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Missing In War



SGT. MILNER MISSING IN EUROPEAN WAR

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Milner of Route 3 Ranger, received word late Wednesday night that their son, Sgt. Willie L. Milner, 21, has been missing action over Germany since November 5.

Sgt. Milner who has been in the European theatre of war since August 1, 1942, was serving as a waist gunner on a B-17 bomber. He was stationed with the 8th Air Force in England and before going into foreign service received training at Randolph Field, Waco Flying School, Wichita Falls, Del Rio, and at fields in Mississippi, Minnesota, Nevada, California, Nebraska and finished his training at Dyersburg, Tennessee.

He entered the service in October 1942, just after graduation from Ranger high school. According to information received from Sgt. Milner his missions over enemy territory had been for the purpose of bombing war plants and military installations.

He is the youngest of four sons in the service of the United States Air Force and all are in foreign stations. Chaplain Leon Milner, a captain, is stationed in Belgium; Sgt. Doyal Milner is in India; and Lt. Ralph Milner, a navigator on a bomber has just gone to foreign service and his station is not known.

Accident Victim Sees Three Years Surgery Paying

WICHITA, Kan. (UP)—Merle Turner, 20, hopes to be "out of the trenches" by Christmas—the "trenches" in his case constituting the hospital bed in which he has spent three years and considerable agony in overcoming burns that almost destroyed one leg.

In those years he underwent assorted surgery, skin grafting, lengthening of a distorted tendon, straightening of the leg that was drawn up to his body, driving of silver pins through the bones so they could be held in proper position for braces.

It brought results. He hopes to be walking on crutches by Christmas, and has a date with his nurse for a snowball fight from his wheelchair when the first snow flies.

Turner's clothing caught fire in a farm accident when gasoline in a tractor exploded.

DAILY BIBLE READING
In cooperation with a Daily Bible reading program being sponsored in the nation and sponsored locally by the Ministerial Alliance, The Ranger Daily Times will carry in this space each day the Bible reading reference for that day.

Thursday, Nov. 23, Psalm 100.
Friday, Nov. 24, John 4.

GI'S GET KICK IN COLLECTING JAP SOUVENIRS

With the Americal Division, Somewhere in the South Pacific Area (UP)—Although he comes from New York City, where souvenir shops abound, Lt. Edward E. Walker of (396 E 70th Street) claims he is not yet ready to enter the business commercially even though the list of his platoon's souvenirs gleaned from the battle of Nip Gap far exceeded the booty of other collectors in the regiment.

After the battle was over, Lt. Walker's boys captured several diaries, 1 Japanese Nambu machine gun 3 knee mortars with new ammunition, 1 Lager pistol, 9 rifles 1 sniper's rifle, and 1 90-mm mortar.

The men from the platoon began to bring up some of the booty and spread it out before their officer.

"Willis, here (Pfc. John W. Willis of Gallatin, Tenn., who accounted for six Japanese dead in the battle)," the New York officer said, "found the sniper's rifle, and Amidor (Pfc. Gumaro Amidor of El Paso, Tex.) found the Nambu after knocking off the officer in charge of the gun."

But Lt. Walker was especially pleased with the captured mortar. "The Japanese follow the same policy as our men," he said, "for in the event of capture, they are instructed to destroy the sight of the gun. In the campaign on this island, I know of only one other mortar sight that has been taken."

"It is beautifully made, as you can see, and is much like ours, although it is larger. It has the same sort of levels, the same sort of elevation mechanism, and the same sort of dovetail slot."

"My boys come from all over the States," Lt. Walker continued, "but they have this one trait in common. They are souvenir hunters de luxe. Call it the squirrel instinct, if you want, but the men get a great kick out of their collecting."

Willis and Amidor grinned. The lieutenant continued, "For the time being, the boys do not get to keep the weapons as we hand them over to Ordnance for study. The flags, diaries, and documents are always turned over to Intelligence with tags designating the owner, and after this fracas is over, the men who found the items will get them and take them back to the States with them."

It was the lieutenant's turn to smile. "It isn't incidental news either," he said, "that my men accounted for almost half of our company's bag of Nips. I wouldn't be surprised if besides training the 'most skilled soldier in the world,' the Army has indoctrinated a good many with the antique bug."

Denison Blast Death Toll Now Stands At Nine

DENISON, Tex. — The death toll from a flash butane gas explosion which sheathed a block square area of the Denison residential section in flames Tuesday morning to nine today with the death from burns of Mrs. John Marshall of Sherman.

Five persons died soon after the blast and three others died in Denison hospital yesterday.

Four persons remained in serious condition as result of the blast, caused when the butane gas freed by an automobile-truck collision, but hospital attendants said today that their chances of recovery had improved.

Wodehouse Crisis Believed Settled

PARIS, (UP)—The P. G. Wodehouse crisis appeared to be settled late today when French security police agreed to release the British humorist provided he would leave Paris and pick a place of fixed residence.

For The Job Ahead



An armada of LST's pours Army equipment ashore at Tacloban airstrip on Leyte Island in the Philippines. Note the causeways built from the beach to the ships. Those were hurriedly built by bulldozers scraping sand and rock from the beach and building "roads" for each ship's invasion traffic. Bomb craters bought by the softening process, are clearly seen. (NKA Telephoto from U. S. Navy.)

TRAINED MULE CLOWN TO BE ON JAMBOREE

Cpl. Jim Patch and Thunderbolt, his trained mule, will be one of the featured attractions on the 6th War Loan musical from the Abilene Army Air Field when the Army Air Force bond sellers play in Ranger on December 3.

The former Miles City, Mont., cowhand is a professional rodeo clown and is well known throughout West Texas where he has appeared professionally in rodeos. On the GI musical Patch and Thunderbolt will present a lively comedy number.

Riding comes naturally to Patch who was born on a large Montana ranch. He practically was raised in the saddle and started riding horses and doing a cowhand's work when just a youngster.

Followers of the turf remember Patch for the many winners he rode across the finish line at well known tracks in California and Mexico. When Patch, who is five feet, three, could no longer make the required jockey's weight he decided to switch his career to performing in rodeos.

Because of his exceptional riding ability, he immediately got into big time, signing a contract with Gene Autrey. He toured the country with the famous "Flying A" rodeo from 1940 to 1942, appearing at Madison Square Garden in New York four times.

He did most of the riding in the clown show with such celebrities as George Mills, Jazbo Falkis, and John Lindsey, considered by many to be the world's finest rodeo clowns.

Patch entered the Army early in 1942, and received his basic training at Sheppard Field. He was stationed at Marshall Field, Kans., and the Salt Lake City, Utah Air Base before coming to Abilene Army Air Field Combat Crew Training Station for Fighter Pilots.

French Forces Take Strasbourg From Nazis Today

PARIS — French forces today swept into the historic Rhine citadel of Strasbourg to plant the tricolor again in a bastion which allied military experts said was vital to German defense of the upper Rhine as Stalingrad was to the Russians on the Volga.

In a dashing 20 mile race across the Alsace plain French forces under Gen. Leclerc sent advance armored elements into the ancient city at 12 A. M. today.

To Appear On GI Bond Jamboree



Cpl. Jim Patch and Thunderbolt

Navy Recruiters Take Two Into Navy's V-6 Unit

Chief Tom Gaston of the Naval recruiting office in Abilene, who with a recruiting force is in Ranger each Wednesday afternoon at the postoffice, stated Wednesday that Donald Edgar Ward 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward has enlisted in the V-6 USNR and will report to the Abilene office for induction at once.

Chief Gaston also stated that Raymond West will be taken into the same program just as soon as his papers are completed.

While in Ranger the chief announced that the United States Naval Air Corps has openings for 17 year old boys to serve as combat air crewmen. Applicants must not be more than six feet tall, unmarried and with normal vision.

Those accepted in this program will be sent for one year's training at a Naval Air School for radio and gunnery and after this training will be assigned to an air craft carrier or other naval station.

Singing To Be Held On Sunday

According to an announcement made today a meeting of Ranger singers will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Christian church and all Ranger singers are invited to attend.

Former Night Spot Becomes A Place Of Worship

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UP)—Hymns and words from the Bible have replaced the whir of the roulette wheel, the rattle of dice and the gayety of night club life at what was once the Gingham Gardens, now the West Side Church of Christ.

A new chapter in the life of the former night spot, once a gathering place for salons and lobbyists during sessions of the Illinois State Legislature, was written with the recent dedication of it as a church, by Ruben L. Anderson, pastor.

Built some time before 1900, the structure once was one of the palatial residences of Springfield. But as the city grew and commercial establishments encroached on the property, it ceased to be a place of residence and passed into the commercial scene.

Before becoming a house of worship, the Gingham Gardens had an exciting career. Once its bandstand rocked to the tunes of the blues, jazz and swing stages. It became a popular "chicken dinner" club. The tempo increased and business was good. Then the aged Gingham Gardens gave way to youthful competition.

Where there once was an orchestra stage there is a pulpit; a waxed dancing floor now accommodates rows of church seats, and a gaming room where roulette, slot machines and dice were played has become a Sunday School class room.

At the meeting plans for the future of the church were discussed and details of the peace-time training which will likely be directed by the State Guard will be coordinated with the schools and credit will be given for the work.

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Claims Proof Double Serving As Adolph Hitler

U. S. ORGANIST DREW APPLAUSE IN NAZI PRISON

DENVER (UP)—Lawrence K. Whipp, formerly of Denver, once again is playing an organ in a church in France, after having been confined to a German concentration camp since the Nazis occupied that country, according to word received by friends here.

Whipp, a native of Cripple Creek, Col., got his musical start at St. John's Episcopal cathedral here, where he became an organist after giving up his job as a bank teller.

Later he went to New York City to study and was an organist at St. Thomas' Episcopal church. In Paris he played at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity for 23 years.

The night Germany declared war on the United States, three Nazi officers entered the fashionable cathedral and arrested him in the name of the "Greater German Reich."

In a concentration camp at Clairfontaine, Whipp was named a judge to try offenders and fix penalties. Once the Nazis ordered him to play a concert, and he gave such feeling to the classic German compositions that even the Nazis cheered and his prisoner official kissed his hand.

Whipp re-entered Paris with the American and British forces. Lt. Gen. John V. Lee, formerly of Denver, who is deputy commander for Gen. Eisenhower, was present at a religious celebration he played at.

The organist served as acting pastor during the German occupation and conducted funerals for 40 Americans and baptized six infants, one grandson of Clemenceau.

Red Cross Relief Supplies Have Arrived In Japan

WASHINGTON, — American Red Cross relief supplies for prisoners of war are reported by the Japanese to have arrived in Kobe, Japan, from Nakhodka, a Soviet port 190 miles east of Vladivostok, it was announced by Basil O'Connor, chairman. The supplies, sent to Vladivostok last year, were moved by the Soviet government to Nakhodka and picked up by a Japanese boat.

Food, medicines, clothing, and some recreational supplies were sent by the American and Canadian Red Cross societies and the YMCA from a west coast port of the United States via Russian ships to the port of Vladivostok at the suggestion of the Japanese government after other methods of sending prisoner of war supplies to the Far East had been rejected by that government.

The cargo, valued at about \$1,500,000, contained approximately 300,000 eleven pound food packages, 2,661 cases of drugs and medical supplies, 19,500 sets of clothing, 4,300 pairs of army shoes, 7,080 overcoats, 125 cases of shoe repair materials, 21,000 sets of toilet articles, 1,000,000 cigarettes, and 229 cases of YMCA books and religious and recreational supplies.

It is understood that a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross met the ship on arrival at Kobe to direct the forwarding of materials to Allied prisoners of war. The International delegate has been instructed to make every effort to see that supplies are sent to camps that did not receive their share of the previous two shipments sent by the American Red Cross. Former shipments, valued at \$1,662,926 were made on two voyages of the diplomatic exchange ship, Gripsholm, in 1942 and 1943.

ASKS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OTTAWA (UP)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King today asked the house of commons to approve a resolution of confidence in his administration.

THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Fair. Not much change in temperatures.

ALLIES MASSING ALONG ROER, MEUSE RIVERS FOR POSSIBLE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH NAZIS

Reds Have Budapest Half Encircled And Are Pushing To A Climax The Battle Along The Latvian Coast

Allied armies on the Western Front speeded the envelopment of an estimated 50,000 Germans between the Vosges mountains and the upper Rhine today and in the north massed along the Roer and Meuse rivers for what may be a decisive battle with the main enemy forces guarding the Ruhr.

On the Eastern front the Russians tightened a siege arc half way around Budapest, capital of Hungary, and on the Baltic pressed to a climax the battle of annihilation against the remnants of 30 German divisions pinned against the Latvian coast. The battle was described as a flank-clearing operation in preparation for a possible major offensive in East Prussia or along the Vistula.

In Italy, Polish units of the British Eighth Army continued their mile a day advance in the Adriatic sector, while artillery duelling and patrol activity marked the other sectors of the front.

To Speak Here



The public is invited to hear Rev. W. B. Walker, district superintendent of the Abilene district who will preach at the Church of the Nazarene Friday night, Nov. 24th. Those who heard Rev. Walker when he was here last will remember that he is an outstanding speaker.

Meeting Of State Guard Officers Held Wednesday

Lt. Col. Bryant of Austin, attached to the adjutant's office, was in Ranger Wednesday night for a meeting with officers of Company B of the Texas State Guard. Also here for the meeting were Major Brewster of Breckenridge and Capt. Buihannan of Breckenridge.

At the meeting plans for the future of the guard were discussed and details of the peace-time training which will likely be directed by the State Guard will be coordinated with the schools and credit will be given for the work.

Ranger guardsmen who attended the meeting were Capt. Paul MacDonald, Lt. Clyde Bond, Staff Sgt. Calvin Brown and First Sgt. Jimmie Houghton.

Thanksgiving Union Service To Be Held Nov. 29

Union Thanksgiving services for the churches of Ranger will be held Wednesday, November 29 at the First Methodist church. All churches of Ranger will participate in the service and Dr. W. H. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the principal address.

Music will be furnished by singers from all churches in a united choir.

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LONDON — A force of 150 Flying Fortresses with an escort of 75 Mustang fighters attacked the synthetic oil works at Gelsenkirchen today.

Bad weather held down air activity and the fortresses unloaded their bombs through cloud formations.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters on Leyte Island in the Central Philippines announced that American planes and torpedo patrol boats had destroyed or damaged eight Japanese cargo vessels and 54 barges trying to land reinforcements at Leyte. MacArthur's ground forces were maintaining steady pressure on Limon, outpost of the "Yamashita line" around Ormoc, where the Japanese were expected to make their principal stand on Leyte.

BRUSSELS (UP)—A new Belgian army will be put in the field alongside those of the other Allies, with the help of Great Britain, authorities said today.

It was announced that American heavy bombers had damaged two Japanese transports in the fourth attack on Brunel Bay, Northwest-ern Borneo, within a week.

In the wake of Tuesday's B-29 attack on the Japanese homeland, the Tokyo radio reported another Superfortress reconnaissance flight over Japan today, in apparent preparation for continuing the offensive.

Another Tokyo report said American surface units had shelled Matsui, in the Kurile Islands north of Japan, late yesterday.

Says Yank Airmen Shot By SS Men

ZURICH (UP)—Frontier reports said today that five American airmen who parachuted to earth during the last U. S. air attack on Friedrichshafen, were rounded up and shot by SS men. The local population, according to reports, is fearing American retaliation.

Says War Bond Ads Lagging

The following telegram was received by the Times this morning in its self explanatory: Washington, D. C. Nov. 22. Advertising Manager, Ranger Times, Ranger, Texas. Treasury statistics indicate that sponsored advertising in some newspapers for opening days of Sixth War Loan Drive is lagging. Even with all operating handicaps, let's manage if possible, to surpass our outstanding advertising record of the fifth drive. Helping speed the 14 billion dollar goal this time is most vital. We are being counted upon by the treasury to lead the way.

Frank E. Tripp, Chairman Allied Newspaper Council.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

THE Washington Daily News headlined the election extras, "HE'S DONE IT—AGAIN & AGAIN & AGAIN" and that tells the story better than anything else.

The election proved, however, some very definite beliefs of the American electorate: The majority of the people are not scared of Communism, yet.

The majority of the people are not scared of Dictatorship or one-man-government, yet.

The New Deal is not dead. The President himself revived it, mentioning it by name several times during the campaign although he had previously tried to replace "Dr. New Deal" with "Dr. Win the War."

The majority of the people like the New Deal and its objectives and want to see it continued.

The Republicans' platform, program, leadership and campaign do not offer a sufficiently constructive and concrete set of objectives and they must go back and build from the ground up.

Governor Dewey's efforts to uncoil the people on the Roosevelt administration, often by over-emphasis on trivial misrepresentations, may have been one of the causes of his own undoing.

THE next four years will be tough—perhaps even tougher than 1932 to 1936. The responsibility will be on the Democratic leadership and majority, but the role of the Republican minority is of equal importance.

The great hope for the rebirth of a really progressive Republican party lies in the latter course. But its leadership has yet to emerge.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Sports Editor

CPL. ED WAITKUS describes an amphibious operation in the Netherlands East Indies in baseball language.

"Like standing home in a ball game. If it worked, swell! If it failed, it looked idiotic. Here it worked.

"As the boats circle and head for shore you get a feeling like opening day." Corporal Waitkus tells President Ford Foss of the National League in a V-Mail letter.

"You check your rifle a hundred times. I was in one of the first waves. We hit in deep water, had to go in over our heads. It's a seemingly endless stretch through the water to the shore, but finally we made it.

"A machine gun got a Jap sniper pinned up in a tree just as we hit. On shore there wasn't much opposition, and right now things are coming under control. I can't help but respect the men who planned this one, the strategy that gave us the benefit of the element of surprise, and saved a lot of lives.

CORPORAL WAITKUS is well acquainted with both Wrigley Fields. As the left-handed first baseman of the Los Angeles Angels in 1942, he led the Pacific Coast League in total hits, was the ranking fielder at his position. He was tabbed to be the Cubs' first baseman.

"Nothing bothers him," said manager Jigger Statz, the old out-felder. "He's a great team man, and he's got a great sense of humor."



DESDEMONA

(By Special Correspondent)

DESDEMONA, Tex. Nov. 20—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams and son Joe H. Jr. of Breckenridge and Mrs. Zona Griffin of Staff, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peak and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart of Desdemona visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams in Breckenridge, Friday afternoon.

Pvt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ervin,

Jr., arrived Monday morning from Sioux Falls, S. D. Mrs. Ervin was formerly Miss Lois B. Moore of Desdemona.

Miss Dorothy L. Moore and Miss Deana Faye Putty were Gorman visitors Friday evening.

Trader Bankhead of Cheney, Oklahoma, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frank M. Moore, here.

Mrs. Joe Troclair of Breckenridge visited Miss Dorothy L. Moore here recently. Mrs. Troclair is the former Miss Imogene Browning of Desdemona, who is now a nurse at the Breckenridge

hospital. Pvt. Vernon G. Short of Shepherd Field was home the past week end.

Tip Davis and Pat Davis of Newcastle visited friends and relatives here the past week end.

A birthday party was given Wednesday, November 15 for Billie Dan Browning on the occasion of his 9th birthday. Refreshments of cake, punch, popcorn and candy were served to: Carol Sue Tidwell, Larry Key, Aaron Hensley, Doris Craig Sandra Hensley, Mary Sue Craig, Bonnie Faye Graham, Jean Dixon, Billie Don Browning,

Vonnie Rue Keith, Jackie Lou Whitlock, Janette Owens, Ronald Abel, Wesley Lewis, Charles Don Lindley, Jimmie John Wells, Anita Key, Alla Fay Friday, Rex Friday, Wanda Phillips and Billie Phillips.

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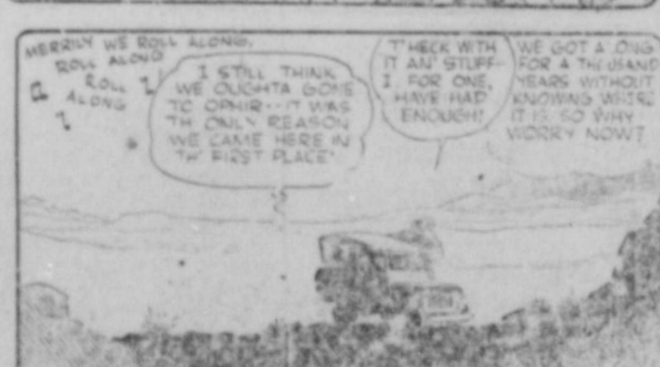
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By Fred Harmon



WANTED -- AT ONCE -- BOY FOR PAPER ROUTE APPLY AT RANGER TIMES OFFICE

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BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

War Bride of '19 Is World War Widow of 1944

MILWAUKEE (UP)—The first world war brought Roland H. Wickland to Mile, Rachelle Bernard of Bordeaux, France. The second took him away as he fought for the liberation of her beloved homeland.

They met on Armistice Day, 1918, at the wedding of another French girl and an American soldier. The Wicklands were married on May 3, 1919, and came to Milwaukee, where Wickland worked as a printer. He wasn't satisfied to stay out of the fight when France was subjected to oppression, and re-enlisted Jan. 23, 1942, she explained. Serving as staff sergeant with an engineer's unit in

an armored division, Wickland was killed in action in France on Sept. 27, 1944. He was 47 years old.

In a recent letter to his dark-haired wife, whom he addressed as "Petite," Wickland had written:

"Still very busy with this war. Am sure seeing a lot of France. I hope my arm holds out from shaking hands and waving at the people over here. They sure are glad to see us."

Mrs. Wickland said she plans to return to France.

"I have not heard from my parents for five years," she explained. "And of course, I want to see where my husband is buried."

WASHINGTON — Pres. Roosevelt said today that he hoped congress would act this winter on legislation to provide for one year of peace time service to the country by young men.

'Ah! Now I Can Breathe Again!'

Wonderfully quick a little Va-tro-nol up each nostril helps open nasal passages—makes breathing easier—when your head fills up with stuffy transient congestion! Va-tro-nol gives grand relief, too, from sniffling, sneezing, itchy eyes, and other distressing conditions. Follow directions in folder.

They keep fighting— You keep buying WAR BONDS

She had been tracing a pattern in the dirt with a little twig and now looked up at me in surprise. "Hello!" I said.

Her eyes were a clear blue. That was all you noticed at first. "Want a ride?" I asked.

A big guy came over to us, gingerly carrying a paper cup. I hadn't noticed him before because the water cooler was at the far side of the station. He handed the cup to the girl and she began drinking.

When she finished the water she crumpled the cup and looked up at the fellow.

"This gentleman wants to give us a ride."

Like hell, I did. I wanted to give her one.

The fellow beamed. "That's swell!"

"But what about Joe?"

"Don't you think he's kept us waiting long enough. Maybe those brakes are acting up again."

"But he promised. He'd have phoned us here."

"Who is this Joe?" I interrupted.

"A friend of ours," said the girl. "He drives a beer truck."

"Wouldn't you rather ride in a \$3000 car?"

"What's the price got to do with it?"

That stymied me. I shrugged and stepped on the starter.

"One minute, please," said the fellow. He turned to the girl.

"We can leave him a note. After all it's getting pretty late."

She thought it over. "Maybe you're right."

Opening her bag, she took out a pencil and paper and began scribbling. I switched off the motor and got out of the car. There was plenty of room in the luggage compartment for those two cheap-looking but neat suitcases. By the time I had them stowed away, the note had been given to the gas station attendant. I opened the door and made the fellow get into the back seat. Boy friend or husband, that was where he was going to sit. All alone.

I was perfectly willing to play Good Samaritan. But one doesn't have to exaggerate.

(To Be Continued)

YOU GOTTA THINK QUICK

By Stanley Paley

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THE STORY: To get away from Ginger, Kibatek thinks it would be a good idea to go to California for a while. Mugsie is agreeable provided Kibatek stays at the Plaza Hotel in Hollywood.

XVII

IT was the third day since I'd left New York. The sun beat down on the dusty road that looked as if it had no end but went on into space. And there was dust everywhere. On the crystal gleaming hood. On the crystal Goddess. And on the windshield.

Who cared?

I switched on the radio but the reception was so bad I switched it off again. Was this the third day? No, the third week? Or the third year? It seemed to me I'd been driving since time began.

What was Ginger doing now? I gripped the wheel harder. Don't think about her, I told myself. Don't think about her!

How many miles from that next tree to the red-brick house way over there? Two or three, maybe.

What's that even one? Who'd have thought a mile was that long?

Eighteen hundred and twelve miles between Omaha and Los Angeles. I'd looked it up on the map. Eighteen hundred and twelve. That was the name of a Russian composition. "Richardsky."

It had something to do with the Napoleonic wars and there was the sound of cannon in it.

Cannon shooting. Guns shooting. Bongo, Bongo and Gloger.

Cut it out, Leo! And stop talking to yourself!

Seventy-five. Eighty. Eighty-five. That's tight! Keep up that speed so long as there's no chance of being nabbed by the cops. Keep it up. It's the only way to forget.

A HITCH-HIKER standing on the edge of the road somewhere between Omaha and North Platte changed the entire course of that trip. He changed it, but

I never even saw what he looked like. I only caught a glimpse of him as I whizzed by at 70 miles an hour.

This hitch-hiker appearing on the road at that particular moment made me decide to play the Good Samaritan. I'd give one of them a lift.

The next one, I said to myself.

I CAME upon him some 20 minutes later. I saw him from a distance, slowed down and pulled up alongside his trudging figure.

The minute I got a good look at his face I decided against it. He looked like the kind of a guy who'd hit you on the head with a blackjack and then cheerfully throw your body in a ravine. It was an embarrassing moment.

"Where'd you want to go?" I blurted.

"North Platte."

"Sorry," I lied. "I'm taking the first road to the left, down there." Then, before he had time to answer, I got going.

My second attempt, a few moments later, wasn't any more successful. This new fellow looked so dumb that the thought of having to make conversation with him was too much for me. After five minutes I'd be the one that might have to dispose of a body.

"Sorry," I said again. "I'm going the other way."

Fifteen more miles registered on the speedometer. The next one, I decided, will be it. Whatever he looks like or whatever he talks like I'll take him.

And then, I saw my hitch-hiker. Not a man but a girl. And she wasn't thumbing a ride but sitting on a couple of suitcases in front of a gas station.

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Last week I nearly went A.W.O.L.

LAST PAPER I planned to be Absent Without Official Leave—from the place where I usually buy my War Bonds. I was going to blow myself to some swell new clothes.

While I was checking to see if my nose was shiny, my mirror looked at me like a top sergeant. "Hey you! Don't you know a soldier can be shot for going A.W.O.L.?"

"No, Sarge," I said to me, "I'm not a soldier, and besides, a gal can't go around naked, can she? Anyway, I'm entitled to some fun, war or no war."

My mirror came right back at me. "You know darn well," it said, "that we're all soldiers—and all the fighting stops, and men are no longer getting killed, don't you stop buying War Bonds! As for fun, sure you're entitled to some—if you earn it."

"That meant extra sacrifices—going without things, and I don't mean War Bonds!"

"OK, Sarge," I said, "you win. I can just make it to that War Bond place. I'll get those clothes later."

The way my mirror made me look, you'd think I was wearing a mink coat!

War Bonds—to have and to hold
RANGER DAILY TIMES

Nazis Show the Way



Nazi soldiers who evacuated German town did Yanks an unintentional favor by leaving behind this excellent map, which shows in detail the area where stubborn fighting rages.

United States Employment Service, the War Manpower Commission Asked To Help Doctors

The necessity of everyone of us to cooperate with the medical profession in order to keep to a minimum the demands on our physicians is urged by Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission.

Boy Scouts Exceed Paper Goal

The Boy Scouts of America have exceeded their goal of 100,000 tons of waste paper during the two months drive of August and September. As a result, says J. A. Krug, Chairman of the War Production Board, about 85,000 Scouts and Cubs throughout the country will qualify for the individual WFB award.

Bible Reading Indispensable To Christian Life

By W. H. Clark, Pastor, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The habit of Bible reading is indispensable to the larger development of a Christian's life. In the Bible, we find answers to questions which are most vital. The answer to many of these important questions are not to be found anywhere else. The message of the Bible is one of certainty.

This positive message is much needed during these days of uncertainty.

One inspired writer declared, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." A knowledge of the Bible secures us through a careful reading of its pages proves to be a definite factor in preventing sin in the life of the individual.

The Bible contains many promises that must be remembered and appreciated if we maintain a high level of spirituality. In these times of much reading material from which to select, the thoughtful person will not neglect to provide ample time for becoming better acquainted with the Book of Books. No man, however well informed on secular matters, can logically be considered equipped educationally for life and service unless he is familiar with the message of the Bible.

There ought to be, and may we hope that there will be a more universal practice of Bible reading throughout the nation and the world.

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TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

Meats, Fats — Red stamps AS through ZS and A 5 through F5 good indefinitely. The four red stamps validated October 29 totaling 40 red points will have to last for at least a 5 week period. No new red stamps until December 3.

Processed Foods — Blue stamps AS through ZS and A5 through W5 good indefinitely. No new stamp until December 1.

Sugar — Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, and 33, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 34 became good November 16 and remains good indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for 500 pounds of eating sugar through February 28, 1945.

Gasoline — A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through December 21.

Fuel Oil — Period 1 and 2 coupons from last heating season and period 1 coupons from new heating season good throughout present heating year.

Shoes — Airplane stamps 1, 2, and 3 in book three, good indefinitely.

Vacation Travel Can Cost Gas — Coupons

Motorist who use gasoline equally to travel to winter resorts face the loss of their ration ration stamps. Office of Price Administration warns. Chester, Bowls OPA Administrator said. "The millions of patriotic drivers through

out the Country who are abiding by the ration regulations and getting along on tight rations so that all may share fairly the scarce civilian supplies have a right to expect OPA to shut down hard on those who obtain gasoline unfairly for non-essential trips. We intend to do just that." The agency has ruled that persons who are planning a seasonal trip for a definite period of time are not making a bona fide change of residence and that special rations may not be granted for such trips.

Tenant Farmers Get Fertilizer Price Aid

Landlords selling fertilizer to tenant farmers cannot charge more than the applicable retail selling price of these products. Office of Price Administration has ruled. An additional mark-up by landlords never was authorized by the agency itself.

Cigarettes To Go Unrationed

The shortage of cigarettes experienced throughout the country reflects the bad distribution due to war time conditions and the fact that the armed forces are now smoking a fourth of the country's total production, but no rationing of them is contemplated. The Office of Price Administration states.

Find Jobs For Veterans

Jobs were found for 90,004 veterans of this war and for 10,892 from the last war during the month of September by the



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- 1 TO KNEAD**, fold dough toward you. Press gently but firmly away with the heel of the hand. Give dough a quarter turn with other hand. Repeat till smooth and elastic.
- 2 COVER** with damp cloth to prevent the dough from crustifying. If your kitchen is cool, place covered bowl of dough in a closed cupboard near a pan of hot water.
- 3 LET RISE** till double in bulk (and light enough to retain finger impression). Punch down with fist, fold edges into center, turn over in bowl and cover.
- 4 LET RISE** again till nearly double in bulk... then divide dough for loaves, cover and let rest about 15 minutes to make the dough easy for you to handle.
- 5 FLATTEN** each part of dough into oblong shape with knuckles. Work quickly, pressing out air.
- 6 NOW FOLD** each flattened part of the dough in half (lengthwise), and flatten again.
- 7 LIFT BY THE ENDS** and pull out, slapping the dough on the table several times to elongate it.
- 8 BRING THE ENDS** to the center, overlap and flatten well with the knuckles.
- 9 TAKE HOLD** of the further edge of the dough, and fold it toward you 1/2 of the way at a time... sealing well.
- 10 NOW ROLL** to tighten, seal each end, and place in pans, sealed edge down. Cover and let rise.
- 11 REMOVE** from pans as soon as baked, and place on wire rack till cool. Be sure to keep out of drafts.

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Christian Democracy Recognizes the Importance of Individual Citizens

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.
THE first passage for study in this lesson is the famous one in which Jesus made reference to the things that are Caesar's and the things that are God's. Sublime was under the power of Rome, and the enemies of Jesus tried to trap Him with the question whether it was lawful to pay tribute to Caesar, or not? Jesus had said "No." His enemies would have reported Him to the Roman authorities, if He had said "Yes," they would have reported Him to the Jewish authorities. They thought they had trapped Him either way. But with great skill Jesus parried their question, and trapped them. When He called for a coin, and asked, "Whose image and superscription?" they could only reply, "Caesar's."

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," said Jesus.

The words have been very commonly taken out of their context, and misinterpreted in a way that Jesus could never have intended, to uphold the idea of obligation to the state, and to stress the idea of the separation between church and state. Jesus was meeting His enemies on their own ground, cleverly trapping them in their own game, but the notion that some things belong to Caesar, and some things to God, is contrary to all His teaching. His constant insistence was that all things belong to God, and, any other teaching is both dangerous and untrue.

HERE in America we have established the principle of the separation between church and state. It is a wise working principle in a democracy composed of diverse elements and of greatly varying faiths, and it works because it is established upon the prior principle of civil and religious liberty. But the recognition of God is basic in our

American foundations. It is upon our constitution "In God We Trust," the President takes his oath of office with his hand upon the Bible; witnesses are sworn upon the Bible in our courts; our legislative assemblies are opened with prayer, and in many other ways the religious, but non-sectarian, nature of our national life is emphasized.

Now what does this mean? It means that we recognize a higher law than the law of the state—a standard of right by which the state itself is judged, and upon which the ultimate validity of its laws depends. The principle of our American democracy is often defined as "the rule of the majority." That is not quite correct; there must be something deeper if government is to be sound and true, and genuinely democratic in securing the common welfare. That something is the rule of the individual citizen.

MAJORITY rule is the best working principle we have found, but a majority vote never in itself made anything right. Our democratic belief is that right decisions are more likely to be made by all the people, acting in their own interest, than by tyrants or dictators, or by class rule. But where there is no vision the people perish. It is the quality of the people that determines the worth of the government. The true principle of our democracy is that every man is a king, and if the king abdicates, or does not wisely exercise his kingship, misrule results. There is no magic in "democracy," if individual citizens live and act upon a low level of moral vision and social responsibility.

Christian citizenship, therefore, has a very real meaning. What manner of persons we ought to be, when we think of our Christian and democratic heritage! God grant that we may not fail as kings in a democracy!

Betty Crocker "Perfect Bread" Recipe

IMPORTANT: This recipe perfected with GOLD MEDAL "Kitchen-tested" Enriched Flour. Be sure to use that brand only!

Crumble into mixing bowl: 2 cakes compressed yeast

Add: 6 cups (1 1/2 qts.) lukewarm liquid (milk, water or potato water) (milk should be scalded and cooled to 80°)

6 tsp. sugar

3 tsp. salt

Let stand until thoroughly dissolved (about 5 minutes).

Add: 19 cups (3 3/4 qts.) sifted GOLD MEDAL "Kitchen-tested" Enriched Flour

Beat with spoon until smooth and elastic (batter will fall from spoon in "sheets").

Beat in: 6 tsp. shortening (melted and cooled)

Work in with the hands: 1/2 cup more cups (3/4 to 3/8 qts.) sifted GOLD MEDAL "Kitchen-tested" Enriched Flour (enough to make a dough that no longer sticks to mixing bowl and is possible to handle)

Turn dough onto lightly-floured board, cover, let stand 10 minutes to tighten up. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, cover with damp cloth. Keep dough at 80° to 85° until double (about 2 hours). Punch down dough. Round up and set to rise again until not quite double (about 45 minutes). Punch down dough. Divide into 6 equal parts. Round up each part on board, cover. Let rest 15 minutes (to make it easy to handle). Mold each part into a loaf, and place in greased bread pan (8" x 4"). Cover with damp cloth. Let rise 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until dough has reached top of pan and center is well rounded above. Bake 15 minutes in a hot oven (450°); then 20 to 30 minutes in a quick moderate oven (375°). When baked, bread has hollow sound when tapped and comes away from sides of pan. Makes six 1-lb. loaves.

Your baker sells delicious yeast bread... but if you bake at home, try this simple Betty Crocker recipe for better results.

