

County Reaches 89% of War Bond Quota; Drive Ends Saturday

As Washington county reached 89% of its individual quota in the sixth war loan drive by subscribing \$388,084.00 against a quota of \$435,000.00, 75% of the local communities were over the top on their individual quotas. Last week eight were reported over the top. Since that time the village of Barton headed by Attorney Jerry Otten and the town of Polk headed by Harry Klasinger with co-chairman Phil Peters reported going over the top, adding their names to the honor roll of the communities who went over their quota in the sixth war loan drive.

With 89% of the quota so far subscribed, it leaves only \$112,000.00 to go in Washington county to go over the top on the individual quota. Although the drive officially ends on December 16 this applies to everything but E, F and G bonds. E, F and G bonds that are purchased during the entire month of December will count in the sixth war loan drive. That means that anyone receiving Christmas bonuses, Christmas presents or in the case of farmers where there are a lot of checks sent out by canning companies this month, some money can be put into war bonds and will count in the sixth war loan drive.

All banks, post offices and savings and loan associations in Washington county are issuing agents for war bonds. Do not wait for your minute man to call. Go to your bank, post office or savings and loan association and buy your sixth war loan bond. If you have already bought some bonds and can buy extra bonds at this time, do not hesitate to do so for the need is great and every dollar that you can invest today means an earlier victory. Your local community will get 10% per credit for all war bonds you buy.

The ten units in Washington county that are over the top are starred in the tabulation shown elsewhere on this page. This also shows exactly what has been subscribed in each and every community in relation to their quota in the sixth war loan drive. All the villages are over the top and five of the thirteen townships. Those not as yet over the top are the village of Hartford and West Bend and the townships of Farmington, Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum, Richfield, Trenton, Wayne and West Bend and many of these are mighty, mighty close to their quota and perhaps even at the time you are reading this they will have gone over the top. Robert E. Rofis, executive chairman of the Washington County War Finance committee, has often expressed himself in the fact that the important job that the Washington County War Finance committee has is to make it possible that each and every community in Washington county makes their own individual quota. With half of the units now over the top and most of the balance very close to their quota, this should be possible before the sixth war loan drive is over.

LITTLE FELLOW BAPTIZED

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Staehler of Route 2, Kewaskum, was baptized in Holy Trinity church Sunday by the Rev. F. C. LaBowl. He received the name John William. Sponsors were Mrs. Henry Pastors of West Bend, Route 3, and Andrew Staehler of Kewaskum, R. 2.

Column on the Side

TAKE A BOW, KEWASKUM
We certainly agree that the citizens of our little city of Kewaskum can feel justly proud of a job well done and read with real satisfaction what one of our subscribers, a resident of this community years ago and now living in sunny California, has to write in the following letter received the past week:

Long Beach 4, Calif.
Dec. 2nd, 1944
"Kewaskum Statesman,
Kewaskum, Wis.
Gentlemen:
"Enclosed find a two dollar post office money order for subscription to your paper for the coming year. Received paper today and see your village has again gone over the top in the 6th war loan drive. Congratulations, also for being the first village to go over the top in the state. Your citizens should be very proud of that honor.
Sincerely,
Frances M. Pasch

O. Was It?

The husband answering the phone said, "I don't know. Call the weather bureau," and hung up "Who was that?" asked the wife. "Some sailor. I guess. He asked if the coast was clear."

Mobile Blood Donor Unit Coming Jan. 15

R. J. Stoltz, chairman of the American Red Cross blood donor activities in West Bend, was informed late last week that the area mobile blood donor unit has been scheduled for a Jan. 15 date in West Bend.

This early date was offered West Bend to replace a postponed November visit of the unit. The postponement was brought about by the shifting of personnel from the Milwaukee office to another site and at that time an early date was promised West Bend.

Chairman Stoltz wishes to impress upon the public that it is at all possible for those who wish to "give a pint to save a life" to now determine just what time of the afternoon or evening they will be free on Jan. 15, that they immediately call 16 or drop him a post card to North Main street giving their preferred time. The chairman also announced that those working in factories in West Bend will be given an opportunity to volunteer at their places of employment by notice on the bulletin boards.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 50 will be accepted as a volunteer. A physical examination will be given each volunteer before his blood is taken to assure no harmful results to the donor. Those who have not given blood before should ask someone who has, if they wish to be assured of the simplicity and painlessness of the procedure.

PROGRAM DEFINED
In view of certain misunderstandings regarding the American Red Cross blood donor program which this year is supplying 5,000,000 pints of blood to the army and navy medical corps, the following definition of the program was issued by H. F. Keisker, manager of the midwestern area, American Red Cross:

Keisker declared that the blood donor program was undertaken by the Red Cross in February, 1941, at the request of the army and navy and to date has collected nearly 11,000,000 pints of blood through voluntary donations. No charge has been made for this blood either by individual donors or the Red Cross. He stated the blood donor program is divided into three phases, each designed to accommodate specific types of requests originating with the surgeon generals of the army and navy. The three types are:

Blood plasma—This is the phase into which blood collected by such mobile units as visiting West Bend ultimately ends. The blood is red need to a plasma form for transportation to battle zones without refrigeration and can be administered to casualties under emergency battle conditions regardless of the individual blood type.

Serum albumin—This is a liquid, highly concentrated form of blood plasma packed in a container one-fourth the size of the regular blood plasma package reducing weight and bulk.

Whole blood—This is the newest of the Red Cross blood donor services to supplement the use of plasma in caring for casualties suffering from heavy loss of blood. This service is restricted to east and west coast areas where whole blood is flown, under refrigeration, direct to the battle zone hospitals. Only donors with "C" type blood, which can be given to any casualty, can be used. This type has been in the news of late.

Keisker stated, "through the American Red Cross literally millions of American men and women have responded patriotically to the call of 'Red blood to help save the lives and future of our fighting men. The 'miracle of blood plasma' is a scientific victory. The generous response of the people of America is a humanitarian demonstration which is a democratic triumph."

People in the West Bend area should mark the Jan. 15 date on their calendar now and plan to add their blood to the fight.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SCOUTS MONDAY NIGHT
All Boy Scout and troop leaders of Barton, Kewaskum and West Bend Boy Scouts have received invitations to a Boy Scout Christmas party on Monday evening at McLane school, West Bend. The party will be held from 7 to 9 p. m. Each scout will bring a 10¢ gift for the gift exchange. The program will consist of games, contests, singing and a court of honor. Lunch will conclude the party.

SCOUTS HIKE TO SHACK
Some of the Boy Scouts of the Kewaskum troop accompanied Scoutmaster Tom Green on a hike to Joe Eberle's shack in the town of Wayne Sunday to spend a day's outing.

ANNUAL YULE PARTY
The Ladies' Aid of the St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran church held their annual Christmas party last Wednesday afternoon in the parish school hall.

Pfc. Tesch Wounded in Action in France

A war department telegram received on Monday brought the news to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tesch of Route 2, Kewaskum, who reside on Highway 55 just south of the village limits, that their son, Pfc. Edwin W. Tesch was slightly wounded in action in France on Nov. 25. Pfc. Tesch is the sixth Kewaskum man reported to be wounded in November in either France or Germany.

The telegram, which was sent to Pfc. Tesch's mother, Mrs. Albertine Tesch, states: "Regret to inform you your son, Private First Class Edwin W. Tesch was slightly wounded in action twenty-six November in France. You will be advised as reports of condition are received. Dunlop, acting the adjutant general."

Foxes Quite Plentiful; Local Hunters Bag One

Foxes seem to be quite plentiful this year in Washington county. Last week three hunters brought foxes which they had shot into the county clerk's office at West Bend to collect the \$3 bounty. One of the animals was brought in by Charles Meinecke of this village, who exhibited a beautiful, large cross fox which was shot by Lester Dreher while hunting with Meinecke and Louis Bunkelman on the Bath, Rath farm east of town. Recently a town of Wayne hunter also collected the bounty on a fox he had shot. It is reported to the writer that Harry Jaeger of West Bend has bagged two foxes in the "black hills" near Barton. A good sportsman, Jaeger had two fox hounds shipped in this year to help rid this section of the foxes for the protection of smaller game.

MANY LOCAL RELATIVES AT WEST BEND WEDDING

Many local relatives and friends attended the wedding of Miss Virginia Bastian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bastian, West Bend, and Pfc. Edward Backhaus of Camp Mt. Vernon, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Backhaus of West Bend. The nuptial event was read by the Rev. E. R. Vornholt in Immanuel Ev. and Reformed church, West Bend, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

In attendance from Kewaskum were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ramthun, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ramthun and children, Ailyn Ramthun, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dreher, Mrs. Wallace Krueger, Mrs. Lester Dreher, Mrs. Myron Perschbacher, Mrs. Otto Ramthun Jr., Mrs. Otto Ramthun Sr. and daughters, Miss Edna Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Backhaus. The groom is a nephew of the Henry Ramthuns, Julius Dreher's and Wm. Backhaus.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandpa, Jacob Becker, who passed away Dec. 15, 1942:

A year of silent sorrow,
A year of grief and pain,
The blow was great, the shock severe,
We did not know the end was near.
The dearest husband and father,
Whom God could ever lend,
Loving, gentle, thoughtful and true,
Always willing a kind act to do,
For all of us you did your best,
May God grant you eternal rest,
Sadly missed by Mrs. Jacob Becker and family.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY

A double birthday party was held Sunday evening in honor of Gerhard Kumrow and Ray Klug at the latter's home in the town of Scott. Those who attended included Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Kumrow, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stolper and Phillip Stolper of Sherman Center, Edwin Klug, Mr. and Mrs. Erhardt Klug and daughter Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wilke and son Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruever, Arno and Florence Garbisch, Ray and Marvin Garbisch of the town of Scott, Charley Jandre and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilke of this village.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Betty Mae, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kober, Route 2, Kewaskum, submitted to an operation at St. Joseph's hospital, West Bend, Saturday, Dec. 9.

Mrs. Niels Nielsen, Route 2, Kewaskum, was admitted to the same hospital for medical treatment Friday, Dec. 8.

Alan Krueger of the town of Auburn, who was a patient at St. A. nes hospital, Fond du Lac for several weeks, where he was seriously ill following an operation, returned to his home last week.

An ad will add to your income.

School Team is Defeated by Oakfield Here Friday

Kewaskum high school met defeat in its second Tri-County conference game against Oakfield here Friday, Dec. 8, 27 to 20, after upsetting Lomira in the opener the previous week.

It was an even game throughout the first three quarters, the teams tying at the end of the first period, 6 to 6. Kewaskum holding a 12 to 11 lead at the half and the Oak Leaves taking a 23 to 19 advantage at the end of the third quarter. In the final quarter Oakfield surged ahead of the Indians to gain a 27 to 20 victory.

Glen Backhaus was the leading offensive threat to the home five; to top scoring honors for the evening, Forward Powers and Guard Kaufman paced Oakfield's netters with seven points apiece.

"Oakfield has a fine team," said Coach Mitchell, "perhaps one of the best Kewaskum will meet this season." The Highs gave Oakfield a swell run and it was anybody's victory until the last few minutes.

On Friday night of this week Kewaskum played Rosendale here. Next Tuesday, Dec. 19, undefeated Campbellsport will play here. The Dells have a strong team this year and have won all of their first five games to date.

Here is the box score of last Friday's contest:

KEWASKUM	FG	FT	PP
G. Backhaus, f.....	5	0	2
Stantz, f.....	1	1	1
D. Backhaus, c.....	0	0	0
Koth, g.....	1	0	1
Krueger, g.....	1	0	0
OAKFIELD	FG	FT	PP
Cragoe, f.....	2	0	0
Powers, f.....	3	1	1
Launders, f.....	0	0	1
Rosenblat, c.....	3	0	3
Roye, g.....	1	1	2
Kaufman, g.....	3	1	1
	12	3	8

Free throws missed—Kewaskum 5; G. Backhaus, D. Backhaus, Koth 2, Krueger, Oakfield 2; Roye, Powers, Referee: Klatt.

SERIES OF SIX CONFERENCES FOR COUNTY TEACHERS HELD

The second round of conferences for teachers of rural and state graded schools in Washington county closed last Wednesday with an instructive meeting in the Barton school. Other conferences had been held during the week before at Allenton, Kewaskum, Lincoln school (town of Hartford), Jackson and Richfield schools.

Conducting the conferences were County Supt. M. T. Buckley, J. Old C. Buckley, supervisor of schools, and Miss Marion E. Trachte, county nurse. The theme was health, testing and social studies.

BAPTIZED AT NEW FANE

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp was baptized Sunday at St. John's Lutheran church, New Fane, by the Rev. E. Zanow. She received the name Kathleen Esadde. Sponsors were Mrs. Louis Frank of Jackson, Mrs. Max Okrusch of West Bend and Raymond Dutzke of Campbellsport.

SKAT TOURNAMENT

Prize skat tournament at Heiler's tavern next Wednesday night, Dec. 20. All players invited. Hot beef sandwiches served as a special over the week end. Fish fry every Friday.

"OVER THE TOP" SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE Individual Sales to Nov. 27

Community	Quota	Subscriptions
CITIES:		
Hartford	\$130,515	\$ 71,531
West Bend	226,485	179,412
VILLAGES:		
XBarton	23,625	23,975
XGermantown	11,865	16,263
XJackson	13,230	20,375
XKewaskum	35,175	70,500
XSlinger	19,530	21,000
TOWNSHIPS:		
XAddison	61,215	62,155
XBarton	29,925	31,694
XErin	29,925	32,488
Farmington	45,780	35,577
Germantown	58,275	47,563
Hartford	46,620	41,526
XJackson	48,300	51,000
Kewaskum	24,885	12,092
XPolk	46,410	53,229
Richfield	53,760	47,288
Trenton	51,030	48,310
Wayne	41,265	24,000
West Bend	52,185	48,106
TOTAL	\$1,050,000	\$938,084
X"Over the Top"		

Reul Returns to Duty After Being Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reul of Route 1, Kewaskum, who received a war department telegram last week Tuesday stating that their son, Pfc. Howard F. Reul, was missing in action in France since Nov. 15, received heartening news on Monday of this week when a second telegram arrived stating that Pfc. Reul returned to duty on Nov. 17.

The telegram, sent to Pfc. Reul's mother, Mrs. Amanda I. Reul, states: "Am pleased to inform you your son, Private First Class Howard F. Reul, returned to duty seventeen November, 1940, acting the adjutant general."

Early Seal Sale Returns Far Ahead of Last Year

A total of \$53.00 in early returns from the annual Christmas seal sale in Kewaskum was reported today by seal sale chairman. This shows a definite increase over last year's returns on the same date.

If you did not receive your seal in the mail, please send a postcard to Mrs. Brauchle or telephone 51F4 and you will be sent your seals immediately. "We do our best to check all changes of address, but occasional omissions do occur," said Mrs. Brauchle. "This year preparing seals for mailing was an especially big job because many changes were needed to get the list up to date."

Funds from the sale of seals make possible the services of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis association which is your state's representative in the organized fight against tuberculosis. These services include tuberculin testing, chest X-rays and fluoroscopy in the WATA trailer units, tuberculosis clinics nursing and social service consultation, and mass education through literature, movies, radio and lectures.

LEAVES FOR SOUTHERN CAMP TO BE MARRIED TO SOLDIER

Miss Cynthia Krueger of this village, a Kewaskum Aluminum company employee and daughter of the Allan Kruegers of Campbellsport, left on Thursday for North Camp Hood, Tex., where she intends to be married to T/5 Milton Maecke, son of the Ed. Maeckes of the town of Auburn, returned overseas veteran now stationed there. A farewell party in Miss Krueger's honor was held Tuesday night for friends.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party of the Ladies' Aid of the Peace Evangelical and Reformed church was held in the church parlors last Thursday afternoon.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Mrs. Marvin A. Martin of this village is substituting as teacher at the Dundee school temporarily until a replacement is found for the former teacher.

LOCKER PLANT CLOSED

The Kewaskum Frozen Foods locker will be closed for the holidays all day Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24 and 25, also Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. No meat will be accepted for processing on the week end. Fish fry every Friday.

Mrs. Spradau Dies, Mother of Mrs. Clarence Mertes

Mrs. Emil Spradau, 79, mother of Mrs. Clarence Mertes and sister of Frank Vetter of this village, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 12 at her home in the town of Osceola after having been seriously ill for some time.

Mrs. Spradau, the former Miss Augusta Vetter, formerly resided in the town of Scott, Sheboygan county. Surviving are her widower; her daughter, Mrs. Mertes here; a son, Carl, of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. William Siegfried and Mrs. Henrietta Deckliver, both of Beechwood; two brothers, Henry Vetter of Marshfield and Frank Vetter of Kewaskum. Two sons preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Friday from the residence and at 2 p. m. at the Beechwood church, the Rev. R. G. Beck of Kewaskum officiating. Burial was made in the Beechwood cemetery.

RITES FOR MRS. WESEBERG, FORMER RESIDENT, ARE HELD

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. last Friday from the Beck funeral home and at 2 p. m. in the Lutheran church at Theresa for Mrs. Mary Wesenberg, 80, former resident of Kewaskum and sister-in-law of Robert Wesenberg of here. Mrs. Wesenberg, widow of August Wesenberg, former Soo Line depot agent at Theresa, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, at her home in Theresa. Burial took place in Union cemetery there.

Born Oct. 21, 1864, in the town of Theresa, a daughter of Christ and Hannah Luhn, she was married Oct. 21, 1890, her birthday anniversary, in Theresa. Mr. and Mrs. Wesenberg resided at Kewaskum for several years after their marriage, later moving to Melien, Omro and Chelsea. Mr. Wesenberg serving as depot agent at all of those places. The couple returned to Theresa in 1915. Mr. Wesenberg died in February, 1943.

Decased is survived by two brothers, Gustave Luhn of Fond du Lac and August Luhn of Theresa.

Community Chorus Gives Free Christmas Concert

The West Bend community chorus, sponsored by the West Bend School of Vocational and Adult Education, will give a Christmas concert at the McLane auditorium on Saturday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock. A. Mullinix, director, and the 40 chorists have been rehearsing diligently to make possible for the public this musical at heralding the Christmas tide. The program includes well-known and best-loved carols and hymns which will be sung a capella. There is no admission charge.

Assisting at the concert will be Margaret Muehlisen and Ann Rath of Jackson, students at the West Bend high school, who will render piano and cello solos respectively.

Now in its third year, the community chorus draws its membership primarily from the city of West Bend, but there are also music lovers from Kewaskum, Slinger and Jackson who avail themselves of this vocational school opportunity. For the most part these folks sing only for their enjoyment but at this time are united in their effort for your entertainment.

Come and hear your own choir members and friends raise their voices in fine Christmas songs. Perhaps it will help you to catch a glimpse of peace and hope in these troubled times.

The program is as follows:
Angels From the Realms of Glory
..... Stuart
Infant So Gentle.....Gascow Crot
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
..... Provencal Carol
Chorus
Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2.....Chopin
Spring Song.....Mendelssohn
Margaret Muehlisen, pianist
Angels We Have Heard on High
..... French
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
..... Praetorius
Carol of the Russian Children
..... Russian
Chorus
Ferceuse.....Goyard
LaCinquintine.....Rabriel-Marie
Ann Rath, cellist
The Angels and the Shepherds
..... Bohemian
Whither Shepherds Haste Ye Now
..... French
Sing We All Noel.....York
Chorus

A. Mullinix, director
Mrs. C. A. Collins, accompanist

COMPLETES MASSEUR COURSE

Roy Schreiber arrived here last week to spend some time with his wife and family after completing a masseur's course at the College of Swedish Massage in Chicago. Roy also wrestles professionally out of Chicago under the name of Rob'oy.

Make the good news better: Buy More War Bonds

Village Team Enters Land O' Lakes Loop; Opener Here Sunday

Kewaskum has again entered a team in the northern division of the strong Land O' Lakes basketball league for this season. Opening games were played on Thursday night of this week but Kewaskum will not get its first test until Sunday night, Dec. 17, when Mequon comes here to play the opener in the high school gym starting at 8:15 p. m. sharp.

League director Martin C. Weber of Merton has again divided the league into two divisions, the northern and southern. There are seven teams in the northern division. Besides Kewaskum they are Cedarburg, Campbellsport, Hartford, Menomonee Falls, Mequon and the West Bend Schachts. The teams will play an 18 game schedule, each team meeting the others three times in three rounds of play. A 16 game schedule will be played in the southern division where more teams are entered.

Ten players have turned out for the local team so far, namely "Killy" Honeck, Joe Miller, Fred Dorn, Willard Prost, "Wandy" Weiss, Eugene Bingen, Roger Stahl, Jim Barlett, Allan Tassar and Bill Sinafer. More players are sought because all of those above will not be able to play in all games due to their working hours. The Kewaskum team, minus some of its players, engaged the Davavia five in a practice tit here on Thursday night of this week and won out in overtime, 30 to 28. The team has purchased bright new black and gold uniforms this year which they will wear for the first time in Sunday's opener if they are received in time. "Killy" Honeck and Joe Miller are co-managers of the local squad.

The pennant winners of the two divisions will meet in a three game series for the grand championship at the end of the season. The annual all-star game between the north and south will be played in midseason and the pick of these two teams will meet the Oshkosh All-Stars of an exhibition game some time after the first of the year.

Kewaskum will play all of its home games on Sunday evenings. Here is the team's complete, official schedule; clip it for future reference:

FIRST ROUND
Dec. 17—Mequon at Kewaskum
Dec. 20—Kewaskum at Hartford
Dec. 29—Kewaskum at Meno. Falls
Jan. 7—West Bend at Kewaskum
Jan. 9—Kewaskum at Campbellsport
Jan. 14—Cedarburg at Kewaskum

SECOND ROUND
Jan. 16—Kewaskum at Mequon
Jan. 21—Hartford at Kewaskum
Jan. 25—Kewaskum at West Bend
Jan. 28—Meno. Falls at Kewaskum
Feb. 4—Kewaskum at Cedarburg
Feb. 11—Campbellsport at Kewaskum

THIRD ROUND
Feb. 17—Kewaskum at Hartford
Feb. 18—Kewaskum at Kewaskum
Feb. 23—Kewaskum at Meno. Falls
Feb. 25—West Bend at Kewaskum
Feb. 27—Kewaskum at Campbellsport
Mar. 4—Cedarburg at Kewaskum

Note that in the third round of play above Kewaskum plays its first five of the six games in 11 days, an average of almost a game every other day.

SHERIFF-ELECT KOTH NAMES UNDERSHERIFF, DEPUTIES

Ray Koth, newly elected Washington county sheriff, who will take office Jan. 2, sends a list of the deputies he appointed Tuesday to serve under him. Koth gave the appointment of undersheriff to Math. Fischer, operator of the West Bend sewage disposal plant. Deputies are as follows: Ray Jeffords, town of Erin; Wilbur Hensler, Germantown; Harry Hepple, Hartford; Melvin Guse, Jackson; Carl F. Schaefer, Kewaskum; Bob Laubenheimer, Richfield; Louis Zaern, Slinger; Alvin Schmidt, town of Trenton; George Kibbel, Wayne; William Scott, West Bend; Andrew Thill, Allenton.

CHORUS TO SING CAROLS

The girls' chorus of the Kewaskum high school will sing Christmas carols at individual homes in Kewaskum and community next Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock.

MISS FELLEZ BREAKS ARM

Miss Elsie Fellenz, who is employed in West Bend, fractured the small bone in her arm when she fell while on her way to work in that city Saturday morning. Miss Fellenz spent the past week with her brother, A. J. "Tony" Fellenz and wife and Mrs. Margaret Stelling here.

SCHMITT BREAKS FOOT

Orin Schmitt of near St. Klau had the misfortune of breaking his right foot while leading hogs Monday.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS

Never put food in paper bags in the refrigerator. Air should circulate freely around the food if it is to be preserved at a safe temperature.

If needles are scarce, open up one of the old pin cushions and doubtlessly you will find a number of needles embedded there.

Do you have an old eye-glass case around that isn't in use? Employ it as a red and blue ration token holder.

Adjust the cover of the ironing board onto the board while it is still wet after washing. It will then fit tight.

A clean tea towel, pinned smoothly over my rolling pin, substitutes for a sleeve-board very satisfactorily. Both large and small sleeves can be ironed nicely and quickly on it.

An easy way to coat doughnuts with sugar is to place them in a paper sack with powdered sugar. Shaking the bag will do the rest.

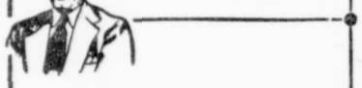
If a small article has fallen into some hard-to-get-at place, use a wad of chewing gum stuck on the end of a long stick to get at it.

Use the corn popper to toast odd bits of stale bread.

If, when you decide to make a cake or spread sandwiches, the butter is hard as a rock, invert a warm bowl over the butter plate, and this will soften but not melt the butter. If you haven't a warm bowl, pour some very hot water into the bowl for a few minutes.

If that rinse-and-risk policy has been carried to an extreme in cleaning the coffee pot, and you have sour milk you can't use, put it in the coffee pot, leaving the gadgets in place. Allow to stand a day or two, then pour out, and that awful brown will drain away with it. Wash the pot well with soapy water, scald thoroughly and allow to air. It's good as new!

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Demand for military tents has had a strong influence on the supply of cotton needed for the manufacture of tires and other rubber items.

Accurate tire inflation means more now than ever before. Too much pressure encourages impact breaks; too little causes excess flexing and heat—a heavy mileage waster.

A compliment to the technicians responsible for the development of synthetic rubber is the fact that tires and tubes required by the U. S. Ordnance Department are about 85 per cent converted to a substitute for natural rubber.

Advertisement for B.F. Goodrich tires, featuring the slogan 'In war or peace' and 'FIRST IN RUBBER'.

Advertisement for GROVE'S COLD TABLETS, claiming 'MULTIPLE RELIEF FOR COLD MISERIES'.

Buy War Savings Bonds

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring a man's face and the text 'RUN DOWN? MANY DOCTORS RECOMMEND THIS TONIC'.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring a man's face and the text 'TRY SCOTT'S EMULSION Great Year-Round Tonic'.

Kathleen Norris Says: When Sweethearts Are Wives

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.



Harwood, who is in the merchant marine, went away; presently he was back, and Betsy stopped crying and was suddenly all for dances, movies, parties, the old girlhood and engagement days routine.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"MY DAUGHTER—eight months married—isn't a wife at all!" writes Mary Purvis from New York City. "She's a sweetheart, expecting flowers, entertainment, night-clubs, fun when he gets leave, and moping about idly when he is away. She gravitates from feverish excitement and gaiety to deep depression, driving her father and me almost out of our senses."

"Harwood, the young husband, is 22; Betsy is 19. Of course they were too young to marry, but they were very much in love, and my husband and I, after only a two-months courtship, which to them seemed a long time, gave our consent."

"Two weeks after their pretty country wedding, Harwood, who is in the Merchant Marine, went away; presently he was back, and Betsy stopped crying and was suddenly all for dances, movies, parties, the old girlhood and engagement days routine. No talk naturally of home or cooking or hospitality or the hope of children. They knew they couldn't have those things yet."

"Every leave since then has been the same. Wild laughter, new frocks, new friends, drinking, dancing, wasting money, coming in late and breakfasting at 11 or 12 the next day, and always the excuse that Harwood may not come back from the next trip, and they must have fun while they can."

"Lately, during the last month or two, there have been quarrels, and Betsy is moody and unreasonable when Harwood is here, and heart-broken with self-reproach when he goes. The whole thing is as unnatural and unsatisfying as it can be. My husband and I worry ourselves sick about it. Betsy is our only child, she has never had any home duties, being busy with school and social engagements, and while she sometimes works fitfully with the Red Cross, it is not with any interest or enthusiasm. Week after week goes by; her young life is wasting away, and yet she has no home or husband, none of the normal activities that knit young mates together and build for them a real future as man and wife. I don't think that our pushing her out to establish a little place of her own would help; do you think that it would?"

The answer is, no, I don't. Your trouble, Mary, is one that touches us all. You are trying to rationalize and make reasonable conditions that are basically abnormal. War is unfair to everyone, but it is especially unfair to young women.

If girls stay home in inland towns and all the men go away to war, that's hard on the girls.

If girls fall in love and wisely refrain from consenting even to an engagement until the war is over, that's equally hard.

If a girl announces her engagement and the man goes away that means that both man and girl have to be faithful to a memory that fades faster and faster until they almost feel themselves strangers.

If there is a war wedding, and then separation, the conditions described by Mary Purvis' letter prevail.



Learning to know each other...

Draperies Should Harmonize With Walls and Furnishings. Shortages of cotton fiber materials have accentuated the problem of curtains and draperies for your windows this winter. If possible, refurbish the window decorations you have, but if new curtains or draperies are necessary, color, texture and pattern are of prime importance. Harmony with other furnishings in the room should guide you. If the walls and furniture have considerable pattern, it would be better to choose a material with no pattern or one that has a pattern that appears plain. For plain walls and furnishings, pick a patterned drapery. For glass curtains you might select caseement cloth, dotted Swiss, gauze, marquisette, muslin, net, organdie, sheers or voile. Printed cottons are especially popular for draperies, but other suitable materials include calico, crash, damask, faille, novelty weaves, printed linens, rep, sateen, satin, sail cloth, taffeta and muslin sheeting.

STRESS OF WAR

There is no use pretending that life can be lived in the usual pattern during a great war. The stresses and dislocations are especially hard for young women to endure, whether they marry or stay single for the duration.

Betsy is only 19. She has always had things pretty much her own way, both at school and at home. She had no particular responsibilities. Social activities and a little Red Cross work filled her days.

After a courtship of only two months, she and Harwood were married. He is only 22, but because they were so obviously and intensely in love, Betsy's parents consented. Soon after the wedding, Harwood was called to duty. He comes in on brief leaves every few weeks.

The short meetings are emotional storms for the young couple. Betsy wants to rush about to dances and parties. She expects the exciting whirlwind of gay experiences she enjoyed as an engaged girl. Lately Betsy and Harwood have quarreled on inconsequential matters. When he goes away again, she is moody and self-reproachful.

But even if the nation's efforts to maintain postwar production and employment succeed, farm economy must be prepared to withstand some shocks. The switch from peace to war will inevitably bring changes in farm methods to cope with new techniques in marketing and production. In such a setup, the individual farmer who uses antiquated methods or who fails to maintain the fertility level of his soil is doomed to failure.

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PAN-FRYING SMALL FISH. A favorite way to cook steaks or fillets and small fish that have been split down the back is pan-frying. Dip them in cold water, then roll in a mixture prepared by combining one-half cup each of flour and corn meal and 1 tablespoon of salt. Heat 3 or 4 tablespoons of fat in a heavy skillet until it just begins to smoke. Place the fish in the pan and brown on both sides. Cover the pan and cook slowly. Ten minutes should be sufficient for fillets cut about one-half inch thick.

Tighter Competition After War Demands Soil Fertility Be Maintained at High Level

Elements Drawn From Soil by Bumper Crops Should Be Replaced

What will the coming transition from war to peacetime economy mean to American agriculture?

That question has been raised with increasing frequency not only by dirt farmers but by so-called agricultural economists, too, as Uncle Sam's armies and fleets have won smashing victories overseas and as prayed-for peace becomes a closer possibility.

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Reports from liberated countries indicate that the food supply situation there is less acute than had been anticipated. France, the Balkans, Poland and even eventually Germany may require less food from our supply than we had been counting on. Stocks of goods in Great Britain are reported to be 5,500,000 tons, against a normal 1,500,000 tons. These reserves have been built up substantially from lend-lease shipments out of this country. If these were reduced to say, 2,000,000 tons when the war ends, there would be left about 3,500,000 for relief. Surveys by the Stanford Food Research institute support the belief

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A good deal different from that of the manufacturer or industrialist. The farmer's peak production job will be completed. Vast stocks of food and fiber will be in storage; competition for markets will be keen. Industry, on the other hand, will be reconverting from war production to the greatest peacetime output in history. The backlog of demand for virtually every commodity used in civilian life—automobiles, machinery, building materials, refrigerators, radios, heating equipment, household furnishings—will be big enough to require years of high-geared industrial activity.

Some economists believe that if peacetime industrial output and employment remain high—say at about 150 billion dollar income level annually—the demand for farm products would be sufficient to absorb a total production at about 1943 levels.

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field is the same whether the crop yield be large or small. Therefore, the farmer who is able to get big yields at a relatively low production cost is the one who will make money when competition is keen.

Attention to essentials is, of course, important in any soil improvement plan for postwar years. In addition to good rotation, the growing of deep-rooted legumes, contour plowing where necessary, and the return of manure and crop refuse to the soil, the use of mixed fertilizer is a No. 1 necessity. Quality as well as high yield will be important factors in the postwar farm market. Experience has demonstrated that fertilized crops are of higher quality and yield than unfertilized ones.

Get It Early! "The War Food administration again calls on farmers to accept delivery of their fertilizers during the winter and early spring, when the manufacturing plants can make delivery most easily, and to store it in their barns and sheds for use when needed."

P. H. Groggins, chief of the chemicals and fertilizers branch, advises: "The individual farmer can assure himself of sufficient fertilizer by placing his orders as far as possible ahead of the season of use. If all farmers will do this, plants can be kept working at the capacity permitted by available labor. Confined maximum production and use of fertilizers is necessary in support of the war food program."

"During and immediately after the last war when food prices were even higher proportionately than they are now, many farmers were foolish enough to mortgage their own farms in order to buy more land," a recent statement of the Middle West Soil Improvement committee points out. "The sellers were canny operators who preferred to take their own cold profit on real estate rather than gamble on the chances of food prices remaining eternally high."

"The memory of the crash and deflation that followed is still painfully fresh."

"After the present war, American farmers will have to compete in world markets. Because of current income levels the temptation to acquire additional acreage is strong. Some farmers believe it is a smart move because with more and better machinery available after the war and their sons coming home

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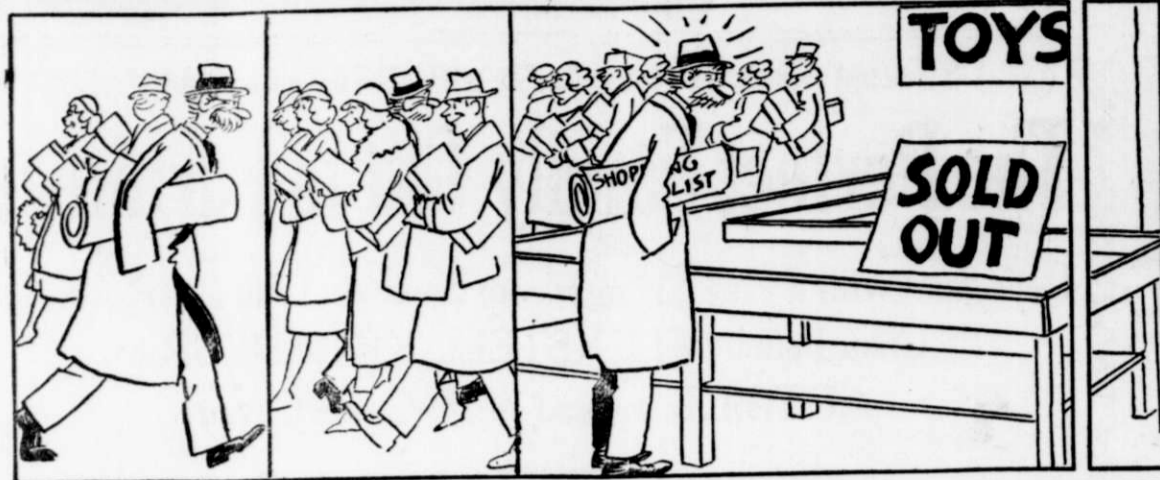
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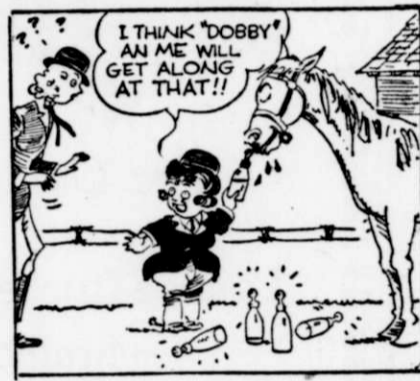
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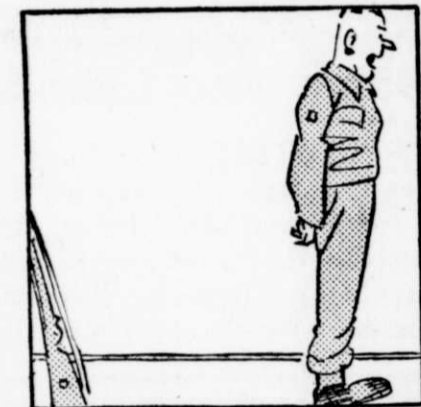
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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Air Crew Invited Jerrys To Make Daily Mail Stop

Fighter Pilots Are Forgotten Men Despite Their Brilliant Work

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note): This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the GIs during the air battles in French North Africa. He is currently taking a much needed rest in New Mexico.

A FORWARD AIRDROME IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA.—While bad weather stymies the ground fighting in Tunisia, the air war on both sides has been daily increasing in intensity until it has reached a really violent tempo.

Not a day passes without heavy bombing of Axis ports, vicious strafing of cities and airdromes, losses on both sides and constant watchful patrolling.

Here, at one of our airdromes, all of us can assure you that being bombed is no fun. Yet these tired, hard-working Americans jokingly decided to send a telegram to Allied headquarters asking them to arrange for the Jerrys to stop there each evening and pick up our mail.

I am living at this airdrome for a while. It can't be named, although the Germans obviously know where it is, since they call on us frequently. Furthermore, they announced quite a while ago by radio that they would destroy the place within three days.

I hadn't been here three hours till the Germans came. They arrived just at dusk. And they came arrogantly, flying low. Some of them must have regretted their audacity, for they never got home. The first works that met them were beautiful from the ground, but must have been hideous up where they were.

They dropped bombs on several parts of the field, but their aim was marred at the last minute. There were no direct hits on anything. Not a man was scratched, though the stories of near misses multiplied into the hundreds by the next day. One soldier who had found a bottle of wine was lying in a pup tent drinking. He never got up during the raid—just lay there cussing at the Germans.

When the raid was over he was untouched, but the tent a foot above him was riddled with shrapnel.

Another soldier made a practice of keeping a canteen hanging just above his head. That night when he went to take a drink the canteen was empty. Investigation revealed a shrapnel hole, through which the water had run out.

Another soldier had the front sight of his rifle shot off by a German machine-gun bullet.

Some of the soldiers were actually picking tiny bits of shrapnel out of their coats all the next day. Yet, as I said, not a drop of American blood was shed.

When this airdrome was first set up the soldiers dug slit trenches just deep enough to lie down in during a raid, but after each new bombing the trenches get deeper.

GIs Outdig WPA.

Everybody makes fun of himself—but keeps on digging. Today some of these trenches are more than eight feet deep. I'll bet there has been more whole-hearted digging here in two weeks than WPA did in two years.

The officers don't have to hound their men. They dig with a will of their own, and with a vengeance. If we stay here long enough we'll probably have to install elevators to get to the bottom of the trenches.

After supper you see officers as well as men out digging. Each little group has its own trench design. Some are just square holes. Some form an L. Some are regulation zigzag. The ground here is dry, and the trenches don't fill up with water as they do in the coastal and mountain camps. The earth is as hard as concrete. You have to use an ax as well as a pick and shovel.

You'd love our air-raid alarm system. It consists of a dinner bell hanging from a date palm tree on the side headquarters. When the radio watchers give the order the dinner bell is rung. Then the warning is carried to the far ends of the vast airdrome by sentries shooting revolvers and rifles into the air. At night it sounds like a small battle. When the alarm goes the soldiers get excited and mad, too. When the Germans come over the anti-aircraft guns throw up a fantastic Fourth of July torrent of red tracer bullets.

But to the soldiers on the ground that isn't enough, so they let loose with everything from Colt .45s up to Tommy guns.

It happens that my best flying friends in this war have been bomber men, but I wish somebody would sing a song, and a glorious one, for our fighter pilots. They are the forgotten men of our aerial war.

Not until I came up close to the African front did I realize what our fighter pilots have been through and what they are doing. Somehow or other you don't hear much about them, but they are the sponge that is absorbing the fury of the Luftwaffe over here. They are taking it and taking it and taking it. An everlasting credit should be theirs.

In England, the fighters of the RAF got the glory because of the great Battle of Britain in 1940. But in America our attention has been centered on the success of the Flying Fortresses when they went into action made the public more bomber-conscious.

There is still rivalry between the fighters and the bombers, as there always has been. That in itself is probably a good thing. But of late it has sort of slipped out of the category of rivalry—it has developed into a feeling on the part of the fighter pilots that they are neglected and unappreciated and taking a little more than their share on the nose. Their ratio of losses is higher than that of the bombers, and their ratio of credit is lower.

Bombers Need Fighters.

There have been exaggerations in the claims that the Fortresses can take care of themselves without fighter escort. Almost any bomber pilot will tell you that he is deeply grateful for the fighter cover he has in Africa, and that if he had to go without it he would feel like a very naked man on his way to work.

Our heavy bombers now are always escorted by Lockheed Lightnings (P-38s). It is their job to keep off German fighters and to absorb whatever deadlines the Nazis deal out. It means longer trips than fighters ever make before. Sometimes they have to carry extra gas tanks, which they drop when the fight starts. They mix it with the enemy when they are already tired from long flying at high altitudes. And then if they get crippled they have to navigate alone all the way home.

The P-38 is a marvelous airplane, and every pilot who flies it loves it. But the very thing that makes the Lightning capable of these long trips—its size—unfits it for the type of combat it faces when it gets there.

If two Lightnings and two Messerschmitt 109s get in a fight the Americans are almost bound to come out the little end of the horn, because the Lightnings are heavier and less maneuverable.

The ideal work of the P-38 is as an interceptor, ground strafing, or light hit-and-run bomber. It would be a perfect weapon in the hands of the Germans to knock down our daylight bombers. Thank goodness they haven't got it.

Convoying bombers is monotonous work for the fighter pilot who lives on dash and vim. These boys sometimes have to sit cramped in their little seat for six hours. In a bomber you can move around, but not in a fighter.

The bomber has a big crew to do different things, but the fighter pilot is everything in one. He is his own navigator, his own radio operator, his own gunner. When you hear the pilots tell all the things they have to do during a fight it is amazing that they ever have time to keep a danger eye out for Germans.

Although our fighters in North Africa have accounted for many more German planes than we have lost, still our fighter losses are high. I have been chummy with a roomful of five fighter pilots for the past week. Tonight two of those five are gone.

Aerial Combat Tactics Change

It is hard for a layman to understand the fine points of aerial combat as practiced at the moment in North Africa. It is hard even for the pilots to themselves to keep up for there are changes in tactics from week to week.

We will have some new idea and surprise Germans with it. Then they'll come across with a surprise maneuver, and we will have to change everything to counteract it.

But basically, at the moment, you can say that everything depends on teamwork. The lone dashing hero in this war is certain to be a dead hero within a week. Sticking with the team and playing it all together is the only guarantee of safety for everybody.

American sports has instilled teamwork into the fliers collectively. Our fighters go in groups with the bombers, ranging the sky above them, flying back and forth, watching for anything that may appear. But if they see some Germans in the distance nobody goes after them. That would be playing into the Germans' hands. So they stick to their formation above the bombers, making an umbrella.

The German has two choices—to dive down through them, or to wait until somebody is hit by flak and has to drop back. Then they are on him in a flash.

The fighter pilots seem a little different from the bomber men. Usually they are younger. Many of them were still in school when they joined up. Ordinarily they might be inclined to be more harum-scarum, but their work is so deadly, and the sobering dark cloud of personal tragedy is over them so constantly, that it seems to have humbled them. In fact I think it makes them nicer people than if they were cocky. They hate the Germans.

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Knock Knock. Jones—I wonder why Brown talks to himself all the time? Smith—I understand he likes to talk to a smart guy, and he likes to hear a smart guy talk!

Lost and Found. Mrs. Smith—Where is that pretty maid who was passing out cocktails a while ago? Hostess—Oh, are you looking for a drink? Mrs. Smith—No, I'm looking for my husband!

Holiday Fun. He—May I hold your hand? She—Certainly not. This isn't Palm Sunday. He—It isn't Independence Day either.

County Agent Notes

1946 FARM CENSUS

Henry Skalsky has been appointed supervisor of the 1946 census of agriculture in the Wisconsin District No. 2, comprising seven counties, to-wit—Eau Claire, Forest, Marinette, Oconto, Door, Kewaunee, Outagamie, Czeakos, Washington and Oconto. These counties consist of approximately 32,000 farms, requiring 23 enumerators to be appointed for the above counties. He has established his office in the Lincoln school, Main street, West DePere.

The census of agriculture is a long established function of the government. The Congress early in our history, recognized the necessity of having a periodic recording of the farming activities of our country and provided by law for the first census of agriculture a hundred and five years ago in 1810. This was fifty years before the population census began.

The census of 1915 is much more important than most of those taken in the past because of the war, thus being a wartime census, it is especially important that every farm be covered accurately and promptly. The results of this census will be of immense value to Congress and to the government generally when consideration is given to legislative and administrative actions of benefits and interest to agriculture.

It is important to remember that information given to census enumerators is not made public and is used only for statistical purposes. It is a violation of the law to reveal to unauthorized persons any information given to the census bureau. Only sworn census employees may have access to the information given enumerators by the farmers. Such information will not be given to tax assessors, tax collectors, or any other officials of government in violation of law, whether they be local, state or federal officials.

The agricultural census is an important and vital piece of work. The returns are used by all the government and private enterprises for the welfare of all the people of the United States.

All farmers, enumerators, office personnel, the press, civic organizations and county advisory committees are being asked to co-operate in getting an accurate, efficient and complete census.

The bureau of census is now receiving applications for census enumerators. Applications may be made with the agricultural extension office, post office building, West Bend. All applications received will be forwarded to census headquarters.

MUCH SEED GRAIN HAS HIGH PERCENTAGE OF WEED SEED

Seed grain used on Wisconsin farms still contains a high percentage of weed seed, reports George M. Briggs, extension agronomist at the University of Wisconsin, as a result of surveys which have been continued for a number of years.

In one survey some years ago, 264 of 1,157 samples, or 23 per cent, taken from farmers' seed boxes, showed weeds in sufficient amount to condemn the seed for commercial use. These samples were taken from seed boxes without knowing whether the seed had been run through a fanning mill. In another survey, the records show that while 77 per cent of the seed had been run through fanning mills yet upon laboratory analysis 17 per cent of the samples showed such large percentage of noxious weed

seeds as to condemn the seed. Briggs says that surveys this year are showing a like condition of seed. He estimates that 19 to 18 per cent of uncleaned seed is worthless for grain, although it is good for feed.

The cleaning practices of dairy men, whereby poor producers are eliminated from herds, could be well adapted to the state's grain-growing program. Good stands of grain come from a fanning mill properly equipped and carefully operated. Oftentimes farmers find it necessary to run their grain through a cleaning mill two or three times in order to get the heaviest and best kernels. It is a waste of treating material to treat any seed grain before cleaning it.

The farmer also benefits from use of the fanning mill because it cleans out weed seed, thereby preventing inroads of weeds upon his land. Briggs reports that one farmer finds one of the best ways to keep weeds down on his own farm is to loan his cleaning mill to neighbors, as in that way weeds do not spread from their farms to his.

In order that a good job may be done by the fanning mill, Briggs points out that it must have proper sieves, information on obtaining which can be obtained through county agents. It must be turned uniformly and correctly, in which a small motor would help. Plenty of air should be used, as machines make two separations, one by sieves and one by air, if given a chance. The feeding should be uniform but not too fast, as too heavy feeding causes poor separation because the layer of grain going over the sieves is too thick.

H. E. Skalsky, County Agent



IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT OF RED CLOVER SEED TO COMMERCIAL CHANNELS NEEDED TO MEET LEND-LEASE REQUIREMENTS

In recognition of the great need for legume and grass seed, both for use at home and for shipment to our allies, Congress made available funds for additional payments under the 1944 agricultural conservation program.

Under this so-called "hay seed harvesting program," the production of red clover seed was greatly increased in 1944 as compared with 1933 and the increase is attributed largely to payments offered. Chairman Raymond D. Lepien of the county Triple-A committee now advises that USDA officials are concerned over the slow movement of red clover seed into commercial channels. This movement is far short of the amount which will be needed to provide for domestic distribution and for supplies which have been allocated to our allies.

He pointed out that it is extremely important that the processors acquire sufficient supplies to fulfill our lend-lease commitments within the next few weeks since those shipments must be made within that time if they are to be received for next year's planting. Farmers who have planned on selling red clover seed in excess of their own requirements to dealers are urged to deliver their

seed as soon as possible. Even though the amount available for sale from an individual farm is only 5 or 10 bushels, such amounts will in the aggregate tend to release the acute shortage.

It was also pointed out that seed sold to dealers or processors will if otherwise eligible qualify for the poundage payment under the Triple-A program on the basis of the estimated amount of cleaned seed. Dec. 31 is the deadline for either making application for a seed test or for selling seed to a dealer or processor using the dealer's statement as evidence of eligibility under the poundage payment provision under the hay seed harvesting program.

Farmers have done an excellent job in increasing seed production. It must now be followed up with an equally good job in getting the seed moved into places where it is needed.

Twenty-five Years Ago

(1919)
Alvin Bartelt left for Pittsville, Wis., where he has charge of a cheese factory.

William Brandstetter and family moved to West Bend.

Leo Harter returned from Camp Hancock, Ga., where he received an honorable discharge from military duty.

Joe Eberle, who was stationed at Columbus, Ohio, arrived home from Camp Grant, Ill. where he was mustered out of service.

Mrs. William Koenen, 47, nee Mary Matener, died at her home just east of the village. She was the mother of three pairs of twins, Frances and Angela, John and Eleanor, Jacob and Regina, who survive. Norman, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Straub of Ashford, died of pneumonia.

Pvt. Wm. Darmody returned home after six months service overseas—West Wayne correspondent.

Erwin Brandt and family and Byron Brandt and family moved to Campbellsport.

The report reached here that Emerson Olwin arrived at New York and is now on his way to Camp Kearney, Calif., where he will receive his discharge from military service. Jos Strachota of this village received word that his son John has arrived in New York and expects to be in Camp Custer, Mich. in a few days to be re-

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learned from further military service. Herman W. Melahn sold his furniture stock and business and undertaking and embalming business located in the Mrs. Nic. Marx building to Clement Reinders of West Bend. Mr. Melahn purchased the establishment from John Muehleis and Co. 1 1/2 years ago and worked up a large trade. Mr. Reinders has had much experience in the business at West Bend and he and his wife will move here very soon. Mr. Reinders recently returned from service in the army.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO

(1915)
John Mathieu moved from the Meiszecke residence on lower Main street to the Karl Meiszecke home at the intersection of Main street and Fond du Lac avenue. Jos. Rimmel and family moved from the Strachota home on Fond du Lac avenue to the Meiszecke residence on lower Main street.

Frank Van Epps sold his farm in the town of Kewaskum, composed of 120 acres, to Herman Krueger, former manager of the J. B. Day farm at Campbellsport.

The following young men from Kewaskum were drawn for military service with the 44 conscripts from the county: Arthur Bertram, R. D.; Edward Guth, village; Herbert Rammthun, R. D.; Robert Little, village; Alexander Klug, village; Arthur Laatsch, R. D.; Alvin Haug and Peter Haug, village. Edwin Passil has left for Camp Stevens, Oregon, to report for military duty.

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KEWASKUM

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FARM AND HOME NOTES

Campaigns to construct milk houses are being held in many Wisconsin counties.

Plant scientists have set a goal of 150 bushels to the acre for their hybrid seed corn research.

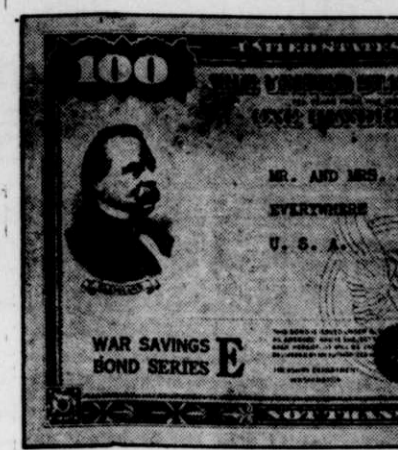
A 4-H club leader in Marathon county has a record of 23 years of consecutive work with the same club.

Seed laboratories in the midwest are busy with legume sample testing. Triple-A payments for alfalfa and clover seed are largely responsible.

Do you know that there are more than 700,000 kinds of insects known and Canada alone have more than 50,000 different kinds. A division of insect identification is maintained in Washington. It's a sort of an "Insect World FBI."

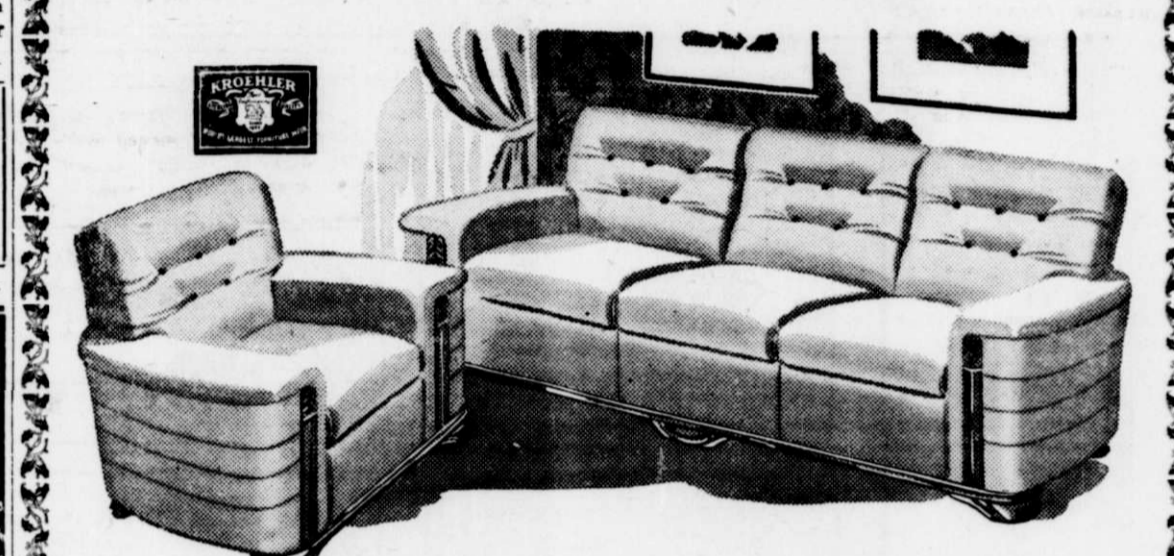
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Now our government asks us for a loan of 14 billion more dollars of which five billion dollars must come from individuals. Why? Haven't we nearly finished off our so-called Number 1 Enemy? Can Japan hold up our powerful war machine very long? Your son, brother and friend in his Pacific foxhole wouldn't raise such questions because they are up against realities, not day dreams. They kill or are killed. They pray every waking moment for a sky-darkening cover of friendly planes. They thank America for giving them the finest medical care in the world when their rendezvous with destiny in a Pacific jungle is at hand. They know the war with the Japs is just beginning.

Here are some other Pacific realities so that you will understand why there must be a Sixth War Loan and why it is absolutely necessary that it be a success:

The Allied Military Command has estimated that it will take years, not months, to lick Japan.

Japan's present army numbers about 4,000,000 with 2,000,000 more men available and fit for military service who haven't been called up to date. Another 1,500,000, between the ages of 17 and 20, are not yet subject to the draft.

The Jap Air Force is growing.

In addition to millions of native workers, Japan has a potential slave force of 400,000,000 conquered people. 50% of Japan's labor force is made up of women. Another 25% boys and girls under 20, the balance men. The Jap workday is twelve to sixteen hours with two days off a month. The Jap cannot leave his job, change it, or strike. The highest daily wage equals about three American dollars—30% to 75% of which goes to taxes and compulsory savings.

The Jap, as our men in the Pacific know, will fight to the death. As far as the Jap is concerned, the outer Empire—and the men who defend it—are the expendables. The Jap will fight the Battle from inside the inner Empire.

The Jap believes that we shall weary of war too easily and too early.

In the invasion of France, supply ships had an overnight run to make. In the coming Battle of Japan, ships in the Pacific will have long-reached round trips that often take five months to make.

These realities are worth thinking about before you keep your home front rendezvous with a Victory Volunteer. Perhaps you will feel that the national personal Sixth War Loan objective—purchase of at least one extra \$100 War Bond—is entirely too small for you. The better we face the realities confronting our forces in the Pacific the quicker the whole bloody business will be over and the sooner we will welcome home our fighting men. That's an American reality to work for with all our dollars and our sweat.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Friday Dec. 15, 1944

—For eye service—see Endlich's.
—Mike Bath spent last Friday in West Bend.

—Miss Lorraine Eberle spent Monday in Fond du Lac shopping.
—Mrs. Jos. Eberle and Miss Tillie Mayer were Fond du Lac callers on Friday.

—Mrs. Anna Gumm of Jackson spent several days with Rev. R. G. Beck and family.

—Mrs. Henry Becker and Mrs. Jos. Schwind were Fond du Lac visitors Saturday afternoon.

—When buying, selling or renting real estate call Harry H. Maaske, Kewaskum. Phone 75F2.—adv.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger of Campbellsport called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eberle Tuesday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. August C. Ebenleiter spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gardner at Oconto.

—Charles Jandre attended a birthday party in honor of Herman Falk Tuesday evening in the town of Auburn.

—Mrs. John Hintz and daughter, Mrs. Irene Demler of West Bend were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Wm. F. Schultz.

—Mr. and Mrs. Al. Wegner and family of Sheboygan were visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Guenther.

—Arnold "Sappy" Martin is employed at Kewaskum Industries, new local production machine shop, since last Friday.

—Gilbert Sed, student at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, spent the week end with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sed.

—Mrs. Lena Magritz, son Walter and Mrs. Howard Steurwald of Milwaukee were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bassi Sunday.

—Roy Warner of Milwaukee spent the week end with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Philip McLaughlin, and children.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alois Berg, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Allard of Milwaukee, spent last Friday at Chicago with friends.

—Miss Bernadette Kohler visited Mr. and Mrs. William Key Sr. at Barton Sunday. The Keys moved to Barton from West Bend recently.

—Mrs. James McElhatten and daughter Marian spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McElhatten and family in Milwaukee.

—Mrs. Leo Vyvan of Wauwatosa and Mrs. Vic. Thompson of West Allis visited the former's mother, Mrs. Charles Grosschel, last Thursday.

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—Mrs. A. A. Penschbacher was surprised by her children at a dinner at the Republican Hotel on Sunday in honor of her birthday anniversary.

—Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Dogs and children were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dogs near Wayne Sunday in honor of their son's birthday.

—Miss Virginia Schultz of Batavia and George Schwind of Boltonville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schwind and daughter Alice Sunday afternoon.

—Winter officially begins next Thursday, Dec. 21, which is the shortest day of the year. It began unofficially a couple of weeks ago judging by all the snow and cold.

—Miss Edith Pape of Milwaukee spent several days over the week end with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Faber near Kohlsville and also called on friends in Kewaskum.

—Winners of prizes at the weekly schafkopf tournament held at Pingen's tavern Tuesday night were: 1st, Harry Schlosser, 22-8-24; 2nd, Harry Schaefer, 22-10-22; 3rd, William Johann, 24-6-18.

—Henry Vetter of Marshfield arrived here last Wednesday due to the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Emil Spradan, of the town of Osceola, who died Tuesday. He is also visiting his brother Frank and wife and other relatives here.

—Theodore R. Schmidt attended the annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Association of Mutual Fire Insurance companies held at Milwaukee on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Schmidt is secretary of the association.

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—Mrs. Winferd Walvoord of this village presided at the organ and Miss Ruth Wesenberg of the town of Auburn sang two vocal selections at the wedding of Miss Myrtle Sumprecht and First Lieut. Merlin Huppchen of Cascade on Saturday, Dec. 2. The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Walvoord.

—The following were Sunday guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson and daughters, Judy and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Art. McGee, Mrs. James McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Strube, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Borsick and children, Bonnie and Michael, of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finn, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schaefer and son Jimmie of Grafton.

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ROUND LAKE

Edgar Romaine, Standard oil man, was a business caller here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buehner and son Kenneth of Elm Grove visited Delia Calvey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mielke of Mitchell visited Mr. and Mrs. Louise Mielke and family Sunday.

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FOR SALE—Chester White pigs, seven weeks old. Call Vincent Calvey, Campbellsport, R. D. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mielke and family of Pewaukee visited Mr. and Mrs. Louise Mielke and family Sunday.

Delia Calvey returned to her home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. William Ellison and other relatives in Fond du Lac.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Theaan, daughter Mary Ellen and son James Michael, and Miss Adell Thekan of Milwaukee visited Delia and Vincent Calvey Sunday.

Many from here attended the card party at the Waucoasta school Wednesday evening. A delicious lunch was served and many beautiful prizes were awarded to the highest scores in cards and also door prizes were given.

NEW FANE

Mrs. Arthur Heberer spent Tuesday at Batavia.

Mrs. William Kempf spent Friday at Fond du Lac.

Miss Delores Fick of Milwaukee spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fick.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Wunder and Mrs. C. Krewald were Fond du Lac callers on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kobs of West Bend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Wunder and Mrs. C. Krewald.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Ramel spent Friday and Saturday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gatzke and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Becker and son Junior, Mrs. Freddie Rutz and Miss Bernice Stern of West Bend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becker and daughter Gladys.

WAUCOUSTA

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Roehl spent Saturday in Fond du Lac.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Engels of Waukesha visited relatives here recently. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Buslaff from Waukesha called on relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Burnett spent Monday in Oshkosh with their son Edon and family.

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Mrs. W. C. Pieper and daughter Betty spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Fond du Lac with relatives.

Pvt. Howard Burnett of Fort Jackson, S. C., is spending a short turlough at his home here where relatives were entertained on Sunday.

FARM AND HOME LINES

Corn borers have added help to their menu in Wisconsin, report entomologists at the University of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's 1944 potato crop will be one of the smallest in 50 years, declares W. H. Ehling, state crop reporter. The crop will total less than 12,000,000 bushels.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Jap Reinforcements Smashed; Yanks Weaken Nazi Strength; Iron Out Huge Highway Program

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Supported by tanks in the rear, U. S. infantrymen advance near Geilenkirchen inside Germany on western front.

PACIFIC: Smash Reinforcements

Despite the fact that ground fighting on Leyte island stalled in bad weather, with November rainfall totaling 23 1/2 inches, there was no lull in action in the Philippines.

As Jap General Yamashita tried to take advantage of the inclement weather to reinforce his beleaguered troops on Leyte, U. S. airmen rose to combat enemy transports ploughing through western Philippine waters to Ormoc. In one long assault on a convoy, U. S. aviators sank 10 enemy transports, sending 4,000 troops to the bottom, and bringing total Jap losses in reinforcement attempts to 26 ships with a tonnage of \$2,750 and 21,000 men.

Meanwhile, B-29s continued their raids over the Tokyo industrial area, encountering moderate opposition. Infuriated by the bombings, chat-



Gen. MacArthur on Leyte airfield with Ace Boat (at left) and Lt. Gen. George Kenney (right).

ting Japanese news commentators threatened that "alpine apes" parachuting onto Japanese soil from distressed Superfortresses would be "killed on the spot by angry people."

Japs Gain

Pushed to the wall in the Philippines, the Japs had better luck in China, where Chiang Kai-shek's armies were hard put to it in an attempt to blunt an enemy drive aimed at cutting the Burma road to Chungking.

Thrusting westward from their north-south juncture at Liuchow, where they joined to seal off the whole eastern Chinese coast, Jap columns stood about 100 miles from the Burma road, key communications line linking much of the southern part of the country.

As the Japs pressed forward, they claimed 50,000 Chinese troops were falling back on the big highway station of Kwei-yang, where a strong stand was expected to block any drive further northward toward Chungking, Kai-shek's headquarters.

HIGHWAYS: Postwar Project

Following separate action by both houses, senators and representatives got together in the nation's capital to settle on a definite postwar federal highway program, the first major public works project planned for peacetime.

After the senate had approved of the expenditure of \$450,000,000 annually for three years after the war for construction of rural, secondary and urban highways, the house passed a bill providing for \$500,000,000 annually for three years.

Under both versions, states would have to contribute an equal amount of money for road projects, and sums would be distributed throughout the country on the basis of regional importance. Under the house bill, for instance, \$775,000,000 would be allotted for rural highways, \$450,000,000 for secondary roads and \$375,000,000 for urban arteries.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

Meat: The largest production of beef and veal on record for any November was made at federally inspected meat packing plants last month, according to a review of the livestock and meat situation today by the American Meat Institute. Total production of all meat last month was 1,539,000,000 pounds. This was 6 per cent more than that produced in October.

Eye: Latest is an electric eye "exposure meter" which enables a single crew of x-ray technicians to examine the chests of a thousand people a day for signs of tuberculosis.

The photometer, as the new x-ray control device is called, is already in use in tuberculosis survey clinics. It measures the precise amount of x-radiation passing through a human chest, and shuts off the x-ray tube when a sufficient quantity has passed through to make a film exposure of the proper density and contrast.

WESTERN FRONT: Battle of Attrition

To the Nazis being pressed back to the Rhine, the great battles raging along the western front were "the most ferocious in all history."

To doughboys of the U. S. Ninth, First, Third and Seventh armies, slogging forward in heavy gush, they were the hardest of the war, with desperate resistance encountered at every step.

With airplane activity limited by smoggy skies and rainfalls, the battle was being fought along the ground, with heavy U. S. field artillery and big, rumbling tanks pouring their deadly fire into enemy entrenchments to clear the way for the doughboys of the infantry.

Although General Patton's Third Army about the Saar, and General Patch's Seventh Army east of the Vosges, maintained heavy pressure on Nazi lines, the focal point of action centered on the Ninth and First Army fronts between Julich and Duren.

East of the small, but strategic, Roer river, both of these towns are vital communications centers, with elaborate highways running in from the Rhineland to feed other roadways running to the north and south. As the great battle of attrition—wearing down—rose in tempo, this highway network was vital to the Germans in rushing troops and materials to the endangered front, and then transferring them to the north and south.

Indicative of the great pressure General Eisenhower was exerting in this sector was the report that his opponent, foxey Field Marshal von Rundstedt, had transferred troops from the Dutch front to the Julich-Duren sector to cope with the Allied powerhouse.

No sooner had the report come through than it was announced that Canadian troops had taken the field on the Dutch front, increasing Allied pressure back in this sector, and giving the German high command no rest.

Slowed in their frontal assault on Budapest, Russian armies crossed the Danube to the south of the Hungarian capital to thrust one spearhead northward toward the embattled city and another westward toward the Austrian frontier, less than 100 miles away.

SEDITION TRIAL: Death Ends It

With the death of 65-year-old Justice Edward C. Eicher of Iowa, the seven-month-long, and at times farcical, sedition trial of 26 defendants in Washington, D. C., came to an abrupt end, with small chance of resumption.

Although government counsel said the trial could go on if both the U. S. and defendants agreed to the selection of another judge, it was recalled that a federal court previously had ruled that justice required completion of a case by the same judge and jury and no substitutions could be made, even with consent. Thus, the government was faced with the alternative of starting new proceedings.

Even though the trial of the 26 defendants, accused of trying to undermine the morale of the U. S. armed forces and establish a Nazi form of government in this country, had already taken up seven months, government counsel revealed that it was necessary to complete presentation of its evidence. With 26 defendants' attorneys expected to consume an additional three to six months, the case promised to last about a year and a half.

Fat Calf: Seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in war bonds won the sale value of a pure bred Holstein bull calf at Omaha recently. A life insurance company in Omaha "bought" the calf for \$390,000 in bonds and then they offered it for sale again with the Douglas County Dairy Breeders association paying \$375,000 for the animal, which they will put in service.

Reunion: War reunited S/2 Joseph M. Accurso of Chicago, Ill., in Naples, Italy, with his father and sister whom he had not seen for 23 years.

"Mother and dad separated when I was just a baby, and dad took my sister and went to New York," Seaman Accurso said. "Mother and the rest of the family went to Chicago. Just before dad and my sister left for Naples to live, he came to Chicago to see me, but he didn't bring my sister with him, so before I found her in Naples, I had never seen her."

CANADA: Worst Crisis

Although pudgy Prime Minister MacKenzie King looked to a vote of confidence from Canada's parliament over the question of partially conscripting the home army for overseas service, it was expected to come only after one of the most severe crises of the country.

Principal hostility to King's compromise proposal to send over 16,000 of the home guard to the European front to bolster the volunteer force came from the province of Quebec, where the French, long allowed to keep their own speech and customs and religion, stood firmly on their traditional opposition to conscription.

Where the rub came in was that King long has depended upon Quebec for political support, and the province, almost to the last, pressed the prime minister to abide by his government's earlier pledge against conscription for overseas service despite his obvious effort to compromise by restricting the number of draftees to 16,000.

Despite Quebec's violent opposition, King relied upon his compromise to draw some support from its representatives to ride out the storm.

Yanks in Battle

With the greater number unknown heroes, U. S. soldiers, slogging through the mud on the western front into Germany, are only identified in the mass as members of the various army units driving onward.

Included in General Simpson's 9th Army battling along the Roer river were the 2nd armored division, the 29th, 30th and 102nd infantry divisions, organized in the 19th corps.

With General Hodges' 1st Army fighting east of Aachen were the 3rd and 5th armored divisions, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 28th, 38th, and 104th infantry divisions, organized in 5th, 7th and 8th corps.

General Patton's 3rd Army driving into the Saar included the 4th, 6th and 10th armored divisions, and 5th, 26th, 35th, 80th, 90th and 95th infantry divisions, organized in the 12th and 20th corps.

Fighting alongside the French in General Patch's 7th Army east of the Vosges were the 3rd, 36th, 44th, 45th, 79th, 100th and 103rd U. S. infantry divisions, organized in 6th and 15th corps.

Among other units reported on the western front were the 82nd and 101st U. S. airborne divisions and the 7th U. S. armored and 94th U. S. infantry divisions.

NEW FACE: Smiling Diplomat

As elder statesman Cordell Hull, 73, passed from the presidential cabinet, his place as secretary of state was assumed by personable Edward Stettinius, 44, another of the nation's big business men who have made good recently in government ranks.

Son of a Morgan partner, Stettinius, talked out of joining the ministry, started his own business career in the stock room of a roller-bearing works, then rose rapidly as vice president of General Motors and, at 37, as chairman of the U. S. Steel corporation. Swilling, hearty and blunt, Stettinius has been chiefly noted for his ability in handling people.

Secretary of State for 12 years, Hull held the post longer than any other American in history before forced out by ill health. In the position, he worked for a freer world trade through his reciprocal agreements, and from the first advocated use of force for the suppression of aggression. An old line southerner in a new deal government, Hull was considered a tempering factor in a liberal administration.

FARM INCOME: Up Again
With income from crops 10 per cent greater than last year, and receipts from livestock and livestock products 4 per cent more, farm income for the first 10 months of 1944 totaled \$18,430,000,000, 6 per cent above the same period in 1943, the U. S. department of agriculture reported.

At the same time, the USDA said that farm prices, which have only changed about 2 per cent within the last year, would probably remain exceptionally stable for several more months.

With the 1944-45 domestic supply of the four principal feed grains put at 132,500,000 tons, the USDA declared that not only would all requirements be met, but additions would be made to reserves, cut substantially in the 1941-43 feed years.

WAR BONDS

With government outgo in the first nine months of the present fiscal year ending in July totalling \$82,000,000,000, and receipts equalling \$35,000,000,000, Uncle Sam will be forced to borrow \$47,000,000,000, War Finance Director Ted Gable said.

Of the \$82,000,000,000, Gable revealed, \$72,000,000,000 will be spent on the war and other government uses, while \$10,000,000,000 will represent money needed to redeem securities maturing within the nine months.

Although bond sales to businesses and corporations are at a satisfactory level, Gable said, individual subscriptions could be higher. With payroll plans stimulating sales in factories, etc., Gable said there was a need for emphasis on purchases by farmers and professional people.

At the same time, Gable declared the treasury had no intention of altering its present easy system of bond cashing through commercial banks, claiming that redemptions for U. S. securities during the last 12 months averaged only 8 per cent.

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

EVERY producer of musicals in Hollywood is trying to equal Flo Ziegfeld's record, for no one person ever discovered more beautiful girls than Flo.

Flo picked 'em for his Broadway shows, but sooner or later—it was usually sooner—the studios signed 'em up on contracts and made 'em screen stars.

Strangely, too, many of those luminous blonde, brunette and titan stunners ended their careers tragically. Seems the candle of life burned too brightly for them, as most of the lovely moths finally burned their wings on the flame of fame.

Irene Dunne evaded the "Ziegfeld curse" of heartbreak. She's one of the successful girls who started with Flo. This last season she has appeared in a pair of screen hits. Irene will shortly commence a comedy at Columbia—"Over 21," based on Ruth Gordon's stage hit.

Irene Dunne, incidentally, is as lucky in private life as she is professionally. She married Dr. Francis Griffin in 1927; they have one adopted daughter, Mary Frances, and they're all very happy, thank you.

A Hard Worker

Paulette Goddard is another who started as a Ziegfeld girl. Paulette was in "Rio Rita." She came here as a blonde showgirl to appear in the line of some of the early Eddie Cantor musical films. Paulette was ambitious still. She married Charlie Chaplin, appeared as his leading lady in "Modern Times" and "The Great Dictator," and prospered even more after she left his board and pictures. Paulette is currently under contract to Paramount and is married to Actor Burgess Meredith.

Virginia Bruce still appears in pictures. Virginia is wealthy in her own right, but her life has had many tragic moments. Her marriage with John Gilbert ended on the rocks. She has a young son, and her happy marriage to Director J. Walter Ruben ended in despair when he died suddenly. They had a child, too.

From Tears to Cheers
Fannie Brice, currently making one of her rare appearances before the movie cameras in "Ziegfeld Follies," is a big radio name through her Baby Snooks character. Fannie was never a beauty, but she soared to fame as a comedy star. Although Fannie's career has been perennial, her private life hasn't been all orchids and ermine. She broke her heart over the man she married, Nicky Arnstein, when he went to jail. She was once Mrs. Billy Rose, but that didn't work either.

Gorgeous Olive Thomas was in several shows for Flo, and later starred in silent pictures for Lewis J. Selznick, David's father.

Olive married Jack Pickford, Mary's kid brother, and died tragically of an overdose of sleeping powders in a Paris hospital. Pretty, dainty Marilyn Miller starred in "Sally" and "Sunny" on the stage before she repeated those successes for the cameras. Marilyn, too, married Jack Pickford, and the ceremony caused a breach with Flo. The marriage didn't last long, ended in divorce. Marilyn was still a star when she died.

Never a Dull Moment
Ina Claire is best known as a stage star of drawing room comedy, but Ina was a Ziegfeld lass 'way back in "Follies of 1916." Ina's off-stage-and-screen life has been tempestuous, and several of her marriages have ended in divorces. Now Ina is happily wed to a San Francisco lawyer.

Billie Burke, who was not only Flo's wife but the star of one of his musicals (strangely, a flop) called "Annie Get Your Gun," still plays dizzy macons in films, also on the air. Billie's stage career goes back to Charles Frohman.

Lupe Velez, who made so many "Mexican Spitfire" films, was in "Hotcha." The vehement Velez was married to Johnny Weissmuller and divorced after a tempestuous period of marital strife.

There are dozens and dozens of "Follies" graduates, some whose lives are happy, gay and successful, others whose lives were tied up in eventful marriages and defeat.

It seems sad that so many beautiful girls who had so much of this world's goods ended by really having so little happiness.

Ideas Not for Privates

You could cast quite a play from the gang who gave Pvt. Robert Porterfield a surprise shipping-out party. Those who sent him off were the Zachary Scotts, Jack Lees, Gregory Peck, William Prince, John Hodiak, Anne Baxter, Marjorie Main, Selena Royle, James Hilton, Margaret Wycherly, and Mrs. John Craven. Bob's been planning post-war veteran theater groups all over the country. It seems those ideas should come from a brass hat. So he's being shipped to Texas.

WAVES, WACs and WOWs

Betty Grable had a letter from a marine, saying: "You might not be in the WAVES or the WACs, but you're a WOW!" Cary Grant's picture "The Greatest Gift" was the post before Ginger Rogers' "Married at Leisure," with David Hempstead cracking the whip over both. . . . A wounded sailor at Naval hospital, San Diego, after listening to Frances Langford sing, remarked to her, "You should thank us, Miss Langford, you seem to be having such a good time."

Washington Digest Congressional Machinery Is Slated for Overhauling

Bulk of Complaints Against Legislative Branch Are Inconsistent, but Committee Setup Needs Revision.

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It is an old American custom to take a pot-shot at congress whenever something goes wrong and nobody else is handy to blame, no matter whether the trouble is dust-storms, sun-spots, jaundice or just plain grun-sput.

You may recall that this feeling reached an unhappy high in the famous "bundles - for - congressmen" campaign of 1942. Some practical jokers in Seattle seized on the civil service retirement bill which made all government employes, including members of congress, eligible for pensions, as an excuse to start the horseplay. By the time the silly season arrived, everyone with an overdose of prickly heat was taking it out in one way or another on the poor legislators.

That was very funny to everybody except the recipients of the bundles — and a few thoughtful people who know that the greatest danger to a democratic government is lack of confidence in the parliamentary body. They knew, too, that most of the sins of congress are due to the fact that some of the congressional methods established by the founding fathers have grown out of date.

As one congressman put it to me the other day: "We can't be expected to handle billion-dollar budgets with a penny-ante setup."

In July, 1943, Senator LaFollette (Progressive) of Wisconsin introduced a plan for the reorganization of the committee structure of the senate. This year the senate approved the appointment of a joint committee on organization of both houses. The Smith committee in the house, Senator Maloney and Representative Monroney and others carried on, until today the chances seem bright for consideration by the 79th congress of a plan to streamline the machinery of the government's legislative branch.

In addition, a committee of lawyers has just completed a four-year study on the reorganization of congress, the results of which have found favor in congressional circles. I think it apropos at this point to offer two quotations, one from the works of the historian Charles Beard, mentioned by Senator LaFollette in an article he wrote on the subject, and another from the article itself.

This is what historian Beard said: "As a more than casual student of the Congressional Record, I venture this opinion: It is possible to pick out of the Record for the past 10 years addresses (not orations) which for the breadth of knowledge, technical skill, analytical acumen, close reasoning and dignified presentation, compare favorably with similar utterances made in the preceding century by the so-called great orators."

LaFollette, subscribing to this opinion, adds frankly, "There is, to be sure, more trash—bad poetry, demagogic claptrap, and clogged nonsense—in the Record of the past 10 years than there was on the annuals of congress from 1789 to 1799." (Aye, aye!)

The senator reminds us, however, of the extremely complex quality of the problems which congress has to face today and the distractions to which the members are subjected, and then, comparing the congress about which he is writing (the 76th) with the first congresses, he says he is convinced "that for disinterestedness, absence of corruption, and concern with the public good, the present body is of a higher order."

And that is a sentiment which, in the humble opinion of this writer, is substantiated by the majority of objective students of the two bodies.

All Democratic Institutions Suffer During Wartime

The present legislators, if they wished to be as tritely expatiating as many civilian slackers in this our time of national stress, could answer some of their critics with a shrug and a reminder that "there is a war on." When a war is on the toughest fibered of democratic institutions suffer.

The inconsistency of the bulk of the complaints against the legislative branch of the government in the last two years can be seen when it is realized that the two most popular charges offered were either that congress was a "rubber stamp" or that it was "obstructionist," which adds up to a contradiction.

Because of the fact that the growth of the country has demanded an increase in the body of administrative and executive law, congress is forced to delegate more power and more functions to the administrative branch. To overcome this trend in so far as possible will be one of the efforts of the reorganization, of which I will speak in a moment. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that Senator LaFollette himself called attention to the accomplishment of the Truman investigating committee in exposing executive errors already committed and in preventing others by the mere threat of "ever present exposure and censure."

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Congress at present is not equipped to offer sufficient constructive help in the writing of legislation and therefore, frequently, the last word goes, by default, to the interested government agency, or that particular pressure group armed with the technical information necessary to bolster its case.

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Expert Knowledge Needed on Many Bills
That does not mean that there are not men in congress who know as much and more than many of the persons appearing before them in favor of, or in opposition to, a particular bill. But even a senator can't be all things to all men.

Then there are the well-heeled lobby groups with their technical experts.

What can a committee with a limited appropriation do in competition with a private group with funds to hire the best legal or technical brains in the country to present its case? How can a member of a congressional committee be expected to know as much about a subject as a member of a government department who spends his whole time on the particular subject involved?

Fortunately, the situation is curable. One answer is—greater specialization on the part of the members of congress. This can be accomplished by cutting down the number of committees upon which a member is allowed to serve. In the house (with its larger membership) a member can concentrate on a single committee's work. In the senate, I know of one case where a senator found that all six committees on which he served were scheduled to meet at the same time on the same day.

Another solution for the problem would be provision for employment of non-political experts, both temporary and permanent, to advise committees on purely technical matters. This arrangement now exists but in such a limited degree that it is hardly effective.

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The present legislators, if they wished to be as tritely expatiating as many civilian slackers in this our time of national stress, could answer some of their critics with a shrug and a reminder that "there is a war on." When a war is on the toughest fibered of democratic institutions suffer.

The inconsistency of the bulk of the complaints against the legislative branch of the government in the last two years can be seen when it is realized that the two most popular charges offered were either that congress was a "rubber stamp" or that it was "obstructionist," which adds up to a contradiction.

Because of the fact that the growth of the country has demanded an increase in the body of administrative and executive law, congress is forced to delegate more power and more functions to the administrative branch. To overcome this trend in so far as possible will be one of the efforts of the reorganization, of which I will speak in a moment. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that Senator LaFollette himself called attention to the accomplishment of the Truman investigating committee in exposing executive errors already committed and in preventing others by the mere threat of "ever present exposure and censure."

The one field in which congress can greatly increase its efficiency and in so doing, not only checking willful aggression of the administrative and executive branches but rendering a real assistance to them and to the whole nation, is in a reorganization of the committees and their methods.

Congress at present is not equipped to offer sufficient constructive help in the writing of legislation and therefore, frequently, the last word goes, by default, to the interested government agency, or that particular pressure group armed with the technical information necessary to bolster its case.

Representative Smith of Virginia, in the report of his committee to investigate executive agencies, brings out this point, as others have. The report says: "Today a large percentage of the most important legislation is . . . painstakingly drafted by the very executive officials who are intended to be the recipients of the powers which the legislation delegates. Furthermore, the same officials are generally the only expert and fully informed witnesses to testify before the legislative committees of the congress having jurisdiction over the proposed bills. If there are opposing witnesses they do not, as a rule, represent congress or the people generally but rather some special group."

Expert Knowledge Needed on Many Bills
That does not mean that there are not men in congress who know as much and more than many of the persons appearing before them in favor of, or in opposition to, a particular bill. But even a senator can't be all things to all men.

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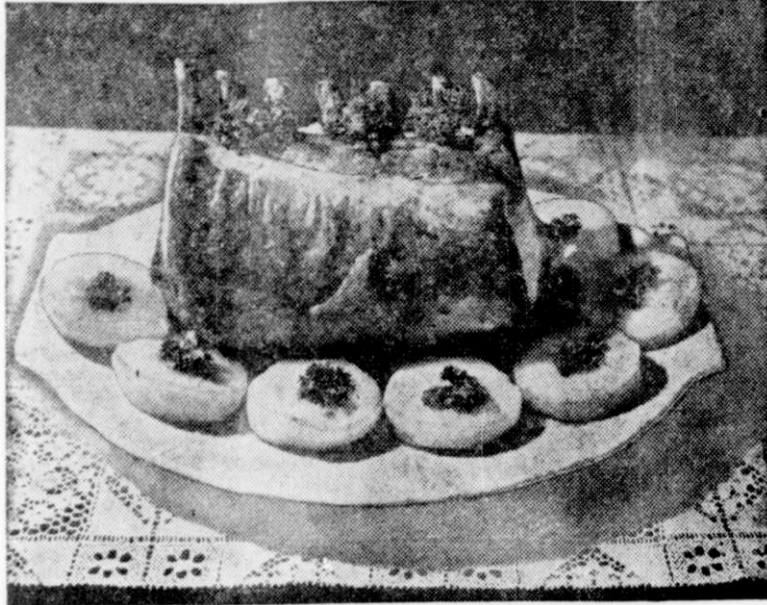
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Roast Pork Rings in a Merry Christmas (See Recipes Below)

Yuletide Plans

Merry Christmas and the best of Yuletide greetings to you! Christmas has always seemed to me one of the most interesting seasons of the year as far as food is concerned. It's then that you can bring out the best recipes for your favorite foods and put on the best feast your table has seen.



Your choice of meat may be roast pork, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, or one of a beautifully roasted fowl. Relishes, vegetables will enliven the table, and desserts can add the rich finishing touches to a fully satisfying meal.

Crown of Pork

Select the ribs of a young pig and have the crown prepared at the market. Wipe with a damp cloth and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dress with flour and place on a rack in a dripping pan so that the rib ends are down and the meat part up. If this is not possible have meat part down and wrap each of the rib ends in salt pork or thick slices of bacon. Cook in a moderate oven, allowing 30 minutes to the pound. When ready to serve, place the roast on a large platter and garnish each rib end with a plump cranberry. Fill the cavity with buttered string beans and julienne carrots. Arrange candied sweet potatoes around the outside of the platter. Place potatoes alternately with cinnamon apples.

If rib roast of beef is your choice and points are low, get one of the utility grades of beef and cook it until tender:

Rib Roast of Beef.
Select a 2 to 3 pound rib roast, season with salt and pepper. Place the roast, fat side up, in a roasting pan and bake in a moderate oven until tender and easily pierced with a fork.
Forty-five minutes before roast is done, prepare the pudding:

Yorkshire Pudding.

1 cup sifted flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
3 eggs, well beaten

Sift flour and salt together. Add milk and eggs and beat vigorously with a whip beater. Place a spoonful of drippings from the roast into muffin pans and pour batter into them. Or, pour around the

Platter Suggestions:

Use large platters to prevent overcrowding. Garnishes or food should never hang over the edge of the platter.
Tomato wedges, cucumber slices and radish roses are old stand-bys for garnishing. Fringed celery, stuffed celery sticks, pickled or onion slices, gherkins cut in fan shapes, carrot curls, stuffed olives or green pepper halves filled with cream cheese help pretty the platter.

Decorator Gives Ideas for Gifts

Our boys are devoted to neatness too—they ask for barber's tools, washers, mirrors.
FRIDAY — When Oriental rugs were first brought into Europe from the near and far east, they were used for wall hangings, divan covers, table covers (as shown in many of the fine old Dutch portrait paintings). But rarely were they used for floor covering. The reason—matters weren't up to such elegance, for these were days when splitting was done in the best circles and when there were no napkins and no forks, so bones and crumbs often ended on the floor.
SATURDAY — If you're thinking in terms of gifts you can run up yourself, check your equipment. Have you a full repertoire of attachments for your sewing machine? Have you a tracing wheel, an emery, pinking shears? Have you needles in various sizes, extra thimbles if you mislay your pen?

Christmas Dinner.

- Cranberry Fruit Cup
- Crown Roast of Pork
- Julienne Carrots and Green Beans
- Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Cinnamon Apples
- Potato Rolls
- Pink Grapefruit and Onion Salad
- Assorted Relishes and Jam Beverage
- Mince-meat Fruit Cake
- Recipes given.

roast in the roaster and bake about 15 minutes at 400 degrees F. This must be beaten thoroughly as the lightness of the mixture depends upon the air which is beaten into it.

Vegetable Platters.

There are many vegetable combinations that make up the colorful platters that are so desirable at a big holiday dinner.

Suggestion I.

Arrange cauliflower in center of platter and surround with French style green beans and julienne carrots.

Suggestion II.

Dress up a spinach souffle in a ring mold and serve creamed mushrooms in center and browned mashed potato rosettes around the outside of the ring.

Suggestion III.

Serve carrots or green beans in a mound on center of platter, and alternate parsleyed potatoes and beet around the center vegetable.

Mock Hollandaise Sauce.

- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper or paprika
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup boiling water

Mix and stir well the first five ingredients. Set aside in top section of double boiler. Melt butter, add flour and when it bubbles, add water slowly, stirring constantly. Pour in egg mixture and cook in double boiler until smooth and thickened, stirring constantly to avoid curdling.

Mince-meat Fruit Cake.

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups prepared mince-meat
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup candied lemon peel
- 1/4 cup candied orange peel
- 1 cup currants
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 3 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cream shortening and sugar, then add lightly beaten eggs and beat thoroughly. Add mince-meat, fruit peel and nuts. Sift dry ingredients together and fold into the mixture. Pour into paper-lined angel cake pan and bake in a very slow (275 to 300-degree) oven for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. This makes a three pound fruit cake.

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Country Cured by HOMER CROY

THE STORY THUS FAR: Amos Croy settled on a farm in Missouri, where he married and a son, Homer, was born. Sunday meant church, company for dinner and steer weight guessing. Dehorning of calves, curing of hams, dehorning of calves and sausage making were jobs that Homer helped with. He always looked forward to helping Newt, a neighbor, in breaking the mules. Quitting-day was a day for the lads. It lasted all day and they would take turns at eating.

CHAPTER X

Pa didn't think much of anyone who would drive a fresh-broke mule to a spring-wagon with women in it. That was the difference between Pa and Newt. Pa was always safe and conservative, but Newt wasn't. Newt'd do anything, as Pa put it. But Newt never got hurt and nobody was ever killed.

In a few minutes our yard would be filled with laughing and talking people, and Kaiser would be barking his head off, just as excited as I was to have company.

The women would go into the house to change into their swimming clothes, while the men sat on the front porch and on the benches and talked. When the womenfolk were ready, we would all start down through our orchard to the horse pond which was two or three times as wide as a house and eight feet deep. It was supplied by a spring and by water pumped from the windmill and was the only one in the neighborhood. People said we were lucky to have a pond.

When the women would start in they had to inch, because their Mother Hubbards would fill with air and go straight over their heads if they didn't watch out. If one of the Mother Hubbards went a little too high, the men would screech with delight. It was manners, when all the women were in, for the men to go back to the house and let the women swim alone.

After a while we would hear the women coming through the orchard. It was all right to walk down to the pond with the women, but it wouldn't do to see the women until they had changed into dry clothes. After the women were in the house, Pa would say, "I guess we'd better go down and see if they splashed all the water out," and down through the orchard we'd go.

The men would peel off their clothes. Newt would give a run and go in with a terrific plow! but Pa would walk slowly in, because he wasn't wild like Newt. Now and then, when there wasn't any splashing, we could hear a night bird go by with a swish of its wings, or a calf would bawl, or the bull would give a short little run toward a cow.

At last the swim would be over and we'd start back through the orchard to the house. The women would be sitting on the porch, and everybody would begin to talk at once. Pa'd say, "Homer!" and I'd go down into the cave and begin bringing up the melons. Ma and Phebe would light the lamps and set them on the porch and Pa would hang our lantern in the cherry tree. I could hardly wait.

He would rest the point of his knife on the melon and say, "Is it going to be ripe, or not?" It was always ripe, because Pa knew melons.

As the slices were finished they'd go into the wash boiler. More work for me tomorrow.

When everybody had had all they could eat, they would sit around and talk, me still able to take a few more nibbles. At last it would be time to go. Pa would still be worrying about Newt's mule. "Don't you drive Newt, it's kind of risky with me?"

"Mules ain't as much inclined to run at night as they are in the day, Amos."

He had Pa there, because nobody knew as much about mules as Newt.

Their voices would grow faint and the lantern on the spring-wagon would seem smaller. But it had been a wonderful evening. Nothing was more fun than a swimming party.

No farmer could work without spades and shovels. But that was far more complicated than that, for these were a social class among these spades and shovels.

At the very bottom was the manure shovel which hung on a peg in the stable and was dull and dirty and foul and never cleaned from one year's end to another—a pariah. Sometimes a mule would step on it; but that didn't matter. Sometimes it was all right, too; we'd go ahead using the shovel anyway. Sometimes the handle would become so slick and we'd nail in any sort of stick. No one had any respect for a manure shovel; in fact, I'm sure it didn't have any respect for itself. When a farmer had a sale, he wouldn't even put it up; it'd be tossed in with a lot of other odds and ends; sometimes the man who had bought it wouldn't even take the thing home.

A step above this—but only a step—was the long-handled general utility shovel. It was never cleaned and never sharpened and was left standing any old where. Sometimes it would be left in the granary, sometimes it would even get into the smokehouse. Sometimes it would be left lying on the ground and a wagon wheel would cross it. But it didn't matter. It was just "the shovel." And that was the way it was always referred to, as if there had to be one on a farm and we had just as well accept the fact that that would be tossed in at a sale, too.

Next—going up the social scale—was the scoop shovel, a very bright and shining implement indeed. This was used to scoop the fresh-shucked corn into the crib; when all the corn was in and the season's crop was over, the scoop shovel was put in the crib and used to get the corn into the feeding baskets. Sometimes it would bang into a nailhead on the

floor and get banged up; then it would be taken to the grindstone and smoothed till it was sharp and even again. Oh, it was an aristocrat! When a public sale came along, the auctioneer would hold it up so that everybody could see how bright and shining and sharp it was. But there was a sad and realistic touch. If it was kept long enough, it would fall to pieces and end up as a manure shovel. It made a fellow stop and think.

Next was the spade which was used for digging postholes and the general farm work. It was sharp and shining and was a farmer's pride and joy. It was kept oiled and was put in one place so he would know exactly where to find it. It was never, under any circumstance, kept in the smokehouse. Some of our farmers kept it behind the door in the kitchen. Sometimes a wife would take it out to dig around the hollyhocks and leave mud on it. Someday, sooner or later, the husband would discover what had happened to his spade... there were some things a self-respecting farmer couldn't stand.

When one farmer lent his spade to another, that farmer was duty- and conscience-bound to return the spade in good condition. If he really had character, he would grease it. In fact, you could just about tell what kind of farmer a man was by the condition of his spade. If he had an old rusty, dull and loose-



Mr. Shannon was the newsman of the neighborhood.

handled affair, then watch out for him. If he had a bright well-taken-care-of spade, then he probably was a good all-around farmer.

One day when Pa came home from town and I raced out to get the mail, I saw on the bottom of the wagon a kind of spade I had never seen before. It was, I found later, seventeen inches long and five inches wide; it was divided like the palm of my hand. There were three spades, all ominously oiled.

I asked him what they were and, when he said they were tiling spades, my heart hit the bottom of the wagon. The only tile we had ever put in was a row of our driveway that. Why should Pa be getting tiling spades?

It was not long till I found out that a tiling spade has two uses. One, of course, is for laying tile; the other is—well, I was to find out pretty quick.

"Mr. Shannon is coming Monday and we'll get to put these to use." "Get to put these to use!" But Pa was that way. Especially when it had to do with me working. And afterwards with a twinkle in those wonderfully blue eyes of his.

Monday morning Mr. Shannon came walking down the road in his floppy old hat with matches standing up in the band. We called him "Mr. Shannon," but we called Jim Vert "Jim" and we called Newt Kennedy "Newt," although either Jim or Newt could buy and sell Mr. Shannon. He was the neighborhood general utility man. He farmed only forty acres, so had to "work out." He never stayed overnight, so after a day's work he would go down the road he had come along that morning, walking slower now. Sometimes Pa would urge him to stay overnight, but he always said, "I expect I'd better go. The woman don't like to be alone," and off he would trudge.

He was the only one who worked for cash; the rest "swapped work." If you came into a neighborhood and found one man worked for cash and the rest exchanged work, then you would know he was a small farmer. Mr. Shannon was the newsman of the neighborhood, for he knew all that was going on. When he arrived in the morning and went to the well to pump up a drink, Ma would come to the kitchen door and ask him the news. He'd tell us and throw out the last of the water and the chickens would come running to see if it was something to eat. Then he'd fill up the jug and swing it up on his shoulder and go off to work. At noon Ma would have thought of other questions, and Mr. Shannon would think of news he'd forgot.

Homer began to try his literary talents, he entered and won a contest by submitting a letter about his most unusual dream. He won a \$1 prize. His father did not think as much of this as he did the item about the calf.

When the spring rain came, the water would spread over the slope till it was a quarter of a mile wide; sometimes the cattle would be caught on the other side; sometimes calves would be caught. Sometimes a foaling mare.

Pa had set out a row of stakes and we began to run a ditch through the thick, matted million-year-old roots. The cattle came up and sniffed the black earth and the birds flooded down and feasted. We worked close enough to visit, but it was hard, grueling labor. At noon I would be so weary I would fall asleep on the floor; it seemed to me my eyes would hardly close till Pa would be calling me, and Mr. Shannon would be at the pump. Day after day we worked. At last it was finished, and there it was, like a gash in a human body. Little did I realize what, later, would happen.

Every so often there would be an important event in our lives—our visit to see Wadley Brothers, our harness making. Pa would go in and say, "Tom, do you suppose you can turn me out a set of rope harness?" which was his humorous way of asking if Tom could make him a good set of harness. Tom would say, "Have you got the money to pay for 'em, Amos?" which was his humorous way of pretending that he wouldn't even trust Pa for a set of rope harness.

He sat on a stool without any back, but also he had a rocking chair and now and then he would move over and rock. He smoked a pipe as he worked; when he finished a bowlful, or got tired of smoking, he would knock the pipe and hang the pipe on a rack he had made. The store had a delightful leathery smell like such a pleasant, stimulating odor as fresh-cut leather? On the floor around him were the cuttings from his work, like hair around a barber chair. When he had a great many of these he would sweep them up and mould them into a horse collar.

On the walls were the most fascinating pictures in the world, it seemed to me; the famous races and trotters and pacers of their day—Maude S., Dan Patch. When he spoke of them he spoke tenderly and reverently.

"I would like to go an' see them run sometime," he would say.

Pa would glance at me and wait a moment because horse racing was wicked. "So would I," he would say, almost with a sigh.

There would be a little silence, then Tom would say, "How're the roads out your way, Amos?"

Tom had much to be thankful for. He took immeasurable pride in his work and he and his brother were their own employers. Tom wore a leather apron, like a blacksmith's, except it wasn't burned full of holes. He was an artist in his line, and was proud of his handiwork; farmers would say, "That's a set of Wadley Brothers harness," and there was no higher praise. He had surprisingly few tools, but in some amazing way he got results. On one end of his workbench were sheets of leather from which he could quickly and skillfully cut off the pieces he needed. I delighted to see him take his knife with its sharp curved blade and draw it through a piece of leather and get exactly the kind of piece he wanted. He loved his work and took great pride in doing it well and he loved to have the farmers come in and discuss with him the kind of harness they wanted? "What about the bridding, Amos? What kind of bridding you got in mind?"

"I want good heavy bridding, Tom. I don't need it so much in the fields, but when I get out on the hard roads with a load of corn, then I need heavy bridding."

"I'm getting more and more calls for heavy bridding," Tom would say, and then they would discuss the details as carefully as a tailor and a client making decisions on a suit.

"You want any money down, Tom?"

"Not from you, Amos! You come in in about a week and have a first look at the harness."

Pa would go in from time to time, watching the progress of his set of harness. "What about white gutta-percha rings, Amos? I'm gettin' lots of calls for gutta-percha rings."

"They look all right while the harness is new, but they crack in the sun. Then they peel and show the iron. Give me plain iron rings, Tom. After all, you can't beat iron."

At last would come the day when the harness was done. There it would be on a great frame, black and shining from the oiling Tom had given it, and Pa and Tom would stand side by side, admiring it.

"Do you want a tassel for the throatlatch, Amos?"

"I don't believe I do, Tom. There ain't anything a mule colt likes to eat better'n a tulle."

"I put on a suple hame-strap, Amos."

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Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."
—Philip Brooks.



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SGT. MAYER, WOUNDED IN GERMANY, BACK IN ENGLAND

Sgt. Carl Mayer, who was reported slightly wounded in action in Germany on Nov. 10, has been transferred from France back to England where he is now hospitalized, according to word received in a letter by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Mayer.

LIEUT. MARX TRANSFERRED FROM ITALY TO FRANCE

Lieut. Ralph Marx has advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marx in a letter that he has been transferred to France from Italy, where he was in training with a glider training battalion.

WOUNDED PFC. HANSEN NOW IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen received a letter this week from their son, Pfc. Edward Hansen, who was slightly wounded in action in France on Nov. 15, informing them that he has been removed to a hospital somewhere in England, where he is now recuperating.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC VET AT REDISTRIBUTION STATION

Reporting to the army ground and service forces redistribution station in Hot Springs, Ark. recently, Alphonse J. Schladowler is now living in one of the four major Hot Springs hotels acquired by the army to house the new installation.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. In Schladowler, Kewaskum, R. 1, and recently returned to the states after serving 30 months in the Southwest Pacific where he took part in three major campaigns in New Guinea with the famous 32nd or Red Arrow division and was wounded once and contracted malaria.

His wife, the former Ruth Reven, whom he married while home on an overseas furlough recently, is staying with him in Hot Springs. The couple taking advantage of the redistribution station's program whereby wives of returnees may share hotel rooms at a small rate assessed on a cost basis. He will be in Hot Springs less than two weeks, waiting reassignment to active duty.

CRASS HAS THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER IN FRANCE

PUBLIC RELATIONS, 36th INFANTRY DIVISION—"Thanksgiving day in France!" remarked Cpl. Merfin C. Crass, West Bend, son of Mrs. M. C. Crass of Route 2, Kewaskum, a member of the 36th "TEXAS" division, fighting in eastern France. "Twenty of mud and rain, but I'm certainly thankful to be here. That dinner was great. Had all I could eat."
For Thanksgiving day dinner each man was portioned 1 1/2 pounds of roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter, jam, pie, coffee and candy.

Cpl. Crass joined the 36th division on Aug. 1, 1941.

BACKHAUS NOW IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Backhaus received word from their son, Pfc. Howard Backhaus, that he is now fighting in Germany. He was sent into Germany from Holland, where he was stationed only a short time after being transferred from Belgium. He has a new unit identification and A.P.O. number 20.

UELLEN MOVES INTO GERMANY

Pfc. Frank Uelmen, son of the Vic. Uelmen of Kewaskum route, has been sent from Belgium into Germany where he is now fighting with the infantry at the front, according to word received by his parents in a letter.

HOME AFTER BOOT TRAINING

Orville "Dexter" Petermann arrived home Wednesday to spend a 9-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Petermann in the town of Auburn and friends here after completing his boot training at the naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill. He has been promoted from apprentice seaman to seaman second class. He will return to Great Lakes late next week.

RECRUIT HOME ON PASS

Pvt. Clayton Stautz, who left last week Wednesday to report for active service in the army air corps at Fort Sheridan, Ill., spent Saturday night and Sunday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stautz, and his brothers, Clayton left this week for Keesler Field, Miss. to begin active combat crew training.

FLIGHT OFFICER VISITS

Lieut. Gottfried Dux and two friends from Trux Field, Madison, Wis. visited his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Dux Sr. and family Saturday at Wayne. Lieut. Dux, flight officer at Ellington Field, Tex., was stricken with appendicitis while on leave in October and has been recuperating at Trux Field since.

KUEHL SPENDS WEEK END

Pfc. Wesley H. Kuehl of Vaughan General hospital, Hines, Ill., spent the week end at home on a pass visiting his wife and child at Kewaskum and parents, the Andrew Kuehls at St. Kilian. Pfc. Kuehl returned to the states from England some time ago, where he spent a long time in the hospital with a broken leg and knee cap sustained in a fall.

MARINE PRIVATE GRADUATES

Marine Pvt. Donald E. Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schmidt of West Bend, R. 2, residents of this village a couple of years ago, has been graduated from the infantry and Browning automatic rifle section school at Camp Pendleton, Ocean side, Calif. Pvt. Schmidt enlisted in the marines last June.

To the People of this Community

The Victory Volunteer goes by many names in the Sixth War Loan. Sometimes he or she is called a Gallant, sometimes a Blue Star Brigadier or perhaps a Bondholder. Whatever the designation, he or she is performing a practical patriotic service. In this community in the next few weeks you will meet many of them at work in the theatres, at your workshop, in the banks and in your home. Remember one thing: you do them a favor when you buy an extra War Bond. You help your country, your fighting relatives and friends and yourself. The Victory Volunteer gives his time and his energy in a great cause. He or she makes it easy for you to do your duty by buying at least one extra \$100 War Bond over and above your regular Bond purchases.

THE EDITOR.

KEWASKUM HIGH-lights

Christmas Program at School Thursday

Kewaskum public schools again invites the people of the community to its annual Christmas program next Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. Because of the length of the entertainment the public is urged to come early so the beginning of the program may not be delayed. The same program will be presented at 2 p. m. for the student body. The following program will be presented:

I. PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADE ROOMS
Directors: Miss Viola Daley and Mrs. LaVerne Hron

"WHERE WAS SANTA?"
Scene: The North Pole
Time: Just Before Christmas.

Characters
Santa.....Mariene Zuehlke
Witch Wix Wax.....Ruth Edwards
Crooked Man.....Henry Wedlig
Queen of the Northern Lights.....
.....Eugene Dogs
Princess of the Golden Cloud.....
.....Rita Backhaus
Cerulean Prince.....Mark Rosenheimer
Polo.....Leroy Keller

The Story
The toy makers at the north pole are worried for Christmas day is near, and Santa has not arrived. Wix-wax, the wicked witch, hides behind a tree. Wix-wax tells the toy makers that she has upset Santa in a snow bank and has come back in his sleigh. She is going to take them and all the toys to her castle in the sea.

The Crooked Man, searching all over, has something important to tell Wix-wax. At last he finds her, but can't remember what he wants to tell. They quarrel, and because he does not remember, she sticks him in his tracks. Just as Wix-wax is all ready to leave, a Christmas carol is heard, but she and her slaves are rooted to the spot, because they cannot do evil in the presence of good.

Santa broadcasts over his pocket radio that he is stuck in a snowbank. They send Polo, their aviator to rescue him, and he returns bringing Santa, who unbinds his toy makers and scolds Wix-wax for being mischievous. Santa explains that everyone should be good to everybody and exchange gifts.

The Queen of the Northern Lights appears and changes Wix-wax into the Prince of the Golden Cloud, the crooked man into the Cerulean Prince, and the Bugaboos into earth children. They had been under a curse for three hundred years which Santa broke by doing a kind deed. The story ends with a very happy Christmas.

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE ROOMS

Director: Miss Phyllis Mueller

"THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

An original play based on the story of the same title by Hertha Paul in the December issue of the Reader's Digest. (Briefly, the story is of the search by a minister for the story of the Christmas tree to prove to his parishioners that the tree is of Christmas origin).

Characters

Pastor Schwan.....Richard Romaine
Pastor Canfield.....Floyd Backhaus
Professor.....Edwin Backus
Housekeeper.....Erne Kanless
Englishman.....Suzanne Rosenhauer
German Woman.....Alyne Ramthun
Swedish Man.....Dorothy Hoffman
Butcher.....Marilyn Flasc
Carpenter's Helper.....Elroy Backhaus
Carpenter.....Clifford Dogs
Little Girl.....Jean Ebert
Her Mother.....Lois Stange
Two Children.....Anne Kadinger and Jeanette Kraeger

Parishoners.....Myrtle Pierce, Carl Kluever, Adeline Backhaus and Eleanor Seefeldt

Usher.....Robert Pose

The first act takes place in Pastor Schwan's church where his parish gets its first glimpse of the tree.

The second act takes place in Pastor Schwan's home. There his legend is pieced into one story.

III. SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE ROOMS

Director: Miss Jeanne Wilcox

"THE BROWNS' MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Characters

Mrs. Laura Brown.....Ruth Eichstedt
Gladys Brown.....Diane Schiefer
Jean Brown.....Jeanette Kanless
Uncle Robert Brown.....Robert Dreher
Mrs. Mary Brown.....Dolores Stern
Joe Brown.....Frank Krueger
Lena Brown.....Betty Koehle
Uncle Peter Brown.....John Tessar

IV. "CHRISTMAS, THE MYSTERY OF THE NATIVITY IN PANTOMIME AND IN CAROLS OF MANY COUNTRIES."

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Directed by Miss Lorraine Daley

Narrator.....Valeria Koehle
Mary.....Dolores Hammen
Joseph.....Walter Pamperin
Angel.....Joyce Bartelt
Shepherds.....Ruth Birkholz, Lois Vorpahl, Betty Jane Winters
Wise Men.....Jerome Stautz, Allen S. of-fel, Allen Kleinhans

CHORUS CAROLING by Lois Zanow

The carol, a song of praise sung at Christmas, was first introduced by the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. It is probable that the practice of singing carols at Christmas time arose in imitation of this.

Caroling has become a custom of groups of boys or girls who go about singing in the villages in England. This year the girls' chorus has adopted this idea. They intend to carol on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at seven-thirty o'clock at individual homes in the community.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN ROOM

A Christmas tree of medium size found its way into Miss Badalik's biology home room. Although Santa always used to see to it that the Christmas trees arrived and were decorated, this year he has hired many helpers. Santa's chief helper in the biology room was Donald Backhaus.

Last Wednesday morning Donald approached the room gently rapped and entered. Since it was early and before class time, Donald only found Miss Badalik here. He whispered, "Do you think it will be all right if I bring the tree in now?" His question was affirmed immediately. Thus with a glance to the right and one to the left, Donald flew to the boiler room, got the tree and tiptoed back to the biology lab. The tree and stand was placed in the middle of the long table that usually holds the collection of plants. Until after Christmas, the little needle tree will reign supreme, then the plants will regain lost territory.

The students decorated the tree with their own ornaments and when Miss Badalik gave it a shower of silvery tinsel. It is believed that Santa himself could not have decorated a prettier tree.

GUESS WHO???? by Vivian Darmody

Who is the junior who plays center on our basketball squad, and when he makes a good play you can hear the crowd cheer? He's good on the basketball floor and does alright in the classroom, too. He is tall, dark and handsome and is 16 years of age. Because he drives to school in a black Buick he gets here before the buses come in. He also played left end on

this year's football team. This spring he will reign as king at the junior prom.

THE IDEAL GIRL by Lois Zanow

Hair.....Rita Schmidt
Nose.....Ruth Birkholz
Eyes.....Audrey Bruesel
Smile.....Dolores Hammen
Complexion.....Heleen Volm
Dimples.....Mary Alice Schmitz
Lips.....Alice Backhaus
Legs.....Lila Bonlander
Figure.....Evy Techtman
Hands.....Byrdell Firks
Fingernails.....Shirley Backus
Brains.....Lois Koch
Height.....June Degner
Weight.....Valeria Koehle
Voice.....Miss Koehle
Clothes.....Marjorie Schmitt
Profiles.....Marilyn Flasc
Posture.....Miss Lorraine Daley
Personality.....Bea Hafemana

ANNEX NEWS PRIMARY ROOM

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy the past six weeks. Harold Klein, Mardell Krueger, James Landmann, Richard Wesenberg, La Vern Ebert, Deanna Manthel, Sandra Ramthun, Richard Roessel and Norman Zuehlke.

The following pupils had a perfect score in the five unit tests in spelling the past six weeks: Harold Klein, Richard Wesenberg and William Seefeldt.

ST. BRIDGET'S SCHOOL NOTES

St. Bridget's school, town of Wayne, is proudly displaying a Treasury Schools at War flag, won by participating one hundred per cent in the purchase of war savings bonds and stamps for the month of November, and which may be displayed whenever the record of 90% student participation has been maintained the previous month. The school is also attempting to purchase a "Walkie-Talkie" for the armed forces by buying stamps and bonds to the amount of \$200.00 by the end of December, 1944. A total of \$183.05 has been achieved to date.

The pupils of St. Bridget's are preparing a Christmas program to be given in the school on the evening of Wednesday, December 20, at 8 o'clock. Irene Dunn, Teacher

TRAPPERS FIND PROPER PELT-HANDLING PAYS

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More and more, trappers are finding that it pays to handle pelts properly. New fur marketing centers report that increasing number are handling pelts with extra care and getting extra money for their efforts. The yield of a trapline is practically clear profit—a real money-making side-line. But a little extra care in getting pelts ready for market means a lot more cash. The mink and skunk pelts shown below illustrate why correctly handled pelts often bring from \$1.00 to \$7.50 more per pelt. Correct handling prevents spoilage, and proper shaping makes the furs worth more to manufacturers.



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ELM GROVE CENTER

Robert Ramthun of Cascade spent Tuesday with Otto Kutz. Cyril Gilboy of Dundee was a business caller here Saturday.

George Buehner and son Kenneth were Kewaskum callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guel and son Mr. and Mrs. George Wach's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guel and family spent Tuesday evening at the George Buehner home.

When buying, selling or renting real estate call Harry H. Maaske, Kewaskum. Phone 75F2.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell spent Sunday with their sister, Miss Eleanor Mitchell, at Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cumins and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Majerus at South Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soeller and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wondra of Ashford spent Monday at the George Mitchell home.

Glenn Newton of Fond du Lac and Alfred Klein of Eldorado spent Sunday afternoon at the George Buehner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soeller and daughter Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wondra and son of Ashford spent Sunday afternoon at the George Mitchell home.

William Bauman and son Allen attended the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bauman on Sunday at the Catholic funeral home in Fond du Lac with burial in Forest cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy, Mrs. Hugh McCoy and son of Fond du Lac and their son, Lieut. Hugh McCoy,

who is stationed in Texas, and is home on a furlough, spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guel and family.

Back the attack with bonds.

West Bend Theatres

West Bend Theatre

Friday and Saturday, December 15-16—Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker, Dane Clark and Faye Emerson in "THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU"

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 17-18-19—Wallace Berry and Blaine Barnes in "BARBARY COAST GENT"

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 20-21-22-23—Spence Tracy and Signe Hasso in "THE SEVENTH CROSS"

Mermac Theatre

Friday and Saturday, December 15-16—Charles Starrett in "COWBOY IN THE CLOUDS"

ALSO—Serial

Sunday and Monday, December 17-18—Joe E. Brown, June Haver and Dale Evans in "CASANOVA IN BURLESQUE"

ALSO—

Ann Savage and Tom Neal in "THE UNWRITTEN CODE"

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, December 19-20-21—Nelson Eddy, Charles Coburn and Constance Dowling in "KNICKERBOCKER HOLIDAY"

ALSO—

"MEMPHIS BELLE" in technicolor (film of the heroes of the Flying Fortress, "Memphis Belle" and her crew who battled thru 25 missions over Germany)

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Significantly, "Pal" Holland has five sons who went into service, all five former "North Western" employes. And a grand lot they are! There's Cyril, in the Field Artillery, now in the Southwest Pacific. And Sergeants Leon and Arthur, both fighting in France—Leon with the Engineers, Arthur in a Gun Battalion. Creighton, too, is in France, with the Infantry.

Finally, there's Blaine, who enlisted in the Navy. A medical discharge brought him back to Norway, so once again he's a member of the "North Western" family, working as a section laborer.

When a "North Western" man steps out of his working clothes and into Uncle Sam's uniform, we admire him for it. But when five of them, all from the same family, don fighting garb, it's a story well worth telling. Naturally, we're proud of the Hollands. They're typical of legions of Americans, each fighting in his way to speed the day of total victory.

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