on the basis of the volume of business done.

C. C. Teague, president of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, who has headed up that most outstanding association since September, 1920, is the president of the National Council. The vice-president is A. G. Babcock, of the Great G. L. F. Exchange in New York state, of which he was manager for 12 years. Ezra T. Benson is the executive secretary, with offices in Washington.

Though the council is so well organized and so representative, it needs to be more alert than ever in the interest of the cooperative way. Even in this state, where the press is unusually responsive to the needs of its basic industry of agriculture, there have recently been evidences of the propaganda against the so-called "farm bloc" finding its way into their columns and holding farmers up in the public view as being in the same category as union labor's highly-paid leaders. By contrast it should be noted that the officers and the executive committee of the National Council — with the exception of the paid secretary, who devotes all of his time and his great talents to the business of the council — not only serve without pay, but devote much of their time to the business of this national co-operative movement.

These considerations lead me to say again that every cooperative in this state should make a contribution to this movement. Those seeking to tear down the cooperatives view with alarm the total business done by more than ten thousand such associations last year. It may be that a real challenge is developing against them. They should check their set-ups against the cooperative laws under which they operate, simplifying their organizational structures to give full effect to member participation and control, and be prepared to resist any unwarranted action taken against them. The National Council has rightly taken the position that cooperatives do not earn profits or sustain losses as such; that savings for services rendered are taxable against the individual patron, and, as I said in the first place, that the cooperative way is the way of freedom and equality of opportunity secured to us all under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

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WANTED — Furnished apartment or house by officer and wife. If you have one that will be available between now and February 1. Call Hotel Jacaranda, Room 203. If no answer leave number with hotel operator.

SEVERAL HUNDRED — One, two and three weeks old chicks for sale. Englemann Poultry Farm, Avon Park. 1t.

Births

Major and Mrs. Lester E. Richardson announce the birth of a baby daughter who arrived Tuesday, December 28 at Hendrick's Field hospital.

PERSONALS

Leroy Wilcox, A. O. M., 2nd class, U. S. Navy, stationed at Oak Harbor, Washington is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilcox, and other relatives here.

S. C. Dandridge will leave Monday for Jacksonville for service in the navy. He was inducted into the service at Camp Blanding last week.

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The Board of Directors of the Avon Park CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Meets first and third Thursdays at 8:15 P. M. of each month at the Chamber of Commerce Building. All members invited to attend meetings.
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More than a half a century ago Robert Barry Coffin wrote:

"I have ships that went to sea
"More than fifty years ago
"None have yet come back to me,
"But keep sailing to and fro."

We don't want that to happen to you, kind friend. This year A.D. 1944 is the year we want your ship to come in.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The following county officials extend to their friends in Avon Park and Highlands county their sincere best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

H. T. Piety, Clerk of Circuit Court
Col. F. N. K. Bailey, Superintendent of Public Instruction
E. G. Long, Sheriff
P. G. Gearing, Tax Assessor

THE SUN

Any excuse you can give for not upping your payroll savings will please Hitler, Hirohito and puppet Mussolini.

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Our Men In The Service

Word has been received by L. S. Brendle that his grandson, George A. Brendle, AMM 2-c, U. S. Navy, [illegible] following action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country, according to official notification. Brendle's home was in Miami prior to enlisting in the Naval Reserve in April 1942. He was also a tail gunner in which capacity he was serving on a navy bomber in the Pacific when reported missing.

Joe Bridgewater, former Western Union manager here, is now a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps, stationed at Governor's Island. He was here for a short visit the past week.

Sgt. J. W. Tuten, Jr., home from the wars in the Southwest Pacific, where he has been for going on two years was home on a visit this week. He left here for Fort Belvoir, Va., for service school.

J. A. Mier, Park theatre manager, was inducted into service with the last group that reported to Camp Blanding, and joined up with the Marines. He is now at Parris Island, S. C., for boot training.

Cpl. Howell Goolsby, in England, [illegible] Mrs. Virgil Hall, in England, has been learning to swim—the Channel if necessary—to take care of himself in the water in the coming invasion. He has just finished a [illegible] course, in which 'soldiers learn, among other things, to jump fully-clothed, with steel helmet and rifle, from a 20 foot diving board; to swim as far as 75 yards under water with full equipment; to plunge into burning oil surface and swim through it." Rugged, eh, wot?

George Gribble and George F. Foster have arrived in San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, for pre-flight training where they will receive nine weeks of instruction, learning fundamentals necessary for actual flight training in primary, basic and advanced schools.

Lieut. Tillman Crosby, who has been stationed at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, has been transferred to the Sarasota Air Base. He spent Wednesday here, and was accompanied by two friends, Lieut. Robert Moran and Lieut. [illegible] Brown.

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The following letter was sent by Captain G. D. Godwin, Jr., to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin. Capt. Godwin has been stationed in north Africa with the Quartermasetr Corps for the past 18 months.

His letter:

20 Dec. 1943

Dear Mother and Dad:

We have been hearing some great reports from you folks back home. Things out this way, though not as exciting as the stories you send us, are humming.

Everything in North Africa, Sicily and Italy is now in a great upheaval. Factories which have been shut down for a long time are now opening up and factories which have been open for a long time are now shutting down.

The ration has hit us hard out this way. Such things as fresh milk, Scotch and soda, bananas and filet mignon are things we only dream about. But as long as we know that you are getting your share of these things we'll be thankful, because there are plenty of other things we can eat out here—Spam, salmon, Vienna sausages and so forth, just to mention a few.

Things in the Police Department are as busy as ever and the police blotter is getting more blotted each night. The other day the MP's picked up a lot of perfectly respectable, drunken soldiers.

Cary Grant, Ethel Barrymore, Hedy Lamarr, Eddie Cantor, Bing Crosby, and Benny Goodman's orchestra are a few of the celebrities [illegible] have never seen.

[illegible] thieves broke into an Arab's' [illegible] store the other night and I would [illegible] off with two dozen oranges. [illegible] have dropped way off. [illegible] have been so busy that [illegible] haven't had time to hold [illegible] elections, so it looks [illegible] as if Gen. Eisenhower [illegible] another term.

[illegible] probably wondering [illegible] are driving, what we are [illegible] what we are saying. Very [illegible] wonder the same things. [illegible] many styles of vehi[illegible] part of the world. We [illegible] we are not setting the [illegible] the moment. The most [illegible] type of conveyance is the [illegible] truck, weight two and [illegible] tons. Most Army families [illegible] luxury liner, with its [illegible] tires and oil-fed [illegible] to smaller models, prim[illegible] we can be packed in [illegible]. There is a lower priced [illegible], the four-cylinder, one-

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Venereal Disease Weekly Clinics Are Announced

Weekly clinics are held in Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid, Dr. James Wells, director of Highlands-Glades Health department announced this week in the wake of Governor Spessard Holland's proclamation of January as Venereal Disease Control Month."

"Venereal diseases are no respector of color or creed," Dr. Wells said. "At the present time clinics are held throughout both Highlands and Glades counties by our health department for people who are unable to go to their own doctor."

In advising that persons take advantage of the free service, Dr. Wells stressed the fact that many cases of venereal disease are unknown.

Syphilis has been called the "great imitator" because it may produce symptoms of almost any other disease.

The following clinics are held each week:

Lake Placid, Monday, 2:00-3:30 p. m.

Sebring, Tuesday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Avon Park, Wednesday 2:00-5:00 p. m.

Benbow, Thursday, 5:30-7:00 p. m.

Moore Haven, Friday, 2:00-3:30 p. m.

The proclamation issued by Governor Holland was as follows:

Whereas, it is necessary to the future strength and welfare of our people that their physical and mental health be guarded and constantly improved, and

Whereas, plans have been made for the stimulation of interest in and action to combat the inroads which venereal diseases are making into the availability and usefulness of manpower, beginning in the month of January 1944, and

Whereas, this undertaking is of great importance and merits the wholehearted support of our citizens and of public and private agencies,

Now, therefore, I, Spessard L. Holland, by virtue of the authority vested in me as governor of the State of Florida, proclaim the month of January, Venereal Disease Control Month, in Florida and urge the citizens of the state and all agencies able to asist in this work, to call attention to the meaning and importance of the fight against venereal diseases and to take affirmative action leading to the permanent elimination of that dangerous internal enemy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1943.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.

Lack of Workers Hampers Canneries

Tampa, Jan. 6 (FNS) — The citrus canning season is on and fruit hangs ripe on the trees but many canning plants are finding it difficult to begin operations due to the lack of workers.

In the Tampa area canning plant officials report they are only 40 percent staffed and more workers must be found if they are to meet the demand for canned and processed citrus demanded by the government for use of the armed services at home and abroad.

The greatest need is for sectionisers. Those are the women who separate the juicy segments from the peeled grapefruit.

There are hundreds of unemployed women in citrus areas who could perform this essential war work either part or full time and both government and canning company officials appeal to housewives and others to "lend a hand" in this emergency.

Millions of fighting men overseas are depending on the folks back home to keep them supplied with foodstuffs and health authorities have listed citrus fruit and juice as one of the most essential because of the minerals and vitamins they supply.

Every woman anxious to help in the war effort and not now employed in essential industry should take a patriotic view of the situation and do her part to help keep food moving to our fighting men.

Apply at your nearest U. S. E. S. office or canning plant and offer your services. Both skilled and unskilled workers are needed and the pay scale has been increased recently. Some piece workers are making a dollar an hour or more and those without previous experience can quickly learn the work.

Vaccinations For Diptheria, Small Pox Are Urged

Parents of children who have not been vaccinated for small pox and inoculated for diphtheria and typhoid are being urged to sign permission slips or take their children to their private doctors.

Dr. James Wells, director of Highlands- Glades County Health Department, in urging the immunization for these diseases, noted the influx of population in this area with attendant danger of a small pox, diphtheria or typhoid epidemic.

Permission slips, he said, have been distributed in the Avon Park school this week, to be taken home to parents. These slips, when signed by the parents of a child, permit the health department to give the vaccination or inoculation. The Health Department does not charge for such service.

Rail and Airlines Report Travel Demand Heavy

New York, Dec. 30 —(FNS) — Railway and airline officials reported every available seat on southbound planes and trains reserved for weeks ahead with hundreds of additional Florida-minded folks jamming ticket offices and travel bureaus in the hope of securing accommodations.

All this, in the face of the strictest travel restrictions this country has ever known, gives some indication of what Florida may expect as soon as such bans are lifted.

The Atlantic Coast Line's Tamiami Champion and the Seaboard Airline's Silver Meteor are the choice of most ticket seekers, but accommodations on these crack trains are sold out for weeks in advance.

Eastern Airlines, National Airlines and Pan American Airways all report heavy demands and could carry many more passengers today if they had the equipment and were permitted to do so.

Hotels turned back by the government in Miami, Miami Beach, St. Petersburg and in other resorts, are now filled with tourists and indications are they will remain filled thorughout the winter season. Horse and dog racing is attracting large crowds and betting is heavy, while such attractions as Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens, Oriental Gardens and Wakulla Springs are all enjoying good patronage considering the difficult problem of transportation.

Travel agencies are looking forward to a record smashing business in the post war period. Thousands of folks have money for travel and are planning trips now, and Florida is bound to get a good share of this business.

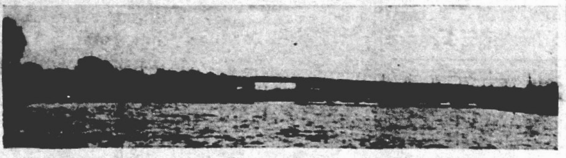
One travel official is considering the sale of all-expense Florida tours to defense workers now employed but who will be seeking rest and recreation after war plants close. Such tours would be sold on time and be paid for out of earnings now so the purchaser could enjoy a Florida vacation at such time as travel restrictions are lifted.

While no one at this time can definitely determine just when normal travel can again be expected, many agencies are confident the fall and winter of 1944-45 will see some restrictions removed and are making post war plans and arrangements to handle all travelers they are permitted to handle at that time.

Gasoline restrictions alone are keeping thousands from Florida today who will come the minute they are able to secure fuel and feel assured they can make the trip in safety. By another year the war situation should be improved to where restrictions on both gas and tires will be eased, is the belief of most agents who look forward to a record smashing business for several years immediately following the war.

Charles Denman New Manager of Park Theatre

Charles Denman of Haines City is the new manager of the Park theatre, succeeding J. A. Mier, who is now in the Marines. Mr. Denman has been associated with the Carl Floyd theatres for the past three years, and has been in Avon Park for the past several months, where he has made many friends by his pleasing personality and courteous manner.



THE BRIDGE — Built over the Kissimmee river by officers and enlisted men of H&S and B Companies, 1894th Engineers. The job as seen in the picture, was completed in two and a half weeks is 236 feet long, 14 foot wide and will support a load capacity of 50,000 pounds. This bridge provides access to Base lands east of the Kissimmee where new bombing target areas may now be established. It is built so that the center span may be easily removed to allow passage of small boats. 1894th men cut the timber for this project from Base timberland and hauled it to bridge site.

CUTTING THE RIBBON — Lt. Col. Clint T. Johnson is cutting the ribbon officially dedicating Kissimmee River Bridge. The ceremony took place Monday December 26. Dedication party included L-R — Capt. C. W. Roberts (now Major), Capt. W. A. Wesley, Lt. Col. Johnson, cutting ribbon, Major George E. Stewart, and Lts. Phillip S. Kries and Joseph W. Mulqueeney. After cutting the ribbon the party drove across the bridge to review assembled troops as they paraded by.

(From HIGH SCORE)

Peterson and Other Congressmen Are Visitors Here

A congressional designation, on tour of the state visited Sebring and Avon Park Monday. The group was headed by Congressman J. Hardin Peterson, chairman of the House public lands committee, and included Congressmen C. I. White, Idaho; James F. O'Conner, Montana; William Lempke, North Dakota, and Harris Ellworth, Oregon.

The representatives stopped over in Sebring for lunch and while there made a brief visit to Hendricks Field. They stopped over in Avon Park for a few minutes and were met at the Jacaranda hotel by a delegation of local citizens.

The group was making a tour of Government-acquired lands to determine the effect of their tax exemption on local structures. Congressman Peterson said he would recommend a complete inventory of lands acquired with a view to compensating the states through taxes or other sums in lieu of taxes.

M. J. Dunley New Manager Khaki Kitchen

M. J. Dunley of Kansas City and Miami is the new manager of the Khaki Kitchen, according to announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Dunley has been connected with night clubs and cafes on the east coast. He is very generously offering a reward of $25.00 for a new name for the establishment, and patrons may have a hand in the selection. Mr. Dunley is married and expects his wife to join him here in the near future.

MacPherson Succeeds Caldwell As Red Cross Head

Mr. W. E. Caldwell, Red Cross Field Director at APAAF, for the past 12 months, left Tuesday for Area Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., to be assigned new duties.

Mr. L. A. MacPherson is new Base RC Field Director. Mr. MacPherson came here from Camp Butner, N. C., where he occupied a similar position for the last 14 months. His wife and two children reside with [illegible] in Avon Park.

[illegible] Roberts [illegible]oted to [illegible]jor

To Ma[illegible] Captain C. W. Roberts.

Receivi[illegible] majority yesterday, Majo[illegible] has substituted a gold ca[illegible] two silver bars.

Joseph A. Bost Died Suddenly Friday Night

Joseph A. Bost, 65, resident of Avon Park for the past 20 years, died Friday night at his home, after a few hours illness. He had apparently been in his usual good health until a short time before his death. Funeral arrangements are being withheld pending word from members of the family living elsewhere.

Mr. Bost was born Sept. 25, 1878 in Hilham, Tennessee. He was married to Miss Mary Malone in Hilham on August 26, 1906. The couple later moved to Georgia, and from there to Florida 20 years ago. He was a carpenter by trade, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Mrs. Mary Bost; four daughters, Mrs. Ned Hill, Avon Park, Mrs. E. L. Redding, Miami, Mrs. N. M. Barwick, Oak Ridge. Tenn., and Mrs. John W. Proudfit, Hayes, Kansas; one son, Charlie Bost, and eight grandchildren.

State Worker Is Speaker at Church on Wednesday

Miss Elizabeth Provence, state WMU worker, of Jacksonville, was in Avon Park on Wednesday and met with the local organization for an all day meeting at the First Baptist Church, beginning at 10:00 o'clock. Miss Provence taught the book "Community Missions." A dainty luncheon was served at noon.

Struck Special Service Officer; Replaces Russell

Captain Edwin G. Struck, Base Physical Training Officer, has been appointed Special Service Officer, it was announced this week. Capt. Struck will continue as Base PT Officer but Lt. Samuel Schwartzkopf Assistant Special Service Officer, will be in charge of PT.

Capt. Russell has gone to Dale Mabry Field, Fla. Up until his departure he was the first and only Special Service Officer the Base ever had. Capt. Struck is also the first and only PT Officer there.

PTA TO MEET THURSDAY

The January meeting of the PTA will be held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13 at 3:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Wm. Hauptmann will speak to the group on "A Democratic Peace." The executive committee meets on the same date at 3:00 P. M. The president urges the attendance of all officers and standing committee chairman. Everyone cordially invited to be present at the regular meeting.

Less Than $400 Needed in Drive For Honor Roll

Contributions for the American Legion Honor Roll fund reached a total of $1626.00 this week, according to report of John Hood, treasurer of the fund. Less than $400 is needed to reach the goal of $2000, set by Legionnaires for the building of a permanent marker in the mall which will carry in marble the names of Avon Park men serving in World War II.

The treasurer's report shows:

Previously acknowledged	$1397.00
W. M. Reck	5.00
Waters' Taxi	10.00
Wells Motor Co.	35.00
T. J. Ward	25.00
W. T. Connell	10.00
M. L. Rogers	5.00
B. Alvis Cox	5.00
W. S. Betts	10.00
People's Market	5.00
Park Theatre	25.00
Otto Skipper	2.00
R. P. DeLaney	10.00
J. Paul Garber	10.00
Barnett Bank	50.00
Mrs. Mary J. Thigpen	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Ewing	1.00
Mrs. Harvey Hardin	1.00
E. A. DeLaney	15.00
Total	$1626.00

Smudge Pots Used To Make Smoke Screen for Navy

Tampa, Dec. 23 (FNS) Metal smudge pots of the familiar type used in shielding Florida citrus crops-from chance of killing frosts have been combined with peacetime paint cans to provide the Navy with an ingenious new smoke-screen device that opens the way to vital fuel oil conservation as well as increased protection for convoys and battle forces.

Known as a "smoky float," the new defensive weapon is a sturdy, chemically-activated unit designed to supplant slower and costlier methods requiring the burning of large quantities of fuel in the boilers of naval craft, according to R. C. Taylor, vice president of the American Can Company. Company engineers perfected it in collaboration with Navy Ordnance experts, he said, and devised methods of war-scale production.

The compact, portable floats provide the means of laying a dense blanket of smoke at an instant's notice, and sink without trace when their vital job is finished. Application of techniques and machines that turned out their peacetime counterparts in mass quantities, Taylor explained, has enabled the company to produce them for the Navy at the rate of several thousand a month.

Extension of the same techniques of can manufacture, he said, also has resulted in extensive metal conservation, simplification of loading and handling problems, and cut al most in half the cost of tedious fabrication by hand.

Heart of the smoke float is the converted paint pail that holds the smoke-generating chemicals and the fuse attachments. This is fitted into a hollow flotation chamber evolved from the kettle-shaped orchard smudge pot, and around these compactly joined units is fitted an open-bottom stabilizing "skirt", perforated to allow for the wash of waves and current and avert the float's being upset, although it will function even if submerged. The folats are loaded at coastal ordnance stations.

CHURCH TO HOLD SUPPER MEETING

The Union Congregational Church Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday evening after a covered dish supper which will begin at 7 o'clock. Friends and members of the Church are urged to be present.

Copeland S. James Died Suddenly at Home Monday Nite

Copeland Shull James, 61, died Monday night at his home in Woodruff Heights, following an illness that had forced him to resign as city clerk of Avon Park several weeks ago. Funeral arrangements, which were announced for Wednesday afternoon, were postponed, pending the arrival of a son, Copeland S. James, SM 3-c, U. S. Navy, from Fort Canby, Washington.

Mr. James was born Sept. 5, 1882 in McHenry, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Anna Simpson March 14, 1917 in Phoenix, Arizona. They came to Florida to make their home, living in Bartow, where he was superintendent of the power plant. Later, he was located at Royster Mine in the same capacity. For four years, he was connected with the Florida Public Service company in Avon Park, after which the family moved back to Bartow, where Mr. James was city manager for the next six years. He accepted a position with the Rural Electrification association in Keystone Heights, where they owned their home, and lived there and in that vicinity for a number of years. He returned to Avon Park in September and became city clerk. He resigned this position because of ill health.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna S. James; two sons, S-Sgt. William S. James with the U. S. Marines in the southwest Pacific area, and Copeland S. James, SM 3-c, U. S. Navy, Fort Canby, Washington; a sister, Mrs. George H. Bare, Keystone Heights; one brother, Ward H. James, Miami, Arizona.

Army Emergency Relief "Cuts the Corners" With Aid

ATLANTA, Jan. 6 — This is a true story with a happy ending, thanks to a modern new organization with a two-fold purpose in mind. It's the purpose of this organization, Army Emergency Relief to be exact, to see that no soldier, discharged soldier, or WAC, from the top ranking general to the lowliest yardbird in the Army must, along with his regular duties, worry about his own personal problems or those of his family. That's where AER enters the picture. When notified, and especially in cases of dire emergency, 'corners are cut' so to speak to get the quickest, most suitable aid to the dependent or soldier in distress.

And here is the story, that of a young man, a discharged soldier who had tried in vain to find employment. He had successfully performed a certain type of employment prior to his enlistment into the Army. To increase his skill he studied electrical engineering and like many others, his college course ended in two years. Now that he was out of the Army he wished to be employed with a large construction company. After his discharge from the Army, he had returned to his hometown, and there had sought employment without success. Then he remembered the notice that had been handed to him when he received his discharge, notifying him of the many benefits to be derived from Army Emergency Relief. He journeyed to Atlanta and contacted the branch office of AER personally. The chief of the Social Service Section listened to his story, made a phone call to a local employment agency, carefully explaining the type of employment the ex-soldier was best fitted for. Three hours after the young man was on his way to his position not just a job, but the type of work he wanted to do. Housing facilities were taken care of by the corporation that employed him and in his pocket was a check for $25.00, a loan from Army Emergency Relief tide him over until his first paycheck, two weeks hence.

This is just one of the many ways that AER assists the discharged soldier or the men and women in the Army and their dependents. For instance, aid may be rendered in filing government forms in matters concerning allotments and allowances, veteran rehabilitation, emergency medical care, food, clothing, rental problems, insurance adjustment, etc.

Persons living near an Army post, camp, or airfield may contact the Army Emergency Relief Office located there, otherwise all inquiries should be addressed to: Army Emergency Relief, 321 Grant Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Red Army Drives Toward Baltic Sea; Partisan Forces Ban Jugoslav Ruler; Allied Heavy Bombers Smash German Gun Installations in Northern France

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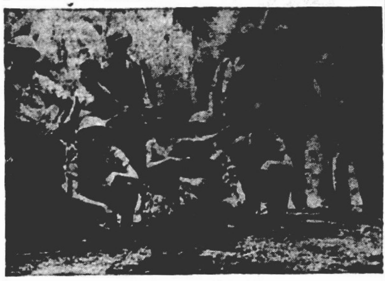


PACIFIC JITTERBUG:—Doughboys on captured Makin island in the Central Pacific watch somber little native hula dance.

EUROPE:
Blast Rocket Guns

While U. S. and British troops battled the Nazis at close quarters in southern Italy, waves of Allied bombers rumbled over northern France to smash at German rocket gun installations.

Both on the U. S. Fifth and British Eighth army fronts in southern Italy, doughboys and Tommies engaged the Germans in hand-to-hand fighting, Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's men fighting for mountain peaks flanking the road to Rome, and Gen. Bernard Montgomery's warriors striving to clear the path to the highway hub of Pescara.

As reports continued to seep into Britain and the U. S. of the Germans' new rocket gun capable of hurling an explosive charge of from 7 to 21 tons about 20 miles, Allied bombers combed the French channel coast around Calais to blast at the installations for the new weapon.

Ban King

King Peter

Charging that the war minister of the Jugoslav government-in-exile had made a "lasting" deal with the Germans and organized civil strife against patriotic elements, Josip (Tito) Broz's communist-backed Partisan forces forbade King Peter's return to the country until after the war.

Broz's action followed the attachment of U. S., British and Russian officers to his staff, as a result of the Allies' preference for the Partisan forces over King Peter's Chetniks because they have been offering the Germans more resistance.

Further, Broz's political council canceled all treaties and international obligations of King Peter's government, on the supposition it no longer was representative of the people.

VETS:
Discharge Pay

To every vet discharged after 18 months of service overseas would go $500 under provisions of a bill passed by the senate and sent to the house for consideration.

Vets serving abroad for 12 to 18 months would be paid $400 and those less than 12 months, $300. Vets with 12 months or more service in the U. S. would get $300, and those with less than 12 months, $200.

In the house, 44 representatives have organized for higher discharge payments, favoring Rep. William Lemke's bill providing $100 on release and up to a year's pay.

RUSSIA:
Match Wits

Russian and German generals matched wits along an 800 mile front as winter fighting flared to major proportions in the east.

While the Reds surged into German lines guarding the Baltic region, the Nazis threw strong tank forces against the Russians on a 400-mile stretch further to the south. Thus did one attack act as a lever against the other.

The Russian drive was concentrated on reaching the shores of the Baltic sea: (1) to cut off Nazi armies in the Leningrad region from those to the south, and (2) to cut off shipping at present helping supply them over Baltic lanes.

RAIL STRIKE:
FDR Intervenes

Seeking to avert a strike of 1,450,000 railroad workers which threatened to tie up the nation's whole transportation system, President Roosevelt acted to bring the unions and owners together, while orders were drawn for U. S. operation of the lines in case negotiations failed.

Following a suggestion of FDR, the basis for compromise seemingly lay in payment of overtime to the rail workers after 40 hours, instead of after 48 hours as has been the case.

For the 350,000 operating employees of the roads, the overtime pay coupled with a flat four cents an hour wage increase, would result in an average hourly boost of eight cents.

Besides the eight cents an hour for which they threatened to strike, the 1,100,000 non-operating rail employees also proposed overtime pay over 40 hours. Under their terms, their average hourly increase would exceed eight cents.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
Things to Come

A thorn in the Allies' shipping lanes to the Southwest Pacific, Japan's Marshall islands took heavy poundings from U. S. army and navy planes, while off to the New Britain area, Yankee airmen blasted the enemy's supply centers of Wewak and Cape Gloucester.

In both cases the destructive aerial bombardment presaged ground action. As a springboard for future ground operations, U. S. troops stood on the Gilberts, to the south of the Marshalls, and in New Britain, doughboys recently landed at Arawe consolidated their positions and poised to the north, looking toward the Cape Gloucester region from which the enemy has been supplying its embattled troops on New Guinea to the east.

To meet the Allies' challenge to their whole defensive system in the Southwest Pacific, the Japs strengthened their air forces throughout the area, and poured in supplies for their troops.

Stays on Job

General MacArthur

"MacArthur for President!"

A rallying cry for some politicians, a popular topic for the man on the street, these three big words have tended to color the 1944 presidential picture.

Recently MacArthur talk received two strong stimulants:

First, there was the war department's ruling that there was no bar to any officer accepting a political nomination.

Second, the rumor gained currency that the cocksure chieftain of the Southwest Pacific was preparing to return to the U. S. for conferences in Washington, D. C.

It was pointed out that MacArthur's reigning goal is to lead Allied armies back into the Philippines.

However, from General MacArthur's advanced headquarters in New Guinea's jungles, a spokesman for the general said: "There is no foundation whatsoever for the statement that General MacArthur expects to go to Washington in the near future for conferences."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

RICE: This year rice production reached the highest level in history at more than 70 million bushels, 48 per cent above the ten-year average, 1932-42.

BOMBER: A new "super" bombing plane that is called better than the B-29, itself a new wonder, is now in production, according to the chairman of the house military affairs committee.

EGGS: So splendidly have American hens responded to the call for more production that eggs are coming into wholesale markets in greater volume than they can be sold or stored, dealers report. They attribute the increased supplies partly to the fact that last spring's pullets are now beginning to lay. Another factor is the lack of a government program for dried eggs.

BOLIVIA:
New Government

First order of business on the new Bolivian revolutionary government's calendar was compensating survivors of the 19 striking tin miners shot by troops under direction of the ousted Gen. Enrique Penaranda last December.

As calm was restored in the country, U. S. withheld recognition of the new government, to determine whether it was a successful pro-Axis coup in view of the fact that the guiding light of the movement, Paz Estenssoro, was once locked up in connection with pro-Nazi activities.

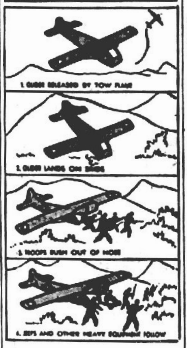
U. S. interest in Bolivia centers around its rich tin and quinine resources, among the last left to the Allies following Japan's occupation of Malaya and the Indies. The revolutionists have expressed a desire to continue favorable business relations with the Allies, a matter on which General Penaranda himself had hedged.

STORAGE:
Seek to Ease Glut

With U. S. food storage facilities crammed, many meat packers have been selling pork products below ceiling prices or in carload lots at a discount. At the same time, it was revealed that the War Food administration prepared an order restricting storage of such meat specialties as hogs' heads, bones, ox tails, tripe, hearts and liver to 10 days without permit.

Meanwhile, WFA extended its price support of $13.75 per hundredweight to 270 to 300 pound hogs, because, (1) packers have been buying bargains outside of the 200 to 270 pound support range and guaranteed weights have been piling up in the yards; (2) farmers have been sending 200 to 270 pounders off to market to get the $13.75 top.

Troop Gliders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2. GLIDER LANDS ON BEACH
3. TROOPS RUSH OUT OF NOSE
4. JEEPS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOLLOW

CORN BORER:
New Treatment

Irked by the corn borer's damage, 29-year-old John Bell of Watseka, Ill., hit on the idea of curbing the pests by making the stalk of the plant distasteful.

A soil expert for a fertilizer concern, Bell worked for three years on his project, reaching the point where he planned to submit his product to the University of Illinois' agronomists for testing.

Mixing commercial fertilizer with combinations of minor plant food essentials, Bell spread his product over 1¼ acres of a 42-acre corn plot infested by borers. Shortly after, it was seen that the borers began leaving the treated tract, which yielded 22 bushels more than the other acres.

Although the compound absorbed by the stalk is unpalatable to the borers, it is not toxic to livestock, tests showed.

GREAT BRITAIN:
Migrations Planned

Actual contacts of many Britons with the many parts of the kingdom's far-flung empire have aroused their interest to resettle in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa after the war.

Circulating among the population, numbers of soldiers from the dominions have acquainted Britons with opportunities existent in their countries, and British youth now being trained in South Africa have interested folks about its wealth and climate in letters home.

But while dominion representatives in London have been besieged by inquiries as to taxes, education and resettlement financing in their countries, the dominion governments themselves were said to be chiefly concerned with reemployment of returning war vets before immigration.

TAX REFUNDS:

Cash refunds will go to about 18 million taxpayers on their 1943 payments, when March 15 arrives, government experts figure. The rebates will be made to wage earners who have paid in more than they owe under the "pay-as-you-go" collection system.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that many of the other 36 million taxpayers will wind up the year owing the government, and will have to make additional payments. Many refunds, it was said, will be small.

'Master Mentalist' Finds Thought Reading Easier Than Addition; Challenges Skeptics

Dunninger Denies 'Supernatural' Aid, Credits Telepathy

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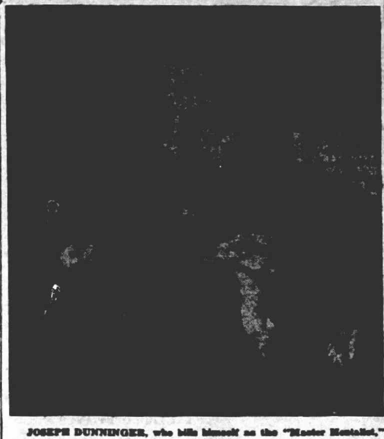


JOSEPH DUNNINGER, who bills himself as the "Master Mentalist," sits at a desk before the studio audience during much of his program. Sometimes he writes on a slate, or draws symbols that come to him from his subjects' minds. The "Blue" on microphone refers to Blue network.

Arithmetic was tough for Joe Dunninger. So he found an easy way to get the answers. He just read them from the minds of his teacher and classmates.

This was fun, so after school Joe tried reading others' minds. He soon found out, says he, that if a person would concentrate upon any simple question for a second, he could tell exactly what that person was thinking. Today, 35 years later, Joseph Dunninger is still reading others' thoughts on the radio, over the telephone, and, previously, on the stages of America and most foreign countries.

After relating how he discovered his thought-reading ability, Dunninger, a tall, solid man with receding hair and searching eyes, emphasized:

"There is nothing supernatural about my work, and I am not a fortune teller."

Those are the words with which he usually opens his weekly performance before a visible and radio audience. A few seconds later he calls from his desk on the stage:

"Someone is thinking of Harriet. Will that person please rise?"

A woman in the audience rises. Dunninger asks her: "Have we ever met before, madame?"

"No," she answers.

"Very well," continues Dunninger. "You are thinking of a Harriet Davis. Her address is 6217 South Campbell street. Is that correct?"

"Absolutely," gasps the woman.

Dunninger calls out, "I seem to get a word that looks like Baylor. It seems to be a university."

A military officer stands up.

"Is that your thought, sir?"

The officer nods and Dunninger calls out with great emphasis: "Do you swear that I have prearranged nothing with you and that you have not revealed this information to anyone in the audience?"

"I do, sir," answers the officer.

"Very well," says Dunninger. "You are thinking of Baylor University in Waco, Texas. You studied there, and now you are thinking of the course you took. Chemistry and pre-medical. Is that right?"

"It certainly is," answers the officer.

Judges Check Show.

Carefully watching these strange proceedings are three judges seated near Dunninger. They are usually famous persons such as U. S. Sen. Hattie W. Caraway, Paul Whiteman, Judge Edward R. Koch of the New York Supreme court, and John A. Zellers, president of the Advertising Club of New York, all of whom have acted as observers on the program.

Recently, Maj. Lenox Riley Lohr, president of the Museum of Science and Industry, former general manager of the National Broadcasting company, acted as a judge and assisted Dunninger in what was described as "the greatest long distance mental telepathy experiment ever attempted."

Major Lohr, seated next to Dunninger in Chicago, Ill., telephoned Congressman William A. Rowan in Washington, D. C. He asked Rowan to select any volume of the Congressional Record, and then select any three words on any page of that volume.

"Tell Mr. Rowan to put his finger on a word—any word," instructed Dunninger. Major Lohr relayed the message. Dunninger quickly wrote something on a large white sheet of paper. "Now the second," he continued, and immediately wrote again. "And the third," he concluded.

"Now," announced Dunninger, "I ask the judges to initial this paper I have written on so they can identify it, and then to place it in an envelope and seal it."

Then Major Lohr asked Rowan by telephone to reveal the words. They were "Thanksgiving," "unanimous," and "consent." The envelope was opened. One of the judges read Dunninger's words. They were "Thanksgiving," "unanimous," and "consent."

The paradoxical Dunninger constantly insists that his work is not related to the supernatural and in the same breath relates that he has asked the United States navy to let him make our battleships invisible to the enemy. He's a magician, too.

When he gets bored reading minds, he might be found on a stage making an elephant or two disappear, sawing a woman into eight pieces, or, if the sawing makes her nervous, he'll just let her float in midair.

But thought reading occupies most of his time these days. According to Dunninger, this is how it's done:

"The sender must concentrate upon his thought. The receiver does not try to form a preconceived idea of what the thought will be, but keeps his mind open and then accepts the first impression without question.

"I usually vision a black slate and my impressions usually come in the form of white writing or images upon this slate."

Sometimes Dunninger uses real slates, as he did in Chicago when entertaining a group of 4-H youths at their 22nd annual congress. The "Master Mentalist" called a young farmer to the stage, handed him a piece of chalk and a large slate, then told the youth to leave the room and draw any symbol upon the slate.

This Time It's a Real Slate.

Dunninger picked up another slate. Almost as soon as the youth had left the room the "Master Mentalist" drew a large dollar sign which he displayed to the audience.

The youth returned and held up his slate. On it was a dollar sign.

Dunninger hopes to try a variation of this feat with Walt Disney of Hollywood soon. He will ask Disney to draw Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, or any other famous animated cartoon character. Dunninger, seated in another room, or possibly another city, will try to read Disney's mind and reproduce the character.

"I am not an artist, but I believe I can reproduce a fairly clear likeness," he ventures. He probably will succeed. For although he says he is not a musician, he succeeded in reproducing a bar of music written by Paul Whiteman while the two men were separated by the thick walls of different broadcasting studios.

"Of course," explains Dunninger, "I go out on a limb when I read single minds. Naturally, the more minds concentrated on the same subject, the easier it is to receive that subject. Therefore, in practicing thought reading, it is best to start out with a group of minds concentrating on the same thought."

Some of the famous minds Dunninger has read are those of Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, the duke of Windsor, Thomas Edison and Pope Pius XII.

The "Master Mentalist" discusses his strange art quite freely. He believes it could be developed for use in such fields as criminology, psychology and psychiatry, but he thinks the time is a long way off, because so little is known as to the nature of thought reading. He believes the reception is in the subconscious mind and "possibly may operate as a radio receiving set."

A Mental Radio.

His theory is that he figuratively twists dials until he hits wave lengths on which he receives messages or images.

Before a broadcast, he tunes up by walking through the audience as he distributes slips of paper on which they are to write their thoughts. These slips stay in the possession of the writers and everyone is urged not to show his slip to anyone in the studio.

"Those slips are the explanation of your mind reading act," wrote one person to Dunninger. "Somehow or other you manage to read them, probably when you walk down in the audience." Another skeptic wrote: "You take the slips away from the people, read them, and return them without the audience realizing it."

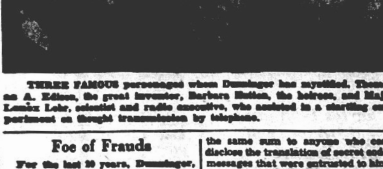
He disposed of the slip theories by reading several thoughts which had not been written down. "I ask people to write their thoughts," explains Dunninger, "because it usually makes those thoughts clearer in their minds." As for walking in the audience, Dunninger says he does that "to become acquainted with my subjects. It seems to make the impressions come clearer and faster."

Skeptics Amuse Him.

Skeptics are constantly trying to explain Dunninger's work in terms other than telepathy. Sometimes this is a source of amusement, says he.

"Two or three men investigating my work apparently were passing notes to each other in the studio during one Sunday afternoon broadcast," Dunninger relates. "I kept receiving impressions of these notes. One note read: 'Dunninger walks down in the audience.' Another was: 'I'm a criminologist. I don't get this.' Some day I'm afraid I'll embarrass one of these investigators by reading his note over a nationwide hookup.

"My work cannot be explained except as telepathy, and my offer of $10,000 to anyone who can prove that I use confederates, employees, or stooges, still stands."



THREE FAMOUS personages whom Dunninger has mystified. Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, Barbara Hutton, the heiress, and Maj. Lenox Lohr, scientist and radio executive, who assisted in a startling experiment on thought transmission by telephone.

Foe of Frauds

For the last 20 years, Dunninger, as chairman of the Universal Council for Psychic Research, has been using his prestige and influence to expose fraudulent spiritualistic mediums.

In conjunction with the magazine, Scientific American, he has a standing offer of $10,000 to anyone who can produce any physical phenomena by psychic methods or supernatural means that he cannot produce by natural methods. He has offered the same sum to anyone who can disclose the translation of secret code messages that were entrusted to him by Harry Houdini and Thomas Edison. Both these remarkable men were interested in investigating the possibilities of spirit communication.

Dunninger also has a code message written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who was a deep and scholarly student of spiritualism and the world of the supernatural. No one has successfully received the messages from the three men, all dead for several years now.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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Civil Air Patrol Widens Scope In Third Year

Performs Military and Civil Missions; Trains Teen Age Boys and Girls.

The Civil Air Patrol starts its third year of service with a larger membership and a higher level of activity than at any time in its history, the War Department has announced.

Founded on December 1, 1941, the CAP undertook active military assignments from an early stage. It was made an Auxiliary of the Army Air Forces last April in order to co-ordinate its work closely with Air Forces' establishments across the country.

Reviewing the rapid progress of CAP, Lieut. Col. Earle L. Johnson, air corps, national commander of the Civil Air patrol, made the following statement:

"Reports from the 48 State Wings of CAP indicate that the organization is expanding rapidly to undertake new duties which have been assigned to it. Local units at more than 1,000 points have been stepping up their training and recruiting programs. Many additional flights and squadrons are being formed in order to extend into new areas.

New Duties.

"Our flying missions have been undergoing some shifts, since the progress of the war has made it possible to withdraw men and planes from antisubmarine duties and assign them at other points to help release army equipment and air crews for combat. A number of new CAP bases are being set up for such army work as courier service, to carry dispatches and supply parts, and 'tracking' to give aiming practice to the antiaircraft guns.

Educational Program.

"The largest expansion of CAP at this time is in the development of the CAP cadet program in all areas to train young people of 15, 16 and 17 in military and aviation subjects. The same courses are given the cadets and the same standards of instruction are maintained as for the senior members of CAP.

"In a number of localities, this program has now reached the point where entire high schools are joining up, several hundred boys at once. It is to develop the necessary organization and to prepare instructors for training these future airmen that CAP is building up its own ranks at this time.

"To assist in this work, the army air forces recently assigned 288 airplanes of the liaison type to be distributed among the 48 Wings of CAP for use in aviation cadet recruiting. While CAP will give ground courses rather than flight training, it is desired that aviation cadet applicants be given airplane rides to give them the feel of flying.

"Since the growing scope of the army air forces around the world has correspondingly increased the need for air crews, CAP is expanding its cadet program to still larger proportions for the advance training both of young men of pre-draft ages who will be prepared for flying duties, and young women who can thus better qualify for air WAC service.

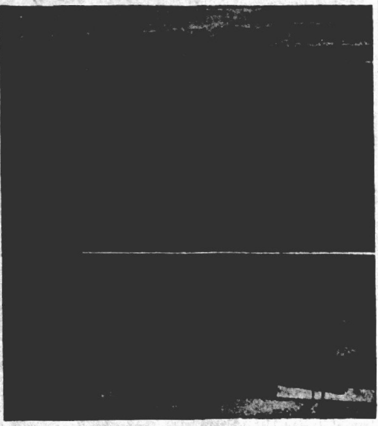
Many Groups Co-operate.

"In this, CAP is working in close co-operation with the aviation cadet branch of the army air forces and its aviation cadet examining boards, with the AAF training command, and with civic groups both on the national and local level.

"Another important purpose of Civil Air patrol is to maintain the headway of civil aviation. Many airports which otherwise would have been closed for the duration have been kept open by the service of CAP members as clearance officers and guards. In a number of instances, CAP squadrons have developed their own flying fields. CAP's airports, in addition to their usefulness for training, often have been the means of saving army planes in distress.

"By home-town interest in aviation, America's air power can be built in the American way. The fact that young people are learning about aviation at home will better prepare them for the peacetime developments which will come as soon as the war is won."

WACS Camp Along the Mediterranean



Left: Miss Helen Walsh of Fernandina, Fla., works in a tent somewhere on the North African coast, where a unit of WACs are camped alongside the Mediterranean. Right: June Grier, Wilmington, Del.; Pearl Oliver, Hartford, Conn.; and Irene Ward, Lynchburg, Va., second steps heading from the sea to their "tent city" which is enclosed in a barbed wire barricade.

Ration-Free Sale Of Tots' Shoes To Be Permitted

A new supply of children's nonleather shoes will be available ration-free soon, providing some relief to the shortage of youngsters' shoes, according to the Office of Price Administration.

In general, children up to about eight years of age will benefit from this increased supply of non-rationed shoes. Any such shoes which are larger than misses' and youths' size three will be rationed. OPA is permitting ration-free sales in the small sizes only to encourage production in the pre-school and early school age range.

It is impossible at this time to estimate accurately the number of these shoes that will be made, but enough materials are available to produce a quantity which will help the supply situation considerably.

Canvas Uppers.

Although these shoes will have canvas uppers, OPA pointed out that they will not be ordinary gym and tennis types. The soles will be made from remnants and other available materials, principally heavy woven fabric, reinforced with vulcanized rubber. The shoes will be suitable for general wear and should provide extra mileage for youngsters.

This change in the shoe ration order has been made possible by the co-operation of the War Production board, and the Office of the Rubber Director.

OPA also provided for the ration-free sale of the small available stocks of gym and tennis shoes with rubber soles and canvas uppers.

Since the production of rubber-soled gym shoes for civilian use has been prohibited by WPB since March, 1942, there are very few of them on the market. However, small lots of these gym shoes have been rejected by the navy and made available to civilians because of minor defects. Some gym shoes are also being made for civilian army trainees. The Office of Price Administration now permits the sale of any such gym and tennis shoes ration-free. Dealers who have any athletic shoes in stock which are released under this provision may get replacement currency for them from their OPA district offices.

TO YOUR Good Health

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON

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BUSY PHYSICIANS

Every civilian physician is and has been very busy for many months, and with hospital laboratories also busy he often has had to wait some time for reports.

Dr. Barton

In an endeavor to help his fellow physicians, many of whom "are carrying a killing load," Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Mayo Clinic, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, has some "diagnostic time-savers, for overworked physicians." Among these "timesavers" are hints on recognizing functional illnesses.

"Good signs of a neurosis are the inability of the patient to say what the main complaint is, a tendency to answer the physician's questions with statements that have nothing to do with these questions, to complain of little things, to break in and not let the physician finish a sentence, to keep consulting a long written list of symptoms, to tremble and weep as the story is told or tell the physician how to diagnose and treat the disease."

There are certain symptoms that practically always mean a neurosis. Symptoms such as jitteriness, the fear of not being able to get a deep breath, fluttering or burning in the abdomen, oft repeated belching, distress and bloating after eating or especially after drinking cold water or "pop," attacks of pain and soreness in lower abdomen, together with passage of mucus, distresses that come before breakfast, bloating that comes up during the day and disappears during the night without the passage of flatus (gas), and pains that persist even after several operations.

Dr. Alvarez points out that there are some of us who almost from childhood have had one illness after another without any cause that can be found. These illnesses are headache, weak eyes, indigestion, constipation, back-ache, sleeplessness and "aches and pains all over." "Poor nervous heredity and the contractor's having put in poor materials are usually the best explanation for these symptoms."

Among the other "illnesses" mentioned by Dr. Alvarez as being caused by lack of nervous balance are nervous breakdown, extreme fatigue, food allergy, migraine, stomach and intestinal ulcer.

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Scabies Parasite May Attack Anyone

One of the ideas we had as boys at high school was that any boy with blackheads or pimples could not be as clean about his body as he should be. If he would wash his skin with soap and water and perhaps use a skin brush, he would remove the blackheads from his "pores" and the skin oil would come out on the surface of the skin. Today we know that having pimples and blackheads is not a matter of cleanliness, but is caused by gland changes in the body which interfere with the proper use of certain kinds of foods, usually fats and starches. Fortunately, acne was not thought due to any lack of intelligence in these students with acne because their class standing was at least equal to that of the class average.

In the army, in schools or other institutions, patients suffering with scabies (the itch) have usually been considered of low intelligence despite the fact that there were so many exceptions.

In the British Lancet, Drs. K. Mellanby, A. L. Northedge and C. Johnson report the results of their investigations as to the intelligence of several hundred patients suffering with scabies. The results of this investigation showed that men with scabies were mentally a normal sample from the army. There was nothing to suggest that the group suffering with scabies had a larger percentage with low intelligence than those not afflicted with scabies.

"There was no significant difference in intelligence between men who reported themselves sick, those who were discovered during the regular or routine physical inspections, those with a few parasites or those with or without infection following an attack of scabies."

From the above we learn that the parasite, the itch mite, the female of which buries itself under the skin, giving the appearance of scratches, makes no special choice as to its victims. The itching is due to substances given off by the parasites and their eggs.

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QUESTION BOX

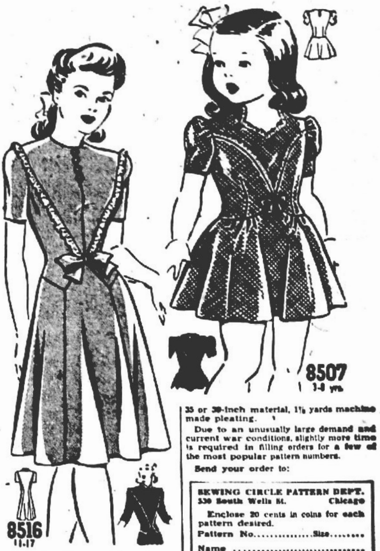
Q.—What causes excessive sweating of the hands?

A.—Sweating of the hands is usually a sign of nervousness or emotional disturbances. A single dose of X-rays may correct condition for months.

Q.—What is meant by crepitation?

A.—Crepitation is that crackling noise you hear when there are adhesions about a joint. Also hear it when bone is first broken. Often hear it in old rheumatic conditions.

PATTERNS SEWING CIRCLE



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America In Action

THE MULE COMES BACK

WASHINGTON.—Infantry use of the old-fashioned army mule, field artillery which operated in the front lines and "airmail delivery" of airborne infantry troops were unorthodox but ingenious tactics employed to dislodge the Germans from strong mountain positions between Salerno and Naples.

Lieut. Col. Charles E. Brokaw of Denver, Colo., recently returned from Italy to headquarters of the army ground forces at Washington, said that for the Germans [illegible] heights "it was like sitting in the balcony and shooting at people on a stage" as Allied troops fought their way up from the beach over mined roads. Ultimate reliance had to be placed on the artillery and on infantry supplied by pack mule, and they turned the trick.

The mules, carrying supplies for the infantry, rendered vital aid, he said. German soldiers cleared out of position after position when these units began to operate against them, and on one day the German radio on three occasions warned Nazi units to look out for a mule pack and horse cavalry organization which was threatening to flank them. Artillery observers frequently used mules to take their equipment and rations to the tops of peaks where they could remain indefinitely and direct fire on German positions.

Italian mules, about two-thirds the size of the famous Missouri mules but sturdy and dependable, were used. Their value was learned in Sicily, but their really effective employment came on the Italian mainland because carefully trained soldiers handled them and the animals were thoroughly conditioned.

Antithesis of mule transportation was the use of the airplane to drop parachute troops to plug a dangerous gap in the lines and to aid in the drive toward Altavella, possession of which was vital to security of the attacking forces.

The parachute infantrymen were in action steadily for ten days and, equipped mainly with small arms and fighting determinedly, suffered a number of casualties, particularly among the officers, Colonel Brokaw related. Finally they were stranded without food or ammunition, but he got a truck convoy with reinforcements through to them and the unit went on to take Altavella the next day.

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What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT

My sister and I would like to have some stationery printed that we could both use. What would you suggest?

Answer—If you and your sister want a plain, formal letter paper, I would suggest a white paper printed in black ink, with your address at the center top of the folded sheet.

If your home is informal or you live in the country, you may reflect this in your letter paper. Use a tinted paper, perhaps a gray or tan, and have the name of your country place, and the address at the top of the page.

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By NANCY PEPPER

MATCH MAKERS

WELL, WHAT D'YOU KNOW, THE OLD SEWING BEE IS BACK! TEEN-AGERS ALL OVER ARE IN STITCHES ABOUT SEWING AND THEY'RE MAKING THEIR OWN FINERY. THEY HAVE SOME SCRAP-HAPPY IDEAS ABOUT MATCHING ACCESSORIES THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY OUT FOR YOURSELF.

IN THE BAG—When you make your next pinafore use the leftover scraps for a draw string bag, trimmed to match. (Ball fringe is a cute garnish.)

TABLE TIP—Nothing makes a slicker skirt than a colorfully printed or woven tablecloth. A matching napkin is a ready made 'kerchief.

SLIP COVER SALVAGE — You can have a hat to match every cotton dress or skirt you make if the slip cover is changed every time you change your dress.

WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

NOTHING DATES A GIRL LIKE HER SLANGUAGE, ESPECIALLY THESE DAYS WHEN NEW JABBER-WOCKY STARTS FROM NOWHERE AND GOES EVERYWHERE BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "JACK ROBINSON." (WE NEVER DID KNOW WHY ANYONE WANTED TO SAY "JACK ROBINSON," BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT) ADD THESE WORDS TO YOUR VOCABULARY AND YOU WILL BE AS UP-TO-DATE AS BOB HOPE'S NEXT WEEK'S BROADCAST.

Dee-gee	*Devine, marvelous, out of this world.*
Dee-gaw	*Awful, drippy, sad.*
Pucker paint	*Lip stick.*
Dazzle dust	*Face powder.*
Box office	*Big appeal (as, for instance, "that gal is box office, but definitely").*
In the shade	*Feeling blue.*
Plant you now, dig you later	*Leave you now, see you later, or "good-by, now."*
Money from home	*Good news.*
Lead Lem	*Boy who can't dance.*
Droolin' with schoolin'	*A grind.*
Pranced to a pooch	*Out of breath from jiving.*
Grab bag	*[illegible] blind date [illegible]*

BEAUTY AND THE BLEACH

It grieves us to report that Boy Crazies have hit a new high around the country. Not content with running lawn mowers over their heads (at least, that's what the Crew Cuts look like) some teen-age boys are bleaching the front of their heads to a Betty Grable blonde. The girls call the Crew Cuts by lots of names including "awful." They refer to them as "G.I." or "Butch" hair cuts, "Whiffles" or "Heinies" and confidentially, boys, they DON'T LIKE 'EM with or without the yeller streak. They don't seem to mind them so much when they go with a uniform, though.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

That magic symbol, L-85, denotes the Wartime Silhouette, straight and slim! It will take more than a minute to slim down to fit this new fashion, but you can do it. A few waist bendings (even for a minute) night and morning will help! But make up your mind now that you are going to be an L-85 figure—soon!

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Jury Disagrees, but Defendant Says Guilty

VANCOUVER, WASH.—Prosecutor R. De Witt Jones failed to convince a jury. It was unable to reach a verdict and was dismissed. He convinced the defendant, though. Ulysses Tate, 28, changed his mind and pleaded guilty to having forced H. B. [illegible] to surrender his wallet at knife point. Judge Charles W. [illegible] placed him on probation.

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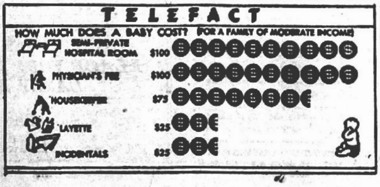

Uncle Joe, 97, Farms Through His Fourth War

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. — The necessity of food production in war time is an old story for "Uncle" Joe Vandergriff—he's been at it for more than three quarters of a century and through four wars. Now 97, Uncle Joe operates his own 25 acre farm and thinks nothing of 10 hours of work in the fields. He remembers helping his father on a farm back in the days of the Civil war.

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