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 LATEST NEWS WED.-THURS.-FRI.-SAT.
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"LOST HORIZON" with Ronald Colman and Jane Wyatt
 and
 "SEVEN MILES FROM ALGATRAZ" with James Craig and Bonita Granville

Service Notes

Aviation Cadet Hanson L. Hartman, son of Mrs. Kathryn Hartman, of 2304 West Seven Mile Road, was recently awarded an expert's medal for proficiency in firing the .45 Caliber Pistol at Maxwell Field, Alabama, an installation of the AAF Training Command.

26 January, 1944
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 Buenos Aires, amigos—
 (After one lesson, too!) For four months I've been getting the Enterprise and enjoying the service column and resolving after each reading to write, and not getting around to it for some inexcusable reason—it's quite a vicious circle.

It's extremely interesting to me to know where the kids I know and what they are doing. When I was home on leave in December I saw a few of the old gang and kind of got caught up on the current local news (to be exact, gossip). Since my leave I've been stationed here in New Orleans, Personnel Division, with the Naval District Office, taking the plate of three men, and enjoying every minute of my work and to be slightly salty, it is 4.0. From my desk, we're on the 18th floor. I can get a wonderful view of the southern section of the Long bridge from New Orleans to Algiers, a couple of water towers, several high buildings, and hundreds of picturesque little homes. From a window at the other end of the building one can see the tops and steamers on the Mississippi River.

Anyone who has never been in New Orleans, or any place in the South, should definitely see it, but it should be strengthened by it. I know many fellows in southern Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi, to name a few places, think the rate the foreign duty addition to their pay. It takes the utmost fortitude to brave the mobs of uniforms on Saturday and Sunday nights, to ride these treacherous trolleys, and to stay bright in the midst of a downpour, which one didn't expect, and consequently forgot to bring one's havelock, (just call me Chioce).

However, here the climate is ideal—that statement will be good only until June or July of each year. Anyway, it's a good time for a moment, and if a person doesn't go strictly alcoholic, it isn't too expensive.

There are about 150 SPARS in New Orleans, and three times as many Navy girls, and the most murderous thing we put up with is being called "WAVES". We don't like that, for obvious reasons, as a Marine does not like to be known as a Soldier. To 90 per cent of the population, both civilians and other services, a girl in blue is a Wave, period.

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Dear Editor:
 Just a few lines to let you know that I am getting the Enterprise right along and sure is a treat to receive it. I will say I am sure going with a great outfit. The Seabees are doing a wonderful job. There's no job too tough. Wish to send my regards to the boys in the service and my friends in Farmington.

William Gregor,
 Chief Petty Officer.

Pfc Jack Simpson is located at Camp Butler, North Carolina.

Pfc Ralph Houtz who has been with the Marines in the Pacific area and now is in the Naval Hospital at San Diego, California, is reported to be slowly recovering from his injury, received while on duty with the 2nd Marines in the Gilbert Islands.

Pfc Donald Melatyre writes home they are enjoying wonderful weather since their first assignment in Laredo, Texas, in twenty years.

Corporal Herbert Barnum of the Congaree Air Field, South Carolina, is home on furlough. He arrived last Wednesday, for fifteen days.

Shirley Zwahlen, who twice, because of her mother's illness, had an extension granted on her furlough, has now returned to Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

A letter from "Lefty" Smith, son of George Smith of Hubbard Avenue, who is in the United States Navy, but is now recovering from shrapnel wounds in a Pacific Coast hospital, emphasizes the cheer and encouragement cards and letters bring to sick and injured service men.

Verifying the warning to civilians to do only necessary traveling, Bob Hunter, who was recently home on furlough, writes that he had to stand half the way as he journeyed down to Clovis, New Mexico. Bob also writes that he found the climate in the southwest almost as cold as that he had left. This, however, was rather appropriate since he found all his Christmas cards and mail stacked up waiting for him. At Christmas Bob had been en route home from Trinidad.

Joseph Wedgell Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkinson, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Sergeant Wilkinson is still located in California.

Leonard E. Nielson, formerly of Farmington, has been promoted to captain in the Army Air Forces. He is assigned to the 3rd Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, at the Remotus Army Air Field, Captain Nielson, who was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from flying school in January, 1942, was promoted to first lieutenant in June, 1942. He is a pilot with the 18th Squadron of the 3rd Ferrying Group.

A new recruit at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, is Henry Rudolph Tank, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tank, 20819 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

Dale Tallman, who enlisted in the Marines more than two years ago, has never had a furlough. In the Southwest Pacific he has been living a life of heroism and that should make his friends proud. The latest news obtained regarding him reveals the fact that he and his comrades were about to embark on a new mission. By this time that mission may be completed and it is hoped that now he may come home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tallman of Mayfield Avenue, and have plenty of time for rest and recuperation.

Henry Chavez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chavez of Mayfield Avenue, is stationed in Africa.

January 30, 1944
 Dear Enterprise:
 I am writing again to thank you for sending me the sweet paper, and also the change in my address. This paper is, sure a good morale builder and sure lets us know where our buddies are stationed, and also the news about the good old town. We are now in Louisiana, ready to start maneuvers for two months. This Louisiana seems to be just one big swamp. Today it is very hot for this time of the year.

I also want to thank the Blue Star Mothers for being so good to us fellows in service. They sure have a swell organization.

Your friend,
 Pfc Hugh A. Schulkins.

Mr. George A. Davis is visiting his son, James, who graduated high school from the Marine Flying School at Corpus Christi, Texas.

BANK DISPLAY BOOSTS WAR BOND DRIVE

The Buy More War Bonds campaign received an added impetus when the Farmington State Bank opened an exhibit, sponsored jointly by the bank and by American Airlines, Inc.

Much has been written about the brilliant feat of our combat planes. Little is known, however, of the vast fleet of cargo planes which the domestic airlines are operating under contract to the Army Air Transport Command and which are carrying vital material to every battle front in the world. Unarmed themselves, many of them converted passenger planes formerly in domestic service, they are doggedly sticking to the job of supplying the combat zones with food and medicine, essential airplane and machinery parts, and a hundred thousand different items which cannot wait for ocean transport.

While the cargo planes are carrying vital material, transport planes of the Troop Carrier Command are flying them to the invasion fronts. The crew of every transport plane in either Army or Navy service has received its training in transport technique from one of the commercial airlines.

Many of the captains have flown for their domestic airlines most of their flying lives. One American Airlines captain, with fifteen thousand hours of flying time and a Navy pilot in the last war, carried passengers between Boston and New York for years before the war broke out and he volunteered for the Air Transport Command. Now he is on one of the transatlantic routes the American Airlines is flying for the Air Transport Command. Some of the pilots are almost grandfathers, but they are doing a magnificent job. One youngster, trained by American Airlines in transport technique and with only 350 hours of flying time to his credit, brought his converted Douglas DC-3 almost 275 miles back to his base from the initial invasion flight with over two thousand bullet and shrapnel holes in its skin. One afternoon shot away, one engine gone and only two-thirds rudder action available.

Not only are the commercial airlines doing yeoman service in the training of crews and in the transport of men and material for the Air Transport Command, but at home they are cooperating with the Army and Navy in experimental work. An American Airlines man, along with representatives of the Army and Navy and another commercial airline, spent nine-six hours on a rubber raft in the Gulf of Mexico testing out life-raft equipment. Other tests are being made by the commercial airlines, in cooperation with the government, on fuels, materials, pressurized cabins, radio and a dozen other things.

Mr. Harley Walters was hostess to her bridge club Monday evening.

CLARENCEVILLE WILL PLAY LOCAL "B" TEAM

Basketball interest in Farmington is centering around the game to be played here on Friday, with Clarenceville coming for a game with the Farmington B team. This event was arranged since Farmington's first team goes to Cranbrook for a non-league game.

The Clarenceville team is composed of two seniors, and the rest juniors and sophomores. This is the first year they have had a basketball team. Playing for Clarenceville will be Al Holmes, Captain and Doug Bacon at forward, Stalker at center and Callan and Butterfield as guards. Reserves are Joe Prisk and Norman Sponenburgh.

On the Farmington B team are Bob McLean and Don Ferguson at forward, Bob Miller at center and Charles Locker and Bill Conroy as guards.

Anyone who holds a season ticket will be admitted to this game without further charge. All others will be charged 15c admission, no matter if it is an adult or student admission.

Cranbrook will be a member of the Class C tournament.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS SPONSOR CARD PARTY

Saturday evening, February 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Blue Star Mothers will sponsor a card party at the American Legion Home. Everyone is cordially invited to come and spend an enjoyable evening. Proceeds of this affair will be given to aid sufferers of infantile paralysis.

At the party the Blue Star Mothers held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Reynolds Bacon, over 40 pounds of candy was received, to be given to the Percy Jones Hospital, at Battle Creek.

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January 14, 1944
 Somewhere in New Guinea, To the Editor—
 I am dashing out these few lines to thank you once again for sending me the Enterprise and give you my new address.

I received two copies of the paper the other day and certainly enjoyed reading them even though they were two or three months old. I think the Enterprise is one of the best small town papers that I have read yet. There are plenty of hometown papers sent to the boys in my outfit. All the fellows get a kick out of reading it.

I also want to thank the Blue Star Mothers for the lovely Christmas gift they so kindly sent. Thanks again for sending the paper.

I remain,
 Cpl. Bud Matthews.

Don Youles was sworn into the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve in Detroit last Tuesday. He is awaiting call to report for training sometime in February.

Corporal Earl Stelling of the U.S.M.C. in the Pacific area, writes they are very busy these days and he wishes to be remembered to his friends in Farmington.

Warren Werschin and friend, both of the U. S. Navy, recently visited with Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Werschin, 21715 Waldron.

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