

Clubs and Parties . . .

By BETTIE E. BETHERRINGTON — Phone 54

Johnsons Hosts at Christmas Party Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson entertained at an agnony party at their home on Tuesday afternoon from five till seven o'clock, the lovely affair being given in honor of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Miss Ruth Norton, who is her house guest, and her father, Harry W. Norton of New Orleans.

Artistic arrangements of poinsettias, mistletoe, and Christmas greenery decorated the room which were lighted by the soft glow of many yuletide candles burning in silver holders. The dining table was covered with a lace cloth, and centered with a large silver bowl filled with sprays of poinsettias combined with greenery, and flanked on either side by tall red tapers in simple silver holders. Colorful fruit, in tiers, and candies graced the buffet.

Guests invited to share the occasion with the honor guests and host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herring, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoad, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Betts, Miss Nancy Betts, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Col. and Mrs. Dan Ellis, Mrs. Van Slayden, Mr. and Mrs. Demos Manda, Miss Peggy Manda, Miss Betty Semmes, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thayer, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Rev. and Mrs. John Daley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Worden, Mrs. Sue Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. C. O.

Jeannie Crews Has Birthday Party Friday

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Baptist Class Has Christmas Program Friday

Sgt. and Mrs. J. B. Turner are announcing the arrival of a baby son, weighing nine and one-half pounds, who arrived Saturday, Dec. 23 at a Sbering hospital. The young man has been named Jackie Darrell.

Rev. and Mrs. Loys Frink announce the birth of a baby son, Kenneth Royce, who arrived Tuesday, Dec. 12 at a hospital in Clearwater. The young man weighed seven pounds and 11 ounces upon arrival. Rev. Frink is an army chaplain and is stationed at Camp Gordon, near Atlanta. He was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Avon Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack P. Dalton of York, Nebraska, are announcing the arrival of a baby boy, who arrived Monday, Dec. 4. The young man, who weighed eight pounds and one and one-half ounces upon birth, has been named Conrad Ivan. Rev. Dalton is a chaplain at the army base in York. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Avon Park, before entering the service.

Droit Reports Sale of 12,000 Tags Since Dec. 1

R. X. Droit, Highlands county supervisor of registration, announced yesterday that 12,000 1945 tags for motor vehicles have been sold since the tags went on sale December 1.

Mr. Droit stated that the car owner has until January 15 to purchase his 1945 tag. He said that the people are not waiting until the last minute to purchase their new tags which is usually the case.

In order to receive a 1945 tag the motor vehicle owner must bring his car title with him.

Intermediates Have Weiner Roast Friday

Members of the Intermediate Department of the Baptist Sunday School were entertained at a weiner roast and party at the E. H. Lawton home on Thursday evening. The teachers, Mrs. Harold Guernit and Miss Evie Canup, were hostesses for the evening.

Weiners, roasted over a bonfire, were served with rolls and tea, and homemade cake. Games were played during the evening.

REUNION OF FRIENDS
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cheape of Nashville, Tenn., were the guests of Mrs. Cheape and his sister, Mrs. C. D. Putney during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Cheape, Mr. Everton, and Mrs. Putney are old friends and neighbors, but had not seen each other for 30 years.

Mr. Cheape's mother, Mrs. E. S. Cheape formerly owned property here. The group enjoyed a good Christmas dinner together, and had a good talk fest reminiscing over old times.

Reception Sunday For New Members of Baptist Church

A reception will be held at the First Baptist Sunday evening for all new members who joined the church during 1944. The reception will be held immediately after the evening worship service. At midnight there will be a baptismal service.

FORMER RESIDENT MARRIES IN ORLANDO
Mrs. J. B. Hart of Orlando, formerly of Avon Park, and Henry Jerome were married Tuesday, December 19 in Orlando. Friends here will be interested to learn.

EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY TO MEET WEDNESDAY

St. Margaret's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will meet at the parish house for a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, immediately following the 10:00 o'clock communion service. Mrs. Walter S. Betts, president, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. W. H. McCarthy and Mrs. Chas. F. Kenney are in charge of the luncheon arrangements.

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Baptist Class Entertained at Costine Home

Mrs. Frank Costine was hostess to her girl's class of the First Baptist Sunday School at a Christmas party at her home Thursday night. A lighted Christmas tree and decorations of holly and poinsettias created the typical yuletide atmosphere.

Games were played during the evening, and later, tempting refreshments of ice cream and homemade cookies in the chosen colors of red and green were served.

Those present to enjoy the party were Margaret Lawton, Joyce Davis, Gloria Bowman, Wilma Willis, Dolores Costine, Leah Jane Brown, and Marilyn Joy.

Party Saturday Honors Baptist Fellowship Group

The Young People's Department of the First Baptist Church entertained the Youth Fellowship Group on Saturday evening. The entire party met at the church and spread joy by singing Christmas carols before many homes in the city.

Later they returned to the church and enjoyed a weiner roast on the lawn. Weiners were roasted over a bonfire, and served with rolls, pickles, hot chocolate, and candy. A variety of games furnished further entertainment for the evening. About thirty attended the party.

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The first baby or babies born after midnight, December 31st, will be awarded the prizes in the order of their arrival in Avon Park. Namely, first prize to first baby; second prize to second baby; and third prize to third baby.

Proof of time of birth must be a letter from doctor that delivered the baby, stating time of birth, sex, name of baby and name and address of parents.

The prizes will be awarded Wednesday, January 10th, and the winners' names will be published in the Sun on January 13th, 1945.

This contest applies to Avon Park trading area only, including babies born at Avon Park Army Air Field.

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VIEWS FROM ITALY

The Sun is in receipt of an interesting letter from Chief Warrent Officer Robert E. McWhorter with the U. S. Army in Italy. Excerpts from the letter are as follows:

Since news of recent dates is forbidden by censorship regulations, I shall have to content myself with other items, the people of Italy and other thoughts.

Even though the Italian Government was at one time our enemy, I still feel, as do many others, that the Italian population was not as a whole our enemy. They have been a tragically misguided people in general, and force was used in numerous instances. After having soldiered through their fields, cities, court-yards and homes, I find the prevailing attitude toward war that exists in our own States: We have no ill will for any man, — let us remain with

our families — in our fields, — let us work, — let us rear our children and above all, — leave our church.

It is quite apparent to me that the axis power which is being driven slowly but surely out of Italy, to its own borders and possibly further, was determined to destroy or carry away everything possible that represented all that the Italians have lived for.

Those treasures that are world known and have been the envy of the New World for centuries. The enemy's mission now is, seemingly, not to win the War of Armies, but to, through such thorough destruction and devastation, assure themselves that they will not be alone in the years to come, in complete reconstruction. Therefore, our job here is much more impressive to us, even though we are on a seemingly small mission in comparison with the Pacific and other theatres.

The greatest thing to any soldier's army or group of armies is morale. When we get the full backing of you wonderful people

some, as we have so graciously had the privilege of having, no enemy can be too strong, — no battle too thick nor any job too hard for us. Our heritage is one never to be forgotten, — to be secured to none.

I sincerely trust that you and yours will have a Merry Christmas and that your New Year will be one of peace, happiness, and contentment.

LT. ALLEN, WINN AWARD
FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

AN EIGHTH A.I.R. FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England.
First Lieutenant, Merle F. Allen, Jr., a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force in England, has been presented the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, previously awarded.

A cluster is equivalent to another medal. The citation for Lt. Allen, and other flyers of the sharp-shooting 35th Fighter Group decorated at an outdoor ceremony by their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Landers, read:

For exceptionally meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by these officers reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Lt. Allen's wife, the former Debra Victor, lives at 805 East Cleveland Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Flying his Mustang "Dee Laura," Lt. Allen has destroyed two German planes.

He is the son of Major and Mrs. Merle F. Allen, of Avon Park, Fla.

Gov. Holland To
Return to Bartow
To Practice Law

Tallahassee, Dec. 28 (PNS) — Governor Holland will turn over the reins of state government to his successor, Millard Caldwell, on January 2nd and return to Bartow to become Special L. Holland, Attorney-at-Law, unless the Army acts favorably on his application to enter the service. Mrs. Holland is looking forward to returning to her Bartow home and is busy with plans for its improvement and the addition of a new trophy room to house the countless souvenirs gathered during her four-year stay at the Mansion.

Can you match wits with the used car dealer? Can you judge a good car from a lemon? If not, you had better read Vernon Pope's expert advice to prospective used-car buyers in the November Redbook Magazine.

Every drop of used cooking fat will continue to be needed until the Jap held devastated Pacific Islands again become fat producers. Save and turn in used cooking fats for cash and extra ration points.

Regulations For
Slaughtering Are
Explained by OPA

There has been a general misunderstanding among farmers, retailers and the public as to slaughtering regulations. Farmers must need to be in compliance with existing laws. J. J. Williams, district representative of the War Food Administration's Office of Inspection, said today. As a means of clarifying this misunderstanding, the War Food Administration and the Office of Price Administration have issued the following regulations effective since 25, 1944, farmers have been permitted to slaughter livestock which has been grown or fed for 60 days more by the farmer.

A farmer is deemed an "any person chiefly engaged in producing agricultural products as the resident operator of a farm," and the term "own," as related to livestock, slaughtered by farmers, is interpreted as the livestock which has been grown or fed for 60 days more by the farmer.

Farmers are permitted to sell such meat providing they (1) collect ration stamps as required by Office of Price Administration; (2) observe OPA coding, pricing and (3) mark the appropriate grade on the new, red, limb, or notation they offer for sale. Farmers are permitted to either grade their own meat or request a Federal grader to grade it for them.

Each licensed slaughterer who have been authorized to grade their own meat, and farmers, must stamp the appropriate grade marks along the chin bone down above the leg and on the belly with grade stamps not more than 2 inches apart.

All beef, veal, lamb, or mutton offered for sale by anyone, whether farmer or commercial slaughterer, must be stamped with the applicable grade mark.

Since farmers are not required to have a license or permit to slaughter, it is not necessary to have a license or permit number of the meats they sell.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IN PROBATE.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re: Estate of JOHN SCARF, FRANCHIS, deceased.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND JOHN SCARF, FRANCHIS, CLAIMANT, vs. JOHN SCARF, FRANCHIS, CLAIMANT. You and each of you are hereby notified and required to meet and come and defend which you, or either of you, may desire to do, at the estate of John Scarf, Franchis, deceased, late of said County, to the County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, at his office, the court house of said County, at Sebring, Florida, within the next thirty (30) days from the time of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: on or before the 10th day of January, 1945, at which time and place of testimony and proof shall be taken, and any party desiring to be heard thereon, or to object to or controvert any claim or demand made or to be made, shall be heard and so filed shall be void.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 28th day of December, 1944.
Attest: My commission expires, 4 years from date of commission.
First Publication December 15, 1944, Dec. 15, 22, 29 Jan. 5.

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At any rate, that is our wish for you, good friends, to whom we owe so much, and to whom we now pledge a continuation of the best possible service we know how to give.

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PHONE 208

Let's Start 1945
With a Clean Town

YOU CAN HELP BY OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS:

LABOR AVAILABLE

Simply call 280, Chamber of Commerce or 131 City Hall, and you will be assigned as many men as you need.

DISPOSAL SERVICE

The City of Avon Park will provide ample trucks for hauling debris and rubbish accumulated either by the above labor or by yourself. Simply deposit in piles at your curb.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED

If you know of a vacant lot that needs cleaning, simply refer that information to either of the above phone numbers.

COST TO YOU

The labor will consist of Bahamans, and their pay is 60¢ per hour. The city will collect from you for the labor you have used (on the above basis) and will pay the labor for you.

SUPERVISION

Mr. Bob Still, superintendent of city parks, will have charge together with other capable supervisors to see that you are given a full hours work for your 60¢.

WHEN

December 26th is the start of the campaign, and it will continue to January 2. Your simple part is to make your plans NOW, phone either of the above numbers, or call in person, and register your needs, the CIVIC PRIDE ORGANIZATION will do the rest.

LET'S ALL PITCH IN

One week is all that's needed. If you'll help by following the suggestions above, and taking care of your own, the job will be done. Roll up your sleeves, or open your purse, and AVON PARK can meet the New Year smiling.

TOOLS

If you own a rake, shovel, hoe, axe, cross cut saw, or other clean-up tool, and willing to loan it, you will assist the campaign measurably if you will mark the tool with your name, bring it to City Hall, and give it to Mr. Still who will be responsible for the items, and see that they are returned to you at the close of the campaign.

Civic Pride Organization

B-26 Cafeteria

New
year
Greetings
1945

1945 is just around the corner. All hail to the New Year! This is the season for new resolutions.

We have served you well in the past. Our aim is to serve you still better in the future. To this end we pledge our full devotion.

We want you to be happy this New Year's . . . and during the weeks and months that follow.

The Barnett Bank of Avon Park

Avon Park, Florida

THE SCENIC HIGHLANDS SUN



THE CHINESE pay off all debts on their New Year's Day, even though the wherewithal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people of this town—a debt that we can only pay off by giving the finest values and service it is possible to give. This we pledge to do in 1945. And for the immediate present—a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.

S. S. Thayer's Jacaranda Drug Company

Phone 215

'SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE
BE FORGOT'



THIS New Year's Eve, more so than for many years past, the songs we sing and the merriment we indulge in flow from hearts that are lighter, for we all know now that the future is brighter, and we can look forward to 1945 with the conviction that much better things are in store for us. With many thanks for past favors, and wishing you the full joy of this happy season, believe us to be ever at your service.

Smith Hardware Co.



HOPE

It was hope that sent the Spanish galleons plowing through uncharted seas . . . hope that kept them on their course until they sailed between the Virginia capes. It is hope that "brings eternal in the human breast," hope that gives to New Year its magnificent spirit and the will to do.

Hopes are stronger than wishes. We hope for you in 1945 the fulfillment of all you plan for today, the best resolution—that Father Time has ever meted out to you. And for right now, the happiest of New Years.

F. S. Jordon & Son

"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

(BY RUSSELL KAY)

NOTE:—Each Holiday I receive numerous requests for the republication of "Twas the Night After Christmas" written in 1938, so I am letting it serve as my column for this week, Russell Kay.

"Twas the Night After Christmas"

'Twas the night after Christmas, and boy what a house! I felt like the devil, and so did the spouse. The oggins and turkey and candy were swell, But ten hours later, they sure gave me hell.

The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care, The darn things were sprawled on the back of a chair. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, But I had a large cake of ice on my head.

And when I finally dozed off in a nap, The ice woke me up when it fell in my lap.

Then for some unknown reason, I wanted a drink, So I started in feeling my way to the sink.

I got along fine 'till I stepped on the cat, I don't recall just what occurred after that.

When I came to, the house was all flooded with light, Altho under the table, I'm as high as a kite.

While visions of sugar plums danced in my head, I somehow got up and then back into bed.

Then what to my wandering mind should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

The sleigh seemed to change to a red fire truck, And each reindeer turned into a bickery-eyed buck.

I knew in a moment it must be old Nick, And I tried to cry out but my tongue was too thick.

Then the old devil whistled and shouted with glee, While the buckles jangled the earth and looked daggers at me.

Then he called them by name, and the names made me shudder, When I heard them I felt like a ship minus rudder.

Now Egg-nog, Baccardi, Four Roses and Brandy, Now Fruit Chuk, Cold Turkey, Gin Rickey and Candy.

To the tip of his dome, to the top of his skull, Now whack away, crack away with thumps that are dull.

Then in a twinkling I felt on my roof The prancing and pawing of each cloven hoof.

How long this went on I'm sure I can't say, But it seemed like eternity, plus a long day.

But finally the night after Christmas had passed, And I found I really could think good at last.

So I thought of the New Year, a few days away, And I've made me a vow that no tempter can sway.

I'm sticking to water, don't even want ice, For there's nothing as tasty and nothing as nice.

The night after New Years may bother some guys, But I've learned my lesson, and Brother, I'm wise.

You can have your victuals, and liquor that's red, But what goes to my stomach won't go to my head.

So a big Happy New Year to you and to all, I'm back on the wagon and I hope I don't fall.

Russell Kay — 1938.

Championship Rodeo at Lakeland New Year's Week End

Lakeland's third annual rodeo will be their biggest yet. A three day away December 30 Saturday evening, December 31 and January 1 Sunday and Monday afternoons, will be climaxed by the choosing of a Florida amateur champion cowboy on Monday afternoon. The last day of the show. The winner will be chosen on the number of points he has picked up during the three days of the rodeo, and will be presented with a trophy.

The rodeo will be held at the new and roping breasted, as well as a cash prize in addition to the prizes won during the show.

Action begins Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, with a big parade through the downtown district of Lakeland. Leading the parade will be Nisey, Sniffles, the Rodeo Queen, riding the American Saddle, registered white horse, Snowstorm.

The Mustang club will ride in a group following the queen, and the Hillsborough Cattlemen's Association, guests of the rodeo, will ride in a group following the Mustang club.

Many horse drawn vehicles are expected, and horsemen from as far away as St. Augustine have told Claude Harden, the parade chairman, that they will be there.

This promises to be the biggest horse parade Lakeland has ever seen.

The first rodeo performance takes place at 8:00 o'clock Saturday evening in the Bryant Stadium. The stadium seats 200 people, so there should be seating room for all.

E. B. "Smoke" Sutton, rodeo chairman, says that this year the rodeo will move faster, and that there will be action every minute of the time the audience is watching the arena.

Wild bucking broncos and many cattle should make for plenty of excitement in the rodeo arena. Grade Brahman Cattle are being furnished by Jno. W. Weatherford and Smokey Sutton. Polk County ranch owners. It. Gott, owner of Gott Livestock Commission Company, is furnishing the bucking horses, and says he has some the

will be a feat for anyone to stay on.

Billy Keen, famous rodeo clown, will keep the rodeo audience amused and thrilled when he plays with the wild bulls and calves after the cowboys are through with them. Billy Keen will also give a trick riding exhibition which is plenty good, as is proven by the fact he has performed in Madison Square Garden.

The third day of the show, January 1, Monday, there will also be a Palomino show in conjunction with the rodeo under the management of Claude Harden. Palomino Horse breeder and member of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America. Classes will be held for stallions, mares, and colts. If enough entries are made to warrant it, there will also be a palomino gutted class. A meeting will be held at one o'clock New Year's day, before the rodeo, to organize a Florida Palomino Exhibitor Association. All those interested should get in touch with Claude Harden, care of the Lakeland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Rodeo judges are Frank Fore, Judge Emory Walker, Claude Harden, Dr. Floyd G. Martin and R. Joff. Timekeepers will be Harry Cox and Joker Marchant. A souvenir program of 48 pages, edited by Howard Platt, should be a fine souvenir of the rodeo.

Bunk house facilities will be provided for contestants during the rodeo.

The Municipal Voice may replace the old Town Crier. The City of Chicago recently installed a "mile-long" voice" on State Street, which was set up by sound engineers on the Stromberg-Carlson Company. Civic messengers can be heard by citizens a mile away.

1945

New Year's is at hand. Take over, Spirit of Youth! All aboard! for the better days to come.

May a ray of sunshine fall upon that new page to which we now turn. This is our wish for you.

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Marisusan Shoppe

NEW YEAR

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EXIT 1944

As the New merges into Tomorrow the bells begin to ring, whistles blow, and there is general rejoicing. Reason enough, for we all look hopefully to the future.

Our hope and wish for you is that 1945 will be a year of unsurpassed accomplishment, and that Good Health will attend you each day of the year.

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The year 1944 will soon be history. We are happy to say that we formed many new friendships during this eventful year, and strengthened many old ones.

To all of our friends, both new and old, we extend most cordial New Year wishes.

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IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE

Right now, on the eve of New Year's, when 1945 is ready to make its bow, it is indeed a pleasure to extend hearty greetings and good wishes to the people of this community.

We are at your service—always.

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR SON

(The following address was broadcast by Dr. Jordan in 1937, when he was professor of education at Cornell University. He read the paper at a recent Rotary program.)

Richard H. Jordan, Ph. D.
Professor of Education

The topic assigned for discussion this afternoon is doubtless the most difficult of all of our boy problems. I, myself, find great difficulty in approaching the subject for I have two sons of my own who are now college students, and I cannot feel that I have been conspicuously successful in dealing with this problem. Perhaps, however, others may profit by the mistakes that some of us have made. My best excuse for speaking is that I had twenty years of experience as a high school teacher and principal, and so have observed parental relations in hundreds of cases.

In general it may be said that mothers come nearer to their sons than do fathers, so that the Father-son problem is frequently more difficult than the relationship between mothers and their boys. On one point, however, the father has a distinct initial advantage. In the early years of the boy's life, his father is his hero and the important factor is to maintain this relationship, to be sure in a somewhat modified form, throughout life.

I made a study some years ago of school children in which I asked boys of different grades to indicate the person whom they would most like to resemble when they were grown up. The greatest number of boys in the lower grades (up to the fourth grade) put "father" in first place. He came before the President of the United States, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and certain local heroes. Of the boys of the fifth and sixth grades and the seventh and eighth grades, however, none mentioned "father." In that time he had given place to our national heroes, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Charles Lindbergh, and others had eclipsed him. It seems fair, then, to presume

that father looms very large in the thinking of boys in the early grades. Thus one of our problems is to continue the relation so that father will get a larger vote in the later years.

The father makes a great mistake who does not spend as much time as possible with his son during the formative years. After the evening meal and we hope that he will plan to be at home for the evening meal and we hope that he will plan to be at home for the evening meal and we hope that he will plan to be at home for the evening meal.

One must remember always that the boy's own affairs represent to him the vital things of life. That father who sympathizes with this point of view, who recognizes the large place which his childhood associates play in the boy's life, who indicates an interest where he cannot actually participate, will be most successful in the long run.

But one thing to be remembered at every age is that the boy does not like to be over-supervised by his father or mother. I have heard a great deal of talk about the fact that the father and son should be pals, they should be intimate associates. I think that while there is some truth in this contention, it is not wise to take too much of the lad's time. Boys should be encouraged to form associations with boys of their own age. They must realize that in the long run they have to learn to choose friends wisely, that they have to get along with others, to cooperate in school and in their games. In other words, they must develop a social sense. Father does not always fit into this picture and certainly the father who monopolizes his son's time is likely to stand in the way of his boy's learning to stand on his own feet with his own associates and friends.

On the other hand it is good for father, if it is possible for him to do so, to plan outings or trips where he and his son can occasionally have a day or more together. Thus, especially if they can get off in the woods for a day or fishing or hunting trip, or can make a trip to the nearby city, such procedure will bring them together in a very intimate and desirable way. Especially so, if the father endeavors to adapt himself to his son's point of view and interests, and does not attempt to assume too much the attitude of a mentor or a dictator.

I happen to have been very fortunate in this regard for some of the brightest spots of my boyhood are those in which I had the pleasure of a day with my father. So I can speak with a great deal of feeling on this topic, at my own father is today one of my own "heroes."

The most difficult time probably is the adolescent period during the ages approximately of twelve to eighteen. Both boys and fathers are apt to become immersed in their own affairs, the boy in the Boy Scouts or high school athletics or other hobbies, and the father immersed in business, so that there is a drawing apart. Here I must give my first warning. Both fathers and mothers have a tendency to attempt intimacy with their sons throughout this period on the basis of questioning. The boy is frequently put through a catechism, a barrage of interrogation. I believe that a great majority of boys resent questioning. It is too much like an inquisition and the result is that frequently the boy will shut up like a clam and nothing good results.

During this difficult period the boy should be left somewhat to his own initiative to volunteer something of his work and his other interests. Certainly there should be no tendency to check him if he is full of some triumph or other distinction which he has attained and which he is bursting to relate, even though this may seem trivial to the parent. Where the boy is of the close-mouthed type and not inclined to say much, the parent should study carefully topics of conversation which are likely to bring reactions from the son. Such a statement as, "I hear that the basketball team is having a little trouble," is very much better than the direct question, "What do you know about the trouble to the basketball team?" or "I understand that there was an unusually large number of students on the Honor Roll this month," is much better than "Why were you not on the Honor Roll this month?" or "A man was telling me today that Miss X is the most popular teacher in the school," is better than "Do you like your teacher?"

Another warning is that too much must not be expected of the boy. He must not be compared with other boys in his disadvantage. It is not the business of the father to determine exactly what he can expect of his son in an intellectual as well as in a physical way. This information can be secured from his teachers as a result of ability or intelligence tests which have been given, the outcome of which will be furnished the parent upon application. No parent would expect his 115 pound son to become a shot putter or a weight thrower. He might reasonably expect him to become a runner either in short distance or the longer distances, but many a father foolishly demands that his son, equipped mentally to be a sprinter, should show evidence of being an intellectual giant.

It is then the duty of the father to study his son's capacities, desires, capabilities, and likes, and in this way to expect the lad to achieve only in those directions

where there is likelihood of success. Thus he will encourage his son to fit himself for that life work to which he is best adapted. This is not always an easy thing to do, and many fathers have to relinquish their own ambitions for their children simply because the child manifestly is not equipped to assume the particular ambition. It will be a great mistake for you to insist on this when the son has no desire, and has not manifested in the high school ability to carry college work successfully. Many of our most remarkable successes in business have been men with only a high school education, and a high school education probably contains all that is necessary for many honorable positions in business and in industry.

A third caution is that the father must not neglect a knowledge of his son's occupations and associates. In many cases I have known parents to let their sons have formed improper habits and made unfortunate friends after the mischief had been done. It is the business of every father, unobtrusively and without any knowledge in most cases, to acquaint himself with the character of the crowd into which his son has been drawn. If the tendency appears unfortunate, the father must use countervailing influences. Most sons respond much more readily to an attitude of respect and trust than to an attitude of repression and reproach. If the son finds that his father trusts him he is much less likely to go wrong than if his father is continually chiding and reproving him. Too frequently the relationship between the boy and his father becomes one of mutual distrust. The boy gets the idea that his father rather expects him to do wrong, and is acting the part of a detective to trap him. This brings about a tendency on the part of the son to "put something over on the old man." What the boy must feel is that his father believes his word and that his father is his best friend.

Lastly, to revert to my earlier statement that the boy must continue to look upon his father, if not as his hero, at least as one who is doing something of value in the world, this places a heavy responsibility on the father. It means that unless the father sets the right example in his home life, in his business and community life, he cannot retain the respect of his son and he may have serious difficulty in retaining his regard. Today many sons are growing up for their fathers. Many a high-minded and splendid father has been ruined because he felt that he should follow his father's example, and his father has not set the right standard. I have known fathers whose own lives would not bear scrutiny, to punish their sons severely for doing nothing more than they see their fathers doing every day.

It makes little difference what a man's status in life may be, whether he be poor in this world's goods or whether he be a millionaire, he can, if he will, always set the example of decency, honesty, and integrity before his son. If he does not set an example there is no one to blame but himself, if his son turns out to be indolent, dishonest, a liar and a crook. Therefore my last word is a plea to fathers to take their sons into their confidence the way that he respects him and that he trusts him to use judgment in the choice of his associates, his pastimes, and his hobbies, then there will be little fear that the son will prove disappointed in his father, and if this does happen it is just likely that the father has proved a disappointment to his son.

If a parent has three qualities, if he takes his son into his confidence, if the father shows him that he respects him and that he trusts him to use judgment in the choice of his associates, his pastimes, and his hobbies, then there will be little fear that the son will prove disappointed in his father, and if this does happen it is just likely that the father has proved a disappointment to his son.

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As the clock strikes twelve let our hearts reciprocate the sentiment of Tennyson's New Year bells:

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ring in the new,
Ring out the false,
ring in the true.

May Yours Be a Most Happy
and
Prosperous New Year

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C. B. CANNON, MANAGER

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Another year is knocking at the door. Let us give it a royal welcome.

We look forward to 1945 with the firm belief in better things to come. And we want to express our deep appreciation to each of you for having contributed in such an important way to our continued success in this community.

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Jacaranda Coffee Shop



1945 GREETINGS

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Happy New Year

Stewarts Men's Shop

'EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW'

IT'S an old, old custom, this ringing of bells and dancing out the Old Year, but the spirit that rides in at the stroke of 12 is as new as tomorrow.

With so many old friends and so many new friends, this New Year of 1945 means more to us than ever before... and we hope it means more to you.

Wells Motor Company
Ray's Firestone Store

Skeet Shoot To Help Skoot Enemy

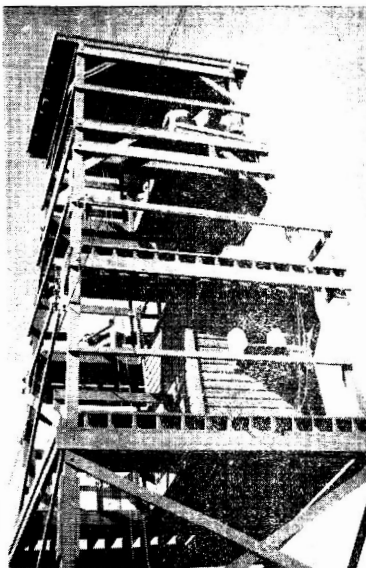
APAAF'S Shotgun Range . . . New Development In Training Section

(From High Score) of APAAF. Approximately 1500 rounds of ammunition are used each day in the final phase of the training program at AP. Undoubtedly one of the reasons AAF is the up-to-date, modern shotgun skeet range in the Tech area east of the landing strip.

Here are various ranges where combat crew trainees, with the exception of pilots and cowboys, practice skeet shooting from every position on the Flying Forts. Shotgun ranges are needed in place of the conventional 50-caliber machine guns. Every man gets 18 hours of skeet training while

for the ball turret position; chin turret and waist gun firing positions are practiced on another range. Trainers practice on each position for familiarity, although they regularly fire from another designated spot.

According to instructor experts the main purpose of the shotgun range is to give the combat crew men more practice on moving targets. In this case clay pigeons or "birds" that are released from skit traps on a designated curve similar to the curve of an attacking fighter plane in combat.

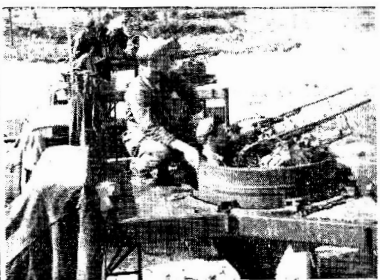


SKEET TOWER — Here's one of the towers erected on the AP AAF shotgun range. On the top floor you will note a ball turret suspended where gunners practice ball turret shots. Below is a "trap house" that houses a trap shooting gadget. Clay pigeons shoot forth from the small opening shown — they're targets for a nearby range.

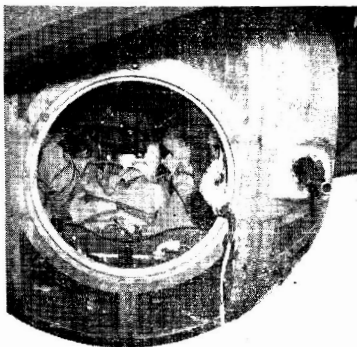


WAIST GUNNERS — A pair of waist gunners are getting the "day and don'ts" on skeet shooting from the waist position. The instructors load the shotguns mounted alongside the machine gun barrel.

EXPERT — Here's an instructor showing "how it should be done" at the individual skeet range where APAAF marksmen practice to sharpen their eagle eyes.



TORRID TURRETTERS — Top turret gunner or more familiarly known as "upper local" men are pictured practicing this phase of skeet shooting. Turrets are mounted on trucks and are as maneuverable as those on a Flying Fortress.



MAN IN THE MOON — No, not quite, but it is a combat crew trainee practicing his marksmanship from the ball turret position. The turret is mounted on a 50-foot tower (see pic on this page), and otherwise conditions are the same as on a Flying Fortress.

Everglades Dist. Celebrates Burning \$9,375,000 Bonds

Belle Glade, Dec. 28 (FNS) — Citizens and taxpayers of the 11 counties that comprise the Everglades Drainage District gathered here last week to celebrate the burning of \$9,375,000 worth of drainage district bonds.

Governor Holland himself set fire to the certificates and presided at a bright future for this favored section.

The Governor expressed the hope that the certificate which had made possible the favorable reclamation program would continue and that the district grow and would work together to perfect an overall plan for soil and water conservation.

Leaders of the fish growing area where a big part of the nation's winter vegetables are produced took part in the ceremony and toasts celebrating the culmination of years of effort to rid the district's soil of the salt water. Commencement of Agriculture Nathan Mayo attended as well as Governor Holland.

Six Quintets Tied For Top in Basketball Loop

Avon Park Army Air Field, Dec. 28 — Six quintets are tied for the top position in the Florida West Coast Basketball conference according to standings released this week. Sarasota, Lakeland, Pinellas, St. Pete, Punta Gorda and Bartow have won two and lost one contest for a 77 percentage.

Results show that all teams got off to a slippery start and the race will undoubtedly develop into a hotly contested affair.

The Avon Park five has been showing steady improvement after losing two close contests at the start of the season. Sarasota topped the local raggers, 28-24, and Punta Gorda won 26-26. APAAF's own was checked up against Page Field, 46-24.

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Season's greetings to one and all.

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THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living.

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Many a rural romance started with a gallon of corn and a full crib.

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ed out cartons from busi-
nesses and deliver them to
Hall.

Frank Smeek, of Punta Gorda district game warden and Bigbie, local game warden advised the restocking of the serve.

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BUSINESS WEEK in its
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

German Drive Reminder of Last Desperate Fling in World War; Farmers Harvest Banner Crops

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WESTERN FRONT: History Repeats

To many, the mighty German counter-offensive Field Marshal Von Rundstedt launched against Allied armies on the western front was reminiscent of General Ludendorff's last desperate throw of the dice in 1918 in an effort to improve Germany's position for the negotiation of a peace.

Then, Ludendorff's drive failed; this time, however, U. S. troops moved in to stem Von Rundstedt's attack, with decisive Allied counter-measures expected to not only blunt the enemy's thrust but also sap the most formidable part of his force and reduce his war potential for next spring.

There was one difference between Ludendorff's suicidal gamble in 1918 and Von Rundstedt's of this war, however, and that lay in Heinrich Himmler's role in holding the German home front together to supply the war machine with men and materials for the big drive. In 1918, on the other hand, Ludendorff was faced with a crumbling home front, once rising to a hawling rage in those months because a tottering government failed to provide sufficient troops and supplies.

As the Germans' desperate drive developed, it followed the pattern of other major Nazi offensives of World War II, with powerful armored spearheads punching through enemy lines and then spreading outward to let the trailing infantry deal with opposing elements surrounded to the rear.

It was that the Germans wiped out the Poles; broke France, and marched a third of the way across Russia. This time, however, the enemy faced a stronger, better equipped, more numerous foe, and this attack developed U. S. reserves thrown into the battle moved to dam the surge.

In launching the offensive, Von Rundstedt followed the 1940 invasion pattern, pointing spearheads across Belgium and Luxembourg. In choosing this battleground behind Aachen, the resulting battle concentrated the bulk of his force against the First army, which had thrown the Germans into the edge of the Rhineland plain.

In the early fighting, the Nazi thrust against Maastricht was appreciably contained by the Yanks, but the spearhead farther south pushed as deeply as 25 miles to the important, well-fortified Stavelot in Belgium. Still another Nazi force pushed across the Belgian border and threw a pincer around St. Vith.

In Luxembourg to the south, the Germans drove through the Ardennes forest beyond Ethenbach after meeting stiff U. S. resistance. Once the German attack got underway, the battle turned into a struggle match, with the enemy pouring men into the initial breaches to exploit their breaks, while the Allies moved reserves to the front to check the drive.

Coincidentally with Von Rundstedt's smash to the north, Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. First army encountered stiffening Nazi resistance in the Saar, with the enemy following his favored pattern of throwing in short, sharp armored counterattacks in an attempt to momentarily check the Yanks' push.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Himmler himself had taken over command of German resistance in the Colmar pocket in Alsace, throwing in strong detachments of his motley but fanatical home guard units.

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As the storm over the state department reorganization first mounted then subsided under presidential pressure, Mr. Roosevelt told newsmen that the Atlantic Charter was not a formal document signed by this country and Britain, but merely a statement of principles to guide the Allies' war aims.

CROPS: Banner Year

Surmounting weather and manpower problems, American farmers again answered the nation's call for high level production with a near record output of crops, 24 per cent above the 1932-33 pre-drought average, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

Pointing to near record acreage, the USDA said: "Farmers planted only when they could and they kept on planting past the normal season at harvest time, seemed half a chance of success."

Production of grains, fruits, nuts and commercial vegetables were all above last year, with all-time top harvests of corn at 3,231,300,000 bushels and of wheat at 1,078,467,000 bushels. Output of dry beans and peas, oil seeds, tobacco and hay and forage crops has been seldom exceeded. Cotton was about average.

TIRES

With increased military demands and manpower shortages limiting supply, no passenger tires will be available for "B" cars below a less essential "B" card applicants through the first three months of 1945, the department of commerce said.

At the same time, it was said the supply of heavy truck tires during this period will be about 50 per cent higher than last year, the department said.

People in the News

Testifying that her husband refused to work as long as Mr. Roosevelt was president, Mrs. Catherine Lagrange of Detroit, Mich., was granted a divorce.

Only a few days after purchasing his own plane, 24-year-old Howard Hoy of Urbana, Ill., was killed when it crashed in the barnyard of his own farm.

POST WAR PLANNING: Stability Sought

Looking forward to the day when the war will end and the economy of wartime production will pose problems of providing adequate opportunity for a peacetime economy, senate and house committees busied themselves in developing a program for the postwar employment of both labor and agriculture.

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WAR COSTS: Pricing Policy

Aiming to cut government costs and at the same time impose greater and more efficient use of resources, a resultant result of manpower and materials, the department announced the adoption of a new pricing program employing teams of experts that will comb over contracts before letting.

Expressing the belief that lower prices would lead to greater use of manpower and materials, Col. F. C. Foy, director of army service contracts, said: "... Whenever a contractor's selling price is close to his costs, the contractor has an incentive to lower his costs to increase profit."

To firms establishing close pricing policies, the promise of government contracts is a high price in return for reviewing contracts for excess profits and maintenance of work. It was charged that the new setup in the state department following Secretary Hull's resignation might indicate a reversal in a liberal

AGRICULTURE: New Crop

Thanks to a new oil extraction and harvesting process, the raising of sunflower seeds has become an important farm crop in the midwest, following successful experimentation in Illinois.

Due to a new solvent process of chemist Ezra Levin, oil now extracted from the sunflower seeds is becoming more abundant, while the construction of a new combine cuts the cost of a new combine cut and cultivated twice through the season, 1,000 pounds of seed per acre, with a yield of oil at 14 per cent per pound reportedly higher than that obtained from the old planting of soybeans. Not only is the oil good for salads and cooking, it was said, but the seeds themselves have good content of 32 per cent.

WAR SHIPPING: Big Profits

With nine American steamship lines having made \$28,947,000 in profits on \$31,384,000 worth of business from April to September on lend-lease runs to the Middle East, the U. S. maritime commission started court action against several of the operators to recover excess income.

Operating on rates that the commission itself set at a time when ships were being needed for the war, the operators were charged with excessive profits. The commission said the rates in the middle eastern and north African sections, the companies averaged \$300,000 profit per vessel, or 10 per cent of the book value of each.

Although two of the companies have refunded \$300,000, the others have said, but the commission is claiming that they merely charged inflated rates, recognized by the British themselves.

The Old Sergeant

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American Women Pilots Helped Deliver Planes Which Enabled Red Armies to Launch Offensive That May Have Been Turning Point of the War

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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THIS is a story of the great 1944 summer offensive of the Red army which historians of the future may write down as the turning point of the war. It is the story of the contribution of a small group of American women to the success of that drive, of the part they played in making it possible for the determined Russians, who had stopped the Nazi hordes at the gates of Moscow and Stalingrad, to push them back across the plains of White Russia and the mud of Poland to the very German border itself.

It is the story of the civilian women ferrying pilots of the Air Transport Command to the front, a division, it is said, determined and courageous little group from among the members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, popularly known as WASPs.

This story begins just about a year ago, in the summer of 1943. President Roosevelt had promised at the beginning of the war (and at that time the war was not even a year old) that the United States would be ready to supply the Red army with the equipment it needed for the fight against the Axis.

How to get these fighter planes to the Russian front—and especially to deliver them in time for the great summer offensive—was the question. To try them there seemed to be the logical way, but fighters, being so expensive, could not be sent on long overland flights. An overland route was needed. That need had to be met by the use of the "trail," previously mentioned, had already been established by the Air Transport Command's ferrying division and its Alaskan division.

The war department accorded No. 1 priority to the movement of American planes to the Russian armies and the problem of getting them there was assigned to the Air Force Service Pilots, commanded by Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, to its pilots and its groups. As a matter of fact, planes of many types were moved to the fighting fronts, taken there by the ferrying division, and the WASPs, but this story deals only with the fighter planes and the Women's Air Force Service Pilots.

The ferrying division's third ferrying group, based at Romulus, Transilvania, was assigned the mission of ferrying the deadly, fast Albatrosses from the Bell factory in Niagara Falls to Great Falls, Minn., where the Seventh Ferrying group took over for the delivery to the Russians at Fairbanks and at Nome.

The normal flying time from Niagara to Great Falls is approximately nine hours, but the latest time the average delivery probably is made is about 10 hours, considering that the ferrying division demands almost perfect weather conditions for its flights. The route is a long one, and that winter through Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana and in the Great Lakes region of the midwest often is far below the minimum required.

When a delivery is completed from Niagara Falls to Great Falls, the pilot must return to the ferrying division's base at Romulus, Minn., and then fly to the base on the special crew return provided by the military air transport section of the ferrying division for just that purpose.

Yet, despite the ruggedness of the trip, WASPs of the Third Ferrying group delivered Russian-bound fighters from Niagara to Great Falls in a single day, delivered three planes in ten days, which is a feat to equal the best performances of their male coworkers.

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WASP Ellen Gray is one of the few pilots who can boast of a complete delivery record. In one trip, a flight accomplished in eight hours and 16 minutes of actual time, she delivered a plane to the Russians in approximately 11 hours. Consider that five hours in the air is considered a long time for a single pilot and that the usual de-

Didn't Want to Be a 'Petticoat Herder'

"I'm sorry, mum," the sergeant greeted with a grin. "What I said was there. I'd damn sight rather be a sergeant than a 'petticoat herder'." That, remarked WASP Pilot Loretta McElroy, a veteran woman aviator, was a "petticoat herder" was a compliment I ever received." You see, the sergeant is crowding 50 and still on duty at Montreal, it was a different story.

Every from Niagara to Great Falls is considered a one or two-day job, and you'll realize that Miss Gray's record is no mean feat.

Three of the seven deliveries credited to WASP members were made over a 15-day period—a record of which any pilot, man or woman, may be proud when one considers the sheer physical exertion involved.

But while WASP Gray's feat of making a one-day delivery and WASP Johnson's feat of three deliveries in 12 days are outstanding examples of WASP performance, they are not really unusual. The records of the Third Ferrying group's detachment show that all of these women pilots are hard-working and conscientious. There's Betty Archibald and Pat Dickerson with records of two deliveries in eight days. There are Grace Hargis and Virginia Chaire with two deliveries each in 10 days. And the chances are that it was weather which kept some of these girls from equalling the record of WASP Johnson.

When the movement started, these ferry pilots were not trained as aviators, but as mechanics. They were assigned as wing mechanics, and their training was similar with the route. But as they gained experience, through hard work and the help of their male coworkers, they became pilots. They were flying alone, and now they take their turns flying alone, still running the ferrying division.

Each male pilot released from the 1,000-mile trip from Niagara Falls to Great Falls simply meant one more male pilot for the long, dangerous trip from Great Falls to Nome. These women hadn't been flying fighter planes ... light ships had been their assignments in the past year from his home base, five long hours in the air, with a short period of transition training, they were ready for the task.

It wasn't a glamorous one. The ferry pilot of the Army's Air Transport Command is a hard-working individual who lives out of his B-4 bag, spends long stretches of time away from his home, flies long hours and encounters little of the glamour, the heroics and the recognition that come to the combat pilot.

These Women's Air Force Service Pilots were going to share that lot with the men. So their story can't be told in a single chapter. It's the story of a record of a job well done. By comparison with the number of male pilots engaged in the operation, the WASPs were a small group. But by comparison, the job they did equalled the performance of their male partners.

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Since that date women pilots assigned to the Ferrying division have flown more than 7,500,000 miles for the ferrying division are now qualified to fly 58 different types of ships, ranging from heavy four-engine bombers down.

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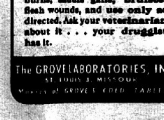
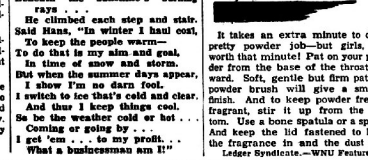
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Corduroy and Velveteen Make Cunning Frocks for Little Girls

By CHERRIE NICHOLAS



Another type of dress that should be in every little girl's wardrobe is the jumper. Youngsters love to wear their pretty jumper frocks of bright cordurella, and mothers like this fabric because it can be easily washed over and over again, coming out as smart-looking as ever. With a change of blouse each day it gives variety to the delight of the little wearer. Then too, it solves the what-to-wear to school and play problem so easily and simply.

Children play a delightful role in the fashion picture. They are dressed so cunningly these days it would seem as if they had stepped right out of the colorfully illustrated pages of a story book. Designers who create such adorable clothes surely have a talent all their own.

It is interesting to note the materials these designers favor most in dishing out little frocks with pretty and practical clothes. At a vote were taken there is every reason to believe that cordurella would score first in favor with velveteen a close second. Cordurella has a way of being sturdy and seductive with practically no wear out about it at the knees, hips, etc.

The prestige of this practical as well as most attractive material has been greatly enhanced during the last several seasons with the introduction of an especially fine pin wide cordurella called cordurella, which is equal both for children and grownups. You can see centered above in the illustration, how pretty cordurella makes up into a cunning bolero suit with hat to match. It was a clever move on the part of the designer who took mother's and big sister's favorite fashion, the bolero suit, and copied it in miniature for little daughter. The tiny jacket lies at the neck and has beanie to match. The ensemble is trimmed in gay peasant flowers to the delight of the youngster that wears it.

Whimsies for Tots Made of Bright Felt

Of course you can buy these little whimsies in way of bonnets and boleros and cunning suspenders and bags done in the quaint Tyrolean way that make little children look like fairy-tale characters, but it's fun making them, too.

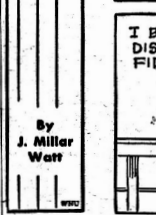
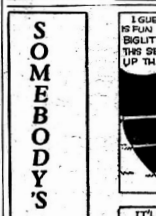
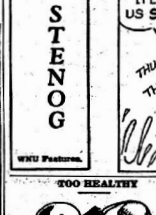
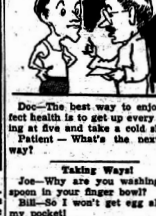
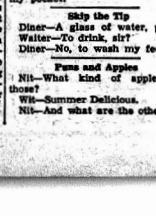
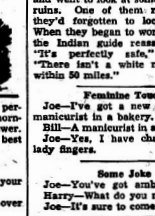
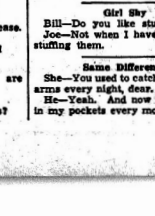
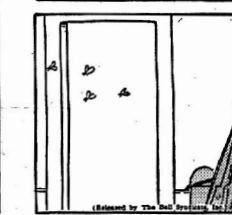
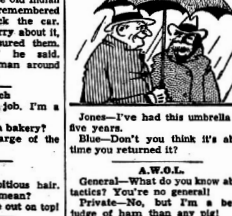
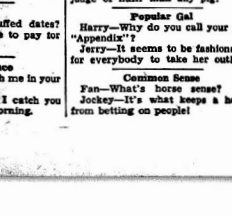
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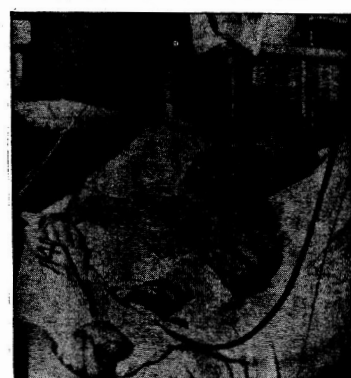
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Clubs and Parties...

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Mrs. Statham is Speaker Before Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. J. C. Statham gave a most interesting talk on "What Your Membership in the Auxiliary Means to You" at the January meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Club Room Monday evening.

Excerpts from Mrs. Statham's talk are "So often we join an organization because some one asks us to, and we never know the real meaning or workings of the organization. The Auxiliary is a service organization, and it is an honor and privilege to be a member. You are here, first, because someone served for us, in time of war, so that you have experienced the plagues of anxiety, of love, of the sacrifices and hardships which war brings to the families of the fighting men; third, because you value more highly the things for which our men fought and are fighting and giving in many cases their all—"America," and all it means; fourth, and because you have a desire to continue to serve, to live and in peace that is to come.

And, so might think of some of the committee, which will give us an outlet for all the talents of all our members, and which will do some of the things for which the auxiliary stands and works."

Mrs. Statham mentioned among the various committees, war activities, widows and orphans, rehabilitation, child welfare and scholarship, community service and Americanism. She gave a brief outline of the activities of each of these committees, closing with a paragraph from an article in a bulletin from National Headquarters.

"Peace will come and the men of the armed forces will come home. They will add their young strength to the mature power of The American Legion. Their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, as well as the women who

have themselves been enlisted will give more strength for achievement to the American Legion Auxiliary. Together the two organizations will be a mighty force for America, serving in every community in the land to "care for those who have borne the battle" and for the peaceful progress of the nation."

Mrs. Mad McQuinn, former president of the Auxiliary in Macsen, N. Y., was a visitor at the meeting and spoke briefly. She is now visiting her son, Flight Officer Wilson McQuinn at the Avon Park Army Air Base.

Mrs. Walter S. Martin, president, presided at the meeting, which was voted to buy 2000 poppies to sell on Poppy Day.

At the close of the meeting, the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Mary Holcomb and Mrs. Alice Sheppard, served delicious refreshments of brown bread with sauce, and coffee to those present.

Present were Mrs. Van Slayden, Mrs. Dan Ellis, Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. J. C. McQuinn, Mrs. E. D. McQuinn, Mrs. Ed Welch, Mrs. Bob Rowell, Mrs. Walter S. Martin, Mrs. Mad McQuinn, Mrs. Ben T. Stewart.

Woman's Club Has Splendid Meeting Friday Afternoon

The Rev. John E. Tuley gave the invocation, and spoke on the subject "Tomorrow," the guest speaker, the new year, at the January meeting of the Woman's Club, Friday afternoon at the parish house, Mrs. Chas. F. Kennedy, presiding, presided at the meeting.

The chairman of the various club committees reported on their accomplishments and plans for future endeavor of the club.

One of the facts that the Community Christmas program was so well received, and many citizens have commended the idea, it was suggested that the combined church and club Christmas program, the children's chorus, repeat their joined efforts for future years.

Club members, who cooperated with the USO for the Christmas program, were commended for their baking cookies, decorating, and furnishing chaperones and hostesses. The Craft Shop, under the sponsorship of the club, was also commended for the Christmas party, and for the personal gifts Mrs. Bass sent home to soldiers' families. Appreciation was extended to Mrs. A. G. Pendleton, and others of the committee, who helped furnish Christmas stockings, nuts, candy, and books for the patients at the base hospital.

It was announced that the Girl Scouts will hold their annual meeting immediately after school on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at the Women's Club on Verona avenue.

Announcement was also made that the February meeting will be held at the club house, which has been returned to the club.

social hour followed the program, when Mrs. McKnight and her committee served delicious tea. The tea table was graced with an arrangement of good looking marigolds, combined with greenery. Mrs. Joseph Schiebold presided at the tea service.

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer has its annual parish dinner, which was held at the parish house, Wednesday evening, and was marked by a good attendance. Rev. John E. Daley, pastor of the church, spoke on accomplishments of the past year and activities for the new year. Rev. Eldred Simpson, new pastor, was present and gave a short talk.

Splendid reports were heard from the Women's Auxiliary. Art Guild, and from members of the Vestry. Rev. Daley outlined plans for the coming Lenten season.

The delicious dinner was served buffet style, and was arranged by a committee from the Auxiliary.

Orange Blossom Brotherhood Meets at Baptist Church

The Orange Blossom Association of the Men's Brotherhood met at the First Baptist Church Tuesday. The ladies of the church served a spaghetti supper, after which there was a business meeting and a program by the Wauchula Brotherhood.

Wauchula had seven present, Sebring 18, and Avon Park 19, making a total of 34 present.

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Methodist Class Has Supper Meeting Monday

The Woman's Friendship Bible class of the First Methodist Church, held their monthly supper meeting at the Hut on Monday evening, following the delicious supper. Mrs. H. Kirkwood, president, presided at the business meeting.

Members voted to purchase an art display light in the kitchen of the Hut, a light to be placed above the sink, and in the rest room.

It was decided, after general discussion, to continue the support of the two Chinese children, who are attending school in their native land.

The president announced that at the next meeting, the class would have the pleasure of hearing a talk by Miss Laura Mitchell, returned missionary from China.

Those enjoying this delightful occasion were Mrs. S. C. Farber, Mrs. Carrie T. Craig, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. C. F. Catlin, Miss Robert Anderson, Mrs. E. D. Kirkwood, Mrs. Edward Hammond, Mrs. M. McKee Elwell, Mrs. M. E. Meyer, Mrs. D. Raab, and Mrs. J. H. Kirkwood.

Birthday Dinner Monday Evening

The Methodist Church entertained a group of friends at a dinner party at her home at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening. The party was given in honor of her mother, Mrs. E. D. Kirkwood.

Tail red tapers and pointillists formed the decorations for the occasion. The cake and tapings were in the birthday motif, and the birthday cake, with 12 small candles, was frosted in pink, green and white.

Marjorie and her many guests, there will be a veteran employment representative, who will be in to cooperate with the US employment service, and the National Association of Evangelicals, which will be in to give a presentation of the GI Bill of Rights.

Mel Bass Has Weiner Roast on Tuesday Evening

Mel Bass celebrated his tenth birthday anniversary on Tuesday with a weiner roast at his home at 16 Westlock. The weiners were roasted over an open grill on the back lawn, and were served with deviled eggs, pickles, birthday cake and punch. The tasty party was served at a table.

Games furnished recreation for the evening, and many attractive gifts were opened and admired. Mrs. Edna Anderson, Mrs. Bessie, Leola Jane Brown, Betty Ann, Jeanette Crow, Joanne Reed, and Lynn Longbottom.

Young friends sharing this delightful party were Mel, Kelly Greco, Bobby Whitcomb, Michael Melchior, Dewey, Kenneth, Kenneth, Gayle Geiger, Nancy Ginn, Beth and Jane Suggs, Patricia Smith, Auden Anderson, Joyce Biggie, Leah Jane Brown, Betty Ann, Jeanette Crow, Joanne Reed, and Lynn Longbottom.

Elizabeth Hall is Party Honoree Thursday Evening

Mrs. L. L. Hall entertained at a lovely surprise birthday party on Thursday evening, the affair being given in honor of the seventeenth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hall. The living room was decorated with poinsettias, lilies and fern to emphasize a colorful motif.

Late in the evening, delicious refreshments of sandwiches, olives, rice crackers, salted nuts, cake and chilled drink were served. The dining table was centered with the beautiful birthday cake decorated in white, pink and green, encircled by a wreath of fern and red blossoms.

The attractive honoree was the recipient of many gifts from her friends invited to share the occasion with her: Mrs. Maceon Bessie Lou Myers, Marie Baemore, Janet Barber, Evelyn Scott, Virginia Spencer, Jerry Witt, Robert Dixon, Albin Jean Padgett, Winifred Archer, Alice Phyrer, and Jerry Connell.

Morris Suggs, Samy Longbottom, Arthur Carrat, James P. Edwards, Edgar, John Elwell, Dick Stoddard, and Rily Connell.

New Arrivals

Four babes two boys and two girls, made their debut into this world since January 1, 1945 at the APAF station hospital. To date births are:

Sharon Adney, daughter to Capt. and Mrs. C. T. Waite on January 1.

John Frederick, son to Lt. and Mrs. Robert Yent, January 6.

Gordon Wayne, son to Pfc and Mrs. Harvey M. Carlson, January 7.

Shirley Ann, daughter to Pfc and Mrs. E. R. Blanchard, January 7.

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Pvt Nan Serpico, WAC Blues Vocalist, Sang In England In First USO Shows

"If I can't keep on singing, and make something happy, then I'm happy," says WAC Pvt Nan Serpico, blues vocalist, who appeared on numerous occasions with the 70th IAF Band and Band Managers at the APAF program for the entertainment of APAF personnel.

Nan discovered her talent for singing when she volunteered to sing at the USO station in England, after her discharge from the army at Pearl Harbor. She was then assigned to the USO station in England, where she sang at the USO Shows. The troupe to which APAF's singer was assigned was extensive, and the USO station in England was playing at all service installations.

Eleven girls and three men, including stars Ray Francis, Carole Landis, Jean Harlow, Martha Raye and Mitzi Mayfield, made up the troupe. Late in November, 1942, the group sailed for England, where they were the first entertainers to go overseas.

After many shows in and around London and High Wycombe, Nan became ill and had to return to the United States, leaving the troupe which later journeyed to North Africa. Recovered from her illness, Pvt Serpico continued her USO work, and in January, 1943, she was assigned to the WAC at Philadelphia on July 25, 1944, and after basic training at Fort Quigley, Pa., was assigned to APAF and duty in the



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Post War Employment Aids Explained In GI Bill of Rights

By PVT Grace Kerkell

When this war is over, and when you are released from active duty, most of you intend to go back to your old jobs. There are a few who will venture into a new field due either to wanting a change or having an opportunity, or education in a different line, which would merit a change. No matter what the case may be, most of you will be seeking employment, and at this time are wondering what you are going to do about it. The GI Bill of Rights has made provisions for all of you.

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Plymouth Invites Avon Park Man To Jacksonville Meeting

E. Ray W. Avon Park, Florida, month ahead has been invited to attend a meeting of the Plymouth Chapter in Jacksonville, Monday, January 15, at the Hotel Monterey. The invitation was issued by Joseph E. Bayne, general manager for Plymouth division of Chrysler Corporation.

Plymouth and Chrysler are planning to discuss a new car, and the new car will be discussed at the meeting, Bayne indicated. The meeting will include W. E. Ray, Plymouth director of service, Joseph E. Bayne, general manager, and H. H. Hetherington, general sales manager.

Ray, who has been recently promoted to his new post, will be introduced to the dealers at a luncheon preceding the meeting.

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The Convant Circle of Union Congregational Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Paul Carter on Thursday afternoon, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Harriet Standish will be in charge. Those desiring information please meet at the church.

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