

AMERICAN BOMBERS HAMMERING RANGOON

Hangars Smashed, Dockyards Burned In Comeback Drive

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)
Increasing signs of an Allied comeback in Burma and the Netherlands Indies were evident today in dispatches which told of heavy attacks on Rangoon by big American bombers and British assaults on Akyab and Sabang.

Coal Operators Say Lewis' 'Flip' Reply Bars Co-operation

(Earlier Story on Page A-2.)
Bituminous producers said today that the "flippant" answer of President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to their proposal for six-day operation was evidence that they could not obtain the co-operation of the miners.

Bituminous Producers Wire Ickes They Can't Get Help of UMW

(Earlier Story on Page A-2.)
The operators yesterday telegraphed Mr. Lewis they would "accept" the agreement he signed with the Pennsylvania anthracite industry and Mr. Lewis replied that his union would give the same agreement to any of them who operated anthracite mines.

Swedish Calls Reserves; 'Sudden Change' Feared

(By the Associated Press.)
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23.—The Swedish government announced last night that it was calling up reserves of the army for training in the interests of preparedness.

Head of Hull House Resigns Directorship

(By the Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Charlotte Carr, successor to the late Jane Addams as head resident of Hull House, has resigned the directorship of Chicago's famous slum settlement.

Army Cadets in Arkansas Stage Party for Children

(By the Associated Press.)
HELENA, Ark., Dec. 23.—The aviation cadets of the Army's training detachment here turned the Christmas tables on the civilian population.

WPA Authorizes Output Of More Wallpaper

(By the Associated Press.)
The War Production Board today authorized the production of more wall paper.

Late Races

(Earlier results, entries and selections for tomorrow on Page 2-X.)
Tropical Park
SECOND RACE—Purse, \$800; claiming.
3-year-old race—5:40 3:40 3:40
Couple (Thompson) 5:40 3:40 3:40
Lad (Pitt) 5:40 3:40 3:40
Time, 1:11 1/2.
Also ran—Pondante, Valdina Joe, Coober.
Lad, Miss Double paid \$110.70.



ALIIQUIPPA, PA.—SCENE OF BUS TRAGEDY—A crane is shown removing rock from the road after two huge boulders crashed down on a bus loaded with war workers last night, killing 22 persons. The short arrow shows how the boulders fell from the ledge. The longer arrow is the path of rocks which bounced across the road. (Story on Page A-1.) —A. P. Wirephoto.

East Coast Split Into Six Zones For Oil Rations

D. C. Region to Get 41,000 Gallons of Gas In Rest of Month
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The petroleum-thirsty Eastern Seaboard was split into six zones of allotment of petroleum products under a program set up for the remainder of December, the regional office of Petroleum Administrator for War announced today.

4 Major League Clubs Agree To Give Up California Camps

Browns and Pirates, White Sox and Cubs Make Plans to Train Together
(Earlier Story on Page A-14.)
By the Associated Press.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Acting in unison, the St. Louis Browns, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates announced today they had agreed to give up their California spring training camps because of the wartime travel situation.

In Chicago Harry Grabner and James Gallagher announced their two clubs, the White Sox and Cubs, would attempt to train as near as possible to each other so they could engage in a number of pre-season games without extensive travel. Pirates' President Bill Benswanger said at Pittsburgh the Browns and Browns might pick adjacent training sites—or even use the same field. "The idea is to get in needed practice games and at the same time cut railroad mileage," he said. The Pirates approached this plan last spring, when their pitchers and catchers worked out with San Diego of the Pacific Coast League in advance of the Pirates' own training as a whole. This was done at the suggestion of Maj. Charles Lott, president of the San Diego club.

Suspect Is Captured After Chase for Quiz In Bank Robbery

Prisoner Eludes Police At First in Race Over Slippery Highway
LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—A 27-year-old Wilmington (Del.) man, captured after an eight-hour manhunt punctuated by two shooting episodes, was held today for questioning. State motor police said, in the attempted robbery of the Denver (Pa.) National Bank last July. The prisoner, identified as Charles V. Mills, was overpowered in a restaurant near police headquarters last night by Sgt. Lewis F. Owen and Corp. Harry E. Fitzgerald, who had been searching for him, but entered the establishment unaware he was there.

Red Cagle's Death Is Blamed On Fall Down Subway Stair

Friend Says Former All-America Back Tripped Saturday
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The death of Christian Keener (Red) Cagle, brilliant former Army football star, apparently was accidental, police said today.



CHRIS CAGLE.

D. C. Counsel Attacks U. S. 'Right' to Bring Suit on Gas Rates

Harrison Questions Appellants' Standing As Legal 'Intervenor'
(Earlier Story on Page B-1.)
Mr. Harrison followed his colleague, Corporation Counsel Richmond B. Keach, in the District Court bar to defend the rate increase granted the company by the Public Utilities Commission. The Government is asking the court to set aside the increase.

Butter Brings \$1.25 a Pound In Detroit Area

Office of Price Administration regulations provide that a farmer may sell his produce, up to a maximum of \$75 a month, without any restriction as to ceiling prices. When the \$75 figure is reached, however, the farmer, until the first of the following month, may ask no more for his products than he received during the September 28-October 3 period.

Heavy Shrinkage Reported In Fuel Oil Supplies

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Continued heavy decreases in supplies of fuel oils last week were reported today by the American Petroleum Institute. Stocks of light fuel oil dropped 1,914,000 barrels during the week to a total of 45,880,000 on December 19, compared with 50,806,000 barrels a year earlier.

Woman Killed, Six Hurt In Arms Plant Blast

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—A woman employee was killed and six others were injured today in an explosion at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. plant.

Two Subs Will Be Launched On Christmas Eve

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 23.—Fortsmouth Navy Yard's Christmas gift to the Nation will be the submarines Cisco and Cabrilla, to be launched tomorrow weeks ahead of schedule. Rear Admiral Thomas Withers, commandant of the yard, announced today.

Top Ranking Net Stars To Play in Mexico City

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Four of the country's top-ranking tennis players will play a series of exhibition matches in Mexico City January 3, the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced today.

Miss Lane Joins WAAC

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Margaret B. Lane, 23, daughter of Arthur B. Lane, Ambassador to Colombia and former Ambassador to Yugoslavia, was sworn in today as a member of the WAAC. Miss Lane will leave this week end for basic training at Des Moines, Iowa. She was born in Rome and has traveled extensively.

U. S. Army to Play Santa Claus To Apprehensive French Girl

(By the Associated Press.)
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 22 (Delayed)—Santa Claus will make a special trip to see Maryse Delzangles, a 10-year-old French girl in North Africa—and the American Army will see that she gets there.

Paul Howland Dies; Daugherty's Attorney

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Paul Howland, 77, for many years a leader in Guyahoga County Republican politics and representative from the 20th district from 1907 to 1913, died today.

Clyde R. Rabedeaux, 55, Iowa Publisher, Dies

MUSCATINE, Iowa, Dec. 23.—Clyde R. Rabedeaux, 55, publisher of the Muscatine Journal for the last 17 years, died today.

American Diva Joins Met

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Marie Wilkins of Lawrence, Kans., who sang a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera three weeks ago because Lily Pons had a cold, was named a permanent member of the world-famous musical organization today. As usual, Metropolitan officials did not specify the terms of the lyric coloratura's contract, nor the roles she will sing.

Spectator Saves 'Electrocuted' Radio Player

(By the Associated Press.)
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 23.—The audience thought it was part of the act last night when the master of ceremonies at an amateur show in the Court Theater grabbed the microphone and cried: "I'm being electrocuted."
Most of the audience smiled, but not Walter Decker, who was seated in the front row.

Markets at a Glance

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Stocks mixed; specialties continue advance. Bonds steady; selective buying in rails. Cotton lower; hedge-selling and profit-taking.
CHICAGO.—Wheat lower; profit taking. Corn higher; good shipping business. Hogs strong; top, \$14.85; supply continues much under expectations. Cattle lower; hedges, 10-15 higher; steers, yearlings steady.

No Holiday for Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill is not taking a Christmas holiday. Instead, he will remain at his desk Friday in constant touch with his cabinet, service chiefs and government leaders.

Two Extra Pages
In This Edition
Late news and sports are covered on
Pages 1-X and 2-X of this edition of
The Star, supplementing the news of
the regular home delivered edition.

The Evening Star

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You may enlist in the war effort
by giving blood to the Red Cross.
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Closing N. Y. Markets—Sales, Page 17.
91st YEAR. No. 36,030. WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1942
Washington and Suburbs THREE CENTS. Elsewhere FIVE CENTS
An Associated Press Newspaper.

British Navy Planes Raid Sumatra In First Attack Since Loss to Japs; Soviet Forces Move Into Ukraine

Blow Coincides With Assault Against Burma

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Carrier-borne British naval aircraft caught the Japanese apparently by surprise in a heavy bombing attack on the westernmost tip of the Netherlands Indies where the Japanese have developed Bay of Bengal bases within 800 miles of Ceylon, the Admiralty announced today.

This first reported British raid on the invaders in the Indies fitted into the pattern of increased aerial operations across the Indian-Burmese border and the land thrust toward Akyab, pointing toward an expected British comeback campaign in Southeast Asia.

The Admiralty said the attack was carried out Sunday night against military targets—perhaps fuel stores—on Sabang, on the island of We. just off Northwestern Sumatra.

The Admiralty reported that the raid was launched from a naval force operating in the Bay of Bengal. Observers speculated that the raiders might have been launched from the 23,000-ton British aircraft carrier *Illustrious*, which was reported operating in the Bay of Bengal two months ago.

10 Axis Ships Sunk or Damaged On North African Supply Line

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Two Axis warships and eight merchant vessels were reported today as sunk or damaged along the Mediterranean supply routes to the remaining German-Italian strongholds in North Africa.

Power of the British and American efforts to reopen the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to Suez was further indicated by an Admiralty announcement that large reinforcements of war materials and supplies had been landed at Malta "without major interference from the enemy." A challenging U-boat was said to have been destroyed.

Allied planes and British submarines and light surface ships cooperated to slash at the arteries of reinforcement for Marshal Erwin Rommel and Gen. Walther Nehring while British, French and American ground troops made ready for final tightening of the Libyan-Tunisian vise.

Allied aerial superiority was indicated authoritatively in the Tunisian theater as well as in Libya, where British and American planes have ranged the skies virtually unchallenged by Axis fighters.

A spokesman at Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in North Africa said Allied warplanes recently seized the upper hand in the Tunisian campaign despite such handicaps as muddy airdrome runways and a shortage of good advanced fighters. He said Allied planes now were able to carry on more widespread offensive against German ground troops than the Nazi air force.

Persons familiar with Tunisia said the rainy season might continue to the end of January, interfering with operations both on ground and in the air.

Vanguards of the British 8th Army were reported unofficially to be nearing Buerat El Hsun, only 180 miles from Tripoli, in pursuit of the remnants of Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps.

The Cairo communique did not (See AFRICA, Page A-16.)

Moscow Reports Seizure of 2,300 More Prisoners

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Russia's Middle Don offensive has thrust to within 132 miles of Rostov, and, despite the counterattacks of reinforced Nazi armies, has moved into the Eastern Ukraine along a straightening front some 200 miles west of Stalingrad, the Russians reported today.

The mid-day communique added more than 2,300 prisoners to the 20,000 previously reported captured in the last week between the Don and Donets Rivers.

The latest gains brought several dozen towns and villages back under the Red banner, and eight of these were described in battlefront dispatches as of high military value. Some had airfields from which the Nazis had been flying troops and supplies to the Stalingrad area. Others were links in the communication system along the Rostov-Moscow rail line between Millerovo and Voronezh.

These largest towns were Koleschatov, Nikol'sk, Morozovka, Verkhne-Grachevsky, Popovka, Kamensk, Grekov and Fyodorovka. Some are east of the Rostov-Moscow line, northeast of Millerovo, but others like Nikol'sk, Koleschatov and Morozovka, lie inside the Ukraine.

12 Miles From Millerovo.

Dispatches reporting that the Russians had pushed to 132 miles of Rostov indicated that they were some 12 miles north of the important rail junction of Millerovo. Millerovo is 120 miles north of Rostov.

Altogether, on the middle Don front and the central front west and northwest of Moscow, the Russian offensives were said to have won back more than 900 miles of vital rail lines from the Germans.

Nearly 450 miles of this total was said to be in the Don bend, middle Don and Stalingrad sections.

There, despite heavy snow and hampering drifts, the Russians reported advancing at such speed that they captured Nazi winter warehouses. One advanced group message said: "We are distributing Dutch chocolate and Rhine wines to the troops."

Following up the battering attacks of tanks, Russian infantry was said to be straightening the whole middle Don line.

One dispatch said the Russians now held not merely a series of populated places, but formed a long, straight front deep in machine-gun positions, mortars and heavy artillery.

Nazis Throw in Reserves.

The Germans managed to throw reserves into the fighting in an attempt to halt the Soviet advance in the area between Voronezh and Millerovo, but the troops of Col. Gen. N. F. Vatutin beat down their resistance and stormed to new successes, the Russians said.

A dispatch to Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, said the Russian soldiers seemed to pick up new tempo in the increasingly bad weather.

The noon war bulletin related that in capturing one of a large number of populated places, one unit took 2,200 prisoners, along with many heavy guns, trucks and tractors. In another sector, a Soviet tank force plowed into a town and took 170 prisoners.

"Another Soviet tank group attacked Germans who had entrenched themselves in a thicket," the communique went on, "and tankmen overwhelmed German defenses and killed about 800."

In all, the noon communique listed more than 2,100 of the enemy killed on all fronts and 29 tanks destroyed.

800 Germans Killed.

A battalion of about 800 Germans was killed and 16 tanks were lost when they struck at a Russian position in a railway area southwest of Stalingrad during the night, the communique reported.

On another sector of the same front, a force of 70 tanks, flanked by automatic machine gunners, moved against a town occupied by the Germans.

(See RUSSIA, Page A-16.)



Finn Premier Reported Toasting Japs at Dec. 7 'Victory Party'

**Story of Gay Affair
At Helsinki Legation
Finds Way to U. S.**

By CONSTANTINE BROWN.

Whether it was the powerful Japanese sake alternating with the equally powerful Finnish vodka which produced an outburst of pro-Axis enthusiasm on the part of Finland's Premier, Juho Rangell, or the bestowal of the Japanese decoration of the Rising Sun by Emperor Hirohito on the Premier has not been ascertained in Washington.

But, according to short-wave news broadcasts to Finland from the United States, there was a great shindig on December 7 at the Japanese Legation in Helsinki, where the Japanese victory at Pearl Harbor was celebrated and the Finnish Premier drank a toast for the victory of the Axis and the destruction of the American Navy.

The Japanese Minister gave a lavish banquet, attended by prominent officials of the Finnish government and representatives of Hitler and Mussolini. According to reports, many Finnish and Japanese courses were served and, following the Finnish tradition, toasts were drunk between each course.

Before the banquet Premier Rangell was given the cordon of the Order of the White Rose of Finland, the highest decoration in the Japanese Empire can bestow.

Since there were no new victories (See FINLAND, Page A-16.)

22 Die, Three Escape As Huge Rocks Wreck Bus in Pennsylvania

**Boulders Topple 100
Feet on Coach Loaded
With War Workers**

By the Associated Press.

ALIQUIPPA, Pa., Dec. 23.—Twenty-two persons died last night when two boulders, one weighing more than 100 tons, crashed down on a big yellow Ohio River motor coach bus crowded with homeward war workers. Only three passengers escaped, two of them with critical injuries.

The pre-Christmas tragedy occurred a mile east of here at 5:10 p.m. as the bus threaded its way around a treacherous "S" curve on a narrow, slippery road. Three other boulders were just ahead of it and two were trailing.

The boulders toppled down from a 100-foot high perch with little warning, although the driver of the bus behind said Dymtro "Dan" Karapan, 27, who was driving the ill-fated machine, swerved sharply to the left as if trying to escape the falling, death-dealing mass. Mr. Karapan of Fair Oaks was killed.

This swerve saved four persons in the rear of the bus, although one of the ones killed later in a hospital.

"There was no warning," said Joseph M. Manko, the lone passenger able to go home after the accident. "Just a crash and not so loud, either. I didn't hear a cry, nor a moan. But I guess I was stunned. I was pinned by broken seats on top of me but managed to pull out my legs."

"Men kept calling to me to climb out. They were from the bus behind. I got my legs through a broken window and they pulled me out. Outside I saw that huge rock resting where the front of the bus should have been."

Mr. Manko, who is 30, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. His friend, James Burger, 29, also a Pittsburgh U. man, who was riding beside him on the rear seat, died after being taken to a hospital. Both were metallurgists for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.

John A. McCarthy, 27, of Monaca, regaining consciousness, asked the undertaker to drive him from the wreckage to the hospital.

"Oh, where am I? What happened?"

Mr. McCarthy's left leg had to be amputated.

Helen Phillips, 27, of Aliquippa, an employe of the Pittsburgh Mercantile Co., a retail store, said she suffered severe shock and lacerations and is in the Rochester Hospital.

Miss Martha L. Gearing, 33, of Pittsburgh, a traveling supervisor (See BUS WRECK, Page A-2.)

Port of Akyab Raided.

A communique from New Delhi said land-based British planes attacked the Japanese-held Burma port of Akyab yesterday and last night in continued aerial blows.

The Japanese struck back at Calcutta for the third successive night, and two of three raiders reported over the city were believed damaged by interceptor planes.

Calcutta was under alarm for an hour. Bombs fell in a native residential area and hit a market place and movie building.

The New Delhi communique said 25 persons had been killed and "less than 100 injured" in the three raids on Calcutta.

The communique said a steamship was damaged in the daylight raid on Akyab, but gave no details of the follow-up bombing last night.

There was no new word on the progress of British land forces last reported to have occupied Alethang-Yow, within 45 miles of Akyab, in their push across the Burma border.

The Admiralty said "large explosions, followed by fire, were observed" in the Sabang bombing.

Allies Hammer Japs Trapped Near Buna; Advance Is Slow

**Resistance Desperate;
Bough-Disguised Ship
Sunk by Flying Forts**

By the Associated Press.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 23.—Allied forces continued to hammer at Japanese forces trapped in the Buna area of New Guinea today and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported they were slowly making headway against an enemy fighting desperately in "intricate and thoroughly prepared positions."

Air units smashed at the entrenched Japanese. Assaulting Allied ground troops chafed up comparatively small gains yesterday, with American and Australian infantry moving across a creek to come to Port Moresby in the enemy holding out on the main Buna airfield and at the government station.

This action was on the right of a three-sector line where the Japanese still cling to positions on the Papuan Peninsula.

On the central sector, military spokesmen said, the Americans and Australians fought fierce clashes with Japanese patrols to push within about 2 miles of the coast in the Sanananda area, west of Buna.

On the left, American troops joined Australians in the job of clearing the Japanese from the area northwest of Gona, which is in Allied hands.

Another medium-sized Japanese supply ship disguised by tree branches and foliage was sunk off New Britain yesterday by American fighters, the Allies communique said. The vessel apparently was bound for the north coast of New Guinea.

Allied air units also attacked enemy installations near Vila de Aviz at Timor, while a single Japanese plane early yesterday dropped incendiary and explosive bombs at Port Moresby in the 96th enemy raid on that Allied port on the southern coast of New Guinea. The communique said little damage was done.

Brazil Pledges Export Of 50,000 Tons of Rubber to U. S.

**ARGENTINE PROPOSAL FAILS;
Held Seeking Accord
in Fear of Being Isolated**

By the Associated Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 23.—The United States and Brazil have signed a new agreement calling for a 1943 export of 50,000 tons of Brazilian rubber for North American war production.

Thousands of workers will be rushed into the Amazon interior, to increase rubber production further.

The accord was signed yesterday in the office of Joao Carlos Vital, interim national economic coordinator, and provides for transporting 50,000 laborers to Amazonia by May 1, 1943, and 100,000 by the end of the year.

Planes, trains, canoes, trucks, steamships and foot marches will be employed to transport them over the 2,000-mile distance from the Northeastern Brazilian States, where the workers will be assembled to the Amazon interior, where wild rubber grows in abundance.

The accord is based on an estimated two workers to each ton of rubber produced annually.

An authorized spokesman said the agreement assured a steady increasing flow of rubber to United States industry, adding that present war needs were so pressing that there virtually was no hope of Argentina pushing through an exchange plan.

It is known that the Argentina transport industry faces a crisis because of a rubber shortage and Argentine buyers are scouring the South American continent, paying "fantastic" prices for the smallest isolated amounts of crude rubber.

The agreement was signed as Argentine Ambassador Adrian Escobar arrived by air after a month's stay in Buenos Aires bearing a proposal to exchange 8,000 cubic meters of Argentine-refined gasoline for an annual export of some 2,000 tons of Brazilian rubber to Argentina.

Argentine sources argued such an agreement would relieve the present United States obligation to furnish Brazil gasoline and aid in solving the tanker shortage problem, but authorized North American and Brazilian spokesmen insisted the Argentine plan would not be exportable "because every ounce of exportable Brazilian rubber is going to the United States according to a previous agreement."

The same high source which recently predicted a Chilean break with the Axis by the first of the year yesterday voiced the opinion that Argentina was moved to seek an accord with Brazil in view of the currently close co-operation between the United States, Brazil and Chile.

The source said that the return late this month of Chilean Minister of Interior Raul Morales Beltrami from Washington to Santiago probably would be followed by a rupture of Chilean relations with the Axis.

The peak for train travel appeared to have been reached yesterday when Union Station was jammed with civilians and men in the armed services. Most transportation officials reported passenger traffic was equal to heavy loads last Christmas.

Hundreds of bus travelers bound south from Washington waited in depots for as long as eight hours last night as all trips below the city were canceled because of icy roads. Traffic had returned to normal today, however.

National Trailways System said its buses did not leave Washington for Southern points between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. following reports of ice-coated highways. The line's New York runs also were canceled for several hours last night.

OPA Denies Rumors That Fuel Oil Price Will Be Increased

**Washington Dealers
Complain That Rationing
Cuts Into Their Profits**

Assurance was given by the Office of Price Administration today there is no immediate prospect of an increase in the ceiling price on fuel oil.

Reports had been circulated that a rise in the maximum price as high as one-half cent a gallon was contemplated. The OPA, however, declared these rumors were "unauthorized and premature."

The present ceiling price on No. 2 fuel oil—the type used chiefly in Washington—is 91 cents a gallon.

Complaints have been made by numerous dealers that the rationing program has added materially to operation costs, and as a result their profits this year from the sale of fuel oil would be the lowest in history.

Plea Against Deliveries.

Meanwhile, the OPA was reported to be planning an appeal to fuel oil consumers in the Washington area, asking that no unnecessary demands for delivery of oil be made on dealers until the end of the "emergency" created by the recent cold spell.

Dealers were being aided by warmer temperatures in their attempts to catch up with a several day backlog of requests for deliveries.

(See FUEL OIL, Page A-4.)

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Surveys of Hospitals Won't Halt Epidemics, McCarran Warns

Warning that continued surveys of hospital needs will be of little help if an epidemic hits Washington, Chairman McCarran today called the Senate District Committee to meet next Wednesday to see what action can be obtained.

Reviewing developments during his absence from the city the last few days, the Senator said:

"We are being oversurveyed on this question, and I am going to ask the various officials connected with the problem to bring their chains and transits up to the Senate committee room and get the surveys over with."

Meanwhile Francis J. Burns, citizens' association representative who conferred yesterday with the WPB in support of the hospital program, revealed that he had been requested by Harry S. Wender, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, to draw a resolution in support of Senator McCarran's fight for hospital expansion.

Invites Hospital Heads.

Senator McCarran, who began months ago trying to obtain more bed space in District hospitals, said he plans to write to the heads of all private hospitals, asking them to attend the conference Wednesday. Officials of the Federal Works Agency, War Production Board and District government also are to attend.

Senator McCarran will ask each hospital to present detailed information on present occupancy, the number of vacant beds, if any, and the trend of occupancy figures since the committee held a similar meeting several months ago.

The latest congressional move for action came on the heels of yesterday's letter to Representative Randolph from Maury Maverick, chief of the War Production Board's Division on Governmental Requirements, indicating priorities would prevent local hospital expansion and (See HOSPITALS, Page A-2.)

French Railroads Blocked By Widespread RAF Raids

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Throughout Northern France and the Low Countries many railroads were blocked and vital German military transport facilities were in smoking ruins today in the wake of widespread fighter and light bomber operations by the RAF under last night's full moon, British sources said.

The Air Ministry reported attacks on many railway targets and the damaging of many locomotives. Authorities indicated the "intruder" sweeps were the largest in weeks.

The Air Ministry disclosed that the raiders included Hurricane fighters, Whirlwinds and American-made Mustangs. Attacks were made on rail yards near Ghent and at Saint Louis, Abbeville, Le Perport, Saint Pol and La Chapelle.

Air fields also were assaulted. All planes taking part in land operations returned safely.

Girl, 5, and Woman, 26, Die as Result of Burns

A 5-year-old girl whose dress caught fire when she was playing with matches, and a 26-year-old woman injured in a fire early today are dead from burns.

Mrs. Carolyn Wilson, 26, of 606 Pennsylvania avenue S.E., died in Casualty Hospital shortly after 9 a.m. from burns to the face, legs and body, received when the day bed on which she was lying at 509 Third Street N.W., caught fire about 2:30 a.m.

The blaze, which caused little property damage, was of undetermined origin, firemen said.

Gloria Donaldson, 5, of 735 North Capitol street, died in Casualty Hospital last night as the result of body burns suffered Monday afternoon when playing with matches in her home. The child's mother and Miss Maxine Dye of the same address extinguished her burning clothing but the first and second degree burns she received proved fatal.

Spain Protests Limit Set On Code Transmission

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—Spain joined Germany, Italy and Japan yesterday in protesting the Argentine government's communications control decree which limits diplomatic missions to transmitting only 100 words in code daily.

While Axis diplomats called personally to protest, Foreign Minister Ruiz Guinazu disclosed that the Spanish Ambassador, Marques de Magaz, sent a "cordial note" to the Foreign Office asserting that the limitation handicapped the labor of the embassy in view of the necessity for caring for the needs of the large Spanish colony in Argentina.

Dr. Ruiz Guinazu reiterated that the measure was not likely to be modified in view of the study made before issuance of the decree.

Chinese Say Japs Killed U. S.-Educated Consul

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23.—The Central Daily News today quoted Chinese arrivals from the South Seas as saying that Clarence Kuangson Young, Chinese Consul General at Manila, and several members of his staff had been slain by Japanese military authorities "under conditions of extreme barbarity."

Mr. Young, who was 42 years old, was educated at Princeton University and in Colorado.

Senator O'Mahoney On Radio Forum

Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming will speak on "Oil for the Fighters of America" in the National Radio Forum this evening at 10:15 o'clock. The forum is a Blue Network feature arranged by The Star and heard locally over Station WMAL.

Senator O'Mahoney has been a consistent advocate of legislation designed to stimulate the greater development and recovering of America's mineral resources, including oil, and he conducted a Senate inquiry into the subject in the past session of Congress. He will speak this evening on the part that new oil production plays in the war production picture today.

Famous Rembrandt Stolen

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Paris radio reported today that Rembrandt's famous painting, "Man Sharpening a Goose Feather," had been stolen from the Amsterdam Art Gallery.

Transportation Lines Jammed As Crowds Leave for Holidays

(Picture on Page B-1.)

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The peak for train travel appeared to have been reached yesterday when Union Station was jammed with civilians and men in the armed services. Most transportation officials reported passenger traffic was equal to heavy loads last Christmas.

Hundreds of bus travelers bound south from Washington waited in depots for as long as eight hours last night as all trips below the city were canceled because of icy roads. Traffic had returned to normal today, however.

National Trailways System said its buses did not leave Washington for Southern points between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. following reports of ice-coated highways. The line's New York runs also were canceled for several hours last night.

1,000 Reported Killed In Turkish Earthquake

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 23.—About 1,000 persons were killed and many more injured in an earthquake Monday which destroyed the town of Erbaa, Turkey, near the Black Sea port of Samsun, telegraphic reports said today.

Erbaa's population is about 5,000. The reports said a death list higher than 1,000 was expected when rescue work was finished.

Chennault Given DSM For Service in China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23.—(Delayed.)—Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault today was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, his first American decoration by Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, chief of staff of Allied forces in China.

The medal was pinned on the commander of the China Air Task Force in a ceremony in front of his headquarters. The citation said:

"For exceptionally meritorious service while in a position of great responsibility as commander of the China Air Task Force since July 4, you demonstrated keen knowledge of Japanese technique and air tactics."

Although greatly outnumbered in personnel, airplanes and other essential items, you succeeded in protecting a large section of Unoccupied China from enemy air attack and have caused severe losses to the enemy.

"Your appreciation and understanding of the many problems of the China theater resulted not only in highly successful air operations, but also in a high degree of good will between the United States Army forces and the people of China."

Gen. Chennault, 52, is a native of Texas, who lived in Louisiana before he entered the Army in 1917. He went to China shortly after the outbreak of the Chinese-Japanese War to train pursuit units of the Chinese Air Force, and there organized and led the "Flying Tigers."

Fair and Mild Weather Expected for Christmas

While the Weather Bureau usually is prevented by wartime restrictions from giving information in advance, a special forecast today indicated that fair weather will prevail on Christmas eve. In fact, the next two or three days will be mild, with the temperature above normal.

Today's clearing skies and moderate temperatures should continue tomorrow, the forecaster said. The thermometer may fall to about 30 degrees tonight, but no severe cold weather is in immediate prospect.

The rain last night, coupled with higher temperatures, probably sped the end of the snow which had made streets here dangerous to pedestrians and motorists. The sun was expected to finish off the remainder of the snow today, ending chances for a white Christmas in this area.

Since midnight the thermometer had hovered around 34 degrees and at 9 a.m. it was 35.

All Belgian Judges Quit; Scores Held as Hostages

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Belgian News Agency reported today that Belgian magistrates had resigned in a body, closing all the courts of the country, in a dispute with Nazi occupying authorities.

Scores of judges were arrested as hostages, the agency said.

The dispute arose when Belgian judges refused to accept Nazi judicial decrees which they said contravened the Belgian constitution.

German authorities then ordered judges to postpone all decisions for two months. The mass resignations followed.

Sharp Revision Of Labor Laws Taking Form

40-Hour Work Week Would Be Shelved, New WLB Created

By the Associated Press.

An all-embracing legislative program for sharp revision of Federal labor laws, including suspension of the 40-hour provision as a standard work week, was reported today to have been drafted tentatively for presentation to Congress early next year.

In its present form the plan would strip the administration of power to deal independently with labor-management problems.

Instead, that authority would be turned over to a new War Labor Board, created by Congress but restricted by law from laying down any orders and assuming any powers not specifically delegated by Congress.

Suspends Premium Pay.

As outlined by one member of the group, who declined use of his name, the legislation would:

1. Suspend the premium pay requirement in the wages and hours law, although permitting overtime pay for work in excess of 40 hours with the specification that it be paid in War bonds.
2. Outlaw strikes in war industries.
3. Prevent closed shops and maintenance of membership clauses in labor contracts in industries handling Government work.
4. Amend the Corrupt Practices Act so as to bar labor unions from making contributions to political campaigns.
5. Set up the new War Labor Board. Its membership to be composed of representatives of the CIO, the AFL, the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the public.
6. Revive the Hobbs bill, which would subject labor unions to prosecution under the Federal anti-trust and anti-racketeering laws.

Will Move Cautiously.

Proponents of the legislation already are discussing the best strategy for overcoming parliamentary difficulties.

In a move to sidestep the House Labor Committee, which in the past has pigeonholed "restrictive" labor legislation, the maneuvering may start in the Judiciary Committee with introduction of a bill.

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Davis Has No Doubt That Spain Will Remain Neutral

Announces Creation Of OWI Bureau to Keep British Informed

Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, declared today that there is every reason to believe that Spain will remain neutral in the war.

Mr. Davis added that Spain and Portugal had formed a mutual Iberian bloc. There has never been any doubt concerning the neutrality of Portugal, he continued.

The formation of a British Division of OWI to "give the English people a better idea of what Americans are doing and thinking about" was announced by Mr. Davis.

The new division will have its headquarters at Washington. It will be headed by Ferdinand Kuhn, jr., for the past two years Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury.

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WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY CARD—A photographic copy of the Christmas card the President and Mrs. Roosevelt are sending to their friends this year.

Boy, 2, Who Skidded Off Sled Is Dug From Drain Pipe

MONTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 23.—Little Johnny Kuiper, who is 2½ and adventurous beyond his years, went belly-flopping down Hillcrest road yesterday on his brand-new sled.

His older companions coasted down to the bottom of the hill and looked around. And there came Johnny's sled—empty.

They rushed up to seek the youngster, but nowhere could they find Johnny. Finally, from beneath the earth, they heard cries.

Further search revealed that Johnny, somehow, had become caught half-way inside a drain pipe under an intersecting road.

Johnny evidently had fallen off his sled, continued along the snow ridge into the pipe.

Then, miraculously fitting into the 1-foot diameter, he had slipped along the pipe's icy bottom.

Johnny was too frightened to do more than cry "mama," and all efforts to get him out failed.

The youngsters ran to call Johnny's mother, Mrs. Henry Kullper, who lived nearby.

Policeman Frank Jackowitz could do anything, so she called police. The firemen summoned Jersey City Central Power & Light Co.'s emergency squad from Boonton.

The squad went to work with heavy jack hammers. Gradually they hacked through to the drainpipe and began the delicate task of cracking the pipe without hitting Johnny.

By now Johnny was too cold and scared to do anything. Finally, nearly three hours after Johnny had started on his journey, he was taken from the frozen earth into a waiting ambulance and sped to All Souls' Hospital in Morristown.

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London's Limehouse Children Are Having Merry Christmas

Youngsters Who Survived Blitz Are Grateful For Smallest Gift

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Children in London's fabulous Limehouse district can still laugh and sing this Christmas.

Maybe that doesn't sound very important back in the United States. But these, you must understand, are the children of Limehouse.

They are the children who survived the London blitz on the nearby Thames docks.

They are the children who know the deepest, saddest impacts of war as survivors of homes broken by bombs out of London.

They are the children who are small and old and sad for their years.

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Mud May Continue Impeding Tunisian Drive Six Weeks

Rainfall Called Normal For Season; Ground and Air Forces Hampered

By NOLAN NORGAARD, Associated Press War Correspondent. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 23.—The mud which handicaps both air and ground forces in the battle for Tunisia is likely to prevail much of the time for another six weeks, persons familiar with the country said today.

The frequent rainfalls already encountered certainly have not exceeded normal for the season in the French protectorate and may continue to be the end of January.

Even if the rains cease earlier than expected, military observers said, the Allies can expect the toughest going imaginable on the important northern front.

Much of the terrain there is a succession of low hills which cut visibility and make attacks dangerous and perhaps costly.

The major attention remained centered around Medjer-El-Bab, from which Allied patrols Monday penetrated 15 miles northward toward Tunis before making contact with the Germans.

In that direction the relatively flat country is easy to traverse in either direction.

Military sources said the opposing lines were "relatively continuous over the Mediterranean Sea coast west of Bizerte southward to west of Mateur and on down to the rough mountain country north of Medjer-El-Bab but farther to the south only outpost mark the territory normally claimed by the opposing forces."

From the air standpoint, the RAF and the United States Army Air Force are still hampered primarily by the lack of E suitable number of advanced bombers with all-weather runways from which to carry the continuous short-range air war directly into the main battle area.

Despite this handicap, Allied warplanes recently seized the upper hand. A spokesman asserted that they now were able to carry on a more widespread offensive against German ground forces than the Nazi air force against the Allies.

As a result of these developments from Italy has been lighter recently than in earlier weeks, but sources here warned against construing that as a sign of any weakening in the German determination to fight a long holding action in an effort to prevent the Allies from converting Tunisia into a base for short-range operations against Italy during the coming spring.

Motion Picture Festival To Be Presented Here

Five films will be presented during the week of December 25 to 30 in a motion picture festival sponsored by the United Nations Club and the National Archives at the Ardenne Hotel.

These programs have been planned for the benefit of citizens of the United Nations who are stationed here, members of the armed forces and war workers who are unable to return home for the Christmas season.

The festival will include "Journey to Jerusalem," "Rugles of Red Gap," "Lost Horizon," "The Life of Emilie Zola" and "Wait Until Tomorrow." Amigos will be presented during the week.

WAACS, WAVES, SPARS and their Canadian, South African and Australian counterparts will serve as ushers at all five programs.

Jettisoned Depth Bombs Hunted on Long Island

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Army authorities have warned residents of Nassau County to be on the lookout for several explosive depth charges which were jettisoned from an Army bomber Tuesday when the plane made a forced landing approximately 3 miles east of Hempstead.

A large Army search party has combed the area without finding trace of the charges, the Army said, cautioning civilians not to move the depth charges if found.

The charges, the Army explained, look like large tin cans, about the size of a wastepaper basket. They are circular in shape and light gray in color. If the "cans" were broken in the fall, the Army said, the contents will appear yellow.

When the plane was forced to drop the charges, officials reported, it was traveling east-west over the Long Island County. It was estimated that the explosive "cans" are somewhere in a rectangular area 7 miles by 5 miles.

It is patriotic to hoard—what? War bonds, the more the better.

Gas Rationing Plan To Avoid New Crisis Announced by Ickes

System Based on Zone Quotas Expected to Cramp 'Black Mart'

By the Associated Press. Aimed at preventing a recurrence of last week's gasoline crisis in the East, a new form of rationing for East Coast gasoline and fuel oil suppliers has been instituted by Petroleum Administrator Ickes.

The new system will backstop the Office of Price Administration's rationing for the consumer by going to the source of supply, and is expected to combat "black market" operations whereby some retailers have used bootleg ration coupons to obtain supplies from the oil companies.

Mr. Ickes' program sets up for suppliers in six Eastern zones quotas pegged to the amount of petroleum products that can be shipped into each zone with "presently available transportation facilities." Suppliers, in turn, are expected to assign quotas for wholesalers and retailers.

Since no supplier, wholesaler or retailer will have more gasoline to sell once his quota is exhausted, consumers may find their coupons worthless at times. Consumers will either have to go without gasoline or be forced to find a dealer who still has some.

Previously, the supply for the retailer or wholesaler was limited theoretically only by the amount of coupons which he received from consumers and turned into the suppliers.

A temporary limitation on gasoline sales was suddenly ordered in the East last week when it was disclosed that the coupons had exceeded current supplies and dug dangerously into the area's petroleum reserves.

Quotas for the six zones were not announced but Mr. Ickes' office said the total for the East Coast from December 18-31 would be 265,000 barrels of gasoline, 184,000 barrels of kerosene, 340,000 of heating oil and 282,000 of industrial oils.

Dr. Wassili Leps Dies; Symphony Conductor

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Dr. Wassili Leps, 75, founder of the Philadelphia Operatic Club and organizer of the Providence (R. I.) Symphony Orchestra, died yesterday.

Born and educated in Russia, he went to New Orleans in his youth and later moved to Philadelphia. At times he conducted orchestras in Atlantic City and Pittsburgh. His widow and a daughter, Mrs. H. G. Schanche of Toronto, survive.

Hospitals

(Continued From First Page) suggesting instead that more beds be put into existing space.

Condition, Not Theory. Referring to the number of surveys that have been made by various agencies during the last year, Senator McCarran observed:

"It is a condition and not theory that confronts us, and we had better deal with it by practical applications instead of lingering along with theories, even from experts. It is going to be too late, when an epidemic occurs, to say we were making a survey."

The WPB consultants now conducting a survey of the hospital situation to determine how more beds can be supplied without constructing new buildings continued their work at full speed today. Their schedule called for them to visit Casualty Episcopal and George Washington Hospitals.

The survey is expected to be completed by next Wednesday. Work on a final report, to be acted on by a WPB board of review before a definite opinion on the hospital situation will be started as soon as the survey is finished.

A preliminary report, meanwhile, concerning some of the largest hospitals in the District, has been requested by Mr. Maverick. It is expected to be made public before the final report is completed.

Commenting on the hospital situation yesterday Mr. Maverick said it was his opinion that Georgetown Hospital, one of those included in the expansion program, should be given special consideration because it already has torn down buildings and placed orders for supplies and furnishings as a step preliminary to new construction.

Mr. Maverick also said he felt a nearby school at Georgetown should be converted to hospital use and that "drastic adjustments" should be made there, and at other hospitals, to make the best use possible of present buildings and equipment.

He added that he had no plan for taking over hotels and colleges for District hospital use, where he said he felt the Government already "has taken over enough."

Sons of Italy in America Repudiate Fascist Regime

By the Associated Press. The Order of the Sons of Italy in America, which says it represents about 300,000 American citizens of Italian origin, put itself on record last night as repudiating Mussolini and his Fascist regime and urging the Italian people to welcome American troops in Italy "not as conquerors but as liberators."

Superior Court Justice Felix Forte of Massachusetts, supreme president of the order, made public the text of a resolution reiterating the organization's pledges of support to the war effort and the war aims of the United Nations.

He pointed out that it already had pledged its loyal support immediately after the United States entered the war and emphasized that the appeal to the Italian people was issued at this particular time because of the likelihood that American troops might soon land in Italy.

Texas Oilman Offers To Send Natural Gas To East Via Pipe Line

Would Deliver 25 Billion Cubic Feet Daily Until Pumps Are Ready

By the Associated Press. LONGVIEW, Tex., Dec. 23.—Rogers Lacy today offered the Government 25,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily to help relieve the Eastern fuel shortage.

The East Texas oilman, who bears little resemblance to Santa Claus, made the offer to Petroleum Coordinator Ickes—no strings attached.

Mr. Lacy has a gas well—a big one. A quarter mile away the Government has a pipe line—a big one—running right into Norris City, Ill. Mr. Lacy will see that the gas gets into the pipe line, if the idea appeals to Washington.

The Longview citizen outlined his proposition in a cryptic telegram, not wasting an "a" or "the."

"Noted from press reports big line from Longview to Norris City, Ill., is completed, but cannot be used because of equipment delayed," it began. "I can fill with natural gas at rate of 25,000,000 cubic feet daily from my Cass County (Tex.) well to relieve fuel shortage in East until line ready for full movement."

"Well is 1/2 mile from line and can be connected quickly. Offer this gas on any basis to help solve fuel shortage. Gas will deliver on its own pressure. Be glad to have you consider it and let me hear from you immediately. Signed: R. Lacy."

Mr. Lacy, who owns extensive oil and gas holdings in Texas, seems to have had more trouble getting rid of his product than acquiring it. He already has built two distribution systems—in Longview and Kilgore—to use gas from his wells.

Just how far 25,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day would toward solving the fuel shortage isn't clear—but it takes a mighty frigid January to run the family gas meter as high as 25,000 cubic feet. And that's for a month, not a day.

Spinning Wheels Whir

The Donegal homespun industry, which 20 years ago provided a living for 1,500 Northern Ireland families, is being revived, old spinning wheels and hand looms, laid by for years, being put to work again, and much material already has been sold.

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Operators and Lewis Still in Stalemate Over Coal Contract

Negotiations Blocked On Sixth-Day Issue in Bituminous Mines

Bituminous coal operators and John L. Lewis still were stalemated today over a proposed six-day work week contract.

The newest development came yesterday afternoon when the Appalachian operators, North and South, said they would accept the same terms given to the anthracite operators when the work week was changed from a five to a six day week. The United Mine Workers head quickly responded that his union "will be glad to grant you the anthracite agreement for any anthracite mines operated by you or your group."

Operators Telegraph Lewis. The bituminous operators had telegraphed the tender to Mr. Lewis, recalling that in a letter to Secretary of Interior Ickes, solid fuels administrator, he had referred to a "satisfactory supplemental agreement" permitting six-day operation in anthracite.

"In order that you may also cease 'quibbling' the operators of the Appalachian area agree to accept the anthracite agreement for the operation of the mines six days a week in the bituminous industry for the remaining period of our joint agreement. We are today advising Secretary Ickes of this offer. Please give us a reply."

Situation Unchanged. The exchange left matters exactly where they have stood for more than a week. Negotiations broke down over the question whether the six days of work in bituminous coal mines should be brought under the terms of the existing contract relating to penalties for absenteeism. The miners insist that the individual employee shall have the right to refrain from working the sixth day without subjecting himself to penalties.

The bituminous coal operators contend that in the anthracite supplementary agreement, penalties for absenteeism on the sixth day are applied, and they want the same rules to govern them.

Himmler Probes Actions Of Weingand in Rhineland

By the Associated Press. AT THE GERMAN FRONTIER, Dec. 23.—Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler was reported today to be undertaking an "investigation" into French Gen. Maxime Weingand's "responsibility" for the suffering inflicted on the German people during the occupation of the Rhineland in the last war.

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Ramspeck Charges 'Personal Patronage' In War Agencies

'Too Many Economists And Lawyers in OPA,' Georgian Contends

By the Associated Press. An investigation of "personal patronage" in filling war agency jobs was proposed last night by Chairman Ramspeck of the House Civil Service Committee.

"In my opinion," Representative Ramspeck said, "the majority of responsible jobs with the Office of Price Administration and the War Production Board have been filled by personal patronage, which means that when a man is in he gets his friends in—his cronies, college friends or business associates."

He charged that the OPA had "too many economists, professors and young lawyers" whose "regulations are just beyond human understanding." Unless the successor to Leon Henderson, retiring price administrator, "makes a lot of changes he will be just as bad off in a few months as Henderson was," Mr. Ramspeck predicted.

Mr. Ramspeck's committee has been investigating policies relating to civilian employment with the Government, particularly as to the number of employees with each agency and whether such a number is necessary and used to the best advantage.

He told reporters the committee had uncovered no widespread overstocking of workers, although in one case a man with a war agency position resigned recently "and they found he had seven persons just waiting on him."

Mr. Ramspeck said a man "who apparently had no friends inside" came to him with a report that he had been sent to 60 different places for interviews when he sought a job. The man, experienced in building and real estate operations, presented a diary with names and places.

Gregory Cipriani Dies; Was Judge Casey's Clerk

Gregory Cipriani, 52, special clerk to Judge Walter J. Casey of Municipal Court since 1935, died today at his home, 2115 P street N.W.

Mr. Cipriani, a graduate of Georgetown Law School, had practiced law before coming to the Municipal Court. A veteran of the World War, he held a Reserve Commission as captain in the Judge Advocate General's Office.

He was called to Army duty last February but returned later to civilian life because of ill health. Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Sally Cipriani.



VISIT BETWEEN JOBS—Capt. Claude Gillette, U. S. N., former manager of the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, who found himself with a big job after the Jap attack, visited his brother, Senator Guy M. Gillette, Democrat, of Iowa, at the Capitol yesterday. Capt. Gillette will become manager of the Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Winning Songs Picked For Two Branches Of Local OCD

'Civilian Defenders March' And 'Do Your Share' Picked for Theme Songs

Members of the OCD protective services march here in the future they will tell the world that "we don't give a hang for praise or cheers."

The musical slogan of the victory volunteers and block workers will call on the listening public to "Do your share, ev'ry one, ev'rywhere."

That is the decision of the trio of judges called on to decide the theme song of the local OCD. From the field of 26 entries they chose 2, called it a tie and distributed the songs to the two branches of the OCD.

"Catcher's Tunes," "Civilian Defenders March," words and music by Jack Tishoff, was given the nod for the protective services, and "Do Your Share," words and music by Valerie Wynne and Victor Doray, became the theme song for the civilian mobilization division.

The judges—Eugene Ormandy, director of the Philadelphia Orchestra; Miss Alice Eversman, music critic of The Star; and Art Brown, organist of the Capitol Theater—based their decision on "tunes easily learned and sung by any one, catchy, strong beginning, good rhythm, originality and appropriate lyrics."

Honorable mention went to "It's Up to You," by B. R. Angelou, and "The Big Parade," by Corbett and White. The two winners will receive an official citation.

The "appropriate lyrics" follow: CIVILIAN DEFENDERS' MARCH. The President has made the declaration. There is danger at our door. Each patriot has taken up his station.

For this Nation we adore. We are civilian volunteers. We don't give a hang for praise or cheers.

When danger is lurking in the sky We're prepared to do or die. You'll find us patrolling night and day.

The Axis cannot keep us away; We're from every land. Marching hand in hand Defending the U. S. A.

DO YOUR SHARE. Hear that bugle calling. "Awake, America, stay free!" Now your country really needs you. So—DO YOUR SHARE for VICTORY.

DO YOUR SHARE ev'ry one, ev'rywhere. Show your part—have a heart. Show that you care! Keep that light of liberty burning. Keep those wheels of industry turning.

For freedom's battle is no game of solitaire. DO YOUR SHARE for our boys ev'rywhere. Now we're in, WE WILL WIN. We'll outlast, fight aggressors. While they stop those mean oppressors. DO YOUR SHARE ev'ry one, ev'rywhere.

Rickenbacker Cancels Dinner In His Honor

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker yesterday informed friends who sought to honor him with a dinner that such a celebration was not "in order at this time" and asked them to abandon the idea.

The president of Eastern Airlines, who just returned to the United States from a military mission during the local OCD. From the Southern Pacific for three weeks after his plane was forced down, telegraphed Archibald R. Watson that he had given due consideration to the idea and appreciated the interest, but could not consent to it.

Mr. Watson, New York county clerk, in announcing the project, said the dinner "would be the occasion for a display of patriotic fervor which could not be exceeded."

Mr. Watson had said that the War Department had reacted favorably to the plan. Another means of honoring Capt. Rickenbacker and his crew was suggested by the Cabell County (W. Va.) War Bond and Stamp Committee. The group today inaugurated a campaign to send Capt. Rickenbacker Defense stamps on Christmas cards.

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Rev. B. S. Bert Dies. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The Rev. B. Stewart Bert, 69, retired student pastor of Nashota House, Episcopal seminary at Nashota, Wis., died here yesterday.

SPECIAL NOTICES. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CHAS. SCHNEIDER BAKING CO. INC. for the election of directors and other business will be held at the office of the company, 413 Eye St. N.W., on Wednesday, January 13, 1943, at 7 p.m.

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Three Army Captains From D. C. Are Among Prisoners of Japs

Two Maryland Officers Listed as Captives In Philippines

Three Army officers from Washington are among 132 men held prisoners by the Japanese in the Philippines, the War Department announced yesterday.

They are Capt. Samuel Wylie Little, Capt. Roy Mosher and Capt. Frederick J. Yeager, former Army football player. Also on the list are Capt. Earl M. Shiley, son of Mrs. May Shiley of West Annapolis, Md., and Capt. Paul R. Cornwall, husband of Mrs. Frances Ann Cornwall of Phoebe, Md.

Capt. Little is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Little of the Roosevelt Hotel. He was born in Evansville, Ind., and came here with his parents in 1923.

Capt. Mosher is the husband of Mrs. Mabelle W. Mosher of 1 Ninth Street S.E. A native of Kentucky, he enlisted in the Army at 17 and has been 28 years in service. He was promoted to captain at Bataan.

Capt. Yeager was born in New York City and is a graduate of West Point, where he played end on the 1938-9 football team.

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Agriculture Department announced yesterday it would subsidize distribution of fluid milk in the Chicago milkshed this month in order to maintain present producer and retail prices.

Under the subsidy program the department will purchase class 1 fluid milk from handlers at approximately \$3.125 per hundred pounds and sell it back to them at \$2.845, or a difference of 28 cents.

By obtaining the milk at the latter price handlers will be able, officials said, to provide consumers with milk at ceiling prices set by the Office of Price Administration and at the same time pay producers prices established under a Federal marketing order.

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Nazi Orators Begin 'Pep Talks' as Home Food Supply Falls

Hitler Paper Lectures Grumblers; Depressed Masses Face Bleak Yule

By EDWIN SHANKE. Associated Press Foreign Correspondent. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23.—With Germany's food rations generally lower than last year and the war news bad, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels is reported to have mobilized hundreds of Nazi orators to deliver a nation-wide series of "pep talks" to the German public.

Advises from Germany indicate a program of mass meetings already is under way, with Goebbels and Dr. Robert Ley, labor leader, setting the pace.

Coincidentally, the German press has begun a wide-scale morale-boosting offensive, hammering home the theme that Axis setbacks in North Africa are unimportant because the war will be decided in Russia.

"No war has yet been fought without setbacks," said one editorial, assuring its readers that "the United Nations still are weak for battle on the field where the decision will fall."

Russians to Be "Wiped Out." Adolf Hitler's newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, declared the objective properly was Europe, not Africa, and that after Russian resistance is wiped out "we will soon regain on the southern front what we had to give up."

The Beobachter also lectured Germans who grumbled about the scarcity of food and clothes, reminding civilians that their sacrifices were small compared to those of the soldier who is called on "to give his blood for the homeland."

Dispatches from Swedish correspondents, however, depicted a growing shortage of goods of all kinds in German stores and indicated that the German people—already cast down by mounting casualties on the Russian front—were in for a bleak Christmas.

With the shortage of food growing more pronounced, hoarding was reported on the increase, despite the threat of severe penalties. Press reports said penalties ranging up to three years' imprisonment and fines of 20,000 marks have been imposed recently as a warning against hoarding and illegal slaughtering of food animals.

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Japs Feel Africa War Will Benefit Them, Koreans Report

Leaders Admit Nippon Is Hard Pressed, Says Baltimore Sun

By the Associated Press. Korean agents in Japan have reported Nipponese leaders jubilant over the American-British invasion of North Africa because of a belief the move will give the Japs time to consolidate their gains, the Baltimore Sun said today.

The Japanese expect American forces to be tied up in the Mediterranean for at least a year, the Sun added in a story based on dispatches received in Washington. At the same time the newspaper continued, the Korean agents disclosed that some Japanese leaders have admitted frankly that Japan is hard pressed and her striking power blunted. Hence the glare over the expected respite because of the North African move.

Jap Plane Loses Heavy. The Sun's story also said: Col. Kingoro Hashimoto—the man who ordered the bombing of the U. S. S. Panay—was quoted as saying that Japan has lost 30 per cent of her air force.

Premier Tojo was reported to have said she also has lost 20 per cent of her merchant marine and 20 per cent of her naval tonnage. The agents also quoted Tojo as commenting that "Japan was hard-pressed and her defenses seriously threatened because of the continuous United States naval successes—at Midway, in the Coral Sea and in the Solomon Islands."

"If the United States had followed up her naval victories Japan's defensive strength would have been seriously endangered." Sporadic attacks on Alaska, the Pacific Coast and Hawaii form part of the Japanese program for 1943, the Koreans said, beginning either in June or October. Meanwhile, the Jap submarine campaign will be intensified in the Pacific, a military offensive launched into China and India and the defense line held in the South Pacific.

2. Col. Hirono, No. 2 man of the Black Dragon Society and former Premier and Foreign Minister, said in a public speech in Tokyo that the African campaign "has greatly eased our anxiety," the agents added.

Other Plans Listed. Hirota was further reported to have said that the program of consolidation includes: 1. Strengthening of Singapore and rebuilding and enlarging of ship repair facilities there.

2. Completion of the strategic Canton-Singapore Railway.

3. Construction of airplane landing fields and underground hangars and oil tanks throughout the South Pacific Islands.

The Koreans also dispatched word to the effect that Japan believes Britain and the United States will be forced to invade France and Italy, with many of them saying Hitler will hold France and Italy "with credit."

The Sun said Korean undercover agents in Japan are working under the direction of the Korean National Front Federation and the Sino-Korean People's League.

The reports were received in Washington by Kilsco K. Haan, Washington representative of the groups, and Dr. Dakin Chung, his assistant.

Newport News War Work Crippled by Transit Strike

By the Associated Press. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 23.—Bus operators and trainmen of the citizens Rapid Transit Corp. went on strike today, temporarily immobilizing thousands of Peninsula war workers. Streetcar service was partially restored later in the morning but bus service was all but paralyzed.

The strike was called by the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees, AFL, after a rumored walk-out last week was denied by M. A. Laughlin, president of Local 1188. Objectives of the strike were not learned immediately, and efforts to reach a union spokesman were unsuccessful. The utilities company said a statement would be issued later.

Not a bus or streetcar left the car barns at 5:15 a.m. when schedules normally start. Several union pickets were in evidence in the early hours of the strike but were withdrawn later.

Italian Admiral, 99, Dies, Was at Battle of Lissa

By the Associated Press. BERN, Dec. 23.—Admiral Luigi Gattaioli, who participated in the historic sea battle of Lissa on July 20, 1866, is dead at the age of 99, the Swiss Telegraphic Agency reported yesterday in a dispatch from Milan.

'Bushy,' 60, Gets 90 Days in Jail To 'Keep Warm'

William "Bushy" White, 60, whose home is anywhere on the water front, paid his annual visit to Municipal Court yesterday on the usual charge of vagrancy. Bushy, a thin, white-haired colored man, always pays his visit at this time of the year, so it wasn't too much of a coincidence that he appeared before Judge Armond Scott on the first official day of winter. Police say that this is the ninth time that Bushy has been arrested on a vagrancy charge.

Bushy told the court that he hadn't worked for several years. "I've tried to hold on to a job a few time since then, but, somehow, it's too much for me," he said. Judge Scott indicated that in view of the Christmas season he might extend leniency to Bushy.

"I don't like to confine a man to jail during the Christmas season unless it is necessary," said Judge Scott.

Bushy mumbled that "I'll have a merrier Christmas some place where I'm warm."

"Ninety days, then," said Judge Scott. "That will carry you through the winter months. At least you'll be warm."

Girls Test Thunderous Weapons As Part of Beating Hitler



Mrs. Peggy Joines, laboratory technician, shown at work on gun parts at Aberdeen.

By WALTER McCALLUM. When slender, pug-nosed Peggy Joines peers through the gun sights and levels the heavy barrel of the 75-mm. gun on target she isn't thinking only of "proofing" that gun at Aberdeen, Md. When she rocks the landscape with a thundering blast of flame and sound she wants to know and prove that the gun will shoot where she aims it. But she sees, in perspective as it were, a German tank or a German machine gun post at her point of aim.

Until a few months ago dungaree-clad, 18-year-old Peggy was Alice McGuire, a girl from little Piney Creek, N. C. Much earlier she had wanted to be a nurse, but she went to Baltimore, was shipped to Aberdeen and put through an ordnance school. She became what is called a laboratory technician.

Others Testing, Too. The term might mean one who plays with test tubes or peers through microscopes. In Peggy's case and in the case of more than 600 over-18 women at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds it means that they are the testing instruments for the weapons of war.

Slender slips such as Peggy handle the big 75-mm. guns. Pert noses glued to sights, they fire these deadly weapons at distant targets. They tune up the husky 400-horsepower engines of huge, lumbering General Grant and General Sherman tanks. They adjust delicately tuned radio sets.

Fuel Oil (Continued From First Page)

A special Weather Bureau forecast today assured householders concerned over their fuel oil supplies that they might expect minimum temperatures during the next two or three days to be "little if any below freezing."

Several changes in fuel oil rationing rules will be in the mill, an OPA spokesman said, indicating that one minor alteration might be announced late today or sometime tomorrow. He said the agency did not plan to make a complete statement immediately on last week's survey of the problems of local fuel oil dealers or on the conference yesterday between OPA officials and representatives of the dealers.

Coupon Value Increased. The OPA yesterday increased the value of period 3 fuel oil ration coupons to 10 gallons to meet heavy demands resulting from prolonged cold. The period 3 coupons can be used in the Midwest effective today instead of starting on the original dates, which were January 5, 6 and 7, according to the OPA.

The OPA has said that householders in the East who are out of oil may go to their ration boards and borrow against their period 3 fuel oil rations by exchanging period 3 coupons for second-period coupons.

Coincidental with their coupons, some of Washington's harassed dealers complained that rationing boards had added to their ever-mounting troubles by requiring return of coupon sheets for emergency readjustments.

One dealer said his overworked office force is on the verge of walking out because of the "beating" it has taken from OPA, rationing boards and customers.

Heavier Paper Work. About 75 per cent of the dealers have taken in the entire coupon sheets of many of their customers and are detaching the unit coupons as oil is delivered. This necessitates the employment of additional clerks and creates more "paper work" than already required by OPA in processing the coupons. Now, in addition, dealers must return the coupon sheets to those customers seeking additional emergency supplies—supplies in excess of those allowed during periods one and two—so the customers can take them to the rationing boards for readjustments.

Mr. Waterson leaves the London post to join the cabinet as Minister of Commerce and Industries, succeeding Richard Stuttaford. Mr. Stuttaford resigned, telling Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts he should surround himself with younger men.

Maj. P. V. G. Van Der Byl, minister without portfolio, was named Minister for Native Affairs.

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Work Week Average Of 48 Hours Reported In Durable Industries

Increase Is Shown During October, Miss Perkins Says

Reporting on industrial operations for October, Secretary of Labor Perkins said last night that the average scheduled work week in the durable manufacturing industries was about 48 hours, and the working average 45.7 hours. This working average compared with 44.8 in September and 45.2 in August.

Miss Perkins explained that because the reported weekly hours cover "all wage earners on the payroll for any part of the pay period, such factors as labor turnover and absenteeism caused the reported hours not worked at least two hours less than scheduled hours."

Cites Plant Reports. "All of the 49 durable-goods industries reported increases in the number of hours worked, more than offsetting the declines of the preceding month when many employees did not work because of Labor Day."

"Workers in 39 of these industries averaged more than 44 hours, including five war industries which averaged more than 49 hours—machine tools (52.5), textile machinery (50.3), engine-turbines (49.7), typewriters (49.4), and firearms (49.0). Other war industries averaged 50 or more hours per week per employee—machine-tool accessories (53.2), sewing machines (52.2), and pumps (50.6). Among the durable goods industries only the pottery and marble-granite-slate industries averaged less than 40 hours a week.

"Time actually worked in all manufacturing industries combined averaged 43.8 hours a week, a gain of 2.7 per cent since September and 6.0 per cent since October a year ago. For non-durable goods workers the average work week was 40.6 hours, an increase of 2.7 per cent over the month interval and 4.2 per cent over October, 1941.

"Average hourly earnings, which include overtime premiums, shift differentials, incentive bonuses, and the like amounted to 88.8 cents for the durable-goods worker, 75.7 cents for his with this week, and 73.5 cents for the non-durable goods worker (chiefly for civilian consumption), and 88.6 cents for all manufacturing wage earners combined. The gain over the year interval was largest in the durable-goods group (16.9 per cent), reflecting more substantial increases in basic wage rates, expansion in industries where higher rates prevail, and more overtime worked."

Proud of Marksmanship. She grins when you ask her about marksmanship with the medium guns such as the 75 mm. "They're heavy weapons to a civilian. I got six out of seven hits on a target at 5,000 yards with a 75," said Peggy.

"And I did all right with the 37." The 37-mm. gun is the deadly little weapon used by the Army as one of its tank-destroyer units. It opens up at a lot of yards, packs a terrific punch and is highly mobile.

Peggy punched home a succession of hits with this weapon. Had the target been a German tank it wouldn't have moved after the barrage.

"If I can help twist Hitler's tail I'm happy," grinned Peggy. She is typical of more than half a thousand women, wrestling tanks and heavy weapons at Aberdeen, testing them and seeing they are ready to punch the Axis on any front.

Higgins Given Contract To Build Cargo Planes

The War Department today announced final approval of a contract with Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans shipbuilder, to build "a large number" of cargo-carrying planes for the Army Air Forces.

While the Higgins Co. announced several weeks ago that about 1,200 cargo planes were involved in the contract, the War Department did not disclose the actual number. The total outlay in the contract will involve more than \$5,000,000, the department said, the real amount being a military secret.

The new planes will be built largely of non-strategic materials, but their capacity and expected performance were withheld.

The contract is valid with the signature of Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson. It was entered into at the Army Air Forces material center, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Senator Murray to Ask Anacosta Probe by WLB

A statement issued at the office of the Senate Small Business Committee yesterday said Chairman Murray would demand a WLB investigation with a view to canceling war contracts of the Anacosta Wire & Cable Co. if allegations made against the concern prove true.

The company is under indictment on charges of selling defective wire for military purposes.

Senator Murray is at his home in Butte, Mont. He was quoted in the statement as saying that if the charges made in the indictment are true, "Anacosta has forfeited its right to participate in any further Government contracts whatsoever."

Four Million More Tons Of Aluminum Ore Found

The Bureau of Mines has discovered between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 additional tons of bauxite in Arkansas since beginning a survey last May, Representative Norrell, Democrat, of Arkansas, revealed in a court-martial whose decision was executed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The value of the goods involved allegedly exceeded \$30,000,000, Chinese, or about \$1,500,000 in U. S. dollars.

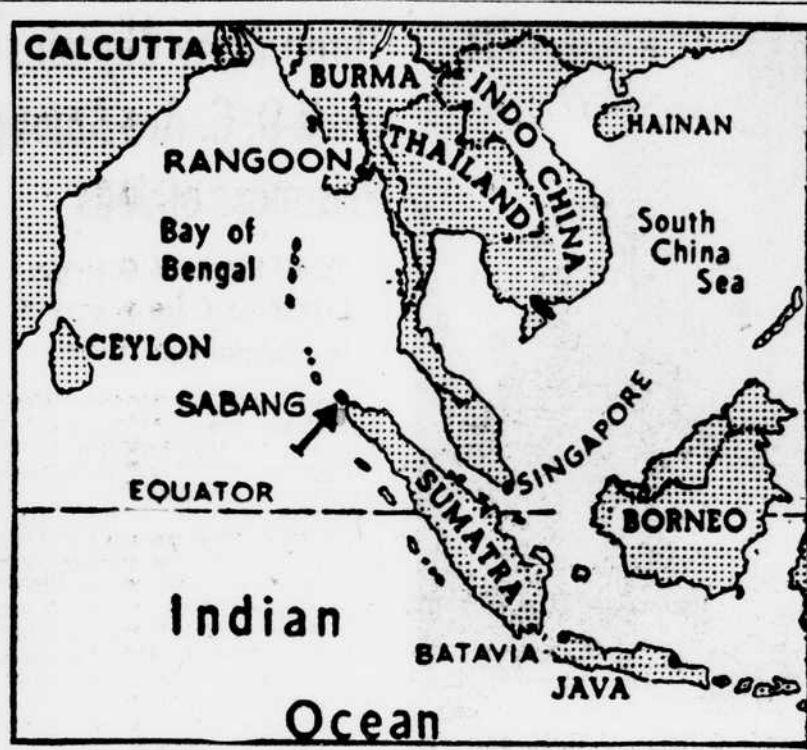
Hsu Hsin-shu, manager of the trust department of the Central Trust, who was accused of conniving with Lin, was sentenced to five years imprisonment. Both were prominent in the Chinese business world.

Smuts Deputy Appointed London Commissioner

By the Associated Press. CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 23.—Col. DENYS Reitz, Deputy Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, has resigned from the cabinet and been appointed to succeed S. F. Waterson as South African high commissioner in London, it was officially announced today.

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BRITISH FLYERS ATTACK SUMATRA—British naval planes, possibly from the aircraft carrier Illustrious, have raided Sabang, on an island just off the northwestern end of Sumatra. The attack, made on December 20, was the first reported Allied offensive operation against the Indies since the Japanese announced complete occupation of Sumatra in March.

M'Arthur's Men Send Holiday Message to 'Production Army'

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief in the Southwest Pacific area, today sent to the War Department a Christmas message from the fighting men of his command for transmittal to the men and women of America's war production plants.

"On this sacred day of our Lord, we, the soldiers on the firing line, give thanks to you soldiers on the production line for the sinews of war that make our victory possible. We are dedicating this Christmas Day, the day after and every day thereafter until we establish peace on earth and good will to men."

Favorable Bids May Save Penny Milk Program

The Agriculture Department announced today that "very favorable" bids had been received from several dairies and indicated the penny milk program here, which was scheduled to end December 31, would be saved.

An official of the Food Distribution Administration disclosed that several bids received by the department were below the figure at which milk is being supplied Washington school children.

The announcement came as all hope of resuming the program had been abandoned. The official said that no awards had been made as bids were awaiting approval by Roy F. Hendrickson, director of Food Distribution Administration.

Full Operations Restored At Republic Steel

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Full operations were restored today at Republic Steel Corp.'s huge strip mill after 1,000 CIO unionists yielded to a War Labor Board plea for termination of a work stoppage that halted ship plate production more than a day.

The men returned to work under a WLB promise that an effort to settle the dispute involving work schedules would be made at a conference Monday at Washington.

Lewis M. Gill, regional WLB director, who obtained an agreement from unionists on the suspension of work last night, said no attempt was made today to decide the merits of the controversy, which shut down the strip mill at 3 p.m. last Monday.

The dispute was certified last yesterday to the WLB, which sent telegrams to CIO President Philip Murray and union officials here asking them to "immediately return to their jobs and remain at them without interruption pending final determination" of the dispute.

Chinese Official Shot For Burma Road Graff

By the Associated Press. CHUNGKING, Dec. 23.—Lin Shih-lung, manager of the transport department of the Central Trust and chief of the Chinese government purchasing and selling agency, was executed by shooting yesterday on charges that he used his position to transport goods over the Burma road for his personal profit on the eve of the fall of Rangoon.

He was tried and sentenced by a court-martial whose decision was executed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The value of the goods involved allegedly exceeded \$30,000,000, Chinese, or about \$1,500,000 in U. S. dollars.

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Toll of Ships Shows Steady Drop as U. S. Yards Boost Output

U-Boats Find Going Tougher; Only 25 Craft Lost in October

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Axis submarines, which not so long ago were imperiling the United Nations' supply lines across the Atlantic and sinking ships within sight of American shores, today are finding the going tougher as United States shipyards continue to turn out merchant vessels in record-breaking numbers.

From a high mark of 111 in June the toll of merchant shipping taken by the once-daring U-boats has declined steadily month by month under the pressure of vigilant Allied naval and air patrols.

So far, 19 cargo carriers have been reported sunk in November, bringing to 566 the number of Allied and neutral ships announced as lost in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor. Of this total, 220 were American craft.

Since January, American shipbuilders have completed 625 merchantmen, totaling 8,890,000 deadweight tons, and the Maritime Commission indicated that President Roosevelt's 1942 objective of 8,000,000 tons of cargo ships will be met.

The commission reported that 68 of the 84 vessels completed in November were Liberty ships which averaged only 56 days in building, an improvement of 10 days over October, and said that its December schedule indicated the yards will "turn out the required tonnage."

At the same time, a mounting number of destroyers, corvettes and fast escort vessels have been commissioned by the Allies to guard the shipping lanes and harass the raiders. Since their big month, the U-boats have found the pickings getting slimmer and slimmer. Fifty-one merchant ships were sunk in July and August, 93 in September, and a record tonnage was completed, 81, in October and 84 in November.

Shipyards in this country alone delivered 67 vessels in June, 71 in July, 68 in August, 93 in September, and a record tonnage was completed, 81, in October and 84 in November.

Nineteen men, occupants of one boat, are missing and the master has no hope that any of them escaped death in the furious gunning unleashed on them in the Atlantic off South America in mid-November.

"It was murder, just murder," the captain said, after he and 22 other survivors arrived here. "Those Nazis tried to sink us without a trace, evidently hoping that dead men would tell no tales."

"My boat just happened to escape. It was night and shells and tracer bullets filled the air around us. They were after us, all right. The other boat, under command of the chief officer, was nearer them. They poured a merciless hail of fire at it."

Their attacker used no torpedoes, but the shell fire was so intense that the bridge and funnel collapsed, the hull was perforated and the ship began to sink. Firing stopped while lifeboats were being lowered, then was directed at the boats.

Names of survivors are withheld because their families are in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Nelson Praises Record In Moving Iron Ore

By the Associated Press. Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board yesterday commended the iron ore and the lake vessel industries and the railroads for the record movement of 92,000,000 tons of iron ore from the Lake Superior district in 1942.

Mr. Nelson sent letters to Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation, and Elton Hoyt of Cleveland of the Iron and Steel Industry Advisory Committee thanking them for their efforts in establishing the record movement of iron ore.

This record exceeded by 3,000,000 tons the goal set at the beginning of the season. The WPB chief particularly commended the masters and crews of the lake vessels engaged in transporting the ore during the last months of the season "when they were subject to all the hazards of the extreme weather on the lakes."

ST. JOHN'S Christmas Eve

Lafayette Square 7:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 12:00 noon—Holy Communion. 11:00 p.m.—Carols in the Church. 11:30 p.m.—Holy Communion.

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Representative Rankin Asks 'Full Story' on Atlantic Conference

Says Pearl Harbor Attack Could Not Have Been Surprise to President

White-haired Jeannette Rankin, Republican of Montana, only member of Congress to vote against war with Japan, called today for the "full story" on the historic Atlantic Conference...

At another point she cited the report by the President's special commission which investigated the Pearl Harbor attack that warnings to be alert had been sent to Army and Navy commanders in the Pacific before the attack took place.

Then she observed: "Indeed, do not the frequency, urgency, the very wording of these warnings indicate in themselves that the Pearl Harbor attack came as no surprise whatever to the President?"

Miss Rankin obtained consent of the House before the Seventy-seventh Congress adjourned to insert her statement in the Congressional Record. She gave it to newsmen for publication today.

In her own words a "belligerent pacifist," she reviewed at length her version of events leading to what she called Mr. Roosevelt's change of policy after the Atlantic conference.

On the basis of quotations from English authors, she said that "three years before Pearl Harbor, Britain's imperialism had figured out just how to bring the United States once more to their aid" by getting this country "embroiled" with Japan.

Defended British Empire. She contended that this Nation's "requirements" of September 3, 1941, that Japan accept the principle of non-disturbance of the status quo in the Pacific was the equivalent to asking Japan to guarantee the inviolateness of the white empire in the Orient...

Miss Rankin declared that "in less than a week after the Atlantic Conference the machinery of economic sanctions was getting under way" and inquired "Did President Roosevelt realize that 'economic sanctions mean war' at the time he appears to have adopted Mr. Churchill's suggestion to impose them as the punitive alternative for his ultimatum to Japan?"

Inserted in Record. "Was it not strange," she asked at another point, "that Mr. Roosevelt, who, by refusing for years to enforce the Neutrality Act of 1936 to prevent shipments of war supplies to Japan despite popular demand, had largely contributed to supplying that nation with the raw materials for the armaments now being used against our own troops, after the Atlantic conference when an incident with Japan seems to have been desired suddenly changed his policy and not only cut off war supplies but virtually everything required by the civilian population of Japan as well?"

Miss Rankin, who first was elected to the House in 1916, serving one term, was elected again in 1940, but did not seek re-election this year.

Electrical Monopoly Case Quashed by U. S. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An indictment charging Michael J. (Umbrella Mike) Boyle, chief business agent of Local 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and 16 others with anti-trust law violations was dismissed in Federal Court yesterday on motion of the Government.

The indictment, returned in February, 1940, alleged five firms, Boyle and 10 other individuals and Local 134 "knowingly entered into and engaged in a combination and conspiracy unreasonably" to curb sales of electrical supplies outside Illinois and to raise prices within the State.

Daniel B. Britt, head of the Chicago Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department, refused to discuss his request for dismissal. Other defendants were Michael J. Kennedy, another union business agent; Walter Sheffer, Morris E. Sklare, William Ryan and Thomas Murray, union agents; Beardslee Chandler Manufacturing Co., Curtis Lighting Co., Inc.; Mutual Metal Manufacturing Co., Inc.; Solar Light Co. and M. A. Van Esso, Inc.; Fred Farmer, an officer of the Beardslee company; Darwin Curtis of the Curtis company; Henry Goodfriend of the Mutual company; Abraham Lazerson of the Solar company and M. A. Van Esso of the Van Esso company.

FBI Intensifies Search For Touhy, 6 Others The G-men intensified today their search for Roger (The Terrible) Touhy, Basil (The Owl) Banghart and five jail-breaking companions with an appeal broadcast to all police agencies through the FBI law enforcement bulletin.

18 Jap Warships Sunk or Hit By Ex-Navy Star's Squadron

'Bullet Lou' Kirm Leads Flying Unit; D. C. Man Member

By the Associated Press. In five weeks of operations from Guadalcanal Airfield, a single Navy dive bomber squadron attacked 88 Japanese warships and 6 transports, sinking or damaging 18 of them.

The squadron, which has now been removed from the island, was commanded by Lt. Comdr. L. J. Kirm, 34-year-old former Annapolis football star known to sport fans as "Bullet Lou." Of the 21 pilots, only 2 are missing. Four year gunners also are listed as missing.

A Navy statement on the squadron's accomplishments said yesterday that it joined the forces on Guadalcanal in the early fall, going in from the deck of an aircraft carrier which had been at sea nearly two months.

One of the squadron's first assignments was an attack on a Japanese naval force which included the carrier Ryuzo. It damaged the carrier so badly that it is officially listed as possibly sunk.

Found Five Lost Pilots. Some of the attacks against enemy ships were made at night. In addition to that hazardous type of operation, units of the squadron also engaged in fighting off enemy planes, in strafing and bombing enemy land bases, in scouting and in rescue missions.

It is credited with destroying two Japanese float biplanes and one land-based Zero and with finding five lost pilots from other American units.

Two major attacks and eight forays by squadron units were conducted against enemy positions at Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel and other raids were made against Viru Harbor on New Georgia Island, against Moe Island in the Russells and against San Jorge Island off Santa Isabel. Other bombing missions had enemy positions on Guadalcanal as their objectives.

Recounting the missions against enemy ships, the Navy said that the full force of the squadron never took part in any single attack. Sometimes a single one of the Douglas Dauntless dive bombers which they operated would scream down from the skies against the anti-aircraft from a Jap warship, pressing home its attack alone.

75 Destroyers Attacked. In all, 75 destroyers were attacked and six heavy and seven light cruisers felt the fury of the squadron's bombs. Damage inflicted, all of which had been taken into account in communications issued previously, was described as "heavy."

A destroyer and a transport were probably sunk and two destroyers, five heavy cruisers and five light cruisers were definitely damaged. "Other damage was undoubtedly suffered by the enemy, but the specific extent could not be determined due to weather or darkness," the Navy said.

The squadron worked under the adverse conditions prevailing at Guadalcanal throughout the five-week period. Frequently Jap naval forces shelled Henderson Field heavily; enemy air raids were regular occurrences; the thunder of nearby battles shattered the pilots' sleep. Debilitating tropical illnesses, including dysentery, attacked members of the squadron.

The two missing pilots were listed as Ensigns Oran Newton, Jr., Bakersfield, Calif., and E. S. Wages, Jr., Lawrenceville, Ga.

The other members of the squadron were listed as: Lt. Comdr. Kirm, whose home is in Milwaukee, Wis.; Lts. Ralph Weymouth, 3609 Thirty-fourth street N.W., Washington; M. Milner, Coronado, Calif.; F. J. Schroeder, Staten Island, N. Y.; M. P. MacNair, Coronado, Calif.; A. S. Frank, Glencoe, Ill.; E. C. Mildahn, Rochester, N. Y.; W. E. Henry, Bakersfield, Calif.; A. E. Russell, Seattle, Wash.; R. C. Purdum, Bozeman, Mont.; J. J. Davidson, Winona, Minn.; R. E. Pellissier, Whittier, Calif.; N. S. Weary, Cainsville, Mo.; D. W. Byerley, Longmire, Wash.; Alfred Wright, Jr., South Pasadena, Calif.; R. C. Crow, Cleveland, W. J. Foley, Chicago, R. P. Bales, Altus, Okla.; F. J. Sauer, Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Sewall Weymouth, 3609 Thirty-fourth street N.W., was a proud mother today as she learned of the exploits of her son, Lt. Ralph Weymouth, U. S. N., in the Guadalcanal fighting.

He always wanted to get into the Navy, she said, and studied hard to win an appointment to the Naval Academy, shortly before he was graduated from a school in Detroit.

After being commissioned, Lt. Weymouth was assigned to foreign duty, his mother said. In France he met Miss Lo Brouchage who became his wife. They have one son, Yan. The officer's wife and son now make their home in California.

Lt. Weymouth has one brother, Richard S. Weymouth, also a Navy flyer, who has been assigned to the Naval Air Station at Anacostia. Another brother, Colin Weymouth is in Baltimore.

200,000 Loss Seen In 4-Alarm Fire On Boston Coal Wharf

By the Associated Press. BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Boston firemen fought their fourth major blaze in five weeks yesterday, a coal wharf which raged out of control for nearly three hours, causing several hundred thousand dollars' damage and temporarily endangering an electric generating station.

In sub-zero weather seven Coast Guard vessels assisted two fireboats in combating the flames from the water side and 150 Coast Guardsmen helped to block a coal conveyor with sandbags to prevent the fire racing along it to a Boston Edison Co. station. Three host towers caught fire, but the flames were kept away from 90,000 tons of coal at one end of the pier.

Four alarms were sounded for the blaze, which firemen said started at the water end of a 150-foot pier on property leased to C. H. Sprague & Son Co., coal firm, a few hundred yards from the Army base, which is on the other side of a channel. The Sprague company supplies the power company with coal for generating purposes.

Fire Chief Samuel J. Pope estimated the loss at 200,000. James V. Toner, president of the Boston Edison Co., put the damage tentatively at \$500,000 to \$750,000, saying the figure might be reduced after an inspection of coal-handling machinery which was damaged.

The electric system would continue uninterrupted operation, he said.

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Amusement Places In District Checked For Fire Hazards

Area Wardens Assist Recreation Department In Many Inspections

The site of every dance and sporting event run by the District Recreation Department is being thoroughly checked by fire officials for fire hazards, the department has announced.

On the heels of an announcement at the recreation meeting yesterday that 24 events had been scheduled by the department for the holiday week alone, Supt. Milo S. Christiansen said that sites of all these activities had to pass close inspection before being selected. Area fire wardens are assisting the department in the inspection, he said, to insure "adequate protection" of servicemen and war workers participating in activities.

Meetings Curtailed. On the fuel front, Mr. Christiansen told his board members that he had closed Woodrow Wilson High School and citizens' association meetings for the duration of the oil shortage. The high school is one of 15 school buildings equipped with oil heating.

The department is trying to curtail meetings in other buildings at night, he continued, by asking presidents of citizens' associations to shift their meetings to buildings scheduled two or three events an evening. Presidents of the associations, Mr. Christiansen added, are also being asked to shift meetings to coal-burning buildings wherever possible.

The board of Schools Frank W. Ballou declared that small attendance at the association meetings "in many cases would not warrant opening a building even if we had plenty of fuel." There is no doubt of the necessity of curtailing night activities, he said, and both schools and recreation department are working on the problem.

The board itself had to meet in a room heated only by a crackling fire in the fireplace because the heating system of the recreation department headquarters is defective. The superintendent said he expected the equipment to be repaired over the holidays.

Dance Buses Canceled. Turning to the conservation of gasoline and tires, Mr. Christiansen said that the Office of Defense Transportation had canceled the department's hiring of buses to take members of the Women's Battalions to holiday dances at Quantico, Va., and Fort Belvoir. The Army itself generally does not transport the girls because it has only open trucks available, it was explained.

Mr. Christiansen and Harry S. Wender, president of the board, paid tribute to Mrs. Lucretia Hardy, "pioneer in the Washington recreation field," who is retiring from the department next week after 25 years of service. She has been director and secretary of community centers here since 1917.

The board asked its Classification Committee to meet on December 30 with representatives of the Federation of Civic Associations to discuss being planned for department employees on a permanent basis.

Seven Killed, One Missing As Army Bombers Collide

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 23.—Two 4-motored bombers collided in flight over a bombing practice range yesterday. One plummeted to earth, killing its crew of seven.

The other plane returned to its Pueblo base, although five of the crew bailed out. One of these had not been found today. The stricken plane tail was torn away by the other craft's propellers as the two few in formation.

The Pueblo air base listed the seven victims as: First Lt. Gerald E. Smetts, Oakland, Calif.; Second Lt. Bliss M. Shannon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Second Lt. Adam C. Thompson, Hampton, N. Y.; Second Lt. Charles T. Bowen, Flushing, N. Y.; Staff Sgt. Charles S. Meisenheimer, Jefferson, Tex.; Sgt. Victor H. McGregor, Casper, Wyo.; Sgt. James H. Cooney, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.

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Daring British Captain Credited With Capture Of German General

Von Thoma Gave Glasses To Captor, Killed in Libya Following Day

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Capt. Grant Singer, who learned about reconnaissance as master of the fox found in West England, was credited posthumously today with the capture of the German Gen. Ritter von Thoma soon after the British 8th Army's decisive breakthrough from El Alamein, Egypt, into the Libyan desert.

Capt. Singer, a member of the Royal Hussars, was killed in action the day after the general was taken as the result of Capt. Singer's daring exploits as a tank spotter in a British counterpart of an American jeep.

Slayed Ahead of Tanks. The War Office in detailing his feat declared that from the start of the 8th Army's advance he had been far out ahead of the British tanks in a little scout car looking for the enemy.

His job was to pick out tank targets and radio their position back to the enemy.

There came the day when Capt. Singer sighted two enemy tanks in front of him but with no British tanks nearby to engage them. A shell from one tank went through his car before Capt. Singer finally located a British tank commanded by Lt. S. B. Ferguson.

"When Singer's little car came up to us, he jumped on the back of my tank and said he had a couple of targets for us," Lt. Ferguson said. "He pointed out the tanks some distance ahead. Our second shot went home and the crew jumped from one burning tank into a slit trench."

"As we drew up, Singer jumped off and rounded up the crew. Among them was Gen. von Thoma, who was slightly wounded in the leg."

"After he had been captured, the general presented Singer his field glasses. Singer took his address and promised to return them after the war."

Von Thoma then was taken to Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. They dined together and refought the opening phases of the desert battle at an after-dinner tactical clinic, sketching their strategic moves on the oilcloth table cover. Gen. von Thoma later was brought to England.

Nelson Replies to Letter On Civil Defense Equipment

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, assured Chairman J. Randolph of the House District Committee today that he will cooperate with the United States Army and the Office of Civilian Defense in any program which is considered vital to the defense of the Nation.

His letter was in reply to a protest by Mr. Randolph addressed to the adjutant general of the Engineer Corps of the Army, Commissioner Young and Col. Peter P. Goetz, in charge of civilian defense, charging that procurement of civilian defense equipment had been delayed since December 9, and asking for prompt action for immediate essential equipment.

He specifically complained regarding suitable automotive lighting devices for use during blackouts.

Mr. Nelson replied that "I presume Maj. Warren S. Everett, chairman of the Engineer Board, Fort Belvoir, Va., will furnish you with the information you request in due course." Mr. Randolph has charged that there had been inordinate delay regarding this information on headlight shields or dimmers.

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FBI Police School Lifts Age Limit to 50 Years

Due to the wartime emergency which has brought a large number of younger police officers throughout the country into the military services the maximum age limit for attendance at the FBI National Police Academy has been changed from 45 to 50 years, it was announced today. The National Police Academy will

inaugurate its 21st session here January 4. Under the new age rules, applicants who have not yet reached their 51st birthday will be eligible for enrollment.

Since the founding of the academy in 1935 more than 700 selected police officers have completed the course which parallels the training given FBI agents. Officers enrolled in the 20th session were graduated on October 31.

Like the two sessions held this year the course starting in January

will place special stress on the wartime duties and problems of police officers.

Rabbi Segal to Preach

Rabbi Henry Segal will preach at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the B'nai Israel Synagogue, Fourteenth and Emerson streets N.W. on "The Power of Tradition." There will be an open forum and community singing after the service.

Housewives Here Warned Against Bedding Salesman

Housewives here were warned today by the Better Business Bureau to be on the lookout for a door-to-door salesman who offers bedding equipment at bargain prices.

According to complaints received by the bureau, the salesman insists upon cash deposits for such articles as sheets, blankets and pillowcases

but fails to return with the merchandise. Solicitations of this type should be reported to police or the Better Business Bureau.

Upon hearing that the salesman represents himself as being from a Kansas City firm, the bureau here queried the Kansas City Bureau and received the following reply:

"We do not have a company by the name given listed in our directories, and there is no 743 Main street. We have the feeling the solicitor is using a fictitious company, name and address."

Firmer Basis for Post-War Commercial Flying Urged

The Civil Aeronautics Act should be amended to provide a firmer foundation especially for post-war commercial aviation, Chairman Lea of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee said today. In a statement outlining future aviation legislation which he felt Congress should consider, Mr. Lea

stressed that "with victory there will come a challenge which our civil aviation industry must be prepared to meet."

The part played by the civilian air services in this war, he said, had emphasized "the military value of a healthy, stabilized and developing civil aviation."

Control of aviation on a national basis is of paramount importance, Mr. Lea said, because of "the character of civil aviation as an instrument of national policy, coupled with the speed and mobility of flight and the phenomenal technological

advances being made under the stress of war."

Man Posing as Woman Held in Robbery

A colored man charged with robbing a cab driver while dressed as a woman, yesterday was ordered held for grand jury action under \$5,000 bond by Judge John P. McMahon in Municipal Court.

The defendant, James Hyman, 28, 1207 Six and One-half street N.W., pleaded not guilty when arraigned.



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This is the journal of six American airmen who were forced to land in French West Africa, were interned by the Vichy French and spent seven months being shuttled over 6,000 miles of jungle and desert from one internment camp to another.

There are four authors, their diaries combined in a single narrative, beginning on the day early in May when they left Brazil in a B-25 bomber en route to a combat zone in the East.

The entries are those of Second Lt. Daniel E. Kelley, 25, of Waco, Tex., pilot; Second Lt. George A. Young, Jr., 23, of Westwood, Mass., co-pilot; Second Lt. Jerome M. Goldsmith, 23, of Atlanta, Ga., navigator, and Corporal John F. Tom, 23, of Leakey, Tex., radio operator.

The other two members of the group, mentioned from time to time, are Second Lt. Erich Downs, 23, of Dallas, Tex., bombardier, and Pvt. Herbert H. Holmes, 25, of Denver, Colo., gunner. The diaries, of which this is the first of six installments, were procured by Joseph Morton, Associated Press war correspondent, who is somewhere in Western Africa.

May 5—Lt. Kelley: We took off from Brazil at 8:30 p.m. . . . just before leaving, a lieutenant gave us a tool box weighing 150 pounds . . . right after we got out the navigator noticed that his compass and the pilot compass were not reading the same as the other compasses. . . . The flight. Went on. Got up to 10,000 feet and headed across. The moon came up about 12 and made a beautiful night of it.

May 6—Lt. Kelley: According to calculations, we should have been in sight of the African coast line about 6:30 a.m. We were on instruments about 15 minutes. When we should have seen land, that is, according to time, we didn't see any. Then the navigator took a shot at the sun and drew a line of position. . . . on with new heading for about one hour. Later, we turned north. Flew that way for about 30 minutes. Visibility was very poor, but we finally sighted land. It looked mighty good. Came in at a point which finally proved to be about 100 miles north of Conakry. Before sighting land, we were turned in to a field at Marshall, Liberia, where we were supposed to land. Tried to work out an orientation problem. We never did get a definite position. . . .

Airport Sighted.
Corpl. Tom: Called control tower and asked them to turn on their beacon on a lower frequency. We called them several times and asked them if they could see us. We could see an airport, but the field at Marshall said it could not see us. They gave us landing instructions and then signed off.

Lt. Young: Our tanks were low and the red lights were showing. . . . Lt. Goldsmith: Our main fuel now was our fuel supply. We had to find a place to set that baby down and fast. We headed for the field not knowing where we were. But it looked good to us. We seemed to make a nice landing when suddenly the left wheel or tire gave way and we swerved from side to side before our speed had been arrested. Our tire probably was flat before we landed. The runway was grass and at the end of it was tall, high grass. The wheels wouldn't hold now so we just kept going into that tall grass where we came to a stop. The exhaust from our engines set the grass afire and we all got out as quickly as possible. Our only thought was to keep the flames away from that ship at any cost. So with all the fire extinguishers and our leather jackets we went to work—all six of us. It continued to spread quite rapidly. The whole place was like a roaring inferno and the heat was terrific.

Look Up at Soldiers.
In a few minutes we looked up to find ourselves surrounded by about 45 blacks with rifles and wearing red fez hats. They were led by a white man with a pistol. They disarmed us, taking away our pistols and in doing so we discovered from the few words spoken that we were in French hands. We didn't know whether or not they were friendly but as they were armed and we weren't, we didn't argue. They got us away from the airplane as quickly as possible and took us to a little shack near the field.

soldiers put out the fire. We didn't even have time to get our briefcases. They got everything we had in the plane. . . . Lt. Kelley: We waited about an hour and the French commander, a colonel, and his staff drove up. They took our passports and questioned us. They were very friendly, liking Americans very much. Then they took us and our baggage to town and let us wash up and eat at their officers' quarters. Later we went before the board of questioning that was to decide our fate. They asked all the usual questions. We gave them only our names and serial numbers. . . . Lt. Goldsmith: They decided to send us to an island off Conakry called Tamara, to await orders from the Governor General in Dakar. We were immediately put in a boat, baggage and all, and hauled to the island. We were greeted cordially by the commander and escorted to our new quarters. The four officers were put in a room in the captain's home and the enlisted men put in the other quarters. They made it clear we wouldn't be treated as prisoners but rather as internees, there to await further orders. They called us belligerents in a neutral country which sounded like the old baloney me. We never saw the plane again.

Natives Speak French.
May 7—Lt. Kelley: The natives here speak French and most of them are in the army. The native women are as we had pictured them. They just wear skirts and that is all. None are pretty. I have seen only two white women and they are wives of French officers. One is young and very attractive.

May 8—Lt. Goldsmith: They are letting us go around the island but we are under constant surveillance. They make us keep away from certain points.

May 9—Lt. Kelley: The French people drink a lot. Before you eat you have to drink wine or cognac with them. You are darn near tight when you sit down to eat.

May 10—Lt. Kelley: The island here is very pretty. We took a short walk this morning and enjoyed it very much. Mango trees, wild pineapple plants, banana trees and coconut trees and palm trees make beautiful scenery. They have all the comforts of home here and they see that you get them. We are being treated swell. The one thing that worries me, what are they going to do with us and my airplane and equipment?

May 11—Lt. Goldsmith: For the first time in my life I am finding a use for studying foreign languages in school. Although I had not studied or used French for a good number of years, I find that I can understand these people and also make them understand me. I am keeping quite busy interpreting and translating for us.

Hiking and Fishing.
May 12—Lt. Goldsmith: We have been going on a number of hikes over the island, also fishing and swimming. We have been given a number of English books by a major who speaks English and this helps our efforts of home here and they see that you get them. We are being treated swell. The one thing that worries me, what are they going to do with us and my airplane and equipment?

May 13—Lt. Goldsmith: The na-

tives wear very little clothing. They all walk around that way but no one looks twice except we Americans when something nice goes by.

May 14—Lt. Kelley: We have been here a week yesterday and it is beginning to be tiresome. All we have done is eat and sleep and read. All of our American cigarettes are gone and we are trying to accustom ourselves to French ones. They are very strong and not very tasty. I took a trip to Conakry and enjoyed it very much. My guide was a French interpreter. We toured the town. I had lunch with him and his wife and I really enjoyed it. I returned about 7 o'clock with a little news, but nothing definite. We still are waiting to hear from Dakar.

Teeth Turn Dark.
I would give a month's salary for some good old American bacon and eggs. The French don't believe in eating breakfast. Most of the time breakfast consists of bananas and coffee. Dinner and supper are fair, but half the time you cannot tell what you are eating. I know one thing—our teeth are beginning to turn dark from drinking this water and wine and eating the dark food. The beds are pretty bad, too. Full of bugs and lumpy. Our gunner, Holmes, has been sick from malaria for four days.

May 15—Lt. Goldsmith: It wasn't until today that I suddenly realized that that heavy tool box with magnetized metal in all probability deflected our compass and caused us to be off our course so much. It naturally changed my deviation.

Lt. Kelley: The sun is killing here because we are so close to the Equator. You don't feel the heat any more than you ordinarily would, but it takes a lot of energy out of you. We think we are going to Dakar in about three days by boat. What they will do to us there I do not know. There is an American consul there, so we have some hopes.

May 16—Lt. Goldsmith: A meal takes one or one and a half hours. I guess this is done to get in more wine. The bread is terrible and full of ants and worms. Sometimes the French remove the bugs and other times they just go right on and eat them. After a while we did the same. I guess I've consumed a few thousand ants by now. Bugs in the wine are just flavoring, it seems, and down they go. Oh, well, don't suppose a little moth or fly can drink very much.

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A number of residents argued that the dormitory use might prove objectionable, but the board said it had received letters from some residents approving of the lease of the houses. The board was assured not more than 15 girls would be housed in any one building and that each group would be chaperoned. The board's action was unanimous.

The houses, leased from developers of the area, are located at 4000 and 4020 Fordham road N.W., 4715 and 4711 Fulton street N.W., 5333 Tilden street N.W., and 4740 Quebec street N.W. The Navy Department has occupied the seminary's former location on Nebraska avenue near Massachusetts avenue N.W. and the school has obtained classroom space on the second floor of the Garfield Building at Massachusetts avenue and Fordham road.

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Municipal Judge Ellen K. Raedy was presented with a basket of flowers yesterday by members of the District bar as a Christmas token for her "brilliant work" throughout the year. Attorney Louis Obergh made the presentation in Miss Raedy's courtroom.

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Time to Get Together. When all the letter-writing about failure of the hospital building program subsides...

Mr. Maverick was one of those who testified forcefully as to the need of additional hospital beds in this crowded area last January.

But then everything stopped at WPB while another hospital expert was hired to resurvey the hospital situation and decide how much of the program recommended by Federal Works Agency should be carried out.

Had Mr. Maverick informed the Federal Works Agency that materials cannot be obtained to carry out its recommended construction and suggested that the WPB and the FWA work together for a revision of plans and an expeditious beginning on whatever could be done, there might have been a greater emphasis on getting things accomplished and less emphasis on delay.

On December 4 the Byrd committee sent to forty agencies of the Government a letter requesting information about the questionnaires with which business and the American people have been flooded.

Up to yesterday, the committee had received replies from ten of these agencies. It is possible, of course, that the number of questionnaires is so great that it requires more than three weeks for the agencies to gather copies of the questionnaire blanks and send them to the Byrd committee.

The Byrd committee, and other committees on Capitol Hill, have sent questionnaires of their own to Government agencies, seeking in this way to discover whether it is possible to run the Federal Government with fewer employees or at less expense or both.

To do the one would release manpower for direct war purposes. To do the other would lessen the burden on the American taxpayers. Here and there protesting voices have been raised. It has been urged that the Government agencies had not the time and personnel to answer these inquiries of congressional committees.

What happens to the businessman and the ordinary citizen? When they receive questionnaires from Government agencies, they must answer them promptly, fully and truthfully, or face heavy fines or jail sentences or both.

Now it appears that eighteen days have elapsed and only 25 per cent of the Government agencies questioned about these questionnaires have sent the information and copies of the questionnaires to the Byrd committee.

Some of the most prolific agencies, so far as questions are concerned, are among those still to reply. Perhaps the time has come when the Byrd committee should follow up its original questionnaire with another questionnaire to find out why it takes so long to answer a questionnaire.

The Byrd committee has had imposed upon it the duty of making a report to the new Congress on the subject of these questionnaires. It has been lenient, up to now, in the matter of time it has given the Federal agencies to answer its questions. Presumably it will crack down on laggards from this time forward.

Iberian Bloc. The diplomatic understanding just arrived at between the Spanish and Portuguese governments is an important event. After several days of conferences between General Count Gomez de Jordana, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Doctor Oliveira Salazar, who combines in Portugal the premiership with the cabinet portfolios for war and foreign policy, an "Iberian Bloc" has been concluded.

The Spanish Foreign Minister emphasized the aims of this diplomatic alignment as the maintenance of Iberian neutrality and the strengthening of its influence in the world at large. He likewise stressed the ideological bonds between the two nations, which "give life and warmth to the Iberian bloc."

So far as the existing regimes are concerned, this is undoubtedly true, and it is a matter which should be clearly understood. In fact, the Portugal of Salazar, though materially much smaller and weaker than its Iberian neighbor, is a model for what General Franco is seeking to do in Spain.

It is sixteen years since the Portuguese Republic, which arose on the revolutionary overthrow of the monarchy in 1911, collapsed in its turn in a welter of corruption, inefficiency and civil strife. The provisional government that succeeded was at first a military dictatorship, but the dictator, General Carmona, realized the sterility of such a regime and wished to evolve something more durable and constructive in its place.

This he accomplished by the talents of an extraordinary personage, Doctor Oliveira Salazar, a university professor and Portugal's leading economist. In a few years, Salazar made Portugal orderly, efficient and solvent. In 1933 these gains were regularized in a new constitution which set forth the principles of what was called the Estado Novo or "New State."

Under this regime, Portugal becomes an authoritarian republic on a corporative basis. This is frankly Fascist in character. Only one political party is tolerated, the so-called National Union. Partisan politics are abolished, emphasis being laid on economic issues. Doctor Salazar not only considers the Portuguese people unfit for parliamentary government, but also believes that the entire liberal democratic system of our modern world has had its day.

This is precisely the attitude of General Franco, as voiced in his recent speech, which was merely a restatement of pronouncements made by him and his colleagues many times before.

However, this does not mean that either the Spain of Franco or the Portugal of Salazar are mere copies of Fascist Italy or Nazi Germany. Both Iberian regimes are strongly clerical and conservative in tone. They are likewise ardently nationalistic, putting Spanish and Portuguese interests ahead of everything else. Now Portugal, especially with its lack of military power and its vast colonial empire, has everything to lose and little to gain by becoming embroiled in the present world struggle. So, the closer Spain is knit with Portugal, the stronger will be the bias towards the maintenance of neutrality. It is difficult to visualize Doctor Salazar voluntarily assenting to swinging the Iberian bloc into the war. The spectacle of what has happened to France and its colonial empire is a strong deterrent. If, therefore, the Iberian entente is a reality and not a mere form of words, its existence would seem to be an assurance that the neutrality of both countries will be fostered by the leaders who guide their destinies.

The Lesson. His countrymen long have known Captain Eddie Rickenbacker as a pioneer in automotive transportation on the land and in the sky, as an engineer and a builder of automobiles and airplanes, as a proponent of technical progress in every field of endeavor, as a patriot and as a personality of world-wide significance. But perhaps they did not appreciate to the full his great spiritual endowment. In any case, the past few days must have taught them much in that regard.

No other man of the present dreadful period of human experience has carried himself with a more convincing modesty. Both in his interviews with representatives of the press and in his radio broadcast, Captain Rickenbacker demonstrated a quality which thousands of his contemporaries will be happy to believe is characteristically American. His humility in the face of national adulation, his unwillingness to claim credit for courage and fortitude during a cruel ordeal, his consideration of his companions in their exhausting trial in the mid-Pacific, above all his breadth of vision have moved a vast audience to pride and happiness beyond the capacity of words to tell. The whole community of the United States seems better to deserve to survive because he has survived.

Captain Rickenbacker is not a professional manipulator of language, and what he tells the Nation therefore is all the more impressive because it is not consciously "literary." Something of Abraham Lincoln echoes in the thought which he particularly wished to stress at the moment of his return: "I hope that the trip, what hardships we had to accept or endure might prove to be a lesson to the people back home in the stimulus to drive them on to a greater peak, because without their effort and the material they are producing, our boys can't do the job they are so willing and anxious to do in the four corners of the world."

National Income Rise. The announcement by the Commerce Department that national income this year is expected to reach an all-time high of \$117,000,000,000—an increase of \$22,000,000,000 over the 1941 figure—provides further evidence of the progress achieved toward the mobilization of our resources for total war. Though part of the record-breaking income rise this year stems from higher prices, the major part of the expansion, as Secretary Jones points out, has been due to the expansion in productive activity. To meet the demands of war production, millions of workers have been added to the Nation's labor force, and millions of men have been taken into the armed services.

The Commerce Department figures throw new light on the distribution of this expanded income flow. Payments of wages and salaries this year will exceed \$80,000,000,000, as compared with \$61,000,000,000 in 1941. Expanding employment, higher hourly wage rates, and longer average hours of work are the principal factors contributing to the increased wage and salary total. In percentage terms, however, agricultural net income, with a 45 per cent rise, has scored the largest advance among the various components that make up national income. Due primarily to the higher taxes that went into effect this year, the net income of incorporated businesses, according to Commerce Department figures, will fall about 5 or 6 per cent under the 1941 total.

Though the war boom has pushed national income to a new peak, the American people face a dwindling supply of civilian goods, for more than half of our industrial production is currently devoted to the output of war materials. To assure effective curbs against inflation, it is clearly essential that as great a proportion as possible of the increased income be diverted from the spending stream, through taxes and savings. The income figures, which reveal a particularly sharp rise in wages, salaries and farm earnings, thus emphasize anew the importance of taxes and savings as a means of closing the inflationary gap between the expanding purchasing power of the people and the stock of available goods.

On the basis of the present price level, and a further rise in the output of goods and services, the Commerce Department estimates that national income in 1943 will reach \$135,000,000,000, more than three times the total at the bottom of the depression in 1932. Unless checked by adequate curbs, the inflationary elements inherent in the income rise will therefore remain a continuing threat to our wartime economy.

National income, during the depression years, dropped in terms of current dollars from about \$83,000,000,000 in 1929 to \$40,000,000,000 in 1932. Full employment must be maintained, in the period of post-war readjustment, if national income is to remain at a high level, and we are to be saved from another disastrous economic tailspin when peace comes. The war and the post-war period are two parts of the same national emergency, and in conducting the fight to defeat the Axis we should also prepare plans to cushion the shock of the transition of the country from a war to a peace time economy.

Industrial Co-operation. The announcement that 125 representatives of New Jersey industrial plants have signed an agreement with the War Manpower Commission to regulate employment practices is further evidence of the willingness of industry to co-operate with the Government in this essential phase of the war effort.

This follows similar action in the Detroit area, in Baltimore and elsewhere. Obviously, in the long run, it will be to the advantage of all employers in war industries to abolish labor "pirating," and thus it may be said that the participants in the WMC project are acting in their own self-interest. Nevertheless, these employers are to be commended for taking a long-range view of this matter, and for their willingness to accept voluntarily a degree of governmental regulation of their affairs which would have been unthinkable a few months ago.

It is this disposition to submerge old animosities and narrow selfish advantages that will win the war, and it is to be hoped that the example being set in this matter of employment practices will serve as an effective example for the country as a whole.

Price Increases Held Unstopped by Law

Writer Discusses Problem Of Rising Costs of Necessities Since Start of Conflict

By Bertram Benedict.

For a period, prices in the present war followed the trend of prices in the last war. That is, for some months they remained on a fairly level keel, then began to rise steadily and sharply. The difference is that as World War I continued, the price increases continued steady and sharp; in World War II they leveled off, except in the case of food.

From November 29, 1941, to November 28, 1942, the wholesale price level in the United States rose from 92.3 per cent of the 1926 average to 100.1 per cent—an increase of only 7.8 points or about 8 1/2 points a month. In a corresponding period of World War I the wholesale price level rose 35.4 points, an average of almost 3 points a month.

The Price Control Act of January 30, 1942, gave the Government qualified power to fix price ceilings. (The formula on farm prices worked out to an average of 116 per cent of parity, going in some cases as high as 150 per cent.) In the six months prior to March 15, 1942, the cost of living for wage earners in large cities rose 16 per cent; in the following six months, it rose 3 per cent.

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Q. What happened to the gun with which President Lincoln was killed?—C. P. A. This weapon is kept in the safe of the judge advocate general of the Army.

Q. Can you give a comparison of the average weight of our soldiers in this war with those in the First World War and the Civil War?—O. H. T. A. The average selectee today weighs 150 pounds, in the First World War he weighed 142 pounds and in the Civil War 136 pounds.

Q. Which game was invented first—basket ball or football?—G. B. E. A. Football was not invented. It evolved gradually from early Greek and Roman games. It was in 1814 prohibited by law in England. Basket ball was invented in 1891.

Q. Did the Romans ever conquer Carthage?—L. A. A. The Romans conquered Carthage in 202 B.C. and burned the city to the ground. It was later rebuilt and finally destroyed by the Arabs.

Q. For what purposes are dogs trained in the Army?—F. R. A. Dogs are trained as water and supply carriers, to lay telephone lines by carrying drums from which the wire is unrolled, as well as for sentry duty.

Q. What was the name of the sailor with Columbus' expedition who actually first sighted the New World?—B. R. I. A. Rodrigo de Triana was the first one of the Columbus expedition to sight land, October 12, 1492.

Q. Are injuries to the eye an important cause of incapacitation?—N. G. C. A. Injuries to the eye are estimated to occur at the rate of 1,000 a day, causing an annual loss of \$200,000,000.

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Q. Why was Boston formerly called Tremont?—S. P. H. A. The original name of Boston was Trimountaine. The name was given to the peninsula because it had three hills. The modern spelling is Tremont. On September 17, 1830, it was officially ordered that the settlement should be called Boston.

Q. What happened to the Emperor of Korea when Japan annexed that country?—H. S. A. On August 29, 1910, the Emperor of Korea, by formal treaty, surrendered his title and country. Shorn of all his power he was given the title of Prince Yi.

Q. Who served on the committee to draft the Articles of Confederation?—T. B. O. A. Among those who served on the committee to draft the Articles of Confederation were John Dickinson, Samuel Adams, Roger Sherman and John Rutledge.

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Price Increases Held Unstopped by Law

Writer Discusses Problem Of Rising Costs of Necessities Since Start of Conflict

By Bertram Benedict.

For a period, prices in the present war followed the trend of prices in the last war. That is, for some months they remained on a fairly level keel, then began to rise steadily and sharply. The difference is that as World War I continued, the price increases continued steady and sharp; in World War II they leveled off, except in the case of food.

From November 29, 1941, to November 28, 1942, the wholesale price level in the United States rose from 92.3 per cent of the 1926 average to 100.1 per cent—an increase of only 7.8 points or about 8 1/2 points a month. In a corresponding period of World War I the wholesale price level rose 35.4 points, an average of almost 3 points a month.

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By DAVID LAWRENCE.

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David Lawrence.

In business, this is usually called bad public relations. In Government, it is sometimes described as the result of unfavorable criticism or misunderstanding of the official acts to which complaint is directed.

The truth is hardships are here and many more are coming before the war ends and yet the biggest and most vital factor in getting civilian co-operation is missing. One reason, of course, is that too much information has been withheld as to the basic need for rationing of particular commodities. The censorship is given as the customary explanation.

If, for instance, the statistics on supply were available, the enemy would know what America lacked. But this advantage might be outweighed by the stimulus that would be given to programs of voluntary cooperation. Certainly the subscription by the American people of \$10,000,000,000 in the December War bond drive is an example of what the public can do when it fully understands the need. The expense of the war-production program has been well explained, and hence the sale of bonds has been correspondingly well accomplished.

Leaders Distrusted.

But when it comes to curtailment of commodities, the explanation is not so simple. Unfortunately, the administration relies too much on the idea that because it says rationing is necessary, everybody will believe it and co-operate at once. The administering programs for rationing has been made more difficult because of a rather widespread distrust directed at Washington administrators so many of whom only yesterday were associated with New Deal ideas of social reform and punitive measures of class friction.

It is very difficult indeed to persuade observers of American economic life, when they hear of inefficiency and incompetence and efforts in Washington to cloak socialistic purposes under war programs, that appeals for rationing are based on strictly war necessity. There has been too much juggling of statistics in the New Deal and too much emphasis given to the New Dealers themselves in the handling of rationing programs. The customary excuse is that practical businessmen have been consulted, but if one digs a bit into it, one finds that the theorist and certain radical college professors usually have had a large part in formulating the program.

The effort to carry on the New Deal, despite the war, is responsible for the distrust that is making it difficult to establish better public relations for the rationing programs. The same men who have been associated with the President in his campaign against the management class since 1933 have been given posts of responsibility, and some of these men simply do not have the confidence of a substantial segment of the public opinion-forming group.

Opposed to Red Tape.

The last election brought a vote of disapproval which was aimed at the New Deal clique of young theorists who have loaded the country down with red tape schemes and formulas that have produced widespread skepticism as to whether the objective is or is not as outlined.

Such impressions are, of course, not a reflection of the basic purpose at all—which is to synchronize the home front with the needs of the war front. If nobody else can be found to administer the programs of rationing which require public support except the present group of officials, then it would seem that a program of candor might be of constructive help.

Even if some of the figures have been taboo, their publication would do America more good than they would give comfort to the enemy. Rumors, for instance, about our heavy submarine losses are current and the Axis radio broadcasters insist that twice as much tonnage is being sunk as last year—their estimate for 1942 being close to 7,500,000 tons. If anywhere near this amount is being lost, then it is important for the gravity of the situation to be outlined so that Americans may face the issue together as a unified people and not as pro or anti-socialist reformers.

The need for restrictions must be plainly outlined by commissions and boards comprised of men in whom the country has absolute faith—that's one way to bring about better public relations for the rationing programs on the home front.

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On the Record

Christmas Season Brings Plea to World To Meet Crisis Facing Christianity

By DOROTHY THOMPSON.

That there is a crisis in the Christian church and in the Christian faith is undeniable. The war that rages over the globe has its origins in Christendom, in the west, where for centuries two irreconcilable spirits have laid claim to man: that of force and that of Christianity.



Dorothy Thompson.

The contradiction has given our society its curious schizophrenic quality. For the civilization of the west is the incorporation of force; force is the generator and instrument of its most powerful dynamism—nationalism. Naked or veiled, force is behind capitalism and imperialism. Open and unashamed, force animates the contrary dynamic of Communism.

Yet all are in contradiction to the faith and theology which, for 2,000 years, have been professed by the men of the west. He whose birthday we celebrate with tinsel trees and an exchange of gifts preached the unity of all mankind in God—a concept absolutely irreconcilable with nationalism. He taught a moral law above all nations and all men, a law governing the behavior of men amongst themselves both as individuals and as groups.

Personal Responsibility. The church he founded was a human society. The Lord's Prayer is a prayer for this earth. The Christian life, as he taught and practiced it, is concerned with the relations between man and God, man and man and man and men.

Its mundane principles are cooperative, benevolent, mutual, and all-inclusive. They are incompatible with the principle of profit as the exclusive generating motive in economic life. They are incompatible with the concept of class war as the instrument of a better society. They reach complete personal responsibility and self-accounting, together with social responsibility, the accounting of each for the whole.

Hundreds of millions of people throughout Western civilization and throughout the world declare themselves to be Christians. The Christian faith commands an imposing priesthood and pastorate, and vast institutions for worship and for charity. Yet the Christian idea is estranged from the characteristic and directing institutions of our civilization. It does not govern in the field of economics, or international relations, or education. These are secular and mundane. Thus, the kingdom that we pray may come on earth is eternally postponed to the skies, and the soul is separated from the body, to be redeemed after death.

It is surely of the most profound significance to the crisis of Christianity that in our generation the governments of two great "Christian" nations have

seceded from Christianity: The German and the Russian. Russia is officially an atheist nation. Germany is attempting something more subtle: The perversion of the church to the aims of the secular power. The church feebly survives in Russia as an outlaw. In Germany the swastika is hung above the altar and a cynical attempt is made to co-ordinate the swastika with the cross.

The reaction of the Christian church in the world to both phenomena is as revealing as the phenomena themselves. Organized Christianity regarded both with dismay, but counseled no imposing outside intervention, through the nations where it was still powerful, in the case of Germany, though the Catholic Church supported world-wide political action against Communism.

Yet the basic aims of Communism, to achieve an economically equalitarian and just society, are more compatible with the Christian idea than are the aims of Nazism, as is the universalism of Communism more compatible than the total nationalism of the Hitler concept. The Communist movement is full of frustrated Christians as well as frustrated Jews, who have failed in harmonizing their religious ideals with the realities of human society. Communism has a universal ethos, even though it teaches the dominance of the materialistic—as does, in practice, capitalism. Nazism denies the very idea of a universal ethos. It is not atheistic; it is pagan.

Origin of Crisis Discussed.

The crisis of Christianity arises out of failure to make the religious ideal the main spring of personal, communal and international life. Christianity is not a powerful ferment in human society. The church is a conservative influence, in the sense that conservatism supports a status quo. It is not even conservative in the sense that it actively operates to conserve mankind from the chaos resulting from predatory nationalism, predatory capitalism and predatory laborism, creating a stable community based upon a living ethos.

Yet the whole of our civilization is sick for a living ethos. Its experiments and adjustments fall for the lack of an integrating faith. Given a living faith, and an integrating ethos, even faulty measures would save us. They will always be faulty, for man is of fallible mind, and there is much evil in him. But a society that in the main currents of its life has no strong imperatives of good and evil, whose sense of sin is largely confined to sexual mores, and in which no vital faith burns brightly throughout all its parts, cannot bring order out of chaos with even the most brilliant formulas.

The Christian idea, like Mary with her unborn child, is homeless in the modern world. It will find its new home and build its appropriate institutions, if democracy, to which it gave birth, is not to perish. But those institutions cannot be confined to cathedrals. They must be economic, political, social and international.

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The Great Game of Politics

Grand Opportunity Awaits Senator Brown In OPA If He Continues to Blurt Out Truth

By FRANK R. KENT.

Every intelligent person will wish success for Senator Brown of Michigan, who appears slated to succeed Leon Henderson as head of the OPA. Few more vital jobs than his exist in Washington and the way he does it means a great deal to the whole population.



Frank R. Kent.

Perhaps he will come through in fine shape, but, unfortunately, the odds seem against him. It would be different if Mr. Brown could step into a well-organized, competently manned and effectively functioning machine. But, notwithstanding the greasy efforts to make it appear that Mr. Henderson has achieved real results and is voluntarily retiring for personal reasons, no informed person believes anything of the kind.

On the contrary, Mr. Brown will find a complicated and confused organization and an army of more than 30,000 employees. He will find a large number of New Deal economists busily grinding out incredibly complicated questionnaires and incomprehensible directions.

And he will find further that prices are being regulated from the wrong end. Instead of fixing prices on the 20 basic commodities at their source through local committees and regulating retailers through a profit percentage, the OPA, in addition to regulating the wholesalers, has been putting ceilings over all retail prices, too—a method which was abandoned in the last war by various nations because it did not work.

It is this policy which has caused the confusion and made necessary the vast number of employees to take care of the immense unnecessary work. On the eve of his retirement Mr. Henderson has initiated a belated attempt to simplify this system and control food prices by fixing the margins which retailers can charge. This applies, however, only to foods, and whether Mr. Brown can make the change fully effective there and then apply it to other prices as well remains to be seen.

Known as Candid Man. It will be difficult because the whole machinery is geared to this retail ceiling idea. Unquestionably it will require a great deal of force and determination to turn the thing around now. Yet, unless that is done very little will have been gained by the change in the head man, except to substitute for an assertive and aggressive personality a modest and pleasing one.

No one can tell what sort of executive Mr. Brown will turn out to be. Certainly there is nothing in his record to indicate any administrative experience and nothing to show any special interest in, or knowledge of, the subject of price fixing, except

his sponsorship of a law which has not worked.

Still, this gives him as much experience as his predecessor—as much, in fact, as any of the New Deal heads of the war agencies—as much, for example, as James Landis of the Office of Civilian Defense or James Byrnes of the Office of Economic Stabilization, or Milo Perkins of the Economic Warfare Board, or Henry A. Wallace, the Vice President and future planner. It is not, in fact, a group of any real managerial or business experience and Mr. Brown need not feel strange on that account.

There is some criticism to the effect that, unless he had outstanding qualifications, this was hardly the place for a lame-duck politician, recently rejected by his own people.

However, Mr. Brown has one quality, almost unknown these days in Washington. It is said by those who know him best that he is an unusually candid man, with a habit of blurring out the truth about things in which he is concerned, even when the truth is unpleasant to his friends and unhelpful to his cause. If there is another such man in official Washington no one can recall his name.

Would Help Correct Errors.

It is possible that the weight of this, his first executive position, may lessen Mr. Brown's candor, but it is to be hoped not. It is to be hoped that he will continue his custom of blurring out the truth. It easily might be that he could do more good that way than in any other. For one thing, it would make him distinctive as an administration official; for another, revealing the truth would certainly go a long way toward correcting mistakes.

One of the great troubles in these times is to get accurate information to the people. Most of what they get comes from press conferences where the executive has all the advantage, or through the publicity agents of the departments. It is then strained through the OWI and handed out. Certainly, it is harder to get first-hand facts out of Government agencies today than ever before.

It would, indeed, be a wonderful thing to have a real truth teller in a big job here—a fellow who told the facts even when they did not redound to the credit of his own agency or glory himself. Actually, Mr. Brown has a great opportunity. He can, if he will, do a vast amount of good merely by blurring out the truth in the way he has often done in the Senate. But probably he won't do it. For one thing, his head likely would be chopped off after the first blurt. He may have trouble finding out the truth himself.

This Changing World

Hitler Seen Preparing Afrika Korps Suicide To Pave Way for New Spring Major Offensive

By CONSTANTINE BROWN.

Although the German high command continues to pour troops into Tunisia and Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces are racing toward Bizerte and the Little Maginot Line, Allied strategists are not convinced that Hitler intends to make the main battlefield.



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The Nazis will give up only when the pressure becomes too heavy. In responsible military quarters it is believed that Hitler's plan for action in North Africa is to delay the Allies as long as possible in order to fortify Europe and permit him to prepare an offensive on some other front, either against the British Isles or the Middle East.

The force taken to Tunisia from Italy does not exceed 35,000 men, and the remnants of Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps do not total more than 45,000. The combination of these forces would form a powerful army having more than a 50-50 chance of holding the Allies for several more weeks. It is questionable whether the Nazis will pour more men into the area. When the American, British and French forces have completed their preparations it is likely that they will have large numbers of men—more than the Germans—but they will have a tough time getting the Nazis out of their positions.

The pincers movement from the east and the west—the army of Gen. Bernard Montgomery and the army under the command of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower—which had been planned at the outset of the Allied campaign in Africa is by way of starting very shortly.

We may expect the British 1st Army of Gen. Kenneth Anderson to start offensive operations on a large scale soon after Gen. Montgomery occupies Tripoli.

Hitler Figures on Losses.

The opinion of the best informed Washington observers is that while the Nazis occupying an excellent strategic position in Tunisia could hit back and make operations of the two Allied groups very costly they do not have much chance to continue resistance indefinitely.

Hitler knows this. He is believed to figure that all he can lose in this delaying action is the force which has been sent to Tunis and Bizerte since November 10. Rommel's army had no chance of getting out of Africa intact under any circumstance. Consequently, at the price of an additional 35,000 men he may gain very important time.

Those familiar with Nazi military tactics are convinced that the German general staff—unless it has definitely given up all hope of victory—must undertake

an offensive action somewhere in Europe or in the Near or Middle East in the next few months. Dictators are supposed to produce victories for their subjects . . . or else.

New Planes Concentrated.

A section of the British high command is said to believe that Hitler will make a desperate effort to crush the Allies by a powerful air offensive in the early spring. The fact that the Luftwaffe has recently been on the defensive is interpreted as a sign that the Germans are concentrating their new planes, reported being constructed in Nazi factories, for an all-out blow against England.

These quarters do not accept the theory that the Nazi air arm has fallen far below that of the Allies. Reichsmarshal Goering is believed to be using his planes sparingly principally because he does not want to lose experienced pilots and bombardiers who will have to play an important role next spring if the air offensive against Britain materializes.

The spectacular move on the part of the Nazis—in some quarters it is believed that they may use gas, if the opposition of the German generals is overcome—will be Hitler's last offensive stroke. If it is successful he doubtless will feel that partial victory at least is within his reach. Should he fail the Nazi forces will assume a purely defensive role. According to available reports, the Nazi generals are opposed to using gas, not because of any humanitarian reasons, but because they are afraid of retaliation, which would break completely the morale of the home front.

American Experts' View.

This view is not shared by the American military men who do not believe Hitler will attempt to "commit suicide" so early in the game. The prevalent opinion in American military quarters is that the Nazi high command will follow its old plan of attempting to penetrate into Turkey, Syria and Palestine and turn the flanks of the Allies from that direction while Marshal Rommel or some other high-ranking German general is engaging the forces of Gen. Montgomery and Gen. Eisenhower in Tunisia.

In support of this theory it is pointed out that the Nazis are continuing to concentrate forces in Bulgaria, Greece and Crete and that they are building new airbases and landing places in that area.

A stubborn defense of Tunisia with a force of between 75,000 and 80,000 men—in the event Marshal Rommel manages to move all his divisions into Tunisia—would be more than sufficient to hem in the British 8th army for a sufficient time to permit other German forces to operate against the relatively weak 9th army guarding the Suez Canal and the Middle East.

Should this suspected plan be put in effect by the Nazis the sacrifice of the Afrika Korps would have paid ample dividends.

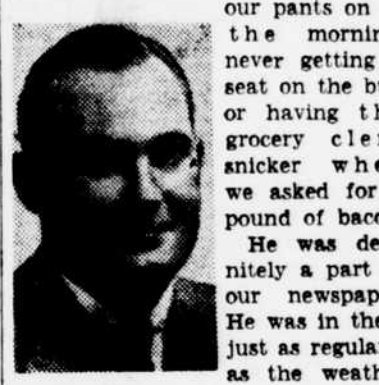
McLemore—

Rationing Victims To Miss Henderson

By HENRY McLEMORE.

It is hard for us to believe that Leon Henderson has quit.

He has become almost as much a part of our life as the sun, putting our pants on in the morning, never getting a seat on the bus, or having the grocery clerk snicker when we asked for a pound of bacon.



Henry McLemore.

He was definitely a part of our newspaper. He was in there just as regularly as the weather.

Here's a secret: Mr. Henderson was our cut-out hero. Just as soldiers cut out and pin up pictures of Lana Turner, Betty Grable, Rita Hayworth and Hedy Lamarr, we cut out and pinned up Mr. Henderson.

Over our bed, sharing a place of honor with a pair of canoe paddles, a stuffed owl and a pennant of Kamp Kill Kare (all reminders of the boys' camp our parents sent us to in 1920 to improve our health and get us away from home for a few months) is a great big picture of Mr. Henderson riding a bicycle. You remember when he had it made—just before gasoline rationing went into effect. It's his very best, and we had hoped some day to get it autographed.

Met at Mayflower Bar.

Our disappointment in his having to quit his Government post was heightened by the fact that we knew Mr. Henderson. Well, we almost knew him, would be more truthful. We were introduced to him once in the Mayflower bar—there were about 50 men around the table at the time—and, ever after that, when we passed him, he seemed to know us. He didn't actually nod or speak to us, but he would kind of stare at us as if somewhere in his head he remembered us, and that was enough for us.

We were sorry to see Mr. Henderson have to resign for another reason, too, and this is it: We'll have to have the devil bored out of us reading about his successor. For days and weeks after Mr. Henderson retires we will get the life story (with pictures), of the man who is named to follow him. Not only of the man himself, but of his family. His wife will be shown cooking her husband's favorite dish (the recipe will be included), dusting the living room furniture, driving a car, shopping for medium-priced cuts of beef and pork, entertaining her parish club and shooting skeet in the backyard. If there are children, and there is sure to be, John will be pictured on the front steps of his college. Mary will be shown driving a truck for some charity, and the baby will be pictured against a background of pabulum and crumbs. Full explanation of each child's personality will accompany the pictures.

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We would be tempted to vote for a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt just to avoid having to read all about the life of his successor. We know all about the Roosevelts now. We have the details of James Elliott, Franklin, Sistine, Buzze and all the wives and assorted kinfolk at our fingertips. We know what they eat, what they wear, what they take for colds, what time they get up to go to church and the pet nicknames each has for the other, but let a new President come in and it will all start all over again, even down to the pictures of his favorite chums, stories of his favorite jokes, pictures of him fishing, rowing, racing and as assistant manager of his college cross-country squad.

But to get back to Mr. Henderson, before he got out he really showed us how tough he could ration. When you make a ration card good for two gasoline you are a rationing fool, for sure.

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Grenade Taken From Jap Being Flown to Hospital

Special to The Star and Chicago Daily News.

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 23—A big American transport plane full of wounded troops was saved before its take-off from a secret airfield on the northern side of the Owen Stanley Range, recently, through the thoroughness of a medical attendant assigned to a lone wounded prisoner.

The Jap wounded in the ankle, had been taken prisoner at Gona, and transported in a litter for miles over difficult jungle paths for hospital treatment.

Before leaving the primitive field hospital, the prisoner was given a can of food rations and a package of biscuits. When the litter was pushed into the plane, the attendant climbed in after it to see that

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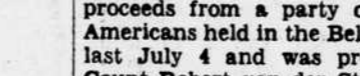
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TAMIAMI CHAMPION (East Coast) HAVANA SPECIAL

Rites for Mrs. Loeffler To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret M. Loeffler, 85, clerk at the Pension Office for more than 35 years, who died Monday at Doctors' Hospital after a three-week illness, will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow her body will lie at the home of a niece, Mrs. P. G. Becker, 113 Thirteenth street S.E.

A lifelong resident of Washington and the widow of William Loeffler, tobacco merchant and importer, Mrs. Loeffler worked for the Pension Office until her retirement from Government service in 1931. She had lived for the past 32 years at the Ontario Apartments, 2853 Ontario road N.W.

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Entrance Bar Lowered

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Johns Hopkins University school of medicine will accept students with only two years of college training for the duration of the war, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, university president, announced yesterday.

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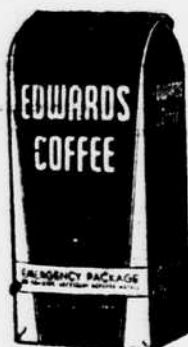


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Tomato Juice Campbell's 30 oz. can **10¢**
Grapefruit Juice Silver Nip 2 No. 2 cans **25¢**
Grapefruit Juice Town House 2 No. 2 cans **23¢**
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Cream of Tomato Heinz New Condensed 11 oz. can **11¢**
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Chicken Broth Alice Bailey's 3 1 1/4 oz. cans **25¢**

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HEY LOOK! HERE'S A LETTER FROM OUR FORMER MANAGER IN THE SERVICE OVERSEAS. IT'S ADDRESSED TO ALL OF US. COME OVER HERE A MINUTE, AND I'LL READ IT ALOUD.

*Hello Gang—
I've been thinking about Christmas and how busy my store always was during the holidays. It was fun though. I want you to all my best wishes to yours when you return. Season's Greetings to all of our customers.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



SAFEWAY

There's Reason for Joy

Be Grateful for Warmth and Light And the True Spirit of Christmas

By Margaret Nowell

All over America, millions of homes stand bravely this Christmas, with lights shining in the windows and a wreath on the door, expressing all the things that men and women have been working for all these years. In the midst of a world at war that demands "lights out" for safety and hardly dares to think about Christmas, the fact that these homes offer shelter, warmth and hospitality is enough to make a perfect Christmas eve.

To be sure, there are many changes beyond the doors. This is not to be a Christmas like the last one, or the one before that. The world outside is very different, and each household has its own set of memories which must be faced. Maybe this is the time to start a new kind of holiday, to get back to the real meaning of things and start a new collection of customs.

The house you live in stands for something that never changes. The struggle of each man and woman to acquire a place to live happily has gone on since the beginning of time. Though primarily designed as a place of refuge and protection, it is dear to us, too, for all of its little appointments. We have learned to take comfort for granted. Home means the color of the paint in the living room, the pattern of the rug, the plants in the dining room window, the view from the top floor at sunset and the exact placing of the deep chair before the living room fire. These were all done for a purpose. They were all done for a purpose. They were all done for a purpose. They were all done for a purpose.

Mushrooms Take Place of Meat In Casserole

Delicate Flavor Is Much Enhanced by Mild Sauce

By Edith M. Barber

The businesswoman housekeeper gives a particularly hearty welcome to fresh mushrooms as they return to market after a long summer vacation. In the early fall the price is rather high but each week it drops a little until finally we have a bargain.

Through the summer and for quick use during the winter it has been the custom to keep a few cans of canned mushrooms on the pantry shelf. Not so many will be canned as usual this year, however, although the crop is excellent. It's priorities again.

Mushrooms are valued particularly for their meatlike flavor which, if the rest of the meal is hearty enough, will make them a satisfactory main dish when combined with a sauce in which milk is generally used. Sometimes we add a few cooked eggs.

We also use mushrooms to make left-over meat go further. A combination of diced meat and mushrooms with buttered bread crumbs and probably a bit of onion for extra flavor makes a good luncheon or supper dish. We all like mushrooms with spaghetti sauce, which, by the way, is also good with noodles. Sometimes the sauce has meat in it and sometimes we depend on the grated cheese for the extra note of flavor and food value.

Mushrooms flaunt their freshness by natural, creamy shade which changes to brown with time. Sometimes a bargain may be found among those which have been in market several days, and if they are not shriveled the flavor will be good and they will be worth buying.

A fresh mushroom can be used almost to the end of the stem and the stems themselves can be boiled in a small amount of water to provide a stock. When fresh it is not necessary to peel mushrooms as the skin is very tender. Of course, they should be washed thoroughly under running water before they are cooked. The cooking time should be short. It seems to me that I am always telling you this about vegetables!

Make your house look its very best. Let it speak for you and for all the men and women who have struggled so hard to make our life what it is today. May it shine with cleanliness, make its windows sparkle and the door knocker glisten. Get out the best table linen, the best china and glass. Don't say, even once, "I shan't bother because it is too much trouble." Nothing is too much trouble this year.

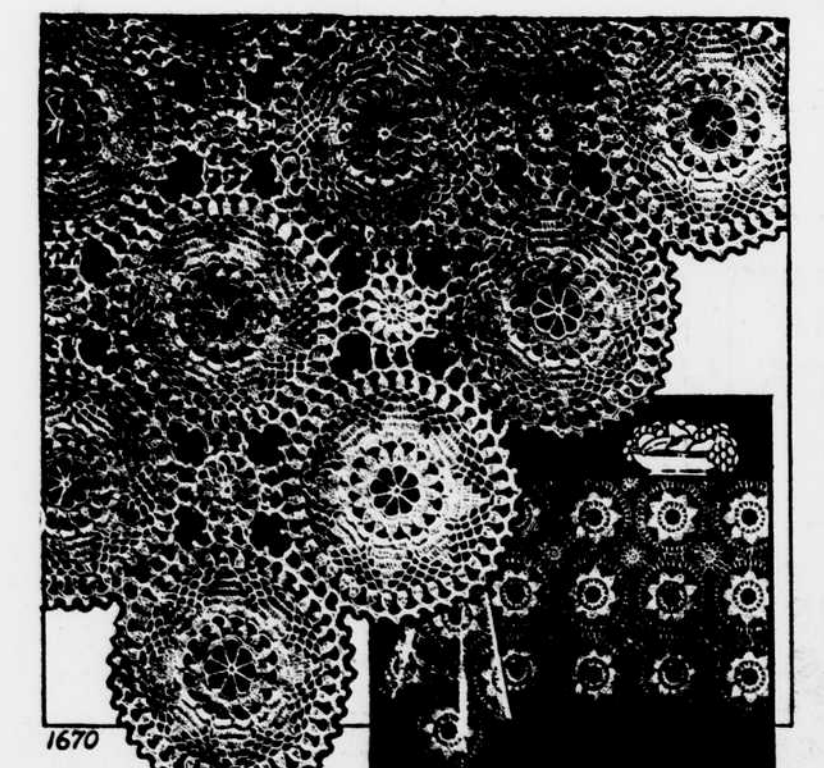
Manners of the Moment

Some mothers simply don't seem to understand how humiliated a girl feels when she's treated as though she doesn't know a spoon from a fork—and right in front of her Saturday night date, too. If she's old enough to wear a long dress and go to a dance, it really seems as though parents should be able to control themselves about giving childish advice to her.

If mother only knew! A girl comes into the living room all dressed up in her first evening gown and starts out the door with the most popular man in her class at high school, and all of a sudden her mother looks up from the latest novel and says, "Now, be sure to get home early." Naturally, it starts the date off all wrong. She'll be kidded all evening and probably never will be invited out by a boy again—but never.

If a mother has to say things like that, she might at least come to a girl's room and say them quietly and in private. But to simply ruin a girl's date... it's just positively mean. JEAN.

Crochet Old Dutch Lace



By Peggy Roberts
These lovely wheels of crocheted lace suggest the lace so expertly painted by the old Dutch masters. Crocheted together in small or large pieces, these wheels of lace have limitless possibilities for making your furniture more attractive. If you have just a little time for crocheting, make a chair back set or some place mats by joining a few motifs together, or make tumbler dollies from single motifs. Handsome runners for your buffet, dressers and tables or an exquisite tablecloth may be made with a little more time for needlework at your disposal.



Finish your Christmas wrapping early this evening and devote the rest of the time to a home beauty treatment so that you will look your best when the great day arrives. These have been difficult weeks—so counteract their effects by a whole evening of carefully planned relaxation and "pampering."

Why Not Pamper Yourself? Devote This Evening to Beauty Care In Preparation for the 'Big Day'

By Helen Vogt

In the last few weeks, this page has devoted a great deal of space to what you can do for others this Christmas. The combined staff has romped through gift suggestions for the whole family, planned menus and offered ideas for decorating the house, wrapping presents and making tree ornaments. And now, with the great day almost in sight, we'd like to suggest that you get the spotlight on yourself.

You're really going to spoil half the fun if you work so hard right up to Christmas that you look as though you won't live to see another one. So, do get everything polished off early tonight, including wrappings, decorations and "nasty" little details. Then devote the rest of the evening to relaxation—and a home beauty treatment.

Right after dinner, whip upstairs and give your hands and nails a good going-over. Take your time about a manicure; don't just slap on another coat of polish over the chipped enamel. Then get busy about all the bothersome little details like waxing or tweezing your eyebrows, using a depilatory or razor, and giving yourself a pedicure.

By this time you should be ready for a hot, foamy tub. If you own a "bubble bath," by all means use it. Fill the tub with rich, deep suds. Cover your face with a good creamy masque and then jump into the delicious bubbles and just plain soak. Take your time. Relax. You'll feel like a pampered darling. And you'll love it.

Pile into your warm bed immediately after, and don't lie awake half the night worrying whether about all the bothersome little details like waxing or tweezing your eyebrows, using a depilatory or razor, and giving yourself a pedicure.

Whether you open your gifts and really celebrate on Christmas eve or on the great day itself, plan to look your prettiest and most "holiday-like" on this occasion. If you're a "hostess gown type," select your very best one and dress it up so that it looks like a dinner gown. This year hostess pajamas and robes never are shown without the proper accessories. This usually means an ornament to say, carefully, a bright Christmas ribbon, a colorful clip or perhaps an ornament of feathers. Don't shuffle around in old slippers, but put on your brightest evening shoes to add to the gala appearance.

Needless to say, carefully applied make-up, freshly coiffed hair, and your favorite earrings and clips all add to your glamour and make you a decorative part of the holiday scene.

If you prefer to wear a dress, make it a gay, colorful one, also properly accessorized. Watch your "little touches" and don't put on those run-filled stockings just because you're going to be "around the house." You'll be surprised how many more you'll enjoy the festivities when you're conscious of looking your best. And it will be evident how much more of a kick the whole family will get out of the day if mother doesn't look as though the whole thing has just been more than she can bear.

Careful planning, sufficient rest and a little effort will do the trick. Remember that the world looks to women as the "moral boosters" this year, and their role will be more important than ever at Christmas. So decide to dress up for the family's benefit, be calm, cheerful and thoroughly charming. Dad and the kids will have a better holiday for it. And so, for that matter, will you.

Answer—I have recently given exercises for slimming the ankle in my question box and assume you have seen them. In the case of swollen ankles consult a physician. Certain organic troubles can cause this. Vitamin deficiency also can bring it on. Talk to him about your diet, food, and the advisability of vitamin tablets. Also rest with the feet higher than the head and apply hot and cold applications. Do this exercise for upper legs. Sit on the floor. Lean against hands. Drag the legs apart and together.

2. "What is the beauty angle? Would the use of an astringent make an already dry skin drier?" Answer—When you lie with your hips and feet higher than your head. There is a board for this which is called the beauty angle board. Some astringents are more drying than others. However, I would apply astringents off of an extremely dry face.

3. "I would like to know how to improve my breathing through breathing exercises." Answer—The important thing to watch in improving breathing is the use of the diaphragm. Many persons breathe shallowly, letting the chest muscles do most of the work. In order to get the feeling of movement of the diaphragm lie on the floor and take this exercise. Bend your knees and place your feet flat on the floor. Now pant vigorously as though you have just finished a strenuous race. You will feel your diaphragm moving up and down like a bellows.

4. "Is there really any merit to enriched bread or is it just another selling gag?" Answer—There is great merit to it. Don't overlook this boost toward health. Our own Government has been behind this movement. Most persons prefer white bread and thus lose much of the vitamin B content which they would have received from whole grain bread. Enriched bread replaces this vital element.

Here's a Tip!

Use lukewarm water and borax to wash out your refrigerator. This will keep it sweet and clean.

When making toast, be sure the bread is at least a day old. Cut it even and rather thin, remove crust, then toast slowly. Cut the crust in 1/2-inch pieces and use as croutons for soup.

To slip a cactus, break off slips at the joints. Break off three or four, as they do not always root, and stick them in fine sand. Keep them wet and in a warm place and they will root in about three weeks.

Leftover fruit juice, thickened by cornstarch that has been dissolved in cold water and cooked, makes a delicious sauce to serve on cottage pudding.

From a Woman's Angle—

'This Is Where We Came In,' and It's a Rather Comforting Idea

By Betsy Casswell, Women's News Editor

Let's see what the headlines on the home front were in Washington the last few days before Christmas, 1941!

The issues of The Star for that period were full of the Christmas hustle and bustle, just as they are today. After Christmas clearance sales were being announced, last minute gifts urged on a shopping weary public. Where today's pages show radios and photographs, those of 1917 were filled with tempting buys in player pianos, and photographs of very different appearance. While new car ads appear no more, in 1917 there were "high behind." Cadillacs and slinky (for them) Marmons alluringly displayed. A new demountable wheel had just been introduced for use on

Fords—designed to save the labor of detaching tires from rims in case of a puncture or blowout.

The problem of making cranberry sauce with little or no sugar was bothering the housewife, and the woman's page was doing its best to help out with suggestions of substitutes. There were recipes for meatless and sugarless mince pie, sugarless fruit cake, and popcorn confections made with a sirup taken from corncobs. Boudoir caps were the rage, and stores offered stockings of "high grade thread silk, in black, white and colors," for \$2 per pair. For the little woman nainsook nightgowns and chemises were pronounced beguiling, as were white petticoats trimmed with lace and stiff embroidery. Ladies were being warned that wool would be restricted shortly, and therefore costumes would be skimpier than usual. (Sound familiar?)

The picture section was full of troops in Europe, and shots of pretty girls dancing with servicemen at local cantens. Mutt and Jeff headed the comic section. The Knickerbocker Theater was offering D. W. Griffith's "Intolerance," and "Fair and Warmer" was playing at the National.

In the news Government clerks were asking for more pay. Women were urged not to send perishable foods to boys at camp, as they had plenty to eat, and gifts were too apt to spoil. There was a train wreck in Kentucky, and railroad schedules were going to be adjusted. The traveling public was asked to stay home for the holidays, so that the trains could handle troops and servicemen on leave. The menu for our soldiers' Christmas dinner abroad was published, together with the information that the turkeys were being bought in Europe. The boys were to eat soup, turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce, three vegetables, apple and mince pies, fresh fruit and nuts.

A "lightless night" had been tried out to save fuel, by darkening all outdoor signs and show window displays. The reporter said Washington "presented a very eerie appearance in the half gloom." There was speculation on the coming price of Christmas turkeys, for no deluge of information had been released on the subject. There was a fuel crisis.

Various boards were puzzling over errors in answers to "the numerous confusing questionnaires" that were being sent out. It was commented that every one was carrying his own bundle, and that late shoppers were turning the streets into moving vans to get their purchases home. It was a patriotic duty to rent empty rooms, to entertain servicemen and Government workers on Christmas Day. The war in the coming year was to be on the offensive and "more open." Christmas fell on a meatless Tuesday, but nobody cared because turkeys, then as now, were not on any conservation list.

The housing problem was acute and causing concern. Caproni was talking about the possibility of an air route direct from Paris to Washington. Clarence R. Wilson, Federal food administrator for the District, was getting around to publishing price lists for staple articles of food in the hope of controlling prices of substitutes for scarce items. This was to be "adjusted" as need required.

People had done their shopping much earlier than usual, because the presents for the boys overseas had to get off weeks in advance. And the uniforms of our fighting men lent color and animation to the holiday scene along F street and in the "tea dancing" spots.

Somewhat, there is a feeling of "This is where I came in" about the whole picture that's comforting. We've done it once—and we can do it again!

To Keep Cheese
If cheese is wrapped in a cloth, moistened in vinegar and placed in a covered dish, it will keep moist for some time.

Cookie Cutting Hint
If you will dip your cookie cutter into warm water frequently when cutting out cookies they will have neat, smooth edges.

Children Love CRAX
with peanut butter, cheese, jams and jellies. CRAX smoothly dissolves in any spread. No wonder children "go for" CRAX!

AMERICA'S ORIGINAL ALL-PURPOSE CRACKER NOW BAKED-IN FLAVOR WITH THE MEGOWEN EDUCATOR FOOD CO. LOWELL MASS.

Trim Lines On House Dress

Good Grooming With Massage Keeps Them Lovely

By Patricia Lindsay

There are many pairs of working hands in America today, and those same hands turn into play hands when the day's job is over. What to do to banish the grime the hands have collected, is a major and prevalent beauty problem.

Naturally a beauty editor advises that you wash your hands during the working hours with warm water (not hot) and a bland soap, and rinse in cold water. When dry, anoint with a little fat disappearing hand lotion. Such advice is all well and good if there is time for it. But many working women are lucky if they find time to wash their hands once during the day and that is before eating lunch!

Well, when you get home try this: Heat a little olive oil (to make it go further) and rub it well into your hands, around the cuticle and under the nail. Wash with soap and water. If the grime does not come off, anoint the hands a second time and brush them with soap and water, rinse with cold water, and then use a bit of soothing hand lotion. This helps a great deal.

At night before going to bed, do try to get into the habit of using olive oil again, or cocoa butter, and wearing washable gloves to bed. Do this especially in chilly weather when the hands get chapped. Of course you may use a rich hand or face cream instead of the olive oil if you desire, or a mixture of half cocoa butter and half olive oil. You will also find that if you use your hand lotion or cream before you wash your hands, that the skin will be kept soft.

To keep hands young looking practice this simple exercise every day—at any hour! Let the hands hang limply from the wrist and then wring them firmly for a couple of seconds in chilly weather when the hands straight out in front of your body but let them be relaxed. After a few seconds stretch the fingers as much as you can. Relax. Stretch again. Repeat 10 times.

To keep hands looking their best you must keep nails strong. If you do not get sufficient phosphate and calcium from your food take them in concentrated tablets with your doctor's permission. If your nails are strong, they will not break or split, providing you keep them at a sound working length and do not file them at the corners. An emery board should never touch the quick of your undernail when you use it to shape your nails during a manicure.

Practice until you can point on nail polish evenly. It is a great joy to be able to put on a fresh coat of pretty polish when you are priming to go out to a party. The more vivid shades cover nail imperfections; the more natural shades require two coatings.

To Cook Dried Limas

To restore the fresh, juicy tenderness of dried limas, soak them in cold water from 4 to 5 hours. Drain. Before dinner, cook in same water 20 minutes, add salt and cook 10 to 20 minutes longer or until beans are tender.

FOR PARTIES—POP JOLLY TIME
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4. Add dissolved gelatine and salt to the milk. Gradually whip milk into butter with a Dover egg beater or electric mixer until milk does not separate.
5. Add coloring if desired.
6. Pack in dish or container and place in refrigerator until hard. Keep in refrigerator when not in use.
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No War Job Can Ever Replace Happy Home

Bored Woman Might Spend More Time Being Good Wife

By Dorothy Dix

Dear Miss Dix: Probably I should feel satisfied with a loving husband, two darling little children and a nice home, but I'm not. I am bored to death with the same old routine, day in and day out, with not enough to do half the time.

My husband leaves early in the morning and doesn't come home until late at night, generally after I am asleep, so I hardly see him. We moved to the city four years ago and I have made few acquaintances. I am a country girl, strong and healthy, and need work to keep me content. Just taking care of my children and washing and ironing my husband's shirts doesn't give me enough to do.

I feel that I would be much happier and that I would be doing something for my country if I could get a good girl to care for my children and get a job in defense work. Maybe, if I wasn't always there when he came home, my husband would feel like giving me a little more of his time. Or maybe I would feel about all the bothersome little details like waxing or tweezing your eyebrows, using a depilatory or razor, and giving yourself a pedicure.

By this time you should be ready for a hot, foamy tub. If you own a "bubble bath," by all means use it. Fill the tub with rich, deep suds. Cover your face with a good creamy masque and then jump into the delicious bubbles and just plain soak. Take your time. Relax. You'll feel like a pampered darling. And you'll love it.

Pile into your warm bed immediately after, and don't lie awake half the night worrying whether about all the bothersome little details like waxing or tweezing your eyebrows, using a depilatory or razor, and giving yourself a pedicure.

Whether you open your gifts and really celebrate on Christmas eve or on the great day itself, plan to look your prettiest and most "holiday-like" on this occasion. If you're a "hostess gown type," select your very best one and dress it up so that it looks like a dinner gown. This year hostess pajamas and robes never are shown without the proper accessories. This usually means an ornament to say, carefully, a bright Christmas ribbon, a colorful clip or perhaps an ornament of feathers. Don't shuffle around in old slippers, but put on your brightest evening shoes to add to the gala appearance.

Needless to say, carefully applied make-up, freshly coiffed hair, and your favorite earrings and clips all add to your glamour and make you a decorative part of the holiday scene.

If you prefer to wear a dress, make it a gay, colorful one, also properly accessorized. Watch your "little touches" and don't put on those run-filled stockings just because you're going to be "around the house." You'll be surprised how many more you'll enjoy the festivities when you're conscious of looking your best. And it will be evident how much more of a kick the whole family will get out of the day if mother doesn't look as though the whole thing has just been more than she can bear.

Careful planning, sufficient rest and a little effort will do the trick. Remember that the world looks to women as the "moral boosters" this year, and their role will be more important than ever at Christmas. So decide to dress up for the family's benefit, be calm, cheerful and thoroughly charming. Dad and the kids will have a better holiday for it. And so, for that matter, will you.

Answer—I have recently given exercises for slimming the ankle in my question box and assume you have seen them. In the case of swollen ankles consult a physician. Certain organic troubles can cause this. Vitamin deficiency also can bring it on. Talk to him about your diet, food, and the advisability of vitamin tablets. Also rest with the feet higher than the head and apply hot and cold applications. Do this exercise for upper legs. Sit on the floor. Lean against hands. Drag the legs apart and together.

2. "What is the beauty angle? Would the use of an astringent make an already dry skin drier?" Answer—When you lie with your hips and feet higher than your head. There is a board for this which is called the beauty angle board. Some astringents are more drying than others. However, I would apply astringents off of an extremely dry face.

3. "I would like to know how to improve my breathing through breathing exercises." Answer—The important thing to watch in improving breathing is the use of the diaphragm. Many persons breathe shallowly, letting the chest muscles do most of the work. In order to get the feeling of movement of the diaphragm lie on the floor and take this exercise. Bend your knees and place your feet flat on the floor. Now pant vigorously as though you have just finished a strenuous race. You will feel your diaphragm moving up and down like a bellows.

4. "Is there really any merit to enriched bread or is it just another selling gag?" Answer—There is great merit to it. Don't overlook this boost toward health. Our own Government has been behind this movement. Most persons prefer white bread and thus lose much of the vitamin B content which they would have received from whole grain bread. Enriched bread replaces this vital element.

Use lukewarm water and borax to wash out your refrigerator. This will keep it sweet and clean.

When making toast, be sure the bread is at least a day old. Cut it even and rather thin, remove crust, then toast slowly. Cut the crust in 1/2-inch pieces and use as croutons for soup.

To slip a cactus, break off slips at the joints. Break off three or four, as they do not always root, and stick them in fine sand. Keep them wet and in a warm place and they will root in about three weeks.

Leftover fruit juice, thickened by cornstarch that has been dissolved in cold water and cooked, makes a delicious sauce to serve on cottage pudding.

Finish your Christmas wrapping early this evening and devote the rest of the time to a home beauty treatment so that you will look your best when the great day arrives. These have been difficult weeks—so counteract their effects by a whole evening of carefully planned relaxation and "pampering."

Why Grow Old? Question Box
By Josephine Lowman
I am publishing my question box this week on Wednesday instead of Friday because the latter is Christmas day.

1. "I would like you to tell me how I could reduce large ankles or what to do for swollen ones. Also, how to gain weight on the part of the leg between the knee and the hip."

Answer—I have recently given exercises for slimming the ankle in my question box and assume you have seen them. In the case of swollen ankles consult a physician. Certain organic troubles can cause this. Vitamin deficiency also can bring it on. Talk to him about your diet, food, and the advisability of vitamin tablets. Also rest with the feet higher than the head and apply hot and cold applications. Do this exercise for upper legs. Sit on the floor. Lean against hands. Drag the legs apart and together.

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Beautiful Hands Are Capable In Wartime

Good Grooming With Massage Keeps Them Lovely

By Patricia Lindsay

There are many pairs of working hands in America today, and those same hands turn into play hands when the day's job is over. What to do to banish the grime the hands have collected, is a major and prevalent beauty problem.

Naturally a beauty editor advises that you wash your hands during the working hours with warm water (not hot) and a bland soap, and rinse in cold water. When dry, anoint with a little fat disappearing hand lotion. Such advice is all well and good if there is time for it. But many working women are lucky if they find time to wash their hands once during the day and that is before eating lunch!

Well, when you get home try this: Heat a little olive oil (to make it go further) and rub it well into your hands, around the cuticle and under the nail. Wash with soap and water. If the grime does not come off, anoint the hands a second time and brush them with soap and water, rinse with cold water, and then use a bit of soothing hand lotion. This helps a great deal.

At night before going to bed, do try to get into the habit of using olive oil again, or cocoa butter, and wearing washable gloves to bed. Do this especially in chilly weather when the hands get chapped. Of course you may use a rich hand or face cream instead of the olive oil if you desire, or a mixture of half cocoa butter and half olive oil. You will also find that if you use your hand lotion or cream before you wash your hands, that the skin will be kept soft.

To keep hands young looking practice this simple exercise every day—at any hour! Let the hands hang limply from the wrist and then wring them firmly for a couple of seconds in chilly weather when the hands straight out in front of your body but let them be relaxed. After a

Reds Use Propaganda Of Many Kinds Against Nazi Troops at Front

German Love of Home At Christmas Basis of One Appeal to Give Up

By DAVID M. NICHOL, Foreign Correspondent of The Star and Chicago Daily News.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Special crews have moved powerful loudspeakers into positions where their booming voices would reach concentrations of Nazi troops encircled west of Stalingrad between the Don and the Volga.

The encircled Nazis, numbering originally some 22 divisions, are being hammered not only by Soviet riflemen, artillery and tanks, but with the same powerful weapon the Nazis used tellingly against the French—propaganda. Loudspeakers are only one portion of this offensive. It includes illustrated journals, newspapers, handbills and all sorts of pocket-size cards with the general theme, "this would not have happened except for Hitler."

Just now Christmas and New Year play prominent roles in these appeals directed mostly to German soldiers to lay down their arms and "follow the example of 70,000 of their comrades who already have surrendered" in the Stalingrad area, according to Soviet count. It is broadcasted holiday reading at best.

Play on Love of Home.
On one of these handbills a grinning deathhead in a bullet-pierced Nazi helmet drinks to the new year. "Prosit Neujahr!" and these words are added "for those 70,000 who surrendered the war is ended. They enter the year 1943 in the certainty that they will again see their homeland, their loved ones."

Even a limited imagination is sufficient to see the force of such sentiments.

Any one who is at all familiar with Germans knows the large role that Christmas plays in their family life. It is a holiday sacred to the home. Picture then a Nazi Tommy-gunner huddled behind an ice barrier, constantly sniped at by experts and under steady artillery fire, reading a handbill saying:

"No bells ring in the Christmas festival for you, soldier. Only the Russian wind sings your early death. Snow swirls over the icy steppe. The specter of destruction dances in the fading dusk. Death ever searches your ranks for new bounty."

Since the beginning of the British offensive in Libya and the landing of the Americans in North Africa, Soviet propagandists have made the most of these moves in appeals to the German soldiers.

Warned About Himmler.
"It is the beginning of the end of Hitler's rule," he is caught in a huge pincers from east and west, is the general theme, while for the first time in a long period Britain again is portrayed as a lion chasing Marshal Erwin Rommel over the desert.

There is interesting emphasis in these newspapers and handbills on the increasing power of Heinrich Himmler's S. S. (elite guards) on the German home front with the suggestion that it is a force designed to disarm returning soldiers on the war is ended. "If you'd make an end to the war wipe out the S. S.," urges one.

Stress continues to be placed on Stalin's statement that the Hitler regime rather than the German people is the real enemy. "The Hitler regime is the enemy of German workers," says a handbill titled "Destruction of Hitlerism is your salvation." The handbill continues that Hitlerism is the enemy of "German peasants," "German intellectuals" and "the middle class." The Nazis and munitions kings, which are labeled "hyenas of the battlefield," are held principally guilty.

"Hitlerism, not the Soviet Union, is the enemy of the German people," announces another handbill. (Copyright 1942 by Chicago Daily News, Inc.)

Shetzer Addresses Zionist Group Here

Simon Shetzer, executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, addressed a general meeting of the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District last night in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center, Sixteenth and Q streets N.W. Included on the program was a review of current events by Aaron Melchik and singing of Palestinian tunes by Irving Kaminsky. Rabbi Tsadore Breslau presided.

HOW WILL WE LIVE IN 1943

You may be thumbing a ride in your neighbor's car. Or dipping into baby's pig bank for taxes. Or wearing a uniform, or even overalls. But, cheer up, all-out sac! We still won't make you all lice and you'll be helping to lick Hitler! For a preview of what's in store for you, read "Don Eddy's 'Your Life in 1943'." Sunday in This Week Magazine, with The Sunday Star



LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS! But Sears will help you neatly out of that last-minute dilemma! SHOP TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30 P.M. and THURSDAY UNTIL 6:30 P.M. Here are only a few last-minute suggestions that no one will ever suspect you of having bought in a hurry!

GIFTS AT SAVINGS



JUST ARRIVED...IN TIME FOR LAST-MINUTE GIFT BUYING!

RAYON HOSE

Sears Own Nation-Wide Favorite

"Royal Purple"

FULL FASHIONED

\$1.00

News for belated Christmas shoppers to cheer about! Just when you would expect to find greatly reduced stocks of Christmas gift stockings, Sears comes to the rescue with a fresh new shipment of famous "Royal Purple" rayons—in sheer chiffon or service chiffon weight, and a smart color assortment. They're the PERFECT FEMININE GIFT on two counts: First, because every woman welcomes lovely hose; second, because they are Royal Purples with the grand features described at the right.



- In Royal Purple. The yarns are scientifically treated to eliminate weak spots and preserve their natural beauty.
- The yarns are twisted over and over again, giving them a smooth, snag-resistant finish and greater elasticity.
- Toes and other points of wear are reinforced with carefully selected cotton yarns to give longer wear.
- Choice of sheer chiffon (equaling the beauty of a three-thread silk); or service chiffon, a grand every-day weight.

At Three Department Stores

Colorfast Jacquard Woven

COTTON SPREADS

1.39



Imagine being able to buy yourself (or someone else!) a pretty spread for such a little price! Artistic all-over designs in rose, blue or green (colorfast, too!). Full double bed size, with scalloped edges.

At Three Department Stores

Sears "Boyville Supreme"

DRESS SHIRTS

1.39



When you pick boys' gift shirts with this label you can count on their quality! White, striped or figured broadcloths—sanitized shrunk (1% residual shrinkage) with stand-up collar. Sizes 8 to 14½.

Boys' Prep Four-in-Hand Ties, 50c

At Blodensburg and Wisconsin Stores

Men's Warm Gift

SWEATERS

4.98



There probably never was a Christmas when sweaters were more appreciated than they will be this year! Button or slide-fastened models with two pockets. Blue, green, tan, brown, and two-tones. Sizes 36 to 46. Labeled to show fiber content.

At Three Department Stores

It's a WHITE Christmas for

RAYON SCARFS

49c



There's such an immaculate look about a snowy white scarf (and it will never clash with the rest of your ensemble!)... it's no wonder they are such a popular choice. Fringed tubular style of plain white rayon crepe, or jacquard weaves.

At Blodensburg and Wisconsin Stores

Chewy Favorites!

Borden's CARMELS

25c lb.



Here's something delicious to have on hand for the holidays! Not "jaw-breakers," but tender, creamy and chewy. Chocolate or vanilla flavor. Each piece cellophane wrapped. Wholesome for youngsters as well as grown-ups.

Blodensburg and Wisconsin Stores

Your Choice of FOOTBALL or BASKETBALL

4.38 ea.



Official size and weight. The kind every red-blooded young fellow would welcome. Select quality top-grain cowhide leather. Lockstitched seams. Only a limited quantity... shop early.

At Blodensburg and Wisconsin Stores



Reg. 7.49 Solid Walnut

END TABLES

5.99

Artistic style with convenient lower shelf for magazines or what-you-will. As substantial as it looks, too, for it is "Honor Built." Solid walnut throughout. Carved apron and legs. Hand-rubbed to a rich satin finish.

At Three Department Stores



Six-Way Reflector

FLOOR LAMP

9.95

There's nothing that adds that "finishing touch" to a room like a lamp, and there's nothing that will reflect Christmas cheer longer than a lamp. These have beautifully proportioned metal bases, in bronze finish. Three-way direct and three-way indirect lighting. Glass reflector. Pleated rayon shade.

At Three Department Stores

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Thank Heavens There's No Shortage of

WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

If you hear "Sold Out" tomorrow on something you especially want—or you simply can't decide on some special gift—remember our War Bond Booth on the Main Floor is completely stocked—and what finer gift could you choose, anyway?

Clubs Quitting Florida, Dodgers Seek College Fieldhouse to Train at Home

Win, Lose or Draw

By BURTON HAWKINS.

Nationals of 1943 Should Prove Less Disappointing

Two more months of shivering in heat-ratoned rooms and the Nats again will pick up their toothbrushes and head for Orlando, a sunny spot in the heart of Central Florida's citrus belt. Come what may down there in the process of muscle-flexing, the Nats of 1943 aren't likely to build up to the terrific level of 1942.

The Nats of 1943 will be patched like an ancient inner tube. Too many of their key players will be rookies fresh from the minors, veteran minor leaguers who will be around chiefly because their draft rating is 3-A or accepted regulars who haven't displayed too much ability in previous seasons with the Nats.

Manager Ossie Bluege will shepherd south a squad of which not much will be expected. The long arm of the armed forces has plucked from the Nats' roster such players as Sid Hudson, Walter Masterson, Al Evans and Bruce Campbell, among others, and a Washington team that couldn't go anywhere with them nevertheless will be worse without them.

Replacing some of these losses will be such recent minor league graduates as Paul Dean, George Myatt, Angelo Giuliani, Gene Moore, Ewald Pyle and Jim Mertz. If they are members of the first Washington team in seven seasons to escape the depressing atmosphere of the second division the element of surprise will be working overtime.

Some Reasons There Will Be Little Pressure on Bluege

There will be little pressure on Bluege. To date he has no acceptable third baseman. His shortstop has been playing in organized baseball for only two years. His second baseman has no sensation with Columbus last season and his first baseman batted .272 with the Nats. His first-string catcher was a .203 hitter last season. Those are some of the reasons Washington fans won't be expecting much of the team.

Last spring, though, the Nats had occasion to hope for better things. First Baseman Mickey Vernon had batted .299 in 1941, had presented frequent long-range clotting and in general represented a youngster who seemed ready to blossom as a dependable major leaguer.

Mickey never got going. Though the Nats' lengthy exhibition slate he remained in a slump and when Washington started playing for keeps he couldn't shake it. Vernon never fulfilled that promise he revealed in 1941.

At second base the Nats appeared fortified defensively at least, what with Frankie Crocher ready to take over. Crocher never took over, however, for he came up with a sore arm that plagued him throughout the year. The former Detroit infielder finally was peddled to Toledo.

Bob Repass Proved to Be Biggest of All Flops

Continuing around the infield, the Nats experienced their biggest disappointment in nonchalant Bob Repass. Here was a fellow who was as hot as noon on the Sahara, but he cooled off quickly. In Florida Mr. Repass was a brilliant sort of shortstop, but Washington weather didn't agree with him. Neither did the climate in other major league cities.

Repass was given a tremendous buildup, a boost local fans probably never will be able to comprehend. He was a sensation in the South, but from the time he set foot in Griffith Stadium he virtually was worthless to the Nats. He was sold to Baltimore, but Bluege isn't convinced the fellow some day won't make a comeback. A great infielder in his day, Ossie relished Repass' Southern style. He's one of those who can't figure what happened after Bob deserted Florida.

The Nats weren't optimistic about their third base situation. Bobby Estalella, a converted outfielder, was the best they could come up with there. Bobby injected his share of hope, though, by spearing everything slammed in his direction down South. There was a spell when it seemed Esty might get by, but he reverted to form. He was so bad that the only way Manager Buck Harris could get him to stand in the proper position at third base was to instruct him to line up with Griffith Stadium's Section D post.

Stan Galle Failed to Help Third Base Situation

Stan Galle, a pudgy little understudy to Estalella, didn't stick. He was sold to Toledo and the third base situation was such that Repass, the shortstop flop, was installed there. He created no surprises by promptly collapsing at third.

Catcher Jake Early, with Vernon, was supposed to give the Nats' batting order some semblance of authority. He had batted .286 in 1941 and had included 10 homers among his blows. Jake apparently was ready to make his move in fast company, but his eyes wouldn't let him. The Bell's palsy he suffered in the fall of 1941 affected his vision and with his eyes as bad as they were the big country boy merits praise merely for sticking it out.

Harris' pitching staff also reaped reams of praise. Dutch Leonard seemingly was set for another big year, but with the season less than 10 days old Dutch suffered a fractured leg and severely sprained ankle.

Buck Newsom, who had been purchased from Detroit, was a sizzling character in exhibition games, but before the season was many weeks old Buck had compiled a streak that showed something like 35 runs permitted in 33 innings.

Jack Wilson Delivered His One Good Game Early in Season

Jack Wilson had one good game in his system and got rid of it early at the expense of his former mates, the Red Sox. Thereafter he was useless and was sold to Detroit. Early Wynn was too fat to be effective and Walter Masterson was an in-and-out-er.

Down South, too, the Nats had received a succession of splendid pitching performances from Rookies Bill Kennedy, Hardin Cathey, Phil McCullough and Rae Scarborough, but they left their fesses in Florida.

This year the setting will be the same, but the characters will be altered. Gone are Repass, Masterson, Campbell, Evans, Newsom, Wilson, Galle, Crocher and Hudson. Myatt, Giuliani, Dean, Pyle, Moore, Mertz, etc., may not be as promising as some of those players, but at least they won't be as disappointing.

Two Ruarks in Service Root For Georgia, Brother Walt

Jim Once Bulldog Frosh Grinner, Parnell Headed There When He Joined Navy

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—When the University of Georgia plays U. C. L. A. in the Rose Bowl New Year Day, the Bulldogs will have two of their staunchest supporters here at the Naval Air Station.

They are Jim and Parnell Ruark, brothers of Walter Ruark, alternate captain and All-Southeastern guard who played a major part in the Bulldogs' hectic 1942 grid campaign. Jim and Parnell are seamen attached to the morale division at the air station.

Back in the fall of 1939, Jim, a healthy looking 195-pounder, played alongside his brother Walt in the University of Georgia freshmen football team. Jim would have been in California today if he hadn't left school after his first year. Some reports say Jim was even a better guard than Walt.

Played With Sinkwich. On the same club with Jim was All-America Frankie Sinkwich, upon whose shoulders rest Georgia's hopes in defending the prestige of the East against the best the West can offer. The famed 1939 yearling aggregation, which later made football history, averaged a point per minute on a three-game schedule.

The war temporarily halted a glowing grid career for Parnell. Built along the same lines as his brothers, Parnell guided Georgia Military College to the junior college championship of Georgia in 1941. Parnell's eleven wins in six games, lost two and tied one. The youngest of the Ruark football trio was headed for Georgia University this past September.

Jim and Parnell saw Georgia take a big step toward the Rose Bowl in its 21-10 victory over Alabama in midseason. The Ruark sailors haven't stopped talking about that one yet.

"That Sinkwich sure looked all-America in the second half of the Alabama game," the Ruarks tell you over and over again.

Come, January, there will be a soldier officer in the Ruark family of Bostwick, Ga. For alternate Capt. Walt Ruark of the Georgia Bulldogs will become Second Lt.

Five Jacks Among Pack Of 35 Tech Gridders

ATLANTA, Dec. 23.—When Coach W. A. Alexander of Georgia Tech asks for "Jack" he has to be specific.

No less than 5 of the 35 Yellow-jackets making the jaunt to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl clash with Texas bear that first name.

The Tech member has two ends named Jack—Capt. Jack Marshall and Jack Helms. And he has two other players named Jack, Hancock and Faulkner.

Jack Jordan, a guard, is the fifth player with that given name.

Christoforidis' Win Cuts Title Field to Trio

Beats Bolden in Tame Bout; Charles and Bivins Matched

By LARRY SMITH, Associated Press Sports Writer. CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Matchmaker Larry Atkins' tournament to crown a light heavyweight "duration champ" was narrowed to three competitors today.

Anton Christoforidis, spotting his adversary 6 pounds at 166, won a 10-round decision over dusky Nate Bolden from Chicago before a crowd of 5,534 fans who paid \$12,816.50 to watch the tame tournament at the Arena last night.

Only some fast and furious leather slinging in the last two rounds gave the fans any excitement. Both boxed cautiously, looking for an opening that never developed and meanwhile delivering head jabs and engaging in close-in-fighting. There were no knock-downs nor heavy assaults.

Decision Is Unanimous. Christo, former light-heavyweight champion who drew with Bolden at Chicago last August, got the nod from Referee Jackie Davis and both judges. The judges gave the Cleveland fighter five rounds, while the referee was generous enough to see him winning seven.

The Greek made the most of the in-fighting while Bolden gained his points in the early rounds. The Chicagoan was the aggressor in the best stanza of the 9th and 10th, but Christo tied up each assault and then scored in the clinches.

For the next round of the tournament, Negroes Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland and Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati, tentatively have been booked to meet in a January 7 meeting. Charles decided to fight early this year and the National Boxing Association rated the Cincinnati fighter the logical contender for the championship of Gus Lesnevich, now in the Coast Guard.

Costello Floored But Wins. The crowd-pleaser on last night's card was the eight-round semifinal between Lulu Costantino, highly-regarded New York featherweight, and Joey Pirrone, Cleveland light-weight.

Pirrone, who has more slugging ability than boxing knowledge, scored by costello in the opening round and again floored the New Yorker for no count in the seventh.

He still lost the decision to the advance Costantino, who worked out on the Cleveland's face and mid-section all evening. Pirrone's face was blood-stained and his left eye almost closed when he left the ring. Pirrone weighed 134 and Costantino 129.

Two Scores by Agase, Illinois Guard, Top Year's Oddities

152 Freak Events Include Number of Grid Backs Catching Own Passes

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—In a year when all sports turned up strange and startling happenings the oddest of all was the feat of a University of Illinois guard, Alex Agase, scoring two touchdowns to upset one-nighty Sports Illustrated.

Sports writers polled by the Associated Press recalled no less than 152 different freak occurrences of 1942, but 33 of these observers settled on that touchdown fantasy as the rarest of the crop.

Guards are seldom even seen, let alone spotlighted as was Agase. Yet he not only tallied twice for the Illini, he did it the odd way. First he "stole" the ball from a confused Gopher back and romped over for one touchdown, then he fell on a fumbled pass for the Minnesota center to account for touchdown No. 2.

Next to this performance the writers, with football fresh in their minds, recalled best the various backs who caught their own passes at some time or another during the season. Bruce Smith of Great Lakes tossed one against Notre Dame and caught it on a ricochet for a 12-yard loss. Ray Evans of Kansas was another who performed a similar stunt.

Just to refresh your memory of some of the year's other wacky doings, here are some of the incidents that drew chuckles and votes from the scribes.

The Louis-Corn fight that didn't come off. Conn's breaking his hand in a kitchen fight with his father-in-law. Minnesota's victory over Michigan on a field goal dropped kicked after time should have run out in the first half; the 4-inch margin by which Wisconsin missed a touchdown against Iowa; Whirlaway's walkover to pick up \$10,000 in the Pimlico Special, and Red Ruffing getting knocked out of the box in the World Series after almost getting a no-hitter.

Basket Scores

By The Associated Press. EAST. Southern California, 83; Lawrence, 44; Utah, 46; St. John's, 40; Albany, 30; Cornell, 29; Niagara, 46; Navy, 44; Toledo, 44; Detroit, 44; Navy, 44; Temple, 40; Philadelphia Comm. Guard, 42. MIDWEST. Southwestern, 44; Springfield (Mo.), 38; Wash. St., 37; Knox, 38; Cleveland, 38; Glenview, 44; Camp Grant, 41; Navy Prep, 39 (two overtimes). SOUTHWEST. Texas A.M., Air Station, 62; Texas A. and M., 31. WEST. Utah, 45; Montana, 36; Utah State, 76; Weber College, 37; St. Mary's Navy Prep, 43; Cal., 40; Idaho, 35; Idaho University, 38; College of Idaho, 34; Stanford, 46; Santa Clara, 44; Oregon, 35; Vancouver, 44; Washington U., 40; Paso Pasa, 35; Oregon, 37.

California Bars Freshmen From Varsity Though O. K.

By The Associated Press. BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 23.—The University of California will not permit its freshmen students to take part in varsity sports until it seems "essential to military training," says President Robert Gordon Sproull.

The conference last week authorized the use of freshmen on varsity squads.

Dr. Sproull said he had found that "freshmen, confused anyway by the newness of their surroundings, cannot compete in varsity athletics at the same time keep up with their academic programs."

Volts Move Into Grid Camp Near Bowl Rival Tulsans

By The Associated Press. EDGEWATER PARK, Miss., Dec. 23.—Tennessee today moves into its Gulf Coast training center here, only a few miles along the beach from its Sugar Bowl rival, Tulsa, now working out at Bay East St. Louis.

The Volts, 39 strong, went through their last practice on the home soil of Knoxville yesterday, boarded a train and headed here after a brief stop in Birmingham, Ala. The boys won't see New Orleans until the morning of the game.

Coach John Barnhill planned his first practice session here tomorrow morning.



ALL PART OF THE GAME—Frank Porto, California back, stood on his hands, while Norm Verry, U. S. C. tackle, made a "funny face" for Nadine, a patient at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, when the West team visited the institution at San Francisco yesterday. The hospital benefits from the football game with the Eastern all-star aggregation on New Year Day. —A. P. Wirephoto.

John Borican, Noted Track Ace, Dies From Strange Malady

Athlete Who Only Recently Gained National 880 Title Had Wasted Away to 110 Pounds

BRIDGETON, N. J., Dec. 23.—John Borican, one of America's great natural athletes, died last night.

The powerful body which carried him to numerous world track records and national championships had wasted away to a mere 110 pounds through an ailment which his family said specialists were unable to diagnose.

"They don't seem to know what's the matter with me, or maybe they don't want to tell me," Borican said recently at his apartment studio in New York. "You wouldn't know me any more."

All sports came easy to Borican, a perfectly proportioned, 6-foot Negro. Only a few months ago, weighing 170 pounds, he had run off with the National AAU 800-meter outdoor championship. He had breezed through the indoor season, adding the 800-meter, the 880-yard and the 1,000-meter world records to his ever increasing list.

Late in Reaching Peak. He had captured the 1,000-yard national title for the third straight year and had doubled up to take the 800-yard and 1,000-yard K. C. races one night with seeming lack of effort.

Borican came into his own in the track world rather later than most middle distance greats. He was 29, although unbeatable between the 600 and the 3/4-mile he never attained his dream of being the first Negro mile champion. At that, he had run a 4:10 mile in practice.

The year 1941 saw Borican gain the national decathlon and pentathlon championships, the only time one man won both all-around titles in the same year.

Borican was a star in every sport

Redskins Too Cocky To Suit Flaherty and Edwards

Can't See Defeat Against All-Stars After Taking Measure of Chibears

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The dizziness of all-football seasons brought forth another phenomenon today. The Washington Redskins' coaching staff is worried about over-confidence.

"We can't lose," was the watchword of the winners of the National Football League playoffs as they arrived here to start drilling for their pro-bowl clash with the league's All-Stars on Sunday.

"Nobody gave us a chance to beat the Chicago Bears," the players pointed out, "but we did it. And we can do it again."

Coaches Won't Predict. The squad's attitude plainly had Silent Ray Flaherty, Washington head coach, and Turk Edwards, his assistant, worried. Neither would venture a prediction on the outcome of the bowl clash.

Flaherty, granted a furlough from the Navy to handle the Tribune in what may be his final game for the duration, was disappointed in not getting to his home on the Pacific Coast for a brief visit with his family before entering the service.

He flew as far west as Miles City, Mont., but a 100-foot ceiling and zero visibility at Butte, the next stop, forced him to abandon the junket and return east.

A workout is scheduled this afternoon if enough players are on hand. Disrupted train schedules throughout the country may prevent many from reporting on time, it is feared, but the coaches hope to get started as quickly as possible.

Kovatch Not With Squad. Johnny Kovatch definitely will not be with the squad. A naval reservist, he has been called to the colors and is believed to have been sent to Navy duty for his indelicacy in a course. Ed Beiner, who had one operation on his nose following the championship game with the Chicago Bears, may have to undergo another and is on the doubtful list of starters for the game. Steve Nitruski is definitely out, but Flaherty expects to greet the rest of the Tribe and to find them in pretty good condition.

Conditions for practicing in Philadelphia are not ideal. The squad will dress at Shibe Park, but must go by bus from there to the practice field, a condition that won't help the morale.

22 Points Seen for Tulsa As Guard Becomes Daddy

By The Associated Press. SUPERSTITIOUS members of Tulsa's Sugar Bowl football team hope that Tulsa will collect 22 points and win from Tennessee.

On December 22 word came from the wife of Sophomore Guard Glen Buegels that the Tulsa lineman had been presented with a daughter.

Coach Henry Fruka recalled that in 1941 Coach E. McKeever of Boston College became the father of twins on the December 19, and Boston won in the Sugar Bowl, 19-13.

One set of backfields included two of Faurot's own Missourians, Bob Steuber and Don Reece. Also in this quartet were Tony Campano of St. Mary's and Bob Kennerly who, as a fullback on Hollingbery's Washington State team the last season, led the Coast in total yards running and passing.

Rickey Doubts Necessity of Long Work

Says 10 Days Outside Might Be Sufficient; Giants Eye N. C.

By JUDSON BAILEY, Associated Press Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Brooklyn Dodgers are searching for a college fieldhouse in the vicinity of New York City with the idea of training at home, it was disclosed, as the exodus of major league clubs from their spring bases in Florida gained momentum.

Rickey, president of the Dodgers, who revealed on Monday that Brooklyn had abandoned plans to train at West Palm Beach, said that the metropolitan area was being canvassed for suitable accommodations where the players might do their preliminary conditioning indoors.

"An ideal arrangement," he suggested, "would be two fieldhouses in close proximity so that two clubs could train together. And I think I know of another club that would be interested in the same proposition."

Sees 10 Days Enough. Rickey expressed doubt that a month or six weeks of outdoor conditioning is necessary and said he believed that with proper preliminary gymnasium work, and batting in cages, 10 days of outside practice might be sufficient for the opening of the season.

While Rickey was scouting for a training site in this area, the New York Giants announced that they were withdrawing from Miami and the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals stated they were looking around for a satisfactory training site in the Reading Park area. The Yanks have trained for 19 years.

The Giants expect to locate in North Carolina, and Secretary Edward Brannick said the training bases probably would be selected within a week.

The Yanks and Cardinals, who have shared St. Petersburg for many years, are seeking accommodations where they can continue to train together, and Edward G. Barrow, president of the Yanks, disclosed that Albany, Ga., is under consideration.

Quit Florida, Landis Urges. Barrow also made public the fact that Kenesaw M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, had written all major league clubs suggesting the advisability of their moving out of Florida and finding locations nearer home. The move resulted from Joseph B. Eastman's suggestions that baseball travel be reduced to a minimum and also from the congestion of Army camps.

What action other clubs will take as the result of Landis' letter has not been made known, but Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, said he had selected an alternative site just in case it is necessary to leave Tampa, Fla. Four clubs that had planned to train in California, the Chicago Cubs and White Sox, the St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh Pirates, also have called a meeting to decide upon a possible switch to Hot Springs, Ark.

The Giants announced the cancellation of a 10-game exhibition tour with the Cleveland Indians and also that their Jersey City farm club would not train at Jacksonville, Fla.

The Giants' Orange Bowl opponent, Alabama, is expected to arrive Sunday, in time to get in a little practice before the New Year Day clash.

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B. C. Squad Sent Through Two Tough Drills With Plenty of Passing

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—Contact work of the roughest sort continued to top the schedule for the Boston College football squad as Coach Denny Myers sent his Eagles through two more workouts yesterday.

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Camilli Shows Tendency To Return to Dodgers

By The Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dolph Camilli is wavering on his decision not to play ball next season for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, received a letter from his star first baseman saying that he had been debating with himself and that he would be glad to return "if I thought sincerely that it was the right thing to do."

Mack May Be Day Late Celebrating

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Connie Mack, who isn't sure whether he was born on December 22 or December 23, is celebrating his 80th birthday anniversary today.

The McGillicuddy family records never have been clear as to the exact date of the arrival of the grand old man of baseball, because he was born so close to midnight, but several years ago Connie fixed the 22d as his annual date for celebration.

The Athletics' manager, veteran of 59 years in the national pastime, will be honored by the Philadelphia Baseball Writers Association at a dinner today. Later he is scheduled for a radio talk.

Griffs Are Reported As Backing Reading As Farm Team

Interstate League Plans Expansion Next Season With Majors' Support

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Contrary to the trend in minor league baseball, the Interstate League is looking forward to 1943 as a year of expansion.

Plans are under way already to raise membership from six teams to eight, with York and Reading returning to the circuit. The Boston Red Sox are considering adding York to their farm chain and the Washington Senators are reported behind Reading's entry.

Brooklyn, which withdrew its backing of Reading in a controversy between the Dodgers and the owners of the Reading Park, is said to be interested in the Lancaster Red Roses, now locally owned.

Of the other teams in the loop, the Hagerstown Owls, last year's champions, are the only ones without big league backing, and they own the Reading Park. The Orioles of the International League last season.

The Philadelphia Athletics have a half-interest in the Wilmington Blue Rocks; the Pittsburgh Pirates work for the Harrisburg Senators; Allentown has an agreement with the St. Louis Cardinals; and the Phils have a farm club at Trenton.

Oren Stirling, owner of the Hagerstown outfit, is reported considering a franchise move to Salisbury, Md., next season. The Owl's home attendance was disappointing last year, but the Baltimore Orioles won the pennant. Salisbury was a member of the old Eastern Shore League which did not operate last season.

Arthur H. Ehlers, league president, has suggested that the teams be given a "salary" limit of 20 throughout the season. Herebefore, the maximum has been 15 and a playing manager, with 20 permitted during the first and last 20 days of the season.

Lions, Sorely Needing Defenseman, Play Three-Way Deal

Figure to Offset Loss Of Richard; Hornets Deadlock Lead

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23.—General Manager Leo Perrin says the juggling of three lines, Gaston Gauthier, Lou Trudel and Jimmy Jamieson will function as one unit, Freddy Weaver, Ossie Asmundson and Rod Lorrain will operate as another and Hank Dyck, Bob Graess and Fernand Gauthier will team to form a third line.

Meanwhile the Pittsburgh Hornets moved into a first-place tie with the Buffalo Bisons in the Western division by beating the Hershey Bears, 5-4, in the American League's only game last night.

Allen of Kansas Quint Pessimistic Over Trip

LAWRENCE, Kans., Dec. 23.—Coach F. C. (Phog) Allen's Kansas University basketball squad was off today on the first leg of an Eastern road trip. Phog said he'd be surprised if the Jayhawks won a game.

The Kansas play St. Bonaventure at Buffalo, Fordham in Madison Square Garden, St. Joseph's at Philadelphia and St. Louis University before returning home January 2.

Kansas is co-champion with Oklahoma of the Big Six Conference.

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Maj. Frank Schiel Dies While Rushing Photos Of Jap Dispositions

By the Associated Press.

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN CHINA, Dec. 22 (Delayed).—A sad final chapter in the glorious record of Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Flying Tigers has been written with the tragic death of Maj. Frank Schiel of Prescott, Ariz., last AVG pilot in China, who was killed in a crash while returning from an important Army reconnaissance mission over Japanese bases.



A GIFT FOR SERVICEMEN—Claud Livingston (right), president of the Washington Real Estate Board, delivers to (left to right) Staff Sgt. Buddy Adair of Bolling Field, Mrs. John Dougherty of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Club and Joe Judge, cigars and cigarettes presented for servicemen by the board at its annual Christmas party yesterday.

Conscription: Policy Leading to New War, Sociologists Say

Declares Draft of Young Husbands Will Cause Big Drop in Birth Rate

By the Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23—America, through a short-sighted conscription policy, is laying the groundwork for another great war 20 years or so hence, a prominent sociologist said today.

Africa (Continued From First Page)

Indicate geographical positions, but said British patrol continued to harass the Axis forces. The British troops and commented that "the work of mine clearance and road repair is continuing satisfactorily."

Russian (Continued From First Page)

Russians. Soviet artillery blasted back and burned out 10 of the Nazi tank forces, the Russians said. New bitter fighting within the Stalingrad factory area also was reported, with the Germans counter-attacking from their blockhouses.

Weather Report (Published by the United States Weather Bureau)

Table with columns for Date, High, Low, and other weather metrics for various locations like Washington, D.C., New York, and others.

Realtors and Guests Bring Gift Cigarettes For Servicemen

Meeting Joins in Singing Christmas Carols

By Edward C. Stone.

Washington bankers, investment dealers, building and loan experts, insurance men and other financiers sighed with relief today as they wound up the three-week intensive Victory Fund campaign, during which they had personal interviews with thousands of people and sold more than \$45,000,000 in Government issues.

Finland (Continued From First Page)

for the Axis, the old ones were toasted. The Japanese joined the Finns in the traditional skool and the Finns joined the Japanese in their banzai shouts.

New York Yule Mail Far Above Year Ago

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Christmas mail during the first three weeks of December has outstripped last year's totals by 13,000,000 pieces outgoing and 8,000,000 pieces incoming, Postmaster Albert Goldman said yesterday.

Chicago Grain (By the Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Corn prices were up almost a cent a bushel at one stage of trading today due to greatly improved shipping business but wheat and rye lost as much at times as a result of uncertainty about the flour price ceiling program.

New York Cotton (By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Cotton futures trading reactionary today under bursts of profit-taking, influenced partly by the favorable war news and a disposition to now profit prior to the holiday. Hedge selling added the decline, which extended to as much as 95 cents a bale.

Dividends Announced (By the Associated Press)

Table listing various companies and their announced dividends, including Banchico Corp, Kehler Corp, Washburn Wire, etc.

Washington Produce (By the Associated Press)

BUTTER—Local supply situation uncertain in quite prices. Lard—Receipts very light. Prices normally unsteady. Prices paid for Federal-Standard graded receipts.

United States Treasury Position (By the Associated Press)

Table showing Treasury position with columns for Receipts, Expenditures, Working balance, etc.

Victory Bond Sales Exceed \$45,000,000 As D. C. Drive Ends

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156,500 Tires Turned In (By the Associated Press)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23 (AP)—Virginia motorists turned in a total of 156,500 "old tires," A. H. Graham, agent for the Defense Supplies Corp. here, said yesterday.

Sumner Pike Given Watch (By the Associated Press)

The members of the Securities and Exchange Commission presented Commissioner Sumner T. Pike a handsome watch at a Christmas party held in Philadelphia yesterday.

16-Stock Prices Follow Irregular Course In Dull Session (By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Specialized strength continued in today's stock market although many leaders slipped into minus territory after a forenoon recovery shift failed to follow through.

Stock Averages (Compiled by the Associated Press)

Table showing various stock averages like Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, etc.

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Table showing the range of 60 stocks since 1927, including high and low points.

10 Low-Yield Bonds (Compiled by the Associated Press)

Table listing 10 low-yield bonds with their respective yields and prices.

NEW YORK BOND MARKET

By Private Wire Direct to The Star.

Table of bond market data including Treasury, Foreign, and various government bonds.

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War Housing Prohibited in Resident Areas

Approval for ADA Units on Fort Drive Is Withdrawn

Erection of temporary housing units in restricted residential areas "where they would depreciate the value of real estate" has been stopped, Chairman Randolph of the House District Committee said today.

"The National Capital Park and Planning Commission has rescinded its approval, previously granted to the Alley Dwelling Authority, for erection of 44 temporary housing units along the Fort drive," Mr. Randolph said.

Clash With Development. Thomas S. Settle, secretary of the commission, advised Chairman Randolph this action was taken because the commission "felt that these units, while designed to be temporary, would be so substantial in many respects that it might be very difficult to secure their removal when it was necessary to proceed with the development of the Fort drive."

It had been planned to erect a total of 123 housing units along Fort drive. The commission decided it would be a mistake to construct any demountable units of the type proposed on the sites located between Georgia and New Hampshire avenues because the proposed units are not in harmony with the general restricted development in that area.

The commission expressed to Mr. Randolph its appreciation of his services in securing enactment of 20 laws and 15 appropriations "vital to affecting the plan of Washington" and, therefore, the work of the commission. All these measures had either been drafted or indorsed by the commission.

Citizens Voice Protest. Mr. Randolph had forwarded to the commission a protest against the erection of those temporary housing projects made by the Manor Park Citizens' Association and asking that "careful consideration be given to any plan which would lower real estate values in the District."

"Certainly it would seem," he pointed out, "that there is ample space in locations other than residential districts where temporary housing could be erected."

The proposed housing units, Mr. Settle had previously explained, "would be on Government property owned by the Government and rented to private individuals, so the renters could not become squatters."

Youth's Death Lifts 1942 Traffic Toll Here to 105

Traffic deaths in the District mounted to 105 today, more than for all of 1941—when James Sturtz, 18, of Cumberland, Md., died in Gallinger Hospital of injuries received in an accident December 18.

The youth and Henry A. Smith, 31, Little Orleans, Md., were changing a tire on the 1200 block of Kenilworth avenue N.E. at night, with a second truck in the rear providing lights for their work. A third truck, driven by Stewart L. Jones, 41, of 1318 Forty-fifth place N.E., smashed into the second truck, crushing young Sturtz into the front vehicle.

Traffic deaths at this time last year numbered 92 and for all of 1941 were 95.

Police Arrest Suspect in Cliff Attack Case

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Margaret Wallace, 26, sought for more than a month on charges of assaulting another woman with a rock and throwing her over a cliff, was arrested today.

She refused to answer questions, according to Capt. Thomas Bryan of the Los Angeles police, and called for an attorney.

Mrs. Wallace is charged with assault with intent to murder Mrs. Inez MacLam, 22, along the seashore near Encinitas, Calif., November 17. Mrs. MacLam was found at the base of the cliff next morning, but her automobile and her children, Judith Rae, 4 weeks old, Clark Edward, 13 months, and Kay Rose, 4 years, had disappeared.

The following day the two oldest children were found abandoned in the union railway station at Huntington Park. The day after that, Judith Rae was found in an automobile, 13 months, and Kay Rose, 4 years, had disappeared.



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Police and Fire Heroes Named For Awards

Two Gold, Two Silver Medals, Bronze Bar Listed; 20 Commended

For risking their lives in performance of duty, Pvt. Thomas S. Fletcher of the Police Traffic Bureau and Pvt. Ernest J. Mueller of Fire Department Truck Co. No. 4 today won the District's Gold Medal awards during the past fiscal year.

Acting on recommendations from their awards committee, the Commissioners ordered silver medals conferred on Pvt. Thomas E. Howie, ninth police precinct, and Pvt. William R. Cryer, No. 28 Engine Co. Pvt. Ellis C. Helms, second precinct, is the winner of a bronze bar. Sgt. John C. Pipkin, seventh precinct, won honorable mention and 20 firemen, by the unanimous vote of the committee, were commended for outstanding work.

Members of Committee. Annual awards are made by the Commissioners under authority of an act of Congress approved March 4, 1929. Members of the committee are Robert V. Fleming, chairman; Dr. Luther H. Reheider, former Commissioner; Edward R. Gookin, Maj. Edward J. Kelly, superintendent of police, and Fire Chief Stephen T. Porter.

The official citations tell dramatic stories of the disregard of personal safety, coolness, quick action and effective teamwork in dangerous incidents. While off duty and in civilian clothes, Pvt. Fletcher was walking in the vicinity of Second and F streets N.E., shortly before 6 p.m. October 4, when Earley Harrison, colored, shot and fatally wounded his wife and killed Ella Corley, described as a friend.

Though unarmed, Pvt. Fletcher ordered Harrison to throw down his two pistols. Harrison resisted arrest and fired at the policeman, who ran to his home nearby and returned with his service revolver. Pvt. Fletcher then fired two shots into Harrison's body.

Meanwhile, radio call brought to the scene a scout car manned by Pvt. Howie and Pvt. O. E. Reheider. Pvt. Howie, under fire, also sent slugs into the man's body.

Courage and Coolness Praised. The committee, in recommending a gold medal for Pvt. Fletcher and a silver medal for Pvt. Howie, declared the situation "was one of extreme danger, which demanded courage, coolness and quick action" and found the men "had measured up to these requirements in a manner that calls for commendation and admiration."

Pvt. Mueller received a gold medal for his part in rescuing three persons from the third floor of a blazing block G street N.E. last March 23, 1941. He was shot by a particularly difficult condition. An official commendation was given Pvt. Thomas P. Newman, fireman. Due to space limitations, there was danger of a 35-foot ladder tipping during rescue work.

Pvt. Cryer won the silver medal for fireman for rescue work at a fire at 3234 Wisconsin avenue N.W. last April 9. The battalion chief had cut a hole in the floor to direct work into the basement when he heard a faint cry for help. It then developed that Pvt. Cryer had entered the basement by a narrow stairway and through a narrow opening through dense smoke and flame, to bring Preston Earle, 31, to safety.

Bronze Bar Awarded. Pvt. Helms was given the bronze bar for locating and capturing two of three brothers, who had wounded Pvt. Frank H. Hoffman of the ninth precinct in an affair in the 300 block of G street N.E. last March 23. One of the men was shot by Policemen Helms while he and Pvt. W. E. Christiansen were getting them under control.

The 20 firemen listed for oral commendation, including Pvt. Newman, Sgt. E. E. Snyder, A. J. Bigos, G. E. Tacey, V. M. Thompson, and Pts. J. D. Foley, A. M. Stacey, K. E. Doolan, F. K. Mathias, Hamilton Poulson, L. N. Balcom, F. R. Hager, L. G. Porter, W. J. Schmitz, W. R. Backett, H. W. Swanner, M. E. Wallace, P. E. Sanders, R. L. Davis and M. F. Tolson.

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Classes will be conducted by Miss Charlotte Theiss. Beginners' classes will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 5. Senior life-saving classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning January 4. Candidates for this class must be at least 17 years old, in good health and must pass a swimming test.

Motorists Urged to Delay Unessential Repairs

By the Associated Press. Because of the dwindling number of automotive mechanics the Office of Defense Transportation today urged motorists to put off unessential repairs until after the war.

ODT said motorists should make only those repairs which are necessary to safe operation, or to prolong the mechanical life of cars.

Eric L. Kohler Named To Petroleum Unit Post

By the Associated Press. Eric L. Kohler has been appointed executive officer of the Petroleum Administration, Deputy Administrator. Ralph K. Davies announced today.



BOUND HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—This crowd of civilians and servicemen was typical of Union Station today as thousands packed the terminal to await trains taking them home for the holidays.

Bus lines also reported heavy traffic over all routes, some of which were closed last night because of icy roads. The roads reopened today. (Story on Page A-1.) —A. P. Photo.

McLean Garage Being Furnished for Girl War Workers

May Be Opened By Christmas if Upholstery Is Ready

If all the orange upholstery can be sewed on the chairs in time, Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean's renovated garage will be opened as a sitting room for girl war workers at 3 p.m. Christmas Day. Entrance to the garage is at 1523 Twenty-second street N.W.

The huge room will be opened for inspection between 3 and 10 p.m. every day after Christmas until New Year Day. On New Year Day girls living nearby can actually begin to use the buff-and-green sitting room for reading, sewing, writing letters, playing the piano, entertaining "dates" or just sitting.

First of 18 Centers. The garage was donated to the District Recreation Department by Mrs. McLean as the start of a master plan for 18 such centers for war workers here. Some centers will be run on a more formal basis and some will have to be rented or purchased. Milo S. Christiansen, recreation superintendent, hopes more unused property will be turned over to his department to be run with Latham Act funds for the duration.

Asked to give her garage by Mrs. James Landis, chairman of the Independent War Centers Committee and also a member of the War Hospitality Committee, Mrs. McLean is paying for partitions to surround its coal furnace, for the bright new paint and orange upholstery, for dozens of huge, gilt-legged and mahogany chairs and sofas and for rust-colored floor linoleum. Four 10-foot potted trees will stand in the corners.

Workers today were scrubbing a 6-foot marble statue of a Grecian maiden purchased by Mrs. McLean in France and crated up for the last 12 years. It will stand in another corner of the room.

Volunteers Helping. The Recreation Department and War Centers Committee also hope to install a piano and sewing machine before New Year Day. Three 10-foot mirrors about 6 feet wide have also been donated by Mrs. McLean. Much of the polishing of the furniture and sewing of upholstery is being done late in the evening by Mrs. John B. Blandford, Mrs. Leon Henderson, Mrs. Arthur L. Sherman, Mrs. W. B. Sherman, Mrs. John Ihlder and others.

The center will be run by the District Recreation Department through Latham Act funds and under the general supervision of the War Hospitality Committee.

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Yule Fowl Supply In D. C. Assured, Retailers Report

But Turkeys Are Said By Dealers to Be Few and Costly

Local wholesale poultry dealers today reported supplies of turkeys, chickens and duck were running low. Retail dealers, however, said there would be sufficient chicken and duck for Christmas dinners.

"Turkeys are few and far between," commented one dealer. "What little turkey is available is priced high."

One large poultry wholesaler reported he was only getting about 35 to 40 per cent of fowl compared with the Christmas market a year ago. He said suppliers had given no assurances of more poultry until after Christmas.

Authorities point out that increased demands of the armed services have placed a strain on the turkey supply in many sections of the country. One dealer here said shipments of poultry to the Washington market have been below average because of lower ceiling prices "wants to do anything to upset the war effort. The PUC found the rate increase would not have an inflationary effect."

Another wholesaler complained that he had just received two cartloads of fowl, but that truck and manpower shortages were preventing him from unloading immediately.

"This is undoubtedly one of the finest steps that could be taken in the interests of the citizens of the District of Columbia."

The Board of Trade, Mr. McLachlen said, will welcome the new plan. "The reduction of the size of the committee to 15 or 13 members," he said, "obviously will make for more efficiency by placing greater emphasis on the necessity for attendance at committee meetings and hearings. The giving of a parliamentary right of way for District legislation without waiting for the semi-monthly District days will surely permit earlier and more timely consideration of pending legislation."

Ann Sheridan Mobbed By Bull Fight Fans. MEXICO CITY.—Ann Sheridan had to be rescued by police at a bull fight.

The fight hadn't started, but so many admirers crowded around the Hollywood actress officers had to help her elude the near mob.

Keech Defends PUC Order for Gas Rate Boost

Commission Complied Strictly With Law, Court Told

Corporation Counsel Richmond B. Keech defended the District Court today the Public Utilities Commission in granting the Washington Gas Light Co. a \$200,000 rate increase, asserting the PUC complied "strictly" with the law and that the Government full opportunity to air its grievances before the rate went into effect.

Hearings on the controversial issues are being held before Justice F. Dickinson Letts, whom the Government is asking to set aside the rate increase on the grounds that it is inflationary.

The Government and counsel for various District consumer groups argued against the increase yesterday.

Mr. Keech and Lloyd B. Harrison, special assistant corporation counsel, are presenting the PUC viewpoint today and will be followed by E. Barrett Prettyman, counsel for the company.

Price Act Quoted. "The commission complied to the strict letter of the law with the Emergency Price-Control Act and the amendment of October 2 which set up the Office of Economic Stabilization," the corporation counsel said.

"The Price-Control Act of January 30 specifically says that nothing in the act should be construed to grant jurisdiction to the Government to regulate common carrier and public utility rates.

"The amendment of October 2, however, provides that rates may not be increased under the act, unless notice is granted and provides that the Government may intervene in the proceedings.

"The commission allowed the director of economic stabilization the full right of intervention. Notification of the raise in rates was given October 15. The rates were raised November 16."

Mr. Keech told the court that counsel for Leon Henderson did not have the right to be in the case, according to the statute setting up the emergency Price Control Act.

"But we let counsel for Mr. Henderson voice his objections to the commission ruling," said Mr. Keech, "despite the fact we were not bound to do so by law."

OPA Briefs Permitted. "Mr. Booth (Harry R. Booth OPA attorney) was allowed to present evidence purporting to show that the rate increase would be inflationary. He was allowed to participate, to argue to file briefs and he asked for and got continuances. The record is replete with instances where Mr. Booth attempted to enlarge the proceedings, but not where he attempted to argue within the scope of the proceedings."

Mr. Keech cited references in the Congressional Record showing that Congress is replete with instances where Mr. Booth attempted to enlarge the proceedings, but not where he attempted to argue within the scope of the proceedings.

"No commission," Mr. Keech said, "wants to do anything to upset the war effort. The PUC found the rate increase would not have an inflationary effect."

"And all PUC orders have a 'presumption of validity.' Its findings of fact, when supported by evidence, are conclusive."

TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEARS BUY WAR BONDS

2 Have Narrow Escape as Shell Bursts in Room

Two Mount Rainier men were back at work today after narrowly escaping serious injury last night when a shell they found in their apartment exploded while being tossed from one to the other.

James Taylor, 28, and Homer Bowers, 25, of 3419 28th street, were treated at Sibley Hospital for powder burns on their legs and chest. Hospital physicians said Mr. Bowers narrowly escaped death from a shell splinter which grazed his chest.

Three Passengers Hurt In Crash of Streetcars

Three passengers aboard a Capital Transit Co. streetcar received minor injuries during yesterday afternoon rush hour when the car in which they were riding crashed into the rear of another at the intersection of Seventh street and Jefferson drive S.W.

Treated at Emergency Hospital for cuts and bruises and released were Edith Wood, 64, of 1352 K street S.E., Helen Corbin, 38, of 417, Fifteenth street S.E., and Lalla Lewis, 55, of the 1500 block of Seventeenth street S.E.

FFA to Buy War Bonds

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23 (AP)—The Executive Committee of the State Chapter of the Future Farmers of America voted yesterday to purchase two \$1,000 war bonds out of the organization's treasury funds.

New Hearing Set On Alexandria Rezoning Plea

Long-Sought Project Brings Tie Vote In Council

Another public hearing on the application of J. Dreifus & Sons to rezone the northwest corner of Prince and Union streets to E Industrial zone has been set for January 26 by the Alexandria City Council...

With one member absent, the Council was deadlocked, four-to-four, and although the rules of the Council provide for the defeat of a motion in the event of a tie vote, a subsequent motion for a rehearing was passed.

Led by Justice Prentice Edrington, residents of the 100 block of Prince street have waged a long battle against the rezoning. First passed some time ago over the protests of a delegation of Prince street property owners, the matter was reopened three weeks ago when Justice Edrington protested that signs advertising the proposed rezoning had not been properly posted.

Arnold's Name on Protest. At that time the Council voted to hold another public hearing, which took place last night, with Justice Edrington again voicing the protests of the residents. Judge Edrington said he had added the name of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, a new resident of the neighborhood, to the list of protesting property owners, and that news had prevented Mr. Arnold from being present.

After hearing petitions from the American Legion and its auxiliary, in favor of a 10 o'clock curfew law for children under 16, the Council voted to have an open discussion of the matter at the January 26 meeting. Representatives of civic groups will be invited.

The request of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. to change the name of Belmont road to the Park-fairfax subdivision in Preston road, because there is a Belmont road in another nearby development, was granted.

The sum of \$131 was appropriated to pay medical expenses of Policeman Benjamin F. Swann, who was shot in arresting a man several weeks ago.

Annexation Proposal. Preliminary to an executive session for final passage of the 1943 budget, the Council heard a request from Martin Greene, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for inclusion in the budget of \$100,000 to finance a survey to determine the possibilities of annexation of a portion of Fairfax County.

The chamber has favored such an annexation, and Mr. Greene said he had been informed that bills would be presented in the next session of the State Legislature to ban future annexations.

He said he believed that Alexandria should consider the need of bringing in new business after the war, adding that the present limits of the city make establishment of new industrial enterprises impossible because of lack of space.

Councilman Eugene Simpson expressed the belief a survey would not be necessary to prove that the city did not have the facilities to handle a larger population, citing effects of the recent flood on the sewer system as an example.

Woman Democrats Pick Silver Spring State. A slate of officers selected for election at the annual meeting of the Women's Democratic Club of Silver Spring in January has been chosen, as follows:

For president, Mrs. Willard Smallwood; first vice president, Mrs. Robert Poole; second vice president, Mrs. J. Howard Forsyth; recording secretary, Mrs. Calvin Schaeffer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Louis Yost, sr.; treasurer, Mrs. Chester Naumowicz; parliamentarian, Mrs. Arthur L. Blakeslee, and auditor, Miss Alice Jones.

Members named to be elected as precinct chairmen are: Mrs. Einar Christensen, 2d; Mrs. Poole, 5th; Mrs. Jackson Lusby, 7th; Mrs. Donnell Masson, 8th; Mrs. John Geary, 10th; Mrs. Lauman T. Faulconer, 11th; Mrs. Ralph A. Wells, 12th; Mrs. Dyke Cullum, 13th, and Mrs. E. Francis McDevitt, 14th.

British Seamen In Baltimore Get Many Yule Bids. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—"If half the Royal Navy were docked here, I still wouldn't be able to supply enough lads for Baltimore families who want British seamen to share Christmas Day with them."

Thus John Melvin, manager of the local British Merchant Navy Club, sums up the club's major Christmas-time dilemma.

He spent a good portion of last week arranging the menu for a typical English yuletide dinner, complete with the traditional plum pudding, which the club had planned to serve to merchant and Royal Navy men in port here.

Two Flight Officers From Maryland Die In Texas Crash

Dickerson and Baltimore Men Among Three Killed in Accident



FLIGHT OFFICER HAROLD B. JEFFERS.

Two Maryland men were among three officers of the Midland (Tex.) Army Air Forces Bomber School who were killed when their training plane crashed soon after its takeoff from the Waco Army Flying School field.

They were Flight Officers Harold Benton Jeffers, 23, of Dickerson, and William Frederick Venke, 23, of Baltimore. Second Lt. Harry Dorr Giles, 22, of Whittier, Ariz., also died in the crash.

Army officials announced yesterday that the three men were returning to Midland Monday night from a routine navigation flight when the accident occurred.

Flight Officer Jeffers, who was graduated as a staff sergeant and bomber pilot in October from Lubbock Field, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jeffers of Dickerson.

He was graduated from Folesville High School in June, 1940, where he was active in sports and president of the student council.

He attended the University of Maryland until he enlisted in the Air Force in July, 1941, and since has been in training at Army Air Force training schools at San Antonio, Lubbock Field and Midland.

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24 Prince William Men To Be Inducted Monday. Special Dispatch to The Star. MANASSAS, Va., Dec. 23.—Twenty-four Prince William County men have been ordered to report to Charlottesville for induction into the Army Monday, the Prince William Selective Service Board announced today.

The group includes: Lyons, George; Rife, John; O'Donnell, George; Dodson, Harry A.; Herlihy, P. J.; Herrick, Paul Steve; Conroy, William; Durkin, George W.; Pruzzon, Walter M.; Maxwell, Owen D.; Reid, Robert S.; Shelton, Hunter.

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All branches of the public library will close at 6 p.m. tomorrow, it has been announced by Miss Clara Herbert, librarian, and will remain closed Christmas Day.

100 Erring Motorists Given Graphic Lecture. BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—A group of about 100 motorists, all convicted of serious traffic violations, received a Christmas present yesterday from Commissioner of Motor Vehicles W. Lee Elgin—but with strings attached.

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112 From Rockville And Silver Spring Leave for Induction

Contingent Includes Seven Volunteer Officer Candidates

Seventy-nine men from the Silver Spring-Takoma Park area, including seven volunteer officer candidates, will leave for induction today.

The volunteer officer candidates are Philip Malcolm DeHass, Gerald Burton, Ritchie Lawrence, Leo Joyce, Howard Abram Whitehead, Davis Marion Ager, Paul Stewart and Jack Sale.

Other white registrants who left are: Palmer, Harry H.; Williams, K. J.; Burt, Thomas H.; Moore, Marcus L.; Henderson, R. F.; Godwin, James L.; Coker, Anthony B.; Birkbeck, Robinson; Jeffers, Parker D.; Harrison, Herbert T.; Hartman, Richard; Lidgon, Charles A.; Lyles, James E.; Simpson, Clifton S.; Jackson, James Earl; Johnson, E. H.; Smith, Lewis.

Wilson, Charles H.; Williams, J. O.; Smith, Marshall W.; Smith, Marshall W.; Curtis, Howard F.; Carroll, Forrest A.; Rigg, Jas. Howard; Fuller, Alvin; Chaney, James E.; Jackson, Stanley E.; Hickey, James A.

County Draft Board Calls 60 for January 1 Induction. Prince Georges County (Md.) Draft Board, No. 3, at Upper Marlboro announced today that 40 white and 20 colored selective service registrants have been ordered to report at 7:30 a.m. January 1 at the board's office in the Marlboro Courthouse before leaving for the Army induction center at Baltimore.

The 40 white men are: Tayman, Charles A.; Miller, Henry R.; Reed, Arthur E.; Fort, William W.; Blanford, George A.; Rader, Daniel H.; Gaddy, T. L., Jr.; Rader, Daniel H.; Travers, William P.; Hancock, Louis E.; Bowler, O. E.; Oliver, Walter C., Jr.; Walters, Brian; Conrad, Joseph E.; Spalding, John W.; Beyer, Paul P.; Pyles, Rhody O.

Johnson, B. M.; Washington, Daniel; Pinkney, William I.; Kiser, Charles F.; Strom, Harry; Rader, Daniel H.; Taylor, James H.; Somerville, Joseph A.; Somerville, Joseph A.

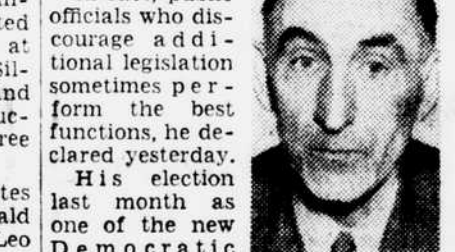
Clubwomen Fix Toys, Can't Find Children. BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. EMPORIA, Va., Dec. 23.—Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Emporia found a strange situation in their Christmas program to aid the unfortunate.

Fifteen members of the club collected toys, remodeled, restored and repainted them—only to find that there are no children to whom they may give the gifts.

An appeal to the Department of Public Welfare failed to bring any suggestions.

Delegate Pumphrey to Oppose 'Lot of Maryland Legislation'

Prince Georges Member Declares County Leaders 'Drafted' Him for Office



Mr. Pumphrey.

Mr. Roy Pumphrey of Meadows, a member of the Prince Georges County delegation to the State Legislature, is one attorney who does not believe in a "lot of legislation."

In fact, public officials who discourage an additional legislative session sometimes perform the best functions, he declared yesterday.

His election last month as one of the new Democratic members of the House of Delegates from Prince Georges County marks the first time he has held political office—and he didn't even want the nomination.

"I was forced into it," he said. "County political leaders just came into my office and drafted me for the post."

This was Mr. Pumphrey's second attempt to obtain a seat in the House of Delegates. The first occurred about 20 years ago, when he was defeated in the primary.

To File Court Measure. The one factor that influenced him more than anything else into entering the race was his interest in legislation now pending before the Legislature providing for a reduction in the Maryland Court of Appeals from eight to six members.

The measure, which was defeated in the last term of the General Assembly, has been endorsed by the Maryland Bar Association and will be reintroduced this year, he explained.

Another provision in the bill would prohibit members of the Court of Appeals from doing trial work in the various circuit courts in the State. It is this provision to which Mr. Pumphrey is particularly opposed.

"I think trial work makes a judge better qualified to handle cases," he said. "It makes him more human."

Otherwise, he added, his chief efforts in the House of Delegates will be to prevent the passage of any "foolish" legislation.

Deputy Fire Marshals To Be Sworn In From Prince Georges Units

Men Will Investigate Possible Fire Hazards Throughout County

In a move to eliminate fire hazards in Prince Georges County, representatives of the county's 22 fire companies will be sworn in as deputy fire marshals by State Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontum at 8 p.m. Monday at the Cottage City firehouse.

The ceremonies, which are sponsored by the county Firemen's Association, headed by Philip J. Ryan, will be witnessed by the county commissioners.

The commissioners last week requested Mr. Gontum to appoint a "sufficient" number of deputies to investigate possible fire hazards.

Board Has No Authority. In a letter to Mr. Gontum, the commissioners pointed out that while there are a number of establishments that could be investigated, the board has no legislative authority over fire prevention.

Ten of the proposed deputies already have been selected by their fire companies and the remaining 12 are expected to be named within the next few days. The 10 men who have been recommended for appointment are:

T. Weston Scott, sr., Cottage City; R. H. Stone, Bladensburg; E. W. Genthner, Branchville; S. W. Earle, College Park; John H. Suter, Mount Rainier; Charles Vincenzo, Hyattsville; John M. Brown, Seat Pleasant; Frank Briguglio, Capitol Heights; Bernard Lochwood, Brentwood; and M. E. Elyar, Hillside.

Men Will Be Trained. Mr. Ryan explained that the deputies will be trained to inspect commercial establishments for fire hazards and report to Mr. Gontum.

Similar action is being taken by the 13 fire companies in Montgomery County. Irving W. Johnson, president of the County Volunteer Firemen's Association, said the names of those recommended for appointment will be certified by him shortly and presented to Mr. Gantum for final approval.

Mr. Ryan appealed to owners of commercial establishments in Prince Georges County to cooperate in the county fire prevention program, particularly with regard to inflammable decorations during the Christmas holiday.

Son to Replace Father. CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Dec. 23 (AP)—Thomas R. Moore, Jr., has been recommended for the postmaster position at Charles Town, to succeed his father, Thomas R. Moore, Representative Randolph, Democrat, of West Virginia announced yesterday. The elder Moore resigned effective January 1, 1943, because of ill health.

Named Frederick Agent. FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 23 (AP)—Miss Jesse Hammer, former Virginia home economics teacher, will succeed Miss Florence E. Williams as home demonstration agent for Frederick County.

Threat of Rationing Tie-up In Fairfax County Fades

County ration board officials said that three persons had called the board to report they had received such a generous allotment of their coupons, they would return some of them.

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Heating Plant Conversion OK'd In Montgomery

Two Schools, County Office Affected by Order

Conversion of heating plants at two Montgomery County schools and the new County Office Building in Rockville from oil to coal has been authorized by the county commissioners.

The schools are the Leland Junior High in Bethesda and the Silver Spring Intermediate School. Dr. Edwin W. Broome, county superintendent of schools, told the commissioners yesterday that the move was caused by the fuel oil shortage. He said the cost of conversion would approximate \$800.

According to Frank J. Davis, in charge of school property, the two schools are the only ones in the county which burn oil.

Paris Assured. He said county officials had been assured that they would receive the necessary parts for the conversion. The parts are expected to be sent within the next three weeks, and the work of converting the furnaces completed in two weeks after that.

While one of the two motors in the oil furnace at the Leland School is defective, Mr. Davis said he hoped to have it repaired by the end of the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Davis said the two schools will continue to hold classes during the conversion. Each of the schools has two oil burners, he explained, and the other burners will be converted at a time.

The new County Office Building houses the Board of Education and the Health Department. Other agencies will be transferred to the building soon.

Inspector Submits Report. Alvie A. Moxley, inspector of weights and measures, reported to the commissioners that of 469 measuring pumps inspected between September 15 and December 15, 432 were found correct. Of 492 scales inspected, 481 were correct.

The board also received a report by the Montgomery County Liquor Control Board showing a net profit of \$24,497.45 for the three months ended September 30.

Tighman G. Brandenburg was reappointed a special emergency policeman for a term expiring January 31, 1943. The resignation of Willard L. Souder, Jr., as a clerk in the county accountant's office was accepted by the board.

Nursery Permit Issued. The commissioners granted a permit to the Rev. J. H. F. Fox, of the Alexandria Commission for the use of the Brandenburg residence, on the Rockville Pike near Montrose, as a nursery.

Between 25 and 40 children of workers at the purchasing commission in Washington will be cared for at the home during the day.

J. Forest Walker, clerk of the board, said no opposition had been expressed at a hearing last week.

300 Attend Oil Complaint Session in Alexandria

About 300 persons braved last night's weather to attend the second session of the Alexandria Ration Board to present complaints of fuel oil allotment.

Chairman Charles M. Jones said errors were found in about 25 cases and these were corrected immediately.

Mr. Jones said home owners were requesting the board to cancel coupons from the fourth and fifth period in order to procure additional coupons now.

"They are only putting off the agony," Mr. Jones said.

\$1,143,397 Is Low Bid On Williamsburg Road. BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—A low bid with a cost schedule of \$1,143,397 was submitted yesterday by W. S. Starn for construction of 13.76 miles of highway on Route 168 east of Williamsburg, the State Highway Department announced.

Two 11-foot lanes along the sides of the present road will be constructed. Work is already under way by two other contracts on a project beginning at Newport News. The two projects will provide a four-lane highway between Newport News and Williamsburg.

Blackwell Engineering & Construction Co. of Warrenton was low bidder at \$29,767.65 on a sidewalk project on Route 237 in Arlington County.

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Photo Shows Bogus Major Standing Near Roosevelt

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A bogus Army major appeared near President Roosevelt in a picture taken during last Armistice Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, a police department trial of a Queens patrolman disclosed yesterday.

Milton H. Dunwoody, for 18 years a patrolman, admitted on the stand that he was guilty of three charges connected with illegal wearing of the uniform of an Army major and of making a false statement to a superior.

Acting Lt. Thomas Crane of the Creedmore precinct testified that a picture clipped from a New York newspaper of November 12 showed Dunwoody, wearing a major's uniform, "almost on top" of the President.

Lt. Crane added that when Patrolman Dunwoody was arrested on December 6 he first claimed he was attached to the interceptor command at Mitchell Field but later admitted he was not a major.

Dunwoody pleaded innocent to two other charges involving disposition of a revolver and of living at an out-of-the-city address in violation of departmental regulations.

Third Deputy Police Commissioner Michael A. Lyons reserved decision and said he would forward a report and recommendations to Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine.

Marriage License Applications

Under D. C. law, couples must apply for a marriage license on one day, wait three full days and receive their license on the fifth day. Sundays and holidays are counted the same as other days.

Earl Carlin, 21, 520 Sheridan st. n.w. and Vivian Iard, 23, 1225 Tewksbury n.w. the Rev. Edgar Henry King, 1934 U st. n.w. and Mildred Parker, 1934 U st. n.w. the Rev. G. Porter.

Lt. George Donaldson, 22, 4008 22nd st. n.e. and Floral Noble, 2, 4016 22nd st. n.e. the Rev. R. Mussen.

George Allen, 22, Bethesda, Md. and Helen Adam, 21, 817 Rhode Island ave. n.w. the Rev. J. E. Higgins.

William Sheppard, 24, United States and District of Columbia, and Elizabeth Kenneth Warren, 20, Fort Monmouth, N. J. and Catherine Marie Anderson, 17, Takoma Park, Md. and William W. White, 20, Footsville, Md. and Catherine Louise Boland, 27, Germantown, Md.

Raymond Harrison, 25, and Lee Pitts, 25, both Washington.

Robert Earl Kirk, 24, Alexandria, Va. and Wanda Lee Briner, 20, Chevy Chase, Md. and Myra Livingston Jones, 19, Dickerson, Md.

James C. Crawford, 27, and Mary Graham, 25, both of Washington.

Fred Herman Dietz, 22, Bethesda, Md. and Vivienne Annice Davis, 24, Dallas, Tex.


Bells of British Churches To Sound Christmas Day

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Church bells will ring in England Christmas Day. The Ministry of Home Security announced the ban would be lifted between 9 a.m. and noon. A war rule provides the bells are to be rung only as a warning of invasion.

Church bells rang throughout England November 15, however, when the rule was suspended to celebrate the victory in Egypt.

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John Robinson, 43, and Doris Galewood, 27, Washington.
Bernard Adams, 20, and Marie Shaw, 18, both of New York.
Charles W. Borax, 37, and Hazel Crown, 40, both of Alexandria.
James M. Hall, 21, Toca, Pa. and Dorothy M. Burn, 21, Manders, Pa.
John Calvin Alexander, 22, Trenton, Tenn., and Carolyn Shirley, 19, Washington.
Edmund Allan Huddleston, 24, and E. Geraldine Jean Glenn, 21, both of Philadelphia.
William J. Markus, 27, Prackville, Pa. and Betty L. Grimm, 22, Bedford County, Pa.

Issued at Rockville:
Harold B. Hansen, 40, and Esther Flaxman, 37, both of Washington.
Jerg L. Meuschke, 24, Washington, and Jean Schwab, 19, Cherokee, Okla.
Lawrence Everett Koehler, 28, Newark, Ohio.

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James C. Whisman, 80, 706 8th st. n.w.

William W. Moroney, 78, 1608 V st. s.e.

Sarah E. Scott, 77, 650 E st. s.e.

James G. Weston, 77, 3232 Warder st. n.w.

James E. Seiff, 74, United States Soldiers' Home.

John F. Miller, 70, United States Soldiers' Home.

Josephine Waslewski, 70, 3720 Upton st. n.w.

William T. Knobloch, 68, 1408 New Jersey ave. n.w.

George W. King, 68, Vienna, Va.

Nellie A. Smith, 64, 833 7th st. s.e.

Ne Kolodons, 48, 437 Decatur st. Netherbe Weaver, 48, All States Hotel.

Marjorie Powell, 48, 1708 14th st. s.e.

Merna O. Keller, 43, 1244 10th st. n.w.

Mary T. Hoke, 41, Barboursville, Md.

Charles Holt, 32, 1514 D st. s.e.

Infant, 1228 Randolph st. s.e.

Elizabeth Thomas, 75, 216 Canal st. n.w.

Thomas R. Raines, 68, 1423 Jackson st. n.e.

Wilson W. Hinton, 64, 923 Eya st. n.w.

Estelle Wilkerson, 51, 2004 15th st. n.w.

Morton Brown, 51, Alexandria, Va.

Neil Ferguson, 50, 1335-a Carrollburg st.

Benjamin Boyd, 38, 820 23rd st. n.w.

Sam Bush, 38, 221 1/2 W st. n.e.

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Carlton and Esther Blum, boy.
Erly and Hannah Drury, girl.
William and Lillian Gartin, boy.
Jerry and Margaret Poytik, girl.
Seymour and Jeanne Gordon, boy.
Donald and Mary Gonzales, girl.
Alfred and Lena Halalip, girl.
Benjamin and Pauline Hester, boy.
Robert and E. Agnes Hershman, boy.
George and Adeline Howell, girl.
Edward and Nettie Kramer, boy.
Victor and Tom Lee, boy.
Frank and Margaret Miller, girl.
Romer and Ethel Moran, boy.
Forest and Leone Park, boy.
Stephen and Rita Romano, boy.
Carl and Frances Shilzer, boy.
Abraham and Esther Solomon, boy.

Jack and Eugenia Thines, girl.
Mondell and Hilda Crew, girl.
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This is war. You're going to be disappointed (or have, already) not to find all the things you've been accustomed to buying at Garfinckel's. There are lots of things that simply aren't to be found for their materials have gone to war... you know the list, as well as we... but the good American spirit grins and says, "skip it."



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Gay Pre-Christmas Fetes Given for the Young Set

Other Parties for the Senior Members of Capital Society

The festive holiday spirit was manifest yesterday in a number of parties which interested diplomats, resident society and the young people here for Christmas. The annual Christmas dance of Miss Minnie Hawkes which has been an institution in the Capital for many years, was given last evening in the Sulgrave Club. The younger teen-age boys and girls danced from 7 to 10 o'clock and the next older young people came in about the latter hour and danced until 1 o'clock. These parties are always extremely simple with only fruit punch and small cakes and cookies being served as refreshment and many of the members of these dancing classes are the grandchildren of Miss Hawkes' students in her early years.

The Danish Minister and Mme. de Kauffmann were obliged to cancel the dinner which they planned for their daughter, Miss Tilda de Kauffmann, owing to the latter's illness and she also was forced to miss the dance. However, her parents and her doctor expect her to be up and about by Christmas Day. Among other dinner parties planned before the dance was that of Mrs. Richard Kearny for her daughter, Miss Edmonia Kearny, and patronesses for the dance included many prominent in resident circles of Washington.

The Chinese Ambassador and Mme. Wei were hosts at the Embassy last evening, entertaining a group of officials from the Far East division in the State Department and a number of others who have close connections with China. The party was a buffet supper with many delectable Chinese dishes. The Naval Attache of the Argentine Embassy and Senora de Brunet gave a party at the tea hour, entertaining in compliment to the famous United States pianist, Olga Samoroff Stokowski and the equally famous Argentine pianist, Marisa Regules, who spent yesterday in Washington. They were accompanied by Mrs. Stokowski's daughter, Sonia Stokowski, who has been in California doing motion-picture work. Senora de Regules played in Washington in January of this year with the National Symphony Orchestra, and last month gave a recital in New York City where she was enthusiastically received.

The Argentine Ambassador and Senora de Espinoza among the guests yesterday and others included Mme. Potitch, wife of the Yugoslav Ambassador, who also is a gifted and cultivated pianist. The Chilean Ambassador and Senora de Michels with their daughter, Senorita Cristina Michels, and the Argentinian Ambassador and Senora de Bianco were among others from the diplomatic corps at the party. The Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller were among the group of officials with others from the State Department and their wives who met the musicians yesterday.

Mrs. Thomas Rollins Wed Yesterday To Dr. F. H. Shultz

Former Representative George M. Pritchard of Asheville, N. C., announces the marriage of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Rollins, to Dr. Frank Hood Shultz of this city. The wedding took place yesterday at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Emmet C. Guder. The Rev. Arm and Eyer, rector of St. Margaret's Church, officiated in the presence of relatives and intimate friends. Mrs. Shultz is the daughter of the late Senator Jeter Conly Pritchard of North Carolina. He was also judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Fourth Judicial District. Mrs. Shultz was the widow of Mr. Thomas Rollins, North Carolina attorney. Dr. Shultz is the son of the late Judge William S. Shultz of Lancaster, Ohio. Judge Shultz represented his district in the Ohio State Legislature and later served as special attorney for the Department of Justice under President Cleveland.

Wedding Notices
The Star sometimes receives requests to print notices of weddings that have taken place as long as a week or more previously. Under ordinary circumstances, The Star cannot grant such requests. Notices of weddings must be received by The Star in advance of or on the date of the ceremony, and must bear a signed authorization.

Caroline Embry Honor Guest at Luncheon Party

Mrs. Embry Hostess For Her Debutante Daughter Yesterday

Mrs. Barton Stone Embry entertained at a luncheon yesterday at the Sulgrave Club in honor of her daughter, Miss Caroline Embry, who is home for the holidays from Sweet Briar College. Guests were received in the drawing room where bouquets and baskets of flowers were arranged. Spring flowers in simple arrangement decorated the decorations for the table in the ballroom where the luncheon was served. Assisting Miss Embry were her cousin, Miss Catherine Cowen, Miss Gloria Guder and Miss Elaine Trimble. Each assistant wore a corsage of pink roses and Miss Embry wore a corsage of orchids. Seated at a small table with Mrs. Embry were her sister, Mrs. Edward Garrett Cowen, and Mrs. James Ailensworth of Hopkinsville, Ky., a life-long friend. Among Miss Embry's many guests were Miss Carter Randolph Andrews, Miss Patricia Baker, Miss Jewel Davis, Miss Beatrice Dingwell, Miss Dorothea Drayton, Miss Corinna English, Miss Eileen Erwin, Miss Ann Guthrie, Miss Margaret Hambley, Miss Emille Jones, Miss Marianna Kyle, Miss Mimi Langer, Miss Nancy McEmery, Miss Mary Mitchell, Miss Laura May Norris, Miss Mary O'Neal, Miss Jane Pickens, Miss Julia Anne Sparman, Miss Virginia Summers, Miss Louise Vance, Miss Blanca Vargas and Miss Lyn Wilkins. Miss Josephine Culbertson, who was also present, will be the honor guest at a tea dance to be given January 2 in the Sapphire room of the Mayflower by her parents, Col. and Mrs. William S. Culbertson.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe Gives Luncheon in Honor of Haitian Envoy

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American Union, entertained at a luncheon yesterday afternoon in honor of the Minister of Haiti, M. Andre Liautaud, giving the party in the Pan-American annex. Other guests who were there to meet the Minister included the president of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, Mr. Warren Lee Pierson; M. Dantes Bellegarde, former Minister of Haiti to the United States; M. Elie Garcia, secretary, and Col. Roche B. Laroché, Military Attache of the Legation of Haiti; Dr. Alberto Lasplaza of Uruguay; the assistant director of the Pan-American Union, Dr. Pedro de Alba; the director of the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Hugh E. Cumming; the assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Alexander Wetmore; the chief of the Division of the American Republics of the Department of State, Mr. Philip W. Bonsal; Mr. Laurence Duggan, Mr. William L. Schurz, and Dr. Richard Pattee of the Department of State.

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Margaret Bixler, Corpl. Howell Are Married

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The Calvary Methodist Church in Arlington was the scene of the marriage of Miss Margaret Elizabeth Bixler to Corpl. Odie Robert Howell Jr., which took place last evening at 8 o'clock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Glen Bixler of Arlington and Corpl. Howell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Robert Howell, also of Arlington. The Rev. Thomas G. Betschler performed the ceremony. Mrs. E. J. Skidmore, organist, played traditional wedding music, and Miss Betty Moore sang two selections before the ceremony. Mrs. Earle W. Griffith, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor wearing a gown of teal-blue satin and carrying a bouquet of Johanna Hill roses. Miss Dorothy Hollins of Lanexa, Va., and Mrs. William I. Taylor of Alexandria were other attendants for the bride. They wore gowns of old rose satin and carried bouquets of tallman roses. Junior bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Howell, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Gertrude McGrew, both of Arlington. Their gowns were in dusty rose and their bouquets were of pink roses. Mary Laurida Betschler, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Betschler, was the flower girl. She wore a long powder-blue satin frock and a matching hair ribbon bow. Her nosegay was of pink sweet peas. Mr. Bixler gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of ivory brocade satin styled with a high neckline, long sleeves and a fitted basque. The full skirt of the gown fell into a long full circular train. Her veil was of ivory illusion and it was held by a halo of ivory satin trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses and snapdragons with a white orchid in the center. Corpl. Howell had his brother, Mr. Richard E. Howell, as his best man and serving as ushers were Mr. Earle W. Griffith, Mr. H. Burton Bates, Mr. Jackson W. Ross, Jr., Lt. Donald W. Sheehan, U. S. A., and Mr. William I. Taylor. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Miss Virginia Vaughan of Richmond, Miss Wanda Getz of Harrisonburg, Va., and Miss Louise Vaughn of Lewes, Del. When Corpl. and Mrs. Howell left for a wedding trip to Miami Beach, Fla., the bride was wearing a dress of powder-blue crepe with a matching hat and black accessories. Her black cloth coat was trimmed with a mink collar and she wore a white orchid corsage. The bride is a graduate of Washington-Lee High School and is a senior at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Va. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi national honor society. Corpl. Howell is also a graduate of Washington-Lee High School. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and George Washington University. At the present time he is serving in the Army Air Corps at Miami Beach.



MRS. ODIE ROBERT HOWELL, Jr. —Hessler Photo.

Engagements of Three Local Girls Announced by Their Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Dion S. Birney announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Agnes Miller Birney, to Mr. Robert Valentine Bean, Jr., of Boston. Miss Birney, who made her debut here in June of 1940, is a graduate of Mount Vernon Seminary. She completed two years of study at Wells College and is now in her final year at the Department of Drama of Yale University. Mr. Bean was graduated from Darby Academy in Boston and received his degree from the Yale Drama School in June. He is now in military training at Camp Gruber, Okla. The engagement of Miss Nancy Eleanor Lawrence to Mr. A. Lawrence Hart, Jr., is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence. Mr. Hart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence Hart of Patchogue, Long Island. The wedding is to take place January 9 at the home of the bride. Miss Lawrence is a graduate of the Ethel Walker School and Harcourt Junior College. Mr. Hart was graduated from the Hotchkiss School and will be graduated from Princeton University next month. He is a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve and is waiting to be called to active duty. Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Gildenhorn announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Meriam Gildenhorn, to Mr. Eugene Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shapiro of this city, formerly of Philadelphia. The bride-elect studied at the University of Maryland and is now attending George Washington University. Mr. Shapiro attended Temple University in Philadelphia and is a graduate of George Washington. Cadet Joseph T. Dunn Entertained Monday At Surprise Party Cadet Joseph T. Dunn, who has come from Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Va., was the guest of honor at a surprise party Monday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Dunn, Arlington. Miss Nancy Noyes and Miss Charlotte Call assisted Mrs. Dunn as hostesses. There was dancing during the evening and a buffet supper at midnight. Guests included Miss Martha Lamborn, Miss Eleanor Hoffman, Miss Ruth Kirwan, Miss Charlotte Smith, Miss Betsy Andrews, Mr. Norman Humphrey, Mr. Edward Johnston, Mr. Gregory Noyes, Mr. Joseph Morgan, Mr. Arthur Fridinger, Mr. Art Brown and Mr. Robert O'Neill.

Ration Board Wisdom
PLAINVIEW, Tex. (AP)—Motorists read this sign in the War Price and Rationing Board's office: Big aches from little A-cards grow.

Entertain Guest
Lt. Col. and Mrs. R. A. Boone have with them for the holiday season Mrs. Alice Herierson, New York, who arrived this morning. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cunningham will entertain at an informal party in honor of Mrs. Herierson, whose friendship with Col. and Mrs. Boone dates back to their sojourn in China.

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By the Way—

Less than a year ago, last March to be exact, the victory booth of the American Women's Voluntary Services for Washington began. With Mrs. Robert McKay as chairman and Mrs. Pearsons Rust as vice chairman and a group of eight other volunteer workers the victory booth started by borrowing \$150 from the AWVS, with which to purchase merchandise. At the present writing it has cleared for the AWVS over \$3,000. And considering that the markup on everything sold is only 30 per cent this seems almost phenomenal. \$1,100 has already been deposited to the credit of the victory booth this month. This, of course, isn't all clear, but it represents the gross sales so far for December. There are several reasons for this success. First and foremost is the ability and foresight of the ladies who work for it. That original group of eight volunteer saleswomen has now been increased to about 30 and then there is no overhead—that bugaboo that cuts so sharply into the profits of a commercial shop. The Mayflower Hotel contributes space, gratis, for the booth which is staffed by three AWVS workers each day and the other booth is at the AWVS headquarters on Florida avenue, also of course, minus overhead. Another reason for the success is the quality and appeal of the merchandise that is sold. You can buy anything from a tiny dollar key-ring flashlight to a snappy fitted overnight bag and they are all attractive, too. Mrs. McKay's job is the buying. Through her great friend Mrs. William Woodward, who runs the victory booth for the New York AWVS, she sees that the Nation's Capital gets the same up-to-the-minute bags and compacts and clips and patriotic cards and cigarette boxes, etc., that smart New Yorkers flock to buy. In fact, sometimes the Washington victory booth is even better stocked than its source of supply in New York. As it was the time that one of the AWVS workers here went to look at the New York booth and found it pretty depleted. When she inquired about several of the best-sellers which weren't on hand she was told by the New York AWVS worker that they seemed to be all gone, because Mrs. McKay in Washington had commandeered them all for the Washington booth. Mrs. Rust's job as vice chairman is to superintend the mechanics of the booth's smooth running. She sees to it that each booth is daily staffed with volunteer workers, takes inventory of all stock and, with Mrs. Frank Mirth, keeps the books. In the beginning inventory of stock and keeping the books wasn't the tremendous job that it has now become. For the stock was very limited. There were samples of the different things on sale and orders were taken for any additional sales. Now the stock on hand equals that of a good many fairly good-sized gift shops, and since the sales have increased in proportion with the increase in stock—keeping those books is just about a full-time job. But like everything else that she does Mrs. Rust takes her AWVS work in her stride. Calmly and efficiently. She's one of the best-dressed young women in town and perhaps the very best groomed. You will never—even after her busiest day—see a hair out of place or a wrinkle in her smartly fitting grey-blue uniform. You will never find her anything but gay and cheery and amusing at dinner, lovely and soignée in her smart, sleek evening clothes. She's a wonderful bridge player and a good golfer and she looks, every one agrees, far too young to be the mother of a pretty young sub-deb daughter.

Mrs. Talbot Away

Mrs. Alfred L. Talbot is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. E. Lanham at 3805 Hawthorne avenue, Richmond, Va. She will be unable to return to Washington for the holiday season due to the serious illness of Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Fox Returns

Mr. Richard Fox has returned from a visit to Watkins Glens, N. Y., where Mr. Fox is detained by the illness of relatives. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gucker, 1201 M street N.W., where he formerly resided.

Spend Holidays Here

Mrs. Calvin H. Cobb, wife of Rear Admiral C. H. Cobb, U. S. N.; Midshipman Calvin H. Cobb, Jr., and Mr. Warrington C. Cobb are at the Shoreham Hotel where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Frances Douglas Becomes Bride Of Mr. G. P. Kalv

Rev. Peter Marshall Reads Nuptial Vows In Lincoln Chapel

White flowers, palms, ferns and candelabra decorated the Lincoln Chapel of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for the marriage of Miss Frances Palmer Douglas to Mr. George Paul Kalv which took place last evening. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Louis Douglas of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mr. Kalv is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Kalv of this city. The Rev. Peter Marshall officiated at the double ring ceremony and a program of nuptial music was presented before the ceremony by Mr. Benedict Genua, vocalist, and Mr. Charles Dana Beachler, organist. The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Samuel F. Hancock. She wore a gown of ivory tissue-crepe satin which was designed with a long fitted bodice. The full skirt and train were fashioned in rows of eyelet embroidered ruffles and the fitted sleeves of the gown ended in points over the wrists. A finger-tip veil of ivory illusion was gathered at the crown by clusters of orange blossoms. The bride carried a small ivory-covered Bible to which was attached an orchid and long satin streamers knotted with white violets. Miss Betty Gayle Wilkinson was the bride's maid of honor and the two bridesmaids were Miss Jean Mary Walker and Miss Margaret Backus. Their satin gowns were patterned after that of the bride's gown, styled with fitted bodices and full skirts. Miss Wilkinson wore a dusty rose gown and a tiara of carnations and daisy chrysanthemums which matched her shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were gowned in silver blue and also carried shower bouquets of carnations and chrysanthemums. Mr. Eugene A. Dedick acted as best man and the ushers were Mr. Merrill R. Brown and Mr. W. Stanley Machen. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Thomas Circle Club. For traveling the bride wore a blue wool suit with brown accessories and a corsage of orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Kalv will make their home in Washington after a wedding trip in Florida. The bride is a graduate of George Washington University. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and of Delta honor society. Mr. Kalv is an engineer in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance of the War Department. He is attending the School of Engineering at George Washington University where he is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, past-president of Theta Tau, professional engineering fraternity and the engineering school's governing body, the Engineers Council.

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Mrs. Pearsons Rust. —Harris and Ewins Photo.

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Women of Press Join in Luncheon 'Gossip Column'

President Sadler Reports on Events In Inner Circle

A verbal "gossip column" in which "news behind the news" was revealed to women who write the news was the high light of a luncheon of the Women's National Press Club yesterday, when members were guests of the management of the Willard Hotel.

Limited exclusively to the club membership, the affair provided a rare opportunity for press women to get together and exchange the latest "talk-talk" about each other.

Miss Christine Sadler, president of the club made announcements which ranged from the expected "blessed event" of one member to the recent arrest of another, suspected by Virginia police of being a spy.

The "spy," Miss Frances Benjamin Johnson, was asked to give a personal report of her experience while on a photographic mission to Lynchburg, the home of her ancestors, last summer. She explained how two small boys seeing her photographing from a railroad bridge, the only place from which she could "spot" her subject, the ford of a stream, reported her to local officials.

Considerable laughter followed her account, particularly the statement, "The thing that burned me up was the report that the suspected woman spoke with a decided foreign accent."

Loud applause greeted Miss Sadler's announcement that Pat O'Malley, formerly with the Civil Aeronautics Authority now in New York, would return to Washington.

Also that Marie Sauer, former Sunday editor of the Washington Post, now in the WAVES, would also return to the city for duty.

Cordial welcome was extended to the one non-member present, Miss Mary-Lou Jones, whose aunt, the late Ruth Jones, society editor of the Times Herald, was one of the club's most popular members.

Miss Jones, who is the guest of Mary MacCracken Jones and Hazel Edgar while on vacation from college in Cleveland, was introduced as a young architect who will receive her degree in February.

Miss Jones is the daughter of John Paul Jones of Cleveland, Ohio, who claims direct relationship to the family of the American Naval hero.

Following the luncheon two Santa Clauses, Jessie Pant Evans and Kathleen Holmes, passed gifts contributed by members of those attending.

Gospel Mission Host to Children

Thirty-two kindergarten youngsters of the Gospel Mission were to be entertained today at the annual Christmas party given by the Sunshine and Community Society.

A gift and a bag of Christmas "goodies" has been provided for each of the children by a committee headed by Mrs. A. T. Reid and assisted by Mrs. F. C. Greve, Mrs. George Cook and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Donations by the individual members provided refreshments.

Walter Reed Gifts Prepared

One hundred gifts for soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital recently returned from the front lines have been prepared by the Credit Women's Breakfast Club as its Christmas project.

Items in the packages include candy, cigarettes, shaving cream, tooth paste, games and other articles.

The gifts have been delivered for distribution on Christmas morning.

Meet at Center

The Washington Auxiliary of the National Home for Jewish Children at Denver will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jewish Community Center with a guest speaker from the social service.

The organization will hold a testimonial luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on January 12 at the Wardman Park Hotel in honor of Mrs. Doris Samakow, recent president. Mrs. Blanche Alloy is chairman.



Miss Camilla Rushton, daughter of Col. Marion Rushton, was among the JANGOS assisting in decorating the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Club at 1015 L street N.W. this week. She is shown putting on the finishing touches to a small tree on the canteen counter, while Pvt. (First Class) Lloyd D. Thomas, from Camp Pickett, contributes suggestions. The canteen will be the scene of a gay dinner Christmas when 100 servicemen will be served by members of the Women's Army and Navy League.

—Star Staff Photo.

Zonta Yule Cards Omitted To Give Mailman a Lift

Club's December Bulletin, However, Carries Appropriate Holiday Greetings

By Frances Lide.

In an effort to give the mailman a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," members of the Zonta Club dispensed with the custom of exchanging individual Christmas cards this year.

But the tradition was preserved through the club's monthly bulletin, which carried appropriate greetings in its December issue.

To make the matter quite personal, each Zontian listed her name under an over-all holiday wish in the section devoted to "members' doings."

Voted as a war measure, the omission also will help swell the club's treasury, for funds which otherwise would have gone into cards and postage are being donated to the Ways and Means Committee.

A design featuring a map of the United States and a flag shield gives a patriotic motif to the Christmas card selected this season by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

In her holiday greeting Mrs. Whitehurst has written: "May the Christmas season imbue you with the faith necessary for victory, for the return to religion and for the preservation of our representative form of government."

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Living in Drummond

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Harris, who recently came to Washington from England are now located in Drummond, Md. Mr. Harris is on duty in Washington with the British Admiralty.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris entertained at dinner Saturday evening and among their guests were Lt. H. C. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner, Mr. F. R. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knowlson and Lt. Harry Whitley, U. S. N., and Mrs. William Medeiros.

Curley Club

Because its regular meeting date falls on Christmas eve, the Curley Club has postponed the session until Tuesday, according to an announcement. It will be held at 8:15 p.m. at the Continental Hotel.

Last Minute Gifts from BECKERS 1314 F ST. N.W. Mean More

Mount Holyoke Club to Curtail Meetings Here

Dinner to Dr. Ham To Be First Event On 1943 Calendar

Making a sort of New Year resolution to conserve time, energy and transportation whenever possible, the Mount Holyoke Club has decided for the remainder of the season to meet only when important business sessions and social activities can be combined.

First event on the 1943 calendar will be a dinner in honor of Dr. Roswell G. Ham, president of Mount Holyoke College and Mrs. Ham to be held at 8 p.m. January 29 at Pierce Hall, sixteenth and Harvard streets N.W.

In an address on the subject, "Mount Holyoke Goes to War," Dr. Ham will include a report on the work of the 500 WAVES now training at the college.

A number of Mount Holyoke students will be able to join alumnae and prospective students at the dinner for the college has extended its holiday season until February 1 this year.

In the meantime officials of the club are looking forward to a meeting with Miss Gertrude Bruyn, field secretary of the college, who will be in Washington January 13 and 14 to interview friends and alumnae of Mount Holyoke.

Mrs. C. Irving Brown, president of the club, will entertain Miss Bruyn and members of the Executive Committee at a tea.

The junior group of the club will turn its February evening meeting into a dance for servicemen, according to an announcement by Sylvia Hubbell, junior group chairman.

A late spring social and business meeting will close the club's calendar for 1942-43.

Miss Mills Is Home

Miss Julia Mills returned last Wednesday to her home here to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan B. Mills. She is a student at Sweet Briar College and made her debut last year at the Sulgrave Club.

Miss Mills will leave Christmas Day for West Point for the Christmas festivities there.

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Social Notes In Nearby Communities

Mrs. Francis Darcy Honored at Party In Silver Spring

Mrs. Francis B. Darcy, who, before her marriage last month to Corp. Darcy of the United States Marine Corps, was Miss Barbara Smith of Silver Spring, was honored with a surprise bridal shower last evening by the Misses Barbara and Carolyn Seivour at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Seivour of Silver Spring.

The centerpiece for the table was a cleverly arranged marine encampment and other decorations were carried out in the motif of marine service. Among the guests were Miss Joyce Tobin of Chicago, who is visiting at the Seivour home during the holidays; Miss Ann McDonald, who is home from the woman's college of the University of North Carolina; Miss Alice Dinger, who is here from her studies at Washington College; Miss Alice Davey, Miss Rosemary Weidman, Miss Joyce Reside, Miss Lorraine Young, Miss Winifred Meyerson, Miss Ruth Magee, Miss Patricia McDaniel, Miss Jean Roby, the Misses Louise, Barbara and Jean Eastman, Miss Constance Young, who is on her winter holiday at Northwestern University; Miss June Lee Cowell, Mrs. Frank Smith, mother of the honor guest, and Mrs. Seivour, mother of the hostesses.

Bride-Elect Feted In Takoma Park

Honoring Miss Dorothy McQuillan of Boston, Mass., and Washington, whose marriage to Mr. John Hanrahan of Boston will take place

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in that city during the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Jesse J. Ramsdell of Takoma Park and Miss Alice Warren of Boston entertained at a tea and surprise shower Sunday afternoon at Mrs. Ramsdell's home. The yuletide motif was attractively carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

Assisting in the dining room were Miss Beverly Ramsdell and Mrs. Charles Ramsdell of Takoma Park and the Misses Flora White and Eva Heath of Vancouver, Canada. The bride-elect, who has been doing war work in Washington, will leave tomorrow for Boston to be with relatives until the wedding.

Miss Gwin Visits In Arlington

Miss Florence Gwin has come from Denton, Tex., where she is a student at State College for Women to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaine Gwin of North Arlington. Their nephew, Lt. J. Heath Gwin, of the Signal Corps, who has been transferred from Dallas to Washington, is also their guest.

Mrs. O. P. Thomas and small son, Mrs. Norma Hardy Britton of South Arlington, Comdr. Thomas, who has also been with them, has left for his future post.

Lt. and Mrs. Joseph N. Stonesifer

of Arlington Forest have returned from a week's visit in Chicago with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Stonesifer.

Mr. Alger Lindsey Loving has left for Lakehurst, N. J., after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Loving of North Arlington. Mr. Loving came from Athens, Ga., where he recently completed the course at the Navy Pre-Flight Training School. He has been assigned to the naval aviation station at Lakehurst for further training.

Stain Note

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Hollywood Girl Writers Decorate Favorite Stars

Cary Grant Improves, Voted Best Interview Subject During 1942

By ANDREW R. KELLEY.

When stars visit Washington their social affairs are invariably arranged by the local exchange, or the division managers who circulate their pictures. Usually they are patient under routine questions, agreeable victims of mass interviews, which rarely produce any news of positive value. Yet they are congenial servants of the publicity offices.

Out in Hollywood it appears to be different. With a large battalion of syndicate writers and independent scribes who want these celebrities at their beck and call. It has become an annual custom for the Hollywood Women's Press Club to decorate the stars who are most co-operative and those who scorn the regular avenues of publicity. Their new list has just been issued, makes interesting reading.



Andrew R. Kelley.

Cary Grant, the club voted, was movie land's least co-operative actor. But the girls got together to compare notes the other day and discovered that Grant, in 1942, was their favorite interview subject.

"Maybe his marriage (to Barbara Hutton) changed him," suggested the Press Club in announcing this year's golden-apple awards.

The girls agreed Rosalind Russell was the year's most co-operative actress.

Jean Arthur they voted the least co-operative actress, and George Sanders the least co-operative actor. Runners up to Jean were Ginger Rogers and Marlene Dietrich; to Sanders, Bing Crosby and Françoise Tukey.

Bob Hope and Vic Mature were a close second and third to Grant, while Barbara Stanwyck and Gene Tierney were runners up in the feminine division.

The club gives gold lapel pins in the form of an apple to the actresses and bookmarks, likewise adorned, to the men. And the least? "We just ignore them," said the spokesman.

Christmas Play Called Off. Washington this season will be without one of its most picturesque and traditional Christmas events, due to the omission of the Yuletide music-drama, "The Other Wise Man," which for many years has been given here in the historic Lutheran Church on Thomas Circle, as an event of the holiday week between Christmas and New Year Day.

Among other important and poignant reasons for the actual loss of manpower in the big cast of Washington actors, many of whom are serving their country in the armed forces in this country and abroad. Local actors who have played in this Christmas drama for many years and who are not here this season to play their parts include among others, S. Carlton Ayers and Howard Whitfield, who are in the Army stationed at Camp Lee, Va.; Sidney Basser and Eugene Kressin, who are in the Navy; George Fawcett, who is in the army, stationed somewhere in Mississippi; James Rawlin, in the Signal Corps, stationed in Missouri, and John Van Sicken, in the Marine Corps, sta-

tioned on the West Coast, or maybe farther away by this time.

Letters have been received from all these men, wishing they might be here to play in the Christmas drama for its eighteenth consecutive season, but the directors and sponsors of "The Other Wise Man" have decided to hold off the eighteenth annual production until December, 1943, in the hope that the entire cast may be assembled once again to play their parts in this story of the life journey of Artaban the Median in his search for the Christ Child.

About A. H. Woods' Play. A. H. Woods, absent from the managerial ranks for almost five years, returns to the production with this season with a new melodrama, "This Little Hand," by Willfred H. Pettitt, young Hollywood film writer, which he will launch for a week's engagement in advance of Broadway at the National Theatre on Monday evening, January 4.

This, incidentally, marks the 40th play to bear the Woods imprint since first the veteran impresario launched his still memorable "Bowery After Dark" in 1902.

Said to be unique in theme, "This Little Hand" has already excited Broadwayites privileged to sit in on some of the rehearsals, all of whom concede "Mr. Wood has something."

The play is further enhanced by the novelty of an all-female cast, all of whom are colorfully described by Mr. Woods' discerning press staff as "dazzling deceivers." And well they are since all are young, beautiful and dramatically impressive.

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IN THRILLER—Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake in a scene from "The Glass Key," which combines politics and gambling in an exciting picture, opening tomorrow on the screen of Loew's Capitol Theater. Brian Donlevy and William Bendix have important supporting roles.

March of Time Focuses on North Africa

Views New Campaign As Prelude to European Invasion

With the successful landing of Gen. Eisenhower's forces in North Africa, President Roosevelt has declared that we have reached the turning point of the war, "Prelude to Victory," the latest March of Time, takes for its stage the great North African battle front which has been the springboard of many European invasions in the course of history.

In a story which serves to make clear many of the hidden moves of the strategists who planned the North African campaign, this issue shows that this is actually "the first master blueprint of final victory." Now planning that final victory are the men who made this one possible—President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Admiral King, Gen. Marshall, Eisenhower, Somerville, and their supporters on the diplomatic front, Cordell Hull, Sumner Welles, Admiral Leahy, Robert Murphy.

Because the North African terrain plays an important part in the planning of future strategic moves to occupy the European continent, "Prelude to Victory" shows the places where the fighting is now going on, with particular emphasis on the great naval base at Bizerte, only 160 miles by air to Sicily. Italy's fortified island of Pantellaria can be seen from the mainland, in an exclusive March of Time shot.

Americans, naturally eager to see how our boys are fighting in North Africa, up to now have had to rely on censored radio and newspaper reports. "Prelude to Victory" brings to the screen for the first time the actual places where we are coming into hand-to-hand conflict with the Nazis.

Sentimental Censors Retouch Pirate Morgan

He Drank and Killed, But He Also Became Servant of Crown

HOLLYWOOD. Even though Henry Morgan, the pirate, pillaged English ships of millions in gold and silver bullion, the British Empire stands ready to defend him against any attacks.

Twentieth Century-Fox was required to submit its treatment of Morgan in "The Black Swan" to the British Board of Censors of the Lord Chamberlain's office. The English protect their crown and all its appointees, and they are interested in Sir Henry, not as a pirate, but because they named him governor of Jamaica after Charles II had pardoned and knighted him.

Laird Cregar plays Morgan in the film, which is a technical portrayal of the Pafael Sabatini novel. To avoid offending the censors, Cregar looks off no heads personally, although his men do, and Tyrone Power, who plays a fictitious character, duels George Sanders to the death.

Cregar never appears drunk in the film, though Morgan was famous for his drinking. The script also does not involve him in any love affairs. Nor does he play cards or gamble.

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Because she more closely resembled Dolores Moran than any other candidate, 8-year-old Francine Ruffo has been awarded a role as Miriam Hopkins' daughter in Warner Bros. "Old Acquaintance."

AMUSEMENTS.

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Betty Hutton Described as Another Ginger Rogers

Producer Declares She Can Do Everything, Comedy, Drama, Dance

By SHEILAH GRAHAM, North American Newspaper Alliance.

HOLLYWOOD.—Preston Sturges describes his new leading lady, Betty Hutton, as "another Ginger Rogers. She can do everything that Ginger does—comedy, drama, sing and dance."

The first time I saw Betty she was doing a comedy dance routine in "Panama Hattie" on the New York Stage. She then weighed 90 pounds. Now she tips the scale at 120 pounds. But this is not the only reason she loves Hollywood. She has found love here.

"My beau is in the Army," Betty tells me.

"Who is he?" I ask.

"Perc Westmore," she replies. The make-up man and hairdresser was formerly married to Gloria Dickson.

"He's stationed at Fort MacArthur," Betty continues, "and I go down there once a week to entertain the boys (and Perc)."

"Where's your engagement ring?" I want to know.

"My hairdresser wears it for me during the day," she explains. And sure enough the huge yellow sapphire diamond reposes on the finger of the girl who does her hair. For a moment I thought she meant that Perc was wearing it.

Talking about hairdressers and hair, Miss Hutton is a natural platinum blond. "But," she explains, "I have to dye it a yellow for the screen." Even when you are a natural blond in Hollywood (of which there are about two) you still have to be a phony blond for picture-making.

Rudy Valles Scores. To go back to Preston Sturges—and you can't keep away from him for long, I compliment him on the amazing job he did on Rudy Valles' "Palm Beach Story." Rudy plays a millionaire of Rockefeller riches and is excruciatingly funny.

"I saw him once play a romantic part, and he was terrible," says Mr. Sturges. "He played it straight, and the audience merely laughed at him. I decided to put his talents into a different channel where the audience would not laugh at him but with him. As a lover he is stiff. But this same stiffness as a comedy actor gets roars of laughter."

In short, Rudy plays the role straight, makes love to Claudette Colbert, and gives, in my opinion, one of the best comedy portrayals of the year. Preston concludes by describing him as "a hayseed with a Yale accent," which isn't bad.

Delayed Honeymoon. On the set of "From Here to Victory," Laraine Day tells me that she is still trying to get a honeymoon with Ray Hendriks, the boy she married six months ago. He is a civilian flight instructor and lives at Oxnard, some 50 miles from here.

"The day we were married I caught 'flu,'" says Laraine. "On the day that he came here on three weeks' leave, I had to start this picture. I have planned to go to Oc-

nard when it is finished, but I'll probably be assigned to entertain the boys overseas. If not, I'll probably go on another bond-selling tour. I guess our marriage will be over before it ever gets a chance to begin."

Laraine tells me that Barbara Hutton sometimes visits the set to watch Husband Cary Grant getting most of it is making love to Laraine. "She looks smart," comments Laraine. "But then any woman can look smart with all that money." Not always. One of the richest women I know is the worst dressed. Cary, by the way, departs January 15 for the Air Corps.

Comes Like Gin Rummy. The last time I saw Abbott and Costello, we were all on a plane going to Washington. They were playing gin rummy with a pile of dollar bills stacked on the side. When I visit the set of "Oh, Doctor," 18 months later, the boys are still playing gin rummy, with another pile of dollar bills (or is it the same) stacked on the side. This is the eleventh picture in three years for the fat and thin comics—which might be overdoing.

The boys have a new leading lady, lovely Ginny Simms, who used to perform the same chore for Kay

Kyser. Ginny now owns a 40-acre farm, and is not troubled by the current butter, milk and egg shortage. She has 24 cows and dozens of chickens. The only snag in her living bliss is that the farm is 16 miles from her studio (Universal), and war restrictions prevent her from getting a telephone. She has to drive half a mile to use phones of her neighbors—Lucille Ball or Martha Scott.

The transportation problem is solved by Pat Boy Abbott with his two scooters, and a tiny station wagon that gives him 40 miles to the gallon. It is one of the funnier sights of our town to see him queuing his huge bulk into the small door of the wagon.

Also in the picture is the attractive Elyse Knox, who married Photographer Paul Hesse eight months ago. Elyse was a powers model before her marriage, and tells me that the chief difference between now and then is that her husband used to pay her to model for him. Now she does it for nothing. "I was ever thus, Elyse."

Prelinger Has Much On His Mind

HOLLYWOOD.

Otto Prelinger, actor in 20th Century-Fox's picture "Margin for Error" is sometimes a problem to Otto Prelinger, director of the same production—and vice versa.

But they are both problem children to Cameraman Eddie Cronjager.

After he had been thrice murdered (shot, stabbed and poisoned) in the film version of that Broadway stage hit, Otto the actor, opened one eye so Otto the director could watch the rest of the cast play the balance of the scene.

"Look," Cronjager finally declared. "As a live director you may need your eyes open, but as a dead actor I gotta have 'em closed."

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OPP. U. S. TREASURY ON 15th. Doors Open 10:30 A.M.

Starts TOMORROW...!

These Wonderful Together!

Romancing all over the map of Europe on the other follows honeymoon—in one of the screen's most noteworthy entertainments

CARY GRANT and **GINGER ROGERS** in **LEO MCCAREY'S "Once Upon A Honeymoon"**

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Last Days: Marlene Dietrich in "Pittsburgh"

Where and When

Current Theater Attractions and Time of Showing

Stage. National—"The Russian People." English adaptation of the play by Constantin Simonov; 2:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Screen. Capitol—"Journey for Margaret." story of orphans of war; 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:55 p.m. Stage shows: 1, 3:45, 6:30 and 9:15 p.m.

Columbia—"Are the Marines?" what makes the corps glorious; 11:35 a.m., 1:30, 3, 4:45, 6:25, 8:10 and 9:55 p.m.

Earle—"You Were Never Lovelier." Fred Astaire and new partner; 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:15 and 10 p.m. Stage shows: 1:05, 3:50, 6:35 and 9:25 p.m.

Keith's—"Pittsburgh," a two-fister with Dietrich, Scott and Wayne; 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40 and 9:40 p.m.

Little-Dance Film Festival, 11 featurettes of folk and classic dance; 11 a.m., 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25 and 9:30 p.m.

Metropolitan—"Gentleman Jim." Errol Flynn as Mr. Corbett; 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35 and 9:40 p.m.

Palace—"Springtime in the Rockies," music by Miranda, Grable and Harry James; 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:20 and 9:45 p.m.

Pix—"The Undying Monster" and "Dr. Renault's Secret," double-horror feature; Continuous from 2 p.m.

Trans - Lux - News and shorts; Continuous from 10 a.m.

Minor Set Speaks

Education is finishing a poor second to romance on a Warner Bros. sound stage. Ann Sheridan is advising a group of 10 "dormitory dolls" on love as a specialty number in "Thank Your Lucky Stars." Four of the 10 are under 18, and must attend classes four hours daily under Schoolteacher Lois Horn, also on the set. They voted 4 to 0 in favor of the Sheridan class in a popularity poll.

THEATER PARKING 35c 6 P.M. to 1 A.M. CAPITAL GARAGE 1320 N. Y. Ave., bet. 13th & 14th

LOANS On Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Cameras, Guns, Etc. Over 50 Years of Public Service HORNING'S 18th and No. 1 Highway, 1 Mile South of Highway Bridge Arlington, Va.

Special Contributions By Bob and Gertie

HOLLYWOOD.

Star-written material, as well as the stars themselves, will be used in Sol Lesser's forthcoming "Stage Door Canteen." Gertrude Lawrence, already signed for the picture, is at work with Johnny Green on a song which she will sing herself.

Robert Benchley, comic writer and actor, has also been engaged to write the special material for Gypsy Rose Lee's appearance in "Stage Door Canteen."

Fair Warning

Hunt Stromberg's costume designer, Natalie Visart, seems to have a pretty good understanding of a show girl's problems. In designing the outfit Gloria Dickson wears supporting Barbara Stanwyck in "G-String Murders" she has given the actress a very abbreviated costume but—it includes a pink ribbon with a tiny pistol attached.

AMUSEMENTS.

PIX TOMORROW What Every Bride Should Know!!! She learned about men on the shortest, wildest honeymoon a girl ever had!

JOHN BEAL "ONE NIGHT" Wanda McKay

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Loew's PALACE at 13th

NOW HELD OVER! DOORS OPEN 10:45

BETTY GRABLE JOHN PAYNE Carmen MIRANDA Harry JAMES and Music Makers

"SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES" with Cesar ROMERO • Edw. Everett NORTON

Coming JAN. 30 GALA PREMIERE "STAND BY FOR ACTION"

Plus SAROYAN'S First Short and "MARCH of TIME" with GIVE BONDS for Christmas

Loew's COLUMBIA at 12th

Starts THURSDAY The Minor Proves a Major Hit!

GINGER RAY ROGERS-MILLAND "The MAJOR and the MINOR"

ENDS TODAY... "WE ARE THE MARINES"

BRIAN DONLEVY Hes Tough!

VERONICA LAKE She's Dynamite!

ALAN LADD Hes Tough!

DASHIELL HAMMETT

The **GLASS KEY**

A Paramount Picture with William Bendix • Bonita Granville • Richard Denning Joseph Calleia • Directed by Stuart Heisler Screen Play by Jonathan Latimer • Based on the Novel by Dashiell Hammett

PATRICIA BOWMAN • FRANK GABY Lovely Ballerina with Kay STUART • George MARIN SAM JACK KAUFMAN & CAPITOL ORCH. • with LYNN ALLISON

Plus DE VASCONCELLOS VIC HYDE • DAVID ADHER RHYTHM ROCKETS

Loew's CAPITOL THURS. GIVE BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS 5 at 10th

Ends Today • "JOURNEY FOR MARGARET"—Stage Jackie MILES • "Hi, Lo, Jack & Dame"

NATIONAL LAST 6 TIMES! Today at 2:30, Night 8:30 THE THEATRE GUILD presents KONSTANTIN SIMONOV'S THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE American acting Clifford Odets version by Evie Ross, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.75 Male, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$2.50 (incl. tax)

1 WEEK REG. MON.—SEATS T'MOR

BORIS KARLOFF IN PERSON OF ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

TOMORROW Doors Open 10:15 a.m. Our Merry Xmas show for you it happens in the best of families...

BETTE DAVIS PAUL HENREID NOW, VOYAGER! WARNER BROS. TRIUMPH — CLAUDE RAINS

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Give WAR BONDS & STAMPS for Christmas

METROPOLITAN Last 2 Days

ERROL FLYNN • ALEXIS SMITH 'GENTLEMAN JIM' with JACK CARSON • ALAN HALE

Coming Friday Our Merry Xmas show for you "A NIGHT TO REMEMBER" in a Warner Bros. Hit A Columbia Picture with LORETTA YOUNG • BRIAN ANERNE

Ticket Supply For 'Pinocchio' Is Exhausted

Childrens Theater Staging to Appear At Apex Theater

"Pinocchio," Christmas attraction of Clare Tree Major's Children's Theater of New York, which is coming to Washington Tuesday morning, December 29, is a "sellout."

Free Apples in Eire
With a bumper crop of apples and a transportation shortage farmers in Eire are offering the fruit free to anyone who will come and pick it.

No Shoe Box Is Violin Of Mr. Benny

Instrument Responsible For 'Love in Bloom' Heavily Insured

HOLLYWOOD
Jack Benny insured for \$100,000 his famous violin, on which he has played "Love in Bloom" off key to make millions laugh.

Silly Fellow

Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda will be starred by Twentieth Century-Fox in the big musical production, "The Girls He Left Behind Him," and Producer William Le Baron has assigned Walter Bullock to write the script.

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Give Him the Kind Most Men Prefer... our own Lynbrooke

Fine Pajamas

2.50

Here are pajamas so trimly tailored in such fine cotton fabrics, he'll wear them to relax in before "turning in." Smart stripes and patterns on light or dark grounds, made with elastic or drawing waist and notch or middie collar. Sizes A to D.

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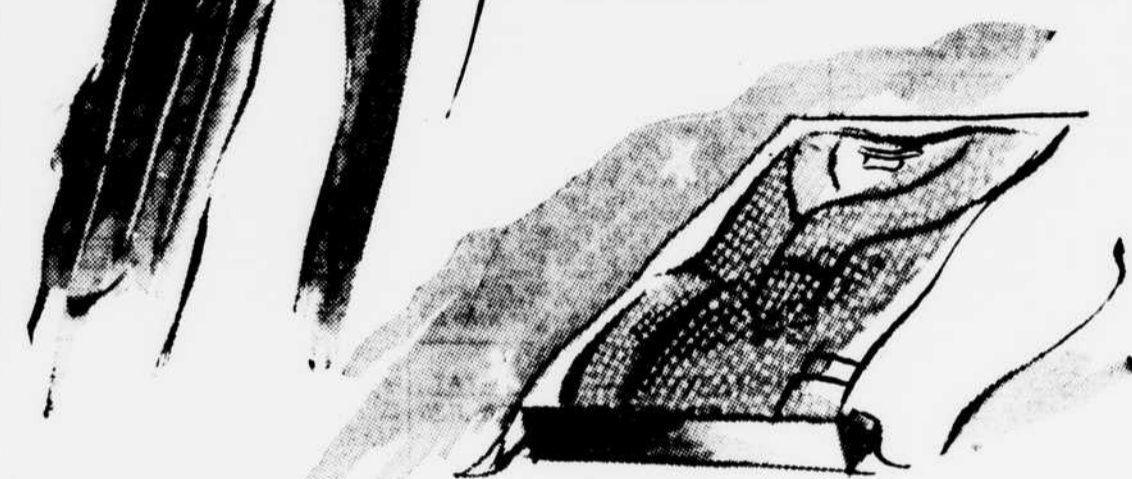
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TODAY'S NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIES

- CAROLINA** 11th & N. C. Ave. S.E. 5:30 P.M. GILLIE, LIONEL BARRYMORE, DONNA REED, GIRL FROM ALASKA, JEAN PARKER. News.
- CIRCLE** 2100 Pa. Ave. N.W. RE 0181 KATHRYN GRAYSON, VAN HEFLIN in SEVEN SWEETHEARTS. Feature at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30. Popular.
- CONGRESS** 2921 Nichols Ave. S.E. TR 8700 BOYER, RITA HAYWORTH, GINGER ROGERS, HENRY FORD, CHAS. LAUGHTON, KID WYATT, ROBINSON in TALKS OF MANHATTAN. At 8:45 and 9:15.
- DUMBARTON** 1343 Wisconsin Ave. Double Feature Program. News. CARY GRANT, JEAN ARTHUR in "THE LOP OF THE LOON." Also "THE BROADWAY."
- FAIRLAWN** 1342 Good Hope Rd. S.E. LI 9181 JOHN WAYNE, ANNA LEE, JOHN CARROLL in "FLYING TIGERS."
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- LIDO** 3222 M St. N.W. THE ONLY. JUDY CANOVA in "THE ONLY GARDENS." Also "LOVE KILLER."
- LITTLE** 608 9th St. N.W. "ALBUM OF THE DANCE."
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- APEX** 48th & Mass. Ave. N.W. WO 1600 "BETWEEN US GIRLS." DIANA BARRYMORE, ROBERT CUMMINGS. Also Cartoons and Latest News. Shows Open at 8:15. Feature at 9:25, 9:55.
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Pre-Christmas Clearance!

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- 25 Yacht Race, were 49c.....24c
- 100 Put Put Boats, were 59c.....29c
- 25 Wind-Up Trains, were 3.89..1.94
- 25 Croquet Sets, were 1.00.....49c
- 75 Snipper Scissors, were 95c.....45c
- 150 Playhouse Cleaning Sets, were 1.19.....59c
- 75 Play Sinks, were 1.89......92c
- 25 Chemistry Sets, were 1.25.....59c
- 30 Play Sink, 1.98......98c
- 56 Play Range, were 1.69......85c
- 50 Christmas Tree Ornaments, were 1.00.....49c
- 200 Play Stoves, were 1.29.....59c
- 75 Pull Planes, were 1.29.....59c
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- 120 Wall Shelves, were 1.30.....88c
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- 659 ARP Blackout Blinds. Heavy-weight, 36 inches wide, 7 feet long. Were 59c.....37c
- 275 ARP Blackout Blinds. 42 inches wide, 7 feet long. Were 1.00.....77c
- 381 ARP Blackout Blinds, 48 inches wide, 7 feet long. Were 1.19.....87c
- 197 Blackout Drapes, 2 yards wide, 2 yards 8 inches long. Heavy sudee cloth that drapes nicely. Were 2.98.....1.49
- 1,000 yards Blackout Cloth. Heavy-weight muslin. 36 inches wide. Was 49c yard.....4 yards for 1.00

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870 Yards Heavyweight Upholstery, Slipcover and Drapery Fabrics. Rayon damasks, rayon brocatelles, cotton prints, cotton stripes. Solid shades. Were 85c to 3.98 yard. **1/2 Price**

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RADIO PROGRAM WEDNESDAY December 23, 1942... WMAL 630k... WRC 980k... WOL 1,260k... WINX 1,340k... WWDC 1,450k... WSY 1,500k... 12:00 Ed Rogers Little Show... 12:15 Farm and Home... 12:30 Matinee Today... 1:00 H. R. Baukhage Open House... 1:15 U. S. Marine Band... 2:00 Schools for Victory... 2:30 Melody Matinee... 3:00 Mary Martin... 3:15 Young's Family... 3:30 Right to Happiness... 4:00 Ed Rogers... 4:15 Accent on Music... 4:30 Backstage Wife... 4:45 Stella Dallas... 5:00 Star Flashes... 5:15 Accent on Music... 5:30 Captain Midnight... 6:00 Don Winslow... 6:15 News-H.R. Baukhage... 6:30 Bits o' His... 6:45 Lowell Thomas... 7:00 When Day is Done... 7:15 R. Eaton-Southland... 7:30 Lone Ranger... 7:45... 8:00 Earl Godwin... 8:15 Lum and Abner... 8:30 Manhattan Midnight... 8:45... 9:00 Basin St. Music... 9:15 Spotlight Bands... 9:30 Sammy Kaye's... 9:45... 10:00 Raymond G. Swing... 10:15 National Radio Forum... 10:30 Sen. J. O'Mahoney... 10:45... 11:00 News... 11:15 What's Your War Job?... 11:30 Hometown... 11:45... 12:00 News-Sign Off...

EVENING STAR FEATURES... Star Flashes: Latest news, twice daily... Schools at War: Upper-grade schools show the role of youth in the war effort... National Radio Forum: Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming discusses "The Nation's Oil Problem" at 10:15 p.m... THE EVENING'S HIGH LIGHTS... 4:15—Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the Social Security Board, and Oscar M. Powell, executive director, discuss the aftermath of the war on social security... WINX, 8:05—War Collage: The weekly program from the Washington institution... WOL, 8:30—Quiz of Two Cities: The regular weekly brain-battle between Baltimore and Washington... WMAL, 8:30—Manhattan at Midnight: Dramatization involving the big city... WRC, 9:00—Eddie Cantor Show: Ida Lupino, actress, appears in a Christmas frolic which also stars one S. Claus... TOMORROW'S PROGRAM... 6:00 News-Prelude... 6:15 Today's Prelude... 6:30... 6:45... 7:00 News-Jemima Kibitzers... 7:15... 7:30 Claude Mahoney... 7:45... 8:00 Kibitzers... 8:15... 8:30 Star Flashes-Kibitzers... 8:45... 9:00 Breakfast Club... 9:15... 9:30 News Housewives' Music... 9:45... 10:00 Treasury Star Parade... 10:15 Roy Porter... 10:30 Pin Money... 10:45... 11:00 Road of Life... 11:15 Vic and Sade... 11:30 Lawson's Knights... 11:45 Little Jack Little... P.M. 12:00 Ed Rogers Little Show... 12:15 Farm and Home... 12:30 Matinee Today... 1:00 H. R. Baukhage Open House... 1:15 U. S. Air Force Band... 1:30... 1:45... 2:00 Light of the World... 2:15 Lonely Woman... 2:30 Guiding Light... 2:45 Church Hymns... 3:00 Mary Martin... 3:15 Young's Family... 3:30 Right to Happiness... 3:45... 4:00 Blue Net Program... 4:15... 4:30 War Dept. Party... 4:45... 5:00 Accent on Music... 5:15 Jack Armstrong Captain Midnight... 5:30... 5:45... 6:00 Don Winslow... 6:15 News-H.R. Baukhage... 6:30 Bits o' His... 6:45 Lowell Thomas

UNCLE RAY'S CORNER —By Ramon Coffman... No harm comes to certain plants when the weather grows cold. They live through bitter winds, the same as through hot summer weather. They may be covered with snow and ice, but their life still goes on very well... Those words might be written about evergreen trees, which keep their needle-like leaves all through the year, but today I am thinking of plants which are far smaller than any tree. Some of them are so small that a dozen would not equal the size of one pine needle... The plants of which I speak are known as "lichens," pronounced "LYE-kens." They grow on rocks, on a space the size of a half dollar. Lichens grow without any soil about them. They take moisture from the air, and get along well without roots... The smallest lichens are mere specks and would seldom be noticed if they did not grow in colonies. As it is, hundreds of them grow together and make patches on rocks and elsewhere... Some of the patches are yellow or orange. Others are cream colored, brown or reddish. Still others are gray, white or black... Lichens grow on mountain peaks, far above the level where trees are to be found. They grow in the torrid zone as well as in the frigid and temperate zones... Lichens are long-lived plants, and may live to be 50 years old before they throw off the first spores from which new plants will come. It is believed that some lichens live more than 200 years... An interesting thing about lichens is the fact that they are "double plants." Two kinds of plants come together—fungi and algae—and combine into lichens... The fungi take in water and salts from rain and moist air. On their part, the algae use sunlight, when there is any, to produce starchy food which is helpful to the fungi as well as to themselves. Thus two kinds of plants unite so they look like a single plant, and both parts of the lichen help the united plant... If you want a free copy of the illustrated leaflet, "Your Body," enclosed in this issue of The Evening Star, send a self-addressed envelope to Uncle Ray, in care of The Evening Star... Mother: "No, you can't help. You're too little. See, Mother's packages are all smooth and the bows just right."

Points for Parents... By EDYTH THOMAS WALLACE... A perfectly wrapped package is soon unwrapped, but a child's satisfaction in helping mother lives on and becomes the motive for future offers of help... This... Daughter: "Can I help you Mamma?" Mother: "Yes, you may put your finger right here while I tie this bow..." Not This... Mother: "No, you can't help. You're too little. See, Mother's packages are all smooth and the bows just right..." Uncle Ray... on the stumps and trunks of trees, and on bare, waste ground. They have no roots, but cling to whatever they are growing on... About 6,000 kinds of lichens are known. Some kinds are so small that several hundred of them grow

TARZAN (Follow Tarzan's thrilling adventures in The Sunday Star.) —By Edgar Rice Burroughs... HE SNATCHED UP A BIG BAG OF LOOSE POWDER... ...AND MURLED IT AT THE FLAMING DOOR. THERE WAS A MILD EXPLOSION... TARZAN RUSHED OUT, ONLY TO ENCOUNTER THE FIERY JET OF THE NAZI FLAME-THROWER...

OAKY DOAKS (Oak's adventures are a regular feature of The Sunday Star's colored comics.) —By R. B. Fuller... WONDER I CHEER UP, BUT FEELS TO BE BOILED IN OIL?... OH, IT'S FATIMA, THE GIRL WHO SOLD ME THE STOCKINGS FOR PRINCESS ELAINE?... I DON'T WANT SIR OAKY TO HEAR THIS, BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT MAY SAVE HIM FOR PRINCESS ELAINE!... YOU SILLY BOY! I HOPE TO MARRY THE MOGLI, BUT HERE'S MY IDEA—NOW LISTEN...

SCORCHY SMITH (There's plenty of adventure in the colored comics.) —By Frank Robbins... YOU BOYS MAY TAKE A FEW DAYS TO GET UP AFTER THAT LITTLE FLETCHER AND AJENORA WILL PROCEED TO CHUNKING... AS FOR YOU, LT. SMITH... YOU'D BE AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE OPERATION OF A NEW PURSUIT SHIP; YOU WILL TAKE WITH YOU A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH MILITARY COMMISSION WHOSE JOB WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR!... LT. SMITH, THIS IS LT. COTTLEDGE, R.A.F. HE WILL BE YOUR CO-PILOT... YOUR DESTINATION WILL BE... MOSCOW!

BO (Bo is just as interesting—just as human—in the colored comic section of The Sunday Star.) —By Frank Beck... GOSH, IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE OLD BASEMENT AGAIN. I NEVER REALIZED HOW COZY THIS PLACE IS... I JUST TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT I WOULD ALWAYS HAVE IT NICE LIKE THIS... BUT NOW I KNOW BETTER... IT'S JUST LIKE THAT MAN SAID ON THE RADIO IN URGING FOLKS TO BUY BONDS... YOUR LIFE CAN BE CHANGED!... I'VE HAD MY LESSON... FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO GUARD AGAINST IT... AND I HOPE EVERYBODY ELSE DOES THE SAME...

DAN DUNN (Dan Dunn continues his fight against crime in the colored comic section of The Sunday Star.) —By Norman Marsh... THAT'S DAN'S BADGE-WALLET, ALL RIGHT! I GOTTA GET OUTA HERE AN' BRING HELP!... THERE SEEMS TO BE A BREAK IN THE LEAD LINE—IT'LL GO OUTSIDE AN' HUNT IT!... OKAY! I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE DOOR... VERY KIND OF US SUCH QUICK SERVICE!... YEAH! WE AIM TO PLEASE TH' CUSTOMER!... FRISK HIM, TOADY! THAT LUMP UNDER HIS ARM IS A HEATER!

RACE RILEY and the COMMANDOS (There's real adventure in the Sunday comics.) —By Milburn Rosser... EGGS! REAL EGGS!... OUI, MIEUR! IS THEES PRESENT FOR MY YVETTE?... LOOK OUT, FRENCHY! THEE'S A PLANE CRASHING IN FRONT!... NO EGGS FOR YVETTE! NO CHRISTMAS FOR FRENCHY!...

STONY CRAIG (You'll like The Sunday Star's colored comics.) —By Frank H. Rentfrow, U.S.M.C. I STILL SAY LEAVING THAT GUY UP IN THE TREE IS INVITING GRIEF... MUSH UP, SLUGGER, WE'RE MIGHTY WIP LONTO TAKE NEW COMMAND POST... THERE'S IT IS IN THE CLEARING YONDER... WOW! THESE MUST BE A MILLION DOPPS TREES... GUESS THERE AINT NO MORE HIDE-THEE-GO IN FRONT, THROW A HEAP OF LEAD AND MAKE HORSE DROUGHT FOR A RESORTMENT... IT SOUNDS GOOPY, BUT LET'S GO!... YIPPIE!!! GUNG HO! GUNG HO!... COME ON YOU RAIDERS!

MUTT AND JEFF (Watch for Mutt and Jeff's laughable escapades in the colored comic section of The Sunday Star.) —By Bud Fisher... I'D LIKE TO BUY LITTLE CHERO AND THE SHEET MUSIC... LET'S GO OUT IN THE WOODS AND CUT ONE DOWN!... SAY, I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!... HEY, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO FAR! THIS ONE'S BEAUTY!... O.K. LET'S TAKE IT!... OH, OH! WE TOOK THIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY!... SINGERS! MUTT, HERE COMES A NAME!... NOW, THAT'S STRANGE! I NEVER NOTICED THAT TREE GROWING HERE BEFORE!

REG'LAR FELLERS (Read The Star's 16-page colored comic book every Sunday.) —By Gene Byrnes... NOW I GOTTA BUY AUNT MINNIE'S CARUS' MASS PRESENT, AN' I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT!... TROUBLE WITH HER IS SHE ALWAYS GIVES WHAT I GIVE HER T' SOMEBODY ELSE... WELL, THAT BEW 'Y CASE, I MIGHT AS WELL GET HER SOMETHIN' I KIN USE!... AN' WHAT'S MORE, SHE COULDN'T GIVE IT TO A NICER FELLER!

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Transit Workers Told Union Opposes Race Discrimination

Head of International Outlines Policy for Local President

Capital Transit Co. streetcar and bus operators today were advised officially by their international union that its policy and that of the American Federation of Labor, its affiliate, are opposed to creed, color or nationality discrimination.

The union declaration was made public by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice in announcing that it had been officially informed by transit officials that the company would "bring the employment policy of the bus and trolley system into line with Executive Order No. 8802."

War Industry.
 This presidential order forbids discrimination against war workers. The transit company was recently ruled by the War Manpower Commission to be a war industry.

The committee's statement explained that the transit company held a contract with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America. It said W. D. Mahon, international president, had written to J. C. Bigelow, local union president, in which he urged that local members consider "the fact that we are now engaged in a war in which the colored man is called on to do the same line of duty that the white man is called on to do."

No Accident Data on Race.
 The committee said the Mahon letter was in response to one from Mr. Bigelow requesting information regarding colored men in other divisions of the union and their accident record. Mr. Mahon advised that "in many places colored men are employed in this line of transportation and in many of our organizations there have been colored men holding membership."

The international president added no separate records were available concerning the difference of accidents between colored and white and "there is no difference so far as I can find out in that line of work. These records show the same as any one's so far as their work is concerned."

Mr. Mahon declared further that any discrimination that "would attract public attention at this time would be very detrimental." He suggested that union members here "realize the situation and try to meet it in line with the policy of the organization."

2 Chosen for Missionary Language Studies

Two young men chosen by the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will join other students sponsored by the organization in language studies at their theological seminary here as a part of specialized training for foreign mission service.

The men are D. V. Kubroch, a graduate of Washington Missionary College, who is now assisting with evangelistic work in Richmond, Va., and J. J. Aitken, a young minister in Kansas. Mr. Kubroch will specialize in the Russian language and Mr. Aitken will study languages used in southern Europe.

Ten young men and their wives have already entered the seminary here to study the Arabic language as preparation for missionary work among the Mohammedan peoples.

Evangelist Kotz, Wife To Return to Africa

Evangelist H. E. Kotz and his wife, for many years missionaries of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in East Africa, will leave Washington this week to return to Africa. They have been back in this country since May, 1941.

Mr. Kotz was among the first missionaries of his faith to work in Tanganyika. He reports a membership of more than 3,000 in the churches already organized in this East African country.

While here, Mr. Kotz has engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work. He came here as a delegate to the World Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, held in 1941 at San Francisco.

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