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RELIEF BILL SLASH GIVES REDS BREAK

LOCAL OFFICE RETAINS HIGH SERVICE AIM

Rigid operating restrictions imposed on the Veterans Administration two months ago in anticipation of a severe slash in operating funds has not affected the efficiency of the Rochester office, Hugh B. McBride, manager, said today. General Bradley, VA administrator, stipulated that service should not be impaired as a sacrifice to economy, and the local office has conformed scrupulously.

The national picture, as painted by Washington observers, is less happy, and it is believed that the directive of early March will have to be modified or rescinded to avoid a general breakdown of services.

General Bradley's order banned promotions and new hirings; reduced the amount of travel permitted; set the work week at 40 hours and discouraged overtime payments; closed

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VA Co-operates

The following example of hasty and biased journalism appeared in the lead story of this newspaper last week in connection with refunds of overpayments requested from veterans:

"The Rochester Veterans Administration office will not reveal the number of area veterans involved without permission of higher authority . . ."

The facts are that the figures requested are not available in the Rochester office, which has no finance section.

Overall policy of the local office, as stated by Hugh B. McBride, manager, is an assumption that Veterans Administration funds are public monies and information concerning them should be public property. Understandable exception is made in certain "degree of disability" information which can be released only with permission of the veteran involved.

Alaska Argonauts



'ALASKA OR BUST' . . . With "Alaska or Bust" as their motto, Mr. and Mrs. Chris J. Burris, daughter Judith, 3, and dog "Buddy," of Baltimore, Md., and Edward Repetti, Washington, D. C., student, begin the long trek to Port Chilkoot, Alaska, via truck and house trailer. They are part of the first veterans' settlement project in the territory. A large number of vets are heading north.

VA Speeds Up Prosecutions Against Readjustment Gyps

The percentage of Rochester area veterans who draw readjustment checks fraudulently conforms closely to the national average, according to Roger Huber, field representative of the Placement and Unemployment Insurance Division, New York State Department of Labor.

The VA has begun an intensive campaign to remove chiselers from readjustment allowance rosters and has already referred 150,000 cases of fraud to federal authorities.

It is impractical to make an accurate check on income of all recipients of readjustment allowances and unemployment insurance, in the opinion of Huber, who estimated roughly that it would require several thousand full time workers in New York State alone. The special investigator in the Rochester office screens around 300 claims a week and takes further action when it appears warranted.

Rochester cases on readjustment allowances claimed illegally are not yet referred to U. S. district attorneys but are reported to the New York State attorney-general. It is usual to request restitution and that, plus forfeit of most veteran benefits, is often adequate. Jail

sentences are light and infrequent.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT'S DAUGHTER . . . Christiane Bertholet, 7, whose father was killed by the Nazis, is the "adopted" orphan of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who sends her a CARE package each month.

Area Congressmen Oppose Reduction

Increasing disinterest in foreign countries, forerunner of a demonstrably dangerous isolationism, became ominously apparent this week when the House of Representatives passed a bill for relief of distressed peoples in liberated countries with the original authorization of \$350,000,000 slashed to \$200,000,000.

This bill, in its original form, was designed to implement President Truman's decision to assist foreign countries to combat the encroachment of communism. Greece was to be the chief beneficiary.

The 43 per cent reduction was particularly unpleasant to the State Department, whose recent efforts have been directed primarily to countermeasures against undemocratic doctrines.

It also marks the end of the bipartisan honeymoon in the field of foreign policy which had lasted through a series of successful Congressional tests. The House vote on the bill was 333 to 66. Rep. Kenneth B. Keating and Rep. James Wadsworth both opposed reduction of the relief fund authorization.

One Congressional faction attributed the reduced authorization to a lack of interest in this particular program, although it had been aggressively supported by President Truman and Secretary of State George C. Marshall. Opposition to the measure in its entirety has been kept alive by persons who are convinced that the present Greek government fails to conform to reasonable standards of democracy.

Countries theoretically eligible to receive the relief are: Poland, Hungary, Greece, Austria, Italy and China. Restraining conditions included in the bill may eliminate the first two. It is stipulated that governments receiving beneficence from the United States may not withhold it from their peoples or use it for political purposes. This country reserves the right to supervise distribution right down to local communities.

Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski, Republican, of Wisconsin, was shouted down by voice vote after an attempt to send the

bill back to committee "until such time as Secretary of State Marshall has had an opportunity to reorganize the State Department to conform to a truly anti-Communist policy and until such time as President Truman has had an opportunity to reorganize the Executive department to conform to a truly anti-Communist policy." It is possible that fear that some of the relief materials would be used to bolster anti-democratic influence is responsible for the reductions.

The bill prohibits relief supplies for distribution in countries paying reparations from current production, one of the more sensible restrictions, as it would be silly for American tax-

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Continue To File

The Rochester office of the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance has been notified officially from Albany that the Veterans Administration will not make deposits to cover readjustment allowances until the deficiency bill is passed by Congress.

Area veterans are advised to continue to report at 155 West Main Street, however, so that there will be a minimum of delay between time the money is deposited and receipt of checks.

The office also announced that veterans who become unemployed during the readjustment moratorium should file original claims now for the same reason.

It is believed that funds will be made available and checks issued within a few days.

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Editorial

The basic editorial policy of this newspaper is pro-veteran. There has been no attempt made to analyze the respective merits of the two major political parties. Part of the price the Republican party must pay for domination of Congress is responsibility for the failure of that body to give veterans a reasonable break on reasonable demands.

Constant reference has been made to the stalling tactics of GOP House leadership where veterans' legislation is concerned. These attacks are supported by the record. The Kearney bill to raise ceilings on combined subsistence allowance and wages was reported favorably out of committee February 25 and is unable to get clearance from the Rules Committee for House action. The bill to cash terminal bonds and another to give moderate raises to recipients of subsistence allowances for education and on-the-job training have been buried by GOP leadership.

The public is reasonable, and it would not be too difficult to explain that pressure of priority business was responsible for the lack of activity on veteran legislation.

Failure of the House to pass the deficiency bill necessary to pay readjustment allowances and subsistence payments is incredibly stupid. The Senate and the House have been deeply concerned over labor legislation for some time. It is extremely difficult for the average person to see the need of urgency in this measure. The only major strike now in progress is that of telephone workers, and there is no immediate prospect of a major labor issue. Employer-labor relations are better than they have been in some time.

The extremely controversial labor bill issue lies outside the province of this newspaper. The legislative dawdling which has permitted the VA to run out of funds to pay veterans' benefits does not.

Local applications for readjustment allowances are still being accepted at 155 Main Street West, but applicants are being informed that payment may be delayed. Standard Operational Procedure is for the Rochester Unemployment Insurance office to forward requests for readjustment allowances to Albany, where checks are issued against a deposit made by the VA. Until the deficiency bill is passed VA is unable to make the essential deposits and the state will not issue checks.

The bill has not been passed because the House Appropriations Committee under Rep. John Taber, Republican, of New York, has shown such lust for budget reductions that it has excluded the interests of many persons. A deficiency bill is a measure to make available to agencies such sums as will be necessary to transact business in excess of originally allotted funds. The VA was caught short for some \$350 million.

Failure of wellfed Congressmen to appropriate money to pay these allowances is little short of criminal. The wretched \$20 a week given for readjustment allowance permits little leeway to build up a bank balance for such unforeseeable crisis as the present one. The plight of students is well known. Allowances are \$65 a month for single veterans and \$90 for those with dependents. Few, if any, surveys have shown that this amount covers the barest costs of existence.

Rep. Taber gave General Omar Bradley, VA administrator, a loud clear growl when the deficiency appropriation was requested. Through a committee clerical error the amount was omitted from the deficiency bill when it was drawn but it was actually appropriated and is included in the present form of the bill.

There is no evidence that a Democratic Congress would have been more liberal to veterans or more alert to its responsibilities. The fault lies with individuals and not with political labels.

It is the responsibility of all veterans and all other people to seek out the incompetents and the socially unconscious in public office and to replace them with alert and able men.



Six-Inch Sermon

† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

The Struggle Against Baalism
Lesson for May 11: I Kings 18: 20-21, 30-39.

Memory Selection: I Kings 18: 37.

The policy of Jeroboam in setting up a substitute religion in the Northern Kingdom soon bore bitter fruit. During the reign of Ahab, who married Jezebel, a princess of Sidon, the kingdom turned, through her influence, to the worship of Baal.

In this period came the celebrated prophet Elijah out of the hills of Gilead to confront the apostate king in his wickedness. Ahab, having been induced by long drought and great disasters to agree to a test between Baal and Jehovah, the people were summoned to Mt. Carmel, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

After the priests of Baal had utterly failed and had been mocked by old Elijah, the lone prophet rebuilt the ruined altar of Jehovah, soaked it and the bullock laid upon it with water, and then called upon the name of his God. And fire fell from heaven and consumed the altar and the sacrifice and licked up the water in the trench about it. "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, Jehovah, he is God, he is God."

In every age there comes a conflict between Baal and God. It is now the conflict between the material and the spiritual, between the alluring things of the world and the things which shall endure for ever. With the wisdom of the ages to guide you and the influence of good men to influence you, choose the good part which shall never be taken away from you. And let us earnestly pray that the struggle between Baal and God in the nations may lead to the choice of God, and brotherhood and peace.

New Books

- CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD, by Erico Verissimo (Macmillan, \$3). A novel about Brazil.
- DUST ON THE KING'S HIGHWAY, by Helen C. White (Macmillan, \$3.50). A historical novel.
- ELECTRONICS: What Everyone Should Know, by Calvin N. Mooers and Charlotte Davis Mooers (Bobbs-Merrill, \$2.75).

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

IT IS APPARENT that whatever labor bill passes congress will be written upon the floor of the house or senate and not within either of the two committees which have been conducting hearings for more than six weeks and still are unable to reach any agreement.

It is also obvious, despite the telephone strike and John L. Lewis' spurious coal strike which actually violates the court injunction and the supreme court edict upholding the lower court, that no "tough" labor bill will get by a presidential veto, and the GOP leadership does not believe it has the strength to pass a labor bill over the presidential veto. So a labor bill, which is to be written from the floor by amendment to any bill which comes out of the committees, likely will outlaw jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, force unions to publish memberships and financial standings and give employers equal voice with labor. There will be no ban on the closed shop or on industry-wide bargaining.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL ceiling is still stalemated and it looks now like a tax cut law will not get through the senate until sometime in late May or June. It likely will provide not more than a 10 per cent tax reduction for this year, maybe more for next year. As a matter of fact, treasury revenue is running far above estimates for this first quarter and not only will the administration be able to balance the budget by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, but likely there will be a three or four billion dollar surplus which no doubt will be applied on the national debt.

FAST ACTION by the senate is expected on the President's request for a 400 billion dollar loan to Greece and Turkey. That this amount is a drop in the bucket as compared to loans and commitments already made and pending to foreign nations is evidenced in a study of budget bureau estimates. From July 1, 1945, to February 28, 1947, American aid plus aid authorized or pending before congress totals 15.8 billion dollars exclusive of payments to the International Monetary Fund and various short term credits. A summation of all foreign commitments from 1940 through 1946 shows that non-war foreign commitments of

this government total almost 22 billion dollars.

In addition, the treasury still is carrying upon its books a total of \$11,619,000,000 in principal and \$3,573,000,000 in interest to January 1, 1947, in World War I debts from other countries.

The record shows that 12 different governmental agencies have given loans, credits, advances and financial aid to 76 foreign governments and entities since July 1, 1940.

So United States dollars have literally covered the world in the last six years. There is scarcely a country that has not received some sort of loan or credit, and many colonial possessions also are included. About 80 per cent of the direct loans, credits, advances and financial aid, however, has gone to countries and possessions of the British Commonwealth, to Latin America, to France, China and the Netherlands and possessions.

These postwar foreign credits were split as follows: British Commonwealth, \$5,032,000,000; France and possessions, \$1,953,000,000; South American republics, \$1,775,000,000; China, \$805,000,000; Netherlands and possessions, \$765,000,000; other nations, \$1,704,000,000.

According to the records, this country, Great Britain and UNRRA already have put something like a billion dollars into Greece in the last six years. British expenditures are estimated the equivalent of \$500,000,000 and UNRRA about \$400,000,000 and another \$40,000,000 from the USA in private relief. In addition, the export-import bank granted Greece a loan of \$25,000,000 and the Maritime and Foreign Liquidation commissions have extended property credits amounting to \$45,000,000 each.

Exclusive of lend-lease aid supplies during the war, Turkey has received American credits of more than \$50,000,000 of which \$38,000,000 is a loan from export-import bank, \$10,000,000 in property credits from Foreign Liquidation commission, and about \$3,000,000 from the Maritime commission.

The Greco-Turkish aid bill came out of the senate foreign relations committee with a unanimous report for passage and the senate is expected to pass it also, but with several qualifying and protective amendments and with due regard for the United Nations.



Take An Orchid

BY JAMES H. RONYAC

Last week we hinted that a veteran organization had engaged the Buster Crabbe Water Follies to appear in Rochester. Well we were on the beam. The show has promised to appear here early in August and the Arnamar Veterans' Association will sponsor the event. We understand it will cost close to \$20,000 to bring this top-notch big show here. ROCHESTER AND MONROE COUNTY CAN USE ENTERTAINMENT OF THIS TYPE AND BUSHELS OF ORCHIDS TO THE ARNAMAR GROUP FOR THEIR COURAGE . . . With Mrs. Lucy DiGirolamo and Mrs. Mabel Padelford heading the American Legion Auxiliary Past President's committee the banquet held last night honoring the retiring officers was a grand success . . . Congratulations Mrs. Nelly Holly upon her election to head the Gold Chevron Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary during the 1947-1948 season; Mrs. Holly is one of the nicest people we know . . . Frank Fishcher, retiring commander of the Laemlein VFW Post, left a fine record; Frank is an untiring sort of veteran working for the good of everybody . . . We have discovered that the Alcoholics Anonymous is a splendid organization; they are truly performing miracles . . . Has anybody located Sam Savage of the Jewish War Veterans; his organization must be planning something and we'd like to hear about it so we can tell the readers of YOUR FAVORITE NEWSPAPER, (Veterans' Voice, of course) . . . That World War II Leo Gallagher of the 27th Division VFW Post is lad who will do all right for himself in veteranism and in his work . . . A couple of weeks ago we spelled CAISSONS as CASSIONS and almost got away with it; well, what can you expect from the infantry? . . . Here we are folks, Lady Kilroy comes up to scratch out the following — The worst thing about having a lot of money is that it makes the person having it think he is worth it . . .

Jake Gubler, general chairman of the Army and Navy Union New York State Department convention committee, is the right guy in the right job; the visiting delegates will be well treated for Jake is a stickler in that direction . . . A. Gould Hatch, 27th Division

World War I veteran, insurance man and political leader continues to be one of the finest fellows around this section . . . Everybody glad to see Elizabeth O'Bryan back in the fold; Elizabeth is a grand lady and a hard worker for her auxiliary . . . Good to read the news that Police Lieutenant Culhane, World War I veteran and American Legion member, received a much merited advancement . . . Those of you who missed the Lochner lecture missed an opportunity of a life time; the lecture was outstanding; the MONEY RECEIVED WAS TURNED OVER TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS BY THE LUNDGREN VFW POST AND BELIEVE YOU ME THAT ACT RATES ORCHIDS EVERY DAY FOR MANY MANY MONTHS TO COME, . . . Charles Noto of the Arnamar Veterans' Association was surely keen eyed at the recent dinner gathering in the 48 Alexander Street club; we like Charley and so does everybody else . . . Are you going out to the old University of Rochester Field tomorrow afternoon and help the Veterans of Foreign Wars put over that boy and girl sports event? There is a job for you and THIS IS STRICTLY A WORTHWHILE PROMOTION . . . A dozen little birds have been whispering in our ears that the coming election for Monroe County Council VFW Commander to be held next Tuesday night, May 6th, is AGOIN' TO BE A HOT ONE. Delegates will have no excuse to offer upon the outcome IF THEY DON'T ATTEND AND CAST THEIR VOTE FOR THE MAN OF THEIR CHOICE . . .

Leon Austin, Army and Navy Union County Commander doing a big job and doing it well . . . Our own and dearly beloved Lady Kilroy tells us that no man ever exposed himself to trouble without getting a worse case of it than he expected . . . We know Inch Feller, Monroe County Commander of the Catholic War Veterans, always performs well and nobly and we invite him to have his publicity chairman give us a chance to tell the local veteranism . . . Our old friend and vaudeville performer now commander of the Pulaski American Legion Post named Joseph H. H. Lawrence has lost none of the elasticity which carried him so far in his former work; Joe's Mrs. Lawrence is certainly a SWEET PERSON . . . Kenneth Geiwitz, Central Trust teller and former gunnery instrument officer in the Pacific theatre, was married recently to Louise Wilson, radio director of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr.

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BAZOOKA COLT . . . Bob Burns, bazooka-playing philosopher, got the surprise of his life when this little colt was born on his Canoga Park, Calif., ranch. For, as the photo shows, the youngster has a perfect design of Bob's favorite instrument—the bazooka—on his forehead. He has been named "Bazooka Monarch."

Florida Vet Organizations Play Vital Community Role

Veterans in the south and especially in Florida play a leading role in the life of their communities according to several Rochester and Monroe County ex-servicemen who recently spent several weeks in that area.

The local men bring back glowing reports and high praise for the manner in which southern veterans and their organizations take hold of worthy promotions and advance them for the total good of all.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3588 of Lake Worth, Fla. have their own building which is equipped with all needed and modern equipment. In this edifice are conducted many of the civic gatherings. This post performs meritorious work for the youth of Lake Worth. The American Legion Post 42 of Lake Worth owns a Sports Arena which seats close to 3,000. In this building the Legion conducts weekly wrestling shows and other events including gigantic prize winning parties.

In West Palm Beach, Fla. American Legion Post 12 has a 3,000 seat Sports Arena and here they stage weekly boxing exhibitions with many of the nation's leading boxers performing. They also engage in promoting local civic projects.

All veteran organizations unite in spirit and there is no apparent bitter rivalry. Many of the ex-servicemen belong to both the VFW and the Legion and in Lake Worth it was found that Ralph Morgan, a Boston, Mass. World War I and World War II veteran was active in both organizations holding the office of Adjutant in the VFW post and being a past commander of the Lake Worth Legion Post. The Junior Vice-commander of the Lake Worth VFW unit is also a vice-commander of the Lake Worth Legion Post.

All the monies derived as profits from the many activities staged by the southern veterans is definitely set aside for youth activities and this is not done in a token way to beat taxes but is honestly carried thru.

There is never a time when local governments in the Florida area plan to accomplish or contemplate a new venture that they do not first call in the veteran leaders for consultation.

The VA pays monthly pensions to more than 125 Civil War veterans.

EX-WAVE EDITOR

One of the more pretentious personal projects to keep service friendships alive is the mimeographed newsletter published sporadically by Ronnie McFarland and sent to a mailing list of former Waves who served their time at Sampson. The work requires a vast amount of correspondence with a widespread mailing list in order to produce the number of personal items which appear.

Miss McFarland has borrowed trouble in her second issue, by offer of her services to operate a snapshot pool. There were approximately 500 Waves at Sampson and eventually each will be asked to send a snapshot to Editor McFarland. Girls who have lost touch with former friends in the outfit can write to the pool and get snapshots of their one-time co-workers.

Miss McFarland pursues her editorial hobby in what spare time she has after working a regular shift at Kodak and taking an active part in the Forman-Kramb Post, American Legion.

Senators Expect Unification Bill Vote Test Soon

Senate action on unification of the armed services is reported imminent. Senator Gurney, Republican, of South Dakota, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee believes that this committee can write a bill for Senate action within ten days.

If the Senators adhere to the script written by Army and Navy high brass it is possible that unification can be achieved with a minimum of moaning. There is considerable danger, however, that the committee may strike out on its own and cause a great anguish in high echelons of both services. Unless the bill as finally written is satisfactory to both Army and Navy, or at least as satisfactory as the compromise worked out between the services, there is reason to believe that President Truman will veto it.

The unification is a particular project of the President, who had to exert pressure on high Navy officials before they would consider it.

The pending bill would give Army, Navy and Air Force equal status under a single Secretary of National Defense, who would be a cabinet member. Secretaries of the three forces would operate under him.

Permanent status would be given to the wartime joint chiefs of staff, composed of military heads of the three forces; a national resources board; a munitions board; and a central intelligence agency.

There is some ambiguity over the status of the Marine Corps under the proposed bill but this would be clarified by a presidential executive order when the bill is passed, it is understood.

The House committee considering the bill will continue hearings for some time.

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The subject of discussion on that date will be the employment opportunities and training possibilities in insurance or allied fields. Veterans interested in becoming gainfully employed in insurance should be interested in attending the Insurance Forum.

CHISELERS

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VA officials have stipulated that the "heat is on" only in those cases of deliberate fraud and that leniency is shown veterans who collect money to which they are not entitled through misunderstanding and clerical error. It is also true, although not mentioned by VA officials in connection with the present campaign, that courts take a dim view of prosecutions where clerical errors are involved.

Basis of most prosecutions is the fact that veterans draw readjustment allowances when they are employed. There are also instances where veterans draw more than one check weekly by establishing additional identities. Fraudulent claims may be punished under state law to one year's imprisonment, \$500 fine, or both. It is doubtful that penalties would be harsher than that under federal prosecution, but federal judges are assumed to be less lenient. New York City has had a number of convictions and the tendency has been to impose three-day sentences in the workhouse if restitution is made.

Prize grafter on VA records is presumed to be a veteran who received education benefits, worked nights at a private job, and collected \$20 weekly in readjustment allowances. The application which caused the most consternation was filed by a Philadelphia socialite, believed very wealthy, who declared he was unable to find work. He acted within his rights.

The Rochester area continues to have the best veteran employment record in the state with less than 1,200 applications for readjustment allowances out of a potential of about 40,000.

K-9 HERO FREED

Scout, springer spaniel K-9 hero, wasn't playing for keeps the third time he bit someone, and the resulting scratch was considered insufficient to qualify him as a third offender, which carries an automatic death sentence.

The dog's penchant for eating between meals has caused his owners trouble. He was to have been executed in mid-February but his owners dognapped him from a hospital and hid him out until the sentence was rescinded.

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THE WINNAH . . . At the annual junior boxing championships held at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, this winner, 4½-year-old Carey Dickinson, receives not only one award but a double decker from Nancy and Jane Pennington. Many naval sons take part.

LOCAL VA

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some contact offices and eliminated activation of new ones; tightened control of outpatient treatments by private doctors.

The ban on promotions is a morale factor which is apt to seriously impair enthusiasm. Some loopholes probably exist in this provision but it is doubtful that many employes are able to take advantage of them.

New hirings are permitted when essential, but the ban has resulted in the first personnel drop in the administration since V-J Day. An example of permissible hiring would occur if the one social service worker employed in the Rochester office quit. The first step would be to try to fill the position by interdepartmental transfer, a remote possibility in view of the specialized training required. The Buffalo Regional office would next be requested to fill the vacancy from currently employed personnel. If this was not feasible it would be permissible to hire a qualified person. It is more difficult to justify replacements of clerks and typists who handle the routine, and it is in this respect that most offices are hampered by the restrictions.

The work week limitation and elimination of overtime does not cause the hardship that it did prior to civil service raises last July. Wages now paid to the 120 Rochester employes are as good or better than those obtainable for similar work in local industries.

There are 11 contact representatives in the Rochester office, and that is the correct figure for the work load, McBride believes. He added that frequent spot checks by personal representatives of General Bradley, posing as veterans, has resulted in consistently high ratings for these men.

Abuses of outpatient treatment provisions have been widespread and huge fees have been granted doctors for consultation fees which were not warranted by the services performed.

Rep. Taber succeeded in slashing the public relations personnel of VA from 300 to 100 and the appropriations cut was approved by the Senate committee. This will materially lessen opportunities to get straight and timely information from VA at a time when claims are mounting rapidly.

Bulgaria is not an entrant in the mad international race for American tourist dollars. The government has ordered reduction of the country's list of 24,000 saloons cut to a mere 8,000.

Civil Air Patrol

By **JAMES C. REDDIG**
Captain, Commanding

The question is frequently put as to why the Civil Air Patrol justifies a military status in peacetime. Its duties of search, rescue, aviation education of adults and Cadets, and other functions could be carried out by a wholly civilian organization.

But unfortunately this world and this nation are not yet free of the threat of war. And until that freedom is at hand, we must be vigilant and prepared. America's historical "cushion of time" is gone forever. We are the chief target, and the opening blow will be swift and direct. It will strike at our industrial targets, and all civilians will be immediately involved; total war in its fullest sense. Our economy-whittled Forces will be fully occupied with their own job, carrying the fight to the enemy. They cannot remain behind as defensive covering power at home, weakening the strength to be mustered against the opponent. The nation must turn to its civilian pilots and aircraft for immediate service at home. Civilian pilots could get some tens of thousands of civil aircraft into the air, now, tomorrow. These must be distributed to the stricken areas where the first swift blows have struck, to assist in transport and supply. No other agencies can be prepared and ready for the job. These operations must be organized and integrated with other relief and civilian defense agencies ahead of time. trained and practiced, if effective efficiency is to be realized instead of chaotic confusion. This, then, is the assigned task of the Air Force's military Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol.

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payers to feed people to work for Russia.

Treatment of this bill probably dooms all hope of aid to Turkey, which was a much less sympathetic country than Greece.

The Senate may reinstate much of the deleted authorization when it considers the bill, but the temper of the House is painfully evident.

Secretary Marshall has shown a recent tendency to make a showdown stand against spreading communistic tendencies in Germany rather than the Mediterranean area. It is expected that that trend will be accentuated in view of Congressional disapproval of substantial relief and political reinforcement in the formerly occupied countries.

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Paulette Goddard and Fred McMurray are shown in one of the cosier moments of the Paramount comedy, "Suddenly It's Spring," which is the Century Theatre feature. Paulette is the law partner and wife of McMurray and both partnerships teeter on the edge of dissolution before the climax of the picture.

Keith-Miller Post Long Point Dance Scheduled May 10

The first dance to be sponsored by the Keith-Miller (Dutchtown) Post No. 8595, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is expected to be an early season success.

The frolic will be held at Long Point, Conesus Lake, May 10. Ken Renick's Orchestra will provide music from 9:30 until some unspecified hour.

Milt Fox, dance committee chairman, and Bob Fredericks, Charles Statmiller and W. Winghart, committeemen, all agree that the reduced price advance sale plan will be successful. Members of all VFW Posts are invited.

A PEEK at the STARS

By LYN CONNELLY
NWNS Radio-Screen Editor.

A few weeks back Frank Sinatra made the headlines when he floored a columnist for "casting aspersions" on his reputation . . . It seems the columnist did not approve of Frankie's political views and did not hesitate to say so in his daily column . . . It was claimed by the victim that Sinatra's three companions held him down while the crooner did the hitting . . . Well, Frankie's quite slim, it's true, and we weren't witnesses to the scene, but he used to be a lightweight boxer so it wouldn't appear that help was necessary . . . From this corner it looks as though the columnist deliberately asked for what he got and, not realizing Frank could deliver, is now covering up by asserting it took four men to hit him.

Judy Garland and Gene Kelly, co-stars of "The Pirate," are busy recording nine Cole Porter songs written for the film . . . Since "It Happened One Night," Claudette Colbert has never been out of the movie industry's "first 10" in the popularity polls . . . In her 17 years on the screen she has made more than 60 pictures, the latest of which is "The Egg and I."

Smilin' Ed Celebrates

Smilin' Ed McConnell, NBC song and patter man, will add another milestone to a career unique in radio . . . May 30 will be his 25th anniversary as a microphone artist and during that time he has never been without a sponsor . . . The idol of millions of youngsters his present program was developed from a show for children he did in Chicago several years ago . . . In 1943, an invalid girl wrote and asked him for a valentine . . . He sent one and asked his listeners to do likewise . . . She received over 50,000 pieces of mail . . . A year later, a St. Louis child, bedridden since birth, asked for a birthday card . . . When he mentioned the request on the air, the girl received over 300,000 pieces of mail, including thousands of gifts—Happy anniversary, Ed.

YANK BOOK DUE

A chronological account of the war as seen by staff members of Yank magazine is scheduled for publication May 6 by Duell, Sloan & Pearce. It will be entitled "Yank—The GI Story of the War". Stories and pictures have been selected which illustrate hardships and fighting. Royalties will go to the War Department.

Century Theatre Features Bright Domestic Comedy

The new Paramount comedy, "Suddenly It's Spring," feature of the current Century Theatre bill, brings Paulette Goddard and Fred McMurray together in a fresh, light opus designed to evoke laughs from a domestic dilemma. MacDonald Carey and Arleen Whelan are featured in unsympathetic roles of potential homewreckers.

The story concerns a WAC matrimonial expert who returns from overseas to find her husband and law partner enamored of the redheaded Miss Whelan. The effort to re-establish her home life brings out all of Miss Goddard's considerable bag of feminine tricks. McMurray does not respond immediately and counters with a successful campaign to make himself repulsive.

REGENT

The romantic Technicolor film "Song of Scheherazade," began its second week in Rochester at the Regent Theatre. Based on the colorful youth of Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakoff, famed Russian composer, the picture purports to bring scenes from a colorful Mediterranean episode of his youth.

Co-stars are Brian Donlevy, Yvonne De Carlo and Jean Pierre Aumont.

Charles Kullman, Metropolitan Opera star, makes his screen debut with "Song of India" and "Hymn to the Sun." Aumont and Philip Reed stage a bullwhip duel which is among the more dramatic moments of the film.

The following short subjects complete the bill: "Fairweather Fiends," a color cartoon; "Juvenile Jury," "Summer Trailer," a Technicolor short; the latest Paramount News.

CAPITOL

The feature picture at the Capitol Theatre is an exciting action picture depicting a family feud in New Mexico at the turn of the century written by the author of "Duel in the Sun."

Stars of the action-packed cinema are Teresa Wright and Robert Mitchum while supporting players include Judith Anderson, Dean Jagger, Alan Hale and John Rodney.

Frances Langford stars in "Beat the Band," the second feature. Gene Krupa and his band have prominent parts.

PICNIC POINTER

With the local picnic season about to start, it might be timely to review the advice of Dr. Malcolm Smith on how to act when one meets a python. He suggests that one take a bath towel and wrap it several times around the left hand. Push it into the snake's face. In the ensuing struggle the snake's body will be wound around you several times but this is of no consequence, Dr. Smith says, if the snake is less than 12 feet long.

DATES on the DIAL



Radio listeners are among the most reactionary characters in any class, and as a result frequently ignore programs which would give them much enjoyment. The quality of any given show can depreciate abysmally but the habit of listening to Frankie Foo will remain with an audience and they will continue to tune him in while a much better show lies only an inch or two away on the dial.

It is one man's opinion that radio sets would return bigger entertainment dividends if listeners would try two shows a week outside their normal orbit.

Duffy's Tavern rounded off again this week after a few below par performances. The climax of the telephone call to the zoo was the closest thing to a belly laugh this week. If either Archie or Sinatra dropped out of that particular spot the other would have a soaring Hooper rating. Youngsters are a little more aggressive in arguments waged over conflicting programs in one set homes, and this factor probably reduces the number of vicarious visitors to Duffy's Tavern.

Jimmy Durante may work with a girl stooge next season now that Moore has signed for a solo. His guest appearance on the Crosby show recently, where he had five lines to every one that his host had, indicates that he might be best in a monologue.

The Federal government stands at the shoulder of those who win capital prizes in radio contests and puts the bite on them for 20 per cent of the cash value of the prize. This is expected to cause some inconvenience, probably a trip to the hockshop, for winners of the "Mrs. Hush" jackpot.

High time for television to come ambling in on a commercial basis as radio manufacturers are faced with a sated market. Recent figures show 97 per cent of American homes have radios.

Nominated for the most competent radio performance of the week, George C. Marshall, amateur broadcaster and Secretary of State. He read lines of tremendous import with a quiet effectiveness which accentuated the phoney hysteria of some of the professionals.

"One Man's Family" celebrated 15 years on the air April 29. The trials and triumphs of the Barbour family attract 9-500,000 listeners to 144 stations, exclusive of an Australian show. Radio does offer steady employment and the fact that six people have been regular members of the cast since the show started is offered in evidence. They are: Page (Jack) Gilman, Barton (Clifford) Yarborough, Bernice (Hazel) Berwin, Michael (Paul) Rafetto, Minetta (Mother Barbour) Ellen and J. Anthony (Father Barbour) Smythe. Winifred (Teddy) Wolfe joined the cast in 1934 when 10 years old. Carleton E. Morse has written the show since its inception. The show has won 23 national awards.

LEGION GROWS

American Legion charters have been granted to 16,300 Posts and 11,266 Auxiliaries. The 40 and 8 fun group membership is at a record high of 72,466.

Don Ameche has been signed by Mary Pickford, Buddy Rogers and Ralph Cohn for one of the top roles in Triangle Productions "Sleep, My Love." Douglas Sirk will direct and United Artists will release.

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Slants On Sports

The Rochester Red Wings showed excellent off track form Opening Day to slither home ahead of the Newark Bears, 6 to 5. Packed stands saw Ray Yochim pitch his second nine-inning victory. He was unhappy most of the time.

Red Wing hitting was adequate but not sensational. Most of the home team had to be identified by their uniforms as only three, Yochim, Baron and Marshall have been on the Rochester roster before.

The team may be a whit better than advertised. They showed a touch of class against Baltimore, not too impressive as that is the team they nosed out for seventh place with the Opening Day win.

The large crowd for the first home game shows that the city is interested in the team. If similar interest can be generated in the Cardinal high command, to the extent that liberal aid would be supplied, it might be a fairly pleasant summer out Norton Street way.

The weekly wrestling show was saved from disaster by good preliminaries. The main event was a quickie won by Maurice (Angel) Tillet from Brother Jonathan.

JET PILOT might fly away from the Kentucky Derby field if the track is muddy. Late developments indicate that on a fast track BULLET PROOF will beat the early selection of FAULTLESS made here weeks ago. Better handicappers have bet their bankroll on PHALANX and claim they don't care

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Rochester is one tacked over the door of a local horseroom. Players on their way out learn that a masseuse makes a specialty of relaxing overtaxed nerves. It is unfortunate that those who really need the treatment can seldom afford it.

The middleweight title between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano has been signed for Wrigley Field July 16. A fight of equal ferocity may take place in the Illinois State Legislature when three senators seek to force the boxing commission to rescind approval. Shelden Clark, boxing commissioner, whose advice is worth \$75,450 annually to Sinclair Oil, said Graziano committed no crime, broke no Illinois rule.

Joey Peralta sharpened up his boxing technique and won in hand from Eddie Smith in the feature event of a good card staged by the Peter Provenzano A. C. The boys had slugged it out previously and Smith had picked up a split decision in a rousing bout. The Rochester fighter was in there swinging but failed to hit Peralta and took a counter-punching of considerable proportions. Johnny Rowe picked up a hometown decision over Marty Ferro in a rugged battle.

The Rochester Thistles saw a strong tailwind during the first half blow away their chances in the semifinal Western Division soccer scramble Sunday as they lost to the Pittsburgh Gallatins 4 to 1. Tough breaks in the second half, when potential scoring play missed by inches, kept them from overcoming the three goal lead Pittsburgh piled up in the initial stanza.

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The KNOTHOLE

By ELLIOTT FINE
NWNS Sports Writer

Most astonishing rookie of the new baseball season is Yogi Berra, Yankee's heavy-hitting youth. He is one of those naturals who seem to do the right thing instinctively. The 21-year-old Italian lad is working in right field now, but in the pre-season games he showed that he could handle the second base assignment very well.



Y. Berra

The Dodgers have a boy who may rival Berra before the season is over. He is Johnny Jorgensen, rookie third baseman from Montreal. Johnny is also a slugger, although lightly built.

Northwestern U.'s new football coach, Bob Volghtis, has some novel training ideas. One of them is requiring his boys to take notes while he lectures them on the mysteries of the game. Another is holding kicking practice at the end of the day's workout instead of at the beginning, as is customary.

Bill Veeck, Cleveland Indians owner, is going to put a removable wire fence across the center of the outfield, to shorten the distance a ball must be hit to be called a home run. He intends to give this weird idea a good tryout.

Another top-flight athlete has turned professional, and in so doing given up an excellent chance for a berth on the Olympic track squad. . . he is Elmore Harris, national indoor 600-yard champion and an outstanding quarter miler . . . he has signed with the Brooklyn Football Dodgers, where his speed will serve him well, if he can elude the tacklers.

For the first time in a long while interest in the middleweight boxing title fight overhangs the corresponding scrap in the heavy division. Since nobody thinks that any of the challengers can last more than a round or two with Joe Louis, no heavyweight fight would draw much. On the other hand, a return match between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano could easily be a sellout. These boys are evenly matched, and both have that dead game quality that makes for a real battle.

DIVISION HISTORY

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has authorized compilation and publication of a history of the Second Marine Division for free distribution to all personnel who were members of the division between January 4, 1942, and September 2, 1945.

In order to prepare a distribution list and obtain certain other information the Second Marine Division History Board, Room 2120, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington 25, D. C., requests letters from former members of the division. Letters should include sender's name, rank, serial number, present address, division unit to which he was attached, and inclusive dates of service. Details of specific incidents or actions which might aid in compilation of the history are also solicited.

United States Pictures, a Warner Brothers producing subsidiary, has acquired the screen rights to "Nothing But the Night," a forthcoming mystery novel by Roy Huggins.



AT BAT AGAIN . . . Babe Ruth, recuperating in Florida from a recent serious operation, takes a bat in hand for photographers for the first time in many months.

House Committee Favors Expansion Of Free Car Law

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs will soon recommend that the free automobile law for leg amputees be amended to include arm amputees and blind vets. Hearings were held on seven bills and a subcommittee headed by Rep. Frank Matthews, Republican, of New Jersey, has been commissioned to write a favorable report and draw a bill. There is a chance that the new bill will raise the present ceiling payment from \$1600 to \$1900.

Congress has appropriated \$30 million to give free cars to leg amputees of World War II. It is difficult to estimate the additional money needed for a broader bill but the committee guesses are around \$10 million.

General Omar N. Bradley, VA administrator vigorously opposed the original bill and sent a strong written protest against the proposed expansion to the committee. He is not concerned with the cost but on the theory of the type of aid.

There is real danger that free cars for the blind might retard development of their initiative and self-reliance in the General's opinion.

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House Speaker Supports Move To Cash Bonds

Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., Speaker of the House, has reluctantly but publicly joined the campaign to cash terminal leave bonds, although he is generally considered the mastermind behind the stalling on this issue. Rep. Leo Allen, Republican, of Illinois, chairman of the Rules Committee is another powerful leader who regards the issue favorably.

Rep. Martin emphasized that the bill will have a very low legislative priority and will remain dormant in excess of a month while the more urgent issues of labor legislation, tax reduction, budget estimates and aid to foreign countries are discussed.

BATTLE TESTS

Something new has been added to service records of British soldiers. Government appointed psychologists and psychiatrists recommended and military authorities accepted a provision that no soldier can be sent into combat unless prior tests indicate that he is temperamentally suited. All those who do not meet the requirements for battle service will be transferred to noncombatant branches. Next trick for psych boys is to discover the branch of service where a man can be strictly noncombatant in the probable pattern of the next war.

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KEEPING POSTED

Commander Louis H. Yandeau has selected a nominating committee to prepare a slate for June elections by Chapter 15, Disabled American Veterans. Those selected are: Leon Austin, past commander and committee chairman; William Mostyn, past commander; Raymond Fredrick, past commander; Robert Benedict and Thomas Murphy, trustees; Velore and Shrader.

The slate will be presented at the regular meeting, Wednesday, May 7, at the Eagles Hall, and the committee has urged all members to attend and participate actively in the election.

Rochesterians will have the opportunity to see two unusual films this weekend when the Charlie Chaplin revival, "The Pawnshop" and a Russian-made film "TANYA" will be shown at the Ukrainian Workers Forum today at 8:00 P. M. The movies are being sponsored by the Spanish War Veterans.

"The Pawnshop" is an old time Charlie Chaplin favorite which has been modernized with sound effects. The main feature Tanya, is a vigorous comedy-drama with music by Dunayevsky and featuring the Russian singing star, Lubov Orlova. The story depicts a peasant girl who "went to town" with a remarkable record of production in a textile factory under the dual stimulus of the "Stakhanov movement" and her love for the factory engineer.

Every boy and girl from 10 to 16 years of age is invited to participate in the gigantic Field Day being sponsored by the Monroe County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the old University of Rochester Field on East Main Street Saturday afternoon May 3d. The events will get underway at 1:30 p. m. sharp.

Harry J. Gaynor, General Chairman stated there will be short ceremonies preceding the events which will include a parade led by the Louis Scott's Boy and Girl Drum and Bugle Corps.

A competent group of judges will be on hand and cash prizes will be awarded. A special committee headed by Anthony Tomberelli and including Thomas Sullivan, Philip Smith, Frank Brundage, Frank P. O'Halloran, Buell Woodruff, John

J. Gokey will be in charge of the awards.

On April 26th the Ladies Auxiliary to the 27th Division Post 1554 Veterans of Foreign Wars presented a flag, at a patriotic rally, to the Genesee Valley Court, Order of the Amaranth. The event was conducted in Parlor A, of the East Main Street Masonic Temple and was attended by well over 300 people.

Mrs. Prudence Hasbrouck was general chairman with the following participants aiding the program: Hazel Wixted, Song Leader; Commander John Weiser; Mrs. Mary Tebo, Harrieth Damoth, Seth Strait, Edward Allen, Alice Wheeler, Lucie Werner, Mrs. Evelyne Salzer, Dora Beaman.

Speaking at the gathering were C. Frederic Jefferson, Monroe County Council Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Dorothy Lawson of the 27th Division Auxiliary who presented the flag, Mrs. Catherine Colbert head of the Monroe County Council VFW Auxiliary; Mrs. Lauretta Gommengenger, matron of the Genesee Valley Court; Elmer Breckenridge, past royal grand patron of the Court of New York; Commander John Weiser; Rev. Elmer Schartel, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Harry J. Gaynor, business manager of Veterans' Voice, making the principal address pointed out that "Our Flag means a glorious past; this Flag means a glorious future. It is not so much the Flag of our fathers as it is the Flag of tomorrow, the signal of the 'good time coming'. It is not the Flag of a king; it is the Flag of yourself and your neighbor."

Rochester Officers of the Naval Services — RONS — received their charter Wednesday night at ceremonies held in the Sheraton Hotel. Captain N. D. Hubbell USNR, wartime chief of personnel relations at the Brooklyn Navy Yard was the principal speaker and discussed the effect of current economic conditions on the peacetime Naval program.

Commander Kevin Kennedy, USNR, Buffalo, presented the charter, the 42nd of its kind issued. Lt. Paul A. Barbee accepted the charter.

Founded by World War II veterans in September, 1945, the Reserve Officers group was organized to provide a medium through which all reserve officers of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard might continue to work together for the betterment of the Navy.

The Annual Dinner of the 310th Infantry Association was held at the 40 & 8 Club Wednesday night and members from the outfit during both World Wars attended.

The following committee chosen by Roy Lux, president, was responsible for the success of the affair: Arthur Metzger, chairman, Al Shannon, Ed Weyh, Charles Gardner, Elmer Eckam, Charles Gaesser, Sol Grossman, Herbert Leistmann, Frank Palmer, Harold Pinkley, Frank Donovan, Howard Woods and George Nier.

Auxiliary 10, Army and Navy Union, celebrated the official

visit of Department President Isabel Van Cott with a supper party. The president was accompanied by Mary Goodrich, national page.

Rochester was represented by two department officers Ruth Coyne, junior vice-president, and Florence Kennedy, chaplain, and the following Auxiliary presidents: Agnes Schmucker, Aux. 299; Arvilla Schicker, Aux. 3205; Pearl Manchester, Aux. 205; Ida Rank, Aux. 55; Henrietta Kelly, Aux. 274; Alice Simth, Aux. 10.

President Van Cott was given a beautiful crochet bag.

Auxiliary 10 will substitute a penny supper for the regular meeting Wednesday, May 14, in the meeting room 461 Ridge Road West. Cards and other amusements will take place after supper and members are requested to bring friends.

Members of Pennington-Moy Colored Post No. 9251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, planned the Post installation at a meeting in the home of Macon Lee, 37 Harrison Street. The installation ceremonies will take place Sunday, June 8, at 2:30 p. m. The site has not been chosen. All Colored veterans with honorable discharges are asked to join the Post.

In observance of a custom begun 29 years ago, members of the original Second Marine Company, Third Battalion, will hold their annual reunion at the 40 & 8 Club, 933 University Ave., tomorrow with a dinner at 6:30 p. m., according to Chairman Richard Toole.

Assisting Toole on the committee are Paul Stahlbrodt, Herbert Nean, George Brown, Ralph Carlson, William Tetamore, William Hillyard, Frank Tischler and A. F. Dengler.

At a recent joint installation of the James E. Healy Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, conducted in the Remington Street club rooms of the organization the following officers of the post and auxiliary were installed into office for the 1947-1948 season:

For the post — Leadley R. Morris, commander; Abraham Brown, senior vice-commander; William Ester, junior vice-commander; Edwin J. Sivicki, chaplain; Robert J. Cortis, quartermaster; Anthony Ferrarese, adjutant; John M. Roth, service officer.

For the auxiliary — Caroline Oogjen, president; Florence Stacks, senior vice-commander; Jean Wocknia, junior vice-commander; Eve Loveland, chaplain; Frances VanAuker, treasurer and Elma Caprio, secretary.

The fifth annual banquet of the Clinton L. Patchen Post, No. 307 Veterans of Foreign Wars, drew more than 200 diners to the Seneca Hotel ballroom.

Installation of officers was made. They are: Frederick Renner, commander; Gordon De Lorme, senior vice-commander; Robert Meyer, junior vice-commander; Harry L. Ketcham, quartermaster; Perle Austin, post advocate; George Woolford, adjutant; Dr. Frederick Halik, surgeon.

Frank Slack, chaplain; Lawrence Gleason, officer-of-the-day; Harry Smith, Anthony Sanders, Edward Carpenter, trustees; George Woolford, Joseph Gleason, Edward Carpenter, council delegates; Harold

Leahy, Merton Thompson, Frank O'Halloran, alternates; Richard Lescallete, quartermaster-sergeant; John Disca-vage, sergeant-major; Kenneth Cooper, post historian.

Frank O'Halloran, service officer; Herbert Olney, legislative officer; Merton Thompson, patriotic instructor; Albert Bohnke, guard; Harry Smith and Joseph Gleason, color bearers; Fred Moulton and Robert Pappert, color guards; William Sherry, public relations officer.

Theodore C. Briggs, former city manager, was presented a memorial plaque as a token of esteem for his son, the late William Briggs, who was killed in action during the invasion of Sicily in 1943. Briggs name will be incorporated into the Post soon as a tribute to service men of World War II.

Dancing followed the ceremonies.

Installation ceremonies of the Frank J. Celento Post No. 1588 American Legion, took place Sunday at Post Headquarters, 547 State Street. Bruce Percy directed a 12-man ritual team. Taps were sounded by Anthony Infantolio, Voiture 111, 40 & 8.

County Commander Russell P. Felerski presented the charter for the new group and gave a brief synopsis of Legion affairs.

Commander Louis H. Yandeau, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 15, presented Commander Ralph J. Celento of the Post with a gavel on behalf of DAV. Commander Yandeau spoke briefly on the need of veterans organizations to pull together.

Guests who are active in local veterans circles included: Raymond A. Frederick, past commander of several organizations; Arthur Kelly, commander of Major Joseph E. Hurley Post No. 1183, American Legion; Leon Austin, county commander, Army & Navy Union, and past commander, Chapter 15, DAV.; Lloyd J. Webb, county vice-commander, American Legion.

A buffet was served following the ceremony and informal pictures were taken by Al Piccoli, of DAV Chapter 15.

Commander Ralph Celento was host to the newly installed officers and their friends at his home, 298 Bernard Street, following the ceremony.

Vet Group Finds Letters Support Disability Claims

Spring cleaning enthusiasts with ex-servicemen in their families were told today not to throw out that neatly stacked-away bundle of letters from the veteran when he was in service.

That advice came from Louis H. Yandeau, Commander of Chapter 15, Disabled American Veterans.

He said disabled veterans who experience difficulty in proving their disabilities are service-connected often find suitable evidence in old letters and V-Mail sent home while they were away.

Commander Yandeau said letters are valuable proof to be presented to Veterans Administration rating boards to prove service-connection.

"The records of many servicemen," he said, "fail to show hospitalization or treatment for sickness, wounds, or disabilities suffered in service. When the time comes to prove the service-connection of a disability, it will be much easier to do so if the veteran looks up old letters he sent home."

"They often name the hospital where the soldier or sailor was treated and describes the symptoms and treatment which clearly identifies the disability or disease."

Commander Yandeau said DAV service officers throughout the nation have been able to obtain compensation ratings for veterans in many cases with the help of letters written home. The local DAV service office is located at 168 Clinton Ave., S., in charge of Nicholas Parnell.

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Performers entertaining or visiting at the White House henceforth will be briefed on refraining from any quips about the President's piano playing or his old job.

The Press Box: Saltonstall of Massachusetts is a presidential threat who is outsmarting the other GOP hopefuls by not getting worn out battling issues around. . . . Shed a tear for General Motors. They made a hundred million dollars less in '46 than in '45—just winding up with a paltry \$87,526,311 net profit. Oh, well, things is tough all over, sister. . . . Justice William O. Douglas has been item'd (in several columns) as the one to inherit Truman's post in '48. Lowell Mellett, former FDR aide and top Washington editor, is aiming at 1952 for Douglas, not '48. . . . Help Greek Relief, which needs help for the sick and starving. The U. S. loan (\$7-passed) will be for military aid, not starving.

Several top comics will show how easy it is to get cheher featuring clean humor. Cantor, Bergen, Burns and Allen, Fibber and Molly, Ed Gardner, Amos 'n' Andy, Benny and others have formed a co-op venture with H. Paul Warwick (the ad exec) to produce Audience Records. Not excerpts from broadcasts, but new routines you can play at home. Radio stations and juke box operators will be penalized if they use them.

Cast of Characters: Bert Lahr, the star of "Burllesque," and his former four-a-day hooper (5 on Sundays, bub) were fondly wondering about the old stage favorites. . . . Lahr did the research: Duke Cross (Wellington & Cross) now general manager for Elizabeth Arden. . . . Billy B. Van is the mayor of Newport, N. H. . . . Oscar Shaw is a farmer at Gettysburg, Pa. . . . Harry Fender (of the Ziegfeld hits) is a lieutenant of motorcycle cops in St. Louis. . . . Mitzl Hajos is now casting director for the Shuberts. . . . The Templeton brothers (great Palace hoofers) now run a bowling alley in Staten Island. . . . Tom Hickey (another Palace pet) runs a furniture store in Scranton, Pa. . . . Walter Plimmer Jr. is now Father Plimmer of the priesthood. . . . Harry (and Eva) Puck is in the printing biz. . . . Florence Courtney (Courtney sisters) is a Los Angeles Christian Science practitioner. . . . Jean Dalrymple (of the Keith-Orpheum circuit) is public relations chief for Lahr's show. . . . Janet of France owns the gay cafe across from the Alvin theatre. . . . Jim Dooley (Dooley and Sales) has a roadhouse on Merrick road. . . . Maime Ward (the Flying Wards, famed aerialists) is Sally Rand's wardrobe mistress. . . . Florine Millership (Harry Fox and the Millership sisters) is with the board of education in Chicago. . . . Jim Mullen (Mullen & Coogan) is a Philly peppy sheriff.

Showman Mike Sloane's yardstick on success: When I was a poor actor I did without caviar because I couldn't afford it. Now that I'm a hit producer, I do without it because I don't like it!

VA Begins Guidance Center Operation In New Location

The effort to consolidate all Veterans Administration facilities of the Rochester Sub-Regional Office, except disability medical examinations, into one unit at 41 State Street moved nearer completion today with the removal of most functions of the Vocational Guidance Center.

from RIT to the fourth floor of the Elwanger and Barry Building. Partial operation will be continued at RIT until July 1. The move was announced jointly by Howard E. Fuller, manager of the Buffalo Regional office, Hugh B. McBride, Rochester manager, and Dr. Mark Ellingson, president of RIT. The expansion program of RIT made the move necessary. Fuller praised the "magnificent job under unfavorable circumstances" performed by RIT.

The Guidance Center will be operated by VA personnel under the direction of John A. Osborne.

Other activities which have been assigned to the Rochester Sub-Regional office include: contact service to assist veterans who file claims and have insurance problems; rehabilitation service handling educational and on-the-job benefits under the GI Bill of Rights; insurance collection service where premiums for NSLI may be paid and immediate counter receipts received; medical service under the direction of Dr. Richard Jessup, where four physicians issue authorization for medical care under the New York State plan.

EDUCATION POPULAR

The Veterans Administration has reported that more than six million veterans have applied for education or training benefits under the GI Bill of Rights. Records show that there are 14,447,000 World War II veterans, not all of whom are eligible for maximum benefits.

Applications sometimes precede actual participation in the program by many months and enrollment figures compiled by VA indicate 2,604,000 are now enrolled in educational institutions or on-the-job training programs.

Those who have completed or discontinued training or education numbered 835,000 as of January 31.

POPULAR SCIENCE

Popular Science Monthly is 75 years old. It was started in 1872 by Edward Livingston Youmans, who was inspired by the belief that the growing importance of scientific knowledge to all classes of the community called for more efficient means of diffusing it than were available at the time.

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The Inactive Naval Reserve — the V-6 program — seeks participation of former Navy and Coast Guard personnel in their plan and offers several inducements. Men may keep their wartime rate, will receive longevity credit for the time served, and will not be called upon for drills or cruises, unless the latter service is requested.

The Navy Recruiting Station stresses logically that a fleet is no better than the men that man it, and a reserve of 1,000,000 capable and experienced men is sought for a possible danger for which there will not be a long period for preparation.

The Rochester recruiting station is in the Federal Building, Church and Fitzhugh Streets. Additional and more coherent information is available by telephone. Call Main 1642 as late as 9 p. m.

Deborah Kerr, imported from England to play opposite Clark Gable in "The Hucksters" has been signed for a second picture, "If Winter Comes," with Walter Pidgeon. The screenplay has been written from a novel by A. S. M. Hutchinson published in 1921. Victor Saville will direct.



BIT OF HOLLAND . . . Picturesque customs and traditions of their homeland are revived by residents of Holland, Mich., at their annual Tulip Time festival, the 1947 edition of which is scheduled for May 14-17. Dressed in a quaint Volendam costume and carrying a bouquet of the prolific tulips, this winsome miss bids visitors welcome to the festival.

OPENS OFFICE

Leo F. Simpson Jr., whose five years in the Army interrupted his law career, has finally completed the first phase of his personal reconversion plan by establishment of his own office in the Genesee Valley Trust Building. Simpson is a major in the Army Reserve, a graduate of Notre Dame and

Georgetown University Law School. He is a member of the Rochester Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi, legal fraternity.

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LOW SCHOOL PAY EMBITTERS VETS

Rules Committee Withholds Vital Legislation

GOP LEADERS IGNORE VETS ON CALENDAR

The Eightieth Congress has drawn up a work schedule which will dispose of 17 major measures, none of them purely veteran legislation, and plans to adjourn at the end of July.

Current struggles center on the bill to supply relief for countries which were occupied in which it is believed that the Senate will make an attempt to restore the \$150,000,000 reduction from the requested authorization which was made when the measure passed the House. Final adjustment will probably

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Early Betting Favors O'Neil For Legion Post

The race for election as national commander of the American Legion, due for decision in September, promises much more excitement than usual. Selection of Paul Griffiths, incumbent, was a routine affair. This year several strong candidates are in the field.

Jimmy O'Neil, New Hampshire police chief, is the summer book favorite. He will go to the convention a short-priced entry unless the health of Larry Quigley of Lawrence, Mass. improves considerably.

Dick Cadwallader of Baton Rouge, La. is the only candidate whose sole service was in World War II. It is doubtful that he is seriously interested in the current contest but he is making a considerable bid for support in future elections.

Martin V. Coffey of Middleton, Ohio, was beaten badly

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Old Sea Tradition



SHRIMP FLEET BLESSING . . . From the ramparts of ancient Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine, Fla., the oldest city in the country, the blessing of the shrimp fleet took place recently. The ancient religious blessing custom came to the New World from the fishing villages of Normandy and Brittany. As the small bell, which called the Spanish to mass in early days, sounded its voice with that of the newer and larger bells of the moss-stained cathedral, fisher-folk of Portuguese and Minorcan descent formed a procession to the bay front for the blessing ceremonies.

Bradley Urges VA Aides To Increase Efficiency

Antonelli Shift Starts Fireworks

Transfer of Amerigo Antonelli, Rochester fireworks manufacturer, from the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa. to the Rochester General Hospital touched off a spectacular pyrotechnical display in local veterans' circles.

County organizations of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have both expressed deep concern over the apparent favoritism shown a man convicted of a shoddy charge of conspiracy to defraud the U. S. Government.

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The Veterans Administration will concentrate on prompt and direct service to veterans and realize that it deals with men, not procedures; with their problems and not its own, if it heeds the advice of Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veteran Administrator, given in a message addressed to assistant and deputy administrators.

The General will soon go before Congress in an effort to justify an appropriation of \$7 billion requested for the next fiscal year. He will be aided in this if VA sharpens the efficiency of its services, he said, adding that no employe has a "divine right" to remain on the agency's payroll.

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Clayton E. Handy Wins Leadership Of County VFW

Clayton E. Handy was elected county commander by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the 1947-1948 term. In a general statement of policy following his selection, the new commander promised to adhere closely to the accepted VFW formula of aggressive participation in worthwhile projects. Problems which concern youth and disabled war veterans will be the object of special emphasis.

The new but not brand new county commander served as head of the county group during the 1944-1945 term. He is a member of Culver Post, and once held office in the VFW State Department as patriotic

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LIVING COSTS OUTDISTANCE ALLOWANCES

Veterans' dreams of college education, inspired by the promise of the GI Bill of Rights, have collided with the reality of \$65 and \$90 subsistence allowances and have come out a sorry second. The Army Times reported recently that "more than 900,000 vets have quit school or training programs . . . as a result of high living costs, crowded conditions, inadequate subsistence, ceilings on combined earnings and subsistence . . . This figure constitutes a fourth of all vets who have taken advantages of GI education."

Additional obstructions to college degrees for veterans will soon be erected by colleges themselves. Disgruntled parents have begun already to cry in their beer because Junior, a non-vet, can't squeeze onto the vet-cluttered campuses of Eastern institutions of learning which are rich in traditions if a trifle thin in the red meat of sound education. It is these parents who dig for endowments.

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Editorial

The most persistent and the most stupid objection to universal military training is that it is "anti-democratic and anti-American." This is reaction at its worst, a potentially suicidal refusal to admit that changing world conditions must be met with changing philosophies.

Most military training proponents plan to snatch Junior when he finishes high school. His experience with democracy at that point is apt to be entirely academic. The average school below college level confines democracy closely between covers of the text books. The inclination to assume that teachers are divine and students mortal may not be universal but it is widespread. Extension of the regimentation of schools for the four to six months suggested for the intensive training phase of the proposed compulsory military service plans can scarcely be blown up to the proportions of a national catastrophe.

The Army is not a democratic institution. The best break this country could expect would be that all its future wars would be fought against countries which have democratic armies.

The assumption that forcing a youngster to obtain a minimum professional competence in the very serious business of his country's defense is anti-American appears indefensible. It is not traditional, but the gap between tradition and reality is often very wide.

Four months or four years of military training for every young man in the country is no guarantee of victory in war. It is reasonable reassurance that the will of a foreign nation will not be imposed instantly upon the people.

Compulsory military training has encountered severe criticism from people who consider it expensive. Sanity tests or elementary arithmetic courses are indicated for those so afflicted. The most formidable war machine of all time could have been developed and maintained by this country during the period between wars at a fraction of the cost incurred in welding the cumbersome machine that is this nation into the splendidly effective fighting machine which it became. The dollar value of a tank or a cannon can be computed accurately in Washington. A desperate and beleaguered field commander will use a different base for evaluation. At the danger of being redundant, a lifeboat has an assessable cash value on a desert, its importance as the only route to salvation on a sinking ship is infinitely greater.

Parents will show resistance when asked to commit the care of their children to Army personnel. That is the result of a consistently unfavorable press which persistently paints sergeants as morons and officers as martinets. The solution is the most pressing public relations project the War Department has had in years.

Universal military training is a necessity and not a blessing. It is the lesser of two evils. It creates a military force which is apt to think that its will is the will of the people. There is a tendency to use strong armed services on picayune pretexts. Warfare is the best way to accelerate promotions, and promotions are generally important to men in uniform.

Americans believe that democracy is the best workable political ideology. It will continue to be workable only as long as it can muster sufficient military strength to discourage interference. Voluntary enlistments are demonstrably inadequate to build and maintain a force capable of defeating or discouraging the forces of competing ideologies.

New Books

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, by Gordon Parks (Franklin Watts, \$1.25 paper).
GO SOUTH YOUNG MAN, by David Saavedra, (Hafner, \$5). A discussion of South America.
THESE DICKENS FOLK, by Armand F. Gerson (Dorrance, \$2.50). A collection of "word-portraits."
POSTER GALLERY. The Best Posters of 1946, selected by J. I. Biegeleisen (Greenberg \$5).

Spring House Cleaning



Six Inch Sermon

† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

The Struggle for Social Justice.
Lesson for May 18: Amos 5:6-15, 21-24.

Memory Selection: Amos 5:14.

Amos was the first prophet to leave a written message. A shepherd of Tekoa, near Bethlehem, he delivered his prophecy at Bethel, a shrine of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Probably gaining first-hand knowledge of conditions in Samaria while he was selling wool and hides in the markets, and distressed to find a wide-spread lack of religion, and seeing many social wrongs visited upon the poor by the unscrupulous rich, he condemned the cruelty by which the masses of the people were oppressed.

Little imagination is required to picture the utter misery of the poor in Samaria. Their condition has a terrible parallel in the war-ravaged lands of earth at the present time and, after the passing of 2800 years, the message of Amos is a timely one.

But Amos, unlike many speakers, did not enumerate all the evils of the time and then leave his hearers without any hope of doing anything about them. He exposed the root of the evil—in the false and hollow religion of the people of Samaria, and urged a return to the old faith in Jehovah.

Now, with the gospel of Jesus, who is able to heal all the woes of those who trust in Him, shall we be silent in the midst of blatant evils and in the presence of latent dangers in international life? If all Christians in all their relationships, the poor disjointed world could be rebuilt. Such a consummation must begin in you.

FORTY DRAWINGS, by Ronald Searle (Cambridge University; Macmillan, \$3.50). A selection of drawings of people and Japanese prison life.
JOSEPH WEYDEMEYER, Pioneer of American Socialism, by Karl Oberman (International, \$2.25). A biography.
LITERATURE AND ART, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels (International, \$2.25). Selections from their writings.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Many Must Bills To Be Passed by Congress

WITH congress past the half-way mark and scheduled to adjourn along the middle of July, little actual legislation has thus far been accomplished but a huge volume of unfinished business has been piled up as a result of hundreds of committee hearings which have produced favorable reports on a vastly greater number of bills than can possibly be passed by adjournment. The congressional leadership, therefore, while not admitting they have drawn up a list of "must" bills, have set out from the pile of unfinished business a few bills which likely will be pushed through and the rest will be left to die or to be brought up again at the next session.

Included in this so-called "must list" is of course the labor bill. The house has passed its tough bill, with its leadership admitting it will never become law in the form it passed, and the senate expects to get its moderate bill through that body sometime in late May. Then will come the long conference to iron out the differences in the two bills. If it takes as long as it has the conference report on the appropriation ceiling resolutions, the final labor bill will do well to pass by adjournment.

Then there is the aid to Greece and Turkey to be followed possibly by a similar bill for Korea, since our nation has informed Russia we propose to set up an independent Korean government in our zone there whether Russia agrees or cooperates in her zone of occupation or not.

A foreign relief bill containing an appropriation of approximately 350 million dollars plus authorization for American participation in the international refugee organization are on the agenda. The relief bill has been reported out for action in the house and the IRO bill has already passed the senate. Then there will be either an extension of the sugar act of 1937 which expires the last of December this year, or passage of an entirely new sugar bill. Some action on the commodity credit corporation which expires June 30 must be taken. An extension bill has passed the senate. Price support for wool, already through the senate, is on the calendar, tax reduction, which has passed the house, some action on the RFC which expires June 30, and some action on rent control which also

expires June 30 wind up the list of "must" legislation.

There are a few other measures considered to be desirable but not absolutely necessary depending on the viewpoint from which they are scanned. One is the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill which is considered essential in some quarters and highly obnoxious by the real estate and building lobbies. Establishment of a national science foundation and federal aid to education are also considered desirable but unnecessary and included in this category is unification of the armed services.

In addition to legislation and the long debates the senate faces on labor and taxes, the upper house must ratify peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania and it must also complete the appropriation bills as they come over from the house. The senate is expected to use up from 18 to 20 days in debate on the labor bill alone.

SEVERAL relatively important measures have been reported out of senate committees and are awaiting action including the Bulwinkle bill exempting railroads from anti-trust laws; authorization for a 30-cent bonus on wheat and corn produced between January 1, 1945 and April 18, 1946; authorization for federal reserve banks to buy securities direct from the Treasury, and a few others. In the house, bills giving Hawaii statehood, raising ceiling on veterans income while on-the-job training, and others are awaiting action. This latter veterans bill has been held in the house rules committee for about two months and a move has been started to discharge the committee and bring the bill out on the floor.

It will be seen in the "must" list that no major farm legislation is being planned this session, only sugar, price support for wool and extension of commodity credit. The house agricultural committee, however, has considered legislation on marketing agreements, fertilizer and food shortages, a general price support program and a basic farm bill.

The house has not even passed all the appropriations bills yet, treasury, postoffice, labor and federal security appropriations being the only ones passed. To come are appropriations for interior, state, justice, commerce and judiciary with of course war and navy. And not even started are the sub-committees on government corporations.



Take An Orchid

BY JAMES H. RONYAC

It's congratulations to Clayton A. Handy upon his recent elevation to the County Commandership of the V. F. W.; we know Chub will do a grand job. . . . Unlimited and unnumbered orchids to Bill Danskin, Officer, Gentleman and "Prince of Good Fellows"; all who attended the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars convalesce May 6th know why Bill rates great praise. . . . Mrs. John Weiser, wife of 27th Division VFW Commander Weiser, never fails to attend functions promoted by her favorite organization; we like this lady very much. . . . To all former members of the 209th AAA goes this reminder—Saturday night at the Culver Road Armory, your new Post to be known henceforth as Post No. 7 Legion of Guardsmen named in honor of everybody's friend, M/S Harry J. Rosenberg, will receive its charter—don't forget, Harry would have been the first one there and the last one to leave. . . . Sunday, May 18th has been designated as I AM AN AMERICAN DAY; it is suggested to all posts, Garrison and Auxiliary leaders that you do something about this day; why not organize a church party for certainly good Americanism must include religious understanding. . . . Had 12 yr. old John Wayne out for a ride last Sunday and the little fellow was giving direction as to how to travel in the following manner, "You go straight down this road and turn to the right until you come to a Frozen Custard Stand". . . . The May 3rd Field Day for youngsters of the City and County proved to be a WOW and it's bundles of orchids to Lawrence H. Hauch, Dr. A. L. Benedict, John E. Weiser, Simon E. Viza, Leonard L. Schieffelin, Frank P. Wilson, Bill Danskin, H. M. Hockenbrocht, A. Tomberelli, James J. Colombo, Thomas McTammy, Nick Pronio, Samuel C. Manuse, C. Frederic Jefferson, Thomas A. Camiolo, Charles Noto. . . . We would be remiss in mentioning the Field Day if we failed to give credit and offer high commendations to Harry "Red" Goodnow and all of the directors connected with the City of Rochester, Division of Playgrounds, for they all performed meritoriously and unselfishly in connection with the Field Day program. . . . The dinner honoring Mrs. Isobel Powers of this city, N. Y. S. Department American Legion President, conducted in the 40 & 8 Club last evening was one of the nicest parties ever staged for anyone. . . . It was good to see Graham H. Scott, past N. Y. S. Department Commander of the V. F. W. in circulation again; Graham always gave plenty of himself and all will be glad to see him again

and again. . . . Here comes our dearly beloved Lady Kilroy with a Jim Dandy—she sputters out "You can't do much for a guy who is stuck up until he gets into hot water". . . . That fine Legionnaire Dempsey, who for years and years has seen to it that baseball diamonds were secured for his organization, has again performed nobly and well. . . . The charter ceremonies staged by the Maira-Contiglio Post of the American Legion in their 606 Bay Street quarters last evening were outstanding; other posts within the Monroe County American Legion set up can now be certain that they will receive stiff competition in the promotion of worthwhile projects for the membership of this new, almost entirely World War II veteran group have great ambitions and a will to go ahead. . . . The Arnamar Club stages another of their weekly get-togethers tomorrow night in their 48 Alexander Street Club and they whisper in our ear that all veterans and veterans' friends will receive a wholehearted welcome. . . . Friends of Frank Muench will be pleased to know that he paid a visit to Rochester Wednesday, May 7th; Frank does well for himself and is located at 341 Ninth Avenue, New York City. . . . This column recently received through the mail the following which is reprinted here with the hope that it will do some alleged speakers a bit of good:

SPEECH CONTROL From Your Life

A South African tribe has one custom that might well be introduced in this country. Considering long speeches injurious to the orator and the audience as well, they have an unwritten law that a public speaker must stand on one foot while addressing his listeners. As soon as the other foot touches the ground, the speech is brought to a close—by force if necessary. . . . A reminder that Sunday, May 11th, is Mother's Day and somebody who didn't come back will appreciate it a heap if you paid a visit to his Mother who probably lives next door or around the corner from your house. . . .

DEAR CHAPLAIN

Demotion of 640 colonels to the grade of lieutenant-colonel has been ordered by the War Department to adjust the amount of brass to the amount of enlisted personnel. The reductions will be effective July 1 and will leave only 5,628 men drawing colonel's pay for the fiscal year of 1948. . . . The screaming eagles are worn by 588 Regular Army and 52 non-Regular Army officers, the approximate proportion of RA and non-RA commissioned personnel.

QUESTIONS???

(Editor's Note: If you have a question as to your rights and benefits under the GI Bill of Rights, they may be submitted to VETERANS' VOICE in person, by letter, or by telephone. Those of general interest will be answered in this column by the best available authorities.)

1. Question: Can I purchase a double house with my brother, who is not a veteran?

Answer: Yes. Your guaranty to the bank from whom you borrow the money, however, will be in proportion to your interest in the property. Banks in New York State can loan up to two-thirds of the normal appraised value of the property. For example, cost of the house is \$7,000 with \$1,000 cash payment. Guaranty would be \$1,500, as the veteran would hold one-half interest in the property. The Government guarantees 50 per cent of a loan up to \$8,000.

2. Question: Can I use my terminal leave bond as part payment for a home?

Answer: No. Only immediate advantages before maturity are as payment of premiums for National Service Life Insurance policies.

3. Question: Can I purchase a farm under a GI loan while steadily employed as a mechanic by a local plant?

Answer: Yes. If your major source of income is from your job as mechanic the farm must be purchased as a home loan. Only where a veteran receives all income from farm operation is he eligible for a farm loan. There are a considerable number of loans of this type in Monroe County. If you obtain a supplemental income from livestock or crops a farm loan for equipment, seeds, etc., will qualify for a guaranty.

4. Question: I bought a home under a GI loan and understand I can get my taxes reduced by the money I received. Where do I go for particulars?

Answer: Yes. Veterans are entitled to a credit in the assessed value on real property owned by them for the amount paid out of veterans benefits, such as mustering out pay, disability compensation, etc. Service pay of any sort cannot be counted. Application forms for this exemption can be obtained at the Assessor's Office, second floor, City Hall, and for those who reside in towns, see the clerk at your Town Hall. Under state laws a veteran is tax exempt on real estate on the above basis up to \$5,000.

(Answers for these questions are supplied by Arthur Besant, of the Veterans' Financial Service, the organization established by the Rochester Clearing House Association to handle GI loans.)

Vets Ignored

(Continued from Page 1) have to be made by joint conference. The labor legislation is also of prime importance and it is believed that the House bill is tough enough to invite a veto. The Senate is not anxious for a test of strength at the moment and will pass a modified bill which will necessitate additional conferences.

The fate of the President's request for \$400,000,000 to assist Greece and Turkey should be decided this week or next. The Senate has approved the measure but the temper of the House is hostile to both Turkey and any expenditure of \$400,000,000. Turkey may be eliminated as a beneficiary and the authorization reduced drastically in the House. It will then be necessary to draft final legislation in conferences.

High priority will be given to the tax reduction plan which was one of the steppingstones on which the Republicans gained control of Congress. This bill was originally right behind labor legislation on the program but was superseded by the foreign relief measures upon expiration of UNRRA.



HITLER'S RACER . . . This V-12 model three-liter, built for Hitler, which has set a speed record of 248.3 miles per hour, is shown as it arrived in Los Angeles by air. It will be ready for entry in the Indianapolis auto races.

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School Crisis

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Present vet enrollment in all schools, including trade and professional, totals 1,100,000 and will jump 200,000 in the fall. College facilities are not able to absorb that load and still make room for the normal crop of graduates from exclusive prep schools. The social and prep school background of non-vet kids is much more acceptable to colleges of old school tie tendencies than those of a chap who spent much of his adult and semi-adult life peering at hostile strangers through the sights of a gun.

Rochester reflects accurately the national dissatisfaction of vet students with the subsistence allowance which permits single veterans the sub-marginal allowance of \$65 a month and distributes \$90 a month to veterans with dependents. There are currently about 100 applications for part-time work on file at USES in addition to similar jobs already filled. The heaviest GI educational traffic, in relation to facilities, is carried by RIT which offers special assistance to those vet students who are convinced that practical educations are apt to put more pork chops in the pan than philosophy, psychology and Latin.

Consensus of vet opinion seems to be that if the government did not intend to subsidize education to a point where the necessity to secure additional employment and attendance at that employment interfered seriously with the primary mission of education it should not have been promised in the first place. Numerous surveys have been conducted to determine the minimum amount on which students can live. It is assumed that most will take part-time employment when available. A University of Chicago survey seems to be close to the average of conservative estimates. It reveals that: single vets living on the campus need \$85; single vets living off campus require \$100; married vets without children require \$165 to live on campus and \$25 more when they live off campus; married vets with one child require \$205 on campus and \$225 off campus. The survey was not concerned with what vet students wanted but with what it cost them to live now.

The silly question, "Can a student lead a good life on \$65 a month?" was answered intelligently on one campus by a vet who wanted to know how one could lead any other kind on that sort of money.

Most veterans are carrying practical schedules. They generally show dislike for classical and impractical subjects. In addition to complaints that they are living on unrealistic allowances, some of them find colleges unsatisfactory.

A letter which won a recent prize in a contest held by Salute, which is on the newsstands today with a comprehensive analysis of the vet-college problems, states, "... The core of many veterans' discontent with college education is the fat fog of complacency en-



WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT . . . Chosen by the Women's National Press club as "Women of Achievement" are, standing, left to right: Mrs. Josephine Tighe Williams, who received award posthumously for her daughter, Dixie Tighe; Eva Le Gallienne, Dr. Esther Caukin Brunauer and Beatrice Blackmer Gould. Seated, left to right: Dr. Helen Brook Taussig and Agnes E. Meyer.

shrouding the academic world. . . . Imbued with belief in the dynamic character of democracy, we abhor the static and sterile concept of education pervading our institutions of higher learning."

Another letter in the same contest is more concerned with the inadequacies of the subsistence allowances. It says in part:

"When the GI Bill of Rights was passed, its financial provisions were geared to a relatively stable price structure . . . To the ex-GI contemplating college this was encouraging and held forth promise for a smooth, untroubled period of learning. . . . Prices for food, clothing, housing and college skyrocketed. For the veteran student the battle of finances was on . . . part-time work, depletion of savings, doubling up, loans and working wives helped . . . but many of these expedients proved detrimental to studies . . . The only solution lies with veterans themselves . . . vet legislation works best with economic stability . . . Permanent gains will be won only with organized strength. The veteran's future happiness will be proportionate to his political maturity.

VA Efficiency

(Continued from Page 1)

Frequently published reports that he is tired and would like to quit were scored as inaccurate in the letter, although the inference repeatedly creeps into Washington dispatches on VA affairs. Present information is that he will not leave until VA is running well. He dislikes the idea of quitting under fire, a fair description of resignation in the face of a budget-conscious Congress. Settlement of the dispute over on-the-job ceilings and higher subsistence allowances for veteran students should also be settled before he relinquishes command.

General Bradley complimented his subordinates for the way

they met emergency phases of VA expansion, but warned against some recent developments. Most irksome of these is worship of red tape to a point where it blinds vision and obstructs justice.

Efficiency is essential to an agency which plans to spend 20 cents of the taxpayers dollar next year and perhaps take an increasingly serious bite out of citizens pocketbooks in the future, Bradley warned.

He pointed out that the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation requested for the next fiscal year, beginning in July, covers three broad categories. The largest allocation, \$5,275,000,000, will be cash disbursements to veterans and their dependents under laws already in operation. The second largest, \$1,365,000,000, will be to cover medical and related care, educational tuition and counseling, hospital construction and other indirect expenditures. Six per cent of the total, or \$430,000,000 will go toward administrative needs.

General Bradley stated, that the VA had accomplished "without any significant failure or serious breakdown," the assistance of 11,000,000 veterans of World War II in job relocation, and the placement of 3,200,000 more in education and training. At the same time, he said, the VA had discharged more than 685,000 hospital patients, added more than 23,000 beds in VA hospitals, provided about 8,000,000 out-patient examinations for veterans, and had given almost 6,000,000 out-patient treatments.

In other operations since V-J Day, he added, the VA has opened hundreds of new offices, handled 5,500,000 pension and compensation cases, paid out \$1,865,000,000 in disability benefits, guaranteed \$3,875,000,000 of loans to veterans, paid out more than \$2,000,000,000 in readjustment allowances, and paid out an equal sum in subsistence and tuition for student veterans and trainees.

WAVE TRAINING

Wave officer and enlisted personnel on inactive duty may apply to their District Commandant for 14 days training duty with the full pay of their Navy rank or rating under provisions of NRML-4-47. They will be assigned to training related to the duties of their classification or rating.

Civil Air Patrol

By **JAMES C. REDDIE**
Captain, Commanding

The re-opening of the Army Air Force Aviation Cadet pilot training program will be received with interest by the nation's veterans as well as the civilian public. A great many of our veterans in the late months of the war could not be accepted for pilot training, even tho they met other qualifications, simply because there wasn't time to train them and the need was greater elsewhere. Many more inducted after V-J Day and since returned to civilian life, were also unable to get flight training. The opportunity is now open again, and it is hoped that many will be able to take this valuable training now.

You must be unmarried, between 18 and 26½ years, have had two years of college or equivalent, and be able to pass the necessary physical and aptitude examinations. There training classes are now scheduled: July 1st, October 1st, and March 1st '48.

This new training program is going to be great deal different from that received by so many of our present Air Force veterans who were trained during the war years. New advances in aviation are rapidly outmoding what seemed to be the last word only a few short years ago. These new pilots are definitely in the jet-engined age; the blind radar controlled GCA landing techniques, rockets, and all the electronics that now enter into our front line aviation will become routine classroom mat-

erial to these new aspirants for the coveted wings and lieutenant's bars.

The Civil Air Patrol has been asked to assist the AAF in opening this new program to veterans and civilians. It is expected that more complete information will be on hand for those interested at the next CAP drill meeting at the Main Street Armory on May 16th.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Radio - Night Clubs - Restaurants - Theatres



Ronald Reagan, Alexis Smith, Zachary Scott and friend are shown in a scene from "Stallion Road," current feature of the Century Theatre. Reagan as a veterinarian and Scott as a novelist vie for the love of Miss Smith in a dramatic picture of life and love among the horsebreeders.

Century Feature Depicts Triangle In Horse Setting

The dramatic love story, "Stallion Road," now showing at the Century Theatre, co-stars Ronald Reagan, Alexis Smith and Zachary Scott. The story is a chronicle of two different types of men who fall in love with a girl struggling to survive in a man's business.

Reagan is a veterinarian who plays host to his friend Scott, a famous novelist. Both fall in love with Miss Smith after an emergency visit to her ranch.

Anthrax, jealousy and other exciting factors enter the picture before the climax.

REGENT

Strong public approval of the Paramount comedy, "Suddenly It's Spring," induced the management to make a last minute billing switch and run the picture a second week as the feature of the Regent Theatre.

The picture co-stars Paulette Goddard and Fred McMurray in a lighthearted tale of domestic disorder. Miss Goddard returns from the wars, where she has spent her time as a WAC matrimonial expert, to find her husband and law partner, McMurray, involved in greater or lesser degree with Arleen Whelan. Miss Goddard goes all out with a bag of tricks and several seductive costumes before she starts her husband's motor racing again.

CAPITOL

The intensely dramatic love story "Nora Prentiss," co-starring nm Sheridan, Kent Smith and Bruce Bennett, is the new Warner film which began showing at the Capitol Theatre feature yesterday.

The picture unfolds the story of Nora Prentiss, who gives up everything for love and eventually becomes involved in a series of frightening situations before the picture reaches a powerful and ironic climax.

The Republic musical-western, "Home on the Range", with Monte Hale and Adrian Booth is the second feature.

Dutchtown Post Will Open Season

Cold weather will not deter the Keith-Miller Post No. 6595, Veterans of Foreign Wars from holding their first dance at Long Point, Conesus Lake, tomorrow night.

Natural reactions to the music of Ken Renick's Orchestra are expected to keep the dancers comfortably warm.

The dance is the first major social venture of the Post and particular pains have been taken by Milt Fox, committee chairman, and his assistants, Bob Fredericks, Charles Stattmiller and W. Winghart, to make it a success. Members of all VFW Posts have been invited to the Conesus Lake's social season preview.

DATES on the DIAL

Public worry over whether or not radio is living up to its responsibilities for inspiration and education has again reared its ugly little head. The public school system has been operative many times as long as radio, presumably operates without an eye on the profit motive, and continues to produce large numbers of ill-informed mental sloths.

test over a greater length of time this concern over the higher aspects appears immature.

A great deal of drivel flows out of radio loudspeakers. If the public schools have not performed their duty to inculcate a basic knowledge in the minds of its products and prepared them to cope with life and radio to the extent where they can get out of a chair and turn a dial, a great deal of time and public monies have been wasted. Poor radio programs have the same reason for existence that poor newspapers have, there is a widespread demand for them by a public that knows what it wants regardless of standards set up by people who purport to know what is good for them. Clarence C. Moore, program director of KOA, stated at a recent discussion of the faults of radio that the business, through its advertising acumen has arrived at a point where it must acknowledge its responsibility in the field of social agency—with the cooperation of its audience. It is timely to point out that two shows which exploit ignorance, "Lum and Abner" and "Amos 'n' Andy" have had sensationally long runs because they have popular appeal.

Peabody Awards, remotely comparable to cinematic Oscars, appear to be a kiss of death for radio folks. William Shirer picked one up at about the same time he was fired by CBS and the "Suspense" show was dropped a week after it had been nominated tops in its field.

"Red" Barber, veteran sports announcer, gives much credit for his success to his ability to relax during torrid moments.

Fred Waring is luckier with his appeals for tolerance than Frank Sinatra. He has drawn a large correspondence from clergy and educators, classes not normally addicted to his show.

There has been some protest following withdrawal from the air of the show "It Pays To Be Ignorant." None of it came from this department. The show was important only as an example of what killed vaudeville, and why it should stay dead.

Don Wilson has been in radio a scant 24 years and has no nostalgia for the good old days. Studios and announcers have charged for the better, he believes. He believes that television will be cruel to certain people but the payoff formula in radio and television, plus a number of other fields should be the same—personality, honesty and enthusiasm.

Tex Beneke, name band which will provide music at the Rochester policemen's Ball Monday, with Frankie Carle will take over the "Supper Club" show next month as summer replacements for Perry Como and Jo Stafford.

The threatened strike of 1,500 radio writers would take 90 per cent of the major shows off the air, but Radio-Vision prophesies that even this would not satisfy the more bitter radio-haters, who would find fault even with 100 per cent silence.

Tallulah Bankhead may play Lady Macbeth in the Orson Welles screen version of "Macbeth" which he will produce at Republic this summer. The picture will be shot on a \$700,000 budget.

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SCHMITT HONORED

The 309th Field Artillery Post No. 309, Veterans of Foreign Wars recently held a past commander's dinner in honor of Louis F. Schmitt, who was succeeded by Russell L. Pinkley. A review of Post accomplishment under Schmitt showed that he had: put pressure on delinquents with noticeable results; organized a Memorial Day parade unit of the Post for the first time; was extremely active in visiting sick members; attended a number of installations of new posts; served as chairman of a clambake which attracted a record crowd; attended the national convention in Boston.



By LYN CONNELLY
NWNS Radio-Screen Editor

NBC came out on the short end of a feud with its comedians, who banded together and defied the silent treatment accorded Fred Allen, Red Skelton and Bob Hope . . .

After stories, placing the network in a ridiculous light, had been printed from coast to coast, some officials finally decided they'd better play it off as a gag and offered to make their three "bad boys" honorary vice-presidents . . . which was just the flourish the entire feather-brained incident needed to set it up as a notable example of how foolish radio can make itself appear.

Had the innocent Allen joke about the vice-president cutting short his programs been allowed to infiltrate the pure NBC air, it would have been forgotten as soon as it had been uttered and no dire consequences would have resulted . . . Now, due to the cut-off, every comedian on the air is "getting into the act" and the public can see for itself how childish it all is . . . The network could only save face by laughing it off . . . only they waited too long to make the move.

Allen Best Unhindered
Allen's warm-up period prior to his actual broadcast is more hilarious than any show he has ever aired . . . During that time he regales his studio audience with jokes not allowed on the radio, all because some adolescent official never learned to take a little ribbing . . . For instance, his definition of a vice-president is "a man who enters his office at 10 a.m. and finds a molehill on his desk. He has until 4 p.m. to make a mountain out of it." A radio conference, he says, is "a meeting of vice-presidents who singly can do nothing and collectively decide that nothing can be done" . . . These good-humored jibes are censored when other material in poor taste goes by unrestrained. It leaves one wondering whether NBC is attempting to "protect" the public from clean or objectionable jokes. At any rate, all this "much ado about nothing" has led to an obvious conclusion . . .

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has changed the title, "The Birds and the Bees", to "Keep Young with Music", and it would have been so simple just to send the little jerks to a Saturday matinee.

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Additional confirmation of a story on this page that everybody is more than willing to give the Rochester Red Wings a break is an excerpt from a local story of a game this week. Stress was laid upon the fact that an unpleasant afternoon at the local ball park marked the first time this season that "our boys" had been shut out.

It was also the first time in the league season that any team had been clipped for 14 runs. It is remotely possible that the debacle came at a happy moment. The Cardinals record of winning one out of every four is so bad that there was danger of grabbing one or more of our better players and stuffing them into Cardinal uniforms. The Junior or Knothole set of baseball fans gave the team tremendous support on their first visit when 8,000 of the little monsters turned out to louse up the grandstand and to have a swell time.



The Preakness selection is BULLET PROOF and it is given with the sincere hope that conditions in the Rochester State Hospital are not as bad as painted by a local publication. PHALANX will win the Belmont the following week, but the price will be unattractive.

Wrestling fans were offered a better bill of fare at the Sports Arena Wednesday than they had last week. It was less satisfactory for the Angel, masculine counterpart of Lena, the Hyena. Achilles had a small vulnerable spot in his heel. The Angel's vulnerability begins at the same place but extends to his waist, and Frank Sexton beat him in a three fall match with a dramatic finish.



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It now appears that statesmen and soldiers have erred in their prediction of the probable causes of World War III. Shortest price in the book right now is the canary-colored car which the citizens of Ottawa presented Barbara Ann Scott, champion figure skater. Avery Brundage of AAU fame and president of the U. S. Olympic Committee has raised the issue of impairment to her amateur standing to a point where it has come to the attention of the Olympic International Committee. The issue has reached the Canadian House of Commons. Best advice to Miss Scott appears to be that offered in an open letter by the Toronto sports writer, Jim Coleman, who suggests that she pay no attention to the Olympic games, which were designed to foster amicable international relations but have provoked a remarkably large amount of ill-will. The record of the Berlin games is strong testimony to the acumen of Coleman.

Fights arranged for Monday night by the Peter Provenzano A. C. appear mediocre in advance, but accurate predictions of the entertainment value of club fighters are impossible. Game kids with out much skill but evenly matched can return good dividends on the ticket dollar. Included on the bill will be a peek at Barney Ross, a five time champion, who in his prime could have whipped the entire card.

The University of Rochester baseball team hopes to improve its almost nonexistent batting power for the game against Colgate tomorrow. The team has had bad breaks and dropped a few close ones but may do better in warmer weather. The players had a pleasant train ride and a nice view of a Troy rainstorm Wednesday but missed what might have been a useful tightener for the Colgate contest.

Miss Pauline Betz of Los Angeles and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke of New York have joined the professional ranks—as tennis players—and will start to bat balls at each other tomorrow. Both were bounced from their amateur status when it was rumored that they had entertained the fiendish idea that they would play for pay.



STRIKE CALLED . . . Harry S. Truman, the Missouri southpaw, followed form when he inaugurated the newly-installed bowling alleys in the basement of the White House and threw the first ball with his left arm for what was intended as a strike. The alleys were installed as a birthday gift to the President.

Crowds Support Red Wing Team Despite Faults

Rochester Red Wings presently enjoy financial and emotional support from the fans which far exceeds that merited by the team's professional competence. How long this happy honeymoon will last is open to debate, but analysis of informed observers indicates that the cash customers should continue to be tolerant and sympathetic until mid-June. Bleacher and grandstand affinity for the team beyond that time will depend on several factors.

Winning ball is the easiest solution to suggest and the most difficult to produce. Development of a crowd pleasing and colorful personality either by the team as a whole or by a few players is the second choice.

This is a sorry time to insist on assistance from the Cardinals, and the best to be hoped for by a careful student of league standings is a Mexican standoff—that the Cardinals will not supply the necessary added strength, but will not grab the few Rochester players of outstanding ability.

Highly indicative of the fans' "our team, right or wrong" attitude were two incidents in the Sunday doubleheader. Byerley fielded a bounding ball and his throw to first was a sharp test of Baron's fielding ability. In the moment that the result was in doubt crowd noises indicated that concern over the play completely overrode any antagonism toward Byerley for a poor play. The other pleasant surprise to those who have read the adverse criticism about the team came when a player died on third, a normally auspicious point for scoring when there are no outs. The score was tied and the timing would have been

THE KNOTHOLE

By ELLIOTT FINE
RWSS Sports Writer

Once again Bob Feller has broken a record . . . a mark he set himself only last year. He has pitched his ninth one-hitter, blanking the Browns 5 to 0. Al Zarilla tapped out the single to center field. Last year Bob hurled two one-hitters, and his second no hitter of his career. He used curves mostly, keeping his fireball and slider in reserve.



Bob Feller

Patty Berg, one of the nation's leading women golfers, has competed in 73 tournaments since 1935. She has finished first 40 times, was runner-up 16 times, and semifinalist twice.

Notre Dame is also good at baseball. The Irish defeated a strong Northwestern team 4 to 2 for the sixth victory of the season. Spring football practice is going on apace there too, and there's reported to be a fierce scramble for places on the varsity squad. Leahy, head coach, claims to be more worried about over-confidence than anything else.

Pretty Jean Wilson, swimming star, hopes to compete in the Olympics so she has turned down several movie offers in the last two years. She is former holder of the 100-yard breaststroke title.

Another Jean, this one a man, is showing his stuff on the tennis courts currently . . . he is Jean Borotra, the "bounding Basque" and French indoor tennis champion. He made his first appearance in Florida.

Philadelphia, after 16 weary years waiting, has a championship team to boast about. No, not the Athletics—this is in pro basketball. The Warriors defeated the Chicago Stags to capture the title of the Basketball Association of America.

Joe Baksi, who lately conquered the British heavyweight champion, is willing to fight Joe Louis, but not very soon. He wants to wait until next year, or at least until September.

Britain's grand old man of golf, James Braid, who won the Open five times, scored his 15th hole in one lately. The 77-year-old ex-champion drove 165 yards on the 10th hole for the ace.

Veterans paralyzed from the waist down are competing in the first nationwide ten-pin tournament.

perfect for concerted growls and raspberries from at least an audible section of the 11,059 fan section. There were none.

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PAULINE BETZ, Women's National Champion for 1946 makes her professional tennis debut in New York tomorrow against Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, another first time starter in the pro ranks.

Barber Relaxes During Events

The secret of successful sportcasting is the ability to relax, in the opinion of "Red" Barber, CBS director of sports. Hordes of screaming fans never upset the objective tone of Barber's performance and he believes the best sportcasts are made on the emotional level that an adult feels when reading stories to children. Small doses of artificial hysteria are injected occasionally to add color, but otherwise the sporting spectacle of the public is just another job to Barber.

Barber took to the air in 1934 with baseball games as his principal subject and since that time has given the fans details and plays of over 2,000 diamond contests. The total length of the words jammed into the microphone would vary according to the size of the type, a crassly stupid and elemental deduction, but he has done more talking than all the petshop parrots in Latin America.

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The May 3d Field Day on the old University of Rochester Campus for the children of the City of Rochester and County of Monroe conducted by the Monroe County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, assisted by the staff of the Democrat and Chronicle Promotion Department, the Veterans' Voice and the field directors of the Division of Playgrounds of the City of Rochester, proved so successful that the VFW has decided to make it an annual event.

Harry J. Gaynor, general chairman stated that next year's Field Day will be larger and better. According to Gaynor the program will include events for even the tiny tots many of who appeared at the event hoping to win a prize. Transportation for the 1948 Field Day will be better organized. It is planned to make the future meet an all day affair with a break at mid-day when hots and other eatables will be made available.

The VFW publicly thank all who aided in making the 1947 Field Day a success with special emphasis on thanks to the members of the City of Rochester Division of Playgrounds.

With Past Monroe County Council Clayton E. Handy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in charge of installation ceremonies the following officers of the Trott-Emerich Post No. 2844 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were inducted for the 1947-1948 season:

Commander Charles DeHollander, senior vicecommander William A. Smith; junior vicecommander Raymond W. Schneider; quartermaster Harold R. May; chaplain Rudolph E. Moss; Trustees Fred T. Murray, Clarence L. Weissinger and Ernest Tritschler; delegates to the county council Frank A. Pierce and Aubrey Haines; alternate delegates to the county council William H. Lassiter and Adrian Waterstratt; service officer Ernest Tritschler and publicity officer Frank A. Pearce.

The post meets the first and third Fridays of each month in the post rooms at 59 Monroe Avenue. All meetings start promptly at 8 p.m. and veterans of World Wars 1 and 2 with oversea service are invited to attend.

The annual sale of carnations by Monroe Chapter, American War Mothers, began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow. The flower distribution center is at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Huntoon, 316 Reynolds Street.

Regular meeting of the chap-

ter will be held Monday, May 12, at 8 p. m. in Malta Temple.

Named after Master Sgt. Harry J. Rosenberg of the 209th AAA, Rochester wartime unit, who died in service in Ireland in 1942, newly organized Post 7, Legion of Guardsmen, will receive its charter at a ceremony Saturday at 8 p. m. in the Culver Road rmory.

At the same time, Thomas J. Griffin Post, Legion of Guardsmen, first unit of the veterans' group here, will receive its colors.

Gold Chevron Auxiliary has installed the following officers: Nellie Holly, president; Freda Biercy, senior vicepresident; Babel McCarthy, junior vicepresident; Kathryn Ragan, treasurer; Ruth Akin, secretary; Virginia Wilson, conductress; Lena Carpenter, assistant conductress; Doris Andrus, guard.

Bessie Francis, chaplain; Ann Williams, historian; Vera Francis, Minnie Augustin, Mae Hutchinson, Freda Schinsing, color bearers; Rose M. Glover, patriotic instructor; Wanda Schlegel, musician.

Virginia Sleet, hospitality chairman; Roris Andrus, press chairman; Bessie Francis, sunshine chairman; Bessie Francis, council delegate, two years; Freda Bierley, council delegate, one year; Mabel McCarthy, alternate, two years; Mae Hutchinson, alternate, one year.

Col. Wm. W. Gilbert and Boardman Smith Camp, United Spanish War Veterans have been invited to attend services at the Methodist Church, Spencerport, Memorial Sunday, May 25. Both camps will meet at Court Street at 9:30 a. m. Members who have cars have been asked to drive them and assist in transporting other members. The evening of the same day Spanish War veterans and veterans of any war and their friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service at the Masonic Temple auditorium on East Main Street.

Spanish War veterans plan to participate in the Memorial Day parade and all members who can ride or march are asked to report.

Col. Wm. W. Gilbert Camp No. 108 meets the first and third Thursday of each month at City Hall Annex, 34 Court Street, at 8:15.

Formal installation of the Maira-Coniglio Pst No. 1536, American Legion, took place Wednesday night at Bay Street with the 40 and 8 Ritual Team as a feature of the ceremony.

Father Joseph Natale and Rosario Guglielmino, attorney, participated in the program.

The Post held an Open House dance after the ceremony with Miss Ann Pompa, who won



FATHER AND DAUGHTER TO SING "FAUST" . . . Claudia Pinza, 26, daughter of Elio Pinza, famed basso of the Metropolitan Opera, is shown with her father as they went over the score of "Faust" in which they will appear together at the San Francisco opera this fall. Miss Pinza will sing opposite her father. Father and daughter operate teamwork is distinctly unusual.

a recent post-sponsored beauty contest as a representative of Bonaldi Brothers Post, as principal hostess.

Active members of the Post are all World War II veterans and the roster lists about 80 names. Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month.

Officers installed were: Thomas Polvino, commander; Alfonse Augino, first vicecommander; Philip Calcagno, second vicecommander; Paul Costanza, adutant; Sam Cursulo, service officer; Joseph DiMartino, finance officer; Frank Indovino, sergeant-at-arms; Sam Guadagnino, historian.

With President Caroline Oogjen presiding the auxiliary of the Thomas F. Healy Post Number 6 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct their regular meeting tonight in their 34 Court Street meeting rooms. Lunch will be served.

Mrs. Celia Cole has been appointed Publicity Chairman of the auxiliary.

Tonight the members of the Genesee Valley Post of the American Legion will gather at 8:30 p. m. at the 40-8 Home, 933 University Avenue for election of officers and to designate delegates and alternates to the County Convention.

Lloyd Swart, commander also announces that the annual post family picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8th on the grounds of the 40-8 home with tickets priced at \$1.00 per family. Reservations can be made early by calling Chairman Arthur Berndt, Culver 4209-W.

Reports on baseball, boy's state, bowling and from the dance committee will be heard. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

NURSES NEEDED

The shortage of student nurses in Rochester hospitals is critical and a special effort to interest young women in the career of nursing will be made Friday afternoon, May 9, when Rochester hospitals conduct their annual open house. Mrs. Thomas R. Dwyer, executive secretary of the Community Nursing Council, said today.

Nursing courses should have particular appeal to former service women because they will receive considerable assistance while training under the GI Bill of Rights, Mrs. Dwyer believes.

Those interested may call at any hospital between 1 p. m. and 5 p. m. and they will be taken on conducted tours of the hospital. Programs also include movies and refreshments.

Antonelli

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The conspiracy allegation grew from manufacture of allegedly defective incendiary grenades. He was convicted in 1944 and sentenced to two years in Lewisburg.

Release from the prison and transfer to the local hospital was accomplished April 4 on a removal order signed by U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark.

Action by the VFW took the form of a resolution condemning the Department of Justice for sanctioning the change in quarters.

The American Legion has instigated an investigation of the affair by a committee headed by Edward I. Christy, who will report committee findings at the county convention June 21.

Antonelli's request for transfer from the penal institution to the hospital was based on a purportedly acute heart condition, an illness peculiar to wealthy prisoners.

The American Legion county committee also went on record as dissatisfied with recent utterances of Henry Agard Wallace, one-time vice-president, Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Commerce.

RICKSHAWS OUT

Cruel and inhuman rickshaws were taken off the Shanghai streets yesterday in a humanitarian move. No longer will the wretched rickshaw coolie have to lug his blown up bicycle through the streets. It is also quite possible that a large number of the coolies will no longer have to cook their miserable rice, because social security is not an accomplished fact in Asia, and there probably will not be any rice to cook.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Bill Would Make WAC Minor Part Of Regular Army

The War Department plans to incorporate a Women's Army Corps into the structure of the Regular Army and a bill has been introduced in Congress to secure the necessary authorization. President Truman recently signed the bill which established a permanent Nurse Corps of the Army and Navy, and which also established a women's medical specialist corps in the Army.

Maximum WAC strength under the bill will be 2 per cent of the Regular Army. The existing WAC would not be abolished, but a large part of its personnel will gradually be absorbed into WAC, Regular Army, according to the War Department. Present WAC's who do not become a part of the new corps are entitled to become part of the reserves on release from active duty.

The department gave four reasons for recommending the inclusion of women in the Regular Army and organized reserve corps.

1. To maintain a nucleus of women that will be capable of immediate expansion to meet the country's needs in case of a national emergency.

2. To provide a small organization of women in the Regular Army for the application and development of future plans relative to the use of American womanpower in the national security program.

3. To secure the most economical use of all the personnel by the utilization of women in positions where their special aptitudes best fill Army requirements.

4. To assist in filling the Army's personnel requirements by means of voluntary enlistments.

Robert Riskin, RKO producer, plans a photoplay on the life of Lillie Coyt. Mrs. Coyt came to San Francisco as a child and became interested in volunteer fire fighting. She became the only woman member of the San Francisco Fire Department.

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Man About Town:

Your Broadway and Mine: Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen discussing the finer points of philosophy with Ray, the parking lot attendant, opposite the Roxy. . . . Mary Pickford celebrating her birthday anniversary in New York for the first time since she became a Somebody. . . . Peggy Ann Garner, the film star, gets phone calls from Lord Anthony Furness from London. He's nearly 17. . . . S. Walter Thompson's messenger is John Walton of the Social Register. . . . They are calling it Carnazi hall. . . . Billy Kenny's Ink Spots have a \$150,000 offer for a 10 weeks' tour of England. . . . Did you know the Patrolmen's Benevolent association has a neat investment in the swanky Hampshire House? So cops hear. . . . Vic Mature now is going to peddle by midnight. Says rest is more important than women. Silly! Gwoy! . . . Lip-Tric is the name of that amazing lip rouge stain remover. Men will buy it more than the other sex!

Weather reports by phone (discontinued because of the strike) forced folks to the inconvenience of looking out the window to see whether or not it would rain.

The Late Watch: Britain is waiting for the announcement of Princess Elizabeth's betrothal to Prince Phil of Greece. The inside on how that romance "broke": When Mountbatten (not thinking) mentioned it at a cocktail party of Fleet street bigheads. . . . British scientists are doing their darndest to keep close tab on a Russky scientist named Peter Kapitza. Said to be working on atom energy (via cosmic ray action) since 1935. Peter has "Our Brains Dept." plenty worried. . . . Big jewel job in Palm Beach will make messy headlines from the swanky East Side. . . . Two more liberal commentators are slated for the Shirer treatment before May 30. . . . Peter Rotonda (Stork Toscanini) has composed an ear-caresser publishers should grab. "Stork Club Blues," a pip.

Sallies in Our Alley: Pixad, the new gimmick in technicolor (atop a roof in Times Square), is stopping traffic a la a New Year's Eve crush—it's that clever. . . . There's no biz like show biz item: The circus advertises "tickets admitting to everything (including seats)". . . . Seen luncheon at Lindy's—Bob Sylvester, the drama editor, just after finishing a radio program called: "Luncheon at Sardi's." . . . The G-Men now have a gadget which they can tune in on your boudoir secrets and hear every whisper from parked cars half a mile from the scene. Unless you know how to "jam" it and cause static. . . . Swing street (52nd) isn't so swingy any more. Since the Onyx became Ruby's (a restaurant without horns) that street now has 11 eateries and 9 night clubs. . . . The war department nix'd Communist leader William Z. Foster's application for a jaunt through Germany—for the Daily Communist.

Ironical Item: While the cancer society was meeting in the Astor (with atom scientists) to discuss cancelling cancer, another meeting upstairs was held by casket manufacturers.

Broadway Ballad for Don Wahn: (By Don Tooting): For years and years I've read your poignant verse. . . . You sure have had a most distressful time. . . . And, Kid, when matters go from bad to worse—you always put your sorrow into rhyme. . . . The faded rose—the Inns that are no more. . . . The Gentle Maid whose kisses haunt you still. . . . I do not state that you are Quile a Bore. . . . I merely think that you should take a pill. . . . If Inns are closed, then Inns are closed, Old Boy. . . . If Gals are Gone—you'll never get 'em back! . . . Now Spring has come and Spring should bring you joy. . . . But still you canter on the same wet track. . . . Instead of mourning for these dizzy lasses. . . . Why don't you take some Sulphur & Molasses?



BIG STUFF . . . This five pound red snapper is pretty heavy, but would - be - goggled - fisherman, Stephen Dorsett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsett, Miami, Fla., is trying hard to follow in Daddy's footsteps.

O'Neil Favored

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last year but is game. The Legion high command doesn't consider him a threat.

Joe Malloy of Washington, D. C., who has a sizeable personal following, will probably be scratched before the real racing begins. The same fate is predicted for Perry Brown of Beaumont, Tex. Brown is chairman of the national security committee and was one of three men who did most of the work on the Legion universal military training plan.

The national executive committee is in session at Indianapolis now and is expected to renovate Legion machinery and eliminate internal problems. One suggestion due for consideration is appointment of an 11-man advisory board to be selected from the executive committee. The board will direct Legion business, possibly through a high-salaried executive.

New VFW Head

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instructor. In addition to his participation in VFW affairs, Commander Handy is active in the Rochester Turners. He is a partner in the Fiske-Handy funeral parlors on Lake Avenue.

The VFW voted to continue its housing program under the chairmanship of John J. Gokey. Dr. Anthony L. Benedict of Laemlein Post was elected senior vicecommander; Frank M. Richardson, of Downtown Post, junior vicecommander; John Sturiale, 57th CAC, quartermaster; C. Fred Jefferson, retiring County Council commander, judge advocate, and Hugh Constable, Brockport, Louis Houck, Kirke-Otis Post and John M. Roth, Thomas F. Healy Post, trustees.

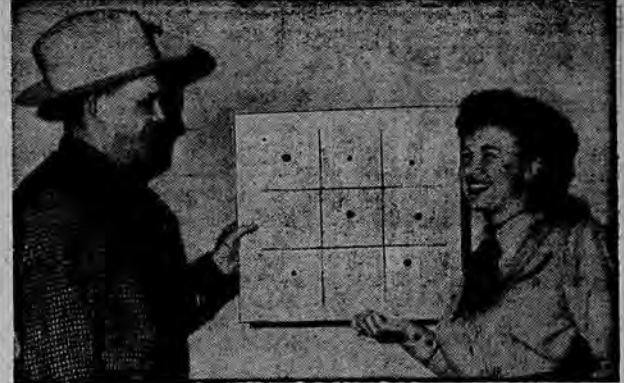
College Subsidy Asked by VFW Legislative Unit

Pending legislation which will give universities and colleges \$250,000,000 to subsidize expansion programs to carry the anticipated load of students under the GI Bill of Rights has received strong support from VFW national legislative committee.

The same group also decided to enlist the utmost local aid to drive certain pro-veteran bills from legislative cubbyholes to floors of House and Senate.

The educational institution subsidy law would grant 50 per cent of the cost of facility improvements approved by the federal education commissioner. Home pressure on Congressmen is to be applied by bringing up national policy and legislative issues for action in state VFW encampments this month and next.

Bills which VFW charges are lost in the labyrinth of Congress include proposals to give enlisted men cash for terminal leave bonds; higher subsistence



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allowances for education and on-the-job training programs; a veterans' RFC to provide housing and create jobs; adjusted compensation to provide benefits for veterans who are not eligible under the GI Bill of Rights.

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EDITORIAL

POLITICS CHOOSES HOSPITAL SITES

Vote-hungry Congressmen representing communities of intense civic greed continue their petty manipulations to have wholly unsuitable sites selected for VA hospitals. The welfare of a few wretched merchants is placed far above that of hospitalized veterans.

The frequent result has been failure of the less accessible hospitals to attract competent staffs, which inevitably leads to substandard service.

It would be more sensible and certainly more humane to erect elaborate wharfs on a desert than it would be to build hospitals in an area that would not attract competent medical men. The hospitalized veteran has a right to treatment by a series of

specialists if necessary, and the better men are never far from accepted medical centers.

There are a number of badly situated veteran hospitals throughout the country. It would not take a racing driver to start out from Rochester early in the morning and find two or three before dark.

It was hoped that the pressure method of hospital site selection had passed from the

scene with the resignation of General Hines, whose conception of his medical responsibility while he was administrator of veterans affairs was incredibly shortsighted. Unfortunately the boys who will coax the government to spend a few million bucks to get some obscure community on the map are still drooling around the public trough. The potential danger to hospitalized veterans is enormous.

The bill recently introduced in Congress to require the VA to take over Schick General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa, is among the better examples of uninformed or vicious Congressmen taking care of their constituents' pocketbooks and leaving hospitalized veterans out in a cold and sagging limb.

The hospital was declared surplus by the Army and one
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ARMY-NAVY MERGER FACES RUGGED FIGHT

Baby Buss



QUEENLY FAVOR . . . Erniece Saenz, 4, acclaimed the Queen of Hollywood babyland, at show sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, bestows a kiss on Robert Birchfel, 22 months, who was named king.

House GOP Leaders Promise Eventual Vet Bill Action

Congressional inertia in the field of veterans' legislation may be dispelled as the result of a conference between 14 members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and two influential Republicans, Speaker of the House Joe Martin Jr. and Majority Leader Charles Halleck.

Starr Advocates Housing Speed Up

The increasingly articulate national body of the VFW has attacked the laggard home construction program in this country in an effort to improve conditions which it finds intolerable.

Louis E. Starr, national VFW commander, contends that the record of the construction interests is "sorry indeed."

He suggested in a letter to John R. Steelman, presidential assistant, that the government provide at 2 per cent interest on 50-year loans to veterans and builders for the construction of multiple housing rental units for veterans and that a resurvey of the "loan and guaranteed markets program" for producers of factory built homes be made with the view of stimulating greater activity in this field.

Starr added in a statement that "infantile paralysis" has gripped the construction industry, that "the whole program has become the young corpse over which labor, economic and political buzzards may well starve."

It is a "sorry mess," he said, "as long as a veteran is confronted with a \$15,000 house when he earns less than \$50 a week on the average."

Committee members achieved a Mexican standoff as far as legislation at this session is concerned. The Congressional satraps will not pull the plug on any major veteran bills for this session, but they did promise that there will be no cuts in existing benefits. Whether or not this includes such secondary advantages as maintenance of VES and USES at full and efficient strength remains to be seen. These organizations both create or unearth jobs for veterans and then place ex-

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KEEPING POSTED

Popular public response to the KEEPING POSTED feature of this newspaper has been so enthusiastic that it has been necessary to transfer it from its traditional place on Page 7 to a new spot on Page 3 where it can be carried over conveniently.

This feature has warranted early claims that it was the most condensed and comprehensive summation of post meetings and affairs available to organized veteranhood.

Co-operation of Post publicity chairman has been gratifying. It is hoped that they will continue to contribute items of interest to organized veterans.

New Chief



SURGEON GENERAL OF ARMY . . . Brig. Gen. Raymond Whitcomb Bliss, who has been nominated by President Truman to be surgeon general of the army with the rank of major general.

SOLONS MUST FOLLOW PLAN FOR HARMONY

Unification of the Armed Services, one of the most controversial issues in overall American policy, moves steadily toward a climax. Partisan feeling is intense. Opponents of the measure have a bit the best of it because it is more than possible that the delicate compromise worked out between the Army and Navy will be amended beyond recognition when the Senate Armed Services Committee begins to write a bill Tuesday.

The proposed merger is a legislative pet of President Truman, who has persistently advocated Congressional action on the measure on the grounds of higher effectiveness and greater economy. The Army has generally favored the plan while the Navy has been engaged in a last ditch stand by high brass to preserve its entity.

Compromises by all services were made and incorporated into a bill for Congressional consideration. It includes and
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LEGION AWARDS

The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal for 1947 was awarded to U. S. Senator Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen of Detroit and Chief Justice of the United States Fred M. Vinson. The awards were announced by the Legion's national executive committee at Indianapolis. Presentations will take place at the Legion's 29th annual convention in New York City next August.

Vet Employment Rises Steadily

The anticipated decline in veteran employment has not developed and figures of the State Unemployment Insurance Department show that jobs are at an unusually high point.

Most recent figures show that only 775 veterans drew readjustment allowance checks last week, the lowest number since December. They hit a high of 1,247 for this year for the week ending February 28. The alltime high was 4,184 for the week ending March 29, 1946. The maximum unemployment potential for veterans in the area is in excess of 40,000.

Exhaustion of the 52-week readjustment allowance accounts for only a minute fraction of the decline.

Kaufman Post Plans Extensive Social Program

The winner of the contest conducted by the David J. Kaufman Post No. 41, Jewish War Veterans, to select the host to 100 hospitalized war veterans at a gala All-Star Show in New York City May 22 was Meyer Gesbem, of 24 Harris Street, an employe of Hickey-Freeman.

The Post has made arrangements to act as host to 100 veterans from hospitals in the metropolitan area at a show which will include such stars as Milton Berle, Bill Robinson, Henny Youngman, Jackie Miles, Morey Amsterdam, Willie Howard, Ethel Waters and scores of other
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Editorial

Communism is fundamentally an economic and not a political philosophy. Two factors make it particularly dangerous to democracies. It's followers are fanatics, adequately organized and superbly disciplined. It advocates overthrow of opposing philosophies by force, an obvious admission that it will never be so attractive to the people that it can attain it's ends by conventional methods.

Party enrollment in the United States is small despite years of intensive proselytizing, but the 80,000 party members have a cohesion and singleness of purpose which is able to panic the other 140,000,000 inhabitants of the 48 states.



President Truman has ordered loyalty checks on federal employes in an effort to eliminate communists from the federal payrolls. The Republican party has endorsed this move with the statement that if such a purification had not been instituted by the chief executive they would have forced it. Indicative of dilatory democracy is the ominous fact that although everybody, simply everybody, agreed some time ago that communists in high places were loathsome and dangerous creatures, nothing has yet been done to implement the presidential directive.

Certain labor unions are presently engaged in vicious internecine strife to eliminate communists in high places.

Fear that communists will take over the government of this country is sheer cowardice. It cannot be accomplished without a revolution, and the basic ingredients of that unsavory dish are hunger and leadership.

It is difficult to justify even the modest animosity which the federal government has expressed toward communists while they are a legal political party in the country. The first step in a sincere and well-planned campaign to eliminate such menace as exists is to outlaw the party legally.

The American Federation of Labor has compiled statistics which show the relative fruits of labor under communism as represented by Russia and capitalism as represented by the United States. The comparisons are made between life in a war-torn and invaded country and one which remained free, and on a basis of equal opportunity would be unfair. The dissimilarity is so striking, however, that the case for communism comes out a badly beaten second.

American workers can do a ten minute stint and pick up a bottle of beer with proceeds. They can spend fifteen not too laborious minutes at their chore and come up with cash enough for a toothbrush. Russians can earn the cash equivalent of a bottle of beer after a scant eight hours of unpleasant industry, can acquire a smile duster after four hours.

Three hours work in American factories supplies the worker with food requirements against nine hours to earn grocery money in a Russian factory.

Soviet bureaucrats are pursued with the bogey of an aggressive capitalism which will attempt to eliminate them. This has caused a divergence of man hours from consumer goods to military production which lowers living standards substantially.

The communist menace in this country will never reach serious proportions while there are plenty of pork chops in the pan and radios in the front rooms. It is necessary to eliminate the hard core of fanatics which make promulgation of communistic doctrine their religion. This can be done quickly and painlessly when the adherents of the free enterprise doctrine show the same enthusiasm for their principles that the less enlightened have shown.

Destiny Calls



Six-Inch Sermon

† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

*The Fall of the Northern Kingdom (Temperance Lesson)
Lesson for May 25: II Kings 17:5-12, 22-23; Isaiah 28:1-4.*

Memory Selection: Psalms 1:6.
The idolatry and corruption of Samaria had a natural consequence. Throughout the history of the Northern Kingdom the nation lacked stability. A number of dynasties came to the throne, with rebellions, assassinations and the like. Their religion, established by the first king, Jeroboam, was a poor substitute for that of Jerusalem, and the nation ended in almost universal idolatry.

In the ninth year of the last king of Samaria the Assyrians despoiled the capital and carried all the people away and scattered them among the provinces of the empire. And the Ten Tribes disappeared from history. This was due, the record states, to the fact that the people had sinned against Jehovah their God.

The lesson closes with a dreadful woe pronounced upon the drunkards of Ephraim—the "crown of their pride" would be trodden under foot, and so did the nation perish.

Let us not view with complacency this utter ruin of a nation of drunkards, while we have sins of our own, reminding of the corruption of Samaria, to trouble us. Some halt should be called to the extension of the liquor evil everywhere. Strong drink was once sold behind screen doors; now it is displayed in glittering show windows. The grim monster of drink has laid hand upon many of the women of the country. Like Amos at Bethel, let us protest against this evil, and lead our people to repentance and return to the Lord who, in all ages, has not allowed men and women to revel in wickedness and "get away with it."

New Books

LIVINGSTONE'S LAST JOURNEY, by Sir Reginald Coupland (Macmillan, \$3.50). An account of Livingstone in Africa.
RAIN ON THE ROOF, by Ruby Hughes Charlesworth (Dorance, \$2.50). A novel.
THE SHADOW OF MURDER, by Patrick Laing (Phoenix, \$2). A detective story.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Private Power Lobby Active in Congress

SEN. James E. Murray, Montana, picked a time during debate on the approval of the nomination of Gordon Clapp as head of TVA to introduce his 1947 version of the Missouri Valley Authority bill, modeled after the lines of TVA.

In discussing his new bill, Senator Murray declared that it is constructed upon the experience gained from the extensive hearings and the numerous discussions and events which have transpired in the ten Missouri valley states since he introduced the original Missouri Valley Authority bill in 1944. He further declared that the piecemeal and ill-conceived plan under which the army engineers and the bureau of reclamation had been working for the past two years had resulted "in utter failure and repudiation of the present piecemeal method of treating the problems of the Missouri River Valley."

Introduction of the measure was the signal for the private power lobby to start the same pressure tactics which kept the 1946 version of the bill bottled up in committee. That the power lobby has not been inactive is seen in the report of the house appropriations committee on the department of interior budgets where the public power division was all but eliminated, appropriations for reclamation projects slashed some 47 percent and a provision set up whereby interest charges must be included in public power costs to consumers thereby raising the price to consumers.

ONE of the measures which claimed the spotlight in the congress during the more or less uninteresting debate on the senate labor measure which goes on and on, is that, in spite of the President's appeal for lower prices, the senators and representatives of the wool growing states have just about put over a proposition which prices American wool out of the market but at the same time forces the consumer taxpayers to pay for a tremendous subsidy and also to pay a \$38,000,000 loss on the commodity credit corporation sale of surplus wool. It's one of those arbitrary and artificial scarcity measures which bring about price jumping, whereby the CCC pays the wool growers a support price of 42 cents a pound for uncleaned domestic wool which

makes it come out in fabrics at \$1.29 a pound. At the same time foreign wool, after paying 34 cents a pound tariff, can be sold at 10 to 12 cents a pound under domestic wool so in its wool operations CCC has built up a surplus of some 400,000,000 pounds which it is bound to hold off the market creating the artificial scarcity and it is not permitted to dispose of the wool at below the so-called parity price. Despite this it has disposed of some wool taking a \$8 million dollar loss on it which the taxpayers must pay.

And in addition, the house agricultural committee has added this to the confusion . . . it says that the secretary of agriculture shall, whenever he finds proper cause, levy an additional import fee on foreign wool despite the already heavy tariff. He would do this whenever he finds that imported wools interfere with domestic wool price support program.

This would add to the cost of wool and at the same time is in contradiction of our established reciprocal trade practices. Thus the so-called "wool boys" are setting up an embargo on foreign wool, fixing their own domestic wool prices at prices no one can pay and making the taxpayers of the country pay the cost. Whether this wool gathering bill will pass remains to be seen.

IN the meantime, the senate civil service committee is holding up confirmation of several thousand patronage jobs, including 21,000 postmasters, pending an investigation of political activities in the postoffice department.

It appears that both Republican and Democratic congressional policy off farm produce prices will be to support the attitude of Sec. Anderson of the department of agriculture, to the effect that the government support prices are not responsible for the high current food prices. On the contrary, Secretary Anderson says price support has actually held off higher food prices by encouraging farmers to produce at new all-time record rates. Only four farm products are getting direct government price support at this time . . . wool, dry milk, potatoes and turkeys. But approximately two thirds of the farm crops are entitled to support and this floor under these crops will remain until 1949 when the guarantee expires unless congress renews them in the meantime.



Take An Orchid

BY JAMES H. RONYAG

With "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY" dated for May 18th we offer for your perusal and study our definition of an American:—AN AMERICAN IS A EUROPEAN BY DESCENT WHO HAS LEARNED THE RULES OF FAIR PLAY AND HAS A DECENT RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. . . It is good to learn that Major Edward F. Perdue, veteran of Wars I and II will soon be back at his old City Hall job; Ed was and still is one of the nicest fellows we know. . . We call attention to a young World War II veteran named Frederick Paul Renner, a lawyer connected with the Lawyer's Co-Operative and newly elected commander of the Patchen Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; this youngster has a heap of stuff on the ball and Monroe County veteranism not only welcomes him and hopes he will find time to give to veteran work; believe this column Commander Renner, you-and lads like you are sorely needed. . . We haven't been seeking them but we have yet to find anybody who doesn't agree that the Oojeans, both Mr. and Mrs., of the Healy Post of the VFW are two of the grandest folks in this whole area. . . It is easy to understand why the John A. Sweetland Post, No. 1340 of the American Legion is an outstanding veteran organization when you are informed that the following men headed by commander Ralph Bläesser guide its activities: Walter Maxcy, Jacob L. Gerber, Leo Preston, Ernest Parent, David Sherer, William Maddick, John Ricey, Clarence Hill and Norm Schulik; the post meets the third Monday of each month in the Rochester Liederkranz Club, 660 Main Street West. . . Off-side to Convention Chairman Jake Gubler of the Army and Navy Union;

where is that publicity that was to be mailed into a certain fellow and Jake knows who. . . That ex-Marine World War II Captain Foster, assistant manager of the Hotel Rochester, really means those wholesome greetings; he likes people and people like him. . . Hold onto your reading glasses for here comes Lady Kilroy shouting out as if it mattered, that if we could always depend on looks we would bet our last shirt that a cow could outrun a rabbit. . . Commander William Dank of the Maple Leaf Post, Canadian Legion of the British Empire League has done a splendid job for his organization during the past year. . . Mrs. Harold Tuck, chairman of the Marine Mothers' rummage sale invites all of you to stop in at 416 Main Street East tonight or tomorrow; the sale will continue from 9 a. m. until closing time and the ladies insist you'll find some bargains. . . That 56th anniversary of the old First Separate Company, on May 19th at the Hotel Rochester, looms as a MUST; we hope former Captain Earl R. Mooney, George Aslan, Phil D'Ambr, Lindsley R. Schutte, Ellis S. Smith and others get out to the gathering. . . Attention all World War II veterans now practicing law—Judge Harold P. Burke, World War I veteran was not on the bench in the early 1920s. . . Lady Kilroy does a bit of overtime this week for she just stuck the following note under our door and it reads as follows—Preaching is so much more fun than practicing; it is so restful, and so less wearing on the nerves and cuticle. . . Those American Legion Auxiliary members headed by Mrs. Florence Mosher, Frank L. Simes Post; Mrs. Mildred Hall, Doud Post; Mrs. Anna Messura, William H. Cooper Post and Mrs. Wilhelmina Carroll, Mon-



TYPICAL MOTHER . . . Mrs. Laura Cox, Hilda, Kentucky, housemother in Schuykill hall, Mooseheart, home and school for dependent children operated by Loyal Order of Moose. In addition to her own children, she mothers other youngsters who live with her in the cottage.

roe County Auxiliary Chairman did a noble job entertaining the veterans at the Canandaigua Facility the other day; you MALE VETERANS could learn a lot on one of the hospital chores. . . Mrs. Florence Bowman, President Rochester Chapter Four, Gold Star Mothers is just about the grandest person we know about; she does a corking fine job running the affairs of her unit. . . Say—we hear the WAC Mother's thirteen supper held at Mrs. Harold Hanson's home last night was more than a top affair. . . We still like the idea of a church party sponsored by posts, garrisons or auxiliaries as a fitting manner to celebrate "I AM AN AMERICAN DAY".

Kaufman Post

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ers. As many of the guests as possible will be selected from Monroe County veterans in the area hospitals.

Gesbem will leave Wednesday afternoon on the Empire as a guest of the Post.

The Post plans to decorate vicinity graves Sunday, May 18. Formerly flags were secured through a Memorial committee but the Post will supply its own this year. There will be a Memorial service at B'nai Israel Temple June 1. The committee in charge is headed by Nat Dudman assisted by Sam Savage, Sol Guttenberg, Al Okun and Harold Senzel.

Jewish War Veterans will hold their annual state convention at Saratoga Springs June 6-8 and a number of Rochesterians will attend.

Plans have been completed for a monster party to be given by the Post to hospitalized veterans in the vicinity. Feature of these parties is the packages of gifts distributed, and bingo games for vets with merchandise prizes. The committee in charge is headed by Ben Savage and he will be assisted by Len Greenberg, Hy Goldman, Al Okun, Esther Miller, Dot Hyman and Rose Lidelle.

USSR BROADCAST

Budget trouble, which threatens to silence "Voice of America," the broadcast description of American life which the State Department beamed to foreign nations, has not been encountered by the similar segment of the Russian government. The USSR has no trouble collecting funds for operation of 100 powerful stations which send the Communist message to worldwide listeners in 30 languages.

KEEPING POSTED

An atmosphere of Spring will prevail at the annual May Dance and Festival which is to be held in St. Stanislaus auditorium, 915 Norton street, Saturday night, May 24. The affair is sponsored by Pulaski Post No. 782 of the American Legion.

Chester F. Kopezynski has been appointed general chairman by Post Commander Joseph H. Lawrence.

There will be dancing, group singing, Polonaise march, May Pole dancing, flower booths. Food and refreshments will be served.

The flower booths and entertainment are in charge of Miss Wanda V. Pietrzak. The entertainment will be given by pupils of the Val Mates school of the dance.

Miss Pietrzak promises that the decorations will have a motif of Spring, with gay umbrellas and garden spring flowers and other spring decorations predominating.

The Polonaise march will be led by County Commander and Mrs. Russell P. Felerski.

The Reception committee is headed by Dr. Leonard Felerski, assisted by Commander Joseph H. Lawrence, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Kościński, Mr. and Mrs. John Antezak, Mr. and Mrs. Pius Ostrowski, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Kowalski, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Laboski.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lorentz, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Skalny, Mr. Joseph Paprocki Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Tomczak, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swol, Anthony C. Przysioda, Mr. and Mrs. Maximilian Szczepanski, John J. Kaleta, Mr. and Mrs. Ned J. Bauer.

Officers elect to govern the affairs of the Monroe County Council Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be installed by Mrs. Ruth Akins, past County president, and her installing conductress, Mrs. Helen Murphy, in ceremonies at the Crouch-Dowd VFW clubhouse Sunday, May 18th. The installation will be in conjunction with the "I Am An American Day" celebration being sponsored by the parent County Council of the VFW. Program will get underway at 5 p. m.

Mrs. Kathryn Ragan, past council president, is general chairman of the installation being assisted by past council president, Mrs. Mabel Woolford.

Mrs. Prudence Hasbrouck of the 27th Division Auxiliary will be inducted as president for the coming 1947-1948 season with Mrs. Philinda Tritschler, senior vice-president; Mrs. Bessie Frances, junior vice president; Mrs. Mabel Woolford, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Gussman, chaplain; Mrs. Edith Mulford, conductress; Mrs. Pearl Kohlmer, guard; Mrs. Sophia O'Halloran, secretary; Mrs. Clara Rutherford, banner bearer; Mrs. Eva Loveland, flag bearer; Miss Frances Kirk, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Rose Simpson, assistant conductress; Mrs. Gladys Day, historian and Mrs. Grace Grimes, musician; Mrs. Mildred DeLee, Mrs. Catherine Colbert, Mrs. Kathryn Ragan, trustees; Mrs. Florence Foster, Mrs. Alice Eckardt, Mrs. Dora Beaham and Mrs. Carolyn Ogjen, color bearers.

The following committee

chairmen have been appointed by President-elect Hasbrouck—Mrs. Philinda Tritschler, hospital; Mrs. Bessie Frances, publicity; Mrs. Frances VanAucker, sunshine; Mrs. Harriet Emsweller, Ways and Means; Mrs. Mabel Woolford, ritualistic; Mrs. Ruth Atkins, legislature; Mrs. Grace Sprankle, membership; Mrs. Helen Murphy, hospital; Mrs. Lillian Fox, Americanization; Mrs. Maude Miller, rehabilitation and pro-tem officers include Mrs. Mary DeLetera, Mrs. Nellie Holley and Mrs. Mabel Meckes.

Memorial Post Auxiliary No. 206 of the American Legion announces annual service at their Memorial Tree in Genesee Valley Park on Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Mrs. Charles Franklin, chairman, will be assisted by the president of the Unit, Mrs. Fred Riedel, and Vice President Mrs. James Gilman. Members and friends of the Auxiliary and of Memorial Post are urged to attend to pay tribute to the departed members of the Post and Auxiliary to whose memory the tree is dedicated.

The regular monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Phinney, 85 Summit Drive, Thursday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting nominations for officers for the next year will be made—Mrs. Lina Farrell, Nominations Committee chairman. Delegates to the forthcoming State Convention will be elected. Winner of a contest for a \$25 Government bond will be announced.

Mrs. Vincent F. Barker, Rehabilitation chairman, in charge of annual Poppy Sale, advises that the sale will be conducted Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 22-24.

Mrs. Barker calls attention to the extensive rehabilitation work the unit is doing, and states that proceeds of the Poppy Sale are used exclusively for rehabilitation work among the veterans and their families. Mrs. James Gilman, chairman of the Finance Committee states that while this unit realized only \$189.00 from the sale a year ago, \$212.00 has actually been expended so far this year for this work alone. This amount does not include contributions to a number of other worthy civic and national projects including—American Red Cross, Sister Kenny Fund, Cancer Control, Girls' State, March of Dimes, Community Service, National Defense and Americanism work among the young people of local schools. An additional amount of \$100.00 has been expended for these projects, and it is essential that the Auxiliary and Post Members support the drive more this year than ever before to enable the Unit to continue their Rehabilitation, Child Welfare and other commendable programs.

Leon Wright, second vice-commander of the county American Legion group, officiated at the annual election of the Maira-Coniglio Post No. 1536 Wednesday night. Thomas Polvino was re-elected commander. He will be assisted by: Buddy Orlando, first vicecommander; Chris Pavone, second vicecommander; Paul Costanza, adjutant; Sam Guadagnino, histor-

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ian; Joseph DiMartino, finance officer; Al Christiano, chaplain; Sam Mancuso, service officer; Frank Indovino, sergeant-at-arms.

The Lieut. W. Kirke Ohio Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet the first and third Mondays in the future in their new meeting rooms at 49 Monroe Avenue.

Commander Lawrence H. Hauck will outline a complete program for the 1947-1948 season at the May 19th gathering.

Yerkes-Couchman Auxiliary, American Legion, will meet at 8 P. M. Tuesday May 20th at 933 University Ave. They will elect delegates and alternates to attend the State Convention at Niagara Falls July 31st thru August 3rd. Mrs. George J. Albright President will preside, luncheon and social hour will follow.

Monroe County Council Commander C. Frederic Jefferson, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has appointed Louis B. Goler general chairman in charge of the coming sale of poppies. This year the sale of the poppies by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries will be conducted May 22, 23 and 24.

Others on the committee include Louis Zimmer, Harry Smith, George Barrett and every post and auxiliary head within the units making up the Monroe County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

According to A. F. Gleocke, former post commander of the 309th C. A. C. Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars a new post to be known as the Charlotte Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will soon be a member of the group of overseas veteran units making up the Monroe Council of the VFW.

Authority for organization has been issued by National Commander-in-Chief Starr of the VFW. Membership is being recruited from the area comprising the 10th and 23d Ward.

Philip Guenther a former Monroe County VFW Council Commander, John M. Roth, Frank P. O'Halloran and Colonel William F. Danskin have been assisting Gleocke.

Veterans with honorable discharges from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps credited with overseas services desiring to join the new unit are requested to contact George Burandt, 30 Pollard Avenue, Charlotte 249-M or Belford Swartz, 86 Finch Street.

A meeting of the organizers and potential members of the

Charlotte VFW Post has been called for 8 p. m. Wednesday, May 28th at the Stutson Street Police Headquarters.

The newly elected officers of the Monroe County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be installed the afternoon of May 18th in the Crouch Dowd VFW Scottsville Road Club House it was announced by Past County Council Commander Frank Brundage. As in past the ceremonies will include the installation of the officers for the Ladies Auxiliary to Monroe County Council of the organization.

The new 1947-1948 officers headed by recently elected Clayton E. Handy as Monroe County Council Commander include Dr. Anthony L. Benedict, senior vice commander; Frank M. Richardson, junior vice commander; John Sturiale, quartermaster; Rev. William A. Hallock, chaplain; Hugh Constable, Louis Houck and John M. Roth, trustees, and C. Frederic Jefferson, retiring County Commander as judge advocate.

Monroe County Post No. 1466, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a testimonial dinner at 450 South Avenue at 6:30 p. m., May 19. The committee in charge is headed by Bill Robbins assisted by David Muckle and A. K. Angel. The next regular meeting will take place May 26.

The following staff of officers were installed recently by Lt. W. Kirke Otis Post and Auxiliary at Eagles Hall, West Washington Street:

Commander, Lawrence H. Hauck; Senior Vice, Phillip Giofrida; Junior Vice, Andrew J. Darcy; Chaplain, Rev. William A. Hallock; Quartermaster, Henry C. Godette; Adjutant, Carl F. Drews; Surgeon, Dr. Frank R. Bristol; Post Advocate, Joseph F. Stanton; Sgt. Major, E. Fred Johnson; Guard, A. S. Moscheau; Trustees, F. B. Herrington, A. S. Moscheau; Officer-of-the-day, Thomas McTammany.

President, Mary DeLettera; Senior Vice, Marie Giofrida; Junior Vice, Lea Smith; Chaplain, Martina Wilkinson; Treasurer, Ruth E. Hauck; Conductress, Helen Florack; Guard, Lydia Butler; Trustees, Marian Cashman, Sophia O'Halloran; Secretary, Mable Woolford; Color Bearers, Vera Wilkinson, Evelyn Hermans, Patriotic Instructor, Jeaneteta Hermans, Banner Bearer, Jeannette Hermans; Historian, Marian Cashman; County Council Delegates, Avis Goler and Marie Giofrida.

Mrs. Norton Pearl, national president of American Legion Auxiliaries, will be honor guest of Monroe County Legion Auxiliaries at a dinner in Powers Hotel at 6:30 p. m., Wednesday, May 21, according to Mrs. Norman Carrol, general chairman of the event. Others on the committee are Mrs. Roy Horton, reservations; Mrs. Earl Anderson, distinguished guests; Mrs. William Magovern, entertainment; Mrs. Herman Greydanus, Mrs. Fred Riedel, Mrs. Joseph Fleck, Mrs. Roy Senn, Mrs. George J. Albright, Mrs. Albert Mehle.

The Monroe County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will celebrate "I Am An American Day," Sunday, May 18th with officer installation ceremonies in the Scottsville Road club house of the Crouch-Dowd VFW Post.

The program is scheduled to

get underway at 5 p. m. and will be the occasion for the joint installation of Auxiliary officers and the recently elected 1947-1948 VFW leaders.

Frank Brundage, general chairman of the ceremony, stated that the public is invited to attend.

Clayton E. Handy, a former past Monroe County Council VFW Commander will head the new staff of officers with Dr. Anthony L. Benedict and Frank M. Richardson as vice-commanders, John Sturiale, quartermaster, the Rev. William A. Hallock, chaplain and Lawrence Hauck, John M. Roth, Hugh Constable as trustees and C. Frederic Jefferson as judge advocate.

The Crouch Dowd Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars hosted the newly elected post commanders and the recently elected Monroe County Council VFW officers with a dinner in the Scottsville Club House Wednesday evening, May 14th. Prior to World War II this was an annual event and the recent party was the first conducted since World War II came to a halt.

Well over 200 commanders, past commanders and members of the VFW attended the dinner. Jean Hatier, Crouch Dowd VFW past commander, was chairman; John Culliton, present commander, was toastmaster.

Speakers included retiring County Commander C. Frederic Jefferson, newly elected County Commander Clayton E. Handy, junior vice commander Frank M. Richardson and Harry J. Gaynor, business manager of VETERANS' VOICE. Every post commander was introduced and made brief speeches.

Yankee Veterans Association of the 26th Division (old National Guard outfit). Rochester area, will conduct an organization meeting at the 40 and 8 Club, 933 University Ave., on Monday, June 2, according to Frank Estrich, commander. At a later date, a post will be officially organized and officers will come from national headquarters in Boston to inaugurate the post. The YVA, according to Estrich, dates back to Civil War period. It is estimated that there are 100 veterans in the Rochester area eligible to join it.

Trott-Emerich Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, have installed the following officers for the 1947-48 term: Commander, Charles DeHollander; vice-commander, William A. Smith; junior vice-commander, Raymond W. Schneider; quartermaster, Harold R. May; chaplain, Rudolf E. Moss; trustees, Fred T. Murray, Charles L. Weissinger, Ernest Tritschler; county council delegates, Frank A. Pearce, Aubrey Haines; alternates, William H. Lassiter, Adrian Waterstraat; service officer, Ernest Tritschler; publicity, Frank A. Pearce. The new officers were installed by Clayton E. Handy, past Monroe County Council commander. The post meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at 59 Monroe Avenue.

UNIFICATION

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delineates the ultimate concessions which will be made by both Army and Navy in a joint attempt to further unification. The original bill is acceptable to both, although considerable pressure has been placed on both services from high quarters to force acceptance.

Unless the bill which is finally introduced in Congress follows almost exactly the plan worked out in conferences between Army and Navy leaders it faces possible defeat by Congress and almost certain veto by the President.

Focal point of much of the disagreement is the office of Secretary of National Defense. He will be a civilian, a cabinet member, and the co-ordinator of functions for the Army, Navy and an autonomous Air Force.

Opponents of unification see in this office a dangerous concentration of power. Senator Edward V. Robertson, Republican, of Wyoming, a member of the Armed Services Committee, has openly expressed fear that the unification plan will open the door to "eventual domination" of the government by a group of militarists. There is little in the record to support him. His contention that the bill is "in effect a blank check for the single supersecretaries of the Armed Services to do as they choose in the future without a check by Congress" seems hysterical and uninformed. If the purpose of two major services is to provide one as a check on the other there is something terribly wrong with the machines entrusted with the defense of the country.

Admiral King, chief of naval operations during the war, is a consistent opponent of unification and fights his case with more logic and intelligence. He offers a countersuggestion that is unwieldy beyond belief. He would call in representatives of governmental agencies and veterans' organizations to assist in decisions of prime importance. In addition to two or three services he would have three new committees or conferences, in addition to Congress itself, weighing strategy and tactics and making recommendations, through channels, to an already overworked President and Commander-in-Chief.

Henry L. Stimson has answered the charges that the new secretary would have the power of possible military dictatorship. He will be a powerful man, Mr. Stimson concedes, but he will be given no powers which do not already exist as the function of the President and Commander-in-Chief. The new secretary would remain under the entire control of the President.

Minority opposition to unification has come from men who believe that the status of the Marine Corps is ill defined, and that it might be eliminated as a separate entity under the plan. The Corps is rich in tradition and most useful as a striking power. Assumption that the particularly able men who are attracted to the Corps would be less effective as fighting men under another label appears extremely reactionary.

There are obvious economies in unification. That the Army and Navy bid against each other for critical supplies during the recent unpleasantness is well substantiated. There was also a conflict in procedures that did slow operations. Both did a splendid job after an initial episode of service jealousy and lack of co-operation at Pearl Harbor that resulted in enormous loss of life and property.

Isolated instances of conflict between the Armed Services developed later. There were also

Lawyer Appointed Committee Chief

Edward I. Cristy, Rochester attorney, was appointed chairman of the executive committee of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Assistance for Monroe County, County Manager Clarence A. Smith announced.

The committee will aid the Monroe County Veterans Assistance Bureau, headed by Robert Abbott, in counseling returned veterans who are planning on business, industrial, commercial or educational careers, Smith said.

The advisory committee consists of 66 residents of Rochester and Monroe County towns. The executive committee is composed of, in addition to Cristy, Raymond N. Ball, Thomas J. Hargrave, Theodore C. Briggs, John P. Boylan, Arthur H. Crapsey, Dr. Mark Ellingson, Carl S. Hallauer, George H. Haucks, Dr. Joseph P. Henry, Sol Heumann, Edwin Allen Stebbins, Lewis B. Swift and Herbert S. Weet, with County Manager Smith and City Manager Louis B. Cartwright as ex-officio members.

superb examples of co-operation. It seems logical that one agency or executive would be more efficient than two or three—autonomy for the Air Force is highly probable in the immediate future regardless of the outcome of the unification issue—but it appears now, and should in the future, that the efficiency of the Armed Services is extremely dependable on the character and ability of the men in command.

If separate Army and Navy Departments really develop a healthy competitive spirit which will reflect in a more efficient security unit they should be maintained in that status. If greater efficiency can be attained by unification it should be accomplished without delay.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Lee Bowman and Susan Hayward in a dramatic scene from "Smashup," the story of a woman who sacrificed a career for marriage. This Walter Wanger picture features the current Century Theatre bill.

Alcohol Problem Provides Drama In Century Film

The story of a beautiful and talented radio singer who gives up her career for marriage and is faced with dramatic domestic problems is told in Walter Wanger's "Smashup — The Story of a Woman," featured currently on the Century screen.

By one standard it is a four star picture — Lee Bowman, Susan Hayward, Marsha Hunt and Eddie Albert are all given top billing.

Bowman and Albert are small time singer of cowboy songs on a radio program when Miss Hayward moves them into the big-time. She cannot stand success and takes a sorry beating from jealousy and alcohol.

The story was adopted for the screen by John Howard Lawson from an original play by Dorothy Parker and Frank Cavett.

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A PEEK at the STARS

By LYN CONNELLY
NWNS Radio-Screen Editor

FREDERIC March rose to his greatest heights in 1946, for not only did this fine actor run off with the Oscar for the best screen performance on the basis of his excellent work in "The Best Years of Our Lives," but he also won the "Tony," Broadway's equivalent to the Oscar, for turning in the best stage performance of the year in his hit play, "Years Ago" . . . Coincidentally, he plays the role of a father in each instance.



A more genuine person could not be found among one's own acquaintances . . . He's intelligent and friendly and has a wonderful knack of conveying his warm good humor to visitors so that all feel cozy at home . . . "From Chicago, eh? I come from a city not far from there — Racine, Wis., you know," he said, opening the conversation . . . He expressed concern over his wife, Florence Eldridge, who was unable to make her matinee appearance because of a severe case of laryngitis . . . "How did she sound last night from the audience?" Assured that her animated performance belied any illness, he seemed satisfied, but added, "She shouldn't have gone on, but she feels so badly when she doesn't."

The Same March
He looks just as he does on the screen . . . dark, handsome and sporting a moustache which he undoubtedly grew to give him an older appearance as a father . . . Watching him is a treat for any theatre-goer who revels in superb acting ability . . . Meeting and knowing him is a charming experience . . . one unlikely to be forgotten.
Queried as to how he felt when newspaper stories said he had made a "comeback" in "Best Years" he laughed gleefully . . . "Isn't that a pistol?" he asked, his eyes twinkling mischievously. And it really is, since any absence of Fred on the screen was purely voluntary . . . However, he discounted reports that he preferred Broadway to Hollywood . . . "I like them both," he maintained.

Dan Dailey has been signed to play opposite Jeanne Crain in "The Flapper Age," which will portray precisely that.

REGENT

"Stallion Road," the dramatic story of modern California ranch life will open at the Regent for a second big week starting Wednesday. The production which co-stars Ronald Reagan, Alexis Smith and Zachary Scott, filmed against a magnificent background of California mountain scenery was adapted from the best-selling novel by Stephen Longstreet.

This is Reagan's first appearance since his return from the service and tells a heartwarming story of people who love horses, and of a triangle that almost ruined the lives of the three people concerned.

The Regent will have a complete program of short subjects including a featurette, "Dog In The Orchard" with Howard da Silva. A color cartoon, a Grantland Rice Spotlight, "Selling The Sun," and the latest Paramount News.

CAPITOL

Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour are teamed for the seventh time in Paramount's new comedy release, "My Favorite Brunette", which started Thursday at the Capitol Theatre.

Hope and Miss Lamour first appeared together in "The Big Broadcast of 1938," and, since then, four of their co-starring roles have been in the popular "Road" pictures.

In "My Favorite Brunette" Hope, who plays a private eye with cold feet has no rival for the affection of Miss Lamour, and he certainly makes the most of it.

In addition to the stars, "My Favorite Brunette" features Peter Lorre, Lon Chaney and Jack La Rue.

The second feature on the program will be "Bedelia," "Bedelia" starring Margaret Lockwood in the title role, is the gripping film story of the wickedest woman who ever loved.

DATES on the DIAL

The pioneer spirit surged through our dial twisting hand Monday night and we wound up listening to the "Casebook of Gregory Hood" show instead of the conventional crackpot comedy of Joan Davis. The exporter-detective is sponsored by a wine company and appears designed slyly to drive people to drink from sheer boredom. Gregory says at the end in what is presumably the tag line, that he believes that is his last case. It won't be. Mutual will have him back on the air next Monday. What he could have said was that it is the last of his cases that this listener will hear. The plot was trite, the characters stereotyped beyond belief, and Gregory himself bumbled throughout.

Lux Radio Theatre continues to be one of the best shows on the air despite occasional stinkers like the "Monsieur Beaucaire" presentation when Smartypants Hope threw away the script and left a fumbling supporting cast to wallow along as best they could. "Johnny O'Clock" was well done this week and the story was adeptly rewritten for the air. Lux scripts have to be extremely good because the commercials are as stupid and boring as any on the air. The chain buildup begins with the introduction of some obscure female and winds up four yawns later with the confidential tip that some star, whom you know spends hours in a beauty parlor, really keeps that lovely skin by using you-know-what soap. Listening a few minutes to that sort of hokum is a small price to pay for the show, but the average listener becomes antagonized with overlong commercials, hears the show, but will not buy the product.

People who are not convinced that inflation is here are informed that Paul Whiteman is expected to start work as a disc jockey late in June for a stipend of \$6,000 a week. Clem McCarthy's Preakness broadcast was bad enough without comments. Fred Allen had better material and Bing Crosby and the result was his best show in some time. Crosby's Western drawl sounded like a hung Southern gentleman. Allen's

singing voice is comparable to the speaking voice of his wife but the parodies were light and amusing although possibly, just possibly, not fair to people in THE INDUSTRY, as filmdom is called on the coast.

The summer replacement for the Henry Morgan show will contain a somewhat smaller pure comedy element. Boris Karloff will take over with a spook show, "Lights Out."

Believe it or not, Ripley has returned to the air as of May 12 with a show based on dialogues from his vast store of facts stranger than fiction. He has been off the dials for 16 months. When all radio listeners in the country turn their dials to his show, Monday through Friday at 1:45 p. m., he will have the ultimate "Believe It or Not."

Excited studio reaction to some comedy shows is incredible to people who hear it in their living rooms. Part of it comes from mugging which is scarcely legitimate radio fare, but most radio comedians can pull a credible imitation of "Anyface" when a gag goes flat. Studio audiences are also built up by a chummy star for up to half an hour before the show goes on the air. They come to be amused, have had trouble getting tickets, and will cooperate to absurd degrees with the man that swings the applause signs.

The Fibber McGee and Molly show is stylized, as are all comedy programs, but the format is attractive. It was much more amusing Tuesday than either Hope or Skelton. One running gag such as the Irish tweed business, if handled by competent writers, offers more entertainment than a diversified show. The fast-paced Hope show, believed by its writers to produce 106 laughs in 26½ minutes, is bound to come up with a number of flat jokes.

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Slants On Sports

The Rochester Red Wings are only three wins short of .500 ball and less than six games away from the league leaders. The fact that they are tied for sixth place is unimportant. The acquisition of Nippy Jones from the Cardinals will do no harm.

He is a hard hitter who was with the team part of last season and is popular with the fans. Bob Usher, outfielder, and Charlie Kress, first baseman, have been picked up on option from the Cincinnati Reds. The 2 to 0 win over Syracuse in a six-inning game was as much good luck from weather as good judgment. The Chiefs had men on all bases and no outs in the first half of the seventh when the game was called.

Jack Dianetti of East Rochester lost a tough one when he scampers a mile in 4:12 — about as fast as Bullet Proof ran in the Preakness — and lost by a short nose to Gerry Karver in a Michigan-Penn State dual meet. Dianetti is still very young and with a couple of years additional experience should be the best in the business or thereabouts.

The American Walker Cup players, who were expected to drop dead from high wind on the St. Andrew's course, have shown high form in preliminary rounds. Bud Ward is definitely on his game and Smiley Quick, despite a foot injury, has had a few sound rounds.

The wrestling match between Sexton and Bruns bumped into the 11 o'clock curfew with Sexton scoring the only fall. The bout was rough but reasonably conventional and showed both men for what they are, competent journeymen wrestlers capable of putting on a good show frequently and a wrestling contest occasionally.

Jimmy Goodwin, Jersey pitcher, is much the best of the workers who toil in his particular field in the International League. He has scored six wins against no defeats, or more than a third of his team's victories.

Barbara Ann Scott, Ottawa figure skater, literally kissed her canary yellow roadster goodbye in the presence of photographers. It is an offering on the altar of amateurism which was forced by Avery Brundage, AAU president, as part of the price Miss Scott must pay if she is to compete in the 1948 Olympic Games. It is nice to know that the AAU officials are incorruptible, and are not walking.

City golf courses opened yesterday. They are some weeks later than last year for obvious reasons, but are reputed to be in good condition.

BULLET PROOF is slipping and we officially quit him. He ran a nice even seventh in the Derby, wound up a wretched eighth in the Preakness. Despite the reported description of Phalanx as "a very ordinary horse indeed" by Eddie Arcaro, he still looks like the one to beat a few weeks hence in the Belmont. Faultless does not hold his form very long and the Jones boys had him at his peak for the Preak'.

Johnny De Nero, aspiring Rochester light heavy, took a bad beating from Nick Barone at the PPAC card this week.

Barone was definitely too classy for the local ex-marine, who looked dangerous briefly in the sixth round. The bout was stopped with only eight seconds to go of the final round. Walter Smith, Detroit Negro, showed considerable clouting ability in beating Jimmy Evans, same city, in 2:56 of the first round.



FISHING DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN . . . John Hightower, sports authority, who broadcasts "hunting and fishing club of the air," breaks in the 1947 trout fishing season on the Bronx river, New York. Betty Miller, his youthful companion seems to be enjoying the catch.



By ELLIOTT PINE
WNWS Sports Writer

Two-ton Tony Galento, former heavyweight fighter who once knocked Joe Louis down, is back in the ring . . . this time as a wrestler. The Orange, N. J., saloon-keeper, weighing around 275 pounds, won his first bout in 10 minutes by pinning Herman "Dutch" Rhodes in Baltimore. Galento complained that Rhodes slugged and kicked him during the short struggle.

The Trenton Giants of the Interstate League have signed Andy Tommasio, Temple U, baseball and football star.

Ford Frick, president of the National League, has been named a director of the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y. The Braves and the Yankees will play an exhibition game there on July 21.

Joe Bakal, up and coming heavyweight, will meet Olle Tandberg of Sweden in Stockholm "some time this summer." Bakal doesn't want to meet Joe Louis for a while yet. Lou Nova, another good fighter among the heavies, is going to try a comeback.

Avid fishermen are converging on Lake Fend Oreille in Idaho, now that the trout season has opened. Everyone hopes to catch a bigger fish than the 32½ pound rainbow captured in 1945. For 29 years the official record remained unbroken. It was set by a 26-pounder.

Joe Medwick, veteran outfielder, has been given his unconditional release by the New York Yankees. He was signed by the Yanks last winter when it appeared that Joe DiMaggio would be late starting this season because of the operation on his heel. Joe recovered faster than expected. Medwick spent his best years with the Cardinals and Dodgers.

Billy Herman, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has this formula for a winning ball club: "Keep your players hustling. Make them believe in you. Don't be unreasonable. Let the player know you know about his troubles. Keep him playing every minute — and I think that kind of manager is liable to find his team up front."

Republic has come up with John Carroll, William Elliott and Catherine McLeod for leading roles in "The Fabulous Texan." Nobody knows why.

Veterans Win Major Prizes At University

Cited as outstanding examples of the many war veterans whose return to college has been marked by a new sense of responsibility and achievement, two seniors whose college careers were interrupted by World War II were named winners of the most coveted prizes at the Men's College, University of Rochester, last night at the River Campus.

Awarded the Terry Prize of \$100 as the senior who by his "industry, manliness, and honorable conduct has done most for the life and character of the men of the college" was Warren P. Richardson of Fillmore, N. Y., a Navy air veteran and currently president of the Students' Association.

Winner of the new Dutton Prize of \$70, given this year for the first time, is Joseph J. Lipper, of 231 Somershire Dr., Rochester, as the member of the graduating class who "has excelled all his men classmates in wholesome, unselfish, and helpful influence among his fellow students." Lipper served in the infantry for nearly four years, including duty in the Pacific, where he was seriously injured in an accident. He is chairman of the Men's College Traditions Committee, and has been the tireless leader of many student enterprises during the last year.

Recipients of the awards were chosen by the administrative committee of the Men's College headed by Dean Lester O. Wilder, and three student representatives. The presentations were made last night at the River Campus Dandelion Dinner, a tradition of long standing before the war which was revived this year under Lipper's leadership.

As a pre-war student, Dean Wilder said, Richardson won no great scholastic attainment and was indifferent to organized undergraduate activities. He left college in 1943 for Navy service, and after training in Navy V-5 and other pre-flight programs, became a pilot in the ferry command. On his return to college in January, 1946, he soon showed a new awareness of the opportunities for achievement and leadership that college

afforded. He quickly won prominence in scholarship, earning a place on the Dean's List, and later being accepted as an Honors Division student in history. His leadership in student affairs led to his election as Students' Association president. One of Richardson's signal achievements in the latter job, Dean Wilder said, was a complete revision of the constitution of the association and of the Board of Control, a year's task in which he worked with attorneys and members of the college administration. Richardson plans to enter law school next Fall.

Lipper also has maintained a superior scholastic record, in addition to his extracurricular activities as Traditions Committee chairman, director of student affairs in Todd Union, Men's College social center, and heading the Public Affairs Forum. He was a leader in enlisting student interest in the recent Conference on the Humanities, and also has served as campus sports correspondent for the Democrat and Chronicle.

Dean Wilder credited Lipper's enthusiasm and energy with playing a major part in the re-establishing of student life and traditions that languished during the war.

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VA New Hospital Program Faces Drastic Curtailment

The Veterans Administration medical program is expected to face extremely stiff opposition by the House Appropriations Committee. Principal targets will be new hospital construction and medical service for veterans with non-service connected disabilities.

Veterans organizations are in complete accord as to the necessity of appropriating the full amount recommended by the Budget Bureau report, and have begun a vigorous campaign to solicit general support.

Sites and plans have already been approved for most of the 13 hospitals scheduled to be constructed during the fiscal year which begins July 1. They are expensive. Each will have 1,000 beds and cost between \$12 and \$15 million. Mounting claims indicate that the bed space will be necessary.

Rep. Taber, Republican, of New York, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, considers these costs excessive and wholly incompatible with the Republican economy policy. Rep. Taber has accumulated powerful ammunition for his campaign through a recent check which showed VA had closed down about 5,000 beds. Available facilities were reduced because a critical personnel shortage made further efficient operation impossible, VA officials said.

The VA Department of Medicine and Surgery has 104,300 employees, about 4,000 of whom work in supply, special service, construction and other work not directly connected with primary aims. It is now necessary to close down one "surplus" Army or Navy hospital for each new hospital opened in order to procure personnel to man the beds. If VA is to keep open all present hospitals and open others in 1948 it will need 195,000 more employees than the Budget Bureau ceiling allows.

The committee chairman believes that VA should make greater use of hospitals operated by the Army and Navy in sections where VA hospitals have a backlog of applications for hospitalization. Service hospitals are having troubles of their own, also largely personnel, as evidenced by a recent request by the Navy Department for authorization to pay medical officers a \$100 a month bonus. Most veterans find the idea of hospitalization in a service hospital repulsive and they have received strong backing for exclusive VA facility hospi-

talization from veterans organizations.

General public support for medical service to veterans with non-service connected disabilities is lukewarm at best. These now receive free hospitalization if beds are available and if they state in writing that they cannot pay for the services. The sworn statements regarding the veterans ability to pay are made in compliance with regulations but are mere formalities. There is no record of refusal. Presently two-thirds of the 90,000 patients in VA hospitals are non-service connected disability cases.

Tuberculosis and neuro-psychiatric cases, usually service-connected, increase steadily. More and more beds must be reserved for these patients, and a reduction of the beds available for general medical and surgery cases is inevitable unless the personnel ceiling can be raised and workers recruited.

Vet Hospitals

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of the principal factors considered in so designating it was the impossibility of securing an adequate staff.

A feature of a hearing before the hospital subcommittees of the House Veterans Affairs Committee was a 5000-foot long petition from the good burghers of Clinton, presumably circulated by the civic groups, demanding that VA take over the hospital. Favorable testimony by Congressmen involved and Clinton boosters took all day.

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, VA medical director, told the Iowa Congressmen present that if VA were forced to take over Schick no justification would remain to build a new 500-bed VA hospital now planned for Iowa City, where it could be partially staffed by competent men from the University of Iowa medical school. This made the boys a little unhappy as they like to have their pork and eat it too, preferably buttered on both sides.

General Hawley explained that it would cost \$500,000 to re-equip Schick, that it was poorly located, that medical personnel to staff it properly would be unavailable. His most brutal blow was statistical and came when he pointed out that it would cost \$14.-34 a day to take questionable care of veterans in a renovated Schick, which would still be a temporary type hospital, against \$8.07 a day for better treatment in a permanent, well-located hospital.

There may be political repercussions in Iowa later but it appears now that in this instance the veterans will get a break — at Iowa City.

Irving Crane is going badly in his match with Willie Mosconi. The quasi-Rochesterian could have done better with a broomstick a year ago than he has done with the cue at the halfway mark of the current 2,000 point match.



NEW ITALIAN EMBLEM . . .
The new emblem of the Italian Republic, which was chosen by a special jury presided over by former Premier Ivanoe Bonomi. The theme is "Liberty and Unity."

Bradley Brands Readjustment Pay Costly To Vets

The persistent pressure to induce veterans to take almost any job they can possibly handle at virtually any wage offered, which has caused friction between veterans organizations and the VA, is again apparent in a recent publicity release signed by D. P. Page, deputy administrator of veterans affairs for New York and Puerto Rico.

Page reported that recent statistics showed 123,000 New York State veterans were on readjustment allowance "rolls". Use of the word "rolls" is subtle and smart, implying a connection with relief which does not necessarily exist.

Many veterans, through no fault of their own, find it increasingly difficult to find suitable employment at adequate wages, and veterans in general were actively looking for work, Page said.

There are some who are shirking, and it was to those people whom Page relayed excerpts from a recent talk by General Omar Bradley, VA administrator, before the National Employment Conference of the American Legion. General Bradley said that the hidden cost of drawing readjustment pay made it unprofitable for veterans to remain on the allowance longer than absolutely necessary. These costs include the actual tax burden of the payments which must be made up in part by veterans; loss of job seniority which could accrue; loss of work experience; loss of protection under state unemployment insurance provisions; loss of wage increases, which might be earned if the veteran was employed.

Rochester area applications for readjustment allowances continue to be the lowest in the state with less than 1,200 "bucking the line" weekly at 155 West Main Street.

WAR PLANTS

Better preparation for possible future wars is sought by the Army and Navy through lease of 77 key war plants which could be put into production of essential war material instantly.

Secretary of War Patterson stated in a letter to House Speaker Joseph W. Martin that for the purpose of the program it is assumed that the United States will not have more than a years warning before the war. This is considerably more time than that anticipated by most military writers now.

Selected plants will be leased to private operators, subject to immediate cancellation in the event of an emergency.

Civil Air Patrol

By **JAMES C. REDDIE**
Captain, Commanding

Congress Plans

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servicemen under present conditions, but a very sharp axe is swinging dangerously near their budgets.

Some minor bill will be passed this year. Best bet is the legislation that will permit veterans to cash their terminal leave bonds. This is a safe and comfortable measure which will actually save money, and can be sold to the hysterically economy-minded 80th Congress.

Elementary political prudence suggests that any all out effort to woo the veterans should be deferred until 1948, the year of the presidential campaign. Representatives Martin and Halleck are not children.

Concessions made to the committee were: terminal leave bonds will be cashable; there will be some upward revision of combined wage and subsistence ceilings; free automobile provisions will be liberalized to include arm amputees and blind vets; a token increase for student veterans will be authorized; Spanish-American War veterans and their dependents will receive an overall raise of 20 per cent in pensions.

The joker of the conference, and a serious one, is that there were no representatives of the Senate present. It would be possible for the House to promise the world and moon with rings around them and make an arrangement with the Senate to block the promised benefits.

Rep. Martin, reputedly the mastermind behind such stalling on veterans' legislation as disappearance in the Rules Committee of the Kearney Bill for approximately three months, denied to VFW delegates that there was any organized attempt to defer veteran legislation. He whimpered to the delegation that he had been unable to secure an accurate estimate of costs of the veterans' bills now wandering around the House hopper.

Veterans' Committee members were forced to concede that priority must be given the labor bill, foreign relief and foreign loans before consideration of any veteran legislation is in order. The urgency of the labor bill is questionable in view of the overall labor picture at the moment. Foreign relief is important.

Student veterans under terrific financial pressure to complete schooling on the current subsistence allowances may not appreciate the political importance of withholding increases until a presidential election year.

The first two of twelve Army Air Force airplanes assigned to the New York Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have been delivered to New York State. These two L-4 liaison aircraft will probably visit all Wing Units within the next few weeks, starting from Mitchell Field on Long Island. After that, these aircraft will be put to work flying CAP Cadets on indoctrination flights.

While the various Units throughout the state will have to take turns in using these AAF planes for the time being, ten more aircraft are scheduled for delivery. The 5th Group will then have one stationed permanently in Rochester.

These Cadet flights started back during the war, when this group had two AAF liaison airplanes assigned to it, and every weekend saw numbers of Cadets at the Rochester airport, or in Dansville or Palmyra, being flown by the CAP pilots. The program started initially when the AAF found that it was getting new student cadets for flight training who had never been in the air before and who really did not know whether they wanted to fly or not; the Air Force was a glamorous and popular branch of the Armed Forces, and many candidates gravitated to it for lack of any better ideas. To save the time and money that was being wasted on those who turned out to have no definite interest, the Air Force asked CAP to get these youngsters into the air and let them find out ahead of time if flying was really for them or not. It also served, on the other hand, as a powerful recruiting aid on those who were hesitant about community themselves; one flight and they were sold on flying.

As the Air Force again opens its lists to civilian candidates for Army flight training, it has arranged the assignment of airplanes to assist the CAP in indoctrinating its Cadets in actual flying experience, and to furnish enlightening background for their classroom studies.

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Your Broadway and Mine:

Times Square Ticker: The senate group that sent subpoenas to record manufacturers next will probe legit theater bookings. That means the Shubert empire. . . . Billingsley sold his new \$3,000 car to one of the Stork waiters. Latter owns a nine-story apartment house uptown, etc. . . . Gypsy Rose Lee's mother, after three years, has shelved her autobiography. Publishers got nervous. . . . Isn't that Mussolini's boy, Vittorio peddling motor cars in Argentina? . . . An alleged \$300,000 swindle (a la Nickel case) is about to unfold in the clothing manufacturing industry, they say. . . . A Venezuelan oilman here has been relieved of \$40,000 by a chorine. . . . Elaine Stritch (of H. Stromberg Jr.'s new mystery, "3 Ladies") is the niece of the famed Chicago Cardinal Stritch. . . . Cary Grant has been wiring Powers model Janie Gilbert at least once a day—since the phone "stop-operators" cut his regular calls.

Not so long ago one of the "boys" (who long had been identified with the Capone syndicate in Chicago) decided he would open a bank. . . . As a kid he sold newspapers outside of one of the big banks on La Salle street. . . . To him the acme of achievement was the president who left his office every 4 p. m. and stepped into his chauffeur-driven car. . . . The newsboy, via the syndicate route, came into the bucks, and (having enough salted away) promoted his own bank and played the role of the banker in the chauffeur-piloted car. . . . But when he applied to the controller of currency for his charter, he met with an unexpected rebuff. . . . Uncle Sam had been watching his career for quite some time and, knowing his background, advised him he could own a bank, but he could not be identified with it in any official capacity. . . . He has the bank today, but his name does not appear on its list of officers or directors.

Man About Town: Game-fixer Alvin Paris' sentence of a year means eight months (good behavior) and since he has served four months, he will be out just in time for the football season. . . . Champs Joe Louis, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby play in the low 70s for \$100 per hole. . . . Max Baer and Henny Youngman amusing passers-by in front of a Broadway restaurant with their hoss-play in the middle-of-the-yawning. . . . Mickey Rooney and (ex-frau) Ava Gardner settled their mazuma matters out of court. Uncle Sam being big winner. Taxes. Not a B'way spot can afford what he asks: 15 Gs per week. Mickey, boy. The moneymoon is over, too. . . . Cheryl Crawford (the "Brigadoon" producer) paid for hospitalization and medical insurance for the cast, stage crew, staff, et al. Never hearda such thing in show biz!

Laura Z. Hobson, author of the terrific best-seller, "Gentleman's Agreement," had no confidence in it last March. She wrote friends: "It's an idea no magazine will look at, no movie will touch and the public will not buy, but I can't get rid of it!" It will be Zanuck's next picture.

The Late Watch: Ex-Governor Earle (of Pennsylvania) married a Belgian while he was an attache in Turkey. They expect the image soon. . . . Elliott Roosevelt's next nemesis will be Congressman Knutson, who may delay his blast until '48. . . . Triplicate, the horse that wins more races (in the movie, "That's My Man") than Man O'War did in a lifetime, finished outta the money in the Santa Anita derby. . . . Kress department store chief Sam Kress (75) survived a stroke recently. Intimates hear he will leave his fortune to the national art gallery (Washington) plus a fund for upkeep. The coin involved is between 80 and 90 million. What he will bequeath kin (if anything) is the punchline. . . . The book biz, they report, is so awful one publishing firm is for sale. . . . Ever see a flagpole disappear? Then watch them crank in the one over Tiffany's about 5:30 post meridian.

Revitalized Cadet Program Seeks Civilian Applicants

The Army Air Forces will activate the first aviation cadet pilot training class open to enlisted personnel and civilians since V-E Day when 500 cadets begin training July 1 at Randolph Field. Similar classes will start the 52-week course October 15 and March 1, 1948.

Latest developments in training techniques and aircraft will be incorporated in courses to be taught by battle-proven instructors. Radar and electronic devices, jet and rocket propulsion and GCA instruction have become integral parts of the training course.

Cadets will receive base pay of \$75 monthly plus \$1 a day ration allowance while training and will be commissioned second lieutenants at from \$336 to \$372 when they complete the course. They must agree to re-

main in service three years or for duration of the emergency plus six months unless relieved sooner.

Applicants must be unmarried male citizens between 18 and 26½, and have completed at least two years of college training or be able to pass a rigid written test measuring the equivalent. Physical examinations and aptitude tests are given before class assignments. Civilians who "wash

out" during the course will be released from the Army and former enlisted men will be returned to former services in grade.

Detailed information is available at recruiting offices, Army Air Forces installations and Civil Air Patrol units.

RESERVE PAY

Consolidation of the Army's various reserve groups into one "organized reserve corps" and pay for officers and men for regular training periods was recommended to Congress by the War Department. The proposed plan would cost \$130,400,000 a year but would be well worth it to keep up reserve morale and facilitate organization of an army in the event of an emergency, in the opinion of the War Department.

STAY SOUTH, YOUNG MAN

The first refreshing testimony on the pioneering possibilities in Alaska was given to the House Public Lands Committee recently, and it did not confirm the rosy picture previously painted by the Department of Interior.

Qualified witnesses stated that to the best of their knowledge and belief about 1 million of the 365 million acres in Alaska were fit for farming and that the cost of clearing an acre would be about \$100 to \$150 an acre.

The utterly candid touch was introduced by Frank Heintzman, Alaskan government forester for 29 years. He says there are splendid opportunities for development of the wood pulp industry by experienced men. The cost per pioneer would be about \$28 million.

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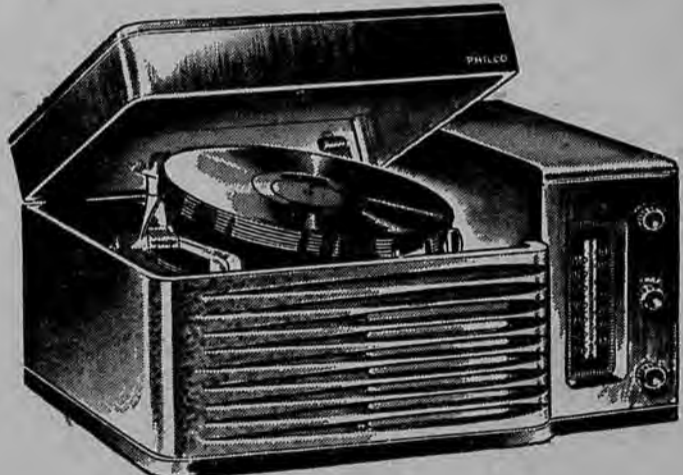


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