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Jie Nori Karą Laimėti

Thomas Henry, Chicago Sun korespondentas Londone rašo, jog Francūzijos yra sukurta slapta didelė armija, kuri smogs nacius kada prasidės antras frontas...

Tos Neutralės

Britanijos ir Amerikos atstovai spiria Portugalijos valdžiai, kad Portugalija suilaukytų siuntimą "wolfram" Vokietijai. Sakoma, kad Portugalijos valdžia pagalos pasiduos spaudimui ir gal padarysiantis sutartį su Amerika ir Britanija.

KĄ KUNIGAS STASYS ORLEMANSKIS SAKO APIE LENKŲ PONŲ PRAEITĮ, DABARTĮ IR ATEITĮ

Lenkų kunigas Stanislavas Orlemanskis, Amerikon sugryžęs iš Maskvos, parašė sekamą straipsnį, išspausdintą lenkų-amerikiečių žurnale Nasz Swiat (Mūsų Pasaulis):



Kun. St. Orlemanskis.

kareivių betiksliai bastėsi laukuose, neterminami grokly. Sumušimas buvo toks, kad negalima būtų net apskaičiuoti. Valdžija ir aukštoji komanda pabėgo iš savo krašto; paliko beginkles žmonių minias, kaip aukų nacių gaujoms.

Penkta Paskola

Birželio 12 dieną prasidės vėjus už Penktą Valstybinę Paskolą—karo bondų pardavimo vėjus. Chicagoj ir visam Cook apskrityje norima sukelti \$894,014,000. Vėjus baigsis liepos 8.

Kalbos Apie Lenkų Persekiojimą.

Savo jaunystėje mes esame daug girdeję nuo mūsų tėvų apie lenkų tautos persekiojimą ir trispaudą.

Demagogija ar Kvailybė?

Chicago Tribune leidėjas pasakė pralabą Joliet, Ill. Susirinko jo paklausti apie 300 žmonių. Jisai baugino susirinkusius Sovietų Sąjungai. Jis sakė, kad savo laikui Rusijos armija buvo Turine, Italijoje, Paryžiuje, Francūzijoj; Kopenhage, Danijoje. O Rusijos imperija siekė nuo San Francisco iki Baltijos jūros.

Nepaisė Išspėjimų.

Aš esu dėdė mergaitės, kuri lankė Varšavos Universitetą, kada karas išsiveržė. Ji man pranešė, jog žmonės išspėjo valdžią, kad jie matė (vokiečių) parašytus nusiudėjant iš lėktuvų į miškus, Valdininkai pašiepė tokius išspėjimus ir sakė išspėjanties žmonėms, kad jūs, girdi, klejojate.

Tai Ne Lenkų Žemės.

Na, o kaip reikia žiūrėti į Ukrainą ir Baltarusiją? Rusai sako, jog tai jų žemė. Aš girdžiu nuomonės lenkų kunigių, kurie labai gerai pažįsta Ukrainą ir Baltarusiją; jie sako, jog tai ne lenkų žemė ir ji nereikalinga Lenkijai. Kam gi lenkai turėtų skverbtis, kur jie nepagėdaujami? Mes turime svarbesnius reikalų dalelį Lenkijos sienų.

Ar Amerikiečiai Lenkai Žino Apie Lenkiją?

Mano priešinkai tvirtina, jog aš nebuvo Lenkijoje, tai, girdi, nieko nežinau apie Lenkiją. Čia aš parodysiu, kuo saiko lenkai-amerikiečiai, kurie buvo Lenkijoje tuo laiku, kai Hitleris ją užpuolė.

"Rusija siekiasi valdyti Jungtines Valstijas, per Komunistų Partiją, kuri jau ir dabar pasiima Demokrata Partiją."

Ir dar blogiau, "aktingai stengiasi užvaldyti Republikon nacionalę konvenciją, kaip New Deal padarė 1940 metais."

miškus, kur jie galėtų medžioti ir tinginaudami laiką leisti; o Rytų Prūsijos jie nieko neturi. Aš visą širdžiai šaukiu jus steigti amerikę organizaciją kuo greičiausiai, kad niekas negalėtų pasakyti, jog jums trūsta pilietinės drąsos reikalauti to, kas yra mūsų. Mes negalima tylėti. Mes neturime būti sovietistai ir besociai. Lenkijos rubežiai, nežūrint jų pločio, patys savaime neatnės lenkų tautai laimės. Istorija mus moko, jog kada Lenkija valdė didžiulius žemės plotus, Lenkijos žmonės neturėjo naudos iš to. Priešingai, dėl to kilo ginčai, intrigos ir susikirtimai su jos kaimynais.

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Prof. Lange Returning After Meeting With Stalin

Professor Oscar Lange who is one of the leading proponents for Polish-Soviet friendship and collaboration is returning to America this week.

Professor Lange toured the battlefield meeting soldiers of the Polish Army in the Soviet Union and discussing with them their ideas on the future of Poland. Just as Reverend Orlemanski, Professor Lange was received in conference by Premier Stalin at which he reiterated his desire for a strong independent Poland which "is going to play a very important role in Europe".

Following his conference with Premier Stalin, Professor Lange issued a statement in which he asserted that his trip and interviews with the Poles in the Soviet Union had provided him with material which he would use upon his return to America.

The text of Professor Lange's statement reads:

"At the invitation of the Union of Polish Patriots I have come to visit the Polish Army in the USSR and to inquire into the situation of the Poles in this country. I act as a private American citizen and represent nobody but myself. My study consisted of personal conferences with Polish leaders active in the USSR, and of a visit with the army and visits to Polish schools and children's homes. I also visited Marshal Stalin and Mr. (foreign commissar) Molotov.

"While in the army, I held more than 15 informal meetings with soldiers. I talked with soldiers about their ideas concerning the future of Poland. These talks provided me with material which I shall utilize after my return to the United States.

TELLS STALIN'S VIEW

"During my stay with Marshal Stalin I spoke about my impressions of the Polish army and the situation of the Poles in the U. S. S. R.

"Marshal Stalin said Poland is going to play a very important role in Europe. He declared it in the interests of the Soviet Union that Poland be strong.

"I want to express my thanks to Mr. Molotov for his hospitality during my stay in the USSR, to my old friend, Wanda Wasilewska, for the cordial reception given me by her and by the Union of Polish Patriots, and to Gen. Berling (commander of

Polish troops in Russia) for his hospitality during my stay with the Polish army in the USSR. Officers and the men and women of the Polish army I thank for their hearty welcome. I wish them success in battle and quick victory over the common enemy of the United States, the Soviet Union and Poland."

Detroit Organizations Show Interest in Polish-Soviet Border Discussion June 3rd

Numerous nationality groups and labor organizations in Detroit are making special preparations for a capacity audience at the public discussion on America's take in Polish-Soviet Relations at Cass Tech High School Auditorium Saturday evening, June 3 at 8 P. M., the Detroit Council of American-Soviet Friendship reports. Prof. Edward A. McFarland of Wayne University, chairman of the council, will preside at the meeting, admission to which will be free.

Principal speakers are coming from New York. Prof. Ignace Zlotowski, formerly lecturer at Warsaw University, Poland, and now on the teach-search, will authoritatively discuss the history of the Polish boundary issue.

Dr. Arthur Upham Pope, expert on Near Eastern affairs and director of the Iranian Institute, will set forth America's interest in the question which is a burning issue to Americans of Slavic origin but is not so well understood by other citizens.

Detroit speakers will be Pres. Al Ronner of the Michigan Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Employees (AFL) and State Sen. Stanley Nowak, member of the UAW-CIO.

The cosmopolitan opera singer Robert S. Tulman will sing Slavic songs.

Keep your Red Cross at his side — Contribute to the American Red Cross War Fund.



STRANGER AT WHITE HOUSE—For first time in six years Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, anti-New Dealer and generally anti-administration, visits White House. He went there personally to invite President Roosevelt to participate in ceremonies commemorating 100th anniversary of telegraphy, at a joint session of Congress on May 24.

Barkley Tells Why He Backs Fourth Term

Although Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D., Ky.) broke with President Roosevelt over the tax bill, he has announced that he will support him for a fourth term.

Sen. Barkley maintains that President Roosevelt would have preferred to retire after his second term, but that the rise of fascism forced him to run again.

In 1940 the American people, by re-electing him, broke the third-term tradition and not Roosevelt.

After twelve gruelling years in the toughest job in the world, the President would be only too glad to retire — if the country were at peace. Now, however, that is out of the question and if the people feel that he should finish the task, they will tell him so at the next election.

Sen. Barkley ridiculed the Hearst - Patterson - McCormick bugaboo of dictatorship, for said he: "There can be no such thing as a dictatorship so long as the American people have the right of free choice."

SOAP FOR RUSSIAN WOMEN

More than 100,000 bars of soap have been collected in Chicago during May as a Mother's Day gift to the women of Russia, Mrs. Adell Menker, Chairman of the Soap Committee of Chicago, announced. The Russian Young Women's Club of Chicago donated 3,640 bars to the collection.

Three 4-F's entered a tavern. "Coke," said the first. "Orangeade," said the second. "Water," said the third. "I'm driving."

They Are Ready To Run Away

LONDON, (ONA) — Practically every member of the clique now ruling Bulgaria has made personal arrangements for asylum in Turkey when things reach a climax in the Balkan Satellite State, according to reports reaching free Bulgarian circles here today.

This was said to be particularly true of members of the Bulgarian Regency, whose most prominent member, Prince Cyril, made several visits to Turkey before being appointed to the regency. He is believed to have acted for members of the royal family while in Turkey, arranging for asylum for them in case of need.

The arrangements, it was reported, include bank accounts opened in the name of reliable private friends, and the purchase of villas under other names. Some valuables were said already to have been transferred to the villas.

The members of this ruling group seem to be confident that no clash will occur between Germany and Turkey which might destroy their hopes of heaven.

State Alarmed About Increase in Tuberculosis

Although tuberculosis is a curable disease, it kills more than 3,000 persons in Illinois annually because efforts to combat it are increasingly inadequate. Furthermore, the number of cases is increasing rapidly. The blame attaches largely to the governing and health departments of state, county and city, since the job is too big for any but a public budget.

Power of Propaganda

By LAUKUVIŠKIS

Nazi Propaganda OK To This Priest

The weekly Lithuanian publication "Darbininkas," organ of the Roman Catholic society of St. Joseph, is all out against propaganda. In an editorial of May 26th, the Rev. Urbonavičius tells us this bit of "news":

"Both warring sides—Axis and Allies—are using every imaginable weapon of destruction: cannon, gun, bayonet, ships and planes. One would think that this should be sufficient. But no! Together with material weapons, both sides use another—a still greater weapon: spiritual warfare, propaganda!"

How true, how true, Father Urbonavičius! It is also true fial or detrimental to those at fial or detrimental to those at whom such propaganda is aimed. Even the Rev. Urbonavičius concurs in that. The only humorous part in the above mentioned editorial, we notice, is the lack of differentiation between the Axis propaganda and news emanating from Allied sources.

More yet. This Lithuanian priest does not find anything wrong in Nazi propaganda — not a word—yet he warns us "especially against the propaganda of Russian Bolsheviks."

Let the Nazi propaganda alone, says the priest, "but beware of the Allies, especially Russian Bolsheviks." Whenever you hear any propaganda from our side of the barricades, holler like H—I, says the Rev.: "Even if you are being choked, if you still have the power of voice left in your chest, holler and shout—in Lithuanian, in English — whichever language is easier for you."

To the Rev. Urbonavičius propaganda is synonymous with lie. And though he utters not a word of condemnation against the Nazi lies, propaganda from our Ally must be combatted at any cost. Says the priest:

"The lie is powerful and merciless. It will try to drown out the truth, will try to shut us up, even use force and bloodshed. But to suffer for a just cause is a merit equal to heroism."

Thanks, Father Urbonavičius! I'll slug the remainder of my life on this sinful Planet as a buck private and leave all the medals that der Fuehrer can bestow on you for heroism. And, if after der Fuehrer has gone to a happier hunting ground and you should suffer, remember it will be only temporary.

The Source of Nazi Propaganda

To spread their propaganda among the Allies, Nazis use not only radio and "neutral" sources. They have friends even here in our midst.

And how harmoniously they work! About the same time that "Darbininkas" published the above quoted editorial, all other Lithuanian anti-democratic papers published long articles entitled: "The truth about the Bolsheviks in Latvia."

According to the "Darbininkas," this is how the material for the article was obtained and how it reached us Lithuanians:

"Latvian Red Cross (Note: there is no such animal in Latvia, since the Nazis occupied that country!) gathered statistics on Bolshevik "atrocities" for 36 months. Somehow or other the material was sent to Washington to the Latvian "minister," a certain Mr. L. Ekis. The "minister" published all that material in a book. Our own countryman, Father Prunskis, then translated parts of the book.

(I won't give you all the details as it would be detrimental to our war effort. The same thing might happen to you that happened to me when I first read it. My blood turned to water and, as a result, the Red Cross wasn't able to draw even half a pint.)

Just imagine! For almost three years the "master race" of blond murderers has been swimming in Latvian blood, but they found:

"1,355 adult bodies and 160 children murdered by Bolsheviks. 34,250 Latvians are still missing. Their fate is unknown." It is hoped that they didn't get into the big kettle of Russian bortsch. So say the Nazis themselves and, according to the Revs. Urbonavičius and Prunskis, we shouldn't doubt their word.

Officer Sets Up Desk in ash Room and Justifies His Action

An officer, home from strenuous service overseas, was assigned to a desk job in the Pentagon building. Each day for a week he shifted location of his desk and finally wound up in the men's wash room. "Must be shell shocked," associates opined. But the officer explained grimly: "It's the only place around here where people seem to know what they're doing."

"... and then he said the sweetest words a girl can hear: he said, 'C'mon, babe, I know where we can get a steak dinner.



"He's an A-card holder. Just gloating over his contribution to the war effort."

Guarding The Goulash

All soldiers have read, studied and memorized the 11 General Orders, but new to the 63d are the "Mess Hall General Orders," clipped from a home town paper and sent to Pvt. Joseph W. McGonigal, of Co. G, 254th Inf. They are:

1. To take charge of this meat and all spuds in view.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for dessert that comes within sight or smell.

3. To report any bread sliced too thin.
4. To repeat all calls for seconds.
5. To quit the table only when satisfied that there is nothing left.
6. To receive but not pass on to the next person any unusual delicacies or that last or largest piece of pie.
7. To talk to no one when I am busy eating.
8. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of chow.
9. To call the mess sergeant in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all chicken, steak, pork chops, or ham and eggs.
11. To be especially watchful at the table, and during the time of eating, to challenge anyone who seems to be getting more than myself.



CANADA LEE

Canada Lee, outstanding young Negro film and stage celebrity, will be special guest of GREEN VALLEY, U. S. A. on Sunday, June 4, from 4-4:30 p. m. (CMT) on WGN and the Mutual network. This weekly dramatic series depicts life in a typical American community during wartime.

A group of men were traveling by bus. About half way to their destination one of them produced a large fruit cake and ate it greedily.

After a time he began to groan and double himself up and then straighten out again. When he had gone on like this for some time, a friend asked him:

"What's the matter, Joe?"
 "That cake I ate," groaned the sufferer. "It had nuts, and I think the missus forgot to shell them."

"My goodness!" said his friend. "And can you crack them by just bending?"

Father: "I don't like the looks of this report card."

Son: "I don't either, Pop. It sure is a sloppy print job."

CHAPLIN VINDICATION IS APPEASER DEFEAT

Charlie Chaplin has won his case against the appeasers who tried to get him for coming out for a second front. He has been freed of charges of violating the Mann Act and of depriving Joan Barry of her civil rights.

A day or two after the trial started, David Platt's Film Front column (The Worker) accused the press axis of deliberately building up the Chaplin case to its present proportions "in order to stifle his powerful voice in behalf of victory and democracy." Chaplin, he said, "was the first victim of the small minority of red-baiters who would like to turn back the clock of history." In a later article Platt pointed out that the tabloids in scandal and appeasement have been hounding Chaplin ever since 1917 when he first came out for American-Soviet friendship.

"The pink-petticoated tabloids in scandal," he said, "went after Charlie in real earnest a few years later when Lita Grey sued him for divorce. Yellow journalism never had such a holiday. Charlie was accused of letting his children go hungry for lack of milk. He was pronounced guilty of every crime in the book before he was tried.

"His films were banned in many communities. Chaplin's own statement at the time holds good for today. 'All I ask is that the public suspend judgment until the case is decided. I can fight an unjust charge even though all the lawyers of California are behind it. But I do not think it fair to ask me to fight all gossip and all charges and all rumors that are spread against me by people whose only interest is to make money out of me.'

CHARGES PROVEN FALSE

"All the sensational charges and rumors against Chaplin were eventually proven false. It was all a brutal tabloid plot engineered by filthy minds geared to reactionary political standards. In 1928, a year after Chaplin was pilloried by MacFadden and Hearst, he received an Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences "for his versatility in writing, acting and producing 'The Circus.' The cheap rags that "crucified Charlie in 1922 and 1927 never let up. When "The Great Dictator" came out, they again opened up with everything they had because Chaplin had not lumped Stalin with Hitler. When Charlie came out for a second front they decided to get him for good."

They failed. They failed because the people are on the side of the great artist. The people

whom he has served faithfully for a quarter of a century or more stood by him.

Sunglasses:

Be Careful of What and How You Buy

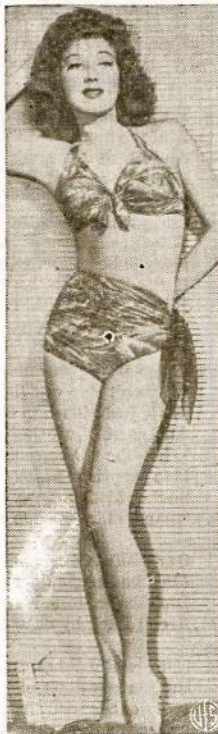
Sunglasses are eye protective, not eye corrective devices. Except for beach wear or constant subjection to sun glare, many people can get along without them. Some experts are of the opinion that the squinting most of us do is good exercise for the eyes.

If you are accustomed to wearing sunglasses and will be in the market for some this year, be careful in your selection. Poor sunglasses can do you more harm than good.

Parents should be particularly cautious when buying sunglasses for the children. The practice of buying glasses from the dime store is too common and frequent, and can impair the child's eyesight.

The most important thing to check are the lenses. They should be free from visible surface defects, such as scratches, waves and grayness. In order to check the uniformity of the lenses, hold them toward the light about eight inches in front of the eye. Look through them at an object about 20 feet away. Move the glasses up and down and from side to side. If any waviness, distortion or change of outline occurs in the object viewed, the glasses are apt to cause headaches, nausea or fatigue.

Prices of sunglasses are determined chiefly by the method of manufacture — whether individually ground and polished by opticians to conform with the specifications of the Bureau, or whether the glass is just ground and polished to eliminate surface imperfections while in a large sheet. The latter method, of course, is used in the manufacture of "dime store glasses."



P. O. GIRL—One reason for using this picture is that Army mail clerks in Italy have selected Jean Parker, film actress, shown in languid pose, as the girl they'd like most to play post office with.

WE COMMENT

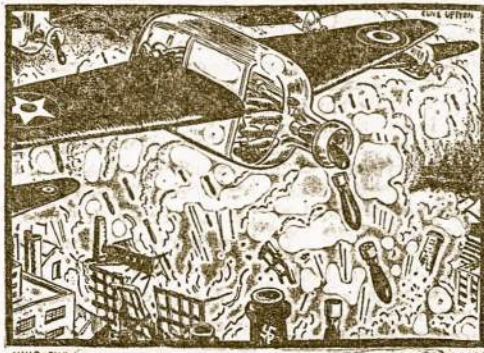
The Board of Immigration Appeals for its action in withdrawing its 1940 deportation order against Mrs. Earl Browder, thereby making it possible for Mrs. Browder to regularize her status and remain in this country with her American family.

TAKE SECOND BEST

Doctor: "The best thing for you to do is to give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning and go to bed early every night."

Soldier (meekly): "Somehow, doc, I don't feel I deserve the best. What's second best?"

BITTER PILLS.



The Abraham Lincoln Battalion

The experiences of the veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion are the basis of an article in the May issue of the Infantry Journal on combatting fear in battle.

Dr. John Dollard, of Yale University, declared that battle conditions under which these men fought were worse than they are in most present day theatres of war. Although these men were not all willing to admit that they were afraid in battle, they all had ideas of what to do when fear did come.

Here are their rules for conquering fear:

1. *Learn to know when you are becoming afraid.* As soon as you do this, you are applying the first rule for self-control of battle fear.

2. *Figure out in advance the best ways of meeting danger.* This is one of the biggest helps in controlling fear—because it makes you ready to act when the time comes.

3. *Keep remembering that being scared makes you a smarter soldier — and a safer one.* Fear tightens you up and makes you more ready to fight — it makes you smarter and quicker — and therefore, safer in battle.

4. *Keep your mind on your job and do it one step at a time.*

5. *The enemy is scared of you — and don't forget it.*

6. *Remember that your life may depend on somebody else's guts and his on yours.* You will have to take risks to help your buddy. He has to take risks to cover you.

7. *Remember, too, that if you lose — the enemy wins.*

8. *Never show fear in battle.* If you get into a panic, the others near you who see you may get scared enough at the moment to lose control, too.

9. *Make a wisecrack if you can.*

10. *Fear wears you out. So forget it when you can.* By not admitting to yourself that you're afraid, you are keeping the excitement and fear piled up inside of you. This puts your muscles under a heavy strain. By admitting fear, you relieve the strain and tightness inside of you and can do things more easily.

11. *Don't hesitate to talk about being scared.*

12. *Have a good time when you get the chance. Fun combats fear.*

THOSE CUSS WORDS

"I swear I've never been kissed."

"Well, I don't blame you for swearing."

LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS WE ARE PROUD OF



JOHN BURNETSKY, A-S
Chicago, Ill.

The old adage "you can't tell about a man just by looking at him" is true of Johnny. Although his infectious grin seems to denote a happy-go-lucky and devil-may-care attitude towards life, Johnny was always a hard worker. It was always a surprise when talking to him to discover a very serious and mature understanding for one of his years. He is a member of the L. D. S. Monarch Branch.

Loads of luck to you, Johnny!



PVT. FRANK BURNETSKY
Chicago, Ill.

Pvt. Frank Burnetsky, Branch 216, Mnarchs.

No offense, Frank, but honestly we're wondering how you ever made the obstacle courses. In civilian life, Frank was always content to stay in the background and "sort of keep an eye on things." His slow speech seemed more a product of Texas than of Chicago. Frank just seemed a "natural" for listening to other people's troubles. I guess it's because he never talked much.

Don't forget to keep those buttons shined up good, Frank!

"I seem to have run out of gas," he said. "Here's where I have to do some fast work." The girl's face, small and white, was turned up to his; her head swam. Slowly he bent over her.

Why not?—he was her dentist.

It's pay day in the comp'ny,
And the money's on the line;
And it's time the cubes were clicking,
For it's too long I've had mine.

Little white cubes, with ones and twos—
Baby needs a set of new shoes,
Ivory cubes with threes and fours—
Rattle lightly on the barracks floors.
Little lovelies with sixes and fives—
Make my money live like a cat with nine lives.

When it's lights out in the barracks,
We won't stop our little game;
We'll just step into the latrine,
And go at it just the same.
When the CO hears the clicking,
He's surprised as he can be;
Shakes his head, walks on dumbfounded
"Sounds like mice to me," says he.

Our game is nice and friendly,
(Just be sure to hit the wall)
Dice that scamper wall unhindered
Aren't liked by us at all.

Little white cubes with ones and twos—
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JOE SACAL

Here you see Joe Sacal, former Editor of the VES now in the Armed Forces somewhere over seas. In the last letter to one of his friends Joe writes:

"At present I'm in a new organization. Was transferred. Am with a nice gang of guys (there's only ten of us, not including our Lieutenant C. O.).

Been receiving "Vilnis" regularly. Now the "Sun" is coming through.

Ran into a surprise several weeks back. It was a guy I last left in Chicago draped over a bar—Peter Baltran, the wrestler. Well, he's over here now with a quartermaster outfit.

It was peculiar the way I ran into him. I was washing my mess gear, dripping the works into greasy soapy water. Noticed this yokel, dressed in fatigue clothes and a close crop. His profile looked familiar. So I says, "Don't I know you?" He dropped what he was holding when he saw me and screeched "Juozai!" Haven't seen him since that day. Busy I guess.

Regards to everyone.
T-5 Joe Sacal



PFC. WALTER B. SAVICKAS
Chicago, Ill.

Boy, we're sure plugging for the Monarchs. A poor ole Redwinger would almost feel like a foreigner, wouldn't he? I am very sorry that I don't know very much about Walter seeing as how I was a Redwinger myself. But I do know that he's a brother to the hard working Secretary of the Chicago Sorority, Louise Burnetsky. You'll have to write us, Walter, and tell us about yourself. Loads of luck to you!

"There's something odd about you this morning," said Hitler to Goering. "Yes, I know what it is. For the first time since I've known you, you've left off your medals."

Goering looked down at his chest.

"Great heavens!" he cried. "I left them on my pajamas."



FRANK J. MAZILIAUSKAS

Pictured above is one of Roseland's many brave boys serving his country. His name is Frank J. Maziliauskas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Maziliauskas, well known figures in Roseland. Frank is with one of the toughest outfits in the United States Army—the Infantry. He received his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia and then was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Frank's family received a pleasant surprise during the Easter holidays when he came home on a 10-day furlough. In Frank's own words, "The Army is the greatest outfit to be with." (He means no offense to the Navy. It's "all right").

When Frank returned to Camp Shelby he was shipped again and his address is now an A. P. O. number in New York. His parents haven't heard from him for a while, but, as he himself said, the Army keeps them pretty busy.

Frank's sister, Helen, is a member of the Roseland Aido Chorus and is very proud of her brother and also two cousins, who, incidentally, are in the United States Navy and are stationed at Great Lakes.

Calendar of Events

If you don't know where to go or what to do, always consult the VES Calendar of Events.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH. LKM CHORUS PICNIC.

Dan Smith's Grove, 8228 Kean Ave., Willow Springs, Ill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH. VILNIS PICNIC.

Justice Gardens, Justice, Ill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH.

MINER'S OUTING.

Will have details later as our records are incomplete at this writing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH. LDS BRIGHTON PARK YOUTH AND ADULT PICNIC.

Dan Smith's Grove, 8228 Kean Ave., Willow Springs, Ill.

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Honoring Our Soldiers

On Tuesday, we again honored our soldier dead. Every year, since 1868, Memorial Day has been set aside as a day for paying homage to those who have given their lives for Freedom.

This year, Memorial Day holds a special significance for us. This year we have more soldiers, more heroes to honor. And the next year, sad as it may be, there will be still more.

Those who paid tribute to the dead, were no doubt, thinking of the soldiers who are fighting this war and of our duty to help them win.

This war, too, must be won by our side, for we are fighting for Freedom and for a better world.

Memorial Day is a good day for all of us to firmly resolve that:

(a) We will do our utmost on the Home Front to help our Armed Forces win this war;

(b) After this war the world must be so organized that there shall be no more wars.

Of course, neither of these can be accomplished easily. Our enemies are still strong and our task in order to win the war—great.

The defeatists among us, who use every opportunity to confuse our people, are making this task more difficult.

What is our duty and how can we frustrate their attempts?

For American Labor—full production, no strikes. This is as important today, and even more so, than a year ago.

We must see to it that all partisan considerations are subordinated to national unity.

This is even more important to us of foreign extraction. Too many individuals and groups, who are either too small to overcome their political or other differences, or who are doing so deliberately, are giving aid to the enemies by hurting our national unity by placing inconsequential issues above the war effort.

Several groups of American-Lithuanians are sending resolutions to our government, demanding Lithuania's independence, as if our government is obligated to please them against the will of the majority of the people of Lithuania.

These groups consider the question of Lithuania as the most important question. Thus, they are confusing some of the American-Lithuanians as to the most important current issues.

This position is contrary to our national interests, as it is contrary to national unity.

It is not accepted by the majority of American-Lithuanians and the less support it receives, the better it will be for the war effort.

We must not bicker amongst ourselves over issues that are of little importance.

We must give full support to the Commander-in-Chief and his war program, as well as his other policies.

Anyone who advocates theories not relegated to winning the war is not helping his country to win this war. He is helping our enemies.

While honoring our dead, let us resolve to do all in our power to help bring this war to a speedy conclusion and help free the occupied countries groaning under the Axis yoke.

POINT OF ORDER

By ALA NMAX

It is reported that when the Allies warned the Axis satellites to surrender, Rep. Martin Dies took it personally.

Dies tells us that the reason he is not running for reelection is because of bad health. It seems he has a sore throat which began with a slight irritation when the Red Army failed to collapse in 30 days as he had predicted.

Complications quickly followed. He developed bad headaches — with the development of the labor movement in his district.

Dies took all kinds of medicines. For instance, the Supreme Court decision permitting Negroes to vote in the Texas primary was a bitter pill for him.

On the day another Dies Committee member, Joe Starnes, was defeated in the Alabama primaries, Dies broke out into a cold sweat. Running chills began to replace all thoughts of running for reelection.

The climax seems to have come when Judge J. M. Combs, a prominent FDR-supporter, announced his intention of running against Dies. Medical advisers informed Dies that his primary count would be even lower than his blood count.

The people could demand Dies return the \$625,000 Congress gave him. It is rumored he squandered the money at the races — keeping up a stable of Trojan horses.

Often the Berlin radio is the first to announce when the Germans have retreated from a town. But it hasn't yet announced the loss of Dies.

Soviet Scholar Reports on Biography of Mark Twain

A report on the esthetic views of Walt Whitman by Morris O. Mendelson, Soviet scholar and author of a biography of Mark Twain, was the highlight of a recent meeting of the Western Department of the Gorky Institute of World Literature in Moscow. Mendelson discussed the poet's little-studied critical essays, among them those on Shakespeare and Burns, and gave detailed consideration to Whitman's poetical works, pointing out the connection between his esthetic views and his outlook on life, particularly his attitude toward social changes in the United States of his day.

As We See It

Lewis Mumford, Professor of Humanities at Stanford University, in his book "The Condition of Man", predicts that after this war our reactionaries will have "to give up their illusions about this civilization."

"The bulk of our institutions no longer corresponds to the needs and possibilities of human life."

Professor Mumford says in our culture we have robbed one man to help another man. Or rather, we have robbed millions of poor to make a few people exceedingly rich.

He says that Jesus of Nazareth would be the first heretic in our Christianity of today.

Churches are "Musical Banks" to Dr. Mumford. He sees in them.

The disintegration of Christ's teachings into the eerie brokerage business conducted by priestcraft that sells relics and salvation for stipulated fees. . . .

He adds that:—

"By selling forgiveness and salvation for cash payments the Church had become financially powerful. It had a stake in the economics of capitalism and it drifted farther and farther from the essential communism of Jesus."

Our progress is greatly unbalanced. Industry and commerce are far ahead of social science, of education and the welfare of man because:

"Those with money turned science to their own advantage."

The human voice now can be transmitted around the world with lightning speed but even that has helped humanity very little because it also helps to disseminate.

"The same words one could hear from the village gossip or the village idiot."

Dr. Mumford has an unkind word for capitalism and its future. The learned Professor says:

"Capitalism, like an old man who has miraculously begotten a baby, actually fancies it has recovered the potencies of youth."

Dr. Mumford thinks that our reactionaries, like those of fourth century Rome, are unable to see "the dimensions of the present catastrophe". And—

"Unless we now rebuild ourselves all our external triumphs will crumble. . . ."

Just how to rebuild ourselves, Dr. Mumford seems to be at a loss to explain, or he does not want to be too frank.

Dr. Mumford has always overstressed objectives. He thinks that technical development has not given much to humanity.

His diagnosis in the past has been good. It is hardly possible to argue against him. But, it seems to me, he underestimates the good results of mechanical development.

I remember some years ago when I stopped in a small village in Wyoming while sitting in a restaurant I could listen to Dr. Rodzinski's Symphony Orchestra playing Tschaiakowsky's music.

Radio really brought culture to the rural areas. People in small towns and in rural districts are now much more cultured.

Other technical developments helped very much both the urban and rural population.

VINCE RUDIS.

THE ROAD TO SEVASTOPOL

By LEONID SOBOLEV

A few days ago I was in liberated Odessa. Today another heroic city lies ahead of me — glorious Sevastopol. The tunics of the Red Army officers and men here at the observation post are decorated with the medal "For the Defense of Stalingrad." The divisions conducting the offensive at this point are Stalingrad divisions. After a vigorous march through the Crimea they have reached the scene of the immortal defense of Sevastopol.

The Stalingrad will to victory helped our troops carry out the operation which smashed through the gateway to the Crimea — an operation classic in conception and brilliant in execution. For a long time these men bore indescribable privations; they were out in the open steppe, practically without cover, preparing for the assault on the Crimea.

It must be left to military historians to describe the breakthrough in all its details. Today, within sight of Sevastopol, I want to talk about one phase of this epic: the work of the Stalingrad sappers.

The Germans, in the course of two years, had transformed the Isthmus of Perekop into an impregnable system of engineering works. But the troops of Lieutenant General Kreiser found a different road — two and one-half kilometers of viscous mud covered by a thin layer of bitter salt water — the Sivash Sea, otherwise known as the "putrid sea." The Stalingrad sappers forced the icy waters of the Sivash and established a small bridgehead in the lake area of the Northern Crimea. Only the infantry could cross here; guns and tanks stuck in the mud and the horses refused to enter the water because the brine cut their legs.

Then began a long and incredible feat by the Stalingrad sappers commanded by Major General of Engineers Bazhenov. For two days on end, sappers on pontoons and specially constructed "sleds" literally dragged guns, mortars and ammunition through the thick mud, wading up to their knees in the water. They then tied the legs of the horses together, placed the animals on the sleds and dragged them to the "little land," as the bridgehead was called.

The skin of the men's legs cracked and split from the cold and bitter water of the "putrid sea," but there was no time to wait until special clothes arrived. It was necessary to prepare the bridgehead for the coming offensive without delay.

The troops assigned to hold the bridgehead were ferried

across the Sivash Sea. But tanks and heavy guns were also needed for the assault on the Crimea. The sappers therefore began to build a bridge across the Sivash. If this colossal task had been undertaken in peacetime, the entire country would have heard about it and the men who built the bridge would have been objects of universal admiration and respect. The work was complicated by continuous aerial bombing and artillery bombardment.

Finally the bridge was almost completed. In another day or two the heavy guns would be passing over it into the Crimea. Then a storm broke and raged with a violence the shallow and inoffensive "putrid sea" had rarely known. The waves hammered at the bridge until it was shattered. The work of the heroic sappers was destroyed by the elements.

The men of Stalingrad started again from the beginning. They toiled day and night, standing for long hours in the icy water. When they emerged there was nothing but a bonfire to warm and dry them. But at last the bridge was ready. Tanks and heavy guns began to move across it; others were ferried over on pontoons.

Then, just as the blow was about to be struck, the elements broke loose again. This time it was a snowstorm accompanied by an icy wind. Trenches were filled with thick layers of dry snow, and the men had all they could do to dig themselves out.

Finally the assault commenced. Our guns opened fire and the tanks sped forward to force the enemy defenses. And again the sappers moved ahead of the troops, clearing lanes through the minefields and wire entanglements. The Army broke through to the Crimea.

The Germans had not expected the maneuver carried out by our troops. They were confident of the impregnability of their defenses in the Perekop Isthmus and on the shores of the Sivash. But they had overlooked one weak spot, and it was at this spot that our tanks



WAITING—Hoping he'll arrive from abroad soon, lovely Mrs. Barbara Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., awaits her husband, Capt. Robert S. Johnson, officially credited with shooting down 27 Nazi planes. She's shown at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, where she came to greet her hero mate.

dashed at them from the "little land."

The assault had been so carefully prepared and so swiftly carried out, the enemy had no time to saturate with troops and artillery the defensive works he had prepared all over the Crimea. Lieutenant General Kreiser's army took Dzhankoi on the run, and simultaneously Lieutenant General Zakharov's Guardsmen broke into the Crimea through the Isthmus. The German troops holding Perekop and the shores of the Sivash were overwhelmed and annihilated or taken prisoner.

Our troops marched swiftly on to Evpatoria and Sevastopol. Again the sappers moved ahead, clearing the road for the Stalingrad heroes. They removed over 10,000 mines from the roads leading to Sevastopol and built dozens of bridges across the rivers for tanks and guns.

Now Sevastopol lies before us. We can see the positions of the Germans' last defense. They are putting up frantic resistance. They have massed in Sevastopol all the artillery and anti-aircraft guns they managed to save in their flight from Perekop and the Sivash.

One's feelings as one gazes at the city of glory from the familiar heights are indescribable. Its hour of liberation is at hand. The sailors of the Black Sea Fleet will always cherish the memory of the Stalingrad sappers who laid a bridge of victory across the Sivash.

Him: "I have tickets for the new movie."

Her: "Fine—I'll start getting dressed right away."

Him: "Great!" The opening is tomorrow night."

Silk House Obsolete Now and Forever, Says Expert

Silk hosiery is obsolete in the United States and will stay that way after the war because American hosiery manufacturers, using synthetics such as nylon, "are going to drive the Jap out of the American market as we are driving him out of the Pacific," John Alden Spooner, vice-president of Textron, Inc., declared at a luncheon in the Merchandise Mart, launching the Women's, Childrens and Infants' Wear Market Week.

Emphasizing that the textile industry would be ready for peace output at the earliest possible moment because retooling will be unnecessary, Spooner declared that nylon stockings, when compared with silk, would be more satisfactory to the eye, touch and pocketbook.

Spooner listed the synthetics available for fabric utilization. Including nylon and rayon, they are: Aralac, aptrocin fiber made of milk, which represents wool closely when woven; soy-lon, a fabric made from soybeans; zein, a natural plastic extracted from corn; vinyon and saran, thermoplastic synthetics.

He predicted that the industry in the postwar period would hold or exceed its wartime levels of production, giving wide employment, enjoying large markets abroad and bringing prosperity to those in collateral fields, such as apparel and transport.

Spooner visualized a world in which a woman's complete ensemble and a home's entire furnishings would be made from synthetics.

JUGOSLAVS TURN TO MARSHAL TITO

LONDON, (ONA) — General Dusan Simovitch, hero of the 1941 Belgrade Anti-Nazi coup, has drafted a 32-point plan of governmental action for Yugoslavia which he turned over to major-general Vladimir Velebit for submission to Marshal Tito, it was learned today.

General Simovitch presented the plan to General Velebit prior to the latter's departure after the successful completion of his military mission for the Yugoslav partisan leader.

The plan makes no mention of a monarchy, urging that the "highest law must be the will of the people," which is interpreted by some observers as confirmation of Tito's view that the people will decide after the war what form the future regime of the country is to take.

Maxim Gorky and the English Classics

The popularity of English classical authors is steadily increasing in the USSR. This appreciation is, of course, traditional with us. Gorky's English admirers are no doubt aware in what profound esteem he held the literature of their country. Shakespeare, Dickens, Byron and Walter Scott were among his favorite authors.

"Shakespeare, Balzac and Tolstoy are to me three monuments erected by mankind in its own honor," he wrote in one of his articles. In another he said: "Let us not forget that Balzac's *Poor Relations*, Gogol's *Dead Souls* and Dickens' *Pickwick Papers* are essentially novels of life and manners, they contain profound and un fading instruction such as even the finest university cannot give, and which the ordinary man could not acquire with such precision and accuracy in 50 long years of life and labor."

For Gorky, books were a source of the knowledge which he could not derive directly from life. Books, he said, enabled him to penetrate into the secret places of the human heart. He called them the most wonderful miracles produced by man in his path toward hap-

piness and power.

Speaking of his childhood, he said: "At that time I was already reading translations of foreign novels, and among the books which fell into my hands were works by such splendid authors as Dickens and Balzac, also the historical novels of Ainsworth, Bulwer-Lytton and Dumas. These books introduced me to men of strong will and well-marked character."

These enthusiastic comments on English authors are the more significant when we remember that, to Gorky, a nation's literature was the mirror of its soul. For this reason he was particularly charmed by the ballad he wrote a foreword. In his memoirs he relates how he accidentally came across a bulky volume of which the first part was missing. From this he copied the "enthral ling verses" of the *Comedy of the Merry Archer* George Green and Robin Hood, written in the 16th Century by one of Shakespeare's predecessors, Robert Green. "I was delighted to learn from it," said Gorky, "and conceived an even deeper love for literature, which from time immemorial has been man's faithful friend and assistant in his hard life."

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO FOR THE WAR

Job opportunities in the Women's Army Corps were outlined by Lt. Nell Breeden, Illinois WAC Recruiting Officer. Women are needed for assignment to thousands of jobs in more than 100 categories.

Air Force jobs open to WACs include work as meteorologists, radio operators, weather observers, air field control tower operators, mechanics and office workers. Air WACs now are serving at Army Air Forces installations all over the world. WACs assigned to the Air Transport Command may select their own ATC stations either in the United States or in any of the several theaters of war where ATC outposts are located.

Another category for which WACs now are being recruited is for Signal Corps assignment. Tabulating machine operators, cryptographic clerks, cryptanalists and key punch operators. Women who are expert touch typists, or who have a knowledge of foreign languages probably can be assigned directly to these jobs without additional schooling after completion of their basic training. Advanced schooling in mathematics also will be an asset for some of the Signal Corps assignments.

One phase of the WAC recruiting campaign is confined

almost exclusively to college women. Recruits should have college training and practical experience, if not actual degrees, in biology, geology, pharmacy, chemistry, business and psychology. Such women are assigned to hospitals, laboratories and other Army installations where such training is essential.

Many WACs will be employed as hospital and laboratory assistants, and as teachers, in the institutions where the rehabilitation of incapacitated soldiers will be carried on.

Competent artists also are needed in the WAC, Lt. Breeden said. They will work as cartographers and camouflage artists, and will design and produce the charts and posters used by Army personnel.

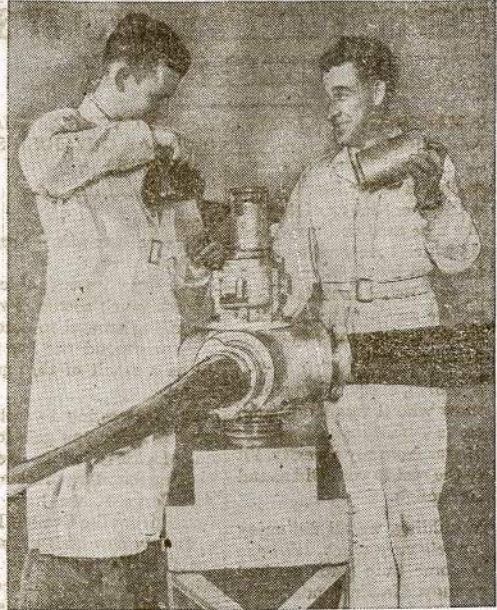
Most of the women enlisting for assignment to these jobs will receive non-commissioned officer ratings as soon as they have completed basic training and have been assigned to posts.

NEEDED—A TEACHER

Angry parent: "I'll teach you to make love to my daughter!"
GI: "I wish you would. I'm not making much progress."

Men are peculiar. A fellow who hadn't kissed his wife in five years shot a fellow who did.

FATS FLY HIGH



Frank Hess, left, and Arthur Allbee, right, are filling the speed reducer of a propeller power unit with low temperature lubricating oil at the Propeller Plant of the Curtiss-Wright Corp., in Caldwell, N. J. This oil contains stearic acid, which is derived from inedible kitchen fat.

Gandhi Seeks Congress—Moslem League Unity

Following his release on May 6, after 21 months of confinement, Mahatma Gandhi has shown a keen interest in two particular subjects.

First, he is anxious to improve relations between the National Congress, of which he is the leader, and the Moslem League for the purpose of ending the political deadlock and strengthening India's position against oppression at home and abroad.

Secondly, he is showing a keen interest in the Soviet Union.

Although Gandhi is not carrying on any political discussions at present, he has advised his followers that as soon as he is stronger he will meet with representatives of the Moslem League to discuss the question of Congress-League unity.

He is very impressed by the strength of the Soviet Union and has studied diligently about the USSR during his long confinement. He has even read Karl Marx's *Capital* and Emile Burns' *Handbook of Marxism* from cover to cover.

Gandhi received greetings from the Communist Party of India upon his release and expressed a desire to meet with representatives of that party as soon as his health improved.

Gandhi's release has been welcomed by all peoples of India, but it is even more im-

One Tommy Gunner—50 Germans

In an engagement in Byelorussia, Nikolai Episov, a young tommy gunner, fought single-handed against 50 Hitlerites and a tank. His action enabled his unit, part of a famous Stalingrad Guards Division, to capture an inhabited locality without excessive casualties.

Nineteen-year-old Nikolai made his way unobserved to the outskirts of the village and hid in the attic of a two-story house, from which he opened fire on the Germans with his tommy gun. The Hitlerites made desperate efforts to capture or kill him, but invariably fell under his fire. Finally they succeeded in flinging an incendiary bomb onto the roof of the house, setting it on fire, and at the same moment a German tank approached and sent two shells into the house, partially wrecking it. But young Nikolai kept cool, hurled two grenades at the tank and disabled it. In the confusion, the Guardsmen broke into the village. They found Nikolai at the window of the half-wrecked house with an empty magazine and his last grenade. Fifty dead Germans lay about the house. Nikolai has been decorated with the Order of the Red Star.

important to the welfare of India that Jawaharlal Nehru and other Congress members be released. It is Nehru who has emerged as the real leading figure of India.

Of, By And For Servicemen & Women

EXCERPTS OF LETTERS RECEIVED BY SEC'Y OF CHICAGO SORORITY

SAM MAKES A CONFESSION

Dear Sisters of the Storm:

Just a short letter of thanks for the nice card and very good candy which I received and was appreciated by all members of the crew. Being one of the few to receive any packages sort of made me a popular guy, even though it was for a day.

Of course, everybody wanted to know who it was from, and, of course, blushing, I admitted it was from my sorority. I'll leave the rest to you. Did sound funny though.

No kidding, we all did enjoy the sweets very much. It's been quite some time since we had any candy. In England, candy is next to none, chewing gum couldn't be bought at any price. When in England, as we walk down the street, we would always be greeted by the kids with a "Hey, Yank, got any gum, any pennies?" and if we did, we would have to split it up before we gave it, in order not to start a riot.

Good luck to you all.

Yours truly,
Sam Bogdon — Canada

Words Without Music

"Do not become a hermit, dear, While you are far away, Just have a lot of fun, dear, Have the girls around, dear. They too must have their fling: Be sure you treat them kind, Laugh and dance and sing.— Do anything you will, dear, Pet and flirt and park, With Mary, Jane and Ann, dear, Have fun after dark. The years are all too few, dear, Your chasing 'round to check, But should I find you do, dear, I'll break your—neck!

NOTE!

To Our Servicemen and Women— Please Write In!

We are interested in how all of you are getting along, what you are doing (so long as you do not divulge any military information) etc. This appeal is not intended merely for LDS'ers nor Chicagoans alone—but to all readers of the VES.

Please address: Mrs. Nellie De SchAAF, c/o VES 3116 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill.

We know a man who never did anything wrong simply because he never did anything.

HERE'S ONE FROM THAT POPULAR GUY, JULIUS URBICKAS

Dear Lou:

It sure was nice to get your letter.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to answer it much sooner. I've been travelling around so much that my correspondence has suffered as a result of that gadding about.

It's interesting to note how easy it is for you gals to work on airplanes while we boys aren't even allowed to stay in the Air Corps if we have transferred from the Ground Forces. From my new address, you can see that I'm no longer in the Air Corps. I was shipped from Sheppard Field about March 15 to Camp Beauregard, La., where, during my five day rest, I was returned officially to the Ground Forces. After that I went back to Texas and an Ordnance heavy maintenance company at Camp Berkeley. After a week of dust down there, they decided to send me to school to learn how to be a heavy artillery mechanic. That's what I'm trying to do here at the Proving Ground.

This past week-end I went up to New York and was able to get together with brother Tony. Inasmuch as we hadn't seen each other in about a year we had quite a bit to talk over. I got into New York about 9:30 P. M. Saturday night and we gabbed until the effects of beer and rum put us to sleep about 3 A. M. Sunday morn.

I was glad to know that you and Johnny had a lot of fun and a swell time while he was home on his leave. Where's he stationed at present?

While in the Infantry I liked it and would have been glad to go back to my old outfit. The latest news I have from my old infantry outfit is the fact that about two-thirds of the company is on its way overseas. We had a lot of fun in the two years we were together. They were a swell bunch of guys and I did regret leaving them.

Hope you'll write soon again.

Cordially,
Julius — Texas

"Conductor, will you help me off the train?"

"Sure, but why?"

"You see, I'm stout, and have to get off the train backwards. The porter thinks I'm trying to get on and he give me a shove on again. I'm five stations past my destination now!"

G. I. TID-BIDS

Mrs. Thomas Ambrosina of New York mailed a \$4.00 money order to Magistrate Robert H. Mahoney in Traffic Court as payment for an overtime parking summons received by her husband before he entered the Army, and included this letter:

"My husband is missing in action. I want no trouble for my husband, no matter where he may be."

Mahoney suspended sentence and returned the money order.

Pfc. James M. Thomas (Marine) of Biltmore, N. C., weight 150 pounds, killed 60 Japanese in the battle for Namur Island, Kwajeleim Atoll. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet has awarded him the Bronze Star Medal.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Sawdust has been upped to the nth degree in importance with the discovery that it works well in the canister of the American fighting men's gas mask, according to Lt. Col. Ralph A. Gould, chief of the chemical warfare branch, Fourth Service command.

Formerly, activated charcoal produced from cocoanut shells had been the ingredients used in the canisters, Col. Gould said, but after Pearl Harbor Army men started intensive research to find a substitute, realizing that the supply of this raw material from the South Seas might be cut off. Through experiments, an activated charcoal from sawdust, wood, coke and even coal was developed which is said to be superior to that made from cocoanut shells in absorbing toxic gases.

Twenty-four-year-old Corporal Georgette Boxall of Brisbane holds one of the most unusual jobs in the Australian Women's Army Service. She is a marine draughtsman or draughtswoman in the workshop operated by the corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. When small ships operated by the Australian army arrive in the Brisbane River workshop for repairs, Corporal Boxall goes aboard to examine the damage and prepare detailed repair plans. She also draws up estimates of the material required and all work is then carried out in the plans and blueprints she submits.

Corporal Boxall has already worked on motor launches, tugs, large and small barges and landing craft. Her biggest job was preparing plans to get back in commission an old 65-

foot barge which had been lying abandoned for years on a mud bank.

Before the war Corporal Boxall was studying architecture, and for 18 months after joining the services she prepared instructions for an Army Field Engineering Unit.

Camp Crowder, Mo. Private Johnnie L. Smith, Co. D, 35th Bn., nearly floored the company top kicker when he turned up and asked for a week-end pass so he could go on a 14-mile hike. The "top" thought he had heard every screwy reason for seeking a pass, but this was a new one.

Private Smith got the pass, when he persuaded the "top" that it was an honest request, then went with the Neosho Boy Scout troop on their Sunday jaunt.

Chicago LDS Servicemen Write

A SPARKS member, Pvt. Joe Dober who is in the Military Police Detachment at Camp Claiborne, La., writes that the northern girls are prettier than any of the southern belles he has seen and a lot of Southerners don't know that the Civil War is over. They are still trying to fight with the Yankees. (tsk-tsk)

A REDWINGER, Pvt. John Gizevich who is in the Field Artillery Division at Camp McCoy, Wis., writes that he is looking for a pretty blue-eyed blond and is hoping to get some good results. (I think that he's forgotten that right here in good old Chicago we've got a few good members in the LDS, too!)

A MONARCHER, John Burenetsky S-2, attending the Service School at Great Lakes thinks what the Lambda Delta Sigma Sorority girls are doing is great—they're keeping contact with the LDS Servicemen by letter writing.

A ROSELANDER, Sgt. Albert Urban, who is a member of the Army Air Force School located at Eagle Pass, Texas is hoping to see all of his friends on his next furlough which he hopes he'll be getting soon.

A MELROSE PARKER, PFC. Stephan J. Minarik, connected with the Headquarters Battery at Ft. Mac Arthur, San Pedro, Calif., enjoys reading the letters he receives from the Sorority Sister who has adopted him temporarily. SIS