Thunderhead

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THE STORY THUS FAR: Thunderhead is the only white horse ever foaled on the Goose Bar ranch in Wyoming. He resembles his great grandsire, a wild stallion called the Albino. His 13-year-old owner, Ken McLaughlin, hopes his horse will develop into a racer because of his remarkable speed. Thunderhead, however, is difficult to handle, and plans for entering him in a fall race meet are uncertain. Rob McLaughlin, Ken's father, needing ready cash for Ken and Howard's tuition and other bills, takes 14 horses to an auction in Denver. He gets poor prices, and is depressed, until he meets Gilroy, an eastern horse buyer. Gilroy's attention is drawn to the high class of the McLaughlin animals.

CHAPTER XVII

"I don't know."

"He in de east still?"

"No. In Laramie."

"Laramie! Ven he get back?"

"I don't know exactly. But it was in the paper about a week ago."

Gus leaned to brush up a few more imaginary ashes. "You come down in kitchen, Missus. I'm getting some lunch."

"All right, Gus. Is it lunch time?"

In the warm kitchen Gus moved about efficiently and set a cup of hot strong tea on the red-checked tablecloth before her, some baked beans, well-flavored, topped with crisp browned salt pork, and some of her own bread, toasted on top of the stove.

Sitting opposite her, stirring his tea, his pale blue eyes studied her thoughtfully. "You sick, Missus?"

"No, Gus."

"You going to ride dis afternoon?"

"I don't know." She looked at the food before her and took her fork in her hand, then felt her stomach shrink and close. Her belts had grown very loose these days; her slacks hung on her hips.

Gus appeared to be giving thought to nothing but the demolishing of the great pile of beans on his plate. "If you cud get a jackrabbit—de chickens needs meat—"

Nell drank a little of her tea and set the cup down. "Well—I might. Later in the afternoon."

"I saddle Gypsy for you, Missus."

Nell stirred her tea, staring a hole through the tablecloth.

"Dot Gypsy—she's wid foal."

"Yes, I know."

"Und de boss, he don' want she should have no more foals."

"She must have been bred before he took her away from Banner last spring—early."

"Ya. Und dot mean she's foal dis winter."

Nell buttered a small piece of toast, made herself eat it.

"You don't like de beans, Missus?"

"I like them, Gus, but I'm not hungry."

She went upstairs again and slowly tidied her room, with many pauses to stand at the window. The bleak skies and the colorless world looked back at her balefully.

Later in the afternoon she put on her black woolen jodhpurs and her warm gray tweed jacket. A few strokes of the comb through her hair drew it back and she fastened it in a little bun, brushing her bang smooth and drew on her small black visored cap. As she picked up her felt-lined gloves and the red scarf for her throat she suddenly wanted to hurry and get out of that house.

Galloping along the county road, Gypsy pricked her ears and turned her head toward the Saddle Back.

"No, you don't, old girl—we're not going up there."

Gypsy whinnied, getting the wind from the band of brood mares beyond the crest, but Nell pressed her spur against her and held her in the road.

She counted the time since Rob had left on September tenth. It was nearly a month. Figuring four days for the trip to Pennsylvania, then a week or ten days for the sale, and two days for the trip back—that would have brought it to September twenty-sixth. Where had he been since then? Laramie, apparently, just twenty-five miles away. And hadn't come home. Hadn't even written. And here it was the second week in October.

Reaching the bank of Deer Creek, Gypsy was belly deep in dried brown grass. She grunted softly and turned her head toward the water. Nell sat relaxed in the saddle while the mare waded into the stream, her feet sinking deep in the soft gravel, and the fresh and delicious smell of water and damp earth and autumn leaves wafted up and made Nell wonder why, now, everything that was sweet sent a sharp pain through her heart.

Long wheezing sucks came from Gypsy. Two magpies were quarreling in a tree overhead. And a little way off there was frantic yipping from Kim as he chased a rabbit. The cocker never yipped nor would he let a rabbit draw him into a hopeless chase. He knew in advance where the rabbit would go and intercepted it.

Nell lifted Gypsy's head, turned her, and the mare scrambled up the bank, scattering water from her hoofs and her mouth. And as she resumed her canter, Nell resumed the argument. Rob had been in Laramie about two weeks and hadn't let her know. Why? Didn't he want to see her?

The dogs had vanished completely. Often they started out on a ride with her, were led off by rabbits or exciting scents and disappeared. She wouldn't see them again until she got home and found them panting on the terrace.

At the thought that Rob did not want to come home her mind spun around to his point of view. How was he thinking and feeling? Was he suffering too? Oh, I hope so, I hope so, for if he loves me he couldn't help it. But does he? He could come to me, but I couldn't go to him. Or could I? She thought of herself driving down to Laramie, going about hunting for her husband—No. No! She tingled with shame. She had to wait here, but how long? Yes—how long? Until he decided to come back. She was entirely helpless.

As these thoughts chased each other through her mind, her body and her nerves were played upon as if by little whips. Alternately hot and cold—weak, or strengthened by a wave of pride. Again and again there went through her heart and stomach a rush of sinking emptiness, and each time she recovered from it as from a shock, slowly, and weakly; a difficult comeback. It was that which prevented her from eating, for it came often just as she had prepared food for herself and sat down and looked at it.

His eyes met hers for a split second.

She wondered at those mysterious physical activities, probably governed by the endocrine glands, which are the reactions to violent emotions. What, really, was going on in her body? Was it a sort of shell shock? Was it destroying her health and strength and youth? She could not bear to look at the face that peered back at her from the mirror.

In the timber of number sixteen the dogs appeared again, madly chasing a rabbit. Up here the shaded depressions amongst the trees held snow left from a recent storm. The rabbit was in the snow, struggling toward a pile of rocks and Kim was bearing down on it, yipping hysterically.

Nell drew rein and watched the chase, quieted by a feeling of fatalism. What chance did the rabbit have? It was like her mind—doubling and dodging, trying to find a hole in which to hide, or a path of escape, but cornered every time.

The rabbit doubled on its tracks and Kim, who always went too fast, shot past it. The rabbit was struggling to reach the rocks. No doubt he had a safe hideaway underneath them. Would he make it? Kim was almost upon him, and again the rabbit turned and dodged, and again Kim shot past and had to brake and turn and in those few seconds the rabbit reached his haven. But ah—Chaps was there too. The canny black cocker emerged from ambush at the last moment and seized his prey.

And then the kill. The tiny squeals of the rabbit—the sharp nosings of the dogs—the sudden jerks of their heads and snappings of their jaws.

No blame to them, thought Nell, as she galloped toward them and called to them to stand back. Wagging their tails proudly they stood off and looked up at her. They were panting, and their long red tongues hung, dripping, out of the sides of their mouths.

Nell picked up the big jack—it must have weighed six pounds—and asked Gypsy's consent to hang it on the saddle. Gypsy pricked her ears and drew in her chin, snorting. Nell offered it to her to smell. Gypsy sniffed the rabbit gingerly, and after that, permitted Nell to fasten it to the saddle.

The dogs watched her, well satisfied. They knew that later, when Gus skinned it, they would get their share.

The hunt and the killing of the rabbit had added to Nell's depression. She could not bear to go home. If she could ride until it was completely dark, and there would be nothing to do but pull off her clothes and fall into bed! If she could ride until she was so tired that she would be sure to sleep!

Occasionally she glanced upward to see if there were any stars, or if the moon was rising, but the sky was a solid gray lid, not low or stormy, but withdrawn and bitterly cold. It made her shiver. If there was beauty and life in Nature, where had it gone? When the skies were like this they put a blight on the world, and on the human soul.

They galloped along in the gathering darkness, the dead rabbit thudding against the mare's side.

Nell reached the stables from the south pasture. She had expected Gus to be watching for her, but no one was there, not even the dogs. She fed Gypsy, unsaddled her and turned her out. She hung the dead rabbit in the meat house and walked slowly and unwillingly down through the gorge. Physically, she was near collapse, and she walked slowly and unsteadily.

As she approached the house she suddenly stopped walking. Lights shone in all the windows and a row of cars stood behind it.

It was one of those uproarious gatherings which occur when town people descend on their country friends with all the "makings." The house was bursting with food and drink, lights and roaring fires and human noise and movement. Rob had brought T-bone steaks. Potatoes were already baking and Genevieve Scott was just putting the finishing touches to two big pumpkin pies.

When Nell stood in the kitchen door, dazed and almost unbelieving, and exclaimed, "Rob!" she was promptly enveloped in a rowdy bear hug by her husband, and thereafter by Rodney Scott and Charley Sargent. She was told to sit down and rest herself and let her guests do the cooking and set the table. Morton Harris brought her an old-fashioned cocktail. There would be nothing for Nell to do, they assured her, but make her famous dressing for the lettuce.

"And the mustard and coffee sauce for the steaks!" exclaimed Rob.

Gus was concocting the potent Swedish punch called glogg.

"And I hope," said Bess Gifford, "that there'll be room in the oven for these biscuits."

"And we'll be ready to eat at about eight-thirty," said Rob, "and until then there's nothing to do but drink up and enjoy yourself!"

Nell ran upstairs to her room. Rob is home. He kissed me. He is here! This very night they would be together in this room and all would be explained and forgotten. That dreadful loneliness—that desolation—it was all over. An easy breathing lifted her breast and it was new and pleasant and free and a great change—as if, all these weeks, a painful thong had bound her lungs.

She stood on the threshold of their bedroom, wondering if he had been there already, if there would be some sign, his coat thrown across the pillow, or his boots standing argumentatively in the middle of the floor. Instead, she saw the bed piled high with feminine wraps. Of course. The girls, and their things. Well—it would all wait.

Moving lightly and excitedly, she brushed and groomed and freshened herself and ran downstairs again.

Rob offered her another cocktail. "How's about another?" he asked jovially. "You've got to catch up to the rest of us, you know."

"Have you been here long?" she asked, raising her eyes to his as she took the glass. It was like speaking to a man she hardly knew but was desperately in love with.

His eyes met hers for a split second and then fell to the glass he was handing her. "Oh, a couple of hours!" he said.

"And I'm watching you make your salad dressing!" said Morton Harris. "I've got all the things out on this table for you!"

The radio was roaring. Bess Gifford and Charley Sargent were dancing in the middle of the living room.

It seemed to Nell she was floating on the surface of a river of sound and sensation, that lifted her higher and higher. Her body was warm and quick and pliant, the pupils of her eyes dilated, her laugh rippled. She sat at the head of the table and carved the steaks, putting a lump of butter and mustard in each slice, and a dash of black coffee and then spooning the gravy over the meat until all was blended. When, now and then, the memory of the afternoon—of all the days gone before—came back to her, she put her fork down and leaned her head back and wondered if she was drunk—so unbearably sweet was the pang of the present laid against the desolation of the past. It was over. He was here. He had kissed her. He would kiss her again tonight.

"Maybe you'll tell us, Nell!" shrieked Bess Gifford from the other end of the table. "Why is it that Rob and Charley are never so happy as when they can put their heads together and talk about how much money they lose on horses?"

"Lose on horses?" said Nell doubtfully, her eyes going to Rob's.

"Don't believe him," said Rodney Scott. "Come on now, Rob—give us the low-down. You made a mint on this sale, didn't you?"

"You don't have to ask him," shouted Stacy Gifford. "Take a look at him! See that smug grin! He busted the bank!"

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Lesson for November 4

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THE CHURCH AS A FELLOWSHIP

LESSON TEXT—Romans 12:3-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be kindly affectioned one to another . . . in honor preferring one another.—Romans 12:10.

The greatest and most important institution in the world is the Church. The home, which we have been studying in recent weeks, is the primary unit of society, but its relationships are primarily of a personal nature. In the church there is an organized fellowship within a God-made institution, the living organism through which the Lord brings such blessing to the world—the Church.

Here, in God's house, among God's people, the believer finds strength and joy. The Lord's people are:

I. Different Yet United (vv. 3-8).

God is not interested in uniformity, but He does want unity. In the Church are all types of gifts and personalities, each one useful to God. He does not want them all reduced to that drab uniformity which characterizes so many man-made products.

Prophecy, ministry, teaching, giving, ruling — yes, all the various works to which God calls men should be done diligently for His glory. No man is to think of himself as more or less useful to God. His work is different, but it is God's work, and when all serve as they should there is unity and efficiency in the accomplishing of His blessed purpose.

The unity of believers in Christ (v. 5) is something which needs emphasis in our day. The forces of Protestantism are so divided as to be largely ineffective in many important fields.

Not only are they divided but there are almost endless divisions within denominations — yes, and even in local churches. Sometimes there are issues which cannot be met except by separation, but there are also many unnecessary divisions, dishonoring to God and weakening to the Church.

Let's remember we can be different (God wants us to be!) but we can still be united! God wants that, too!

II. Active Yet Kind (vv. 9-11).

God puts no premium on laziness or indifference. We are not to be "slothful," but "fervent" in spirit. Sometimes one feels that the Church has gone sound asleep. It is alive but inactive. It professes to have a zeal for God, but if there is any fervency of spirit, in most places it must be well hidden. But that is not possible, is it?

How much we need a stirring revival in the Church to bring the people of God into active service for Him. If your church as a whole does not respond to the Lord's Word, why do you not as an individual ask God to rekindle His fire in your heart?

There is to be a humility (v. 10), a fine cleanness of thought and life (v. 9), an unfeigned love for the brethren (v. 9), along with all the fervency of spirit and zeal for service.

There is much talk of uniting Christendom and no little danger of compromise for the sake of an outward unity. Such schemes are destined to failure, but unity in Christ, which recognizes Him as the divine Head of the Church, that we do desperately need and should seek for His glory, for the good of the Church and for the blessing of a world lost in sin and strife.

III. Troubled Yet Peaceful (vv. 12-18).

The Church of Christ is in the world to witness for and to serve Him. Hence, it must face all the persecutions and trials which an unbelieving world will bring upon it. Christians are not exempt from the troubles and sorrows common to all mankind.

Therein we find one of the great opportunities for effective witness, for as the Christian and the Church rightly meet such difficulties, they testify to the grace of God which can give peace in one's heart in the midst of turmoil and distress.

Read the verses. Persecuted, but not embittered thereby; weeping but also rejoicing; meeting evil with good and crookedness with honesty; meeting pride with humility and division with unity; yes, living at peace (as far as it is possible) in a belligerent world.

There is something essentially fine and noble and inspiring about the Christian Church wherever and whenever it lives up to the Lord's purpose for it and its members. There is something dismal and discouraging about the Church when it fails the Lord and His mighty cause.

Some feel that the Church is in just such a state of failure and impotence in our day. If it is true of your church, why not pray and work for a revival which will sweep all the deadness out and bring in a new refreshing breath of power from the very throne of God? Do it now!

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS

by Lynn Chambers

Sugar Restrictions Prevent Solution Of Dessert Problems

Mounds of creamy ice cream ride on top of peach halves set on squares of tasty, hot milk sponge cake. A dessert sauce made of the peach juice is a delightful foil for the fruit, ice cream and cake.

Now that food rationing has loosened up in most of the eatable goods, and we are once again able to get back on a prewar standard, cooking problems need not be pressing. However, in spite of this lifting of restrictions, we still have at least one major problem—that of sugar.

Little relief is in sight right now, and the situation will probably prevail for some months. What shall we do about dessert?

Well, first of all there are fruits which can be dished up in any number of perfectly delightful ways. There's whipped cream and ice cream, and, of course, sugar substitutes.

One cup of sugar or less is a good rule to follow if you are using recipes calling for this sweet but scarce commodity. If your cake calls for 1½ cups of sugar, use ¾ cup of sugar with ¾ cup of corn syrup. In this case you must use 2 tablespoons less milk than the recipe calls for and 2 tablespoons of flour, additional.

The fat scarcity also limits us to some extent on the baked goodies we want to make. That's why sponge cake will be popular, as in this following recipe:

Peach Sponge a la Mode.
(Serves 8)

Sponge cake
1 No. 2½ can peach halves
1 quart vanilla ice cream
Dessert sauce

The cake used uses 4 eggs and is made with scalded milk to give it a fluffy texture:

Sponge Cake.

2 cups sifted cake flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
4 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup milk, scalded
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons butter, melted

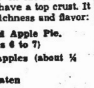
Sift flour and measure. Sift three times with salt and baking powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar gradually and beat until fluffy. Fold in flour mixture, then milk, flavoring and melted butter. Fold until well blended. Pour into square cake pan lined with waxed paper. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 30 minutes. Cool in pans.

Dessert Sauce.

Liquid from peaches
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
Remaining peach halves, chopped
¼ cup salted almonds, slivered
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Cook the peach liquid down to ¾ cup. Stir in the granulated sugar and chill. Serve over the peach halves a la mode and top with nuts mixed with brown sugar.

To serve, arrange a peach half on a square serving of cake. Top with a mound of ice cream and serve with the dessert sauce.



If it's apples you want, then you will like this pie which is easy on fat because it does not have to have a top crust. It uses an egg for richness and flavor:

Open-Faced Apple Pie.
(Serves 6 to 7)

3 cups sliced apples (about ¼ pound)
1 egg, well beaten
¾ cup sugar
1 tablespoon flour
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons melted butter
Plain pastry for 1 crust (about 1 cup flour)

Line pie pan with pastry, building up the edge. Fill with sliced apples. Add remaining ingredients to beaten egg; beat well. Pour batter over apples. Bake in a hot (425-degree) oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Apples which are best to use in this type of pie are Rome Beauty or MacIntosh.

Black walnuts can lend a distinctive flavor to pie when fruit supplies dip to a low during the cooler weather as in this recipe:

Black Walnut Pie.

2 cups milk
1 cup sugar
6 tablespoons flour
2 egg yolks
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons butter
1 cup black walnuts
Baked pastry shell
Whipped cream

Make a custard of the milk, sugar, flour and egg yolks, cooking until thick in a double boiler. Add salt, vanilla and butter. Cool. Add nutmeats and pour into a baked pastry shell. Let set and cool. Serve with whipped cream topping.

This novel apple pie saves shortening by using just one crust. For delicious flavor and good, old-fashioned heartiness, add an egg to the apple mixture.

The old-fashioned puddings are always popular because of their molasses sweetness and fragrant spices. Suet is usually used for the base, but one of the fats may be substituted if it is unavailable. Buttermilk is used to give that fluffy texture which is so appetizing.

Quaker Pudding.
(Serves 10)

2½ cups sifted flour
1½ teaspoons soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1½ cups buttermilk
1 cup ground suet
1 cup molasses
1 cup raisins or other chopped dried fruit, or candied fruit
¾ cup rolled oats

Sift flour with soda and salt. Add all other ingredients in order given and mix thoroughly. Pour into two one-quart greased molds. Cover and steam for 3 hours. Serve with Foamy or Orange sauce.

Stuff green peppers with creamed chicken or turkey and rice. The peppers should be parboiled first, and after stuffed, they may be heated for 10 minutes in a moderate oven.

If you like stuffed green peppers, try them with a stuffing of corned beef hash mixed with onion. It's mighty good.

Like sweet potato pudding? One way to make it is to mash six cooked sweet potatoes with 6 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind and 1 cup of orange juice. Bake this mixture in a greased casserole in a moderate oven for 15 minutes.

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Squeezing Grapefruit

You can squeeze large grapefruit on an ordinary orange juice reamer if you cut the fruit in half lengthwise (rather than crosswise), halve again, squeeze each quarter on the reamer, pressing cut side against point of juicer. Smaller grapefruit can be cut in halves like oranges, juiced on regular reamer.

Butter Substitutes

Adding salt and sugar to oleo or other butter substitutes makes it more palatable.

Lynn Chambers' Menu.

Braised Liver with Vegetables
Creamed Potatoes
Celery Sticks
Molded Plum-Pear Salad
Corn Sticks Honey
*Open-Faced Apple Pie
*Recipe given.

Lynn Says:

Make Meals Good: No family enjoys eating the same, same foods every meal. It's a good idea not to repeat dishes more than once every three or four weeks. Even favorite foods get monotonous when served too regularly.

To get contrast in every meal, follow the basic seven charts to see that you get in all different types of foods.

In planning a meal, have some things crisp, others soft, and still others hard. For example, meat can be the "soft" food, while broccoli or salad add the crispness, and rolls are the "hard" part.

Try to combine colors, too. Cauliflower, potatoes and creamed chicken may all be good, but they don't stimulate the appetite. However, consider the colorfulness of creamed chicken with french fried potatoes and peas with carrots.

There should also be a combination of hot and cold dishes. Even with a salad luncheon, the hot foods can be soup and coffee.

Some cooked, some raw is another good rule. Be sure to have a salad—a big one, too, if you are having roasted meat, cooked vegetables and pie or pudding, which are all cooked.

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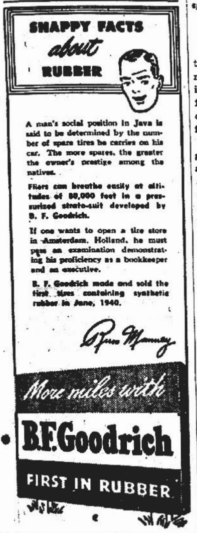
Lean Fish

If lean fish is used for broiling or baking, brush generously with fat or french dressing.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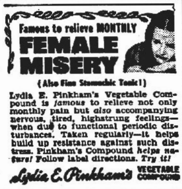
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Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newspaper, through special arrangement with the Washington Bureau of Western Newspaper Union at 1616 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is able to bring readers this weekly column on problems of the veteran and serviceman and his family. Questions may be addressed to the above Bureau and they will be answered in a subsequent column. No replies can be made direct by mail, but only in the column which will appear in this newspaper regularly.

Small Business Aid

The small business division of the U. S. Department of Commerce is taking particular interest in veterans who are returning from the wars with the intention of entering the small business field.

The small business division has given the subject considerable time and thought and now has available for veterans a booklet, "Veterans and Small Business" which answers numerous questions in the minds of the returning soldier.

The booklet covers many facts of the highly competitive small business field and covers subjects such as, "Postwar Plans for GIs"; "Industry's Job to Place Servicemen"; "The GI Bill and Small Business"; "What About These Veterans' Loans?"; "Factors in a GI's Business Success"; "Getting Started in Your Business"; "How Long Can I Stay in Business?"; "Survival Chances of Retail Stores"; "Risk-taking in a Postwar World"; "Training Program for Small Business"; "Marketing Facts On a County Basis"; "Small Town a Most Important Market," and seven other factors or subjects.

These chapters were written by experts and information contained will be invaluable to the veteran contemplating entering the small business field.

These booklets are available to veterans by writing to the "Small Business Division" of the United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

Questions and Answers

Q. Can a mother who is all alone and in poor health, have a son released from the Army if he has been in since Jan. 25, 1943, and in the South Pacific since June 19, 1943, and has never had a furlough? Mrs. D. W., Greenwood, Wis.

A. The War Department says that the fact the mother is all alone and in poor health would not necessarily bring about the son's release. If the case can be considered a "hardship case" release might be given, but each case must be decided upon its merits and be recommended by the commanding officer. If your son, however, has been in the army since the dates you give, he possibly has enough points for his discharge now, or at least in the very near future. Without points for battle stars or decorations, which count five each, he has approximately 63 points. He is eligible for application for discharge now at 70 points and the number is fixed at 60 points November 1.

Q. My daughter wishes to know whether she will be entitled to services of a doctor and hospitalization benefits when her new baby arrives, if her husband who is now in the navy is discharged under the point system before the baby arrives?—Mrs. W. A. L., Mill Iron, Mont.

A. The Navy Department says that if she is now receiving navy medical care to which she is entitled, the navy will do everything it can to help her provided she does not move from the area where she is under treatment and the pregnancy is in the later stages. Suggest she contact the nearest navy hospital or dispensary for specific information.

Q. Is there a course of study in fire fighting listed in the educational program for veterans and are there any books available on this subject? —G. E. D., Philadelphia.

A. Many schools approved by State Boards of Education have instructions in fire fighting. For instance, the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., have such a course. It may be possible that the University of Pennsylvania has such a course. Suggest that you write one of these schools.

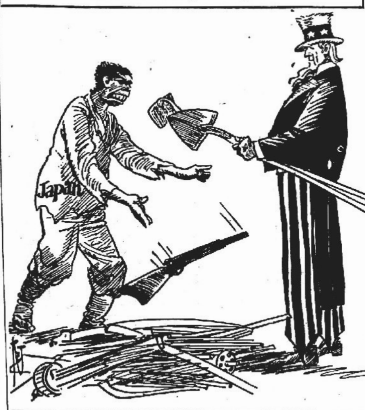
Q. Will a soldier who has been in service for two years and 11 months in the States and 13 months overseas receive mustering-out pay if he is given a dependency discharge?—Wife, Treloar, Mo.

A. The War Department says that if his dependency discharge is honorable he is entitled to mustering-out pay.

Q. Please advise if an ex-serviceman can obtain a loan to join up in an open shop in one or more unions?—J. C., Coffeeville, Miss.

A. Can find no regulation which provides for a loan to join a union.

Reconverting in Japan



Too Well Nourished

Though only four years old, Marvin ("Butch") Glazer of Detroit weighs 76 pounds. With him as he eats a hearty breakfast is his two-months-old spaniel. Marvin, like all excessively overweight children, is a victim of a glandular disorder.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

Roll your own—eyes, not cigarettes! Rolling the eyes is a splendid One Minute Exercise. Look straight ahead. Now, lower and raise the upper lids ten times without moving the lower lids. Now close your eyes and count ten. Repeat. If you suffer from eye strain this is a very soothing exercise.

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

WHY DO YOU LOVE THAT VAN?

Now that the Van Johnson hysteria is sweeping the country like the Sinatra tidal wave, we want to know the whys and wherefores. When people asked us what you saw in Frankie to bring on the swoons and squeals, we could only shrug helplessly and say, "We, too." Well, we've asked the 1,800 teenagers who act as "Hi Style Scouts" for Calling All Girls if they're swooning over Van and why. Now, just let somebody ask us about this new crush and we're ready with all the answers.

"He looks like the boy next door—not like a movie glamour boy." (Don't you wish you lived on that girl's block?)

"The way he takes a girl in his arms and kisses her." (Now we're getting somewhere.)

"His cute, squeaky voice." (Well, what's the matter with Mickey Mouse?)

"His divine build, his boyish smile; his red hair." (Three good reasons.)

"He's sweet and shy, when the occasion demands, he can be so-o-o masterful." (Did you sit through his last picture three times just waiting for these "occasions"?)

"He doesn't act as if he were acting." (Then what does M.G.M. pay him for, anyway?)

"Are you kidding? He's positively gorgeous." (That seems to sum up the whole situation.)

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DAFFYNITIONS

WARRIOR—A gal who uses too much dazzle dust and pucker paint.

IT PUCKERS ME—It makes me mad.

THE FEET—That's what you call any good dancer. You call Frankie "The Voice," don't you, and Dick Haymes "The Throat"? Well—

VANNY—Wonderful. And in case you don't know why, just take another look at those love scenes in "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo."

C. O. D.—Crush on a Drip.

SLURPY—Droolsome.

Take My Word For It!

By FRANK COLBY

Question Box

Atlanta: I have finally convinced my stenographer that "reoccurrence" is incorrect. Can't you spread the news around?—B. E. T.

Answer: "Reoccurrence" is not incorrect, but it is somewhat redundant. The better form is: recurrence.

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Lynn: Please discuss pronunciation and origin of "debacle." It is often pronounced "DEB-uh-k'l."—M. Q.

Answer: First choice: **dee-BAH-k'l.** Second choice: **dee-BAK-'l.** The word is from the French. In both French and English, debacle has the curious literal meaning, "the break up of ice," as in a river.

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Savannah: What authority is there for the pronunciation "crick" for the word "creek"?—M. A. R.

Answer: It's dialectal. Creek should rhyme with "Greek."

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Oklahoma City: Please, what is the plural of the word "corps"? Is it "corpses"?—J. L.

Answer: Sorry, no. "Corpses" is the plural of "corpse." The word corps is both singular and plural. Correct: He joined the Marine Corps. There were several tank corps in the battle.

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Detroit: Please distinguish between "sewerage" and "sewage."—O. G. T.

Answer: Sewerage is the act of or system for disposing of waste matter. Sewage is the waste matter carried off by the sewerage system.

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Beaumont: Your recent article, "Oh, Those Adverbs!" reminds me that it can happen in the best of families. Even Browning wrote:

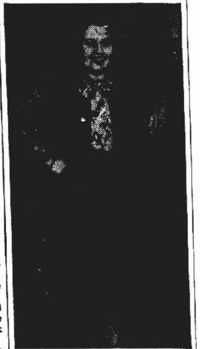
> "And yonder soft phial, the exquisite blue,
> Sure to taste sweetly—is that poison too?"

Answer: It's poisonous English. The rule is: After look, sound, taste, smell, feel, use an adjective.

Correct: Sure to taste sweet. Don't feel bad about it. It sounds loud. It smells good. She looks ill.

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Gray Flannel Suit



Soft gray flannel forms the youthful suit. The brief jacket has a tucked yoke treatment and two patch pockets, and is worn with a red and gray print blouse.

Cleaner Eggs

Less work will be required in cleaning eggs if the laying house has a nest for each five hens and if the nests are deep enough to contain 4 inches of nesting material.

Avoid Stickiness

Before melting chocolate in a dish over hot water, rub inside of dish with melted butter or olive oil to prevent sticking. Measuring cups may be greased in the same manner before measuring molasses or syrup.

Lifts Bed

An electrically - operated hospital bed has been invented. It raises and lowers with the flick of a switch. The use of a nurse or hospital aide is eliminated.

Operators Advised to Use DDT Killer With Care

No one can be too careful in applying DDT, the insect-killing chemical which is attracting so much attention. When the material is used in barns, poultry houses, and similar places, all feed should be removed so that it will not become contaminated. He reminds that all drinking cups and salt licks should be covered while the DDT is being applied. The spray must be allowed to dry thoroughly before animals are permitted to return to the premises.

Operators applying DDT spray or dust are urged to avoid getting any more of the material on themselves than is absolutely necessary and the same precaution applies to inhaling the material. Operators should be especially careful with DDT and oil mixtures because the oil penetrates the skin of humans much more readily than water and, therefore, is much more dangerous to handle.

General use of DDT is not advised because there still is considerable research work to be done on insects and crops. It has been used safely as a spray for fly, bedbug, louse and roach control in dairy barns and poultry houses, as a spray in combination with bordeaux mixture for the control of flea beetles and leafhoppers on potatoes, and as a spray or dust under certain conditions for various household insects.

Biological Desert

A virgin forest has been called a biological desert because it does not produce enough feed to support animal life in abundance.

Soil Conservation

More than 90 per cent, or almost 1,000,000,000 acres, of the farm land in the United States needs soil conservation treatment to protect it from soil erosion, maintain fertility and put it to its most efficient use.

Deep Rooted Plants Aid Soil

Plants that root deep, including trees and some grasses, are important agents in enriching the surface soil, the department of agriculture has found. The deep-ranging roots draw from the deeper layers of the soil the various plant nutrients, particularly minerals. When the plant dies and decays these are returned to the soil, but are concentrated in the top layers where shallow-rooting plants can draw on them.

Washing Egg-Beater

Avoid putting the cogs of the egg beater in water. Rinse the spokes under cold water first, then wash only the spokes with your dishes.

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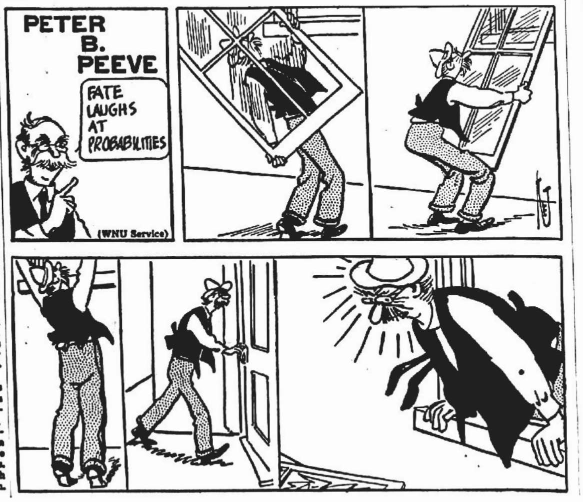

SPECIAL SALE

COME IN AND SEE OUR LADIES' SUITS, HATS, AND SHOES AT REDUCED PRICES

Bartow Bargain House

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Personals

Mrs. J. T. Gresham of College Park, Ga., has arrived to spend several months with her sister, Miss Furlow Anderson.

Mrs. L. R. Reeves of Micanopy has spent the past week visiting her sons, L. M., J. L., and L. R. Reeves and their families. She returned to her home on Friday.

Walter Martin and Clayton Fields of the University of Florida at Gainesville spent the week end here with their families.

F. E. John left Saturday for Clearwater, where he will assume the managership of the B and B super market. Mrs. John and their young son, Stevie joined him Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hood of Clewiston are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Smith this week.

Mrs. Vida P. Watts of Muncie, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Stebbins and family, having arrived the first of the week.

Mrs. R. R. Porterfield left Sunday for Chicago to visit her sister, Mrs. C. E. Holland and family, and her brother, L. A. Richardson and family.

Miss Catherine Walker was able to return home on Wednesday from St. Anthony's hospital in St. Petersburg, where she recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Conner and Mrs. G. B. Pittman of Tampa were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bass and family, Sunday.

Dick Stodden has gone to Atlanta, where he has entered Georgia Tech for his freshman year.

Mrs. Robert Larson left Tuesday for Everett, Washington, to join her husband, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hughs.

Billy Archer and Malcolm Crews spent the week end in DeLand as guests of Alfred Engelmann, Jr., of Avon Park, at Stetson university.

Ray Wells has bought the Alexander Gilmour home northeast of Avon Park. Mrs. Gilmour, who is at present at the Jacaranda hotel, has rented an apartment at the home of Mrs. J. L. Wells.

In over 20 years of business experience Jack Stephenson has never denied any family his services regardless of financial circumstances. —Adv.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR VACATION OF A PART OF LOTELA GARDENS SUBDIVISION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on November 20th., 1945, apply to the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, for the adoption of a resolutin vacating that part of Lotela Gardens Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3 on page 68 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Lakeview Avenue, Park Street, Lotela Avenue and Canal Street, running from Lakeview Avenue to Lakeside Drive

and by such vacation to close to the traveling public the use of said streets.

WITNESS our hands at Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, this the 30th day of October, A. D. 1945.

E. G. TODD
WINIFRED R. TODD
C. E. LANIER
CLAIRE S. LANIER
WALTER BETTS
JANE BETTS

Nov. 2, 9, 16.

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LOST — Key ring with number of keys and driver's license, Return to name and address on license, and receive reward. Oct. 26, 2T.

FOR RENT — Furnished apartments and houses. Priced $5.00 to $12.50 per week. W. T. Connell, phone 137. Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2. 5tpd.

WANTED — Girls 18 and over to train for clerk operator and manager of Western Union otice. Applicants paid while learning. Apply local office Western office.

FOR SALE — New 48 inch exhaust fan and 3 H. P. outboard motor, in perfect condition. Phone 10-R.

FOR SALE — Glass door book case, davenport, two innerspring mattresses. L. H. Park, 15 Waycross st. 1tpd.

FOR SALE — Eight room house and two garage apartment, all furnished. Brings in $70 monthly income. Price $5000. 133 North Butler Ave. I. M. Peeples.

PIANO TUNING — Repairing or complete overhauling. C. E. Greenup from Lakeland. Write c/o Box 128, Avon Park.

TURKEYS FOR SALE — For Thanksgiving. See A. H. Bennett. Phone 247 R, Box 885.

PARK THEATRE

AVON PARK, FLORIDA

Saturday
(Double-Feature)
Hit No. 1
"Man From Thunder River"
Wild Bill Elliott and "Gabby" Hayes
Hit No. 2
"Scared Stiff"
with
Jack Haley and Ann Savage
also
ZORRO'S BLACK WHIP No. 5

Sunday — Monday
Col. Robert Lee Scott's
"God Is My Co-Pilot"
With Dennis Morgan
Raymond Massey, Alan Hale
Dane Clark
also
Latest News — Cartoon

Tuesday — Wednesday
"Twice Blessed"
with
Lee and Lynn Wilde
Preston Foster
also
"And Now Peace"

Thursday — Friday
(Open Date)

SATURDAY
Hit No. 1
"Fire Brand Arizona"
with
Sunset Carson and Smiley Burnette
Hit No. 2
"Great Mike"
with
Robert Henry and Stewart Erwin
also
"ZORRO'S BLACK WHIP" No. 6

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THE AVON PARK TIMES, Established Mar. 1, 1929
THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY PILOT, Established Nov. 28, 1919—Consolidated Dec. 1, 1942

Buy more War Bonds now for Future security, too!

Our Men In The Service

Russell Childs, machinist mate 1/c, U. S. Navy, who has been overseas 25 months, received his discharge in Jacksonville, and has returned home. He participated in three major campaigns, including the ones on Bougainvillae, the Admiralty Islands, and Okinawa, and has the Asiatic Ribbon, the American Theatre ribbon, and the Good Conduct medal.

Pvt. Paul Rounds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, is now taking his technical training with an engineering unit at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

S/Sgt. W. T. Kerklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kerklin, waist gunner on a B-17, has been discharged from the service, and, with his wife is making his home here for the present. He has been in the service four years, and spent 22 months overseas. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, has four battle stars, Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Unit citation, and the Good Conduct medal.

T/5 Amos Smith of the 92nd Infantry Division, holder of the Bronze Star, is scheduled to arrive home soon. He won the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat, in Italy.

T. C. Knowles, A/S, who has completed his V 5 training at the University of Miami, has been transferred to the University of South Carolina at Columbia.

R. P. DeLaney, motor machinist mate, 2/c, U. S. Navy, who has served in the South Pacific for the past three years, has received his discharge at the naval base in Jacksonville, and has returned home.

ERLE PABOR ON USS HANCOCK

William Erle Pabor, aviation machinist's mate, second class, 21, USN, Avon Park, Fla., had chalked up, with other crewmen of the aircraft carrier USS HANCOCK, as impressive a record as just about any ship of the Fleet before "calling it quits" in the Pacific and returning to the States for Navy Day.

Though "FIGHTIN' HANNAH" looks peaceful enough now at her moorings in home waters, her appearance belies a heroic career of 10 months in the battle zones, during which her planes destroyed 723 enemy aircraft, 14 warships and 31 merchant ships. Her antiaircraft guns have 10 "notches" for that many attacking planes knocked down.

Commissioned in April, 1944, the HANCOCK wasn't ready to join the 3rd Fleet until October, 1944, but from that day, she left the Japs reeling from Wake Island to Hokkaido. Included in her fighting itinerary were Okinawa, Formosa, Luzon, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, Honshu, Kyushu, Hokkaido, Leyte, Hong Kong, and Kobe Harbor.

Her record is the more impressive because she had been twice knocked out of action, but only temporarily. She continued operations after the end of hostilities, covering occupation troops. Her last mission was to drop food and supplies to Americans in prisoner-of-war camps.

The HANCOCK is credited with downing the last Japanese plane attacking Allied Naval forces in the war.

Soldier With Sick Wife Asks Legion Help for Discharge

Pfc. J. A. Wise, home on an emergency furlough, reported to the American Legion Tuesday night that his wife is ill and that he is attempting to get out of the army so that he can be home to look after her and his five-year old daughter. He has been a resident of Avon Park since 1942, having come here from Sampson, Ala., but is now stationed in the Air Forces at Harvard, Neb. He has affidavits from neighbors who know his circumstances, and these joined in asking that he be sent home. He asked the Legion's assistance for immediate action, because his outfit is scheduled to ship out overseas at any time, and unless he is discharged right away, he may be sent overseas.

A motion was passed that the post request the local county Red Cross chapter to make an immediate investigation of his case and report at once to his commanding officer. The Legion is also moving to get his wife placed in an army hospital.

M. F. Stokey was appointed adjutant of The Post, following resignation of E. L. Leighton, who is being transferred to the Lakeland office of the Peninsular Insurance company.

40 AND 8 ENTERTAINED

Demos Mandis entertained the Polk County Voiture of the Forty and Eight at his dairy farm Wednesday night. About fifty members and guests attended and were served a fried chicken dinner.

—IS THIS YOU—

You were down town shopping Friday afternoon, wearing a blue dress, red jacket, loafers and carried a large bag. I might add that the Snooper Dooper thinks you are very attractive. If this be you, drop by the box office at the Park Theatre and you will be given two free complimentary tickets to see Captain Kidd either Sunday or Monday.

Wanda Chandler was described last week and claimed her two free tickets.

Pilot Tells of Prison Life Under Nazis

Rotarians and their guests heard one of their best war stories Wednesday when Lt. Willis D. Smith, a prisoner in Germany for eighteen months, was guest speaker. Lt. Smith, a B-17 Bomber pilot gave a highly interesting account of his experiences after being shot down in the icy waters of the English Channel in mid-winter, near the coast of occupied France, and being picked up seven hours later by the German Coast Guard.

He said that none of his crew could walk after their exposure and that they were taken to an Interrogation Center where the Nazi officers, placed them in solitary confinement against the advice of the German medical officer who advised hospitalization. He told something of the brutal treatment accorded American prisoners at this Center in an effort to extract military information.

After being transferred to a permanent prisoner of war camp, Lt. Smith made two escapes, being at liberty eighteen days the first time and for three months on the second try, during which time he traveled through Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Luxembourg and was finally recaptured in France. He told the Allied system of paying $500 reward for each flyer delivered by the underground and of the German offer of a similar bounty for each escapee delivered over to the Gestapo.

Approximately 10,000 prisoners were confined in this camp and among this number were highly skilled men in all the arts and crafts. Secretly, they made and concealed radios, tools, weapons, maps, etc. Three hundred seventy-two tunnels were dug in efforts to escape while only two of this number were successful, speaker Smith related. Air was supplied to these tunnels by pipe formed from tin cans saved from their daily rations, some of these air lines reached several feet in length.

Speaker Smith told about the important need which American, British and Canadian Red Cross food packages filled in the diet of the prisoners and how in the winter of 1944-45 when the Allied air raids were taking a heavy toll of German transportation it was impossible for the Germans to bring in Red Cross packages or to distribute stored foodstuffs from other sections of Germany. He said that the men in this camp lost from 45 to 75 pounds during this period.

Lt. Smith told how the men of this camp liberated themselves on April 26th, in advance of the approaching Allied armies, using weapons of their own manufacture and guns and ammunition purchased from German guards in exchange for American cigarettes, margarine, and chocolate. He responded generously to questions from his listeners, a feature of the program which added much interest.

E. Ray Wells, program chairman, in his introductory remarks said that Lt. Smith now stationed at Hendricks Field is the possessor but not the wearer of the following decorations: American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with one star, European Theatre ribbon with 5 stars, Air Medal with 5 clusters, Purple Heart, 1 cluster, Presidential Unit Citation with Star.

Guests at the luncheon meeting were George Langford, guest of Roy Hastie, Rev. Lloyd King and Rev. E. H. Puryear, guests of S. J. Pendleton, Jack Agerton of Auburndale, guest of H. W. Worden. Visitors were Rotarian James B. Welles, President of the New York State Teacher's College of Geneseo, New York, a winter resident of Highland Lakes, and M. F. McGee, mayor of Sebring and R. C. Floyd, both Rotarians from Sebring.

New Managers For B & B Grocery And Meat Departments

Dan Humphrey of Wauchula has taken over the management of the B & B Super Market, succeeding F. E. John, who has been transferred to the Clearwater store. His wife and daughter have joined him here and they are residing in the home on Lake Isis, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John.

Eck Campbell, of Detroit, Mich., has taken charge of the B & B meat department. He and his wife are occupying the Murray apartment.

The store has recently been redecorated throughout.

NOTICE AUXILIARY MEMBERS

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are requested to meet at the bandstand at 7:15 Sunday evening to attend, in a body with the American Legion, the special Armistice day services at the Union Congregational Church.

Stores To Close All Day Monday

Stores in Avon Park will close all day Monday in observance of Armistice Day, which falls on Sunday. According to agreement of merchants reached today, the stores will close all day on the 12th, and remain open all day Wednesday, the 14th, in place of the usual half-day closing. The following week, stores will remain open all day Wednesday and close all day Thursday, the 22nd, which is Thanksgiving.

Council Agrees To Put Ball Park In Good Condition

The city council agreed, at a special meeting last Saturday night, to make necessary repairs to the former Armory building at Head Field and convert it into a club house for use of ball clubs next spring. Possibilities are that the park will be used for spring training quarters for one of the International or American Association clubs.

Mayor DeLaney, Councilmen I. H. Ford and J. L. Delegal in company with W. M. Hetherington, chamber of commerce baseball chairman, inspected the ball park and club house last Thursday and determined the repairs that would be necessary to put the plant in first class condition. The building needs some roof and floor repairs, some windows replaced, shower and toilet rooms renovated and a new paint job. This the council agreed to do.

It will also be necessary to work on the playing field before spring, and the council also agreed to put the field in good condition. If a big league team can be secured, it will come here the first of March and remain through the middle of April. Following this will come high school baseball, American Legion junior baseball, and a town team, probably an Orange Belt league entry. The council agreed that such a program justified the expenditure of sufficient money to put the field in good playing condition.

Mrs. Alice Ford Died Saturday; Ill Few Hours

Mrs. Alice W. Ford, 77, resident of Avon Park for twenty-one years, passed away at the family residence, 502 South Lake avenue early Saturday morning, following a brief illness. She suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Friday. There were no services in Avon Park, the body being taken to Newberry, Ind., for services and interment in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Ford was born April 8, 1868 in Greene county, Ind., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Halstead. She was a devoted wife and mother, and had scores of, friends, who loved her, and who mourn her passing.

Surviving relatives include her husband, L. R. Ford; three stepsons, Lawrence Ford, Avon Park, A. O. Ford, Bradenton, and Paul Ford, Lyons, Ind.; one step daughter, Mrs. Ora Roberts, Owensburg, Ind., and five sisters in California, Ohio and Indiana.

Railroads Offer Advanced Service For Perishables

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Florida East Coast Railway and the Seaboard Air Line Railway announces the reestablishment, effective with loadings in Florida on November 12th, of the fast advanced service to the larger consuming eastern markets for Florida fresh fruits and vegetables. This service affords third morning market delivery in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and fourth morning market delivery in Boston.

The advanced service was operated for several seasons beginning in 1938 until discontinued in 1942 as a war measure and handled a large part of the Florida perishables to eastern markets.

The regular service providing fourth morning delivery in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore is also available for shipments not loaded in time for the expedited service.

Marine Corps To Seek Recruits In Avon Park Nov. 15

A Marine Corps recruiting party will be located at the Avon Park Post Office on November 15th, seeking applicants for enlistment in the Corps under its new service program.

The Marine Corps, which is now operating on a three year enlistment program, is open to all men from 17 through 31. Men 17 through 25 may enlist with or without prior military service, however, men 26 through 31 must have had previous military service to qualify for enlistment.

Present quotas for the Marines are unlimited and men may go to active duty at once or set the date of their enlistment.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist Church of Avon Park at 10:30 on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. The Rev. E. S. Hedgebeth, pastor of the Union Congregational Church, will be the speaker.

Program For Armistice Day Is Arranged

Armistice Day will be observed in Avon Park by an American Legion sponsored parade and program at the band stand at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Gold Star Mothers will be guests of honor at the program, and all gold star mothers are urged to attend.

The parade will form at the Seaboard depot at ten o'clock. Line of march will be through town to Ware Furniture company corner and back to the band stand. The band will lead the parade, followed by Boy Scouts, Legionnaires and veterans, auxiliary members and other units.

At the band stand the following program will be given:

Col. Dan M. Ellis, master of ceremonies.

1. Band.
2. Invocation by Rev. Frank Walker.
3. America by Band and audience, led by A. McKee Elwell.
4. Introduction of speaker by Mayor E. A. DeLaney.
5. Address by Gordon B. Knowles, past department commander of the American Legion.
6. Presentation of corsages to Gold Star Mothers.
7. Taps.
8. Star Spangled Banner.
9. Benediction by Rev. E. H. Puryear.

Air Express Company Seeks Direct Route Out of Avon Park

A representative of Commercial Air Lines, Miami, has been in contact with Engelmann Poultry Farm and negotiating with them for Engelmann's air express business. The Commercial outfit is investigating the possibilities of landing seaplanes on Lake Lotela or some other nearby large lake, to pick up the baby chick business which is now going by rail to Miami and by Pan American and other lines to South and Central America.

Engelmanns have been shipping by air since 1932, and in all have shipped more than two and a half million baby chicks by air. Other lines used are the Expresso Aero Inter Americano Agency which handles most of the Cuban shipments, and Air Express International, which takes shipments to Aruba, Netherland West Indies. Shipments are made as far as Peru on the west coast to Dutch Guinea on the east coast.

The largest single shipment to be made by the hatchery will leave next Monday, Alfred Engelmann said, when 5600 baby chicks are sent by air express to Porto Rico and Trinidad.

Texas Company Geophysical Outfit Moving Out Monday

The Texas Company geophysical division, which has made its headquarters in Avon Park since December 20, 1944, will move out next Monday to another territory. The outfit will return to Houston, Texas and be reassigned from there.

The crew covered parts of Polk, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee and Osceola, and touched on Indian River and Brevard counties in their tests to discover the most likely spots for drilling oil wells. G. A. Schofield, party chief, said there was no information as to when the company would drill test wells, but indications are that some wells will be drilled. The nearest Texas company wells are in Alabama.

BOBBY KELLER AT CADET SCHOOL

Robert T. Keller, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller, E. Canfield St., Avon Park, Florida has been appointed a Cadet-Midshipman in the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps and assigned to fourth class training at the Cadet School, Pass Christian, Mississippi, Lieutenant Commander A. E. Champeau, USNR, District Cadet - Midshipmen Supervisor, New Orleans, announced today.

Cadet-Midshipman Keller was appointed for Engine officer training. On completion of the training course, and graduation from the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York he will be licensed as a 3d Ass't. Engineer of merchant vessels and, in addition, will be eligible for a commission in the U. S. Maritime Service as Ensign.

WRECK INJURES THREE

W. R. Carter, Donald Wiggins and Pvt. Walter Nasdao were all three injured, when their car collided with a truck on the APAAF road, between town and Carter's ranch, last Friday afternoon. Mr. Carter, driver of the car, suffered severe cuts and bruises; Donald Wiggins, the bone broken in two places in his right leg, and Pvt. Nasdao, a broken arm and fracture. The soldier was stationed at Hendricks Field. The car, owned by Mr. Carter, was completely demolished.

Highlands School Attendance Shows Increase Over 1944

There are 123 more students enrolled in the schools of Highlands county at the beginning of the school year than there were at the close of school last year, according to figures furnished the Sun by County Superintendent Fred Wild.

Folks who are inclined to believe that things are on the downgrade just because the war is ended and the Army has gone, should revise their opinons, if school attendance figures can be used as straws in the wind. And an increase in school attendance is a pretty good barometer to show how the wind is blowing.

At the end of the first school month, the Highlands county public schools had an enrollment of 2465 students, Superintendent Wild's records show. The enrollment in the schools at the end of the last school year was 2342. This would mean an increase of 123 students for the first school month over the enrollment at the end of last year.

Avon Park shows a gain that is in line with the balance of the county. Last month, last year, the Avon Park enrollment was 690. This month, this year it is 720, a net gain of 30 pupils.

Strange as it may seem, Sebring, which still has its Army base, can show only a gain of eight pupils over the same period last year. Last month, last year, Sebring had 691 pupils. This year the enrollment was 699.

Lake Placid shows the largest gain, with 237, as against 197 at this time last year, a gain of 40 pupils.

The nursery schools have an enrollment of 120, which is not included in the above totals.

The number of individuals who are employed on a full time basis to operate Highlands county schools are: A superintendent of public instruction, a bookkeeper, a combination transportation clerk, textbook and attendance officer.

Supervisors are: One elementary school, one music, one agriculture, 102 teachers and principals, 19 bus drivers, one bus mechanic, 11 janitors, 23 full-time lunch room workers (25 part-time helpers), 13 nursery school teachers, six other nursery school employees, maids, cooks, etc.

Red Devils Win From Moore Haven 33-0 Last Friday

The Avon Park Red Devils defeated the Moore Haven Terriers here last Friday night 33-0. The first team played only a little more than one quarter. Fred Montsdeoca scored three touchdowns, two with the first team and one with the second. Little Virgil Martin, ninety-nine pound second team quarterback, scored once on a quarterback sneak. Billy Cravey scored another.

Milton Adkins and Freddie Moore were the standout players for Moore Haven. Adkins was the outstanding player on the field during the game.

Avon Park made 19 first downs to 10 for Moore Haven.

The Red Devils will meet Mulberry on Memorial Field here Friday night. The kickoff is scheduled for 7:45. The Devils will be seeking their third conference win against the two losses suffered at the hands of Haines City and Lake Wales. Mulberry has one conference win at the expense of Fort Meade last Friday night by the score 7-6. Mulberry will bring a lighter team to Avon Park but have a speedy and shifty team that has given opponents difficulty. Mulberry's strongest showing was made against Bartow which game they lost by the score of 6-0. Bartow last week defeated Fort Myers which was leading the South Florida Conference.

Frank Camp, who has had the three stitches removed from his lower lip that was cut during practice last week, is expected to be ready for the starting lineup Friday night. Donald Ford, who has recently gone out for the team and played last week is expected to see some action as are other second stringers who made a good showing.

Ministerial Association Met Monday

The Avon Park Ministerial Association met for its second monthly meeting on last Monday. Rev. E. H. Puryear, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, is chairman, Rev. T. L. Jenkins, pastor of the St. Mark Baptist Church, cochairman; and Rev. W. M. Mullen, pastor of the First Methodist Church, secretary.

At the meeting in October it was decided to include all local, active pastors of the white and negro churches as members.

In this week's meeting there was a very decided and determined purpose to cope with the common problem of the Christian Church — to make our communities better by making for more truly christian relationships.

APAAF Donates Equipment To Avon Park Schools

Avon Park Army Air Field has donated a quantity of athletic equipment, several hundred books and two ping pong tables to the high school for use of the youth of the city. The ping pong tables will be used in the Youth Center when that institution is set up. Arrangements for securing the equipment were made by J. Paul Garber, school board member, with Col. Andrew O. Lerche, base commanding officer. The people of Avon Park are deeply appreciative to Col. Lerche for his thoughtfulness in turning over the equipment to the schools.

ATTEND PTA CONVENTION

Mrs. Chas. L. Davis, president of the Avon Park PTA and Mrs. R. C. Hutchinson represented the organization at the Florida Congress of Parent Teachers held at Daytona Beach this week. They returned home Thursday afternoon.

Chamber Asks Trailers Be Moved From City Park

The chamber of commerce directors voted Thursday night to ask the city to move the trailers out of Donaldson park, as a preliminary move to convert the park into a recreation and tourist center. It was suggested that the trailer park at Woodruff Heights would be available as soon as the government trailers are moved out, and that location could be used by the city instead of Donaldson park. The matter will be taken up with the city at an early date.

Hetherington reported that the city council had agreed to repair the field and club house at Head Field.

John Hood reported on the state road meeting at Ocala which he recently attended.

S. F. Longbottom called attention to the fact that the flag pole, blown down in last year's storm, had not been replaced, and he was appointed a committee of one to see what can be done about getting it repaired and reset.

Thermometers To Be Tested For Growers

All growers in Avon Park and vicinity, who want their grove thermometers tested, are requested to leave them at Touchton Drug Store before 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Oscar Norman, field, meterologist for the Federal-State Horticultural Protection Service, will be in Avon Park at that time to pick up the thermometers, and will bring them back one week later. Mr. Norman has asked that each thermometer be tagged with the name of the owner and his hometown. All growers are urged to take advantage of this free service.

PTA To Meet Thursday; Asher Frank To Speak

The November meeting of the PTA will be held Thursday afternoon, Nov. 15. Frank Asher, chairman of the Safety Council, will address the group. He will speak to the school children earlier in the day.

The executive board will meet Monday night, Nov. 12 at the home of Mrs. Chas. L. Davis.

— Joyce L. Hutchinson
Publicity chairman.

CAPT. SMITH ON INACTIVE STATUS

Dale Mabry Field, Fla., Nov. 7 — Capt. Guy E. Smith, Selma Alabama, has been returned to inactive status, at Dale Mabry Field, Separation Base, Tallahassee, Florida.

He trained with the ROTC unit, while a student at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and was commissioned in the Reserve Corp on May 20, 1930. He was called to active duty May 15, 1941. His tour of duty consisted of ten months stationed at various fields in this country, and twenty-six months overseas, in the American Theater, Caribbean Defense Command, Fourth Air Force. He was assigned to duties of an Administrative nature. Capt. Smith wears the American Defense Service Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon.

Capt. Smith was formerly a representative for the Reliance Life Insurance of Pittsburgh. Florida headquarters at Jacksonville. He also represented the C. C. C. U. S. Government, District "D," at Anniston, Alabama. His many friends in Avon Park will recall Capt. Smith as a former member of the high school faculty.

Capt Smith is the husband of the former Stella L. Bowline, 727 Union Street, Selma, Alabama.

Jury Awards Roger Giddens $35,000 in Suit

The City of Avon Park lost a damage suit brought by Roger Giddens, 13 year old son of Lawrence Giddens, yesterday when a circuit court jury awarded Giddens $35,000 damages for injuries sustained by the boy who was hit by a police car May 22, 1942.

The accident occurred over three years ago when a police car driven by Ellis Green hit the young boy, breaking both legs and fracturing several ribs. The boy's left foot never healed, although he has had eight operations, which with other treatment cost Giddens approximately $4000, it was testified

Lawrence Giddens entered another suit for $15,000 to recover medical expenses, which was settled Friday in a compromise in which the city agreed to pay $5,000.

The city is covered by insurance up to $5,000, according to City Attorney S. Colquitt Pardee, Jr., who said motion for a new trial would be filed Monday. If the city loses in this action, the city stands to pay $35,000 in damages, which Pardee said would have to be raised by a special tax levy.

Since the accident occurred, the city has increased its insurance to $25,000 and $50,000, whereas the limit of former protection was $5,000 and $10,000.

Rummage Sale To Be At Woman's Club Nov. 16, 17, 19

The Episcopal Church will hold a rummage sale at the Woman's Club on Friday, Saturday and Monday, Nov. 16, 17, 19. Donations for the sale will be recieved at the parish house from Wednesday through Friday. Mrs. R. H. Jordan, Mrs. Frank Truan, and Mrs. Walter S. Betts will be in charge of the sale. Everyone is invited to attend and "rummage for rummage" at the sale.

Agricultural Problems To Be Aired At Orlando

Tallahassee, Nov. 7 (FNS) — Agricultural problems of serious concern to Florida farmers and growers, particularly in the matter of surplus disposals at "coat and better," will be fully aired at Orlando Nov. 14-15 at the annual meeting of the Florida Farm Bureau, it was announced by Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo.

Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson of Washington, will take part in the Nov. 15th discussions, during the time he is guest of the Florida Farm Bureau.

At Commissioner Mayo's request, the agricultural division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, of which William L. Wilson, State Market Director, is chairman and L. H. Kramer, cochairman, has changed the date of its fall meeting, which was scheduled for Jacksonville, to coincide with the Farm Bureau meeting and accordingly will be held in Orlando, Nov. 14.

It is believed by Mayo and other Florida agricultural leaders that definite assistance will be forthcoming from the federal government if the true conditions now confronting the state's farmers are made known to secretary Anderson.

"The Orlando conference" Mayo asserted, "will by no means end our marketing and other troubles which were confounded by the sudden ending of the war, but should help to clarify them by placing responsibilities where they belong."

Ramie Crop Is Damaged By Water

Belle Glade, Nov. 7 (FNS) — Hurricane winds and flood waters did considerable damage to ramie plantings in the everglades, it was disclosed last week after a careful survey had been made of plantings of the Newport Industries, Inc. at Canel Point, where a 250 acre plot is reported "ruined" and will have to be replanted. The company reports, however, that plants in an advanced stage of growth were not severely damaged.

Sixty percent of the 500 acre crop at the prison farm, where the Florida Ramie Corporation is erecting its new processing plant, was reported lost and will require replanting.

The damage was caused largely by flood waters and future ramie plantings will be made only on lands that have been provided with proper drainage, company officials said.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee extend their sincere appreciation to their many kind friends, who bestowed the shower of beautiful cards upon Mr. Wetherbee, upon the occasion of his 80th birthday anniversary.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Congress Fashions 5½ Billion Dollar Tax Reduction for 1946; Ponder Postwar Army Training

Released by Western Newspaper Union

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

With freedom of speech assured under Allied orders, former Japanese political prisoner addresses gathering in Tokyo. Under proposed liberalized constitution, all Nipponese elements would be afforded opportunity for recognition in nation's governmental councils.

TAXES:
Good News

Though the senate and house had yet to compromise their differences, John Q. Public could look forward to substantial reductions in income taxes in 1946, and American business was assured generous relief for the immediate postwar period.

No less than 2½ billion dollars was expected to be lopped off of individual income taxes as a result of provisions for permitting $500 exemptions for dependents before payment of the normal 3 per cent levy and the scaling down of surtax rates.

Close to another 3 billion dollars was scheduled to be pared from corporation income taxes through substantial reduction or total elimination of the excess profits assessment; repeal of the declared value excess profits and capital stock levies, and graduated decrease in surtax rates on companies with less than $60,000 net return.

In addition to income tax reductions, the use tax on automobile and boats was expected to be dropped. Solons were divided on the question of wartime luxury levies, however, with the house for cutting present rates to prewar levels July 1 and the senate against the action.

With reserves well over 6 billion dollars, both houses were unanimous in freezing present social security payroll taxes at 1 per cent on employee and employer alike and forestalling an automatic increase to 2½ per cent apiece January 1.

Under the tax relief bill drawn up by the senate, G.I.s would not be required to pay taxes on service compensation during the war years, and officers would be permitted to spread tax liabilities over a three year period interest free.

LABOR:
Setting Pattern

With both Henry Ford II and United Automobile Workers' leaders expressing confidence in settlement of a wage adjustment at the company, government officials held high hopes that an agreement might result in the establishment of a postwar pay pattern and clear the way for speedy reconversion.

Government optimism was a welcome note in the dreary labor picture, pointed up by the deadlock in negotiations between the UAW and General Motors over the CIO union's demands for a 30 per cent wage increase to maintain wartime "take-home" pay and the corporation's resistance to the demands because of possible effects on prices.

Setting the pattern for other CIO unions, the UAW declared that General Motors was well able to dip into alleged huge wartime profits to carry over any losses accruing from higher wages until future production reached big volume levels. Reflecting industrial sentiment for its own part, General Motors denied exorbitant wartime earnings and declared any withdrawal from reserves would crimp expansion plans.

As the companies and unions clashed, the administration worked on a reconversion wage policy designed to guide negotiations through the troublesome days ahead. Strongly influenced by labor, the government reportedly favored substantial wage boosts to maintain wartime "take-home" pay while freezing prices at prewar levels, except in hardship cases.

Giving both capital and labor its say in the formulation of a reconversion pay program, the government moved slowly in the establishment of policy. Hopes ran high that the forthcoming management-labor parley would result in the voluntary creation of machinery for settlement of important disputes.

MILITARY TRAINING:
Await Response

Having received President Truman's recommendation for one year of postwar military training for American youth 17 to 20, congress adopted a cautious attitude on the question, with one ear perked for popular reaction and the other for military argument.

President Truman asks congress for military training for youth.

Personal congressional response to the President's request varied, with Senator Revercomb (Rep., W. Va.) declaring " . . . I am open minded —I want to hear both sides of this. . . . " while Representative Celler (Dem., N. Y.) exclaimed " . . . We want no truck with compulsory military conscription. . . . "

Meanwhile, it was estimated that about 975,000 youth would be called up for training each year under the President's program, with 250,000 rejected for physical or mental deficiencies. Because of weather considerations, the largest number of camps undoubtedly would be located in the south, with regular army officers and non-commissioned officers in charge. Fewer routine tasks, such as kitchen police, would be in store for reservists, military sources said.

JAPAN:
Reform Imminent

Her military machine smashed, Japan's highly developed economic monopolies, designed for foreign as well as domestic exploitation, also faced imminent dissolution as part of the Allied program to strip Nippon of her war-making potential and democratize the country.

The losers figured to be the five great financial-industrial families of Japan, which, as the dominant civilian powers, had exercised strong pressure on the nation's foreign policies. Backed both politically and financially by the government, the big five, known as the "zaibatsu," were heavy investors in overseas development.

By smashing the "zaibatsu," the Allies planned to loosen their grip over Japanese politics and permit more liberal and democratic elements to exert influence over government direction. At the same time, destruction of the great combines promised freer opportunity for economic development in the country.

As steps were taken for the dissolution of the "zaibatsu," the political transformation of Japan slowly gained ground with new parties in the development stage and more liberal political institutions impending in the rewriting of the national constitution.

AGRICULTURE:
Global Pact

First permanent body of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture organization (FAO) came into existence in the grand ballroom of the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec, Canada, with 30 nations formally signing its constitution.

Though possessing no executive powers over member nations, FAO seeks, through voluntary interchange of information and effort, to improve agricultural production, raise nutritional standards and better the living conditions of rural populations. Indicative of the big job FAO has on its hands, two-thirds of the world's population is estimated to be ill-fed, with many facing periodic starvation.

Signatories to the FAO constitution include Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iraq, Liberia, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Union of South Africa, Philippines, England, United States and Venezuela.

FRANCE:
Left Swing

With their fundamental platforms at variance, France's three great political parties — the Communists, Socialists and Popular Republican movement — prepared for the establishment of a new constitution as demanded in the recent election.

As the three major parties and a smattering of smaller organizations moved to write a new political charter for the country, the Popular Republican movement, backed by General De Gaulle, loomed as a counterweight between the Communists and Socialists. Known as a Catholic Liberal party, and led by Foreign Minister Bidault, the PRM's surprising demonstration of strength in the elections was indicative of the quick defense thrown up by moderate elements against the threat of extreme radicalism.

The new alignment found France's political picture characteristically mixed, with the Socialists joined with the PRM for a western bloc of European nations against Communist opposition; the Communists committed to a swift program of nationalization of industries; the Socialists favoring more study of such an undertaking and the PRM for a moderate course.

FIRE RAIDS:
U. S. Vulnerable

Back from a tour of war-wracked Europe, Anthony J. Mullaney, chief fire marshal of Chicago, Ill., and a noted authority on fires, declared that investigations showed that no great city could withstand concentrated explosive and incendiary raids and domination of the skies overhead was the only assurance of safety.

In making his disclosure, Mullaney cited the obliteration of Hamburg, Germany, where all walls were of brick, numerous firebreaks existed, no skyscrapers reared up and an efficient fire department operated. In a contrast indicative of the vulnerability of American cities, Mullaney cited localities dotted with frame buildings, wood lathe and plaster construction, tall buildings, and few empty spaces for allowing a sweeping fire to peter out.

In burning out Hamburg, Mullaney said, great squads of Allied bombers first dropped explosives to rip up structures, with incendiaries then being loosed upon the open wreckage. Towering flames licked up the oxygen to create a vacuum into which air from surrounding areas then rushed in, creating fierce "fire storms." With instruments recording temperatures of 1,400 degrees F., over 40,000 persons were said to have died from the flames, heat inhalation or asphyxiation.

NAVY:
Speed Releases

With nearly 300,000 enlisted men and officers already released since V-J Day, the navy planned for the demobilization of an additional 800,000 by the first of next year through a reduction in discharge scores.

Following establishment of lower scores November 1, the navy contemplated an even further cut December 1, with male officers' point requirements pared to 44; enlisted male personnel to 39; WAVE officers to 30, and enlisted WAVE personnel 24.

In cutting its discharge scores, the navy left its point computation unaltered, with one-half point for each year of age; one-half point for each full month of service; 10 points for dependents regardless of number, and one-fourth point for each month of service outside of the U.S., since September 1, 1939.

TURKEYS:

G.I.s and civilians alike are assured of ample supplies of turkeys for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays even though the size of birds may be smaller than usual due to growers' speeding up production upon government demand.

Purchasing turkeys as early as last August, the army quartermaster corps assured plentiful stocks for service personnel. Most of the birds already have been dressed and stored in warehouses or are in process of shipment overseas.

Huge Postwar Market for Autos Looms

Potential demand for automobiles by domestic consumers next year should amount to 9,843,000 cars, after allowing for 331,000 cars to meet the increase in population, says the Alexander Hamilton institute.

At the beginning of 1942, the number of passenger automobiles in operation in the United States was at a record peak of 27,364,000, results of an extensive survey showed. As the result of the stoppage of production during the war, the prospect is that there will be only 21,921,000 cars in operation at the beginning of 1946. Taking into account the increase in population since 1942, the number of passenger automobiles in operation at the beginning of 1946 will thus be 6,768,000 cars below the normal level and in addition 2,744,000 cars may be scrapped in 1946.

Washington Digest

Sounder Education Needed To Maintain Free World

Economics and Geography Among Studies Required to Ground Students in the Problems at Home and Abroad.

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(This is the first of two articles on the subject of the "new reconversion.")

In the last two months the public has learned a lot about the importance of industrial reconversion. For many more months, business men, with the help of the best technical advice they could obtain, have been preparing to shift from wartime to peacetime production. Government has shared the knowledge of its experts and proffered its co-operation. Labor has contributed its suggestions. All three know what they want. Together they hope to obtain a successful synthesis.

But what many people do not realize is that the nation, the whole world, for that matter, is facing another reconversion problem, equally as difficult to solve, equally as important to achieve. It is the reconversion of our whole educational system, and upon its success depends the political future of democracy and its economic future as well, as embodied in the theory and outworking of free enterprise.

It is no exaggeration to say that our current educational system, which along with our wartime industrial system made Allied victory possible, is no more adapted to meet the new and startling problems of the postwar world than the Japanese defense could meet the atomic bomb.

Enlightened educators everywhere realize this. In a short time experts will meet in London to work out a program outlined in San Francisco by the men and women who planned the educational and cultural council of the United Nations. Here at home and in other democratic countries, domestic educational policies are being reshaped to meet the new conditions.

Education for world freedom is an important objective; education for freedom in the land of the free is equally important, for it is the foundation stone of world democracy. We have the task of reconverting our own antiquated machinery so that it will be geared to produce and maintain freedom. The United Nations' task is to build new machinery which will evolve a product which must displace the Nazi-Fascist teachings which still have their hold on a large segment of the population. Our own product must be both a weapon of offense and of defense.

We have a powerful example in the need for this in the demonstrated strength of the Nazi ideology and the weakness of what we have so far produced to combat it.

Nazi Propaganda Remains Strong

A report made public only a week or two ago reveals how "Naziism at its blackest," as the report describes it, is being kept alive in a series of "resistance clubs" in Germany scattered from the North sea to the Bavarian mountains. Allied investigators have pieced together an appalling picture of a widespread activity based upon race hatred, and other Nazi principles with which the German youth has been so thoroughly indoctrinated in a manner pointed out in these columns some time ago and which I then said must be dealt with eventually.

The offense is powerful, and the weakness of our defense is illustrated in recent dispatches telling us how Nazi propaganda is affecting the viewpoint of the American army of occupation. A major is reported as doubting the truth of the atrocity stories in the concentration camp of Dachau located only a few miles from where he was stationed. American soldiers are heard parroting the familiar Goebbels' fabrication that Germany was forced into the war; that Hitler had his faults but was really great in many respects, or if Hitler's glory is found to be too strong a goat he is used as a scapegoat to excuse German war guilt.

I have just come from a long talk with one of America's great educators, John Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education. It was he who introduced me to the phrase, "the new reconversion."

"Our democratic system is threatened from within and without," he said to me earnestly. "The American school gave our polyglot nation the solidarity to carry on the war successfully. But," he added, "we have severe tests ahead. We must educate for freedom, and educate for existence in a newly integrated world of which we are an integral part. We must understand our own problem and the problems of others."

I couldn't help applying this theory to the stories from Germany. A thorough understanding of democracy is proof against Nazi propaganda. An understanding of other peoples and events beyond our borders which affect us—as the rise of Hitler and Mussolini affected us—would make us deaf to German prevarications and excuses.

In order to meet the threats against democracy from within and from without, Mr. Studebaker believes, with most of his colleagues, that our present educational system will have to be thoroughly renovated. "Both the plant and the product must be remodeled," he says.

He chose two subjects—geography and economics—as examples of how the product must be altered.

Knowledge of Conditions Vital

Geography is important because it is a study of the world in which we live. It is a study of the peoples who live in the world—of our very near, thanks to jet propulsion and atomic energy, if not always very dear neighbors. Geography is also the study of the pursuits, the industries of the people of the world. Its grasp is essential if we are to bring intelligent thought to judgment of events and the conditions at home and abroad and their effect upon each other and upon us.

"And yet, geography was never taught to our people," Mr. Studebaker says. "We stop teaching it at the eighth grade. The younger children, from three to eight, are taught by teachers who themselves never had more than eighth grade instruction in the subject."

And his second example of one of our educational products which must be strengthened, economics, "belongs still less to the people."

Only 5 per cent of the high school pupils ever studied economics, he informed me, and only 5 per cent of these ever learned anything about international trade.

"How can we possibly meet the problems arising now if we do not understand this subject? How can we possibly maintain free enterprise if we cannot pass a considered judgment on the questions that the papers are full of every day? How can a person say whether a wage increase is fair if he has never studied the simplest theories of supply and demand, or the more complicated relations of wages, costs, profits?"

And in the international field, he continued, how could a person who had never learned the fundamentals of international trade know whether a tariff was justified, whether a cartel was dangerous, whether certain foreign business activities benefitted the people as a whole, whether free competition or government subsidy was a better policy? How could they advise their congressman to vote on the Bretton Woods agreement, or the policy of foreign loans?

Just as geography suffers because its teaching ends before maturity is reached (maturity in this sense is the 15-16 year group, roughly high school age), economics is begun too late. It is offered as a one-year, high school course and boiled down into such a concentrated potion that not only are vital elements omitted (such as international trade) but it becomes a dry and highly abstruse subject. Furthermore, since it is often an elective (a subject I'll touch on in a later article), it may be omitted entirely because it is "hard."

These two subjects are only two examples of those which should, in Mr. Studebaker's opinion, make up a solid "core" of education available to all.

"This core," he says, "is essential if we are to build solidarity in a democratic society. A certain group of vital, basic subjects which will help us understand the problems that threaten democracy, the down-to-earth facts necessary to give us the basis for a sound faith in our way of life."

BARBS . . . *by Baukhage*

They've just made a film about teachers—for the children's sake let's hope they don't get a film about pupils. It might result in more spankings than a bad report card.

A new process of canning in aluminum for highly sensitive machines and parts saves warehousing —and we hope it will make more new jobs than will be lost by displaced warehousemen.

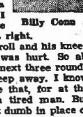
There won't be enough oysters this year to supply the demand. Probably the war took too many shells.

An eye-bank is being established, the purpose of which is to make available healthy corneal tissue to restore sight to those who are blind through an affliction of the cornea. The system is similar to the blood-banks and no less valuable. I wish they would establish a hair-bank.

Sportlight
by GRANTLAND RICE

THE boxer-puncher argument takes on a new form in the case of Joe Louis against Billy Conn. For in addition to being a knockout puncher, Louis was also among the better boxers. So Conn had to gamble his boxing skill and his greater speed against an opponent who could box and wreck you with either hand.

Here's the story Conn told me of their only meeting:



Billy Conn

"When we came to the 12th round, I knew I was out in front. At least I felt sure I had a lead on points. Then a funny thing happened. The 12th round was too good for my own good. I outboxed Louis by a good margin in that round, adding to my lead. Near the close of the round I found a good opening and I nailed Louis square on the chin with a right.

"I saw his eyes roll and his knees sag. I knew Joe was hurt. So all I had to do in the next three rounds was to box and keep away. I know I could have done that, for at the time Louis was a tired man. But this is where I got dumb in place of being smart. I decided I could knock Joe out. I honestly thought he was all through.

So instead of keeping away I sailed in and started slugging with him, toe to toe. The pictures showed that. I made no effort to keep away from a fellow who could out-hit me with either hand. The great Conn wasn't willing to win a world's championship on points. He also had to be Killer Conn.

"Well, I got what I deserved. I got knocked out. But I still figure a better boxer can handle a harder puncher, even when he is badly outweighed. These hard punchers don't like shifting, moving targets that are hard to tag."

Boxer vs. Slugger

Past records of the ring have usually shown the boxer can hold his own against the slugger. Jim Corbett proved it against John L. Sullivan, looking back some 53 years. Sullivan at the moment, however had been all through for some time, after 10 years of strong alcoholic indulgence.

What about Corbett and Fitz at Carson City? Well, don't forget that Ruby Robert could box as well as punch. Fitz in fact was a great boxer. Jack Johnson was another able boxer, one of the best.

What about Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, used as the leading example of boxer vs. puncher? They fought 20 rounds of which Tunney won at least 16—possibly more.

But don't forget that the Dempsey of Philadelphia and Chicago was far from being the Dempsey of Toledo. Seven years on top take their toll.

Sam Langford was a great fighter and a great puncher. But check Old Sam's record against 139-pound Jack Blackburn, who trained Joe Louis. Blackburn told me once that in seven fights Langford had never knocked him down. I hurt Langford as much as Sam hurt me." Blackburn said. Blackburn was a master boxer, one of the greatest. Sam Langford will tell you that.

Langford looked better against Jack Johnson and Harry Wills than he looked against Blackburn — as Blackburn explained the case some years ago.

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Why Conn Wasn't in Navy

With Joe Louis in the army, why wasn't Billy Conn picked for the navy? This question has been asked more than once. This is the story we get from a high navy official. We had Conn all set to go into the navy. This was also O. K. with Conn. At the time we figured an army-navy ring match might help out a lot in some financial war campaign. Even if this never took place, we wanted Conn in the navy. So Conn reported at a navy recruiting station. But instead of waiting in line, Billy wandered around the place. Finally a navy petty officer, not knowing who Conn was, ordered him to get in line. The order was given somewhat brusquely. It made no hit with Conn. In place of obeying the command, Conn told the petty officer what he thought of him and just where he could go. And after this Conn left the navy recruiting place and went out to enlist in the army."

This is 100 per cent Conn. Just how Billy ever got by in taking army orders is another mystery. There is nothing the Pittsburgh fighter hates worse than taking orders, or even suggestions. He wants his own way.

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$80,000 a Year Men

Ruth drew an $80,000 salary one year in baseball and that figure still remains tops in the diamond game. Walter Hagen made more than $80,000 around that time, but no golfer in those days ever drew important money from tournament play.

It is all different now. Nelson is already around the $80,000 mark this year with several big money tournaments left in the South, all in the $10,000 class.

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