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Transport Corps Keeps French Rails Running

First railway personnel to enter the continent from England was a scouting and reconnaissance party of six officers and four enlisted men which left French beaches shortly after D-day. Making their way up the Cherbourg peninsula, they entered the city of Cherbourg while fighting was still in progress. They went to the railway yards and immediately began an inventory of serviceable rolling stock and damaged track, switches, tunnels and bridges. They catalogued the equipment, including main and branch lines.

As the Allies pushed deeper into France they found the army transportation corps railroads right behind them carrying supplies to the front and evacuating wounded to the rear in hospital trains. Just as soon as territory was captured from the Nazis, army engineers, assisted sometimes by men of the Military railway service, rehabilitated the rails and neutralized mine fields along the right of way. Shoo-fies are quickly built around bomb craters and damaged bridges.

The second military railway service is equipped with thousands of cars, repaired and tested during the two years of preparation prior to the invasion of France. The component units of the organization received careful training in construction, erecting, and operating locomotives and cars that came to the United Kingdom from the United States in prefabricated, knocked-down sections.

Poor Light Easily Fixed To Prevent Eye Strain

Three-fourths of all we do depends on seeing, and at least 25 per cent of our energy is used for sight. Poor light is the biggest single cause of eyestrain, yet the easiest to correct. All lamps should be shaded to prevent glare and harsh shadows and to direct light where needed. Goose-neck lamps and desk-lamp bridges are used to confine light to one spot, leaving the rest of the room semi-dark. Glass or plastic reflector bowls under the shades of such lamps prevent this spotty concentration of light. For studying, reading, or other close work a table lamp should be equipped with a bulb of at least 100 watts.

Inside frosted lamps or bulbs are most efficient. It takes three blue lamps to give as much light as a white one. Orange-brown or flame-colored lamps should be used for decoration only, and then conservatively, for they are inefficient and irritating to the nervous system.

Oil Shale

Oil shales and their products are complex substances and a favorable margin between cost of manufacture and market value of commercial products is dependent upon the development of specialized processes. In the past, the cost of manufacture has been markedly higher than the market value of products, not only in the United States but in other countries where oil shale utilization has been supported by government subsidy. The goal of the research and development laboratory will be to correct this situation and bring about economic utilization of American oil shales.

Shale oil reserves of the United States are estimated to contain about 92 billion barrels of oil, roughly four to five times the known petroleum reserves of the country and enough for more than 60 years at the present rate of use. Oil is being produced from oil shale in Scotland, Sweden, Germany, France, Estonia, Australia, South Africa, Japan, and other countries, but the shales and processing methods differ from country to country. Unlike the United States, these countries never have produced enough petroleum to meet their needs.

Aided Horticulturist
Recently, a florist asked the Ohio division of conservation and natural resources for a number of young pheasants to put in a cloth house used in growing chrysanthemums, roses, asters, etc. He explained that the soil used for the planting beds often contained unhatched eggs of grasshoppers, cutworms and other damaging worms and bugs, and it was his idea that the pheasants would consume the unwanted visitors.

The division men were intrigued by the proposal and 10 young pheasants were loaned for the experiment. The birds were kept in a regulation pen installed within the cloth enclosure for a few days, then given the run of the entire place. The results were excellent — all birds survived and the worms and bugs were completely eradicated.

Auxiliary Craft

Navy combat vessels and harbors in invasion areas are serviced by more than 50 types of district craft, each with a specific job. Water barges provide 250,000 gallons of fresh water in big time. There is a floating dry dock large enough to handle a destroyer. Repair ships can service anything from a watch or navigational instrument to a diesel engine. Hospital launches transport wounded sailors. Garbage barges keep coastal waters clean. In addition, there are patrol craft, mine sweepers and ammunition barges.



Service Notes

Sgt. David Edwards returned to Laredo, Texas, after spending the holidays with his family.

Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Parker have returned to Fort Knox after a twelve day furlough.

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank you again for the Enterprise. I've been transferred from Norton Heights, Connecticut, to the Amphibious Communications School here at Greenwald, California.

Yours Truly,

Earl C. Harrison, Jr. MoMM 3/6

Dear Editor:

This is the first chance to write you. I have been in Camp Blanton, Florida, for eight weeks. I received a copy of the Enterprise each week I have been here. I sure like to read about what happens back home. There are a few fellows from Farmington in my company, and I have met some officers from Farmington also. Well, I must close now.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Gerald S. Kition.

Dear Sir:

I have been receiving your newspaper, the Farmington Enterprise, for the past two years that I have been in the army, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done by forwarding your paper to me. I have learned much of many of my friends back home and of my buddies who are now in the service in different theatres of operations. The news from home through your paper has brought a small part of home out here to France and I want you to know I appreciate it very much. Many happy hours were spent by myself and my buddies reading of the news of our home town.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I remain,
Yours,
Pfc Orville Robertson.

For scholastic excellence in the Army, Specialized Reserve Training Program at the University of Illinois, Pvt. Thomas R. S. Woodley, of Louisa Avenue, has been given the Blue Star Award. During the term just closed Pvt. Woodley had a scholastic average of 4.50 based on 5 representing "A", 4 "B", etc. The award is given for honor status as a student, excellent conduct, and military efficiency. It is limited to not more than ten per cent of the trainees. During the next term Pvt. Woodley will indicate his status as an outstanding student by wearing a blue star on the left sleeve of his uniform coat four inches above the lower edge of the sleeve. He graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1944.

Dear Enterprise:

I guess it's about time I dropped a line to say hello. It seems as though a person never finds time to write everyone until his address changes. I want to thank you for sending the home town paper. I'm always glad to receive it. Some of my shipmates who have friends in Farmington also get a kick out of the news of home in the paper.

I'll have to close for now as it's almost time for lights out. Thanking you again,
Russell T. Pagel, MMS 2/c

Aviation Student Don E. Helchman has just completed his basic flying training at the Merford Army Air Field, California. He will now proceed to an Army advanced flying school, where he will take the final steps toward attainment of his silver pilot wings. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Helchman, 19000 Woodring Street, Farmington.

Corporal Howard Westphal, who has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for the past three months taking a course of studies on communications and radio, has been home on a five day furlough, and left Tuesday night to join his company at Fort Riley, Kansas, expecting to soon leave that station for overseas duty. He wishes to thank the Enterprise for sending him the paper wherever he has been, and states he will even more enjoy the paper when he is overseas.

Chief Petty Officer Eddie Christman of the United States Coast Guard will return to duty Monday after spending leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christman.

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CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Mary Rutla

Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher of Ontario spent New Years with their son and his family, Ralph, at Ithaca.

Watch Night Services were held at the Methodist Church, before which an entertainment was put on by members of the congregation. Mrs. William Lancaster and a group of her young pupils, Rhona and Jon Schlotterbeck and Jerry and Larry Evans.

Mrs. Ketcham of Boisford Tavern entertained her staff and their families during the holiday week. The Swarthmore and members of their Den of Cubes spent Saturday afternoon tobogganing and skating at Plymouth.

The Edgewood Mothers Club met at the home of Mrs. Thurlio Minshnick last Wednesday, with Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Williams acting as assistant hostesses.

The Minshnicks have been busy entertaining during the holidays, in their new home. They were hostesses to the O-Bridge ladies, the new name for the Auxiliary ladies, at their Christmas party, and at a New Year's Eve gathering for friends and relatives.

Miss Marian Shaler of List Avenue and her parents gave a New Year's Eve Party for a group of young people, including service boys from Romulus and Selfridge Fields, at their property on Grand River.

Mr. Arthur Mann of our High School staff was called to North Michigan on account of the illness and death of his grandfather.

Private and Mrs. Leslie Mead and Little Davy spent a week with the Ray Meads, Leslie returning to his station in Texas on Wednesday.

A number of the younger generation are returning to school, following a sledge of chicken pox during the holiday recess.

The Scanlan family were together to welcome in the New Year, as were many family groups, which is about the best form of entertainment during the holidays. Miss Phyllis Kefauver of Cass City visited the Pink family during the holidays.

Bill and Peggy Ryall of Detroit are vacationing with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ryall. The Juniors and Seniors are giving their first annual comedy play, "Pirate's Holiday" at Volney Smith Auditorium on Thursday.

and Friday evenings and they deserve our patronage.
The Four Mothers' Clubs' Council held election of officers on Tuesday, and the following were chosen as new officers: Mrs. Evans, president; Mrs. Rutla, vice-president; Mrs. Fleming, secretary; and Mrs. Kudla, treasurer. The Council asked the State Highway Department in the fall to check on the lights at Eight Mile and Grand River, and Eight Mile and Middlebelt, and they promised to do so. We hope for resumption of stop and go signals during school hours.

WEST FARMINGTON

By Mrs. Sarah Knapp

Mrs. George Heliker of Maple Road underwent a very serious operation at Pontiac General Hospital on Tuesday.

Miss Doris Green spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green.

The Misses Martha and Elsie Senkel of Detroit were weekend guests of Mrs. Augusta Tamm and Fred Tamm.

Several from here will attend the district meeting of the WCTU to be held at Redford Free Methodist Church on January 15.

Mrs. J. C. Cox took her little

grandson, Donald, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox, in Georgia, where the father is stationed and serving in the Armed Forces.

Mrs. Uhlmer who has been very sick, is much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker called on Mrs. James Heliker in Pontiac Saturday.

Safe Cleaners
When various dyes and dyes but as a rule the process starts at a moderate temperature, using soft water, and is then gradually raised. When the dye temperature is reached, garments are given a number of rinses to remove any surplus dye, slowly reducing the temperature of successive rinses. Finally, they are removed to the finishing department to be scanned and restored to the neatness taken when they were received.

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Come On, Folks and Meet Me in the TIMES!

A Furiously Funny Column by

BOB HOPE

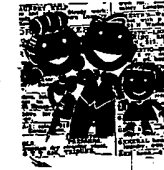
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