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

Our Men In The Service

Captain G. D. Godwin, who has been overseas for 31 months, has returned home, and is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin. Capt. Godwin arrived in Africa with the first troops, and took part in the African campaign.

Pfc John W. Bryant, who was with the First Armored Division of the Fifth Army in Italy, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant, after 31 months overseas.

Lt. Marvin H. Shaw, company commander of a Signal Corps outfit is now in India. He is the son of Harter Shaw of Avon Park.

S/Sgt. James M. (Slim) Williams, with the Fifth Army in Italy, writes his mother, Mrs. Ida Williams that he is recovering from a wound he received in his right hand.

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FROM SGT. CARLISLE

Sgt. L. B. Carlisle writes The Sun from France: This is just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am back in France now. We have plenty of mud and rain over here and it gets kinda cold over here. How is Avon Park now. Is it the same old place or has it changed a lot? I have not been out of the hospital very long as you know. Tell all the people hello for me. And keep up the good work. Yours truly, Sgt. Carlisle.

Note to the Sergeant — Avon Park is the same old place, but there are a lot of new faces on the street, and it has changed a whale of a lot since you left.

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CPL. REYNOLDS IN ITALY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY — Corporal Johnnie O. Reynolds, husband of Ruby M. Reynolds, Box 784, Avon Park, Fla. and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Williams, Avon Park, is serving with one of two Peninsular Base Section Quartermaster supply outfits operating the largest food depot in the Mediterranean Theater. A record 900 tons of food have been shipped to Fifth Army and base section troops by these men in one day.

Soldiers supervise some 1000 Italian laborers who work on the dump's 12 giant stock piles. Enough balanced diets to feed over two million men are kept in each pile and truck convoys flow through the depot steadily since they can be loaded at any one of these stock points.

The dump's present site was surveyed by an advance party while American artillery was still shelling Germans from a point almost a mile behind them. Detachment soldiers, 65 per cent of whom are ex-combat men, also worked on the dump's nine miles of roads and installed a network of drainage ditches.

Cpl. Reynolds has been overseas 16 months.

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SGT. JAMES WILLIAMS GETS BRONZE STAR

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY — Sergeant James M. Williams of Avon Park, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in Italy.

Serving with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, he is a communications chief in the 361st Infantry Regiment of the 91st "Powder River" Division. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

A student, Williams entered service in October 1942. His mother, Mrs. Ida Williams, lives in Avon Park.

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RED DEVILS WRITE

Billy Merriwether and James Ward, a couple of former Red Devils, now serving in the Netherlands East Indies, writes The Sun:

Editor The Sun: Inasmuch as we engaged in high school athletics under the late Harold Rowe and were teammates of the late Ed Sherman, we felt that we should add our approval to the plan to name the athletic field in their honor and to dedicate it to their memory.

So many tributes have been written; tributes so well expressed that we shall not attempt to do other than endorse every one of them. Inside of us, in the space in our hearts reserved for our innermost feelings we feel a deep sense of personal loss of two friends.

In speaking of either one of the two men, let it be said: "There was a man."

B. J. Merriwether
James Ward.

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F-O. Neal Trent Receives Congratulations

A recent picture in the Jacksonville Times-Union shows Flight Officer Neal H. Trent, Jr., receiving congratulations from his brother-in-law, Lieut, Louis E. McRae, also from Jacksonville, following recent graduation exercises at the Victorville, Calif Army Air Field. F/O Trent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Trent of Jacksonville, formerly of Avon Park, and Lt. McRae is the husband of their daughter, Mrs. Sarah Lucy Trent McRae.

Lieut McRae, a test pilot at the desert base flew his brother-in-law on bombing missions during the latter's bombardier training preparatory to successful culmination of his flight courses. From the Victorville Field, Flight Officer Trent will be assigned to a combat crew for further training and eventually, foreign service.

New Officials To Take Office Next Tuesday

Four of the major county offices will be taken over by newly elected officials, when they assume their duties at the court house next Tuesday morning. They are County Judge Howard G. Livingston, Sheriff Doyle Schumacher, Superintendent of Public Instruction Fred Wild, and Tax Collector Frank J. Armistead.

Other new officials who will go into office Tuesday are Representative C. E. Lanier, County Commissioner A. J. Tubbs of District 2, and County Commissioner A. C. McAulay of District 4. All other officials were re-elected and will continue in office.

There is no formality or ceremony connected involved. Under the law a person elected to office is sworn in by filing his oath of office with the Secretary of State and by having his bond approved by the board of county commissioners. Newly elected officers take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January.

There will be a complete change of personnel in the sheriff's office. Sheriff Schumacher announced this week that A. M. Wolfe, former city clerk and treasurer of Sebring would be his office deputy, and that J. B. Stanley of Lake Placid, will be active outside deputy. Mr. Wolfe has accepted the position to serve until the return from the army of Broward Coker, former deputy under Schumacher during his previous tenure of office.

Frank Armistead has announced that Mrs. Marguerite Gardner will be his assistant in the tax collector's office. Mrs. Gardner, the former Marguerite Collins, is an efficient clerk in tax work, having been engaged in various capacities in the court house for a number of years.

County officials who were elected and will continue in office are: Clerk of Court H. T. Piety, Tax Assessor P. G. Gearing, County Attorney M. R. McDonald, Supervisor of Registration R. X. Droit, and County Commissioners John H. Hood, Avon Park; Sol McClelland, Lorida; and N. B. Jackson, Venus.

District officials taking office are Alton Elder, justice of peace, district No. 1; W. L. Long, justice of peace district no. 2; R. S. Massey, constable district No. 1; A. A. Bates, constable district No. 3; and Tom Bozeman, constable district No. 3.

Funeral Services For C. D. Sherman Held Wednesday

Funeral services for John Daniel Sherman, 86, who passed away Saturday at his home, following an illness of several months were held at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. E. H. Puryear conducted the services. Casketbearers were S. F. Longbottom, I. H. Ford, E. Ray Wells, S. J. Pendleton, A. B. Wilhite, Paul A. McFarland, and B. F. Martin. The remains, accompanied by the son, George B. Sherman were taken to Castile, New York for interment there on Sunday.

Mr. Sherman was born August 16, 1858 in Castile, N. Y., the son of Benjamin Harrington and Eliza Lewin Sherman. He was married to Edith H. Tallman Feb. 15, 1894, and to this union were born one daughter and four sons. They are Mrs. Florence E. Demorest, Avon Park, Charles D. Sherman, Fort Worth, Texas, John E., George B., and Willard T. Sherman, all of Castile, N. Y.

Edith H. Sherman passed away May 11, 1918 and he was married to Miss Flora C. Atchison Feb. 5, 1920.

In Castile, Mr. Sherman was the owner of the largest fruit farm in Wyoming County. He came to Florida for the first time in 1912 and bought property in Avon Park. He spent the winter of 1930 here, and in 1922 purchased a home, coming here to settle permanently in 1927.

In early life, he joined the First Baptist Church of Castile, N. Y., and in 1931, he and his wife brought their letters to the First Baptist Church of Avon Park. He remained a faithful member of the church throughout his life, and was a generous contributor to the church and to missions.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Flora A. Sherman, and his five children, he is survived by 10 grandchildren.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Alderman Williams suffered three broken ribs Sunday night when the car she and Mr. Williams were riding in was struck by an automobile operated by a soldier. Mr. Williams was not seriously injured. Both were taken to a Sebring hospital for treatment. The accident occurred on the road between Sebring and Avon Park..

TO DECIDE FISHING CONTEST RULES

Final rules and regulations for the fishing contest will be decided upon at the next meeting of the Fish and Game club next Thursday night. Annual election of officers will also be held.

Formal Opening of Pinecrest Club New Year's Day

Open house will feature the formal opening of Pinecrest on New Year's Day, according to an announcement made by the Club's manager, Kenneth Arnold. Many reservations have already been made for dinner, both at noon and in the evening. Additional reservations for this day or for private dinner parties, bridge or tea can be made by telephoning 208-209.

John Brown, original caretaker at Pinecrest, has had a crew of 40 men at work for the past 2 months putting the golf course in fine condition for opening day, when players will be welcome to enjoy a good game and also to make use of the lockers installed for the general public. Bathing, tennis, shuffleboard and softball are among the many facilities to be featured.

Extensive decorating, painting and carpentry have been supervised by T. O. Martin of Avon Park, while Mrs. Elizabeth Hein, general housekeeper for the Collier Florida Coast Hotels and of Mr. Arnold's former resort hotel, the Royal Worth in West Palm Beach (now known as the Pennsylvania) has directed her Palm Beach crew in the planning of the rooms, lobbies, etc. Mrs. Hein has used thousands of yards of material in making new draperies and recovering furniture for guest rooms, and open loggia. The cocktail lounge boasts entirely new decorations in the most modern manner.

Chef Henderson Worthington, who has been with Mr. Arnold for sixteen years, has completed his Palm Beach personnel now at work in the kitchen and will leave nothing to be desired by those appreciating good food.

Trained Palm Beach waitresses will be directed by Miss Lura Loomis, dining room hostess and head waitress, who will provide excellent service.

Another new feature to be introduced at Pinecrest is a gift shop with perfumes and toiletries for both men and women from New York's famous Henri Bendel. In charge of the office is Miss Marjorie Alling, also with Mr. Arnold at his summer club and the Collier hotels in seasons past.

Progress Being Made In City Clean-Up Campaign

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce board of directors, a committee on the Civic Pride Organization reported progress being made on the clean up campaign, and for the reason that the anticipated labor would have to continue picking fruit, the campaign will be extended to January 15th. . The city is continuing with its work under the supervision of Bob Still, park Superintendent, and will secure additional labor as soon as possible. It was pointed out that the merchants could greatly assist in this campaign by cleaning up their premises, and if they will notify the chamber of commerce, or the city, the accumulated rubbish will be picked up.

Special mention was made of various garages and appreciation was extended to them for their assistance in cleaning up their property.

Cards are being mailed to the various individuals asking for labor service, explaining that the labor will not be obtainable for several days, but as soon as possible, their requests will be handled.

The committee urges that all citizens continue in cleaning up their individual properties, and to submit their requests and ideas as to other property that should be cleaned up. .

List of Those Receiving Welfare Aid Increased

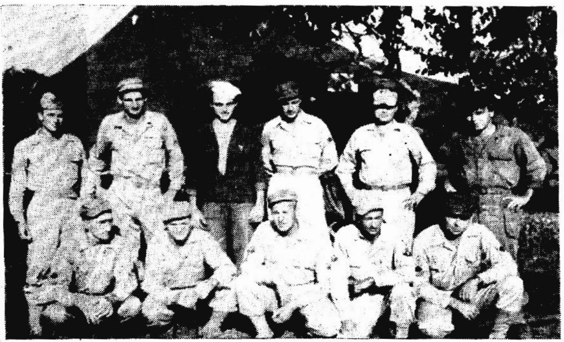
Jacksonville, December 28, 1944. Figures made public here today at the office of the State Welfare Board by State Welfare Commissioner Leland W. Hiatt showed that the number of recipients of old age assistance getting the maximum payment of $40.00 per month allowed by law has been largely increased, due to additional state funds.

In Highlands County, Hiatt announced, 30 persons received this maximum during November. For the state as a whole the number had increased to 6,577 from 172 at the beginning of the last fiscal year.

Recipients of aid to the blind receiving the maximum had also largely increased, the commissioner added, 523 now getting the top amount.

In the aid to dependent children group, where payments are limited to $18.00 per month for the first child under 16 years of age, or under 18 if attending school, and $12.00 per month for other children in the home, maximum payments were made to 3,419 of 4,207 families on the November rolls. The need of other recipients did not warrant their receiving the maximum amount.

Total number of recipients in the three categoriese during November were announced as: Old Age Assistance, 39,542; Aid to the Blind, 2,290; Aid to Dependent Children, 4,207 families (10,271 children).



THE OLD AVON PARK OUTFIT — First row, L/R: M/Sgt. Jimmy Sellers, Cpl. Billy Merriwether, T/5 Brady Parrish, T/5 Oren Derkman, T/Sgt Bud Clark. Standing, 1st Sgt. Merle Landress, Cpl. James Ward, RM3/c Harry Barnard, S/Sgt. Albin Ebi, T/5 Floyd Pate, S/Sgt. Herman Bowman. Missing from the picture were CWO Fred Garrett and T/5 T. W. Loftin, Jr.

Official AAF Photo

VICTORY GRIN — Second Lt. Ben T. Crosby of Avon Park, a 15th AAF P-51 Mustang fighter pilot, is pleased about the whole thing as he is presented the Air Medal by Colonel Ernest H. Beverly, Laurinburg, N. C., his group commander.

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Lt. Tillman Crosby Receives Air Medal from 15th AAF

15TH AAF IN ITALY — (Special to The Sun) — Second lieutenant Ben T. Crosby, Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Crosby, 121 E. Walnut St., Avon Park, Fla., has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

The citation accompanying his award reads, "For meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy between the dates September 6 and October 4, 1944."

Entering the army in April 1940, Lt. Crosby was awarded his pilot's wings on November 3, 1943, after completing his advanced training courses at the army air base, Eagle Pass, Texas.

He left the States for foreign service in August, and has completed nine successful high altitude heavy bomber escort missions from an Italian base.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Burrough Arrive at Pinecrest for Season

Among the first of the season's guests at Pinecrest Lakes Club are Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Burrough of Boston, Massachusetts, who expect many of their northern friends to join them here during the winter months.

The Burrough's son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Arnold Burrough will arrive for the holiday week-end, and will remain with their parents for two weeks or more. Lt. Burrough, now stationed in Jacksonville, is convalescing from a recent operation following his return from California, where he served a long period of active duty in the Pacific Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrough, who plan to spend the entire season at Pinecrest, have been with Mr. Kenneth Arnold, the Club's manager, for many winters past at his hotel in the Palm Beaches.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Woman's Club will meet at the parish house on Friday, Jan. 5, with Rev. John E. Daley, conducting the opening devotional. Rev. E. S. Hedgebeth will give a talk on "Public Speech." Mrs. G. S. McKnight is chairman of the hostess committee for the afternoon.

The Avon Park schools will reopen Thursday morning at the usual time, 9:00 o'clock, after being closed for the holidays.

Pvt. Howard Wray has finished training at Camp Blanding and will leave January 3 for Fort Meade, Maryland, for overseas shipment. He is at home visiting his wife, and mother, Mrs. Cora Wray.

Parke Anderson Attends Convention of Farm Bureau

C. Parke Anderson of Avon Park returned last week from Chicago, where he was one of 16 Florida Farm Bureau delegates who attended the American Farm Bureau's annual convention.

This convention, attended by more than 4000 other farmers and farm women from every state in the union, and from several foreign countries, undertook many vitually important matters for the year ahead, according to the state Farm Bureau Federation. Among these were:

Preservation of the cooperative credit system, farmer-owned and farmer-controlled.

Further extension of electric service to farm homes.

Increased support for land grant colleges, experiment stations and extension service.

Sale of government-owned surplus property direct to farmers or their local dealers without opportunity for large profits to speculators.

A federal tax program under which taxing will be done to produce revenue, not as a means of social reform.

Continuation of price controls as long as necessary to protect farmers when relative prices of farm commodities and manufactured items would otherwise be greatly to our disadvantage.

Expansion of voluntary military training as a part of our educational system, as opposed to compulsory military training.

A road program which will do justice to rural roads.

Sale of surplus government-owned farm land to its original owners at the price they received, adjusted for improvements or for damage.

Preservation of free press, free speech and free radio, subject only to censorship for important military reasons.

Production of adequate farm machinery and repair parts.

Preservation of international cooperation in military matters, world peace and world trade.

Assistance to returning war veterans on a basis which will be sane and permanently helpful to them.

And, perhaps most important, an effort to reach agreement with industrial leaders and the saner elements in organized labor to secure an economic balance which will make possible security for labor, stability for industry and parity for agriculture.

Chas. Hamans, and two cousins. of Scott Wells from Lakeland spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Wells.

Lt. Julius Blake Tells Experiences In European War

First L. Julius Blake, combat veteran who was reported missing in action for six months and now an instructor at Hendricks Field, stated Tuesday noon when he spoke at a joint meeting of the Sebring Lions and Rotary clubs, that the citizens of German occupied countries are living each day with the sole hope of the American invasion of their countries.

A member of the 94th Bomb Group, Lt. Blake was on his seventh mission when his plane was damaged so badly that he and his crew bailed out over enemy occupied continental Europe. When he bailed out he lost a shoe. After landing in the snow with only one shoe he went to a farm house for help and received help from the patriotic citizens of the town. In this town and others like it the doors were shut and bolted and the windows locked. He said that no automobiles were operated by civilians unless they worked for the Germans.

He remained for four months in the homes of various families posing as a civilian, eating only one meal a day and that consisted mainly of potatoes which was the only food that was plentiful. He made several trips on trains during that time but was not caught by the Gestapo.

He left the homes of the town's people after approximately four months and went to the home of a priest who took him to a woods where two other Americans were hiding. They were near a river over which the Germans retreated when the Allied forces began the invasion. At one time they were in the middle of the field of fire from both the German and American troops.

After going without food for 72 hours Lt. Blake and the other two Americans were found by the American troops. He said that the citizens there were just living for that day when the American soldiers came in and drove the Germans out.

Lt. Blake returned home several months ago and is now stationed at Hendricks Field as an instructor. — Sebring News.

Tommy McGuire of Sebring Second Pacific Air Ace

Major Thomas McGuire, Jr., is the second highest ranking ace now in the Southwest Pacific with 38 Japanese planes to his credit, it was announced this week. Maj. Richard I Bong, of Poplar, Wis., holds the top record with 40 planes to his credit.

Maj. McGuire downed seven planes over Leyte and Luzon in 48 hours. Flying together over the Philippines, Maj. McGuire and Maj. Bong, matched victory for victory but Maj. Bong always stayed ahead.

"Tommy" as he is better known holds nine Air Medals, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross. He is credited with 720 combat hours and more than 240 combat missions.

Recently the Fifth Air Force published a book, "Combat Tactics in the Southwest Pacific." The author is none other than Maj. McGuire, Jr. .

Mrs. Blum Hears From Son During Christmas Holidays

Mrs. Lucy Blum and her son, Garvice Wells had a good Christmas present in the way of a message from their son and brother, Warrant Officer George Bernard Wells, Japanese prisoner of war, who was captured on the Island of Guam, soon after Pearl Harbor. The card, written in October, and received here Dec. 23 said that he was as well as could be expected, and wanted a package of candy, cigarettes, and cheese sent to him. The messages heretofore have been about six months old when they were received here.

Remnant of Old National Guard Still Together

Shown at left are ten Avon Park soldiers who left here with Headquarters Battery, 56th F. A. Brigade, old Avon Park National Guard unit. The picture was taken in front of an army tent in New Guinea, where the men were members of Headquarters Battery of a division artillery. The group has since been transferred to the Netherlands East Indies. CWO Fred Garrett and T/5 T. W. Loftin were absent when the picture was taken.

These boys are all that is left of the old outfit — at least all that have stuck together. Other members have been transferred to other units and are scattered in the various theaters of war.

This group left here November 21, 1940, when the National Guard was taken into the army, but somehow they stuck together. Latest to leave was, T/Sgt Bud Clark who was sent home before the group sailed for their present station, and is now at Miami for reassignment. The Sun is indebted to him for the picture which he brought home with him.

The sailor in the picture is another story. RM3/c Harry Barnard of Avon Park, was in a hospital in San Francisco when his ship sailed for New Guinea, and he was sent over on another ship and was supposed to find his ship at one of the landing places in New Guinea. But when he arrived, his ship had already gone, so Harry was still a sailor without a ship. While he was waiting around, he took the opportunity of visiting the home town crowd, and so had his "pitcher took."

Winter Guest Club Has Annual Christmas Dinner

The Avon Park Winter Guest Club served its third annual Christmas dinner at its clubhouse on East Boulevard Christmas day. Sixty-three members and invited guests were present. Four roast turkeys and all the accompaniments were skillfully and daintily served by the ladies of the club.

Before being seated, Emory Jennings, a former member of long standing, and now of Bradenton sought Divine Blessing for all present and absent members, for all of our boys at the fighting fronts, and prayed for an early victory and a speedy end to the war.

Judging from the apparent relish with which the diners feasted, and the rapidity with which the holiday delicacies disappeared from the heavily laden festive board, and the satisfied expressions afterward, the dinner was an undoubted success.

The day outside was perfect. The sky was cloudless. Not even a stray cumulus appeared to add its luster to the deep azure-blue of our Florida sky. The temperature stood at 80 Deg. F. or better.

Immediately, dinner over, the men began shedding their coats, and after a brief period of relaxation for smokes and conversation, the pinocle tables and shuffleboards were soon filled with players.

To most of those present, it did not seem like Christmas. It was more like an old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic in the park. They missed the sparkling snow, the jingle of sleigh-bells, and the keen crisp, invigorating air, of former Christmasses back home.

Nevertheless, as evening set in, and visitors from a distance began to depart, all seemed to feel that it was indeed "The end of a perfect day."

New Year's Rodeo at Howey-in-the Hills Opens Sunday

Howey-in-the-Hills, Dec. 27 — (Special) — "Two big days of thrills, chills and spills," is the way manager Waters of the Floridan Country Club describes events planned for Sunday Dec. 31 and Monday, (New Year's Day) January 1, when the Orange Blossom Rodeo is staged at Howey-in-the-Hills.

Scheduled on this gala two day program will be such events and features as bronc riding, bull dogging, calf roping, bull riding, trick and fancy riding and a number of other special acts with an all star cast of outstanding rodeo performers participating.

Floridians are cordially invited to spend their New Year holiday week-end at Howey-in-the-Hills.

CHEWING GUM FROM INDIA

Mrs. Anna Belle Worden, popular secretary of the chamber of commerce has received a letter from India containing a stick of gum, sent by Pvt. A. P. Incollingo, formerly stationed at APAAF. Mrs. Worden recalls that when Pvt. Incollingo was in the chamber of commerce one day while here in Avon Park that she mentioned the chewing gum shortage. Thereafter, each morning, a stick of gum was found beneath her office door. The gum failed to show up one day; Pvt. Incollingo had been transferred; and now he is heard from in India, still with a stick of gum to offer.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazis Gird for Counter-Blow; B-29s Rip Japs' Home Industry; Approve Huge Waterway Bill

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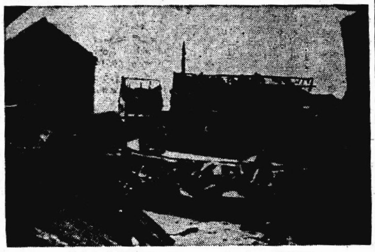


Converted into fortress by Germans, the town of Langerwehe was reduced to rubble by Allies in advance into Reich.

EUROPE:

Nazi Hopes

Fighting now with its back to the wall, a desperate Germany is drawing up its dwindling strength for one great counter-blow next year in the hope of yet winning the war, according to advices from London.

The reports came through even as the enemy struggled to retard U. S. armies' steady advances on the Ruhr, Rhineland and Saar, and the Russian march on the Austrian gateway.

In Hungary, the Nazis retreated to mountainous terrain both in the north and south, in an effort to slow up the Russians' steady advance upon Austria, 100 miles distant.

In reputedly preparing for a counter-offensive, the badly mauled but fanatical enemy apparently was placing his hopes in a still strong army, whose forces have been carefully husbanded; in new weapons, and in short supply lines.

With 4,000,000 Germans in the field in both the east and west, the Nazis have been fighting a defensive war from strongly fortified positions in recent months in the hope of inflicting maximum losses on the Allies and keeping their own casualties to a minimum. Because of the employment of many foreign workers inside the Reich, they have been able to draw heavily on their own manpower.

Now being used against Allied troops in the west, the V-1 buzz bomb and V-2 rocket are two of the new weapons the Nazis intend to utilize in any counter-assault. They have hinted at the production of two other destructive weapons, but the only other one that Allied authorities have knowledge of is a submarine with new devices for underwater breathing, which they intend to unleash against shipping.

Rep. Clare Booth Luce (left) confers with Gen. Patton on Third army front.

Finally, the enemy hopes that his short supply lines in contrast to our longer ones will enable him to feed his armies with much greater rapidity, but here concerted Allied bombings can be expected to play havoc with his land routes.

Whatever the German plans, Allied armies were giving the enemy no chance to dream, as they maintained their terrific pressure both in the west and east.

New Political Crisis

To the complicated European political scene was added another disturbing incident in the Russian sponsored Polish National council's announcement that the new year would see the formation of a provisional Polish government independent of the U. S. - British backed Polish exile regime in London.

Declaring that it would be the new provisional government's concern to break up large estates for the distribution of land to 8,000,000 propertyless tenants, a National Council spokesman assailed the present exiled regime as being representative of the powerful nobility bucking Soviet influence in Poland because of a fear of reform in ownership.

In Greece, the British moved to patch up differences between radical and rightist elements and restore order in that country fronting Britain's Mediterranean lifeline.

PACIFIC:

Fear B-29s

Aimed at knocking out the great industrial centers of the Japanese homeland, supplying enemy forces on far-flung Asiatic fronts, superfortress air raids were stepped up, with one force of over 100 B-29s setting fire to the Mitsibushi twin-engine bomber and fighter plant at Nagoya below Tokyo.

As a result of the growing B-29 attacks, Japanese officials, who once described the assaults as attempts to lower enemy morale, took a more serious attitude toward the bombings, claiming that their steady extension presaged wide damage, necessitating the evacuation of civilians from danger areas.

As the giant superfortresses winged their way over the heart of Japan's loosely knit Asiatic empire, U. S. forces in the Philippines moved steadily ahead in reducing that great stronghold protecting the enemy's supply lines to the Indies. On Leyte, the Japs were faced with slow strangulation as General MacArthur's forces continued to compress them in the northwestern corner of the island, with their lines under attack from the north, east and south.

WATERWAYS:

Huge Program

Large-scale development of U. S. waterway resources was authorized by congress in a $1,000,000,000 flood control bill, while conferees from both houses met to iron out differences for approval of expenditures of an additional $500,000,000 in projects.

Part of the country's job creating program when peace comes, the two bills provide for flood control, navigation, reclamation and hydro - electric power, with the $1,000,000,000 measure calling for an initial appropriation of $400,000,000 for the development of the Missouri river valley by army engineers and the bureau of reclamation.

In acting on the bills, the senate rejected the effort of Senator Aiken (Vt.) to push through the $421,000,000 St. Lawrence seaway and power project as an executive agreement requiring a majority vote rather than as a treaty calling for a two-thirds margin.

EGGS:

WFA Program

With demands of the services and the Allies expected to account for approximately 26,500,000 cases, there will be little surplus of eggs in 1945, Lieut. Col. R. W. Olmstead, deputy director of supply for the War Food administration, told a trade meeting in Chicago.

Colonel Olmstead spoke after the WFA announced that beginning January 1 it would support prices at 27 cents a dozen for producers of candled eggs and 24 cents a dozen for current receipts to represent 90 per cent of parity as required by law.

About 25,000,000 cases will be needed for the processing of 365,000,000 pounds of dried eggs for the services, Russia, Britain, Belgium, Holland and France, Colonel Olmstead said, and, in addition, Britain is expected to take approximately 1,500,000 cases of shell eggs. What surplus remains may be disposed of through school lunch programs, institutions or for tankage.

In revealing that WFA has reduced its 1944 holdings to 150,000 cases of shell eggs, Colonel Olmstead said that no stocks would be dumped on the market in 1945, with prices tending to reflect production costs which are expected to remain high through the year.

WORK ORDER:

New Draft Rule

With 300,000 workers needed for critical war industries, the nation's draft boards checked through their files to offer those in the 26 to 37 age group not presently engaged in essential production the alternative of "working or fighting."

Reversing a previous Selective Service policy of granting liberal deferments for the group over 30, local boards are expected to adopt a more stringent attitude toward considering the essentiality of a registrant's employment, it was thought. Registrants who left deferable positions for less important work will face a return to their old or similar position or induction.

While the latest crackdown principally was prompted by the move to provide manpower for essential industry, Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey declared that increased military activity called for a greater amount of replacements, with the result that a 10 to 20 per cent increase in inductions could be expected in the next few months.

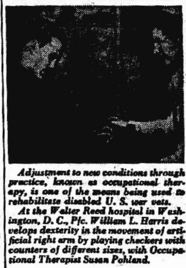
Output Lags

Although production of critical war material rose 6 per cent in October over the previous month, a greater increase for the remainder of the year is necessary to assure required deliveries to the services, the War Production board reported.

In reviewing October production, the WPB said the following programs were below schedule: aircraft, 3 per cent; ships, 1 per cent; guns and fire control, 4 per cent; ammunition, 2 per cent; combat and motor vehicles, 5 per cent; communications, 6 per cent; and other equipment and supplies, 1 per cent.

Particularly critical, it was reported, are the tire and cotton duck production programs, what with 500,000 vehicles in operation on the western front alone, and the Nazi destruction of shelter in the bitter scorched earth fighting necessitating much tenting.

Rehabilitate Vets



Adjustment to new conditions through practice, known as occupational therapy, is one of the means being used to rehabilitate disabled U. S. war vets.

At the Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., Pfc. William L. Harris develops dexterity in the movement of artificial right arm by playing checkers with counters of different sizes, with Occupational Therapist Susan Pohland.

SMOKES:

Plan Allocations

As long as manpower shortages will persist and wartime conditions will make extension of facilities difficult, manufacturers will not be able to increase their already record production of cigarettes, the trade told a congressional committee.

Meanwhile, tobacco distributors announced plans for the adoption of nationwide rationing of supplies among retailers to assure equitable stocks for all smokers, with efforts made to readjust deliveries to shifting populations.

Speaking at the congressional hearing, Col. Fred C. Foy said that the army will have procured 68,000,000,000 cigarettes by the end of 1944, but movements of the smokes to the front line areas were impeded by limited facilities for unloading and the need for rushing more vital materials like food and gasoline to the combat zones.

AGRICULTURE:

Boost Ceilings

In a move designed to reflect parity to producers, the OPA hiked ceilings on cash wheat 4 cents, and at the same time raised the top on all hogs except sows, stags and boars to $14.75.

In announcing the ceiling boost on wheat, OPA revealed that the increase affects all levels of distribution, but could not disturb the cost of bread. The present subsidy of 19 cents a bushel to flour producers will stick until the first of the year, OPA said, when new rates will be established.

With official admission that the boost in the hog ceiling to $14.75 was effected to increase feeding of corn, the market for that grain spurted, although heavy country offerings tempered activity. At Chicago, hog prices were especially strong, partly because inclement weather kept large supplies on farms.

MISCELLANY

A recent survey shows that 18½ million Victory gardens were grown this year.

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The figures show that more than half of the U. S. farm people live in the 13 Southern states; cultivate less than one-third of the nation's crop land; and receive one-fourth of the nation's farm income.

V-Girl's Day Belongs to Uncle Sam

Three jobs, 101 hours a week, seven days and nights a week—and 85 per cent of her earnings going into war bonds!

That leaves comely Genevieve Delcioppo of Syracuse, N. Y., 27-year-old wife of a tank driver in Italy, 6½ hours a day for sleeping—and time to do her own housework, which includes washing, ironing and cooking.

In addition, this V-girl finds time to donate blood.

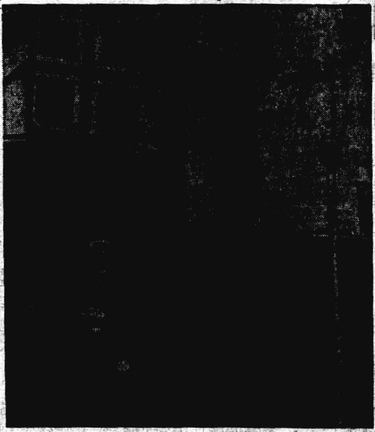
From 7:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., six days a week, Genevieve has been operating three machines and a "sander."

From 4:30 p. m. until 10:30 p. m., Monday through Friday, she has been frosting cakes and acting as shipping clerk for Syracuse's Mohican bakery. Saturday nights and Sundays, she works as a counter waitress at McCarthy's Seafood restaurant. She took that job last June.

Governments of Many Nations Changed As Liberating Armies Advanced in 1944

Common People Get Chance to Establish Democratic States

Governmental changes that shared world importance with the war news marked the year 1944. Iceland became a republic; five Soviet Socialist republics again took their places in the U. S. S. R.; four Nazi-shackled countries were liberated; and three Axis satellites deserted. A year-end bulletin from the National Geographic society reviews these momentous events.



The president of the newly established Icelandic republic, Sveinn Bjornsson, addresses the nation by radio on June 17, 1944, the day the island dissolved its union with Denmark.

On June 17 Iceland became a modern republic. On that day the Althing—an 11-centuries-old legislative body sometimes called the "Grandmother of Parliaments"—elected the nation's former regent, Sveinn Bjornsson, president. In a national election held in May the people had voted to dissolve their union with Denmark.

First settled in 874 and organized as a republic 56 years later, Iceland was independent until 1263 when it joined with Norway. Both Iceland and Norway came under Danish rule in 1381. Norway was separated from Denmark by cession to Sweden in 1814, and the two countries formed a union which lasted until 1905 when the union was ended by mutual agreement. Icelanders had long agitated for independence, but it was not realized until 1918. Iceland was then recognized as a separate kingdom with unlimited sovereignty.

Germany tried in prewar years to get control of this strategic North Atlantic island by establishing commercial routes. British forces were stationed on the island shortly after the beginning of World War II. They were replaced in 1941 by American units.

Re-enter U.S.S.R.

Five other republics, 1,500 miles or more to the east, resumed their prewar status. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, freed from Nazi occupation, again became a part of the Soviet Union as Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republics. All three had first entered the Union in 1940.

The Karelo-Finnish Republic, farther to the north, was the fourth to be added to the Soviet family. It also had first entered the Union in 1940. Its border city of Viipuri guards the western approach to the city of Leningrad. Russia's new Arctic port of Pecheng (Petsamo), acquired from Finland in September, extended Russian boundaries westward to Norway.

The fifth state restored to Russia in 1914 is the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic, a slice of territory lying between the Ukrainian Republic and Romania. Once known as Bessarabia, this area has experienced a round of governmental changes. Before World War I it was Russian ground; from 1918 to 1940 it belong to Romania. It was turned back to Russia in 1940 and set up as a republic of the Union, only to be reoccupied by Romania the next year.

To four German dominated nations — France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Greece—freedom came toward the close of the year. France, whose liberation was heralded by Allied landings on the Normandy coast, June 6, was almost completely free by the middle of September.

General Charles de Gaulle's Committee of National Liberation was recognized on October 23 by the U. S. state department as the de facto government of France. On September 21 President Roosevelt appointed Jefferson Caffery, former United States ambassador to Brazil, as ambassador to the French government now established in Paris. On Armistice day France was formally invited to become a full-fledged member of the European advisory commission meeting in London.

Belgium's Regent.

Belgium, whose national liberation released its own governing agencies, immediately took steps to restore its prewar standing. In the absence of King Leopold III, held in Germany, 41 - year - old Prince Charles, brother of the king, became "Regent of the Realm," to act until the king returns.

Crown Prince Umberto was named Prince Lieutenant General of the Realm of Italy by his father, King Victor Emanuel, who abdicated when Allied troops entered the capital in June, 1944.

In September, the tiny Duchy of Luxembourg, neighbor of France, Belgium and Germany, celebrated its freedom from four years of Nazi tyranny.

Allied fighting men landing in Greece in October helped Greek patriots to oust the Germans. Internal political problems had divided the people into factions, some opposing the return of the monarchy. The cabinet decided to inform King George II, in London, that resumption of his powers was conditioned on popular will.

Late in the year, Netherlanders saw the beginning of the Allied attempt to smash the western anchor of the German defense system, prelude to liberation. From the southwest Pacific came more good news—for the first time in more than four years the nation's flag flew over Hollandia in Netherlands New Guinea.

Axis-satellites Finland, Romania and Bulgaria broke their ties with the Nazi government, and moved toward agreements with the Allied powers.

Shifts in Italy

King Victor Emanuel III stepped aside in favor of his 39-year-old son, Umberto, designated "Prince Lieutenant General of the Realm." Premier Ivanoe Bonomi and his Italian cabinet contributed a novelty when they took office in June. They did not take the customary oath to the crown; instead they pledged themselves to fulfill their duties according to the constitution. The United States resumed diplomatic relations with Italy in October when Alexander G. Kirk was named ambassador. On November 10 the presidency of the Allied Commission for Italy was transferred from military to civilian direction.

The fledgling republic of Syria, liberated from the Vichy-French in 1941, added to its territory the independent mountain-kingdom of Jebel Druz. Its people, dwellers in southern Syria, voted to yield their administrative and financial independence, and merge the management of their affairs with the government of Syria. President Roosevelt appointed George Wadsworth minister to the republics of Syria and Lebanon.

Closer bonds between the United States and its African protege Liberia were assured by the December, 1943, treaty, the provisions of which were made public on October 30, 1944. The treaty stipulates that all naval, military and air installations will be supervised by the U. S.

Significant changes took place in 1944 in the New world. Argentina abolished all political parties and instituted strict censorship of the press. The tiny Atlantic island of Bermuda modernized some of its ancient laws. For the first time in the three centuries of its history women were given the same voting privileges as men.

Philippines to Be Free.

Events in the Pacific area were highlighted by the return to the Philippines of President Sergio Osmena and his cabinet with the invasion forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The presence of the official was only suggestive of the resumption of authority on home soil, for it was understood that island affairs will continue to be administered from Washington.

The future status of the Philippines was defined in two resolutions adopted by the U. S. congress, and signed by President Roosevelt on June 30. These resolutions grant independence to the islands as soon as the Japs are ejected, and provide for defense by the construction of United States military and naval bases.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle, head of the provisional government of France, reviews the 1944 Armistice day parade in Paris, flanked by Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden of Great Britain. France was formally invited to become a member of the European Advisory committee by the British statesmen.

Record-Breaking Dams Are Constructed During the Year

The Kentucky dam, on the Tennessee river near Paducah, became the 21st dam in operation under the Tennessee Valley authority. Its 184-mile reservoir, longest in TVA, provides 4½ million acre-feet of water storage space, which would be enough to absorb two feet of Mississippi river flood crest at Cairo, Illinois. Nearing completion is Fontana, largest and highest dam in the eastern United States, on the Little Tennessee river in North Carolina. It is the only other TVA dam now under construction.

Biggest rolled-fill earthen dam in the world is the Denison (Texas) dam on the Red river, completed early in the year by army engineers. Its 127,000-acre lake backs 90 miles up the Red river to Gainesville, Texas, and 60 miles up the Washita river to Ravia, Okla. To save Oklahoma's Cumberland oil field, the Washita was detoured by construction of 4½ miles of dikes.

California's vast power and irrigation program moved forward as the last concrete was poured on Shasta, second highest dam in the world (560 feet). Water from the Friant dam in the San Joaquin valley began on June 4 to pour through the new Madera canal.

Army engineers completed the concrete Norfork dam on the North Fork river in Arkansas, to supply power and control floods in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri.

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Michigan's Duplicate Lakes

No state approaches Michigan in duplicating the names of lakes. For instance, 440 of these bodies of water are known by only five names, 56 being called Twin lake, 59 Round lake, 65 Bass lake, 87 Long lake and 173 Mud lake.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Commercial motor vehicles in the U. S., based on gasoline allotments, are expected to run 56 billion miles a year. Reduced to truck tire wear, that represents a tremendous number of tires.

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BRINGS BLESSED RELIEF

When the New Year Will Arrive Among U. S. Fighting Men the World Over

Many churches of America, of all denominations, will keep their doors open Sunday and Monday in order that relatives and friends of American fighting men and women throughout the world may offer New Year's prayers at the time their loved ones are welcoming in the New Year, no matter where they will be. These services are in addition to regular watch night services.

When 1945 reaches New York City in a blare of noise or a silence of prayer, it will already be early Monday evening just east of Australia in the Chatham Islands. Meanwhile, at Honolulu the clock will register 6:30 p. m. Sunday. The New Year is born on the lonely Chatham islands, 414 miles southeast of New Zealand, and races westward at 1,000 miles an hour. About 200 shepherds and fishermen, augmented with troops in the Chatham group, will celebrate the New Year by ringing the church bell on Hanson island. The international date line, near these isles, was set by the British admiralty and runs near the 180th meridian of longitude.

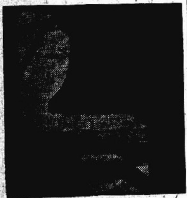
Bells Over the World Will Herald In a New Year of Promised Peace

For Centuries the Old Year Has Died to Tolling Of Bells—With Hope for Better Times.

> *"Never forget the cheerful and cordial observance of New Year's Day."*
> *—George Washington.*

Since early ages, the sound of stone, of hollow resonant wood, and of all the metals that came out of the earth, fashioned as a means by which man could make his gods hear him, have also been used to announce peace and the turning point toward better things of life.

The first bells were fashioned by primitive man of wood. Prior to this time the "click stone," sometimes called the first bell, was a resonant stone suspended by a thong and struck with a stick or another stone to give the ringing effect.



The first church bell was erected by Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in the city of Campania, Italy, in about 400 A. D. Early bells were baptized. In Switzerland a curious tradition is that all baptized bells take a trip to Rome every year during Passion weeks and get back in time to be rung on Easter morning.

"All they thunder here are harmless!
For these bells have been anointed
And baptized with holy water.
They defy our utmost power."

The science of music of bells has been recognized in some of the leading music institutions of the world. M. Kamiel Lefevre is carillonneur of the Riverside church in New York City where the chief of carillons, by size and scope, were installed. He has started a movement for the wide development of carillon music, believing they could be made an element in promoting human accord and genuine sympathy among the many racial groups in America.

Just when bells were first used to announce the end of the old year and the start of the new is not known. Long before the clock had found its way to the tower, they had been used to announce time, often united with the observance of the canonical hours. By this usage a monastery became timemarket to the neighborhood.

RING OUT, WILD BELLS

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—LORD TENNYSON.

Variety of Uses for Old Greeting Cards

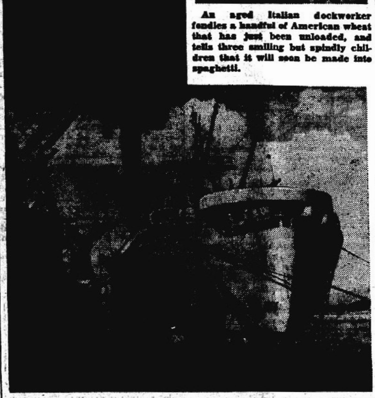
Don't throw away the Christmas and New Year's cards you have received. Almost every church and philanthropic society has a committee which collects greeting cards and sends them to institutions, hospitals and organizations that put your greeting card to good use. If you take the trouble to distribute in some such fashion the greeting cards you have saved, you'll earn the satisfaction of sharing with others the joy the cards brought you.

The next time you wrap a gift for someone, glance through the greeting cards you have saved and pick out one with a colorful or appropriate picture on it. Cut the picture out neatly, glue or paste it on your gift wrapping. That's all there is to it and you'll be amazed to find you've transformed a plain package into something original and charming. Fancy gift wrappings are now scarce and seldom found on the market.

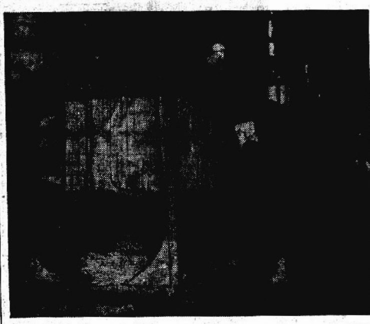
Wheat From America Ends Famine Threat In War-Torn Italy

The hunger of Italian civilians is being relieved by foodstuffs from America. Although Italy is largely an agricultural nation, it has not been able to provide for all its needs for many centuries, but has had to import grain and other provisions since the time of the Caesars. Now that both farming and shipping have been disrupted by war, the internal situation is serious in many localities. Children in particular have been suffering from malnutrition.

An aged Italian dockworker fondles a handful of American wheat that has just been unloaded, and tells three smiling but spindly children that it will soon be made into spaghetti.



A huge crane swings an unloading machine over the open hold of an American ship in an Italian port in the Castellammare area. More than 300,000 tons of wheat and flour were landed in Italy for the relief of civilians up to the middle of October.



A large part of the wheat and flour received from the United States is made into spaghetti. Here is shown one of the factories where this odd foodstuff is produced. The very modern machine in the background mixes the dough and squeezes it out in long thin tubes. They are cut to the proper length and hung on bamboo poles to dry.

Stunted and diseased little bodies are common.

Wheat is the principal food supplied by the United States, although great quantities of meat, dried vegetables, and powdered eggs and milk are also sent. Coal, petroleum, and many other essentials are also being shipped to help rehabilitate this stricken country. Great Britain is providing some of these goods. The U. S. army service forces, in conjunction with British army units, handle the transportation, warehousing and distribution of these supplies.

The amount of wheat and flour dispatched to Italy is approaching a million tons. Much of it is of the "hard-milling" varieties, used in manufacture of spaghetti, and the long twisted loaves of Italian bread. The Italians, like the French, depend upon breadstuffs for their basic food requirements to a greater extent than most other peoples.

As soon as possible, Italian farmers will be assisted to resume production on as large a scale as they can. American seed, fertilizer and machinery will be provided.

Taxicabs by Radio

Cleveland is trying out two-way radio system for dispatching of taxicabs. The plan has just been authorized by the Federal Communications commission on a three-months license plan.

Filipino Pupils Learn to Sing 'God Bless America'

PANAUAN, LEYTE, P. I.—Filipino grade school children began learning the words to "God Bless America" as the first school opened in liberated territory. The little tots repeated the words in unison, line for line, after their Filipino woman teacher.

It was the first time they had been allowed to speak of America publicly since the Japanese occupation over two years ago.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

In wartime, women, when out of uniform or working outfits, go in for Glamour and Beauty! It's the reaction from drab "on duty" dress. And now, just as in the last war, American Beauty is the color of the hour; lush, dramatic, beautiful! One huge artificial American Beauty rose, worn as a "hat," is combined with long American Beauty gloves and a mouth matching in color!

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT

A house that is geared to the "night shift" is run entirely different from one where people work regular hours, so if your household is one of these, be prepared to change your mode of living for the duration. You may be doing your washing at midnight and your cleaning at 3 a. m., but you will be happier if everyone in the household can keep the same hours.

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

One thing we like about tricks for teens is that they always keep up to date. Around Thanksgiving everyone was wearing lapel gadgets made out of a turkey wishbone (wish we had the turkey now). Now that the Christmas season is here, how about some of this yuletime foolery?

On the Ball—We're referring to those glistening Christmas tree balls which are just as gay around your neck, strung on ribbon, as they are on the tree. And try the very tiny ones as earrings.

Star Dust—Sprinkle some of that Christmas tree snow on your hair, just before the big party. Not enough to make you look like a walking White Christmas, but just a touch to put irridescent lights on your topknot. Think how you'll glisten when they dance with the lights out!

Tinsel Top —Instead of the wide velvet ribbon you've been wearing over your new flat hair-do, try a band of silver tinsel for the big New Year's party. Gives you a fairy princess glamour. Paging Prince Charming!

Spread Good Cheer—Buy some red and green sequins at the dime store or trimming counter and embroider "Happy New Year" in them across the front of a sweater. You can always rip them out later, but think of the fun you'll have wearing your greetings!

HERE'S LAUGHING AT YOU!

Here are the jokes that the soda fountain set is telling between sips. Corny or not, they're the comics that are tickling the teens.

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Recruit—The sergeant is always picking holes in me.

Corporal—Well, you came here to be drilled, didn't you?

—•—

'Twas in a restaurant they met—
Romeo and Juliet—
He had no cash to pay his debt,
So Rome-owed what Juli-et.

—•—

He—Where is the old-fashioned girl who fainted when a boy tried to kiss her?

She—Where is the old-fashioned boy who made her faint?

—•—

He—(to waitress)—What do you have tonight?

Waitress—Boiled tongue, calves brains and pigs' feet.

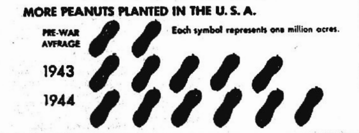
He—You'd better see a doctor.

DURATION DIRGE

We can get along with lipsticks
In messy cardboard cases,
And compacts made of plastics
Will beautify our faces.
We can get along with buttons,
Instead of pre-war zippers,
And since they're short of paper
We'll sip our cokes SANS sippers
We'll get along on rations
Until our country wins,
But what will take the place of
Our precious Bobby Pins?

TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Are you one of those gals who always yearns to meet "new people"? You're bored with the kids at school, you say? Don't fool yourself, chum, what you really mean is that you don't click so well with the school crowd and you think some other grass would be greener for you. Instead of mooning about, looking for new talent, why not try to find out what you haven't got that the home team wants. What makes the other gals popular? Whatever it is, you'd need it to click with "new people," too. It isn't a new crowd you need, it's a new YOU!



TELEFACT

MORE PEANUTS PLANTED IN THE U. S. A.

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'Dean of Railroad Women' Retires After 54 Years

HAVING fulfilled a vow she made to herself nearly 54 years ago to "make good . . . keep this job," Miss Katherine Loretta Connell, believed dean of American railroad women, retired from her Union Pacific job December 15.

It was on March 5, 1891, that Miss Connell went to work in Omaha for the U. P. as a freight car mileage clerk at $35 a month. "It was a very comfortable salary in those days," she smiled.

She has worked for the same railroad ever since, rising from grade to grade until she became assistant head clerk in the statistical bureau of the auditor of equipment service accounts.

Miss Connell went to work for the Union Pacific as the result of a promise made by S. H. H. Clark, president of the system in 1891, to her father, Patrick Connell.

Connell and Clark were brakemen on a railroad in Tennessee before the Civil war. Mustered out in 1865, they parted company. In 1869, they met quite by accident in Omaha. Connell was jobless. Clark was a yards official. Connell was hoping to find work so he could marry an Omaha woman widowed with two little children.

Clark suggested an immediate marriage, and obtained a job for Connell. In November, 1869, Connell, as a section foreman, took his bride and two children to the section house in Elkhorn, Neb. In this house, Katherine was born.

Miss Connell never knew her father, for shortly after her birth Connell died of pneumonia, contracted while working. Clark promised the widow that as her children grew up they would be given jobs with the railroad if they wished.

When Katherine was 15 and just out of eighth grade, Mrs. Connell reminded Clark of his promise.

"It seems as though it was only yesterday when I went to work for the Union Pacific," Miss Connell recalled. "Why I can remember the first day, walking over the viaduct and waving to the railroad men at work below.

"I remember I kept repeating to myself that I must make good, that I must keep this job." In those days the Omaha office, which was headquarters, employed about 500 people. Now there are 2,000 there.

Miss Connell has held supervisory positions with the company since February 1, 1900, when she was appointed assistant head clerk in the statistical bureau. W. M. Jeffers, present president of the railroad, is the 11th under whom she has served.

She is now 70 years old. Her mother died 19 years ago. Since the death a few years ago of a brother, Pat, who was head of the city employment bureau, Miss Connell's only kin are Pat's sons, Joseph D. and Richard P., both of whom are in the armed services.

The Rambling Rhymster

By LES PLETTNER

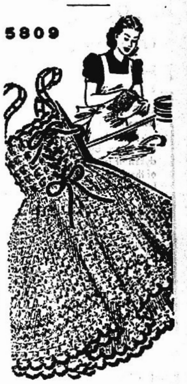
ANTAEUS

In other days, in olden time,
There lived one Antaeus.
He is the subject of our rhyme;
A unique sort of cuss.
It seems each time he was knocked down,
He got right up again
Ten times as strong, with baleful frown,
He went ahead to win.
The only way he could be licked
Was when he left the sward . . .
When he from terra up was picked,
And hoisted heavenward.
It seems to us that in this tale
Is food for pensive thought,
And that a lesson true to scale,
Old Antaeus has taught.
The lesson is, that when we're downed,
By adverse circumstance, we need not stay there on the ground,
Reclining on our pants.
We may get up with strength of ten,
To win the final round;
With thought that we are better men,
For having hit the ground.

Rescues Gas Stamps From Scrap Truck

LOS ANGELES. — Harry Hornstein, service station operator, contributed his wastepaper when the truck came by, then chased the truck four miles to get his contribution back. "The ration board would never have believed me," he muttered, picking out the 2,000 gasoline coupons he'd included.

Lovely Dishcloth Gay and Unusual



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Personals

S/Sgt S. C. Pardee Jr., who is stationed at the Third Air Force Headquarters at Benjamin Field, Tampa, spent the Christmas week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pardee.

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

Mrs. Laura P. Ward and daughter, Susan will return to Titusville next Tuesday, after spending the holidays here with Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee.

Miss Patricia Barry of Miami spent Christmas day here with friends.

Miss Mary Pardee will return to Atlanta next Tuesday, to resume her studies at Emory University, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee.

Flight Officer Sanford Hartt of Ft. Myers spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hartt.

Flight Officer Fred W. Patterson, who received his commission and wings as a bombardier at Victorville, Cal., arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson in Winter Haven this week for a leave before assignment. The Pattersons formerly resided in Avon Park. F/O Patterson's sister, Mrs. S. S. Thayer left Thursday to spend a few days in Winter Haven with her parents and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lockett returned home Tuesday from Miami, where they have been spending the past several months with their daughter, Mrs. C. S. English and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thayer and son and daughter, Thomas and Tirzah, and the former's mother, Mrs. G. P. Thayer spent Christmas in Winter Haven with Mrs. S. S. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson. Her sister, Mrs. Chas. Flemien of Kenton, Ohio returned to Avon Park for a visit here on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber and daughter, Gloria are spending several days in Miami, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Carmichael and family, who formerly resided in Avon Park.

Ensign Vernon Lanier of DeLand spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier.

Capt. and Mrs. Firman Church and two children of Miami, spent Wednesday and Thursday with the former's mother, Mrs. Margery Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Dyer spent Christmas in Hollywood visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leverette.

Miss Sara Browning of Sarasota is spending the holidays here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bozeman and daughter, Vicki of Lake Placid were the guests of Mrs. Bozeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stebbins and family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Virginia Cloud of Bartow spent a few days this week here with Mrs. W. S. Rawlings.

Robert E. Pidgeon of Chicago visited his brother, W. C. Pidgeon and Mrs. Pidgeon here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Roberts of St. Petersburg and Miss Dot Roberts of Sarasota were guests for the Christmas week end of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

Mrs. W. M. Sewell and daughter, Miss Dora Sewell of Canal Point were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Freed Peden spent Christmas in Dade City with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Peden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bannerman of Whiteville, N. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Boney during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Roberts spent the Christmas week end in Kissimmee with Lieut. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberts.

Mrs. Margie Wyszkowski and baby daughter, Shelle of Gadsden, Alabama, and Mrs. Wally Young of Chicago spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green.

W. A. Lanier of Zolfo spent Christmas with C. E. Lanier and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McWhorter spent Christmas in Mt. Dora with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCollough and family. They were accompanied home by Mrs. McCollough and sons, Billy and Bobby, who will spend about three weeks visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Crosby and son, Karl are moving this week to Sebring, where they will make their home. Mr. Crosby is employed at Hendricks Field.

Miss Clyde Chandler of Tallahassee and Miss Flora Chandler of Miami were guests during the Christmas holidays of their brother, and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Chandler.

Major Edward Keenan of Frostproof was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd and family Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smid of Lakeland spent Christmas here as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd and family.

H. B. Carpenter of Orlando is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ken Harris and family.

Mrs. P. J. Hunter and son, Jimmie of Baltimore, Md., who are spending the winter in Florida, arrived Friday for a visit with Mrs. W. S. Rawlings.

Mrs. Neal Trent of Jacksonville and her son and daughter-in-law, Flight Officer and Mrs. Neal H. Trent, Jr., of Victorville, Cal., visited Mrs. Trent's aunt, Mrs. Sue Saylor, and friends here this week.

Hardwick Page of Sarasota spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. T. G. Harrison.

Lt. and Mrs. Harry Burwasser of Camp Blanding spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Bartow was the guest of her son, J. A. Johnson Jr., and family for Christmas.

Harry W. Norton has returned to his home in New Orleans, after spending the Christmas holidays here with his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Jr., and family.

Miss Alma Harrell visited Mrs. C. A. Boxall, Jr., in Orlando during the Christmas holidays.

Walter G. Martin will return to Emory University, Atlanta next Tuesday, to resume his studies, after spending the holidays here at his home.

Jimmie Hetherington will leave Tuesday for Washington, D. C., to continue his studies at the Coast Guard Preparatory School, after spending the holidays at his home.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. E. C. (Bud) Clark left this week for Miami, where Sgt. Clark will spend the next two weeks at the rehabilitation center. He will be given a new assignment at the end of this period.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvice Wells spent Christmas in Moultrie, Ga. with relatives.

Mrs. Nell Stegall of Lake Wales spent Christmas with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Brisco Willis.

Mrs. Murray Elks arrived Thursday from New Orleans to spend several weeks here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hagan and Mrs. Russell Childs.

Miss Dorothy Lawhon will leave next Tuesday for Mars Hill, N. C., where she will continue her studies at Mars Hill college, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawhon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ley and son, Freddie and Mrs. G. D. Godwin of Tallahasse spent the Christmas week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin, parents of Mrs Ley and Mrs. Godwin.

Miss Peggy Jo Smith returned home Tuesday from Clewiston, where she had spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington and children, Jimmie, Marjorie and Michael spent Christmas day in Dade City with Mrs. Hetherington's mother, Mrs. S. F. Huckabay, her sister, Mrs. Catherine McIntosh and other relatives.

Hugh Myers and son, Bryan of Washington, D. C., were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kenney. They have spent several days this week visiting relatives in Miami, after which they will return here for New Year's, before leaving for their home in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Worden entertained as their holiday guests over the Christmas week end, Mrs. C. P. Worden, and Miss Helen Simmons, Winter Haven, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Knowles, Deland, Jim Bell, Orlando, and Mrs. Jack Knowles of Bowling Green, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer and daughter, Miss Winifred Archer and son, Billy spent Christmas in Sarasota with Mrs. Archer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Etheridge.

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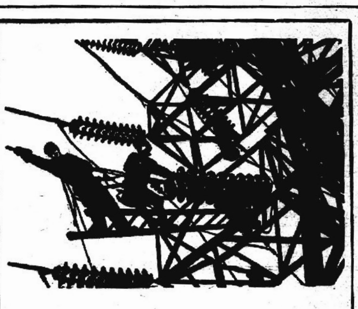
SUNDAY AFTERNOON—DECEMBER 31st, 2:00 P. M.
MONDAY AFTERNOON—JANUARY 1st, 2:00 P. M.



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