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AMERICAN RED CROSS ACTS AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Material Aid is Sent to All Prisoners and Internees With One Food Parcel Going to Each Prisoner Once a Week.

American fighting men taken prisoner by Germany or Italy and American civilians interned by those countries receive regular American Red Cross standard food parcels and necessary clothing as soon as the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva is notified of their capture and camp location. A total of 5,931 food parcels were reported dispatched during November to United States prisoners of war in internees in Europe. Prisoners receive a package a week and internees one every two weeks.

In addition to the standard Red Cross parcels, which have been carefully prepared by nutrition experts to counteract any vitamin deficiencies in the regular prison diet, a prisoner also may receive one supplementary parcel every sixty days from his family or friends as soon as they have been officially notified by the Provost Marshal General's office of his whereabouts. Full directions for sending these parcels are sent to the next of kin at the time of notification. Information also may be obtained from any postoffice on what may be included in these parcels to prisoners of war, for which, under regulations recently issued by the Board of Economic Warfare, no individual export license is now required.

The American Red Cross food parcels contain evaporated milk, biscuit, cheese, cocoa, sardines, pork, beef, chocolate bars, sugar, coffee, powdered orange concentrate, prunes, cigarettes and smoking tobacco. The contents of each package weigh 8 1/4 pounds. The shipping weight is 11 pounds.

Large numbers of these standard food parcels have been shipped through the neutral port of Lisbon. They are carried from Lisbon on a vessel chartered by the International Red Cross Committee, under a safe conduct guarantee from the belligerents, to Marseilles, or Genoa, and from there are sent by rail to Geneva. The International Committee arranges for their transport to the camps, where they are handed out by the "man of confidence," the camp leader chosen by the prisoners from among them selves. A system of receipts in triplicate, and constant checks by the International Red Cross Committee delegates who make periodic inspections of the camps, assure that all parcels are received by those for whom they are intended.

Twenty thousand American Red Cross parcels were sent last June to the Far East on the neutral diplomatic exchange ship, the Gripsholm for distribution by International Red Cross Committee delegates to American prisoners in Japan, Occupied China, and the Philippines. The Gripsholm also carried 1,000,000 cigarettes, 10,000 tins of smoking tobacco, \$50,000 worth of medical supplies, and quantities of clothing and other necessities furnished by the Army and Navy.

Much larger quantities of supplies have been loaded on the Gripsholm in anticipation of her second sailing, for which final clearance with the Japanese is still awaited. Ever since the entry of the United States into the war, negotiations have been carried on vigorously through Red Cross and diplomatic channels to establish a regular shipment of food parcels and other comforts for American prisoners in the Far East. It took almost a year before the British could make satisfactory arrangements for sending regular supplies of food parcels from England for British prisoners held in Germany. In spite of the short distance to the Continent and other obviously more favorable factors.

In addition to the distribution of material aid, all information about prisoners of war is cleared through the International Red Cross Committee's Central Agency for Prisoners of War at Geneva, to which the belligerent nations acting under the terms of the Geneva Convention of 1939, send lists of those captured, and the location of their prison camps, for transmission to the country interested.

Up to December 9, 1942, Germany had reported 228 U. S. prisoners of war and 1,491 interned U. S. civilians, of whom 788 were men and 703 women. Italy had reported 15 U. S. prisoners of war and 21 U. S. internees of whom 13 were men and 8 women. Japan reported 1,442 U. S. prisoners of war, 310 Army, 728 Marine Corps and 404 Navy, and 1,883 U. S. internees, 1,596 men and 287 women. Japan holds many times this number of Americans, and every available means is being used to obtain from Japan complete lists of names, the furnishing of which is required under the International Convention which that country has agreed to apply.

M. E. Ministers Trade Charges

Rev. C. M. Buttrill, pastor of the Methodist Church at Rising Star, and Rev. C. Y. Butler, pastor of the Ferris Street Methodist church at Waxahachie, have exchanged charges and Rev. Mr. Butler preached last Sunday at his new charge in Rising Star.

Strike Is Growing More Serious, Says Army Official

DETROIT, Mich. (UP)—An unauthorized strike at the vast River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company spread to an estimated 15,000 workers today and an army officer expressed fear that the situation was growing more serious by the hour.

3,300 MEN AND WOMEN FROM TEXAS IN CAP

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—Texas, leading the nation per capita in fighting men, has contributed 3,300 men and women to the Civil Air Patrol, the only non-military flying service in America.

The Texas Wing, commanded by Maj. D. Harold Byrd, has begun its second year of such varied activities as courier service, plane spotting practice, ferrying military personnel, and anti submarine patrol work along the Gulf Coast.

There are 45 squadrons using 500 airplanes at scores of airports over Texas as an aerial home guard.

Only for full-time duty, such as submarine hunting are members compensated for subsistence and plane maintenance.

Within one week in the latter part of last year, the Texas Wing lost four fliers. Two died as result of a crash into the Gulf. They were Lieutenants Charles Taylor, Baton Rouge, La., and Alfred H. Koym, Rosenberg, Tex. Lieutenants John Henry Dean, Ft. Worth and Dallos, and Robert Dean Ward, died as result of a crash in Mexico. All were active duty.

But millions of miles have been flown by the civilian guardians of the air and gulf and as Major Byrd says, "their safety factor in this flying is almost unbelievable."

The CAP patrols offshore from Maine to Brownsville, and the Texas gulf coast, from Louisiana to Brownsville, is a long patrol, covered by relays of planes.

Their communications with the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard is practically based on a system worked out by Texans and is a marvel of efficiency.

How it operates and the results in ridding the Gulf of enemy submarines is a military secret, as the CAP takes final orders from the Army Air Forces.

About one-third of the Texas CAP members are pilots, one-third are student-pilots, and the other third maintenance men, and women, photographers, nurses, typists and ground crew generally.

Whether they fly or work on the ground, the CAP members are learning all about aviation.

Their khaki uniforms bear red shoulder straps with silver buttons bearing the three-bladed propeller.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Daniel This Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie O'Rear Daniel of Desdemona who died in Ranger at the West Texas Hospital, were conducted this afternoon, January 6 at 3 o'clock at the Desdemona Methodist church. Rev. Ferguson of the Desdemona church officiated at the funeral and a. the Desdemona cemetery where the deceased was interred. Morris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The deceased was born July 5, 1878 and prior to her death had made her home in Desdemona for a number of years. Survivors include a brother, John O'Rear of Desdemona, and three sisters, Molly O'Rear of Desdemona, Mrs. M. R. Turner of Fort Worth and Mrs. S. C. Terrell of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

H. A. Starnes Is Named Pastor By Eastland Church

Rev. Homer A. Starnes, for several years pastor of the Baptist church at DeLeon, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church here and will begin his work here within two weeks.

Rev. Starnes succeeds Rev. Franklin S. Swener who resigned to accept work at Port Neches.



Clad in its war paint, the Texan roars through the sky. The famous trainer, manufactured at the Dallas division of North American Aviation, Inc., was known as the AT-6 to the Army Air Forces, the SNJ to the Navy and the Harvard to the British before it was given its new name by the War and Navy departments at the suggestion of J. H. Kindelberger, president of North American. The Texan, a swift, sturdy plane, is powered by a Pratt and Whitney motor, has hydraulic landing gear, dual controls, two-way radio and is equipped with machine guns and bomb racks. It is one of the world's most universal planes due to the fact that cadet pilots of 26 nationalities are training in it.

EASTLAND COUNTY'S BOND SALES FOR DECEMBER MORE THAN TRIPLED MONTH'S QUOTA

Gorman Leads County With Sale of \$52,562. 50 An Amount Which is More Than Quota Assigned to Entire County

Cyrus B. Frost, Eastland County Chairman for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, announced today that Eastland County more than tripled its quota for December with the total sales reported to date being \$156,869.75. The quota for the county was \$50,400.00.

Gorman led the county with a total sale of \$52,562.50 in bonds which is better than \$2,000 more than the quota assigned to the entire county. It was explained that there will be added to the county sales about \$8,000 additional when credit is received for the employer-employee allotments.

Following is a breakdown for the Eastland County sales: Gorman, \$52,562.50; Ranger, \$37,165.00; Carbon, \$3,456.25; Desdemona, \$305.05; Olden, \$301.70; Pioneer, \$19.65; Okra, \$7.20; Dothan, \$6.75; Nimrod, \$1.30 and Scranton not yet reported.

Frost stated that just as soon as he has received the final returns for the County from Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau that he will issue a report on the quotas and sales for the entire year of 1942.

It was also pointed out that beginning with January 11 and through January 31, the State Administrator and the Agricultural Extension Department of A. & M., through the county agent, Mr. Lynch and the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Gladys Martin, will ask the farmers to finish signing the triplicate pledge cards which are now in the hands of several committees and sub-committees working under Lynch and Miss Martin.

Farmers and stock raisers were given a large share of the credit for the December sales and it was also reported that they had a large part in almost doubling bank deposits in Eastland County during the same month.

In closing his statement Frost said: "I wish to thank the Chairman and the Committee in all the trade territories, the County Agents and the County Home Demonstration Agent, the newspapers and the citizenship generally, for your splendid and patriotic cooperation in this important matter for the year 1942, and I know that we will have your added interest and support for the year 1943."

STEVENSON'S MESSAGE DUE JAN. 13 OR 14

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson likes to speak extemporaneously but he is faced with preparation of two addresses too formal for off-hand delivery.

The first of these will be his message to the 48th Texas Legislature and likely will be delivered to a joint session of the House and Senate Jan. 13 or 14.

Neither will be a lengthy speech—the message probably longer than the inaugural address which will be delivered to the same gathering that is to be addressed by Lieut. Gov. John Lee Smith.

Stevenson's address when he was inaugurated Lieutenant Governor has been cited as one of the best discussions of constitutional government that ever has been heard in the state.

Smith's fame is nation-wide as an orator, so the inauguration attendants apparently are going to have a treat in the speaking line.

One thing that will contribute to the brevity of Governor Stevenson's message to the legislature is his decision that the state will be better off without any new tax.

Former Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel read a many-worded message to the 48th legislature advocating a "transaction tax" and submitted a copy of the bill he proposed the legislators should pass.

Message and bill occupied from page 146 to page 142 of the House Journal. The 46th Legislature had a lot of messages.

Former Governor James V. Allred had a farewell one, and O'Daniel delivered another before his transaction tax message.

Funeral Plans For Victim Of Fire Are Pending

EASTLAND, Jan. 5 — Funeral arrangements were pending here today for Mrs. W. S. Michael, 70, who was burned to death Monday afternoon in the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Kemp at Childress, with whom she made her home.

Mrs. Michael, blind, was alone in the building when escaping gas ignited. A granola, returning from school, saw smoke pouring from the house and called the fire department which responded and promptly extinguished the flames. Mrs. Michael was dead when firemen reached her.

The deceased was a widow of the late W. S. Michael of Childress and Eastland and who served for a number of years as Eastland county auditor.

Among the survivors are Mrs. Furdice Smith of Eastland, Fred Michael of Corpus Christi and Mrs. M. E. Kemp of Childress.

The body was being brought to Eastland Tuesday morning.

Business Men Are Invited To See Show On Tire Care

Joe N. Grannan, president of the Ranger Lions Club, announced today that C. J. Moore will have charge of the club program Thursday, has arranged for a special showing of a moving picture on the Care and Conservation of Tires.

The picture will be shown at 1 o'clock at the Columbus Theatre and the business men of Ranger are invited to attend. It was stated that the picture was made by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and is packed with information of interest to consumers, especially those whose tires will need considerable tending to last through the period of restriction on sales.

This will be the first meeting of the Lions Club since the holidays and all members are urged to attend.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Rain, not quite so cold tonight.

HARD-RIDING COSSACKS LEAD RUSSIANS AS TANKS AND INFANTRY FOLLOW TO MOP UP

Germans Resorting to Every Known Device To Delay Advance of Russians and to Escape Annihilation at Their Hands

Routed Axis forces fled in disorderly retreat before the advancing Russian armies in the Caucasus today. Hard-riding Cossacks slashed at the Germans as they attempted to escape the resurgent Russian forces west of Mozdok.

As the Germans fled they were blowing up bridges, mining roads and using every device in a desperate attempt to escape annihilation.

London reported that at least 500,000 Axis troops were in full retreat in Russia and that the Soviets had fanned out from Prokhladnenaki in an attempt to annihilate the enemy. Cossacks led the charge, followed closely by tank units and infantry ready for mopping up duty.

The war picture also brightened for the United Nation.

In North Africa where the British troops held a hill position approximately 30 miles southwest of Bizerte. They won new positions after an attack Tuesday on a strong German entrenchment. The Allies are now in a position to move against the Axis perimeter defenses of Bizze, Bizerte and Tunis.

On the other end of the African battle front, the British Eighth Army Impergas stabbed the Axis open a "mursky pnovav sonovav" report from Morocco reported, and had entrenched behind Wadi-Zem-Zem on a 28-mile front.

SEA, AIR, LAND FORCES ACTIVE IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON — American sea, air and land forces lashed out with a series of damaging blows against the Japs in the Solomon, Tuesday, the navy announced today.

They delivered five punches, starting in the early morning darkness at which time task forces surface units successfully bombed the Jap airfield at Munda in New Georgia Island.

As the task force was retiring, Jap dive bombers intercepted it. Four U. S. Fighters met them and four Jap planes were shot down and two more believed destroyed. All American planes returned safely to their base.

U. S. Bombers also stacked installations at Munda through the results of the attack over the newly built airfield were not observed.

During the day, flying Fortresses attacked, and heavily damaged a heavy enemy cruiser believed to be in a sinking condition. A bomb hit was scored on a Jap transport in another South Pacific area.

The navy said that the Japs had lost seven planes in the day's fighting on Guadalcanal and that 84 Japs were killed in the mopping up operations.

Postal Receipts Climb at Rising Star Postoffice

RISING STAR, Jan. 4 — According to Chas. L. Smith, local postmaster the Rising Star postoffice will be raised to second class July 1, next, this being brought about by the heavy increase in revenue at the office during the past year. The office is now in the third class.



Hollywood's Marguerite Chapman puts double purpose her patriotism by sharing rides and collecting fares for Red Cross.

One of first WAACS assigned to grease monkey work at Ft. Des Moines, Ia. is Corp. Gladys McKay of Los Angeles, here working on 2 and half-ton Army truck.

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Pass The New Editions

Again we are invited to give books to help American soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and merchant seamen improve and distract their minds in such leisure as the winning of the war may leave for them.

From Jan. 5 to March 5, a second Victory Book Campaign will be waged. But this time, a backlog having been built in 1942, emphasis will be on quality rather than quantity.

The men in uniform—five million now and almost twice as many before another New Year—are going to need a lot of books. But in the words of Corp. John Ripley Forbes, librarian for Napier Air Field at Durham, Ala.: "After all, you can't expect a husky young soldier headed for combat duty to take a feverish interest in the State Papers of Grover Cleveland, the 'Ladies' Guide to Home Needlework,' or a dogeared arithmetic of the vintage of 1904."

In other words, this is not a substitute for tossing unwanted books into the trash can. This is a contribution to the morale of men who are offering their lives and are suffering privations if not bitter hardships. It is an insult to such men to donate only such books as we want to clear off the shelves.

They want the same best-sellers we like to read at home; recent fiction and worthwhile non-fiction—say not more than 10 years old; technical books that are really useful—men's books published since 1935.

The most popular offerings, reports Corporal Forbes (who in civilian life was a museum wiretor and is no novice in this field) are "popular westerns, weird and thrilling murder mysteries, light fiction late novels, technical books of all kinds and the latest current event material."

The campaign was requested by the Army and the Navy and is sponsored jointly by the American Library Association, the American Red Cross and the United Service Organizations.

Book donations are to be accumulated at every library in the country. Thence they will be distributed to camp and naval base and ship libraries.

to USO centers and Merchant Marine libraries.

Don't worry about an oversupply. Any American Legionnaire will tell you how far from too many books the camp libraries had in World War 1.

Just give, collect, prod your friends, in hope that the supply may be made somewhere near enough to satisfy the pressing demand.

"OLD DOMINION STATE"

HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted state.

8 Swamp.

14 Mulch.

15 Casts again.

16 Drunken carousals.

17 Malayan jumping disease.

18 Work with needle and thread.

19 Swiss river.

20 Star facet.

21 Him.

22 Native of Latvia.

24 Strangled musical instruments.

27 Before.

29 Indian monkey.

30 Jumbled type.

31 Laughter sound.

32 Of the thing.

33 Symbol for calcium.

34 Genus of vipers.

35 Is able.

37 Incursions.

38 Greek letter.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

41 Rave.

42 Kils English (abbr.).

43 Confine.

44 Footlike part.

45 Object.

47 Throe.

48 Spider monkey.

51 Pettitions.

53 Slighted.

54 Catchers of oels.

55 Its capital is.

VERTICAL

1 Surety (Roman).

21 Mist.

22 Person affected with leprosy.

23 Genus of shrubs.

24 Hearken.

25 Type of nut.

26 Message.

28 Go by.

31 Conceal.

35 Wintry.

36 Italian country house.

38 Interdict.

39 Hoop product.

40 Symbol for tellurium.

41 Arm anew.

43 Seams.

44 Expression of disdain.

45 Mimic.

46 Anger.

47 Through.

48 Civilian.

49 Conservation Corps (abbr).

50 Number.

52 Augment.

53 Biblical pronoun.

54 Louisiana (abbr).

55 Symbol for silicon.

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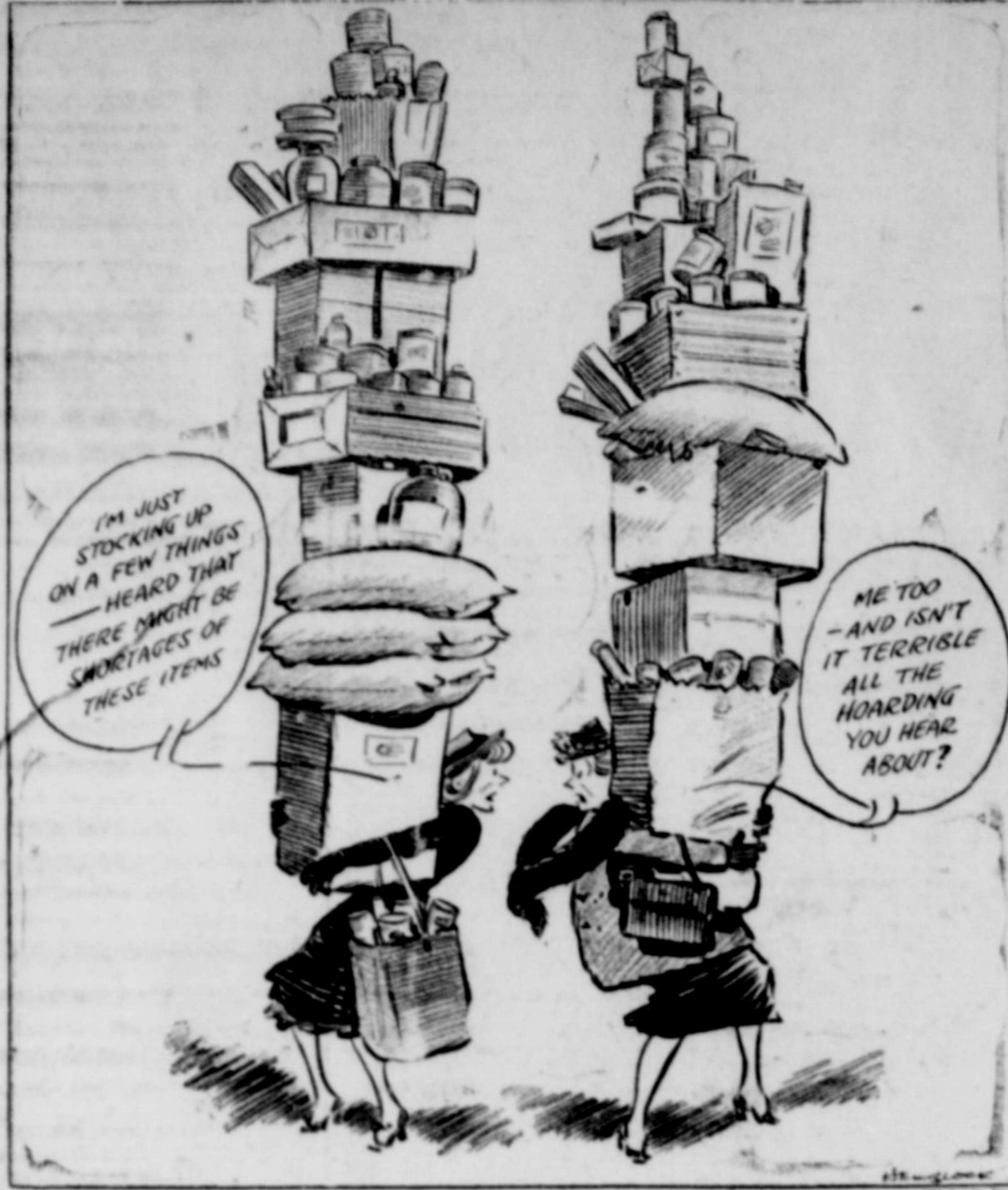
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It's Always "Somebody Else"



BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Computing roughly, about \$20,000 separates the amounts taken back to alma maters by competing football teams in the four major bowl engagements on New Year's Day.

New Orleans' Sugar Bowl, which trots out Tennessee and Tulsa this time, is good for \$70,000 for each side.

Texas Tech deploys against Alabama and Boston College will collect something like \$30,000 each for squaring off in the Miami Orange Bowl.

It is good business for a college to start off the year with a football appointment.

EVEN before the war, however, the East-West All-Star Shrine game in San Francisco was the only one that justified its existence on Jan. 1.

The others were—and are—nothing more than spectacles arranged to boom localities blessed by a favorable winter climate.

And to date the Shrine game in San Francisco is the only one of the five that has gone out of its way to lend a hand in the war effort. This despite the fact that it is the only one with any excuse for not doing so.

The Shrine game in San Francisco is the only one on record as doing it all for worth while charity and war relief, unless you consider the support of Alma Maternal's individual football programs in a philanthropic light. Some do.

It was expected that by this time Bowl officials and the institutions involved would get around to cutting in war funds, but they haven't. Like the racing interests, which in the end did so well they are having to be reminded of it.

Proceeds of the Shrine game in San Francisco, which on several occasions has cleared \$60,000, do much to keep in action a Shrine hospital for crippled children and this time half the take will go to war funds.

The East-West game may lack the luster and sparkle of the Bow debates because all-star contests are not productive of a cohesive spirit, but it is a good bet that the memory of its effect will be in the mind of many a hobbling youngster and war widow a lot longer than the gravy of the big boys remains on their respective and collective vests.

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Service Washington Correspondent

WHEN the war is over there will be hundreds of cargo planes hanging around and the general idea has been that these planes could immediately take off in all directions to haul freight, thus marking the beginning of a new era of aerial transport. It's a pretty picture, but some of the aviation brains of the country have been doing a little realistic thinking about this new age of air, and much to your surprise they have come up with the idea that perhaps the most sensible thing to do with this huge air armada of cargo planes is scrap it. Engines and instruments might be salvaged, but for the planes themselves—junk 'em and make 'em over into new airplanes.

The reasoning is based on the fact that up to now most cargo planes being flown are as much as six and eight years old. What are these planes? Well, a lot of them are Douglas DC-3's and DC-3's and planes of earlier vintage. Those were the commercial planes that were in production when the war broke out and when the need for more and more cargo planes first became apparent the simplest thing to do was ask for more of the same.

BUT the DC-3, lead truck horse that it is, is now six years old. Its costs of operation are figured at around 30 cents per ton mile for air freight, loaded to 80 per cent of capacity. Air express rates have been from 80 cents per ton mile up to cover costs and ground handling charges. Passenger carrying costs run about 5 cents per passenger mile. And at those rates, air cargo simply can't be handled on a basis competitive with rail, truck or steamship. So freight costs this line of thinking was presented at a recent meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers in Chicago. Phil Amram, a Philadelphia lawyer who came down to Washington to work on the legal staff of the Board of Economic Warfare and was later shifted to a job which ultimately led him to his present position as head of BEW's International Air Transport Division, is the man who brought to a head all this talk about the possible necessity of scrapping all of today's obsolete planes.

Amram presented another idea which epitomizes the imagination. He contends there's no such thing as a perfect cargo plane. If the aviation industry is to get any place with its development of air cargo, it will have to do what the motor truck industry has done in the past 25 years—develop a different model for every different use.

"**WE** may need small planes to carry a ton or so economically, which can land on small, rough fields," says Amram. "We may need a plane with three to five tons payload to operate in mountain areas on fields too small for larger craft such as the DC-3, which requires a 3,500-foot runway. We may want landplanes of varying sizes up to 50 tons payload for regular operations of from 200 to 1,000 miles in areas where cargo is heavy and landing fields adequate."

Amram considers much of the talk about flying box cars as decidedly disturbing for the cargo plane of the future. It's a clumsy, badly designed, hit-or-miss proposition put together cheaply as possible. If the object is to reduce rates, then the only carrying plane must—just as much as the passenger plane—be the efficient, best-designed, and the cleanest aircraft which the engineering talent of the country can create.

That's why many of today's planes may have to be scrapped.

Point Rationing Questions and Answers

Q. How long will the first ration last?

A. That will depend very largely on the date when rationing begins. If it were possible to start on February 1, the first ration period very probably would take in the entire month of February. If, as now seems probable, rationing will begin on a later date, the first period may be an "odd" one covering either the balance of February and the full month of March. Thereafter, however, rationing periods likely will correspond to the calendar months.

Q. What is going to be done about people who have an excess supply of these commodities on hand?

A. Everyone applying for War Ration Book Two will be required to fill out and sign a "consumer declaration" form stating exactly the stocks of processed foods on hand. Book 2 will have stamps removed for excess stocks and thus, in effect, will compel the applicant to use up these stocks before buying any more. Heavy federal penalties can be applied to those making a false declaration.

Q. Does this "declaration" mean that I will have to declare the fruits and vegetables I canned at home last fall?

A. No. Nothing you have packed at home need be declared and no stamps will be deducted for these home supplies. It is expected, of course, that you will use your home canned goods instead of buying commercial products and thus help your government spread food supplies as widely as possible.

Q. There seems to be some question about dried and rehydrated vegetables and things like dehydrated dog food. Are these covered by rationing?

A. No. Only dried and dehydrated

fruits—apples, peaches, and the like. Dry vegetables like navy beans, split peas, and lentils are not included.

Q. What about chicken soup, canned beef broth, turtle soup, and other soups made of meat or poultry stock containing few, if any vegetables?

A. All canned soups are rationed, no matter what their content. But not ocher, red soups.

Q. Why is canned salmon and canned meat included in the present rationing program?

A. Because ordinarily canned meats and fish are not used interchangeably with canned vegetables. The present program was intended primarily to cover processed fruits and vegetables.

OUT OUR WAY

THE OVERDOSE

'I AM A MURDERER'

BY MORRIS MARKEY

Prologue

AT some minutes past 8 o'clock (Daylight Saving Time) of a September evening in the year 1940, I stood in full view of perhaps 30 men and women, all of whom were acquainted with me, at least by sight, and shot two bullets into the heart of Col. Wesley Hope Merriwether. I then moved, with such swiftness as may be forgiven in the circumstances, away from the scene.

This could lead you to believe that I am a fugitive from justice. But that is hardly the case. I am not a fugitive—in the sense of the word as one in flight. I live in surroundings of the utmost charm and serenity, with no care at all upon my mind and certainly no fear, while police officers of a whole continent search among the byways of a hodge-podge society for some trace of me. Such a trace they can never, possibly, find.

My—well, I suppose we must call it a vendetta, though I despise the word—has been accomplished. Perhaps, indeed, the whole purpose of my existence has met, and passed, its climax. At any rate, that is the best explanation I can provide for my present compulsion to set down these facts upon paper.

It is no doubt odd, at the age of 34, to be a man who has completed his work upon this earth, to be sitting beneath the awning which covers the afterdeck of his yacht, gazing out over the blue waters of the timeless sea, and dwelling upon memories after the fashion of an ancient veteran of long-forgotten wars. But such, alas, is the truth of it.

Really? Well, perhaps within a certain while I shall hitch my wagon to another star. Though no star in all the heavens could be so glitteringly compelling as the last one. The pursuit of no dream so fascinating, so magnificently satisfying, as that which left Merriwether dead, and finished, and even a trifle pitiable because even in the extremity he did not lose his elegance.

Be that as it may. Would you care for the story?

CHAPTER I

THE station wagon rolled along the level paved road, past the elms and the broad lawns of the manor houses. Cynthia Merriwether was driving, and it was an astonishing thing that she could invest even so commonplace an occupation with a spirit of zest and gaiety. She was a lovely creature, with golden red hair and bright blue eyes, and laughter that trailed through the open windows of the wagon to hang in the soft air.

It was in the nature of things that she should have not one companion, but three, and all of these three men. Henry Prentiss was beside her on the front seat, amiably assuring her that within the next two hours she would be bankrupt.

"You haven't a chance in the world, Miss Pretty," he said. "Even if your precious Whirlwinds had Tommy Hitchcock playing number three, they couldn't beat

I stood in full view of perhaps 30 men and women, all of whom were acquainted with me, at least by sight, and shot two bullets into the heart of Col. Wesley Hope Merriwether.

my crowd today. We're hot, I tell you."

"But remember," she said, "you're out of it. How can Clover get anywhere at all without the magnificent Prentiss—wonder of the west, southpaw marvel of the times?"

Prentiss laughed. "Clover goes up three goals, Pretty, when Prentiss takes to the sidelines. I'd rather have Mike in there any day, if Mike is mounted right. He will be today."

He was an easy sort of man. His blond hair was burnt with the sun and wind. His very blue eyes rarely lost their touch of laughter, of some profound and secret amusement that nudged his soul, day in, day out. He was strongly made, and his shoulders seemed, perhaps, a trifle broader than they really were beneath the exaggerated checks of his pale tweed jacket.

Toby Parker, leaning between them from the back seat, was tight and nervous. "How do you get rated, anyway, Hank?" he asked. "I thought they ruled out left-handers three or four years ago."

Fred West, who sat beside him, was in quick agreement. "It's dangerous stuff, you know, Hank. To tell the truth, I always go haywire when I see you coming down on the ball. Haven't the faintest idea which side you're going to play. Horror of smashing into you head on."

BOTH of the younger men were in boots and white breeches and the absurd gray-and-green checked shirts of the Whirlwind side. Behind them, on the floor of the wagon, were sticks and helmets, spurs and whips and spare tack and camel's hair coats and gaudily striped towels.

Prentiss grinned at them. "Well, it's a little like the time they ruled out spitball pitchers in

baseball. All spitballers in good standing could keep on throwing in their rather unsanitary way until they wore out, but no new ones were allowed. Same as me in this game. The left-handers with a rating could go on playing, at least until that head-on collision removed them from the lists. I even think about its possibilities myself, sometimes."

Cynthia turned her head about to regard the younger men. The station wagon, by some special miracle, continued true upon its course. "You hearties are beginning to sound a little jittery," she observed. "Get your minds off the game. Think about Ginger Rogers or Fred Allen. Because you've got to win, you know. I've got millions riding on you. But millions!"

"I'd feel a lot easier," Toby Parker said, "if you hadn't put all that jack on us. Even if it is only thousands instead of your crazy exaggeration, I don't like to play for anybody's chips but mine. And if it doesn't annoy you too much, Cynnie, there's a Mack truck coming out of Mike's drive."

She laughed and turned her eyes to the road. They slipped around the truck, and Cynthia exchanged a quick, amused glance with Henry Prentiss.

"You know," she said, "I don't really mind if they're a little ner-vi-ous."

Cynthia Merriwether tooted the station wagon down the length of the field. Just beyond the sideboards, until she came up to the little cluster of men and horses gathered at the far end. She jumped from her seat and called out gaily to players and groom and patted a lean brown pony on the nose. Everybody grinned at her, and Captain Pugh, the umpire, got down from his tall chestnut to take both of her hands and return her smile, and boom that she was ruling the game by setting too much money on it.

"Careful, Mr. Faritan," she said, "or you'll get no bid to the champagne party I'm throwing on my winnings."

"Objections withdrawn!" he shouted, and the groans ceased this a monstrously amusing

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OVERLOADING

—MODERN MENUS—

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Service Staff Writer

WHEN you don't serve meat, serve an alternate main dish that gets its protein from non-restricted protein sources. It must taste good and stick to the ribs. Here are a few good suggestions from the Bureau of Home Economics.

Bean and Peanut Croquettes
Mix bean pulp with chopped peanuts and as a binder use a thick sauce. Roll croquettes in beaten egg and then in bread crumbs, and fry in deep fat, at moderate heat until crumbs are brown.

Nut and Potato Cakes
Use left-over potatoes, sweet or white. Mash and season and add 1 cup of chopped pecans, almonds, or filberts. Brown the cakes on both sides in a little fat. Try white potato and nut cakes with a tomato and cheese sauce.

Bean "Sausages"
Mash 3 cups of cooked beans and mix well with 1/2 cup bread crumbs, 2 beaten eggs, 1 tsp. sage if desired, and salt and pepper to taste.
Shape into sausages, dip in raw egg beaten with a little water. Moisten with milk. Roll in bread

MONDAY'S MENU
BREAKFAST: Grapefruit, oatmeal, enriched toast, jam, coffee or milk.
LUNCHEON: Tomato rabbit on toast, fruit bowl, tea or milk.
DINNER: Fruit cup, bean and peanut croquettes, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, wholewheat bread, butter, applesauce, milk.

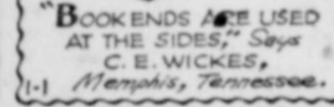
crumbs and brown in a little melted fat.

Tomato Rabbit (serves 6)
Melt 2 tbs. fat in a skillet. Add 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1/2 of a green pepper chopped, 1/2 of a small onion chopped. Cook a few minutes, stirring often. Sprinkle on this 2 the flour and pour in 1 pint of cooked or canned tomatoes. Add 1/2 pound cheese shaved thin, and 1 tbs. salt.
Cook over low heat, stirring until the mixture thickens and cheese melts. Pour some of the mixture into 2 well-beaten eggs and pour all back into the skillet and continue cooking until thickened and creamy. Serve hot on crisp toast or crackers.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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SOCIETY CLUBS

J. O. Y. Training Union Entertained

Members of the J. O. Y. Training Union of the First Baptist Church were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gilbert, sponsors of the group.

Games, and contests of picture memory and music memory carried out the fun arts theme of the evening. Later coffee, cookies and sandwiches were served to those present.

Guests of the J. O. Y.'s were members of the T. F. C. Training Union, and sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson, former sponsors; Miss Flois Ashley, department director; and Rev. Phillips.

1920 Club Meets Thursday

The regular meeting of the 1920 Club is scheduled for three o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Gholson Hotel. Mrs. D. Joseph will be leader and Mrs. Leslie Haganan will be the speaker. She has chosen for her subject, When East Meets West.

Announcement Of Marriage

Word has been received in Ranger of the marriage of Miss Zana Pawnee Cox, former superintendent of nurses at the West Texas Hospital, to Pvt. Eugene R. Holbert. The ceremony took place in Houston, Texas, December 12th.

Mrs. Holbert who received her training at the Kings Daughter's Hospital in Temple, Texas, is now superintendent of nurses at the new Dow Magnesium Plant Hospital at Velasco, Texas.

Pvt. Holbert, a former employee of the Texas Coca Cola Bottling Company in Eastland, is now stationed at Ellington, Field, Texas.

Meeting of Coper P. T. A.

The Coper P. T. A. met at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Cooper school. Mrs. Lee Thompson was the leader of the group, and her subject, earn-save-have, was very timely.

W. F. Creager, the principal speaker of the afternoon, spoke on war bonds and why buy them. Immediately following was a piano solo played by Norma Jane Clemmer.

After a brief business discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Maj. William Deveraux

who commanded the heroic Marines on Wake Island, was an amateur jump rider.

Maj. General Sturges, in charge of British forces on Madagascar, was another.

Ex-jockeys have attained the heights outside of racing. Charles Curtis, for example, became vice president of the United States.

So, you see, Lieut. Johnny Nolan, hero of stiles and spurs, could go far in khaki.

A BASKETBALL coach

who speaks well of a smaller player is at last found in Joe Lapchick, the old Original Celtic coaching St. John's of Brooklyn.

Lapchick gives you an insight on his coaching philosophy in speaking of five-foot five-inch Hymie Gotkin.

"I like to have a little fellow who can move around to throw in," he explains. "He harasses the other side. I suppose Gotkin could be a starter, but I don't like to have all my best in at the start. If I do I don't have anybody to lift the team up when it needs it."

Joe Lapchick operates along the line of Russian generals.

TOMORROW'S MENU

BREAKFAST: Stewed prunes, creamed codfish on toast, enriched rolls, coffee or milk.

LUNCHEON: Spaghetti with cheese, green salad, wholewheat bread, butter, stewed fruit, tea or milk.

DINNER: Cranberry juice, broiled blue pike with lemon butter, parsley boiled potatoes, stewed tomatoes with onions, squash pie, milk.

Broiled Blue Pike With Lemon Butter

(serves 4)

Four blue pike, split (2 lbs.) salt, pepper, butter, 1 lb. lemon juice, 2 lbs. finely chopped parsley 1/4 tsp. paprika.

Sprinkle fish on both sides with salt and pepper. Place on well-greased broiler rack, flesh side up dot with butter. Broil under 7 low flame about 10 minutes or until brown. Remove fish to platter. Melt 2 lbs. butter, add lemon juice, parsley and paprika; heat and pour over fish. Allow 1/2 lb. or more fish per serving.



James Ellison has got himself right in the middle in 20th Century-Fox's rollicking comedy, "That Other Woman." Starting today at the Arcadia.

to continue their studies at T. S. C. W.

Mrs. Earl Brown and daughter Elizabeth have returned to their home in Sherman, Tuesday. Mrs. Sam Ward accompanied them as their guest.

Miss Fannie Dell Swney left for Austin where she is a student in Texas University.

L. E. Roy Plumley, who has been visiting in Ranger, has returned to Arkansas to take up his duties.

Mrs. J. D. Heyes, who has been the guest of her parents, has returned to Eagle Pass, where she is employed in the public schools.

Mrs. D. A. Bonney of Strawn

Personals

Miss Beverly June Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith, and Miss Francine Hatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Hatley, returned Tuesday to Denton.

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It will furnish parts for the B-24 Liberator bombers and their C-87 cargo transport airplanes built by Consolidated. The building addition puts under one roof all the operations required to turn sheets of aluminum into long-range aircraft rollings off the industry's longest mechanized assembly line.

It adds the equivalent of 10 city blocks to the plant's assembly building which is still much longer than the new parts building. The addition of this new parts building gives Consolidated what is probably the largest aircraft factory in the world. Also contained on the Texas prairie site is a huge hangar, an administration building, and half a dozen smaller structures.

Construction ahead of schedule on the new practically completed building and portions of it already are chocked with machinery and employees as Consolidated presses this new manufacturing space into a production pace that already has set two smashing records.

The new building is so huge

"Custer's" Last Stand" Still Popular Print

ST. LOUIS (UP)—Despite mechanized warfare and the mass slaughter of modern battles, "Custer's Last Stand," the most famous lithograph of the West, still has tremendous appeal.

Officials of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co., here said that for the past two years they have shipped out an average of 2,000 prints of the painting each month. Prints also are sent to men in the armed services upon request.

The lithograph, painted by Cassily Adams, depicts the last stand on the Little Big Horn of General Custer and the famous Seventh Cavalry. Adolphus Busch, Sr., paid \$30,000 for the original painting in 1890 and a few months later presented it to the Seventh Cavalry regiment at Fort Bliss, Tex., where it now hangs in the officer's mess.

Enough fiberglass insulation to stuff the walls of 500,000 average-sized homes went into the windowless building. So did more than 7 and one half miles of four-foot long fluorescent lighting tubes. Nearly 40 miles of track-rod is covered by the overhead monorail crane system. And the huge building will be operated 24 hours a day turning out bombers and cargo ships.

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Child's Colds To Relieve Mummy Rub on Time-Proved VICKS VAPORUB

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

JOHNNY NOLAN, ex-jockey, commissioned as a lieutenant by the Army at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lieut. Nolan no doubt is the first professional reinsman to be so honored in this war.

Active flat riders usually are horseback because they are under-derivative. Basil James, who rode Alab, was at first rejected, but finally made it.

Considering their physical handicaps, the little fellows have managed to do very well.

SILVIO CUCCHI, who was forced to the ground by weight, was killed in an automobile accident after enlisting.

Irving Anderson, who won the Widener Cup with Bull Lea, and other stakes, is studying to be a veterinarian in an Army school.

Mike Corona, who booted "em home for the Brookmade and other important stables, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Ellis Gray and Billy Fisk took physicals following the recent Bay Meadows meeting in California.

GENTLEMEN riders have greater opportunities in the services. Most of them are college men. They were not forced to make crushing weight limits.

Pete Kostwick, an enlisted man in the cavalry, heads a list of more than 100 amateur steeplechase riders now riding for Uncle Sam.

MODERN MENUS

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Service Staff Writer

MORE and more stores are carrying fish throughout the week. It is so important as an alternate for meat, which is restricted for war needs, that it deserves to be more than a once-a-week food.

Remember that fish is rich in proteins and minerals. But for safety's sake, include vitamin-rich foods in the menu when fish is used in place of meat, in order to supply the complete proteins.

Steak Meal

(serves 4 to 6)

Two lbs. butter or marg.; 10 to 15 medium potatoes, sliced; 1 large onion, chopped; 1/2 green pepper, minced; 1 tsp. salt; 1/4 tsp. pepper; 1 No. 2 can (2 1/2 cups) tomatoes; 1 1/2 lbs. pollock steaks; 1 tsp. celery salt.

Melt butter or margarine in deep skillet; add potatoes and cook until delicately brown on all sides. Add onion, minced pepper, seasonings and tomatoes; heat to boiling point. Place pollock steaks on top of vegetables, cover and cook over low heat 10 to 20 minutes, or until fish is tender. Remove to hot platter and serve at once.

Broiled Blue Pike With Lemon Butter

(serves 4)

Four blue pike, split (2 lbs.) salt, pepper, butter, 1 lb. lemon juice, 2 lbs. finely chopped parsley 1/4 tsp. paprika.

Sprinkle fish on both sides with salt and pepper. Place on well-greased broiler rack, flesh side up dot with butter. Broil under 7 low flame about 10 minutes or until brown. Remove fish to platter. Melt 2 lbs. butter, add lemon juice, parsley and paprika; heat and pour over fish. Allow 1/2 lb. or more fish per serving.

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