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KIWANIS IN ACTION

After the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, at which the budget for the year 1944 was adopted, the club met in regular session at the hotel. Mr. Raymond Fishpaw presented to the club that at the Osborne High School on Thursday night from 7:00 to 10:00 there is an opportunity to practice in repairing farm machinery. Members were invited to participate.

A brief report of the inspirational winter conference at Charlottesville was presented at the request of President Parrish by Frank C. Sigman. He accompanied it with a short reading.

O. D. Waters in charge of the program concerning Kiwanis Anniversary presented Bob Hutchinson, who ranked over the 18 presidents the club has had since its inception and the several secretaries. Only one of the presidents has died. He also recounted the achievements of the club, among them supporting at its own expense the first county nurse, the impulse given toward the building of the present high school, and the definitely large charitable work it has accomplished, particularly in the interest of under-privileged children.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Love" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 30.

The Golden Text is: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (I John 4:7)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; in whom all the building is framed together, growth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:12, 21).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way." (p. 454).

14,000,000 CORDS YOUR BOY'S SUPPLIES

Why are 14,000,000 cords of pulpwood needed in 1944?

A clear-cut answer may be found in the disclosure that the Army Service Forces, whose job it is to equip American invasion forces, plan to land six tons of supplies initially for every American overseas and an additional ton for the first sixty days.

What's the connection?

Well, practically every bit of equipment, all food and medical supplies, and most ammunition are all packaged in paper or paperboard before being shipped abroad. And that takes a lot of pulpwood.

Without the protection of pulpwood products, many of these vital supplies might never reach their destination or else be unusable because of spoilage. Pulpwood shields three from bad weather, salt water, and cushions them against the inevitable rough handling.

Many persons have become callous to appeals based on big figures since the outbreak of the war. One reads daily about billions of dollars being spent, millions of this or that being needed. So let's put it another way:

Your boy or your neighbor's boy overseas, poised for the invasion, needs six tons of supplies packed in pulp. How many cords are you going to cut for him?

CENTREVILLE

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Lt. John T. DeBell, Jr., who is reported by the War Department as killed in action in Italy. A more detailed account, with his picture appears on page 1. A delegation of the local P. T. A. journeyed to Fairfax this week to ask for an additional teacher for the local school, and were assured by the done.

Mrs. George Davis is ill in the hospital and her place as teacher is being filled by Mrs. Gladys Mohler. Mrs. Dan Davis entertained over the week end Willie Thomas, Doris Niswander and Edna Miller, of Washington, D. C.

Services and Holy Communion will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on February 13 at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. F. Carpenter.

LEE-JACKSON-MAURY CELEBRATION

The annual program observing the January Birthdays of Lee, Jackson and Maury, sponsored by the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., was presented by the Osbourne High School at assembly on January 27.

Miss Barbara Beane, presided. Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung by a group of high school girls.

Col. Robert A. Hutchinson was the speaker for the occasion, and in his usual pleasing manner gave a resume of the lives of the three great Virginians; their education, military affiliations, and their contributions to education as teachers after the War Between the States.

The scientific discoveries of Matthew Fontaine Maury, the "Pathfinder of the Sea," were briefly explained by Col. Hutchinson. That Maury received more degrees and more honors by colleges throughout the world than any other man is a known historical fact, Col. Hutchinson stated.

The singing of Southern songs concluded the program.

AUBREY A. MUDDIMAN

On Thursday, January 6, 1944, Manassas lost another one of her beloved citizens when Mr. Aubrey A. Muddiman was called to his heavenly home.

He had been in failing health for the last five years and on December 16, 1943 he suffered a severe heart attack and was confined to his bed until the time of his death.

He was born March 9, 1884, the son of the late Joseph N. Muddiman and Laura Hixson Muddiman. On April 3, 1913 he married Miss Mary L. Bowman, formerly of Strasburg, Va.

He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. for the past thirty-two years.

In addition to his beloved wife he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Aubrey M. Coopers, Mrs. Virginia M. Farquhar, Leonard B. O. Manassas, Mrs. Ethel Critzer and Joseph F. of Alexandria, Mrs. Nellie Douglas of Lorton, Mrs. Esther Rollinson of Vienna, Pfc. James B. of Camp Campbell, Ky, and Pfc. Aubrey A. of the Medical Corps Station Hospital, Orlando, Fla., and fourteen grandchildren. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Stuart Smith of Richmond, and two brothers, Clyde D. of Manassas and Arthur G. of Arlington, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Grace Methodist Church of which he was a member, by the Rev. M. F. Draper and assisted by Rev. Ballester.

He was laid to rest in the Hixson cemetery near Buckhall.

The following were pallbearers: B. C. Cornwell, Henry Robinson, Eugene Davis, Arthur Vetter, Roy Muddiman and Grover Evans.

GAINESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sloper, Mrs. Aubrey Hutchinson, Miss Katherine Sloper and Raymond Sloper, all of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Palmer and family of Gainesville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCuin.

Mrs. Conway Seeley of Manassas was a Sunday evening caller of Mrs. John Piercy, Jr.

Miss Mildred Smith of Atlanta, Ga., is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCuin and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McCuin.

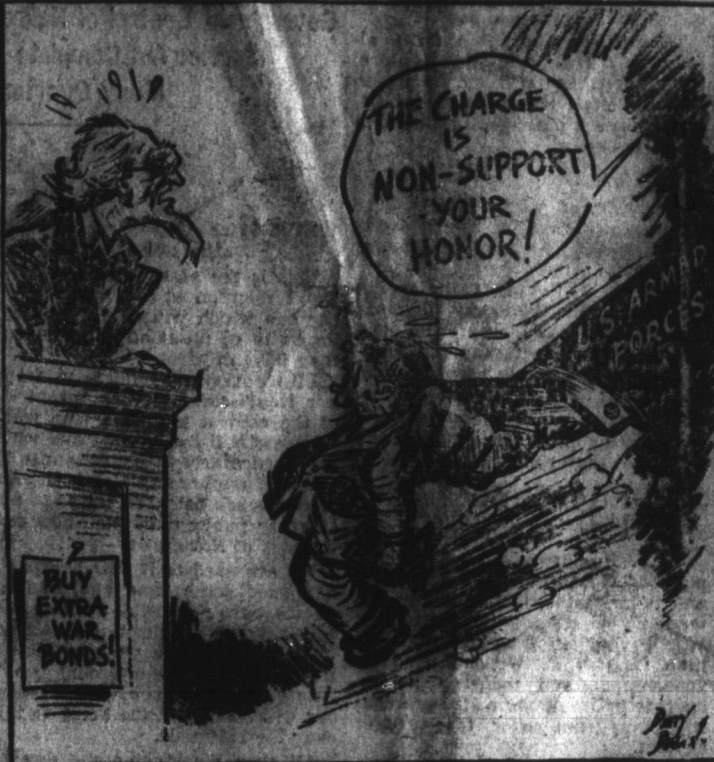
Cpl. Thomas Piercy 3rd, of Camp McCall, N. C., is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Piercy.

The January meeting of the Gainesville Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Vernon Wood. New officers for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. C. F. Sinclair, president; Mrs. Bradley Baker, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Smith, secretary; Mrs. Mary Smith, treasurer. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. F. Sinclair.

COMPLETES PHYSICAL INSTRUCTORS COURSE

William W. Smith, son Mrs. Aperia and the late William Smith, has successfully completed the Physical Instructors Course at Bainbridge, Maryland. He was the first Negro to enter the Navy from Manassas and among the first Negroes to attend and qualify for the Physical Instructors School at Bainbridge. Prior to his entering the P.I. School he was stationed at Great Lakes where he made

Don't Be Charged With Non-Support



U. S. Treasury Department

WARRENTON PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION REORGANIZES

The Warrenton Production Credit Association held its annual reorganization meeting in the Association's office in Warrenton, Monday, January 31.

At these meetings the board of directors elected by the membership, formulated plans for the coming year and elected officers. Mr. T. Otis Latham of Haymarket, Va., was elected president, and Mr. Roland who was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Association, were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Roland of Purcellville, was elected vice-president. Other members of the Board are Mr. H. J. Wilson of Catlett, Mr. Thomas T. Thorburn of Chancellor, and Ralph E. Brown of Madison County.

Wilson, and Mr. Thomas D. Jones, Mt. T. Otis Latham, Mr. H. J. office, members of the Chamber expressed their deep appreciation for energy given to the progress of his untiring efforts and time.

MR. C. C. CLOE RE-ELECTED

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce at a meeting this week unanimously re-elected Mr. C. C. Cloe of Triangle to continue as president of the organization for the duration and six months thereafter. Mr. Cloe has served as head of the County Chamber of Commerce since its organization in April, 1935, and has acted ably as leader of the group in its development as one of the outstanding associations in the county.

The local Chamber is a member of both the State and United States Chamber of Commerce, with which it has been associated in 1937. Its members are active in many of the public interest in community and county has resulted in the solution of many problems and the advancement of numerous projects of outstanding importance. In unanimous voting for Mr. Cloe to retain the office, members of the Chamber expressed their deep appreciation for energy given to the progress of his untiring efforts and time.

ENEMY STRONGER NOW THAN AT WAR'S START

By

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE V. STRONG

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The German Army has nearly three times as many combat divisions in the field today as there were when the attack on Poland began four years ago.

The number of workers employed in war industries in Nazi-dominated territories has risen from 23,000,000 at the start of the war to a present total of 35,000,000 and the weapons which they are making are, in some cases, better than any which the United Nations have. One of their new weapons, a rocket gun, weighs less than 1,800 pounds and it has a fire power equal to six heavy field howitzers, weighing nine tons apiece.

Even with the loss of Italian aid, Germany's position has been only slightly weakened. The German food ration is higher in caloric content than at the outbreak of the war, and there is nothing in the German economic picture to justify confidence in the immediate downfall of the Nazi structure.

Once the United Nations' forces have reached the lines on which the Germans are determined to stand, the days of inexpensive victories will end. Further advances will be contested yard by yard and foot by foot, and by well-trained veteran troops.

Japanese manpower resources in and out of Japan are very great. The morale of both the armed forces and civilian population is excellent and geographic factors give her tremendous added strength. The Solomons are only an outpost, more than 3,000 miles from the heart of the empire. We have yet to reach any main Japanese line of resistance or any point which they are apparently determined to hold at all costs.

The Japanese are in a strong position today and their power in many respects is steadily increasing. The longer we leave them in virtual control of East Asia, the more difficult the eventual struggle will be.

The main advantage we have is our ability to produce the weapons of war. If, through our unwillingness to face the facts, we give up this advantage, we may find our opportunity for victory has escaped us permanently. To insure the accomplishment of our war mission—the defeat of Germany and Japan—demands the whole-hearted single-minded effort not only of every man, woman and child in the country, but also every bit of productive power, inventive genius and executive ability we possess.

an outstanding record

Due to his high achievements he was selected as Assistant on the Physical Education Staff at San Diego,

California. He finished the Physical Instructors School Saturday January 29 and was fifth in a class of sixty-eight, obtaining an average of 8.6.



LT. DE BELL KILLED ON ITALIAN FRONT

Lt. John T. DeBell, Jr., of Centreville, has been killed on a bombing mission over Italy, according to information received by his family from the War Department. He was a graduate of the Osbourne High School, Manassas.

Lt. DeBell, following his graduation from the Manassas High School, continued his education at William and Mary College and at Strayer's Business College, becoming an expert accountant. He was called to the Armed Service in April, 1940 and in August, 1943, graduated from the Aviation School at Hondo, Texas, qualifying for the difficult job of navigator of a Flying Fortress.

He was sent to North Africa last December and then to Italy with the American Invasion Army. As late as January 11 his family received a letter from him, telling of his making headquarters in Italy, where he said he liked the country.

Lt. DeBell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. DeBell, of Centreville, and by a brother, Stuart, and a sister, Mary Thornton DeBell. His father was for many years Chairman of the Fairfax County School Board.

Lt. DeBell had many friends, both in Prince William and in Fairfax counties, and the news that he had been called to make the supreme sacrifice for his country was the occasion of much sorrow, for he was a young man of exemplary character and lovable disposition.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

The Prince William County Tuberculosis Association wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the citizens of the county who so generously responded to the 1943 Seal Sale Campaign that the returns have exceeded the quota again this year and have assured the continuation of the Association's fight against tuberculosis in this county. The cooperation of local residents and the untiring efforts of the women volunteers who conducted the drive throughout the county, are responsible for the success of the annual sale which is the sole support of the local program to control and prevent the disease.

Recognition is due the county school students who participated in the bangle sale, to the local newspaper and theatre for providing publicity, to the girls and boys who volunteered to sell stamps, to the county Health Department and stores for assistance with the drive, and to the many organizations which donated substantial sums to the cause.

Latest reports from District chairmen show that a total of \$1,525 has been realized to date. This is the largest amount ever contributed toward the Seal Sale in Prince William and \$150 over the \$1,375 goal. Projects for which the county's share of the funds will be utilized are already under way and it is hoped that 1944 will be an outstanding year in the history of the Association's activities.

COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT

Mr. James E. Bradford, Jr., recently commissioned a lieutenant (J. g.) in the Naval Reserve, left Thursday, January 27th for Fort Schuyler, New York.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service at Brentsville District High School Auditorium on Sunday night was well attended. Rev. O. D. Mitchell delivered the sermon. Misses Edna Armstrong and Lois Sloop had charge of the music. \$18.03 was contributed in the free willing offering for Religious Education.

INTEREST IN QUICK-FREEZING FOOD STORAGE PLANT CONTINUES TO GROW

Sponsored by Prince William County Chamber of Commerce, Infant Industry Now 300 Million Dollar Business

Interest in a frozen food locker sponsored by Prince William County plant at Manassas continues to grow. How satisfactory the service has been throughout the country is shown by the fact that the frozen locker industry has grown from nothing in 1934 to a business with seventy-five millions of dollars invested in plants and equipment today. It is estimated that there are now 1,500,000 individual lockers in use in the United States with \$200 worth of food passing annually through each. This adds up to a three-hundred million dollar turnover.

Principal reasons for the growth of the movement are:

1. Saving in total cost of food.
2. Better food. Quick-freezing preserves flavor, texture and vitamins.
3. Victory gardens.
4. Shortage of food and rationing.
5. Making fresh food available throughout the year.

While the food locker system was designed originally for meats, there is a big swing now to fruits and vegetables. The food locker plants are as modern as the idea. One typical kind of architecture is an all-white sanitary one-story structure—white stucco in California, white tile in the East. Neon signs at the plants may variously read: "Food Storage Lockers," "Frozen Locker Service," "Polar Pantries, Inc.," or "Your Food Bank."

These modern plants maintain a cold storage capacity for farm, urban and suburban dwellers to stock their own meat, poultry, fish, game, vegetables and fruits. Using a rented locker for meat, poultry or fruits and vegetables is as simple as removing luggage from a locker in a railroad terminal.

A plant as is being sought at Manassas would be modern with complete service including butchering, cooling, cutting, aging, wrapping and quick freezing, and the storing of these finished products in lockers from which the owners may remove and use them as needed. In addition to meats the plant would process and store poultry, fruits, vegetables, berries and other products. It would make possible butchering at any season of the year and patrons would obtain the benefits of fresh meats throughout the year as well as out of season berries, fruits and vegetables.

More than two hundred families in Prince William County have already requested reservations and it is absolutely necessary that the sponsors know in advance how many lockers to provide for, because, with the difficulty of making enlargements in a plant once it has been planned and built, an increase in capacity at any time in the near future will be almost impossible. Practically all plants in Virginia now have waiting lists of from one to several hundred applicants. Almost all of the original renters of lockers still have them in their possession with vacancies occurring usually only when locker renters move from the localities where the plants are located. For this reason it is hoped that there will be sufficient locker reservations made at the beginning to take care of the needs of the county for many years to come.

REV. KNUFF NEW CHAIRMAN

The Rev. Stanley A. Knupp, rector of the Manassas United Brethren Church, has accepted the chairmanship of the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association to take the place of the Rev. John M. DeChant who has served as chairman for the past two years. The Rev. Mr. DeChant resigned the first of the year when he accepted a call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Milford, Delaware. His work with the County Association will be missed greatly, but the organization feels fortunate in having as his successor, the Rev. Mr. Knupp who is taking over the chairmanship immediately. An extensive program outlined by the Association for the prevention and control of tuberculosis in the county is well under way and due to the splendid results of the annual Seal Sale locally, the organization is assured of sufficient funds to continue the work uninterrupted.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

House Votes \$300 Discharge Bonus; U. S. Bombers Rip Nazi Supply Lines; Red Army Continues Push on Baltic; Peace Rumors Spiked by British Press

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

House Votes \$300

Arguing that higher payments would represent a soldier's bonus which should be left for later discussion, the house passed a bill providing for mustering-out pay of \$300 to discharged vets with 60 days' service and \$100 to those released before 60 days.

With 15,000,000 vets including those already discharged standing to benefit from the measure, total cost of payments was estimated at 3½ billion dollars.

After passage by the house, the bill was sent for approval to the senate, which previously enacted legislation providing for maximum payments ranging from \$500 to vets overseas for 18 months or more, to \$300 to those with less than 12 months' service in the U. S. Unless the senate okayed the house bill, parliamentary procedure required the two chambers to get together to work out new legislation.

EUROPE:

Pound Supply Lines

U. S. bombers ripped rail lines supplying German troops in southern Italy as American and British forces pressed against the Nazis' winter-line centered on Cassino, key to the road to Rome.

With two of three main rail lines temporarily put out of use, the enemy was forced to route supplies over bomb-pocked highways, some of which were snarled by the wreckage of bridges.

As U. S. artillery laid down a curtain of thunderous fire over German defense emplacements before Cassino, preparatory to the infantry's charge forward, British units to the west engaged Nazi troops along the Garigliano river.

Along the Adriatic coast to the east, Canadian forces were held to short gains in hard, close-in fighting.

U. S. HEMP:

Cut Production

Because of the improvement in imports from the Caribbean and Mediterranean areas, the government's hemp-growing program in the Middle West will be cut to one-third of 1943 production, and only 14 of 42 processing plants will be kept in operation.

Raised on contract to the government, farmers found hemp profitable last year, their net yield per acre being larger than from any other crop in the nation, in some cases reaching \$200, it was said.

In seeking to relieve a threatened hemp shortage after the outbreak of war, the government undertook construction of processing plants in 42 communities, and arranged for farmers to grow 4,000 acres of the fiber in each of the districts. The plants were erected at an estimated cost of \$100,000 each.

LABOR DRAFT:

Pro and Con

While Secretary of War Henry Stimson told a senate committee that a labor draft would equalize soldier and civilian sacrifices, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, headed by William Green, said that the organization would never surrender the basic freedom of the country's workers.

Likening a labor draft as a shot in the arm for the nation's patriotism, Stimson said the first flush of enterprise excited by the Pearl Harbor attack has worn off, and now "the stern voice of law" is needed to "keep up the patriotic emotion."

Declaring that in freedom there is strength, the AFL council asserted that the "amazing speed with which free American workers have won the battle of war production against the enemy within two years upholds the truth of that principle."

Chance for passage of the labor draft dwindled with the house's pigeon-holing of the measure.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

SPRINGS: Now that the government has released a quantity of steel wire for springs, it is expected that furniture with coils can be coming out of the factories within two or three months.

BEST: National debt of Great Britain amounted to 77 billion dollars on December 31, the chancellor of the exchequer has reported to the house of commons.

PLASMA: Use of blood plasma has reduced deaths among wounded men to three-tenths of 1 per cent in the Pacific area, a naval surgeon recently returned from the front said.

HOUSING: War ravaged Europe will require construction of at least 100 million homes, it is said. In the United States from 15 to 20 million new housing units will be needed in the next 10 years.

AGRICULTURE:

Hog Permits

With thousands of hogs remaining unsold after marketings, a permit system for shipments was imposed at the Chicago stockyards. Under the procedure, commission firms were allotted weekly quotas based on a percentage of the total volume they handled during the first 11 months of 1943, and farmers were to be advised when to sell.

Through the permit system already in operation in other centers, it is hoped to limit shipments to packers' capacities, cut feed bills, and reduce shrinkage, bruises and death losses.

Drouth

Producer of winter wheat, the great plains area of the Midwest has been suffering from an unheard of seasonal drouth.

Centered in Nebraska, the drouth has extended to the Rocky Mountain and western states, where the storage of snowfall for spring and summer irrigation is much less promising than at this time last year.

Good rains in the late winter and early spring could largely offset the effects of the drouth.

STRONG U. S. A.:

After War

"... Proposing . . . a realistic point of view, that the tendency to war is inevitable, just as the human tendency to disease is inevitable," War Production Board Vice Chairman Charles E. Wilson called on government and industry to co-operate in promoting a strong armament program after the present conflict.

Said Wilson: "I am convinced that we must begin now to set the machinery in motion, while it is still possible for us to measure the cost of any other course."

Wilson suggested (1) the program should be the government's responsibility; (2) congress must support it; (3) industry's role should be to cooperate; (4) some government-owned plants should be held in reserve, with equipment kept to date.

Outwits Hoodlums

When four 17-year-old hoodlums attempted to rob Seamus Stark of Saginaw, Mich., of his money, he talked them into handing over their gun and letting him join the gang in holding up a tavern. But after they had entered the tavern, Seamus Stark held the hoodlums at bay with the pistol and ordered the bartender to call police to arrest the gang.

MILK SALES:

Bottles or Containers

Chicago's big battle to determine whether milk shall be sold in paper containers as well as glass bottles still has not gotten out of the courts, even though the state supreme court ruled that paper containers could not be used under the wording of the city's disputed ordinance governing distribution of the product.

At present, Chicago dairies will continue to package the milk in paper containers pending filing of a motion for a state supreme court rehearing of the case. Since the courts have declared no interest in the sanitary aspects of the question of bottling, but have merely confined themselves to the wording of the city ordinance, a rewriting of the law would permit legal use of paper containers.

BURMA:

Allies Attack

With U. S. bombers blasting a path, American trained Chinese troops under Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell gained ground in mountainous western Burma, while farther to the south units of the British Fourteenth army fought Jap counter-attacks to stall their own offensive.

The Chinese were fighting to clear the way for engineers constructing a new supply route to China, since Jap conquest had closed off the Burma road. To hamper enemy operations, U. S. bombers dropped 20 tons of explosives on a Jap troop encampment in the rear of the battle-front.

DRIED MILK

Army quartermaster corps laboratories have developed a method of drying and preserving whole milk so that it will keep for a year even under tropical conditions. Dried milk made by methods now in use will become rancid in the tropics.

In the army formula, the water content of the milk is reduced to 2.25 per cent, and an inert gas is introduced into the airtight container as a preservative. The new method could become a profitable industry, it is said.

Washington Digest

A Season of Surprises— And Still More to Come

Government Control of Railroads and National Service Act Complete Surprise in Many Quarters.

By BAUKHAGE

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WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

This is the season of surprises—I won't mention at this moment the big one which will cause your eyebrows to go up at an early date (if they haven't already).

I'll mention two others—on the labor front—since they represent two of the nearest problems with which congress still has to deal and which are particularly full of dynamite because of the coming elections. And elections are bound to color the acts of every public man from now until the 15th of November.

We are used to it now because it happened some time ago, and the effects were not visible to the naked eye—but one big surprise that shook Washington as the year ended was the sudden announcement on a balmy Monday evening in December which ordered the army to take over the railroads.

All over Washington the day before, that day too, as a matter of fact, you could have collected fine odds against such a thing happening. Not that people were betting on that subject itself; what they were betting on, those who ought to have been (and I still believe were) in the know, was that there would be no railroad strike.

The second big surprise is still having its sharp repercussions although it happened not so much more recently than the other event to which it was closely linked.

National Service Act

The first, I discussed in a recent column in connection with the seizure of the railroads. Then the second, the President's demand for a national service act as a part of his legislative program outlined in that annual message, came tumbling after, and we haven't gotten over either yet.

One astute and neutral observer of affairs in Washington—an old-timer, who sees parties come and go without loss of sleep over his job, said something to me after the roads had been seized that I have had occasion to ponder upon often since.

He is one of the men who was ready to give odds that there would be no strike and he knows all of the people who participated in the conferences, employers, union heads, officials, by their first names—except the President, of course, whom nobody but his mother as far as I know, perhaps his wife when she is here, first names. One just doesn't first-name Presidents.

Anyhow, this friend of mine, agast at the suddenness of the seizure of the roads, remarked:

"Do you realize this? Overnight, instead of being the object of all attacks for babying labor, the President suddenly is in the position now of defending the people against labor?"

That was the quick reaction of a technical man to whom politics is only an interesting sideline.

When the President's message was droned out by the reading clerk in congress and the President came to point five in his five-point legislative program, there was a sharp intake of breaths. You recall the first reaction. Hardly anything but a frigid reception for the suggestion for what was immediately called "the labor draft."

Cynics' Reactions

Then came the cynical observation of the anti-administration politicians. It sounded a little like the comment of my first-quoted observer except that it was flavored more heavily with party-tabasco.

"Pure politics," they sneered. "He had no labor program. He knew it. So now he tosses the hottest controversial question on the boards—labor draft—into congress. He probably hopes we won't pass it. If we don't, he'll say: 'See, I give them a labor program and they turn me down!'"

Well, there are the two surprises which are scheduled to breed others in their trail, and you and everybody else will interpret them in terms of your or their prejudices, sharpened to a knife-edge of devotion or hatred in this year of the ballot.

What is really behind these two sharp and unexpected moves? It is

pretty hard to be really objective. Anyone who has watched political campaigns in the making, has a hard time not to attribute a partisan motive to any act or word spoken in Washington in an election year.

As far as taking the railroads over goes, that might have been prompted by a real and honest fear that transportation would have been interfered with at a moment when it was as vital to the war effort as a division of fighting men. What possible excuse could there be for letting such a thing happen?

Again, whether or not there was to be a strike, there was a strike threat. At the same moment, there was a strike threat in another vital industry—steel. That was called off by putting pressure on Phillip Murray, head of the C. I. O. But could that pressure have been applied unless Mr. Murray could have been told: "Remember, the chances of acceptance of your demands by the steel men will be a lot better if they are afraid the government will take their industry over too. The railroads are a warning."

And then, if you want to take one highly unofficial explanation from a nobody as far as officialdom goes, but from a man who has fought in his own little sphere for things he believes in, I'll throw it in for good measure.

The comment was applied to the President's call for a national service act, not the seizure of the roads, but it applies to both. This observer observed:

"Politics? No. The guy just wants to win the war."

And come to think of it, that might have had something to do with it too.

Notes From a

Broadcaster's Diary

The following two viewpoints received recently are interesting. Here is the first:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction."—from the Constitution of the United States.

The President swore to uphold the Constitution—the national service act or the labor draft is involuntary servitude or human slavery. That's what he called it in Berlin and Tokyo and he wants it here. What are we fighting for?

And now for the second viewpoint! General Eisenhower said we can win the war in 1944 but everyone must do his part.

Something must be wrong somewhere for him to say that. He knows it is not the armed forces. So it must be on the home front. For the armed forces operate on a functional alignment—from commanding officer down, orders are given and obeyed. Servicemen cannot bargain with their commanders as to wages, hours, fighting conditions or make contracts on a cost-plus basis. Their objective is to win battles.

But on the home front, the objective is to make money (see Truman Report). Ships, planes, tanks and guns are secondary.

We can have a functional operation at home by installing total conscription of men, machines, material and money.

These boys were conscripted to die. Then why not conscript the ones at home? If it's good enough for the armed forces, it's good enough for the rest of us.

Who can say he is entitled to more?

Jottings

From May through September, 1943, various government agencies placed 2,706,000 volunteer farm laborers to help harvest the nation's crops.

During 1943 Massachusetts home-makers canned fruits and vegetables which were worth an estimated 900,000,000 ration points.

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BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

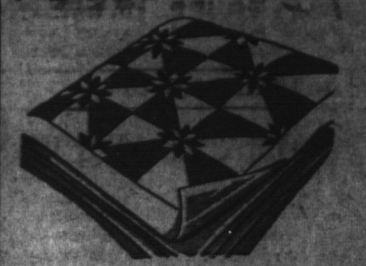
Through a series of phrase books supplemented by phonograph records, American troops are learning to speak the essentials of as many as 30 different languages.

Peasants of Nazi-occupied France have been asked in a broadcast from Radio France at Algiers to save city children from famine by adopting them.

The armed forces of the United States recently received approximately 53,000,000 pounds of coffee from Brazil. This gift, freshly roasted, now is going to the American soldiers stationed in all parts of the world.

Mexico is expected to supply 75,000 workers to the United States in 1944.

THINGS



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Bombers Have Numbers

The maps of Berlin used by the Royal Canadian air force when bombing that city show the strategic buildings by their street addresses, which the R. C. A. F. obtained from a Berlin classified telephone directory, borrowed from the New York Public Library.

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To Relieve Head Cold Sufferers: When head colds strike, help your nose drain the way for free breathing comfort with HUNTER'S SALINE. 25¢ at drugstores.

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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

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The far-reaching influence of the rubber industry will be appreciated when it is known that close to 40% of the motor vehicles over made in this country were still in service in December, 1941. More than half of them were owned by families with incomes of less than \$30 a week.

Forney Shaw

In war or peace

BE Goodrich

FIRST IN RUBBER

CARIBBEAN CONSPIRACY

by BRENDA CONRAD

THE STORY SO FAR: Anne Heywood, beautiful daughter of a wealthy New York newspaper publisher, goes to Puerto Rico on an assignment for her father's paper. Also on the island are Pete Wilcox, a reporter on her father's paper, now a U. S. Army intelligence officer; Miguel Valera, a Puerto Rican educated in the United States who is a secret U. S. agent; Richard Tausig, an engineer whose identity as a German agent is suspected but not yet proved; and Russell Foster, a young American engineer, and his wife, Sue, who has given Mr. Tausig some valuable plans. Recalling her mistake, Sue has come to Anne for help. Anne agrees to meet Mr. Tausig, who thinks she has them.

CHAPTER XVII

The little hills along the horizon were like small conical cups of green and brick-red ice cream dotted over the landscape. The narrow road, winding and curving between the sweeping lanes of flamboyants was lovely. It must be very beautiful, Anne thought, when the trees were scarlet with bloom.

"Where are we going?" she asked. Mr. Tausig turned back with a smile. "I think we might tell her. Or shall we surprise her?"

"We are going to a coffee plantation, Miss Heywood," Diego Gongaro said. The road was full of Army trucks now. She kept thinking how easy it would be to call out to one of the blond sunburnt boys at the wheel. But she didn't do it. Then they were climbing, the tires shrieking as they went around hairpin curves with steep banks on one side and scarred bare cuts on the other, in the face of the hill where they'd widened the road. Below them was a river and a power plant. Mr. Tausig opened his guide book and unfolded the map on the back cover. Anne saw him take a pencil out of his pocket, make a circle on the map and fold it again. She straightened up a little, a sudden idea dawning in her mind.

The map was not like the one in her book. The island in the center of it was not the same size, or the same color. It was more elaborate and detailed and took up most of the page, while hers was a small rectangle in the middle of a lot of ocean. She settled back in the corner feeling Diego Gongaro's eyes on her face. It was in the car again, the thing she'd felt on the way to the sugar mill. It was danger.

On the left the bank sloped across a field of cane to a narrow valley of pasture land. She could see a few cows grazing, and as they rounded a sharp curve she saw a yellow and black airplane sprawled in the pasture, like a great grounded wasp. She sat quietly waiting. The road curved again, and they came up to a faded blue stucco wall with a broad archway in the center. They drove through open iron gates and pulled up at the house, blue stucco also, with dark balconies at the upstairs windows, closed tight and heavily shuttered.

"Here we are," Gongaro said. He handed her out onto the marble slab in front of the door, then reached into the car and picked up her handkerchief. "Is this yours, Señorita?"

"Thanks," she said. "I'm always doing that." "I know," Diego Gongaro said. She understood that the remark had some meaning, but not knowing what, let it go.

"The house is yours, as the Spanish say, Miss Heywood," Tausig said. He followed her into the cool foyer. The irony in his voice tapped out a sharp warning in the back of her head.

He waited. "Calling P.J.W. Calling P.J.W." the soft monotonous voice said in his ear. Their car was passing Fort Buchanan. He looked at the spot on his map that was supposed to be their destination, and settled back, grim-faced and hard-eyed. They had begun to descend the other side of Cordillera. The scout car swayed from side to side around the hairpin curves. The soldier in front of him was pale green but not actively sick . . . yet.

"This about it, sir?" he called back over his shoulder. The bank dropped down below them in a tropical jungle, lush and green and dense. "We want an iron gate on the right," Pete said.

"Okay, sir." They made another sharp turn. "That it, sir?" Pete saw it at the same time, set in a ten-foot hedge of hibiscus and roses. It was a high ornamental grille, barred, bolted and tied with a chain. A sign in Spanish said "Private Property. Beware of the Dogs."

The driver grinned. "I guess they don't want anybody to come see 'em, Captain." Around the first half circle of the winding road beyond the gate the driver pulled into the bank.

"Okay, sir," he said. "Him and me are surveying this road. That the idea, sir?" Pete nodded. "Be careful you don't get run over."

They got out instruments and set them up. Pete waited with the earphone on his head. He was getting jumpy again. He had recognized the voice on the phone. Its owner was to meet him here—if and when, he thought. He lighted a cigarette. The hands on the clock on the dash and the hands of his watch moved together in a slow conspiracy. Finally it came, low and monotonous.

"Calling P.J.W. Calling P.J.W." Their car was going through Mayaguez. Borinquen was signing off. The rest was up to him. He took the phones off and jumped out of the car. "Get going, boys," he said. "A man's coming. He'll ask for me. I'll be up that mule track. Keep your eye on the road below. A black car will go in the gate. Give it half an hour, and then park across in front so nobody can get out, and sit tight."

"Oh, boy!" the driver said. He saluted with a broad grin. "Yes, sir." "Don't shoot unless somebody pulls a gun. Shoot hell out of anybody who does." He made his way up the mule track through the coffee trees. It was cool and green under the ferny branches covering them with shade. He kept climbing, trying to get the idea out of his head that he might be walking into some kind of a trap laid for himself as well as Anne. At last he came out into a clear flat patch of ground and looked down. He could see a valley below and the red-tiled roof of the house. Beyond it he caught the gleam of the sun on the shiny nose of a trimotored plane.

Suddenly he straightened up at a new sound in the stillness of the green mountain top, dropped his cigarette, put his foot on it and waited, his face grim and his jaw tight. Miguel Valera was coming up the mule track.

He came into the clearing and stopped. For a moment the two of them stood looking at each other with steady appraisal. Miguel Valera came forward.

"We're going to start down," he said. "We can get there before they do. If you don't mind doing as I tell you, there ought not to be any trouble. We have plenty of time." "Before we go," Pete said quietly, "I'd like to know where you stand in this business."

"At the moment my chief interest is Miss Heywood," Valera answered evenly. "The rest of it is up to you. I'd like to keep out of sight if possible, for reasons of my own. If I can't, Okay. Are you ready?"

Pete looked at him for an instant. "All set," he said. They crossed a ravine and started up a rounding slope. "What about your people?" Pete asked.

"The peons?" "Yes." "They're all right. The common people have an idea what democracy means, even out here." The road ahead of them was lined with royal palms. A man came riding out of an archway in the blue stucco wall. He nodded at Miguel and set off down the road. They crossed the dirt compound and entered the house.

"Upstairs," Miguel said. "I don't get your part in all this," Pete said. "Whose side are you on?"

"My people's," Miguel said calmly. "That depends on your point of view, doesn't it?" "I think not—Be quiet. They're coming." Pete looked at him in the half-dark. It could still be a trap.

"It is a story, Miss Heywood," Mr. Tausig said, "that I should not have told you if you'd minded your own business. Perhaps I should be as concise as possible, because time is precious."

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for February 6

JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDES

LESSON TEXT—Mark 6:35-44; 8:1-9. GOLDEN TEXT—I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—John 6:35.

Hungry! That word describes the crying need of the greater part of the world's population. Men who have vaunted themselves because of their ability and ingenuity have brought the nations of the earth into such awful confusion that even God's abundant provision cannot reach the needy ones.

God is concerned about man's physical need just as truly as He is about spiritual needs. This story brings Christianity into action on a level that all will appreciate—the need of food for the body. It works there as it does everywhere.

The supply of every need of man is God. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Countless Christians have found it to be true that we may trust God—completely—and for everything.

The stories of the feeding of the two groups of people show the wrong and the right attitude toward man's need. In two approaches to the problem the disciples were wrong. Then Christ showed them the right way.

I. They Can Take Care of Their Own Need (6:35, 36). "Send them away"—that was the plea of the disciples when the multitude of those who had followed Him became hungry. The people were there because they were interested in Christ. They had come in a hurry (v. 33) and had not brought food. The problem was on the disciples' hands, and they sought the easiest way out. Let them shift for themselves—"Send them away."

The church has followed their example in dealing with the social problems of the people down through the years. The result is that being denied fellowship, comfort, and help by a church which was too busy building up a vast organization or a beautiful order of worship, the common people have responded to the appeal of political leaders who have provided a substitute for what the church should have given them.

When Jesus put upon them the direct responsibility to feed the people, the disciples changed their "slogan" and said:

The Once Over H.I. Phillips

TELEVISION NEWSPAPERS

General Electric published a newspaper by television the other day. Fifty editors saw the demonstration. None rushed out and stole his paper, but all agreed the stunt had bewildering possibilities. For one thing, for the first time in history newspapermen may have to be well dressed and handsome.

The test of the city editor of the future may not be whether he has a great nose for news but whether he has the right eyes for screening. And a telegraph editor may be unable to get a job unless he has a winning personality.

If the television newspaper is perfected, a built-in editor and a little knob on a radio set may replace the pressroom. Whether you get your paper may depend on radio reception rather than on the newsboy.

General Electric gave the demonstration in cooperation with the Albany Times Union. The printed pages came hurtling through the scene so clearly you would have thought Sinatra was publisher.

Cartoons, columns, classified ads and department store ads came out of the atmosphere, with real live models in the cloak and suit ads. Anybody present could see the possibilities; beer ads with real suds, fuel ads showing real lumps of coal and delicatessen store ads showing just how the clerk uses a razor to slice meat for those sandwiches.

Television ads will bring right into your home the goat which that fellow has been trying to sell for \$16 all these years. And when you see the lefty-bed-and-board personals you will see the actual bed.

When there is a murder mystery you will see a reporter enacting the crime and the editor's stenographer posing as the victim, if she has the right personality for murder cases.

However, we are not scared by the threat of a television press. Not many people who listen to the radio can read anyhow. And nothing can destroy the average American's determination to sit over in a quiet corner and read his newspapers. Well, maybe they're not reading, but it's an established way of avoiding conversation.

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"Then he was gone." . . . This lad with deep-set eyes Who, when the chips were down, So terrorized far skies; Who in green days When none of us could tell How brave our youngsters were, Had flashed the "All is well!"

This "Butch" O'Hare, Whose name could stir your soul And speed your pulse And make your past unroll! . . . "Then he was gone." . . . A red-gull in the dark—The bucko with the stuff—The courage red and stark.

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"Then he was gone." . . . The slashing, slammung guy—"The Socho Kid"—"The King Hawk of the sky"—The kind we have, Thank God, in days of dread To take the torch For our heroic dead!

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Has he got a winning smile? Has he got a certain style? Is he slugging all the while? That's Ike.

Gems of Thought

[I]n a library we are surrounded by hundreds of dear friends imprisoned by an enchanter in paper and leather boxes.—Emerson.

For Freedom's battle once begun, Beneath'd by bleeding sire to son, Though baffled oft, is ever won.—BYRON

The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes, but its fears.—A. C. Benson.

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Romans: 2:1

THE MARCH OF DEATH

The horrible story which has been released on the inhuman treatment accorded American prisoners of war by the Japanese, if released many months ago, would have undoubtedly intensified our war effort, and should also have also operated to have shamed strikers in war factories, but, nevertheless, the reason for delay in release of this awful information is understandable.

The Anglo-Saxon race has certain ideals of manhood which have come down to us through the generations, and we are reluctant to conclude that these ideals, as applied to combat, must in this war be abandoned. Then, too, it was fully appreciated that the publication of the atrocity story would end all hope of securing more humane treatment of our men in Japanese custody.

Slowly we are awakening to a realization that in our conflict with the Japs it is a fight to the death. After all of these months we have less than 400 Japanese prisoners take in battle, while they have, or had, thousands of ours. Of course, too much emphasis must not be placed upon the fact that the Japs do not surrender in battle. Our boys at the front know more about their inhuman tactics than we do, and they are not taking prisoners.

We must realize now as never before that for us a great war is just beginning. Up to now we have been building and training a great combat force, which sometime before warm weather, we may expect to hurl against our enemies with telling effect.

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Just as Wally Benton, radio's "The Fox" is about to leave on a long delayed honeymoon with his assistant, Ann Rutherford, detectives arrive to arrest him for being the

"Constant Reader," a notorious criminal wanted for murder. Wally believes them to be pranksters and eludes them. On his way he learns they were legitimate and is about to give himself up and straighten matters out when the real gangsters arrive on the scene. They want to murder Red so the police will believe him to be the criminal and close the case leaving them free to pursue their crimes without interference.

Between the police and the murderers Wally is in a bad spot, but he manages to extricate himself and capture the gangsters after a series of side-splitting adventures. One of these adventures takes him to Ebbets Field, Brooklyn's famed ball park, where the Battling Beavers are playing the Brooklyn Dodgers. Red

ends himself on the mound, disguised behind a bushy beard, pitching against the Dodgers and trying to warn the police commissioner against the man sitting next to him by pitching wild balls into the stand.

Ann Rutherford, as Wally's sweetheart, is vivacious and lovely to look at. As a beautiful but dumb reporter assigned to cover Wally's honeymoon and stumbles on a murder story, eJan Rogers shows outstanding talent as a comedienne, "Rags" Ragland, as Red's chauffeur and press agent, is a one man laugh riot in himself. Others figuring prominently in the comedy are Sam Levens, Ray Collins and Henry O'Neill.

The film was directed by S. Sylvan Simon and production reins were handled by George Haight.

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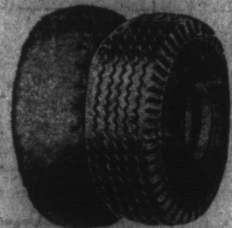
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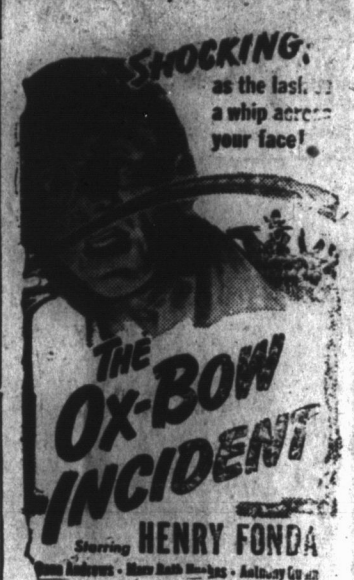
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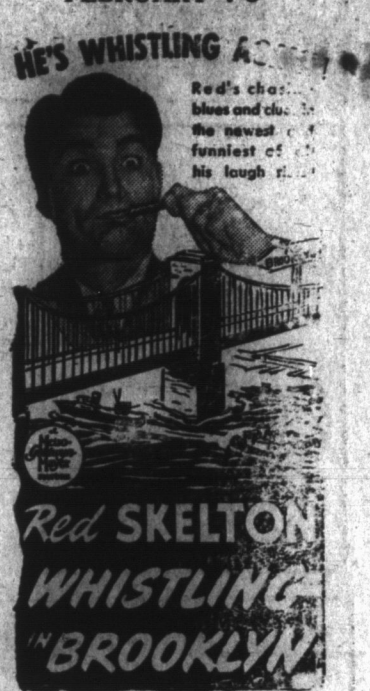
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Vivacious Annabella has the important role of a headstrong French peasant girl who at first distrusts the Commando, but later falls in love with him and risks her life to help in his perilous task. Lee J. Cobb enacts the role of an aged French farmer who leads the patriotic villagers; Beulah Bondi is seen as his wife and Blanche Yurka plays the part of a widow with three daughters who gamble their all to aid in the cause of free France.

"Tonight We Raid Calais" had the benefit of several escaped Frenchmen as technical advisors, but they prefer to remain anonymous in order that their relatives, still in captive France, will not suffer reprisals.

Under their supervision, the film became a factual account of present day conditions in captive France. The plight of the French farmer is brought into sharp focus, since much of the action takes place in the rural district. The ruses worked out to fool the Nazis are said to be authentic, while particular care was exercised over the minute details of such things as interiors, food, crops and French farming equipment.

John Brahm directed "Tonight We Raid Calais," which was produced by Andre Daven. The screen play was by Waldo Salt.

"Tonight We Raid Calais" will be shown at Pitts' Theatre, Manassas, Va., on Sunday, February 6.

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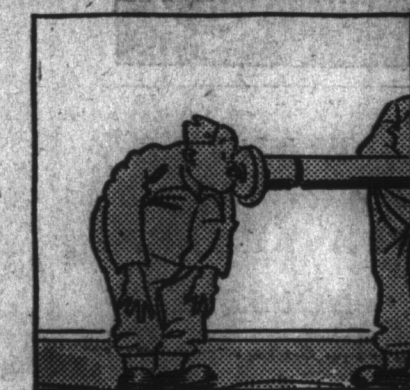
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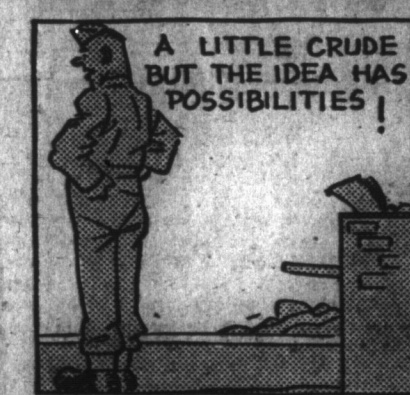
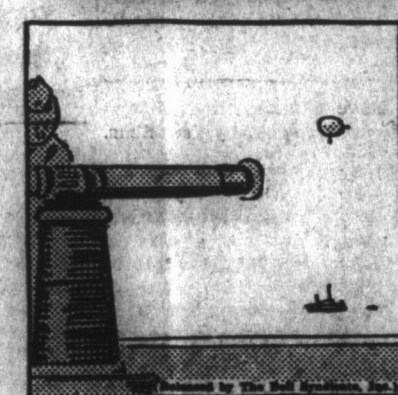
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Foreign Trade
American—What 'nese are you, Japanese, Javanese or Chinese?
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Spank Him!
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Simple, huh?
Harry—What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride?
Jerry—Whoa!



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Small Target
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Definition
Harry—What's a panhandler?
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Bird on Defense
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SIMPLE EXPLANATION

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Sure Cure
Patient—Nurse, I think my breath is getting shorter.
Nurse—Just take things easy, the doctor will soon put a stop to that.

Rolling Pin Queen
Smith—Why do you wish your wife was like Venus?
Jones—So she wouldn't have any arms to throw things at me.

At the Bar
Al—What's Bill's social standing?
Tom—Not so good. He begins to wobble on the fourth beer.

Kathleen Norris Says: Should Her Husband Be Told?

Bill Syndicate—WNU Features



"Here is a wife of 28 with two small sons and a devoted husband, who is carrying on like a girl in her teens. Should her husband be told?"

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WHEN a soldier's wife is unfaithful to him, and he is far away in the South Pacific, should he be told or shouldn't he?" writes Aubrey Davis, from an eastern capital. "My sister-in-law and I have been living together since both our men went away to war," her letter goes on, "and I am intensely distressed at Anne's conduct. I'm not moralizing, I have my own faults, I know, but here is a wife of 28, with two small sons and a devoted husband, who is carrying on like a girl in her teens."

"Anne is extremely pretty and she goes out with men all the time—I accepted that situation. She sleeps late, laughs over the flowers and candy that arrive regularly, claims that Billy, my brother, would be the first to want her to have a good time. She is out all night practically every night. She stays home for the children's supper—I have two little girls—dresses afterward and is gone at about seven."

Soldier Has Confidence in Wife.
"The real tragedy is that Billy adores Anne, and she evidently writes him most affectionately, for his letters are filled with gratitude. She sends him snapshots of the boys, books, presents. He has the utmost confidence in her: his wife, the mother of his two loved little boys, his Anne. The truth would shatter him, he could never trust her again, and yet, is it right to let him go on writing her of his love and longing, while she is wasting all her emotions on another man?"

"There is a fine group of service wives in this particular town; we meet, read, sew, get into canteen and Red Cross work, enjoy our children, our Victory gardens, movies and radio programs. My own life is filled to the brim with interests, many of which I will carry on when my own John gets home, because they broaden my outlook so much. But none of these interests Anne, she lives a mysterious life of her own. She says she loves Billy as much as ever and simply can't help attracting men to her, and that when Billy gets home she'll tell him herself that she's been foolish, and that he'll forgive her. But if I know my brother, he won't, and it makes me miserable to have this situation go on and on, and have her apparently feel herself quite beyond the reach of the law. What should I do?"

My dear Aubrey, you should do nothing. Except to go on with your own reasonable and well-ordered life, and stand ready to extend friendship and help to Anne when the crash comes. Say nothing of her affairs to anyone, ignore them, for the time is approaching when they can't be ignored, and having sowed the wind she will reap the whirlwind.

Should your brother ever reproach you for having kept him in the dark, you have the perfect excuse. It is nobody's business to interfere between man and wife; your tattling would only lower you in his esteem and in your own. He needs everything that affection can do for him now; even if it is only Anne's rather shallow affection.

Let the situation rest as it is for the time being. You are the one to be made uneasy now; presently it will be Billy's turn.

Anne Will Pay for Foolishness.
But in the end it will be Anne who pays the piper. Life has a way of catching up with such women. They

PROBLEM OF A CHEATING WIFE

Anne is married to a soldier in the Pacific. They have two children. She is pretty and through her natural ability to attract men is disloyal to her husband. She is out almost every night and lately her time is being taken up by one particular man. While this is going on she writes affectionate letters to her husband and he suspects nothing. He continues to think of her as his loyal wife and loving mother of his two children. Her sister-in-law asks if the husband should be informed of this deplorable condition. Kathleen Norris tells her not to tell the husband at this time.

think that they are just having a good time, yielding to the insidious temptation to an illicit love affair, doing, as they love to say, what every woman would do if she had the chance.

What they really are doing is pulling down the very structure of civilization and social responsibility. And never in the world did we need a strong moral force in our domestic affairs as we do now.

We need true women, faithful to the vows they made, faithful to the claims of their children, faithful to the highest ideals of wifehood and motherhood. We need service from all these lonely wives; service on the battlefield and the home front. We need honesty; honesty in the letters we write; in the markets and shops, in every social contact we make.

Europe's civilization is going to be in ruins for a while after the war. Over central Europe demoralized bands of women and children will wander, not knowing where their country is, or if they have a country. Libraries, museums, schools, hospitals already lie in ashes; nations are split in half, nationalities hopelessly intermixed. Invasion, slave labor, evacuations, exile have all had their fearful hour; now will come famine and pestilence and homelessness beyond anything our imaginations can reach.

America must stand firm in the early years of readjustment. She must hold tight to her own civilized, self-controlled, humanitarian ways, if the world is to be saved at all. She will have no place for slackers, for vain weak women who are unable to appreciate the incalculable benefits of a man's love, little sons to raise, the safety and plenty of our own wonderful country. Anne will find herself alone, superfluous, unwanted in the new day that strong men and women will build.

FIVE TIPS FOR BOND SPEAKERS

War bond promoters facing their first speaking assignments were offered five suggestions by Joseph F. O'Brien, professor of speech at Pennsylvania State college.

1. Think of your audience as your friends and neighbors. Make your speech sound as if you were talking things over with them.
2. Begin humorously.
3. Give down-to-earth facts—such as how many bonds it takes to buy a single jeep.
4. Don't forget the purely selfish appeal. While it's patriotic to buy bonds, there's also a positive personal gain.
5. Close with a serious note. War is serious business.

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Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
By VIRGINIA VALE
Released by Western Newspaper Union

A MAN who has met so many motion picture stars that he can't even remember how many he's known told me that Joan Fontaine is really pretty wonderful. Vitality, intelligence, warmth, sensitiveness—she has them all, said he. He seems to be right. A girl who grew up with her and her sister, Olivia de Havilland, told me that Joan always did know what she wanted, and how to get it. Well, when she came to New York after finishing "Frenchman's Creek" for Paramount, she wanted a vacation with her husband, Brian Aherne. So she took it, in a quiet corner of Connecticut—and sandwiched work as a nurse's aid in doing the marketing.

JOAN FONTAINE

You've never heard known, if you heard Marlene Dietrich recently on the CBS Playhouse, in "Masquerade," that she started for the broadcasting studio in fear and trembling. Back in August, 1943, she appeared on that same program—and fans practically mobbed her when she got out of a cab in front of the impressive building. This time she wore old clothes—and the doorman didn't want to let her in!

Here's perfect casting: Samuel Goldwyn has engaged Victor McLaglen for the role of the pirate known as "The Hook" in his technical production of "Treasure Chest." McLaglen will be a good pirate, even though he will be the nemesis of Bob Hope, and so involved in comedy. Hope's cast as a touring actor who gets involved with a boatload of pirates.

Lewis E. Lawes, for many years warden of Sing Sing, calls "New Prisons—New Men" "the first picture I have ever seen which clearly portrays the all around activities of a modern prison in operation." It's the latest of the "This Is America" series.

Ruth Brennan, daughter of Walter, begins her screen career in a small role in Selznick's "Since You Went Away." Not wanting to trade on her father's fame, she used the name of Lynn Whitthrop—but the only person she fooled was herself. Her father's been signed by Warner Bros. for one of the top roles in support of Humphrey Bogart in "To Have and Have Not."

The Blue Network's glamour star, Gertrude Lawrence, in one of the proudest women in America, since the American Red Cross gave her her first stripe for 1,990 hours of service. Everybody who knows how much time and good hard work she gives to aiding the war effort feels that she ought to be the most decorated gal in America; she's never too busy or too tired to do whatever she can.

"One Man's Family" got its start on the air as a sustaining program on NBC way back in April, 1932. Carlton E. Morse had been writing and producing radio programs like "Chinatown Squad" and "Twisted Tales," but felt that the story of life as it is to the average American would appeal to the public. First thing anybody knew, the public made it a weekly listening habit—and it still is.

Nancy Kelly would like to spend winters on Broadway, on the stage, and summers in Hollywood, in pictures—if she manages it, let's hope she'll get better picture assignments than she's had recently. At 17 she was sensational in "Susan and God," on the stage, and the movies grabbed her. To an unprejudiced onlooker it seems that she's capable of far better work than she's done so far.

ODDS AND ENDS

Note to girls—Dick "Henry Aldrich" Jones is thrilled, but also embarrassed, by all those letters from girls who have been sending him, sealed with pink impressions of their lips. . . . Latest addition to the "Silver Theater" is Modeline Lee, whom you used to hear as "Amos 'n' Andy's" Miss Blue. . . . When Jan Peerce of "Great Moments in Music" lets go with the full power of his lungs, listeners fully expect the studio walls to be blasted apart. . . . Hal Roach, former United Artists producer, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel in the U. S. army.

After Peace Comes, What? Committee for Economic Development Seeks Ways to Maintain Employment

Survey of Community's Postwar Business Prospects Is Urged

By ELLIOTT PINE

Released by Western Newspaper Union.
Within a year, and perhaps much sooner, the war in Europe will end, according to most experts, both political and military. Immediately the problems of reconverting wartime America to peacetime production will begin. Factories that have been running day and night will slow down and perhaps close. Many thousands of men will be released from the armed forces. Labor shortages will disappear, and before long, the specter of unemployment will be back.

It was to try to devise ways for the orderly return to peacetime production, and to try to avoid the mass unemployment that usually follows war, that the Committee for Economic Development was organized, a little more than a year ago. This committee is a group of the nation's foremost business executives, bankers, economists, and other technical experts. Chairman is Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker corporation. The vice chairman is the vice president of the University of Chicago. Presidents of several nationally known corporations serve on the committee.

The committee is not connected with the federal government in any way, although its office is in Washington, D. C. Its activities are split into two major branches: Research division, and Field Development division. The research division has the task of investigating all policies of business, labor and government that retard expanding employment and production. After finding out what and where the trouble is, the research division presents recommendations for suitable changes.

The field development division "has the responsibility of stimulating and helping individual enterprises to plan now for high levels of productive employment and profitable distribution in the postwar period."

There are 12 regional chairmen, 1 for each Federal Reserve district, who supervise the field development division's work in their sections. Under the regional chairmen are state chairmen, who in turn appoint chairmen of county committees. Finally, the county committees supervise the survey work of the community committees.

How Albert Lea, Minn., Does It.

A typical survey by a community committee is one conducted in Albert Lea, a city of 12,200 in Freeborn county, Minnesota. Freeborn county is on the southern edge of the state, adjoining Iowa, so the trading radius of Albert Lea includes part of three northern Iowa counties. Nearly 50,000 people in the agricultural region about the municipality trade at Albert Lea's stores.

There are 11 major industries in Albert Lea, and 442 businesses classed as secondary employers. There is a stove factory, a gas machine factory, a creamery, a meat packing plant, a food-products maker, and several specialty products manufacturers in the city. The electric power company is located there. Being a county seat, there is considerable legal and clerical activity.

Keeping all these matters in mind, the local economic development committee began its survey of postwar business and employment possibilities. Its first step was to set up two questions, the answers to which were to be the solution of its problem. Beginning with the premise that "Somehow there would be a job paying a living wage for every worker who wanted one after the war."

First thing, said the committee, is to find out how many workers would want jobs, and how many jobs business thought it could provide after the war. It took the number employed in 1940 as a base, this being the last full year before the country entered the war. Then it added the number unemployed and seeking work in that year. These figures were:

Employed in 1940.....4,298
Unemployed in 1940.....721
Total prewar labor force.....4,967

Then the committee obtained the employment figures for 1943, recognizing that they were abnormally high, with many women and high-school students working who ordinarily would not be in industry. Some people had moved into town too, who were not expected to stay



HAPPY STEEL WORKERS, lined up before the pay windows of a huge Pittsburgh plant now operating at capacity, are representative of the millions of factory people now earning good wages. But how many will be working when the war orders end?

after the war boom. The figures settled upon were:
Employed in 1943.....4,435
Unemployed in 1943.....290
Wartime labor force.....4,635

The next step was more difficult. It was to try to estimate how many persons would want work after the war, when the servicemen had returned.

New automobiles:				
City residents.....	1,156	cars at \$1,093 average cost.....	\$1,263,308	
Farmers.....	1,189	cars at \$70.....	83,230	
Not including.....				1,105,800
City houses.....	442	at \$400.....	176,800	
Farm houses.....	130	at \$3,150.....	409,500	
Repairs to housing:				
City houses.....	716	at \$14.....	10,024	
Farm houses.....	348	at \$40.....	13,920	
Farm barns.....	300	at \$1,075.....	322,500	
Farm silos.....	300	at \$30.....	9,000	
Other farm purchases:				
Tractors.....	700	at \$20.....	14,000	
Pre-fabricated small buildings.....	310	at \$60.....	18,600	
Electrical installations.....	310	at \$35.....	10,850	
Other city purchases:				
Refrigerators.....	646	at \$13.....	8,398	
Furniture.....	378	at \$10.....	3,780	
Vacation travel.....	306	at \$70.....	21,420	

turned, and other changes had come about. A survey among employers gave these figures:
Returning from armed forces.....1,612
Returning from farms.....125
Returning from other regions.....200
Growth and maturity of population (1943-45).....428
Total.....2,365

This total was then added to the wartime labor force:

Wartime labor force (1943).....4,635
Number returning after war.....1,615
Total.....6,250

Subtracted from this, however, was a sizable group who would not be in the labor market after the war. These were:

Returning to farms.....125
Returning to other regions.....50
Not seeking postwar jobs.....134
Total.....309

Taking this number from the 7,470 previous total left 6,561, which the committee called the net postwar labor force. In other words, between six and seven thousand people would be expected to find steady work in Albert Lea after the war. Obviously, the next move was to find out how many jobs the city's employers could provide. When returns came in from every employer, from smallest shop to largest factory, the results were:

Postwar labor force (as before).....6,561
Number that can be employed after war, as estimated.....5,968
Albert Lea's unemployed in, say, 1946, on this basis.....593

So, about 600 people would be out of work, or nearly 10 per cent.

Local Business Prospects.
The committee then turned to finding out whether business activity could not be stimulated a bit. Every business man answered a confidential questionnaire. Tabulated responses gave this salient information:

The 11 big industries gave this reply, as summarized:

Volume of business done in 1933 (gross sales).....\$ 9,044,000
Volume of business done in 1940.....22,735,000
Volume of business done in 1943.....\$1,643,000
Volume of business you expect to do in the first postwar year.....\$2,660,000

Then the 442 secondary businesses were told that these 11 major industries expected to employ about 60 per cent more workers in the post-war period than in 1940, and 1 per cent more than in 1943, the peak year to date. With this in mind, the secondary business men guessed that their volume of sales would run about 15 per cent higher, in the years immediately following the war, than in 1943.

While the survey among business men was being made, a second one

was being conducted among a selected cross-section of the city's population to find out their buying intentions, after normal conditions returned. A similar survey was made by mail among the farmers of Freeborn county, asking them what goods they expected to buy for their farms as well as for their homes and families. Some of the things that people hoped to buy were:

How to Pay for It.				
Another question put was, "How do you intend to pay for these purchases?" City people with incomes between \$1,770 and \$3,000 replied that they would pay in this manner:				
From current income.....	33.3%			
Borrowings.....	41.2%			
War bonds.....	1.2%			
See report.....	11.7%			

Farm families with incomes ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year expected to pay for things thus:
Current income.....64%
Borrowings.....4%
War bonds.....32%

In general, people with large incomes proposed to buy with cash rather than to borrow, as people of smaller means planned to do.

How Much Farm Income?

The Albert Lea committee realized fully how dependent the city was on the prosperity of the surrounding farmers. A sub-committee was working on farm income prospects while the other investigations were going on. Total income for Freeborn county was set down as follows:

Farm income, 1939.....\$ 7,316,000
Farm income, 1943.....20,164,000
Farm income, first postwar year.....19,416,000

The postwar figure was established after analyzing the possibilities of changes in crops and livestock. Aside from maintaining hemp raising, and an increase in soybeans and some vegetable crops, the committee did not anticipate any important changes. The members did recommend establishing a soybean processing plant and a cannery.

To find out how much the city and county construction projects could be depended upon to provide employment, a survey of public works programs was made. When this sub-committee reported, it was shown that some \$15,000 worth of work had to be deferred because of war, representing about 14,000 man-hours. New projects might amount to \$390,000 of expenditures. The committee did not consider the possibility of state and federal projects. It was the committee's conclusion that little reliance could be placed on public works as a means of relieving unemployment.

After weighing all the information gleaned by the sub-committees, the general committee of Albert Lea had a sound starting point for its postwar employment plans.

Albert Lea is only one city, but it is representative of thousands of communities in the United States. Its problems are the nation's problems. It is the Committee for Economic Development's intention to help solve these problems by accurate information.

Local Investigation May Reveal Opportunities for Sales and Jobs

Findings of the community economic development survey may very possibly stimulate postwar business and employment, merely by showing merchants and contractors how large a market is waiting for their products.

Bill Bopp, a contractor, may have underestimated the buying power of the people and not realized that 592 families in the city and rural areas expect to have new homes in the first two years after the war. He may decide he can use four more men after the war to handle this construction.

Thus each employer will be "chipping away" at the total of potential unemployed. A new job may be found for one man here, another

there, three more there, and 15 more there.

Whether the total is whittled down to zero will depend entirely upon the cooperation of each individual employer and of all other groups in society, both local and national. In short, the survey figures, based in part on fact and part on estimate, only indicate possible postwar conditions. Subsequent developments and further investigations may alter the results.

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In the Navy a floor is a "deck," doors are "bulkheads," downstairs is "below," and a cigarette is a "Camel." At least, Camel is the favorite cigarette among Navy men, as it is among men in the Army, Marines, and Coast Guard. (Based on actual sales records from service men's stores.) And a carton of Camels is a favorite gift. Though there are now Post Office restrictions on packages to overseas Army men, you can still send Camels to soldiers in the U. S., and to men in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard whenever they are.—Adv.

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IN THE NAVY AIR CORPS

they say:

"PICKLE LUGGER" for torpedo bomber

"DUCK" for an amphibian plane

"FLYING THE WET" for following a river

"CAMEL" for the favorite cigarette with men in the Navy

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With men in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, the favorite cigarette is Camel. (Based on actual sales records.)

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CAMEL

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed July 27, 1937, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Prince William County in Deed Book No. 99, pp. 197-8, by Peter B. Beach and Lillie V. Beach, to the undersigned trustee, to secure the debt therein described, default having been made in the payment of such debt, the undersigned trustee will sell by way of public auction, FOR CASH, in front of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas, in Manassas, Va., February 25, 1944, at 11 o'clock, A. M., that tract of 27 acres, and 34 poles, on the south side of the John Marshall Highway, near Haymarket, in said county, together with the dwelling and all improvements thereon, it being the place where the said Peter B. Beach resided till his death, and on which his widow now resides.

J. DONALD RICHARDS,
Trustee

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VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Prince William, February 2, 1944.

Joseph Bruckert

vs.

Elsa Boehme Bruckert
In Chancery

The object of the above styled suit is to obtain for the Complainant a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant upon the ground of desertion, and for general relief.

And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that Elsa Boehme Bruckert, the above-named defendant is not a resident of this state, it is

therefore ordered that the said Elsa Boehme Bruckert do appear within ten days after due publication of this order, in the Clerk's Office of our said Circuit Court, and do what is necessary to protect her interests. And it is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Manassas Journal, a newspaper printed in the County of Prince William, Virginia. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse of said County on or before the next succeeding Rule Day, and that another copy of this order be mailed to the said defendant to the post office address given in the affidavit.

WORTH H. STORKE, Clerk

A True Copy:

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R. B. Washington, p. q.
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CLIFTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kincheloe and their son, Private First Class W. S. Jr., of Crewe, Va., have been visiting in Clifton and Fairfax.

Miss Frances Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Buckley of Clifton, became the bride of Mr. J. Laurence Sheldon Saturday, January 15th at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Grill in Falls Church. The bride wore an aqua dress with a sash of pink rose buds. She is a graduate of Harrisonburg State Teachers College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Southeastern University and is a member of the District bar.

Miss Margaret Kirtley was a Clifton visitor on Wednesday of last week.

The Elgins had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Roger Elgin of Alexandria, Mrs. Charles E. Buckley, Miss Bertha Luck of Manassas and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoene. Mr. Hoene is Commissioner of Markets of Baltimore City.

NOKESVILLE

Pfc. John Steele of Brooklyn, New York, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Steele and his grandparents, all of Nokesville, Va., last week. Enroute home John stopped in Washington, D. C. to visit his aunt, Mrs. Ernest Reed. His many friends were glad to welcome him back in the community.

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Experiences of the past year will serve us in meeting the problems of 1944. The enormous demand for coal to meet the nation's requirements and the curtailment of supplies due to interruptions to production created difficulties which handicapped dealers.

As a dealer we were not able, because of conditions beyond our control, to do everything we wanted to protect the trade which we have served for years. Your understanding and cooperation have helped make it possible for us to do our job.

It is our purpose and desire to serve all our customers who have regularly depended on us for coal in the past. Yet will be a demand in 1944 similar to that of the past year. Yet we believe we shall be able, with uninterrupted production, by customers placing with us their orders in advance, to meet your normal requirements.

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WASHINGTON	Plain Enriched Flour	10-lb. sack	54c
HARVEST BLOSSOM	Flour	10-lb. sack	43c
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Veal Kidneys	1b.	29c
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(2) D. S. Bellies	1b.	22c

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(11) T. B. Steak	1b.	47c
(10) Sirloin Steak	1b.	40c
(12) Round Steak	1b.	40c
(5) Short Ribs	1b.	20c
(5) Plate Beef	1b.	15c
(7) Hamburger	1b.	25c

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WELL, YOU CAN BE A BUSINESSWOMAN. SHE'S GOT TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN. SHE'S GOT TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN.

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HOW YOU SURE AND A SMART MANAGER. I COULD USE YOU IN MY BUSINESS.

BOY, THIS IS A SMALL HAMBURGER. I COULD GET A COUPLE MORE EASY, BUT I GOT TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN. SHE'S GOT TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN.

THANKS, HONEY, AND THANK SAFEWAY, TOO. THEY'RE ONLY SAVING ME MONEY, BUT THEY'RE SAVING ME EVERYTHING. TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN, I GOT TO BE A BUSINESSWOMAN.

SAFETY HOMEOWNERS' BUREAU