

Germans Dig Deeper Into American Lines

J. H. Dreinhofner Home From Two Years In Pacific

AMM 1-c J. H. (Henry) Dreinhofner who for the past two years has been stationed with the Navy in Hawaii and who arrived in the States three months ago is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his father J. F. Dreinhofner and other relatives. Mrs. Dreinhofner who joined her husband in Chicago after he returned to the States is also the guest of Mr. Dreinhofner.

After enlisting in the Navy Dreinhofner was sent for training to San Diego, California and to a graduate of the Ranger schools and before going into service was employed by the Lone Star Gas company.

At the expiration of his furlough he will report to San Diego for reassignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dreinhofner who were here during the week-end for a visit with their family of Amarillo have returned to their home.

Proceedings Of Eleventh Court Civil Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District, for Friday, Dec. 15:

Affirmed:

Homer P. Culwell, et ux, vs. Retta Freeman Shann, Eastland, Reversed and Remanded:

Wichita Valley Railway co. vs. Harry Britt, et al. Taylor. Motions Sustained:

Lillian Delores Custer, vs. Pet McGough, appellant's motion for rehearing.

A. J. Briden, et al, vs. G. C. Osborne, et al, motion for rehearing of appellees Osborne and Young.

J. A. Trigg, et al, vs. H. R. Fambro, appellant's motion for rehearing. Motion Overruled:

Ray Webb, et al, appellant's motion for rehearing.

Chicken Ready For Pan To Be Sent Hospitals

KANSAS CITY MO. (UP)—"Chicken Overseas, Army Style" soon will be a tentative piece of resistance on the menu at overseas field hospitals and Air Corps Rest Center, the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot revealed.

The chickens, which are fryers, will be frozen and shipped "ready for the pan." Officers at the Quartermaster Depot estimate that chickens prepared in this manner will save 3 per cent in weight and an appreciable amount of shipping space.

Contracts have been made for the initial order. It is expected this new type of poultry will be enthusiastically accepted overseas and will be adopted as a regular procurement item of the Quartermaster Corps.

Office Workers For Army Service Forces Needed

A campaign to secure hundreds of office workers for the Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C., was initiated today. Clerks, typists and stenographers are urgently needed. Women who want to work for victory and not simply wait for it are urged to contact the Civil Service representative at the United States Employment Service, Court House, Eastland, Texas, December 21, 1944.

Transportation is paid, housing guaranteed, and excellent salaries are offered. Special benefits offered in these civil service positions include paid vacations, sick leave, employee counseling and organized recreational activities. All hiring is done in accordance with War Manpower Commission regulations.

Thursday, Psalm 37

Ceiling Price On Hogs Covers Barrows, Gilts

OPA's ceiling price of \$14.75 per hundredweight for live hogs, Chicago basis (\$14.40 your county has been extended in all barrows and gilts. This price now applies to those over 270 pounds as well as hogs in this class of lesser weight. Boars, stags and sows of all weight still sell at the \$14 ceiling (\$13.65 your county).

The extension of the higher ceiling to heavy weight barrows and gilts will result in larger supplies of lard and pork, both of which are needed. The lifting of the weight limitation will enable farmers to plan a more ordinary marketing of barrows and gilts in the higher weight brackets. OPA Farm Advisory Committees in several districts recommended this change. The improved feed situation now makes the adjustment possible.

Church of Christ To Name More Elders, Deacons

It has been announced by the present elders of the Church of Christ that additional elders and deacons are to be selected and a discussion of the qualifications of elders and deacons will be conducted at the regular services at the church, Wednesday night.

The discussion of the qualifications will be open to all members of the church and each will be free to express his opinions. For this reason it is urged that a full attendance be present for the services Wednesday night. Those chosen to serve the church as elders and deacons will be announced on Sunday December 21. The budget for the church is being drawn up for the year 1945 and includes some expansion.

Applicants For Clerical Jobs To Be Interviewed

"Now that we are entering the most critical time of the war period, the work of the Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C., becomes increasingly important. Miss Aline Eagan, civil service recruiting representative remarked today, pointing out that many additional clerical assistants are needed now in Washington, D. C. Transportation is paid, housing guaranteed, excellent salaries are offered in addition to the special benefits offered in civil service positions, which include paid vacations, sick leave, employee counseling and organized recreational activities.

Miss Eagan will interview and hire workers at the United States Employment Service, Court House, Eastland, Texas, Dec. 21, 1944. All hiring is in accordance with the War Manpower Commission regulations.

Eastland Woman's Husband Gets Oak Leaf Cluster

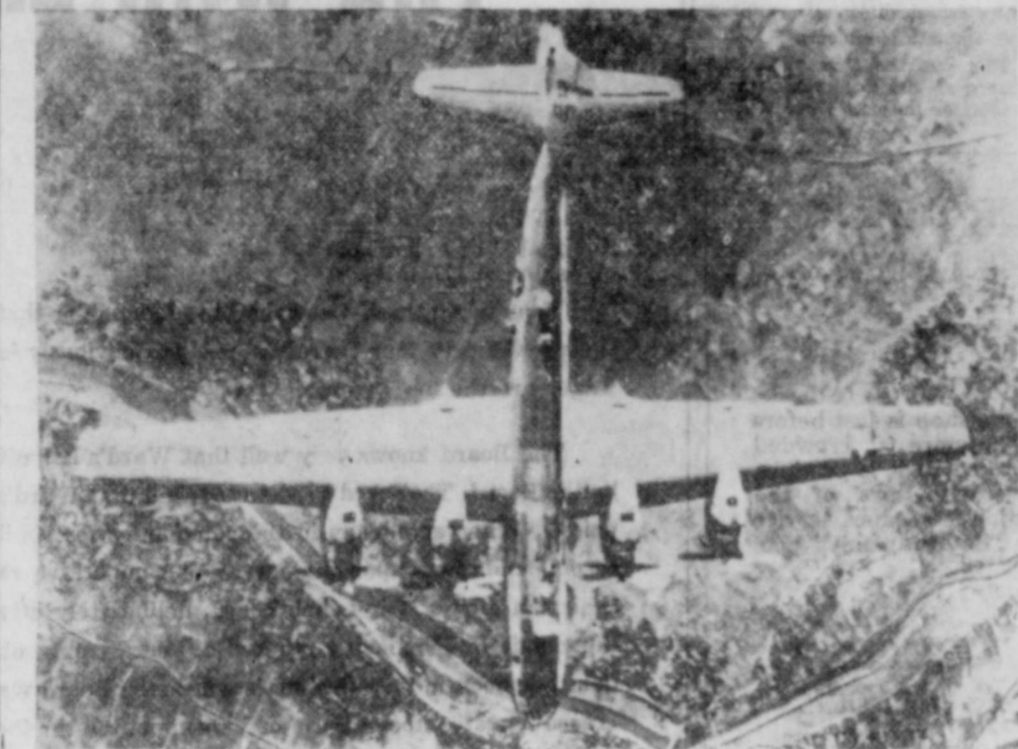
An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—T-Sgt. Dick M. Lucas, 22, engineer-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while on bombing attacks over Germany. The award was presented by Colonel Charles B. Dougher, commanding officer of the 94th Bomb Group.

Sergeant Lucas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lucas, Hunting Park, California. His wife, Mrs. Joyce Lucas, resides at 417 East Sadosa street, Eastland. He was a civil service mechanic before joining the Army.

18 LOST SUITS GO BEGGING FOR OWNER

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—here is a man in Houston who has so many suits that he doesn't even miss them when 18 disappear. At least, that's what city police are led to believe. A taxi driver "just found" the 18 suits, and no one seems to have an idea to whom they belong. There are no labels on them nor reports from any Houston citizen as to the loss of said suits.

Bombs Away Over Tokyo



First picture of a B-29 over the Tokyo district shows one of the Saipan-based Superforts as it roared at stratosphere height across the Tama River just west of Tokyo. (AAP Photo via NEA Telephoto.)

Examine Mysterious Balloon



Maj. D. F. Bolgiano, Army Air Corps Balloon expert from Wright Field, left, holds automatic release valve while Capt. W. B. Standard of Army Intelligence examines a shock absorber found attached to the balloon. W. G. Banister, 3rd from left, special agent of FBI, holds a flash bomb device, and Ensign P. M. Jackson, Navy Intelligence, holds a roll of fuse which was attached to the bomb. (NEA Telephoto.)

New Plant To Convert Rice For The Orient

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Under construction at Houston is a \$750,000 rice conversion plant to turn out millions of tons of a new type of rice for the liberated peoples of the Orient.

After its completion, expected early in 1945, the plant will produce between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 pounds during the first year. The output will increase greatly in future months.

The new rice is produced by the Haugenlaub Method, or a sealing in of the vitamins which in ordinary rice, are lost through cooking. Expecting the rice to be of prime importance during the periods after re-conquest of countries of the Orient, the Army has contracted for the entire output of the plant.

Father of Former Times Employee Dies in Waco

Mrs. Blanche Murray was notified Tuesday of the death of William Rawland of Waco, father of her son-in-law, William Rawland, publisher of the Cleburne Times-Review, and a former employee of the Ranger Daily Times. Mr. Rawland who was 73 years of age died at his home in Waco early Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Waco where he had lived for the past six years. He was a native of St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Rawland will be remembered as the former Miss Doris Murray.

Plan Natural Gas Line From Texas To West Coast

MIDLAND, Tex. (UP)—Negotiations are underway by the Metropolitan Natural Gas Co. of Midland for construction of a 26-inch gas line from the Permian Basin of Texas to Los Angeles, Cal., a distance of approximately 1,100 miles.

Chester A. Ring, Jr., president of the company, says the pipeline would cost \$40,000,000 and would have a capacity of 350,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Ring says present plans call for piping to Los Angeles waste natural gas from the Permian Basin, gas which now is used in burning flares throughout West Texas. The project would be a conservation measure for both Texas and California, according to Ring.

The line would deliver the gas directly to Los Angeles, since none of it would be marketed en route.

Lt. Frantz Home From 12 Months In The Pacific

Mrs. Joe Frantz is in Ft. Worth where she went to meet Lt. Frantz who has just returned from a year's service with the Navy in the Pacific and the couple are expected in Ranger the latter part of the week for a visit with Mrs. Frantz's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Roswell.

Lt. Frantz who is senior communications officer on a ship has been in the service for two years and is home for a 21 day furlough. He arrived in the States about a week ago and came to Ft. Worth by plane.

15-Year Reign Of 7 Football Brothers Ends

COLUMBUS, Neb. (UP)—The Brock family had enough children around the table to field a baseball team, but two of them were girls, so the seven boys concentrated on football.

The last of the Brock boys, Johnny, recently ended his football competition with Columbus High School and took the Brock name out of the lineup for the first time in 15 years.

The athletic Procks, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brock, Sr., have won a total of 63 varsity letters at Columbus High School. The school doesn't give letters to girls, so Mary, 14, and Joyce 11, will have to be content to be "just students."

All the boys were big, solid fellows and ideal "team" players. Any team that had a Brock in the line up was considered good.

The war has scattered the boys all around the world.

Myron, or "Mike" is employed in Los Angeles shipyard, Charles Jr., an All-American from the University of Nebraska and probably the most famous, is a member of the Green Hat Packers, and also works in defense plant. Robert is a sergeant in England. Tom is a Marine lieutenant in the South Pacific. Bill is a staff sergeant in France. Fred, a seaman first class is with the Navy in the South Pacific. Johnny still is at home, completing his high school course.

All to six older boys, except Robert, attended college and won letters. Mike was at Midland college, Fremont, Neb.; Charles at University of Nebraska; Tom at Notre Dame; Bill at Creighton, and Fred at Creighton. Johnny hasn't decided what college he'll attend.

Sunflowers May Be As Profitable As The Soybean

DECATUR, Ill. (UP)—Sunflowers, which dot the fields of the Midwest in ever increasing numbers, may become an important food crop, according to tests recently carried on here. They are said to have disclosed a higher protein than other corn-belt crops. This spring more than 100 acres of sunflowers were planted on good, black corn and soybean land as an experimental crop. Harvested, the sunflower seeds were put through several experimental tests.

It was found that it was possible to grow sunflowers as profitably as soybeans. Processing became possible by solvent extraction at low temperature, giving an olive-like oil and huckbeet-like flour which keep their freshness.

In planting, the farmers used a dwarf variety, about five feet tall, for easy harvesting. Scientists said it has large seeds high in protein and oil content. Seeds from Canada were used.

Dr. H. H. Mitchell University of Illinois protein expert, said that he has found sunflower seeds to contain 53 per cent protein, much higher than any of the present corn-belt crops. He added that he has found it to be highly digestible, and that it should find a valuable place in the human diet and in animal feeding.

Coast Orange Near '43 High

FORTERFIELD, Cal. (UP)—Orange picking is in full swing in this area and from the early reports, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public can expect no shortages in their favorite fruit—if the harvest here is an indication of what it will be over the rest of the nation. Alden M. Drury, secretary manager of the Tulare County Fruit Exchange, estimates that the navy orange crop for central California will run to more than 13,000 carloads. This is just 2,000 carloads less than in 1943, when an all-time record was set.

On this bumper crop not more than 5,000 carloads will be on the market in time for Christmas sales. The Christmas market usually absorbs about 8,000 cars a week, but shipment from Florida and other sectors will take up the slack.

SEVERAL LARGE YANK GROUPS CUT OFF; NAZIS WITHIN 22 MILES OF BIG SUPPLY BASE

Ban On News From Front Partially Lifted; Superforts Raid Tokyo Again Last Night Leaving Wide Path of Damage

The German offensive bit deeper into the American First Army lines in Belgium and Luxembourg today, its momentum perhaps slowed but not yet halted as the war's biggest battle progressed.

The battle was still so indeterminate that when Allied troops were ordered to advance on Sunday, they covered only the first two days of the offensive, up until noon Monday, revealing that the Germans had made gains of 18 to 20 miles, penetrating to within 22 miles of the great Allied supply base of Liege and cutting off several large American groups along the front.

The Russians pounded ahead in eastern Slovakia, converging in two main thrusts on the enemy stronghold of Kassa.

The Allied Eighth Army in Italy gained a mile and cleared the small village of San Rocco north of Faenza.

New Pipe Smokers Warned On Rules

CHICAGO, (UP)—Cigarette smokers who feel abused because they no longer can purchase all the tailor-made smokes they want may puff complacently throughout the current shortage if they join the anti-pipe abusing society founded by Ira Kersh, Chicago amateur "pipe stretcher."

Kersh is organizing the APAS "for the prevention of cruelty to pipes" so the existing supply can be spread equitably among the country's cigarette-less smokers—and also to prevent converts to pipe smoking from adopting bad habits.

Rules in the Kersh APAS rule-book include warnings to: Keep your pipes clean. Change pipes daily so they can dry out.

Don't knock out ashes by hanging your pipe against anything hard. Use the heel of your shoe.

Kersh cast some doubt as to whether or not the ladies would be invited to join when he asked: "How many women can keep their mouths shut long enough to burn up a huff?"

106 Hospitals Ruined In Robot Bombing Blitz

CLEVELAND (UP)—During the 86 day robot bomb blitz following the invasion of Normandy, 100 hospitals in London and South England were destroyed. Dr. Harold O. Hofmeyr, liaison adviser in medicine to the British Commonwealth scientific office, revealed here recently.

Dr. Hofmeyr, speaking to the third war conference of the American Hospital Assn., also disclosed Britain's postwar health plan, which includes three drastic changes:

All medical schools not connected with a university will be eliminated, women students will be admitted to medical schools, and medical education will be placed within reach of those who are fit for it, regardless of the individual's ability to pay.

Elas Forces Take RAF Base Today

ATHENS—An Elsas force of 1,000 persons, including women, boys and girls throwing grenades like baseballs, stormed and captured the RAF headquarters at Kifissia, 10 miles northwest of Athens, it was revealed today. RAF planes dropped leaflets in the Athens and Piraeus areas warning civilians to evacuate the area around Elsas guns by tomorrow morning when an all out assault would begin against the leftist forces.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight. Warmer in south tonight, Thursday. Considerable cloudiness with rain in east. Colder in north Thursday. Fresh winds Thursday.

Aboard Ninth Air Force Liaison Plane, Belgium—By Robert Muesel, UP War Correspondent—From this little plane hovering over Belgium I saw today an area attacked by buzz bombs with greater intensity than the blitz which shook London last summer and fall.

ed Tokyo again last night. Axis sources reported, as other U. S. aerial forces left a wide path of destruction through the Philippines.

With the U. S. First Army Belgium—A staff officer said today an area attacked by buzz offensive has been "denied" in five days of the bitterest fighting.

pinos, the southwest Pacific and China with at least 108 Japanese ships and 562 planes destroyed or damaged. Enemy ground resistance still

PARIS—American tanks and reserves charged the flanks of German armored task force fanning out in Belgium and Luxembourg today through a 25 mile gap in the First Army front reestablishing more or less solid lines on each side of the main Nazi breakthrough.

failed to develop on Mindoro and engineers were rushing repairs to airfields for the next Philippines campaign. Three American divisions on Leyte were rolling up the last de-

With the U. S. Ninth Army Western Front—Two extremely large and bitter battles are being fought today in the vicinity of the German northern penetration, a trip into First Army territory revealed today. One battle, involving many German tanks, is going on farther east.

fences of the shattered Yamashita line north of Ormoc. Speculation over increasing blows against Japan was heightened by the disclosure that Admiral Fraser, commander of the British Pacific fleet, was conferring at Pearl Harbor with Admiral Nimitz.

WLB, Montgomery Ward Dispute Is Nearing Climax

WASHINGTON—The War Labor Board's long dispute with Montgomery Ward and Co., moved closer to a climax today as the White House began drafting the papers that may mean government seizure of company properties in seven cities.

The dispute was referred to Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson yesterday after Ward refused to comply with WLB orders to grant maintenance membership and other concessions to union employees.

How much oil is extracted from a single whale? The Encyclopedia Britannica says it is an average of 17,500 gallons. A 50-foot whale also will supply 2 1/2 tons of meat.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY S. BURTON HEATH
NEA Staff Correspondent

The Old Age Security trust fund was a private life insurance company, no sane person would dream of permitting it to cut premiums so that its actuarial reserves would be impaired—or, on the other hand, to raise premiums to keep us from contributing to inflation.



Heath

Why, then, do intelligent and public-spirited experts argue that it is perfectly safe for Uncle Sam to keep premiums below the level required to provide the benefits to which you are entitled when you retire at 65, or thereafter?

It's like this. A life insurance company must operate on the theory that it will go out of business some day. When that time comes, tomorrow or in the year 3945—the company must have available sufficient cash and securities to meet every obligation to its policy-holders. If it does not, it has no way to finance the deficit.

But the Government of these United States is assumed to be immortal and eternal. If ever it should cease to exist, the crisis would be so catastrophic that the mere loss of old age benefits wouldn't be noticed.

Moreover, the trust fund is invested exclusively in government bonds, on the unchallengeable theory that they are the world's safest investment.

A GAIN, the reserve, now around six billion dollars and growing fast, will not be needed to pay old age benefits for many years to come. Through June 30 of this year the trust fund had received more than \$3,700,000,000 and had spent, including administrative expenses, only \$670,000,000. Interest alone, nearly \$405,000,000, was almost enough to care for the \$544,000,000 in benefits and refunds.

The fund's experts calculate that it will be between 1970 and 1989 before benefit payments begin to use up each year all of the premiums (taxes) provided for in the law as it stands.

At that time or soon after, one of three things would have to be done. Either reserves could be depleted—an unsound method if the reserve system is to be retained—or the premium (tax) rate could be raised above the top of 6 per cent (half from the worker) now provided, or Congress could make up the deficit out of revenues.

THE question is asked, then: Why bother with the fiction of a reserve? As it is, your old age insurance premiums (taxes) are used by Uncle Sam to meet his current needs, and are replaced with his IOU's. The reserve isn't money; there isn't that much money. It's just some pretty pieces of paper that the United States will give the trust fund money for them some time in the future.

If it is decided to keep Old Age Insurance on the self-sufficient reserve basis, then you can bet your bottom dollar that no board of experts with reputations to protect will recommend against stepping up the old age tax right away, quick, before the trust fund shortage gets any bigger.

If the tax isn't raised, whatever you may be told you can gamble that it will be because Uncle Sam has decided to use the tax as just another source of general revenue.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

OLYMPIC Games officials have done pretty well in the past when it came to pulling off the hat, but the prize tax has put in the incredible suggestion made by Kenneth J. Brundage, president of the Central A. U. and Avery Brundage, head of the A. A. U. Olympic Committee, that Axis athletes would be welcomed with open arms if the Olympics to follow the winning of the war.

"At Olympic Games," and nationality are "barriers," Fischer naively mouths. "Japanese and German athletes will be accepted and welcomed. Just as soon as those countries are accepted in any other way their athletes will be accepted automatically."

Metinks the proper way to spell the word would be "excepted."

"Among men and women who participate in the Olympics," brags Brundage, "there always has been mutual admiration and respect. We hope eventually to eliminate through sports the animosity between nations."

Mr. Brundage is talking through his brass hat.

DURING the last Olympics in Berlin, Hitler and his henchmen were completing plans for the invasion of peaceful countries with the most diabolical atrocities their twisted minds could conjure.

Such polyanic pronouncements as those of Fischer and

Brundage are right down the Axis alley at this time. Don't those guys know there's a war on?

Psychologically they're pacifistic and sympathetic to the enemy. They'll help the Sixth War Bond drive immensely—I don't think.

AND those young men who dived fathoms deep to salvage much needed shells from sunken landing craft when their own supply ran out, those begrimed heroes fighting to the death on Lewie and other battlefields will be delighted to hear those gentlemen's ideas, no doubt.

England will not soon forget the mangled innocent civilians slaughtered in their homes by robot bombs. Nor the entire world, outside the rotten Reich, the massacres of Lidice and other monuments to Nazi monstrosities.

So far as sports eliminating animosity between nations, that's the bunk.

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Glider Pilot Mistaken For Jap By British

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Lt. Clifford Pederson would like it known that he is not a Japanese, even though he almost got shot for one. He is a hard working, courageous American glider pilot who wears not only the air medal but an Oak Leaf Cluster and two bronze stars.

After landing his plane in the Burma jungle and walking miles to get help, he felt pretty sore when soldiers in the British camp he finally found took him for a Japanese. The mistake was made because he was wearing a mechanic's cap resembling the headgear of men of the Rising Sun.

Luckily, as Lt. Pederson ap-

proached, expecting a bullet to thud into him at any moment from the carbines raised to greet him, the British received a radio message to be on the lookout for an American glider pilot in the vicinity.

After that, everything went along all right, but it was a pretty close call.

FDR Back From Warm Springs, Ga.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Pres. Roosevelt, tanned and rested from his rigorous fourth term campaign returned to the White House today after a three weeks vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., to deal with serious diplomatic, military and domestic problems.

This was the first public disclosure of Mr. Roosevelt's whereabouts for the past three weeks.

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MONTGOMERY WARD REPLY TO THE WAR LABOR BOARD

December 18, 1944

National War Labor Board, Washington, D. C.

Your telegram of December 14, demanding that Ward's comply with the War Labor Board's order covering Ward's four Detroit stores, was obviously intended to give to the public the false impression that wages are the major issue.

The Board knows very well that Ward's has offered to adopt the minimum wage rates recommended by the Board. The Board knows very well that Ward's policy is to pay wages as high as or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. The Board did not base its wage recommendations upon the survey of competitive rates made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Mr. Davis chairman of the War Labor Board, deliberately attempted in his December 16 press release to mislead the public into believing otherwise. Ward's only objections to any of the Board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the Board was arbitrarily demanded that Ward's substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The Board knows very well that the real issue arises from its attempt to impose upon Ward's a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership, together with the check off of union dues from wages. Ward's has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership, because the closed shop violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. The Board is well informed as to Ward's position.

Mr. Davis is quoted in the press as threatening the cancellation of Ward's priorities, the denial of scarce materials to Ward's and the seizure of its business if Ward's does not comply with the Board's demands. These are the tactics by which the Board has coerced innumerable employers into granting special privileges to labor unions.

The Board knows very well that its orders cannot be legally enforced by such punishments. Congress, which is the sole law making authority under our constitution, omitted from the War Labor Disputes Act all provisions which would have given the Board orders force of law. Congress included in the original draft of the law, a section which would have made Board orders enforceable in the courts. Congress later removed this provision upon written request of Mr. Davis, who asked that Board orders be left as mere declarations which no one could be compelled to accept. Mr. Davis's express reasons for his request was that, the Board would then not be "subject to court reviews of its decisions".

The Board knows very well that its orders are consequently unenforceable. The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has held, at the request of the attorney general, acting as counsel for the Board, that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "Advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

The Board knows very well, since its orders are legally unenforceable and since Congress has not authorized any punishment for those who reject advice of the Board that the reprisals with which it threatens Ward's are necessarily illegal. The President of the United States knew this when he recently explained to Mr. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians why that union could not be compelled to obey a Board order.

Ward's has violated no law, nor denied to any union a privilege to which it is legally entitled. Ward's has many times informed that Board that its closed shop demands would require Ward's to violate the national labor relations act. Ward's cannot in good citizenship accept the Board's advice, and give to the union special privileges which Ward's believes to be not only unfair and uneconomic but illegal.

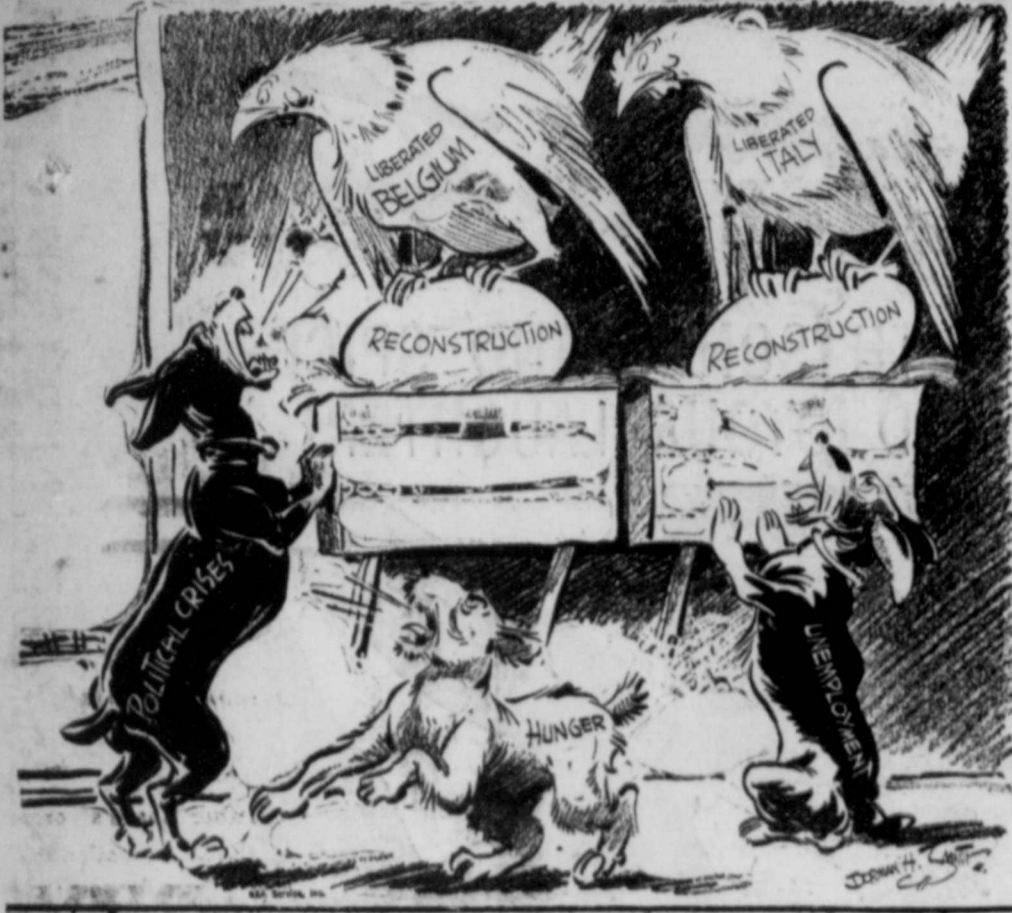
The time has come for the Board to cease its threats of reprisal upon those who object its advice. The Board's policy of granting special privileges to unions has led to a break-down of collective bargaining and has encouraged strikes in the time of war. The Board's disregard of the facts and its pretense of an authority which it does not possess have destroyed the confidence of labor, industry, and the public. The usefulness of the War Labor Board in the settlement of wartime labor disputes has been destroyed.

The best interests of employees and employers and the welfare of the American people, demands that Congress face the realities of the country's need. The great problem of wages and the closed shop in time of war should be governed by law and must be solved by Congress.

If the Board desires a further hearing, Ward's as always, will be happy to attend.

Montgomery Ward and Company

SEWELL AVERY
Chairman



Warns Against Shaking Junior To Eject Pin

NEW YORK (UP)— Wartime shortages have retarded somewhat the number of safety pins, nails, screws and assorted knickknacks swallowed and inhaled by the younger generation, but the New York Hospital department of otolaryngology is still pretty busy, fishing an assortment of bright and fanciful objects from the windpipes and tummies of the young.

Coins, bottle caps, marbles glass tacks, and an assortment of buttons and pins are still lying around to attract the curious under three

year olds. Dr. Arthur Palmer, department head, said, and older youngsters have been known to swallow equally foreign objects in excitement or stress. X-ray is the only means of diagnosis when the child is too young to tell the story. Dr. Palmer said, recalling the case of a child treated nine days for asthma before he was found to have a wooden screw in his bronchial tube.

Bronchoscopes, forceps and surgery are the approved methods of removing the foreign objects. Dr. Palmer said, and holding junior upside down to eject a pin may be much more dangerous than leaving it lay—it may be imbed the point or force another object from the thorax into the lung.

Meats, Fats — Red stamps AS through Z8 and A5 through S5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 31.

Processed Foods — Blue stamps AS through Z8; A5 through Z5, A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new stamps will be validated until the first of the next month.

Sugar — Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

Gasoline — A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through December 21. A-14 coupons good for four gallons beginning December 22.

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

YOU GOTTA THINK QUICK

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SHE was very pale. And as beautiful, I guess, as she'd ever been.

I sat down on the bed beside her and there was a terrific lump in my throat and a burning back of my eyes. For awhile we just held hands because I couldn't trust myself to speak. Finally I heard my voice, a million miles away.

"It's going to be all right, Mickey."

Her lips moved, but no sound came. She looked at me and I looked at her. I realized then that she knew and that there was very little time left. I bent over and held her close and put my cheek against hers. And I wanted to say, "Don't leave me, Mickey, please don't leave me. I need you so badly," but I couldn't.

"This is it, Father, the fire and the hell you used to talk about. I'm getting my share right here. I can't stand it any more, Mickey. Please, please, please, please, please, please. How does it go again? . . ."

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. Why are you so still now, darling? Mickey! . . . Oh, Mickey! . . ."

I kissed her lips. They were still warm. Then I closed her eyes and brushed the tousled lock away from them.

I DON'T know how long I sat there. Suddenly the nurse was standing beside me. She gent-

leashed the safety catch and for a moment my hand trembled.

I heard him start down the wooden stairs, each step reverberating through the stillness. Step. Step. Step. He was coming closer and closer.

Slowly I extended my hand and the trembling stopped. My hand was steady now, and as one with the gun in it.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, D. C.
May 5, 1943

PERSONAL
ROOM: Maj. Lawrence Conway
TO: Capt. Steven M. Grant
SUBJECT: Sgt. Leo Kabateck

Dear Steve:

I have read the manuscript which Sergeant Kabateck gave you for safe-keeping when your company arrived in Australia and thank you for having sent it to me. It may interest you to hear that upon finishing it my curiosity was aroused regarding the outcome of the shooting of Borgio. From the records I was able to obtain I learned that Kabateck gave himself up to the police and was later tried and acquitted.

Since your last letter, the citations and medals you recommended for your men for their gallantry in the Buna action have either been awarded to them or sent to their next of kin.

However, the Distinguished Service Cross you asked for Sergeant Kabateck remained here because we could not find anyone to send it to. As you mentioned, he had no relatives.

For awhile I was in a quandary regarding the disposition to make of the decoration, but since reading the manuscript a solution presented itself.

Last week I had occasion to go to New York. I made inquiries at several hospitals and finally located the one I was looking for. I am sure you will be pleased to know that the information I requested was available and that the Distinguished Service Cross awarded posthumously to Sgt. Leo Kabateck now rests on the grave of the girl he called "Mickey."

Best regards,
Larry

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PERSONALS

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SOCIETY

COOPER P. T. A. HAS PARTY FOR STUDENTS

Cooper P. T. A. met Tuesday at three o'clock to entertain the children of the school with a Christmas party.

The pupils of the school sang a group of Christmas carols for the mothers.

Mrs. O. G. Lanier gave illustrated stories from the Bible with her large picture board and colored figures. She ended with the Christmas story which was accompanied by soft music.

The teachers of the school Mrs. G. D. Nicholson and Mrs. J. L. Thompson were presented with lovely gifts by the organization.

Mrs. M. E. Ice and Mrs. Bill Nichols, assisted by several mothers of the P. T. A. served iced bottled drinks, candy and cookies to the children.

CPL. GALLOWAY AND SGT. ROBINSON WED

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Elwanda Galloway, corporal in the women's division of the United States Marines, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway of Hamlin, formerly of the Alameda community, to Mr. D. C. Robinson, sergeant in the United States Army, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson of Ranger.

The ceremony was performed December 17 at Pryor, Oklahoma where the groom is stationed.

The bride is stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina is expected in Ranger Thursday for a visit with the groom's parents before going on to Hamlin for a visit with her family. She formerly made her home in Ranger while attending the National Youth Administration school here.

The groom who was reared in Ranger and attended Ranger schools, served overseas with the 36th Division and is a veteran of the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

COUPLE TO OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Todd for an open house which will be held Sunday, December 24, at their home from 2 to 5 P. M. in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary. The couple was married in Ranger 50 years ago on December 23.

Mrs. B. V. Hanna of Springfield, Colorado arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. David D. Pickrell, and Mr. Pickrell. The Pickrells will also have as their guest for Christmas, Mrs. Gwen Meacham of Ft. Worth, a sister of Mrs. Pickrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell have returned from Ft. Worth where they attended funeral services for Mr. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. Rita Curry. Mrs. Curry had frequently visited here.

John Kindle of Dallas, superintendent of the Lone Star Producing Company, is transacting business in Ranger. He was accompanied to Ranger by his son, John, Jr., who is visiting friends.

"Listen, Santa..."



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