



# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS IN PICTURES



**WINGS OF THE ARMY**—Against a background of arresting cloud formations, these planes are lined up on the army air base field at Jackson, Miss., ready for flight. The government recently announced that United States aircraft production had reached approximately 4,000 planes a month. Distributing them was the problem.



**RIVER QUEEN**—St. Lawrence river cruise boatmen chose Jackie Miller (above) as their River Queen for 1942.



**'VICTORY' RIDES WITH ARMY**—'Victory,' Great Dane army mascot at Fort McPherson, Ga., perches in a jeep, ready to ride with Sgt. Melvin J. Crook (left), Danielsville, Ga., and Pvt. L. H. Bronder, Montrose, Minn. Dog weighs 110 pounds.



**JOIN BOND DRIVE**—Dancing Instructress Tanya Widin dresses up her dachshund to help war bond drive.



**FELLER SIGNS FOR SAILORS**—Bob Feller, former Cleveland Indians pitching star now in the navy, gives his autographs to admiring trainees at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.



**RUSSIAN-AMERICAN MEETS RUSSIAN**—Nathalie Krasovska (left), a Russian-American ballerina, was shown dolls at a New York Russian War Relief booth by Nila Magidoff.



**CONDUCTOR'S NIGHT OFF**—Symphony Conductor Edwin McArthur joins audience at a Robin Hood Doll concert.



**BLIMPS USED TO COMBAT U-BOATS**—Blimps such as this J-4 based at Lakehurst, N. J., are being used to help combat enemy submarines preying on United Nations commerce off America's coast. Observation is the traditional duty of blimps.



**TWO YEAR JOB ENDS**—Arthur Tahan finishes model of Independence Hall requiring two years, 25,000 wooden blocks.



**HELMET**—Mrs. Milton Thibaux wears new air raid warden steel helmet loaned by New York police Department.



**QUEEN**—Helen O'Hara, Los Angeles model, Queen of the California Military Operations, wears velvet fall hat.



**AIRPLANE HAT**—Katherine Frances at Alexandria, Barb., N. Y., wears a scale model navy plane as her Chaparral. Plans to use one of 50,000 model aircraft made by N. Y.'s school children.



**PUSSY PATROLS THE PLANES**—This cat is one of several kept at a ferry command airport in Canada to catch field mice which gnaw at the fabric of the aircraft.

### 'Just-Around-Home' Party Given Couple

H. C. Stipps Hosts To H. W. Whitneys And Friends

A "just-around-home" party was given Sunday evening at the H. C. Stipp home for Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Whitney and their children as a farewell gesture to the couple who will leave soon for Atlanta, Ga., to make their home.

Guests were the neighborhood friends of the Whitneys whose home is in the Parkhill addition. Picnic supper was served buffet style and the party was seated at tables in foursomes.

Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Valvin and Billy Charles, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Staples and Marjette, Doris Brady of Tucson, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angelo and Robert Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stalcup, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Allen and Sonny, Miss Constance Cushing, W. F. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, Bud and Nancy, Mrs. Anna Whitney, Mrs. Virginia Wear and Luan, Mr. and Mrs. Stipp and Louis.

### Women Want A Place In War Leadership

DENVER, July 12. (AP)—Full utilization of American woman power, with opportunity to serve in the inner councils of war leadership, was advanced today as the chief wartime objective of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs.

In her annual report to the organization's board of directors, President Minnie L. Maffett of Dallas, Texas, declared:

"In view of the fact that there are 65,000,000 women in the country—12,500,000 working women and 6,250,000 business and professional women—there is no reason why qualified women should not be included on all local, state and national boards and commissions.

"It is recommended, therefore, that the National Federation work to insure that women are given full opportunity for service, be that service voluntary or compulsory.

"The recommendation is made in the sincere belief that women have time, energy, and ability to contribute to the war effort, and that time, energy and ability must be fully utilized if we are to win the war and the peace which will follow."

The federation president said publicly forces are being brought to bear on "eighteenth century ideas regarding women" to counteract opposition to their participation in war jobs.

### HOUSEWIVES HELP

BOSTON, July 12. (AP)—New England's office of price administration made ready today to enlist housewives as "shock troops" against inflation with cards pledging "I will not buy above ceiling prices."

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### Soldiers Are Entertained With Dance

Approximately 25 couples were entertained at the Crawford hotel Saturday night with a dance sponsored by the Business and Professional Women.

Guests were boys from the glider school here, the Midland school, R. A. F. trainees stationed at Sweetwater and their friends. The cabaret dance was arranged by Mrs. L. A. Eubanks who was assisted by Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick and Miss Marie Gray.

### New Agriculture Teacher Named At Stanton

STANTON, July 12.—At the regular meeting of the Stanton school board an important vacancy in the faculty for the coming term was filled. F. W. Martin, brother of Hubert Martin, county farm agent of Martin county, was elected to fill the position of vocational agricultural teacher in the high school made vacant by the recent resignation of W. F. Speed, who was elected to the same position in the Leonard high school at an increase in salary.

Martin was the vocational teacher of the Dowell rural school in Fisher county last year and one of the boy members of the class won first place in the showing of hogs at the fat stock show and exposition, Fort Worth. He is completing the work for his Master's degree at A. & M. and is expected to arrive in Stanton next week to enter upon his new duties.

Mrs. Martin was elected to a position in the grammar school, probably taking over the fifth grade work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin hold college degrees and are experienced teachers.

Miss Erma Lee Gaither, English teacher in the Stanton school, has resigned to accept a civil service position at Plainview.

### 95th Division To Be Activated Wed.

CAMP SWIFT, July 12 (AP)—The 95th Infantry division, a paper organization from 1921 until last March, springs into active military life here Wednesday when Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle accepts the standard of a new unit in the nation's military forces.

The division will drop its provisional status at activation ceremonies set for 2 p. m. when representatives of component units assemble before division headquarters before ranking military and civilian officials.

The ceremony marks the end of an organization period for officer and non-commissioned personnel and the start of intensive training for selectees who will fill the ranks of the one-time reserve division with headquarters in Oklahoma's capitol.

### Bronx Cheer Is An Importation

NEW YORK, July 12 (AP)—That loud, American noise of disapproval is misnamed, in the opinion of Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons.

"There is no such thing as a Bronx cheer," he said today. "The so-called Bronx cheer is a noise brought to the Bronx, especially to the Yankee stadium, by vulgar people from outside the Bronx."

### Chinese Plead For American Offensive

CHUNGKING, July 12 (AP)—China's leading newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, appealed to the United States today to open a second front against Germany in Europe, start a naval offensive against Japan and use her air forces both in Europe and Asia, asserting that "only an American offensive can bring about a successful conclusion of the war."

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### - Downtown Stroller

When PEARL CUTSINGER left this morning for Corpus Christi she took with her Constance Cushing who will spend a week there. Miss Cutsinger is to make her home there and welcomed a friend to share the trip and help her get used to the new surroundings.

MRS. ROY LASSISTER has had as her guest MRS. GEORGE BRAKE who was Florence Henderson before her marriage. The Brakes live in Lubbock where she is employed at the air base. Brake is training for radio work in the naval school at A. and M.

It won't be long before the REV. and MRS. HOMER HAINSLIP leave for Ardmore, Okla., and all members of the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH are reminded of the covered dish supper that is to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the CITY PARK.

Five of the boys at the B.&P.W. dance Saturday evening were Canadians who are training at the Sweetwater school and they really had themselves a time. They told one woman there that the party was the nicest thing they had been to in a long time.

MRS. L. A. EUBANKS got a real thrill Sunday night when Ray Roberts, who has been stationed here for some time, called from Phoenix, Ariz. to say he was going to be made an instructor and would be sent back to his home in Asheville, N. C.

MRS. CHARLIE CARTER who lived here at one time has been visiting with relatives in Big Spring over the weekend. Her home is now in Abilene. She visited her daughter, MRS. BOB McEWEN, her mother, MRS. C. M. CHESNEY, and her sister, MRS. LARSON LLOYD.

### Housewarming Is Given By Four Couples For S. M. Smiths

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith were given a housewarming Friday evening by four hostesses who surprised the couple at their new home, 1300 Runnels street.

Hosts for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry of Stanton.

The Smiths were invited out for dinner and when they returned home found the guests who brought them numerous gifts for the house.

### To Attend School For REA Workers

STANTON, July 12 (Sp1) — Mrs. W. E. Milam, bookkeeper for the Caprock Electric Cooperative will leave July 19 for a week's school at Lubbock, said O. B. Bryan, superintendent.

She will study approved accounting methods used by REA systems throughout the country, general operation problems. Bryan will attend the latter part of the school. To be emphasized will be the self-billing system employed by most of the REA units over the nation, a device which is considered doubly important now in view of need for rubber and fuel conservation.

America's most successful communitistic experiment took place at Economy, north of Pittsburgh on the Ohio river. It was founded by the Harmony Society in 1825.

### Girl Scouts Have Entertainments Over Weekend

The Clover Girl Scout troop was entertained with a party by their leader Mrs. Ennon Lovelady over the weekend which included a slumber party, a midnight show Saturday night and group attendance at church Sunday.

Seventeen members were present for the slumber party at the Neal Barnaby home where the scouts met. At a short business meeting the girls voted to have orange as the color of their ties. In a quiz game Jerry Lou Bankston won the prize.

The troop attended church at the First Methodist.

Mrs. Leon Lederman assisted Mrs. Lovelady.

Sunflower  
Five were guests of the Sunflower troop when they met at the city park for a picnic and swim party Friday afternoon.

Guests were Mrs. C. B. Sullivan, Gilda Roberts, Charlene Kelsey, Dorothy Moore and Mary Nell Deason.

Mrs. Florence McNew is leader of the girls who will hold their regular meeting Friday at the Presbyterian church.

### Barbecue, Swimming Party Given By Mr. And Mrs. Wooten

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wooten entertained Sunday evening with a chicken barbecue and swimming party at the park for a number of their friends.

Present for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White and children, and Mrs. Walker Bailey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wooten and son, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wolcott and sons, and Mrs. T. M. Bailey and Winona, and the sons of the host couple.

### Red Cross Meet Stated For Tuesday Evening

Red Cross advisory council will meet at the Red Cross headquarters at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening for the monthly session.

### Homemaker's Class Meet Scheduled At Lees Home

Mrs. Harry Lees will entertain for the Homemaker's Class of the First Christian church at her home, 611 E. 18th at 8 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

### Heat Doesn't Deter Weekend Visitors

There are still some lucky people in the world who can go vacationing. Big Spring seems to be entertaining guests from all over Texas and many are here or have been here from out of the state cities and towns. Although almost everyone will have some guests those The Herald was able to find out about follow.

Mrs. Sherrin Peterson is in Dalhart visiting with her sister, Mrs. Beasle Freeman who will accompany her to Arnett, Okla., for a visit with their father, W. F. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams have had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eubanks of Cisco and Mrs. R. L. Williams of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ranft of Fort Wayne, Ark., have returned to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright.

Mrs. Elmer Dyer is in Sterling City visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burns and her son, Eddie Mack.

Mrs. B. H. McManis and Mrs. Betty Steele of Kemp, Tex., have returned to their home after visits with Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kling. Nell McManis remained here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickle have had as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. W. V. P. Baker of Lamesa. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Pickle are sisters.

Miss Sybil Oliver has returned from a three week vacation with relatives and friends in San Angelo.

Velva Glass has returned from Fort Worth where she took her daughter who has been visiting with her here for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Young and family of Sundown are the guests of Mrs. J. A. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Higgins left Sunday morning for Tampa, Fla., for a visit with their son, Lieut. Tommy Higgins who is taking special training at Drew Field with the flying squadron before leaving for foreign service.

### Country Club Members Have Dance Saturday

Country Club members held their Saturday night dance at the club house with 40 couples joining in the frolic.

Music was furnished by nickelodeon.

### Methodist Young People Leave For Cedar Lake

Six young people from the First Methodist church left this morning for the meeting to be held at Cedar Lake in the Pala Dura canyon. The encampment is to last through Friday.

In the group were Mary Gerald Robbins, Mary Nell Cook, Herbert Johnson, Herbert Brown, Joe Birdwell and Franz Meier.

The party was accompanied by R. L. Brown.

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trical contracting and expert electrical repairing, for the past few weeks the D. & H. force has been devoting much of their time in handling a portion of the electrical work at the new Bombardier school. Naturally, with this work taking up much of their time that ordinarily would be devoted to serving civilian needs, some of their regular work has been hampered slightly. However, they believe that the public will understand



**Good Eating**—Here's the attractive home of the Caprock Cafe, located on the crest of the hill on the Lamesa highway, where Harland McMahon and his staff offer food and items, along with cold beverages. The Caprock is open from 7 a. m. until midnight every day. (Kelsey Photo).

and appreciate the reason that ordinary service has necessarily undergone slight changes. The D. & H. Electric company has been operated in Big Spring by Mark Harwell for 15 years, during which time the company has developed into a widely known concern. For some time they have carried complete lines of quality electrical fixtures and supplies. However, the war has slowed production of these articles, and some will not be available for the duration after present stocks are exhausted. Some shop work is done by the D. & H. Company, but their chief work is contracting. The wages and hours law prohibits the employment of children under 16 in industrial establishments that ship products in interstate commerce.

## Kyle Gray Transfer Kept Busy By Wartime Demands

War time means moving time, as homes, families and businesses follow the population changes brought about by defense factories and army and navy posts. And no one is better qualified to speak of the rush in the transfer business than Kyle Gray, owner and manager of the Big Spring Transfer company. His company's 11 trucks are on the move now constantly moving families and businesses, and his eight employees must work fast to keep the transportation going smoothly. Gray formerly owned and managed a transfer company under his name and in November of 1940

bought the Big Spring Transfer company that is located at 107 Runnels. He has been in the transfer business in Big Spring since 1936 and has more than 12 years of experience in the business. In addition to moving furniture and other articles, the Big Spring Transfer company has four cattle trucks that keep busy hauling livestock and feed for farmers and ranchers. The company also acts as agent for the Merchants Fast Motor Line. His bonded trucks that cover

the state of Texas right now are handling "many moving jobs that are 'last minute' calls. In these times, many families have only a few days to get ready when calls to move to other towns are sent them by army and navy headquarters. This calls for hurry-up moving and the Big Spring Transfer company is ready on the job night and day to accommodate them.

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pens surrounding the modern structure on the oil mill road north of town until they have a proper degree of finishing. From the enclosed slaughter room, carcasses processed at the plant go to a chilling chamber for 24 hours and then into a cold storage vault until marketed. There have been as many as 45 heaves strung in the vault at one time. Farmers and ranchers have found the custom butchering service a real boon, and Bugg Packing Co., has practically made the old time hog killing at home a thing of the past by offering quick and economical handling of the

farmer's supply of pork. One of the retail outlets for the wholesale meat products of Bugg Packing Co., is, of course, the Packing House Market, operated by Finis Bugg, son of the packing company owner.

**Juror Placed in Tough Spot**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Adding insult to injury, W. H. Clement, assigned to jury duty these busy war days, found that the people in the case all came from his home town of Mason the father of one of the attorneys once roomed in his home and the judge had been his roommate when he first came to Memphis.

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Editorial - - Confusion In Federal Agencies

Hollywood - - By Proxy, This Report About A Star's Fittings

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD—There are a few movieland experiences a mere male reporter must enjoy by proxy. Like fittings.

Week in, week out, glamour gals are having fittings. They devote two, three, four weeks to the ceremonial before each film starts. But what goes on? What is a "fitting"?

I dispatched my most glamorous spy to the home of Joan Crawford. Madams PXB, or X for short is back. Her report, which I have laboriously decoded, is before me now:

"Maneuver D-48 (fittings) began at 3 and continued without cessation until 6 p. m. Your operative remained to the last stitch and pin. Promptly at 3 Miss Crawford, who has two names, welcomed a group of half-named people, to wit: Irene, designer; Suzanne, milliner; Backie, fitter. Garbed for the job at hand Miss C. did not welcome Durling, tailor, nor Josef, jeweler, until she had slipped on Suit 1.

It is too much to hope for something in a period of abnormality which we could not establish for ourselves more tranquil times—but we do wish there could be a little less confusion in our over-all war effort. There is a constant clash of agencies, each aiming at the ultimate goal, but each trying jealously to maintain its path as the paved route. Let's use our own experiences to illustrate. Soon after we were designated for an army flying school, the army wanted to know what the housing situation would be. This eventually led to the city being designated as a critical area so that priorities could be secured for needed residential construction. All right, then came FHA to explain what steps ought to be taken. Besides explaining, FHA men devoted much time to painting dark pictures. Right behind them came representatives of the WPB saying henceforth little can be done that does not tie in directly with the military effort. Give up your idea of building, WPB agents said in effect. Days later, here comes FHA again—this time to explain again what can be done to stir up some interest in housing. And every office that ever existed simply must have a special brief at an early hour, and every representative suggests, with the usual patronizing air, that groups be summoned to meet him.

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 25 O'CONNOR "What about the bonds?" Thordike was not yet mollified and his manner continued hostile and aggressive. "They haven't turned up?" "No." "I'd like the dope on them. Denominations, names, numbers, things like that." "They're not registered," Thordike said. "They're all coupon bonds. Clarke insisted on that. Anyone could sell them. I haven't a list with me but you can get one at my office any time."

"Good," Bacon said. "Then we'll know what we're looking for." He had pressed a button on the desk as he spoke and presently a plain-clothes man looked in. "Get Mr. Allen," Bacon said. "Della Stewart was on her feet when the door opened again, and ran along the length of the table to meet Ward Allen, who stopped at the sight of her, eyes widening with surprise and something else that might have been alarm. "Oh, Ward!" There was a catch in her voice and she stumbled on. "You're all right, aren't you, darling...?"

Manhattan— Mr. Churchill Sees A Soldier Lose His Pants

By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK — We learn from an AP report that while Winston Churchill was observing troop maneuvers in South Carolina, one soldier, going over a rough hurdle, broke his belt and his pants fell down around his knees. The prime minister is said to have chuckled and then turned aside while the embarrassed lad repaired the damages.

Accidents like this happen more often than you think. Twice, once on a stage and once in a hospital operating room, I saw the same thing happen. In a road company of "The Student Prince" a Heidelberg "student" lost his britches about three feet behind the footlights, and, as I recall now, he retrieved the situation as best he could and trundled off stage in the midst of "Deep in My Heart, Dear, I Have a Dream of You."

But that was nothing to what happened to the surgeon as he was amputating the right leg of a man in the operating room one morning. This operator had a fine reputation but he was eccentric as to his hospital dress. When he operated, he wore only a long pair of white, wool drawers, boots, and a rubber apron. In the midst of this amputation his drawers fell off, and without losing a motion or taking his eye from the patient, he screamed to the nurses, "Get 'em up, damn it! Get 'em up!" They hitched them up and pinned them with a safety pin for the doc while he expertly sawed off the patient's leg.

The gas situation is so bad around here that mysterious guys hang around street corners, giving tips as to where a gallon can be had. When you go there, say at 6 a. m. (although the stations don't open until 7), there's a line of cars half a mile long. This morning there was a ten-foot gap in a line because of a driveway. A driver came by, saw it, and with much difficulty squeezed his car into the gap. It was such a tight squeeze it took him easily five minutes to get set. Then he but off the motor, sighed happily, and picked up a novel to read while waiting. All the while a cop stood by and watched him. After reading his novel the cop sauntered up and thumbed him out of line. I have seldom seen a more furious motorist!

The average population concentration in the United States is 43.6 persons to every square mile.

Washington— That Song About No Bananas Not So Very Wrong

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON — Among all the war-time food shortage stories floating about, one of the most surprising is the one about bananas. The obvious lead, of course, is to quote that song ballad of some years back: "Yes We Have No Bananas." Which is now exactly the truth. But I wouldn't have known anything about it if I hadn't gone shopping one day when the dearth of fruit had affected local groceries.

Finally, I got around to "How about bananas?" The clerk said, "Oh, yes, we have bananas. Here is a delicious one, almost over-ripe. I can let you have it for 15 cents. The smaller one, slightly green, you can have for a dime."

That was the first time I had slipped up on bananas. It was quite a blow. Back in the pre-war days, my Old Man (the was 18 then) worked the great-apple trick on bananas. He ate two dozen of them on his way home to dinner on the back platform of a Chicago trolley. He was so sick he didn't know where to get off. So are the banana growers of the Caribbean today.

The story comes from the Department of Agriculture and the National Geographic Society. In the first place, except for its food value (it is very rich in carbohydrates and minerals), the banana isn't important to war. Its shipping is. The 100-plus ships that have comprised the banana fleet are now doing service elsewhere. The result: Billions of bananas ripening on the tree—"green gold" turning to worthless dry rot — on more than 3,000,000 acres in the otherwise useless tropical swamps of Jamaica, Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.

New Orleans, formerly the greatest banana port in the world, isn't a banana port at all any more. It is hard to conceive of the tragedy this war has brought to the banana growers in Good Neighbor countries to the south.

MORE FUN THAN A CIRCUS by Ray Peacock Wide World Features Writer

(This is the first of three stories by Ray Peacock, Wide World feature writer, who did a five-day hitch with the circus to see how circus people live.)

If ever I turn up missing, look for me in the circus backyard. For five days, an Alton in Wonderland, I was an enraptured fraction of The Greatest Show On Earth, and almost I didn't come back. I ate in the dining tent, slept and traveled in one of those mysterious silver-gray coaches, worked a little and loafed a lot, in company with some of the most congenial people I ever have met.

Thanks to the finest press card I ever carried, I could go "anywhere, any time." The card even got me into the coach where sleep enough beautiful show girls to make a sultan restless. The girls, I must admit, were on the circus lot when I wandered through that ultra-feminine no man's land.

For Every Girl, A Doll You should have been along. Each berth, upper and lower, reflected the tastes of its two occupants. This one had curtains and spread of blue chintz, that had red flowered cretonne. When two were alike, it meant they were occupied by sisters. And on every berth, holding the fort while the girls were under the big top, was a French doll. One even had a huge stuffed panda. Where that panda disappeared to at night, in those crowded quarters, was more than I could guess.

However, I didn't mean this to be a harem tour, even though there is an Arabian Nights flavor to the 15-acre Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey tented city which springs up in the morning and vanishes in the night. That The Life! I did mean to tell you why circus people like the life and want no other, because I fell in love with it myself. It isn't the gypsy existence, per se, so much as it is the abundance of fresh air and sunlight and a freedom from the 1910 it had become a national staple.

In 1937, the peak year, we imported more than 10,000,000,000 bananas on 66,587,000 stems. The banana isn't any good if it is allowed to ripen on the tree, which makes it the A-1 fruit for long-distance transportation. Even in the banana country, they are picked green.



REPORTER AT LARGE: Ray Peacock. The girls' names are Margie Markie, Barbara White and Doris Clave. Sideshow Talker Jack Hamilton snapped the picture because he thought it was good atmosphere—and who wants to argue?

petty worries which plague us ordinary mortals who live in one place. I never saw a healthier lot of people, tanned and free of colds, with remarkably few wearing glasses. All their worrying is done by advance men who get paid for it. If you like to eat, the circus is the spot for you. In the first place the food is for free, and in the second place it's good. I watched the cook tent go up one morning in company with a dozen or more fascinated women from the town "we" were playing—and an hour and a half after the first stake was driven breakfast was ready—fruit juice, pannycakes and choice of scrambled eggs or fish. Lunch, choice of two and sometimes three dishes including chow mein, chicken pie and Vienna loaf, for instance. Dinner, still more variety, plus soup and trimmings. Neighborly, Too You should know that the lot is laid out according to the same pattern, as much as possible, in each town. You'll always find the dressing wagons and tents of the Fred Bradans and Pat Valdes side by side, for they have been lot neighbors for years.

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