

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tussing of Toledo were Christmas day guests of their sister, Mrs. Mark Daines and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett is the guest of her son, Mr. William Burnett and family.

Mrs. Ellen Glassbrooke, of Wheaton College and her nephew, William Edridge, were visitors in Farmington for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker were their sons, Bill from Atlantic City and Roy from Fort Sheridan, and

Mrs. Parker's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jewel of Canton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paege and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McFarland of Detroit were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaul and son spent Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaul, Sr., in Detroit and Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuck in Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muehr in Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Durgan entertained at a family dinner on Christmas day.

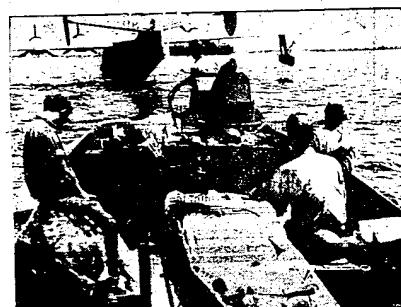
This Week's NEWSREEL

TOUR OF CHINESE SCHOOL IN INDIA



EASTERN INDIA—During his very secret visit to one of the Chinese training centers in Eastern India, where he saw at first hand and for the first time, one of the most important points of American influence in post-war China, the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek rode in a jeep and from the expression on his face was much pleased. With him are Madame Chiang, sitting in front next to the driver and Lord Louis Mountbatten who had flown down to the school to escort them on their tour. Note Madame's print dress and new sun bonnet. Coming operations Mountbatten will be the Chief of these particular Chinese soldiers.

HUMAN CARGO FROM MAKIN



OFFICIAL U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO—Four-motored Navy Corcodo patrol plane, (background) stands off Makin Island, newly-captured Pacific base, as landing boat carrying wounded soldiers comes up to unload its human cargo which was flown to a hospital.

RAIN AND MUD SLOWS ADVANCE



ITALY—Rain and mud are playing their part in slowing down the advance of the Allied armies in Italy and here we see the difficult problems faced by the fighting forces due to the adverse weather conditions. At the top, R.A.F. men push a spitfire out of a mud-hole on a landing field, and at bottom, artillerymen of the British 8th army drag their 25-pounder out of the mud to higher ground.

Victory

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member 1. Selected service figures will be required to furnish between 1,500,000 and 2,100,000 men to the armed forces between December 1 and July 1—thus providing 700,000 to 900,000 replacements and bringing total strength of all forces, including WABEs, to 11,300,000. During October and November, an estimated 150,000 men were reclassified out of IV-F for reexamination by the armed forces.

Extend Good Price Support

Good and choice butcher goods weighing from 270 to 300 pounds will be included in the Price Support Program, according to WFA. This temporary emergency measure became effective December 22 and is expected to encourage the more orderly marketing of hogs to relieve the congested conditions existing in many of the principal markets. The action is intended to protect farmers from prevailing heavy discounts for hogs weighing over 270 pounds. The Hog Support Program previously applied to good and choice hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds. WFA requested that hogs weighing less than 200 pounds be kept off the market until congested conditions are relieved.

Public Wants Alarm Clocks

"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you most?" Nearly 5,000 persons throughout the country were asked this question, in a recent survey of consumer requirements made by the Office of Civilian Requirements. The most serious inconvenience and hardship is caused by the shortage of alarm clocks, although shortage of food affects the greatest number—followed in order of numbers by elastic, galvanized ware, some textile products, and some food. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. Whiteside, Vice-Chairman of OCB, said.

Address Ration Books

Hundreds of lost ration books dropped in the mails by the finders are being sent to the Dead Letter Office every month because owners failed to fill in their addresses on the covers, according to OPA. Every holder of a ration book should make certain that his current address is plainly written in the space provided for that purpose on the cover.

To Speed Veterans' Payments

Action has been taken to eliminate delays between the date a soldier is discharged for physical disability and the time he may begin to receive a pension or other veterans' benefits, according to the War Department. Steps have been taken so that before a soldier leaves the army, he may get not only competent advice on the merits of individual claims, but also a decision on them.

Camelback Production Sets Record

Production of 25 million pounds of Camelback in November was the largest on record and an increase of approximately 25 percent over October. Though demand still exceeds production, future production is expected to meet all essential needs. The material produced during November was enough to recap 2 1/2 to 3 million passenger tires and 500,000 heavy-duty commercial tires.

Employment Aids For Veterans

Regardless of priorities set up in local employment stabilization plans, all honorably discharged members of the armed forces will be helped to find a job to their liking, whether on war work or not, according to the War Manpower Commission. If the veteran takes a job and is dissatisfied, he has the privilege for 60 days of seeking other work. Six local offices of the U.S. Employment Service (New Haven, Conn.; St. Louis, Mo.; Ft. Worth, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Philadelphia, Pa.) have been designated to demonstrate to the unemployed the many opportunities and expanded placement programs. By March it is expected the test programs will be expanded to all USES offices.

Freeze Sweet Potato Prices

Fresh sweet potato prices have been frozen at all levels from country shipper through retailer on the basis of the individual seller's "high" for the five-day period from December 17 through December 21, 1943. This action was taken by OPA because prices at terminal markets recently had been advancing at an inflationary rate.

May Add Cost Of Jar

Housewives will have to pay approximately 2 cents more per jar for fruit berries, and vegetables sold in glass containers where the processor has started packing in glass containers, processors incur greater labor costs.

OPA Honors Volunteer

The OPA War Service Award

ROTARIANS DO THEIR PART TO WIN THE WAR

Chicago, Illinois.—What are service club organizations doing to help win the war? How have wartime conditions affected membership of these clubs? Some answers to these questions are contained in a report released today by Charles L. Wheeler of San Francisco, Cal., president of Rotary International, world-wide service club organization.

Rotary membership figures are at the highest point in its 39-year history despite the fact that large numbers of Rotarians are in the armed services of their countries. In the last 11 months, Rotary has had a gain of 10,221 members and in this same period 127 new Rotary Clubs have been organized in 13 countries of the Americas, and in China, England, India, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, South Africa and Sweden. Today there are 213,500 active Rotarians who are members of 5,008 Rotary Clubs.

Because of the war, Rotary Clubs have been disbanded in 20 countries of Europe and Asia, and are probably not functioning in 14 additional regions, but Rotary is still active in more than 50 countries throughout the world.

In war-torn China, for example, Rotary not only continues to carry on but to organize new clubs. A cablegram just received from C. T. Wang in Chungking, China, brought the news that the Rotary Club of Lanchow, China, has been organized with 22 charter members. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, is Rotary International's representative for the clubs in China.

Among the numerous Rotary activities throughout the world are community betterment undertakings, work for underprivileged children, the promotion of high ethical standards in businesses and professions, and the development of international good will and understanding.

Rotarians are making many vital contributions to the war effort in their respective countries. They are assisting their governments in selling war bonds and in the execution of various rationing programs. They are stimulating business adjustments to the war effort. They are active in all phases of civilian defense work. They are salvaging and conserving essential war material. They are helping in fund-raising campaigns for the Red Cross and other relief organizations, and they are participating in the active work of these agencies. They are planning now for the problems of postwar reconstruction, with especial emphasis on the "Work Relief" plan for discovering and cataloging jobs which will be available for demobilized soldiers and war workers when victory has been won.

Protect Servicemen

Michigan, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Kentucky were among the states deferring collection of property taxes owed by servicemen until after the war, at the same time releasing servicemen from penalties and interest on the taxes. Illinois and Iowa likewise have agreed to release the same relief. To protect servicemen's properties receiving homestead exemptions several states, including Louisiana and Oklahoma, made service with the armed forces equivalent to residence on land receiving such exemptions. In this connection, Michigan extended to veterans of this war homestead exemptions granted veterans of World War I. A step taken by other states this year and in 1941 and 1942.

Camouflage In Home

When finishing an attic or other part of a house to provide more space for war workers or an enlarged family, awkwardly placed or unsightly doors may be ingeniously masked by painting them in the similitude of shelves of books, or cupboards, with vases of flowers or plants on the "shelves." This is not intended to deceive anybody but intended to make the room look more interesting and unique to its occupant and in some cases to cause it to seem larger, longer, higher or otherwise better proportioned.

When doing a necessary paint job anyway, it costs little or nothing more in material to make it as pleasant-looking and interesting to live with as possible.

certificate will be presented during the week of January 2 to \$5,000 men and women who have served 100 hours or more as volunteer aids on local rationing boards during the two years the boards have been in operation. Distinguished Service pins will be awarded 9,000 volunteers who have served 500 hours or more. In addition to certificates for board assistants, the 75,000 board members will receive lapel buttons with the inscription: "War Price and Rationing Board — OPA — Meritorious Service."

Estimate Budget for Single Working Woman

It will cost the single working woman \$1,497.50 as a minimum for health, food and adequate living in 1944. In the three years 1939-41, the average cost was \$1,113.42; if this is taken as the base income and increased by the rate of increase in the cost of living index from those dates to September, 1942, contemplated in the wage formula of 20 per cent, the income figure would be \$1,350. Consequently, with increased taxes, and despite economies figured at the maximum, there would be a deficit of \$147.50. These statements are made by the Heller Committee for Research in Social Economics, on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

The budget, it is stated, indicates possible retrenchments in consumption in order to pay taxes, invest in war bonds, and still remain within the income limits set by the freezing order of October. It is pointed out that this program is not entirely feasible, because it assumes that the single working woman's peacetime standard has sufficient slack to pay taxes, invest 10 per cent in war bonds, and still leave enough to cover cost of essentials at prices prevailing in March, 1943.

The wartime budget includes \$239.29 for taxes, \$242.50 for purchase of 4 war bonds, leaving \$1,558.71 for consumption items. These are tabulated as follows: room and board, \$782.53; clothing, \$149.90; and miscellaneous, \$252.50. The last item includes the provisions: medical and dental care, \$44.51; care of the person, \$29.60; recreation, \$57.15; cigarettes, candy, etc., \$44; association dues, \$19.32; telephone, \$10.00; gifts, \$17.72; stationery and postage, \$3.02; incidentals, \$9.14. Savings are diverted to purchase of war bonds.

Property Tax Relief Granted to Servicemen

Tax relief legislation enacted for the benefit of servicemen by the various states this year includes a substantial number of measures covering the property tax field.

State legislatures granted real and personal property tax exemptions up to a certain amount or on certain types of property, frequently deferred collection of all taxes until after the war without interest or penalty; extended homestead exemptions, in many cases relaxing residence requirements; and granted special protection to tax-foreclosed land owned by servicemen or their families.

Property tax exemptions of \$1,000 were granted servicemen this year by Connecticut, Idaho and Nevada, while New Hampshire allowed exemptions of \$3,000 for totally disabled veterans, their wives or widows. New Hampshire in 1941 granted servicemen exemptions of \$1,000 on their property provided the taxable property was not worth more than \$5,000.

Mississippi made tax exempt the homes owned by men in the armed services, even though the homes were rented to someone else; Maine exempted the estates of war veterans from all property taxes; Massachusetts exempted temporarily absent types of real property belonging to resident servicemen and their wives.

Cotton and Alcohol Form Cold-Resistant Plastic

A new plastic made from cotton is playing a vital part in the production of American bombers and fighting planes, Robert J. Metzler, technical engineer, announced.

Ethyl cellulose, made by chemists from cotton and alcohol, can withstand the lowest freezing temperature of any known plastic, or it can be formulated to bear up under temperature as high as 175 degrees Fahrenheit, he stated.

In subzero stratosphere cold, ethyl cellulose plastic is used to insulate wires of airplane engines, because the cotton plastic wiring won't snap under the frigid conditions.

Ethyl cellulose is also used to make aluminum parts for airplanes. A hot-melt solution poured into molds makes the forms on which the various aluminum parts are stamped.

Metzler revealed that one of the nation's largest producers of purified cotton linters from which cellulose plastics are made has expanded cellulose output for war needs. The new, soft ethyl cellulose plastics used to resist freezing cold, were developed last year as a replacement for rubber in some uses.

Big City

Stalino, one of the big cities of the Soviet Union, before its occupation by the Germans in October, 1941, had nearly half a million residents. The annual capacity of its metallurgical plants was estimated at well over 500,000 tons each of cast iron and steel. Workers employed in the near-by mines and in the plants numbered one-sixth of the total industrial workers of Soviet Russia.

Nylon Replaces Brushes

A full scale unit for making tapered nylon to replace scarce Asiatic hog bristles in critically-needed paint brushes has started production in New Jersey. The government has pre-empted all tapered nylon for paint brushes required by the armed forces and war industries.

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