

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Soviet Offensive Stretches Westward; French Cooperation in North Africa Paves Way for Unified Allied Drive; Fierce Buna Battle Marks Pacific War

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Gen. Henri Giraud, newly designated high commander of French North and West Africa, reviews American fighters soon after his appointment as successor to Admiral Darlan. The appointment of the French general, famous for having twice escaped the Nazis, did much to steady the circumvents discredited over the "deal" with the assassinated Darlan.

AFRICA: Cooperation

World-wide cooperation of all French leaders not captives of the Axis powers was deemed almost a certainty when Gen. Henri Giraud, successor to the assassinated Admiral Darlan as high commander of North Africa, named Gen. Alphonse Juin as commander in chief of the French forces in Africa.

Jun commanded French African forces at the time of the Allied occupation in November and had since been collaborating with the pro-Allied French regime.

The previous appointment of Giraud had a unifying effect which was missing under French North African civil and military forces rallied around the new commander, as did Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, who would have no part of Giraud's predecessor.

Battle in Tunisia

Although the Allied North African headquarters acknowledged that British and American forces had withdrawn from a hill position six miles northeast of Medjez el Bab—which they held for less than a week—competent observers said that the Allied position as a whole was not materially affected.

Plot Nipped

An assassination plot against Giraud and Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's minister to French Africa, was nipped in the making when Giraud announced the arrest of 12 persons, including two who helped the American landing at Algiers.

Brief initial dispatches said that Giraud has announced that 12 persons were arrested to prevent "further assassinations." He said that "it is better to prevent than punish" and that those arrested were not going to be shot.

RATIONING: Little Hoarding

Despite the fact that more than 200 canned food items will be rationed soon, American housewives have made very little attempt to stock their cupboards in advance. Office of Price Administration spokesmen have pointed out.

The absence of hoarding was due to two factors: Consumers must declare all canned goods on hand, on the basis of which deductions will be made from the ration points allotted each person; the feeling that hoarding would be emphatically un-American kept many a person from ordering more than the usual supply of foodstuffs.

Even though a tremendous printing job is yet to be completed, OPA officials expressed hope that the point-rationing program would get under way some time in February.

DRAFT: 3½ Million in '43

Approximately 3½ million men—18 through 37 years old—will be called to the armed forces during 1943, draft officials have announced. They will be called at an average rate of 250,000 or 300,000 a month.

About half of the quota will be drawn from the 18 and 19 year olds who completed registration in December. The other 1,750,000 will be childless married men since the pool of unmarried men available for military service is practically exhausted.

TAXES: Record Year

Early on the agenda of the new congress was consideration of some form of pay-as-you-go tax payment plan. There were increasing indications that one of the many proposed methods for meeting this year's income tax out of this year's income would be adopted.

Most widely discussed was the program advanced by Secretary Bland, New York Federal Reserve bank official. Under this setup one year's taxes would be paid by default, and taxpayers would meet 1943 taxes out of 1943 income rather than pay 1943 taxes this year.

Well might congress study tax plans because this year brings increased income tax rates, the 5 percent Victory Tax and larger levies on many everyday living items. And the treasury department indicated that to meet the rising cost of war even greater sacrifices may become necessary. But U. S. citizens were taking the new situation in stride. Most people realized that it takes a great deal of money to win a modern war.

GIFT: Of 20 Million

In 1939, Walter P. Murphy, head of the Standard Railway Equipment company, gave Northwestern University \$6,725,000 with which to establish a technological institute on the Evanston, Ill., campus.

When death came to Walter Murphy on December 18, 1942, he had not forgotten Northwestern. A provision of his will, announced at the end of the year, gave the university more than \$20,000,000 to develop, maintain and operate the technological institute. Beyond this restriction the will placed no limitation on the use of the bequest.

The gift meant Northwestern University to 60th place in amount of endowment among the universities of the country. Harvard, Yale, the University of Chicago and the University of Rochester lead.

DRINKING: And the Army

Drinking conditions in and around army camps do not constitute a serious problem for officials. According to a report made by the Office of War Information after an extensive coast-to-coast investigation. This survey was undertaken to determine what truth it may have in the story of some of the rumors among U. S. citizens about excessive drinking in some of the nation's armed forces.

In all U. S. history, the OWI says, no army has been so orderly.

The sale of 3.3 beer in army camps is described as a "healthy and sensible" arrangement. This is listed as the main reason for the vastly less amount of alcohol consumed by soldiers in this war as compared to World War I.

Security Planner

Gen. Hsing Shih-fu, head of a Chinese military mission to this country, and a majority of his staff have been ordered home by Gen.issimo Chiang Kai-shek, it was announced in Washington.

The mission was deferred here 18 months ago to contact the joint Anglo-American military staff and to confer with U. S. military officials.

Chinese sources said the return was prompted by the apparent decision of the joint staff to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations on sectors other than the China front.

Dissatisfaction in Chungking was reported over what it considered the minor role assigned to China in Allied strategy. It was said that Hsing and his colleagues have decided there is no likelihood of a large scale offensive against Japan in the near future. The closing of the Burma road was an important factor in the Allied-Chinese plan of strategy.

SOUTH PACIFIC: Advance in Buna

Japanese tenacity was nowhere in greater evidence than on the bitterly fought Buna front in New Guinea. Allied headquarters spoke repeatedly of advances against stubborn Japanese resistance.

Striking at Jap coastal fortifications, ground troops eliminated a triangular enemy stronghold of 13 bunkers, then were forced to beat off a counterattack. The desperately defended bunker triangle, approximately 1,500 yards from the coast, has been bypassed earlier in the Allied drive toward the Buna government station. It was surrounded several times before, after tanks and infantry had gone ahead to smash through to the coast and thence turn west to advance on the Buna air strip.

Up the coast from Buna, Allied bombers hit at the Lae airbase and at Kavieng in New Ireland. Fires were started at both places. Bombers also struck at the Gasmata airfield in New Britain.

GANGSTERS: Action in Chicago

Chicago, the toughest mob in the nation, Chicago's Roger Touhy gang, which escaped from Illinois Stateville prison in October, was rounded up by the G-men. Five of the seven escaped were taken alive while the other two died under FBI bullets when they tried to escape a carefully prepared trap.

Recover personally led some 30 G-men in the final round-up of the criminals.

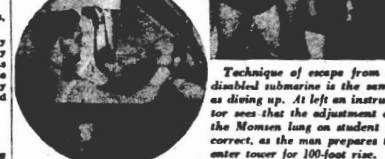
Schooling Submariners

Submarine work is unglamorous, dangerous and hard, but there is never any lack of volunteers to man the "pig boats" that are giving such a grand account of themselves in the world's seven seas. Undersers sailors must be given highly specialized training before they even set foot aboard a submarine. At the U. S. navy submarine school in New London, Conn., they are given this training. The school teaches the men not only the operations of an undersers craft and her weapons, but also the technique of escape from disabled craft on the ocean floor. These photos show various phases in the training of Uncle Sam's underwater sailors.



Picture at top shows submarine students working with the Mousen lung in the 100-foot tank at the navy submarine school. Guided by the rope attached to a large cork float, the students rise slowly from the 100-foot tank in about two minutes, breathing naturally on the way up and gradually becoming accustomed to learning pressure.

Right: Here you see a class in session. There is no inattention in classes here, for a little thing unlearned may mean the student's life later on.



Technique of escape from a disabled submarine is the same as diving up. At left an instructor sees that the adjustment of the Mousen lung on student is correct, as the man prepares to enter tower for 100-foot rise.

BELL DESCENT... Submarine students and instructor (left) about to descend to the 100-foot level in an open-bottom diving bell. From this level they will rise to the surface. Descent is gradually increased until the 100-foot level is attained.

Below: This bell, of wheels, valves and gauges is in the torpedo room. Man kneeling is at the torpedo tubes.

Pictured with his wife, Sir William Somerville, a member of the Navy, London, is the interest of his social security plan. Sir William is the author of a financial assistance plan which protects the people of Great Britain from the cradle to the grave. It has received considerable publicity in the United States.

MISCELLANY:

RECORDED: American shipbuilders in 1942 turned out a record number of 170 merchant vessels, totaling 1 million tons, according to the National Council of Shipbuilders.

STAYERS: Hand-drawn lost from war production as a result of strikes dropped to 91,825 in November—the lowest since Pearl Harbor.

SALVAGE: A Jap radio broadcast reported that engineers had refitted and repaired an 11,000-ton U. S. floating dry dock which it said American forces scuttled last April at Port Marivaux, Bataan.

DEPRONABLE: According to French radio reports, Adolf Hitler has nearly finished construction of a "new, impenetrable Siegfried line" along the Atlantic seaboard of France.

ORDER: The Finnish Information Center in New York has been ordered by the state department to cease issuing news releases and pamphlets, and the American legation in Helsinki has stopped sending out bulletins. This development followed reports that Finnish officials joined in a toast to the Japanese Pearl Harbor success.

Pressure at various depths is duplicated here.

Famous Mule Dies

ONE of the most famous mules in American history died the other day. Myrtle was her name and when her service of more than a third of a century to the United States army ended at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., she was cremated with full military honors.

Not only was Myrtle the oldest mule in the army at the time of her death, but she had another distinction. She was once the subject of a special order issued by Gen. John J. Pershing that when her days of usefulness were over, she was not to be destroyed (as is usually the case with army mules) but was to be permitted to die a natural death.

That was because Myrtle was the last survivor of the pack train which accompanied "Black Jack" into northern Mexico back in 1917 when he was engaged in his chase of Pancho Villa after that Mexican leader had led the raid on Columbus, N. M. Two years ago, when Myrtle was 32 years old, she became dangerously ill and a veterinarian suggested shooting her. But Col. Lee Davis, then post commander at Fort Huachuca, remembered General Pershing's order and the mule was spared to enjoy two more years of service on the "retired list."

However, the honors bestowed on Myrtle are not the first that have been bestowed upon one of the long-lived and highly important "mulemen" of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. On October 8, 1937, Jack, another veteran of the Mexican border campaign, was officially retired from service at the age of 29 and on that occasion the third coast-to-coast (anti-interstate) radio broadcast was a full-scale review at Fort Totten, N. Y., in his honor.

At that time the Chicago Daily News commented editorially:

"The review is said to be the first tendered to a mule as guest of honor in the New York area. That may be so, but it is not the first official honor given the army mule."

"History and tradition are full of such honors, beginning, perhaps, with the breed awarded the leader of the Civil war herd that stampeded and routed a Confederate army."

"Clicking up" a pack mule from a drawing by Frederic Remington, illustrating "On Frontier Service," by Lewis and W. Van Dusen in the Outlook Magazine, December, 1905.

There was Arizona, wounded in the Meuse-Argonne, who was decorated by the 30th Infantry, and Whiskey, purchased by the 8th Infantry when its service company was motorized, who was turned out to graze a mule Vahalla at Fort Stanton.

"A more wholesome honor was paid at Washington, where a tablet commemorates the 243,135 mules of the American expeditionary forces."

The army mule's endurance has been the subject of many poems and songs. A first cavalry mule who somersaulted down an Idaho mountain and was left for dead, turned up in camp that night unharmed.

"Perhaps we should not mention the mule that hospitalized most of a national guard machine gun company on the border some years ago, and the mule whose kick cost the government a \$10,000 insurance payment, except that it reminds us that, even in these days of motorization and mechanization, there is still many a kick left in the old army mule."

That there is "many a kick left in the old army mule" is proved by the fact that, even in the "streamlined" and mechanized modern American States field artillery, for the mule. Vic Camp Carson near Colorado Springs, Colo., and there you will find the outfit lost recently when its 700 men and 700 mules climbed to the top of Pike's peak, thereby providing such a sight as that mountain has not seen in all the years since it was "discovered" by Leut. Zebulon Pike away back in 1806.

No list of famous mules would be complete without mention of Mademoiselle Verdun, mascot of the 15th United States field artillery, who was born on April 14, 1918, in France, in the Trovon sector while the American army was in the line.

The 15th artillery was then a part, was holding the lines near the site of the battle of Verdun, and it was Mademoiselle Verdun who went through the Belleau Wood, Vaux, St. Mihiel, Mont Blanc and Meuse-Argonne offensives with the regiment. She accompanied it when it marched into Germany after the Armistice.

Easy Directions on Making Slip Covers



Slip covers work magic in a home—give it a fresh new look—hide worn upholstery—bring in a new color motif. This pattern shows you—step-by-step—how to make your own covers.

Pattern 1221 contains step-by-step directions and information for making slip covers for upholstered chairs and sofas. See page 40 for full details.

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Why Suffer? RHEUMATISM M'NEIL'S MAGIC REMEDY BRINGS RAPID RELIEF

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Work of Champion Quilt Maker Is a Challenge to All Sewers

By **CHERIE NICHOLAS**

QUILTING has been an important part of the fashion scene for many weeks now, with accessories, jackets, coat linings and even shirts made warm as well as attractive by the quilting technique. Home sewers, with a tremendous quantity of quilted fabrics available by the yard, have been having fun turning out their own quilted creations.

Of course, you may not want to make anything as ambitious right away, but the quilt illustrated in the above picture gives you an idea of what can be done by one who makes quilting her hobby. An illness which, ten years ago, confined her to her home for many weeks, has brought to Mrs. Bertha Stenge of Chicago national recognition as champion quilt maker.

While she was idle and unable to carry on her usual activities of caring for her home and her flower garden, Mrs. Stenge noticed a Chicago newspaper was promoting a quilt-making contest. She decided to enter the contest, just to get started on a hobby and keep herself occupied.

She did not win a prize in this contest, but the quilt she entered won a prize at a later contest and since that time she has made 20 quilts, all of which have won cash awards and blue ribbons throughout the country.

Mrs. Stenge has won nearly 40 prizes in her ten years of entering contests. She has never sold any of her quilts although she has been requested many times to place a sales price on one or another of them. She says she cannot evaluate in dollars and cents the six months or more of effort it takes to make a quilt.

Her Bible quilt has won repeated awards in various contests. In this design, she has pictured incidents of the Bible—Moses in the bulrushes, Daniel in the lion's den, Joseph and the whole and others. Still another and unusual design is her Family History quilt.

From old portraits, Mrs. Stenge worked into the design, pictures of her father and mother, herself as she started to school, her husband and her daughters, as well as incidents of her married life. In the above illustration Mrs. Stenge is displaying a portion of the Family History quilt and the original photographs. The insets show other motifs from Mrs. Stenge's quilts.

Her top honor up to this year was \$100 won at the New York World's fair. Recently, she won the regional contest of \$100 and the sweepstakes prize of \$1,000 in a national needlework contest conducted by Woman's Day magazine.

Mrs. Stenge has won state prizes in Kentucky, home of the applique quilt and where fine quilt making is taken as a matter of course. She has won top honors in state, county and city contests in Illinois and just to prove she has abilities in other directions, one year at the Cook County fair she won three baking prizes as well as four quilt prizes.

The quilt which won her the sweepstakes prize in the Woman's Day contest was a Victory quilt, an original design. It has a shield outlined in blue and appliqued with white stars around an American eagle in blue, with the Liberty Bell in blue above it. Red V's are placed at each corner with the Victory sign—three dots and a dash—beside each V. Blue stars are used as a border around the quilt.

An alphabet quilt for a child's bed is another consistent prize winner. And now she is working on a "quilt of quilts." This will display miniature replicas of standard and famous quilts.

Mrs. Stenge is a graduate of the University of California, where she majored in art. Her husband is an attorney. They have three daughters and two grand-daughters.

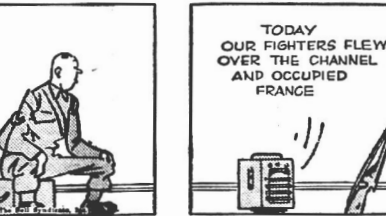
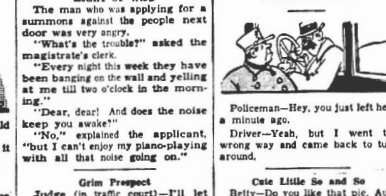
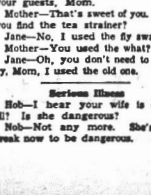
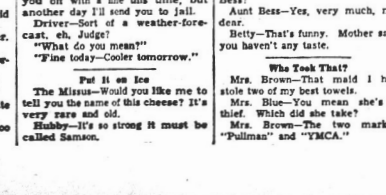
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WHO CAN THAT BE AT THE DOOR?



ON THE HOME FRONT

with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

NEWSPAPERS SOUND exactly like the STRIPS ARE PRESSED WITH COTTON BATTING, AND THEN COVERED TO MAKE STIFF BACK CUSHIONS FOR THE COUCH.

A SECOND CUTTING PANELS A POUND NOT CUT OFF OF YEARS

THIS is the story of an old couch that became glamorous and played a conspicuous part in a charming sunny living room. The transformation started with a heavy cotton twill fabric in a soft tan tone to match the background color of the hooked rug that you see in front of the couch. It was decided not to use any contrasting trimming but to accent the elegant box-like edges outlining the couch pad and cushions with a heavy seam on the outside, as shown at the right. Couch cover and cushions used 3½ yards of the 36-inch-wide goods.

When the smartly tailored cover was completed it was fastened firmly in place with zippers of the type that come apart at the bottom—one side being stitched to the seam allowance of the cover and the other sewn to the couch pad.

Next came the stiff cushions to stand up at the back. These were made with an inside core of newspapers tightly bound together with muslin bands, and then padded with cotton batting, as shown.

NOTE: Directions for making the hooked rug in this sketch may be found on page 1 of a copy of Book 8, "Decorative Arts," which is available for sale at the left of this sketch are also in that book.

China's Fireworks
Fireworks were first used in China, 5,000 years ago. To this day China marks beginning of a year with fireworks.

SKIN IRRITATIONS OF EXTERNAL CAUSE
Some simple, bumps (blackheads), and minor skin blemishes, millions relieve with simple home treatment. Boiling by killing germs it touches. 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MATERIAL AID FOR BOMBING RANGE OUTLINED BY CHAMBER

Five-Point Program Investigated by Committee; Officers Attend Meeting

COL. JOHNSON APPROVES NEW PROGRAM

(From Bomb Range High Score)
In a meeting called last Friday night a committee of five Avon Park Chamber of Commerce members met with Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Clint T. Johnson, Public Relations Officer, Captain C. W. Roberts and Special Services Officer Lt. Lionel H. Russell to discuss a five-point program which will materially aid this Base.

The five-man committee plans to investigate: 1—Housing; 2—Help on new highway construction; 3—Red Cross aid to furnish buildings; 4—Soldier entertainment; 5—Local prices.

As each of the five subjects is investigated and approved it will be added into the Chamber's general program of things to be accomplished during 1943.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Discussed first by the group was the housing problem. Long a thorn-in-the-flesh proposition, housing difficulties were somewhat bettered during December when city officials instituted a survey and found 100 extra quarters available to military and civilian personnel of the Bombing Range.

The Range, however, is growing by leaps and bounds and it is expected that a serious housing shortage will develop. Proposed plans now include Federal and National Housing Authority (FHA and

NHA) assistance to relieve the growing shortage.

STATE AND FEDERAL HELP ON HIGHWAY

State and Federal aid to rush completion of the new Range Highway was also discussed by the group. The need for a paved road is apparent and it is hoped that necessary aid can be obtained to finish the road during February or early March.

RED CROSS WORK

Under investigation is the possibility of acquiring Red Cross assistance to furnish convalescent rooms in the Station Hospital and Squadron Day Rooms.

SOLDIER ENTERTAINMENT

In conjunction with the USO club, which is due to open within the month, the committee plans to arrange soldier entertainments, such as suppers, dances and parties, to provide wholesome, entertaining programs for all enlisted men.

PRICE INVESTIGATION

Last on the committee's list is an investigation to determine whether local merchants are overcharging soldiers.

COL. JOHNSON APPROVES PROGRAM

"The contemplated program," said Col. Johnson, "shows a decided interest in Range affairs by the citizens of Avon Park. I am gratified and feel that they are adopting this Field rather than exploiting it." "We will be here for quite some time to come," he added, "and with cooperation assured, there is no limit to the accomplishments and benefits to be derived by both Avon Park and the Bombing Range."

Sent warm fare to Far West Post, 125 W. 26th St., New York City. They will be used to line jackets for seamen.

HOW IT'S GOING

(From Bomb Range High Score)

This section each week will hit the high spots of the war situation, so that the busy soldier, having little time to read, may quickly get a general though fairly comprehensive idea of "how we're doing."

The present widespread and varied actions on so many fronts of so many nations, seemingly separated yet actually closely interrelated, will surely cause the casual reader more confusion if he attempts to grasp the whole picture by observing and evaluating the multiplicity of details. As best we can, we propose to boil it down for you, seeing the forest and never minding the trees.

The Russians still are in the center of the spotlight for the magnificent pushing around they are giving the Germans, though all other fronts have had important actions within the past few days.

The teeth of the Nazi push on Stalingrad have long since been pulled, the enemy forces encircled and cut off from all but minor supply sources. The Russians apparently have left only enough forces there to prevent the Axis from doing further harm, leaving time and hunger and cold to eliminate them, and have pushed on in a startling drive upon Rostov, the bottleneck through which Hitler supplies his forces in the Caucasus.

If the Red hordes, heavily supplied with machines, map and courage, can take Rostov, another Axis spearhead, more numerous than those cut off at Stalingrad, will be isolated in the Caucasus. This is the Nazi spearhead Hitler sent blasting toward the oil of the Great and Baku regions which he needs so badly for his war machine.

The Russians already had stopped them short of their goal, but the German threat there has been a constant concern to the Allied Nations. Given Grozny and Baku oil, Hitler would have been on-fold more difficult to defeat than if his machines suffer from oil thirst, as they will some day in the not-distant future according to

economic experts. Rostov, indeed is ultra-important to both sides. If Hitler is driven from there it will not be another of his "withdrawal" according to plan. He will have been bottled out. It may be the one defeat causing his ultimate collapse.

Three Russian armies are converging on Rostov and another is smashing at his northern flank in the Caucasus. Their successes have been continuous, their advance steady and relentless. At last reports, the Red advance elements were less than 65 miles from Rostov. But do not forget that as the Nazi generals withdraw their armies toward Rostov, they too are thus strengthening their forces at that point. A volcanic battle is in the making there. We can only wait and see. The chips are down, blue chips.

Elsewhere, another Axis horde, that of once fery but now skulking Erwin Rommel in Libya, is retreating steadily toward the port of Tripoli and a possible juncture with the besieged Germans in Tunisia. The Germans have long since been cleared out of Egypt and the Suez Canal freed of danger from that Quarter. They will soon be entirely out of Libya, facing a probable Dunkirk of their own in Tripoli or Tunisia.

On the western side of this steadily diminishing battlefield in North Africa, English and American forces have the Axis bunched in a small sector behind the port of Bizerte. For nearly two weeks there has been only local and sporadic action along that line. Both sides apparently need additional strength before attempting any frontal assault. The problem of supplying his troops under the ceaseless blasting of his transports and ports by American and British bombers, the sinking of his supply ships by Allied warships and submarines, is Hitler's greatest problem in that sector. It is probably being counted upon by United Nations strategists to be the decisive factor. The Germans seem to be under control in north Africa.

General MacArthur has announced surrounding and certain annihilation of the last major Japanese forces on the Papuan Peninsula of

New Guinea, thereby removing the prolonged threat to Port Moresby and the nearest and most immediate threat to Australia. This constitutes the first major defeat of Japanese forces on land and makes a most encouraging straw in the wind.

Outside of continuous attacks by our bombers on Japanese installations in the Solomons, there has been little if any decisive action in that theater for some time. Our troops are still strongly entrenched on Guadalcanal and adjacent islands and seem to have that area well in hand. It may well be that from there will start the eastern push upon Japan proper, or we may start back through the Dutch East Indies. The papers do not say.

However, there is some indication in General Warrell's slow advance into Burma that our major effort may be made from that angle. Warrell has now advanced into Burma some 200 miles, slowly making headway against the difficult terrain as much as against the Japs. The purpose of this campaign has not been revealed, but it would be a great help if the Burma Road were re-opened.

In China, the Chinese and Japanese are still dinging-donging at one another in local engagements. The Chinese are in there pitching. Do not forget them. One day soon, from Chinese airfields, many a bomb will leave for Tokyo. All in all, "our side" is doing well. That is what you want to know, isn't it?

Program on Meat To Be Given By FPS Economist

Mrs. Ethel D. Weaver, Home Economist for the Florida Public Service company, will give another of her interesting demonstrations and programs at the Customer's Room of the Florida Public Service Company on Thursday January 21. The program will be on "Meat," demonstrating the culinary art of taking a small amount of meat and making it go a "long way". Mrs. Weaver gave a similar demonstration last week in connection with the Share the Meat program. At this time, she made a meatless loaf with vegetables; and a "one dish meal" prepared with one pound of ground meat, combined with rice and tomatoes—enough to serve six persons.

All housewives, who are interested in these demonstrations are cordially invited to attend.

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LAKE FRONT—Beautiful 5 room bungalow must be sold by owner. Price far below the actual value today. Terms can be arranged. Also: 180 ACRES—on new road to the army camp, only few miles out from town. Price \$12 per acre for immediate sale. Write P. O. Box 33, Avon Park.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE BARNETT BANK OF AVON PARK IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1942

ASSETS	
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$1,000,000.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	100,000.00
Deposits of State and political subdivisions	100,000.00
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	100,000.00
Other liabilities	100,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,300,000.00

LIABILITIES	
Deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$1,000,000.00
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Deposits of State and political subdivisions	100,000.00
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	100,000.00
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MEMORANDA

Deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations (both value)
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)
Deposits of State and political subdivisions
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)
Other liabilities

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Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law

TOTAL

On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to

L. F. Longbottom, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. F. LONGBOTTOM
Correct—Attest:
J. S. FRANCIS
D. M. BARNETT
Directors

State of Florida, County of Highlands, ss: I, NELL WILFORD, Notary Public, do hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

(SEAL) My commission expires Dec. 3, 1944.

BUNGALOW—Lake front, beautiful large lot, close in plenty of fruit trees, very low price for cash sale, also garage apartment if desired. Box 33, Avon Park, Fla.

FOR RENT—Six room house, furnished, at Babson Park. C. T. Davis, telephone 238, Henderson's Field.

FURNISHED HOUSE—For sale. Very reasonable, if taken at once. Owner in north. Answer House 35 Box.

WANTED TO BUY—Small car. F. E. John, R. & B. Grocery.

WANTED TO SELL—75 Ford Sedan. Good tires. 1935. Call 66.

WILL THE PARTY WHO—consequently run a classified ad in this column concerning the lost pig wings, please call at the Sun office immediately.

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Now the holiday period is passed, Florida Motor Lines will make every effort to see that the service you count on is available when you need it—and with the utmost comfort and convenience that war conditions will permit.

We suggest, however, that you phone or call upon your nearest Florida Motor Lines agent well in advance of any trip. He can help you choose days and schedules that will be most convenient for you and best for winning the war.

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