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MEN IN NAVY PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL ARE RECEIVING ALL-AROUND TRAINING

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (UP)—Rough, tough and smart—that's the type of men the Navy's four pre-flight training schools will begin siphoning into the Naval air program next month.

The first graduates of the 90-day physical and mental conditioning schools will be ready in a few weeks to start moving into Naval Aviation Reserve bases for preliminary flight training, and after that what they've been through, "condition" should be the least of their worries.

There are four of the pre-flight training schools in the nation, one here at the University of North Carolina, and the others at the University of Georgia, University of Iowa and St. Mary's University of California.

During their three months of pre-flight training, the cadets never touch an airplane. Here at Chapel Hill, on the sports field or in the classrooms, eyes go up instinctively at the sound of an airplane motor overhead and you know that every man is working, sleeping and eating for the day when he'll be up there too.

Meanwhile, the cadets rise at 5:30 a. m., and drop gratefully into bed at 9:30 p. m., after a grueling daily schedule that would have the average civilian wilted within an hour they may leave the station only from Saturday noon to Sunday night, when they are permitted liberty within the limits of Chapel Hill. Even then they must "muster" at each moment.

The pre-flight program is three-fold—physical conditioning tops the list.

"Our aim," said Lt. Comdr. Harvey J. Harmon, athletic director of the Chapel Hill school, "is to produce men in shape, ready and wanting to fight."

Each cadet receives instructions in swimming, hand-to-hand combat, military track, football, 273 tumbling, soccer, basketball, boxing and wrestling.

"But they are not always in sports as engaged in by civilians. Each one features development of abilities that will come in handy in war. For example, the swimming classes teach the cadets how to swim with a full pack in case they are forced down, how to remain and swim under water in case the water is oil-covered or is being strafed from above."

This relationship between

sports and war was emphasized to a group of visiting reporters recently when they dropped in on a class in hand-to-hand combat being taught by Lt. Don George, former world's wrestling champion.

"All right, gentlemen," George was saying, "Now squeeze your opponent's neck until he's blue in the face."

The athletic staff assembled by Harmon is staffed with famous coaches and athletes, and next fall the varsity football team will compete against leading service and collegiate teams, along with the other pre-flight school teams.

But varsity competition is only a small part of the sports program, and those who participate will do so only as a share of their training.

"We're not concealing for one minute that we're going to have the best football team possible and that we'll play to win," Harmon said. "I believe, however, that those who study our over-all program will realize quickly that varsity sports are out."

"Members of the varsity football squad (coached by Jim Crowley of Fordham) will follow the exact daily schedule of other cadets. The only difference will be that while the varsity football squad practices two hours an afternoon the rest of the cadets will be engaged in other sports."

The cadet's development is obvious in comparison of new arrivals, who come in every two weeks with groups of men who have been there as little as one month. The new cadets are no pink tea boys. They've passed a stiff physical endurance test but still appear to be a group of one month cadets they appear almost pale and puny.

Food, as well as the physical routine, has something to do with their development. A cadet gets about 5,100 calories a day. The average civilian gets about 2,800 calories. The staff daily schedule of the cadets explains why they need and consume so many calories.

Here's a typical day's menu:
Breakfast—2 fresh peaches, 2 fried eggs, 3 oz. Canadian bacon, 3 slices toast, 1 oz. dry cereal, 16 oz. milk, butter, jelly, and coffee.
Dinner, 1 fresh apple, 8 oz. ramp peas, 6 oz. parsley potatoes, 6 oz. stewed squash and onions, tomato and cucumber salad, 2 slices white

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ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC PINPOINT BATTLEFRONTS



Minute on the map but big prizes in the Pacific war are the thousands of islands between Hawaii and the China Coast. The map shows the powers that own or now occupy these strategic islands, from pinpoints like the Gilberts to continental Australia. Topmost on the map and on allied attack lists are the islands of Japan, now guarded by the rings of insular bases. The outermost of these—the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, Marcus and Wake—U. S. forces already have attacked, promising eventual drive through the islands to the home of the enemy.

V-MAIL SERVICE, NEWEST OF UNCLE SAM'S MEANS OF FAST LETTER SERVICE, AVAILABLE

The Post Office Department announced that the V-Mail Service, inaugurated on June 15, 1942, is now past the experimental stage, with each week showing large increases in the number of letters mailed to American soldiers overseas.

The War Department has increased its facilities to handle promptly the volume expected in the future.

Facilities for photographing and reproducing V-Mail to and from the United States and the British Isles, Australia, India, Hawaii and other points are now in operation. A similar service is being planned for Iceland and other points where the volume may warrant.

Pointing out that V-Mail provides a safe means of communication with members of our Armed Forces, the Post Office Department gave assurance that the film (upon which the communications are reproduced) are given the most expeditious dispatch available. Because of the small space taken up by the rolls of film, they often can be carried on ferry planes or bombers.

Every pound of weight which can be saved on air transport overseas, said the department, means that an equivalent amount of weight can be allotted vital military material.

In recognition of this, and in an effort to insure delivery of mail to as many men as possible at overseas destinations when space is limited, the War and Navy Departments have directed that V-Mail be given priority in dispatch over all other classes—including air mail—when transportation facilities under control of those departments are used.

V-Mail letter sheets have been distributed at all post offices; and have been provided all military and naval personnel at overseas points through Army and Navy post offices and military channels.

Enclosures must not be placed in the letters.
V-Mail letters are photographed on micro-film by automatic machines at the rate of 2,000 to 2,500 per hour and the film rolls containing 1,500 letters each are transmitted to destinations. Reproductions are then made by other automatic machines and delivered to the addressee in individual sealed window penalty envelopes.

When V-Mail letters are addressed to places where micro-film equipment is not in operation, the letters are transmitted to destination in original form by the most expeditious means available. Even in these instances savings in weight and space are accomplished since there are approximately 97 V-Mail letters in a pound, whereas ordinary letters average 40 per pound.

The War, Navy and Post Office Department all cooperated in developing this service, largely with a view to decreasing the volume of mail to be carried overseas and providing an expeditious service.

The public is urged to use it at every opportunity.

Navy Recruiter to Be Here Wednesday

Chief Petty Officer Tom Gaston will be in Ranger on Wednesday afternoon, where he will interview prospective recruits into the United States Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Gaston will be at the Ranger Post Office at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of giving anyone who is interested information about service in the United States Navy, and the special training they can receive.

Two Couples Get Marriage Licenses

The following couples have been granted marriage licenses from the office of County Clerk R. V. Gallagher:
L. E. Carlisle, Rising Star, and Miss Della Mae Thomas, Cisco.
Floyd H. Pulecher, Breckenridge, and Miss Maybell Prather.

Rainfall Measures 1.8 Inches Locally

Rainfall over the week-end measured one and eight tenths of an inch it was announced today by M. H. Alexander, superintendent of the city pump station, at Lake Hogansaw.

FOURTH YEAR OF WAR IS STARTED WITH STIFFENED FIGHTING IN ALL AREAS

IRISH REVOLT ON WEDNESDAY IS REVEALED

ELFELF, Ireland, (UP)—The Northern Ireland Government announced today that a plot by out-cast Irish Republican Army to open armed conflicts in Ulster has been revealed.

Ranger Women is Buried on Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Grace Roberts, 46, of Ranger, who died Sunday, were conducted in the Morris-Stone Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery following the services.

Red Cross Setup For Ranger Made At Meeting Here

A meeting of the executive board of the Ranger chapter of the American Red Cross was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of completing organization.

Private Convicted Of Killing Man In Northern Ireland

WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.—An Army court martial today convicted private William Davis, 23, of Cleburne, Texas, of manslaughter in the slaying of Private Owen McLoughlin, Matherwell, Scotland.

Refresher Course For Teachers Urged

AUSTIN, Tex.—Every Texas teacher who has a background of mathematics should be encouraged to take refresher training in this subject to help meet the drastic shortage in this field, believes Dr. B. F. Pittenger, School of Education and president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Marie Conway Gets Post With College

Miss Marie Conway, who is home for a between terms vacation with her mother, Mrs. W. D. Conway, has received an appointment as an assistant in the chemistry department of the Iowa State College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Ames, Iowa.

ARCADIA TO STAGE SHORT BOND DRIVE

Tonight at 9 o'clock the Arcadia Theatre, along with every moving picture theatre in the United States, will have a four-minute War Bond Drive at which bonds will be sold to members of the theatre audience.

R. E. Garner, manager of the theatre, has announced that W. F. Creager, local bond sale chairman, will preside at the short bond selling session, and L. H. Flower will make a one-minute talk.

Members of the theatre audience will be asked to purchase bonds, in an effort to add as much as possible to the war effort.

First Bale Ginned In Ranger Monday

The first bale of cotton from the 1942 crop to be ginned locally was ginned Monday by the Ranger Gin Company.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Little change in temperatures—widely scattered thunderstorms.

PROCLAMATION

From our beloved state and all its cities have gone thousands of our young men and women into the armed services of our nation at war. They are now facing and suffering death so that we may continue to live in the American way. Or they are training for that supreme test. They are meeting America's great crisis.

Now is the time for us, who must stay at home, to send forth a roaring cheer of encouragement to our fighting forces, wherever they may be. Now is the time to let them know we have faith in them and place our very lives in their hands and that we stand ready to help all we can on the home front.

Decorative Entrant



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Un-American Way

Perhaps what happened to Don Mario, the singing band leader, up in Providence, R. L., is nothing to get steamed up about.

It may be right to say that this was just the arbitrary action of an ignorant labor union executive board, and is not symptomatic of anything general or important.

But when a band master can be fined \$500 for joining Fourth of July gatherings and singing "The Star Spangled Banner," while his country is fighting the most desperate war in all its history, perhaps it really is something worth fretting about.

The issue is clearcut. The Providence Citizens Sunday Recreation Committee sponsored three park entertainments on July 5, and paid union rates for professional bands to provide music.

Mario, whose orchestra was playing at a night club offered to give its services—as an added feature, not to displace the paid union musicians. The Providence local of the American Federation of Musicians refused permission, and suggested that Mario himself should sneak out of town for the day rather than go to any of the affairs.

Instead, Mario accepted membership in the official party which consisted of the mayor, the actress Sylvia Sidney and four others.

When the union band played "The Star Spangled Banner," everybody began singing. Mario, standing between the mayor and Miss Sidney, joined in.

On Aug. 10 he was notified "fraternally" of the \$500 fine by the executive board, which held that by singing the national anthem he made a personal appearance forbidden by his union.

Mario was ordered to pay the fine by Sept. 5. Otherwise he can be suspended from union membership and deprived of the means of livelihood.

He can, of course, appeal. The international union is headed by James Caesar Petrillo, who has forbidden the making of musical records or transcriptions; who is facing federal anti-trust action; whose New York local forbade the soldier band of "This Is The Army" to play at the opening of a service men's social center.

If Petrillo upholds the Providence local, then Mario has the choice of paying \$500 or being barred from the work at which he has become outstanding.

In our old-fashioned, horse-and-buggy, ruggedly individualistic way we resent the situation in which a private organization can fine any man \$500 for singing the national anthem in public or private, free or for pay, in wartime or in peace.

We think it is un-American.

Congressman Sidestepper



OUT OUR WAY

WILLIAMS



The Payoff

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Midsummer madness:

Walter St. Denis, who pounds the timbales for Madison Square Garden, says that Ruben Shank, the former Colorado beet farmer and CCC worker, reminds him of Young Corbett.

Such an intriguing comparison stirred us from the office divan to Shank's gymnasium, where we watched him in one of his workouts. The similarity between Shank and Corbett is startling.

Shank has a little mole on his right shoulder. So did Corbett. He parts his hair in the middle. Ditto Corbett. Corbett had gold jewelry. Shank too. Corbett never wore undersweat tops. Nor does Shank. And the crowning glory is that both came from Denver.

The only difference—one of slight detail—is that when Corbett hit you with an overhand right-hand punch, he knocked you out. St. Denis, you is a menace.

ABSURDITY-OF-THE-WEEK (with a strong vote for all-time honors): Mike Jacobs, reports a New York newspaper, denies that he's bringing pressure on the Army to "force" a Lewis-Conn fight. "Anything the War Department does is O. K. with me," says Mike.

Michael Strauss Jacobs, the boxing tycoon, denies that the War Department plays to his tune.

EVER hear of a pitcher being knocked out of a ball game by a foul ball? It happened to the young southpaw, Bill Donovan of the Braves, at the Polo Grounds. In the first inning, Donovan retired Buster Maynard, but Mickey Wittek was safe on an error, Mel Ott and Johnny Mize singled and Babe Young doubled in the second and third Giant runs.

Up stepped Babe Barm. The stout, tobacco-chewing Hungarian laced the first ball down the right field line—foul.

Out of the Boston dugout (he had his shoes on this time) ran Casey Stengel, who promptly yanked Bill Donovan and put in Jim Tobin.

BOYSY, star of the Garden State Park meeting near Camden, was sold by Col. Edward Riley Bradley for exactly \$100.

Breeder Bradley told T. P. Heard that Boysy was un sound, so the Texan took him for the century note as a work-horse. The bargain developed when the big fellow turned out well.

Alab, Market Wise, Doublebar Boysy—what a stable for a few bucks.

Note: This is the first of several articles telling how Baltimore is trying to solve critical manpower problems in guinea-pig experiments which may furnish a guide for the rest of the nation's war production centers.

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Service Washington Correspondent

KEEP your eyes on Baltimore for the next few months, if you're interested in knowing whether there is to be a national compulsory war labor law to draft workers and force their transfer to essential industries. For Baltimore is the public guinea pig No. 1 in this whole business of solving all the problems of war labor supply and demand by voluntary co-operation of labor, management and the general public.

Baltimore gets this dubious honor by reason of being the first city in which the War Manpower Commission has set up a regional office, with a labor-management advisory committee which will try to work out all these complicated problems of labor printing, labor hoarding, increased employment of women, increased training of unskilled and semi-skilled labor, housing, transportation and all such headaches. If Baltimore can solve these problems by voluntary co-operation within the community, the voluntary co-operation method might stick for the duration.



Edson

If it's no go in Baltimore, then look out for increased drafting of men for the Army—a law that will give the government power to say in effect, "You, buddy, have the rare talent for pouring sand in a boot, while you, sister, are God's gift to the buttonhole industry. You will therefore immediately repair to St. Louis, Mo., to pour sand and cut out the goods that a buttonhole goes around.

There may have to be a law like that, anyway, no matter how the Baltimore experiment works out. After election, when Congress gets back on the job, the lawmakers may cut loose on the theory that nobody else is better than a soldier and therefore everybody that doesn't fight will have to do war work.

IT is doubtful if a law that drafts could be forced through Congress, but in the same breath it must be admitted that winning a long war with only voluntary regulation of labor supply is like going to bat with two strikes already called.

To start the ball rolling, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt's organization picked one of its bright young men and told him he was to be regional war manpower commissioner for the Baltimore area. The man picked was A. A. Liveright of Chicago, who had been on the McNutt Washington staff and knew what

Fire Prevention Gets Attention of Government

For the first time in the history of Fire Prevention Week the Federal Government will take an active part in that annual safety observance, scheduled this year for the week of October 4-10, 1942, James M. Landis, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, announced today.

President Roosevelt, in his proclamation setting the date for Fire Prevention Week, said that the war time emergency makes it "essential that destructive fire be brought under stricter control in order that victory may be achieved at the earliest date," and directed the Office of Civilian Defense to assume, with other appropriate Federal agencies, leadership in this year's observance.

"Heretofore Fire Prevention Week has been sponsored by a number of organizations in the fire safety field," Director Landis said. "Now, however, the tremendous damage done by fire is more than ever a national problem, because every loss of life, materials or productive time interferes with the war effort. It is a continuing problem that must be dealt with every week of the year, but Fire Prevention Week should mark the beginning of a more intensive effort.

"Cooperating in this campaign are organizations which have sponsored the Fire Prevention Week observance in other years," Mr. Landis stated, "and the office of Civilian Defense is grateful for their active support and the benefit of their experience."

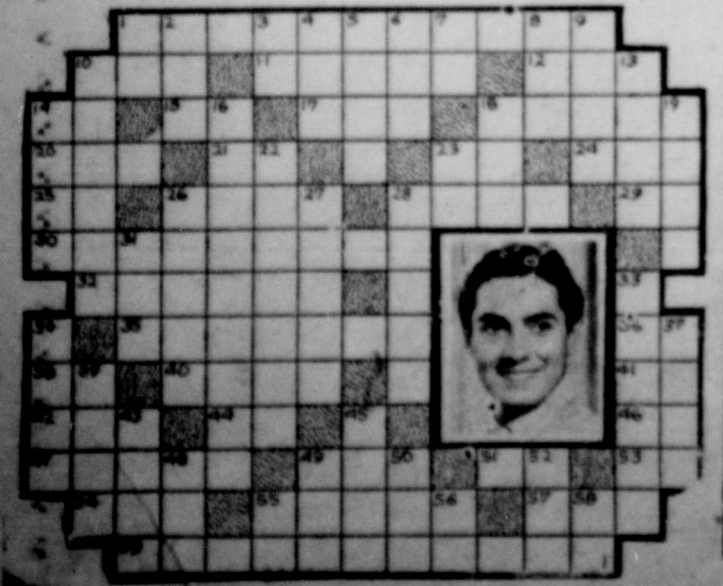
The national bodies cooperating with the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense in this campaign are the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Federation of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, International Association of Fire Chiefs International Association of Fire Fighters, National Board of Fire Underwriters, National Bureau for Industrial Protection, National Fire Protection Association, National Safety Council and the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Each of the cooperating organizations is providing educational and program material to its membership. In addition, the OCD is addressing letters to regional Offices of Civilian Defense and to associations in practically every field of endeavor asking that they participate actively in the campaign. Many community activities, as well as activities that may be undertaken by industrial organization of Fire Fighters, National unite the public to the seriousness of the fire problem and the ways in which it can be eliminated or at least minimized. The press, radio, and motion picture industries are also being asked to cooperate in the campaign. A folder listing sources of educational material is available through local defense councils.

Celebrates 90th Birthdays YARMOUTH, Mass. (UP)—Among gifts received by Mrs. L. M. Crowell on her 90th birthday was a cake baked by Luther Lee Atwood of Harwich, who also was celebrating his 90th birthday.

MOVIE STAR

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for words related to movies and stars. Clues include: 1. Picturized actor, 10. Pedal digit, 12. Employed, 13. Ethiopian prince, 14. Courthouse (abbr.), 15. Street (abbr.), 17. 5000 pounds, 18. Hope's kins, 19. She, 21. House of Commons (abbr.), 23. Editor (abbr.), 24. Domestic fowl, 25. Within, 26. Arabian, 28. Pierce with, 29. Jumbled type, 30. Tutelary care, 32. Note again, 35. Particulars, 36. Hour (abbr.), 37. Indian mulberry, 38. Rattle (Scott), 39. Music note, 40. Legal master, 41. Louisiana (abbr.), 46. Note in, 47. Retard, 49. Roof finial, 51. International language, 53. Steamship (abbr.), 54. Sped, 55. Pointed, 57. Feline pet, 14. Flake, 16. Gutturally, 18. Herem room, 19. Clip suddenly, 22. Spanish measure, 23. And (Latin), 26. Type of helmet, 27. Mountain mint, 28. Feel, 31. Scatter, 33. Push, 34. Not self, 37. Soaks fast, 39. Lock askarta, 43. Sudden blow, 45. Stimulus, 48. Cuckoo, 49. Small shield, 50. Native of (suffix), 52. South American wood sorel, 55. Near, 56. Electrical term, 58. Area measure.



She's in the Army Now!



— and happy about the whole thing!

"They also serve who only stand and wait" is cold comfort for the American woman of 1942 whose fighting spirit and love for her country make her look with longing eyes toward the battlefield where her brother, husband, son or sweetheart is stationed.

Her chance to help is here! Besides her hours at the Red Cross, her production work at a factory bench, her job as Air Raid Warden or seller of War Bonds, she carries a little white ration book in her purse—badge of an American housewife who is re-arranging her menus to include less sugar, conserving gasoline by walking instead of riding and stands ready to accept with a cheerful smile any other restrictions that are necessary to bring Victory. Hats off to the lady—she's in the Army now!

For latest war developments on the home and fighting fronts, read the ads and articles in your home newspaper—

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Men in Navy —

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toast, 16 oz. butter, honey and lemonade.
Supper—7 oz. broiled steak, 6 oz. candied yams, 6 oz. creamed onions, 5 oz. Spanish lima beans, 2 hard rolls, butter, honey 16 oz. milk, apple cobbler, cheese.

The military department of the pre-flight divides its time equally between infantry drill and instructions in first-aid, ordnance and gunnery, and seamanship. Two hours and twenty minutes daily are devoted by each cadet to the military phase. Surviving cadets will become ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marines in nine months and they must know how to command.

The third phase of the cadet's training is academic and is directed by Lt. Howard L. Hamilton, formerly a prominent educator at Ohio State and brother of Lt. Condr. Tim Hamilton, who conceived the pre-flight training idea. Mathematics, physics, navigation and Essentials of Naval Service are the courses taught by the academic department.

Tube Like a Pipe Is New Gas Mask

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UP)—A small glass breathing tube, designed to serve as a temporary gas mask in emergency, is the invention of Lt. Col. William E. Caldwell, who is at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., on leave of absence from the chemistry staff of Oregon State College here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our many friends our deep appreciation for the kindness shown us during the illness of our loved one and for the beautiful floral offerings at the death of our dear mother at wife.

H. G. Roberts, Mrs. L. C. Maynard, Mrs. R. F. Hill.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UP)—The name of the Japanese Sunken Garden has been changed to the Chinese Sunken Garden.

All Set for School but ARE They?



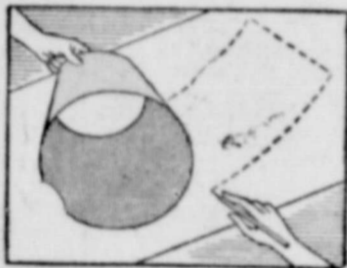
SUMMER vacations are over, and it's school time again. Books, pencils, lunch kits, clothes and other needs for students have been assembled. They are all set for school... but are they?

Proper light while studying is as important to your children as the right books. The right amount of glareless light safeguards their eyesight and enables them to read and study easier and faster, for they can see better.

Most homes now have desk lamps or other study lamps which are suitable for students, but here are some points to check, now that boys and girls are going back to school. Be sure to remove the diffusing bowl and lamp bulb to clean off the dust that has accumulated during the summer. Be sure the lamp has a bulb of the correct size to provide enough light. Most study lamps should have 150-watt bulbs.



Another way to increase the amount of light at small cost is to reline dark shades with white paper. Put the lamp shade on a sheet of good white paper and mark the outline as you roll it around one time. Then cut out the strip and trim to fit inside the shade, fastening it with scotch tape. A good light and a quiet place to study make homework easier for students.



KEEP SPARE FUSES on hand to save you time and trouble if a fuse blows. First, turn off the main switch and pull the cords out of wall outlets. Then replace the blown fuse, but don't reconnect any lamps or appliances suspected of having caused the fuse to blow until they have been repaired.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



MANY ANIMALS THAT CLIMB TREES ALREADY CANNOT FOLLOW A MOUNTAIN GOAT ON HIS STEEP, ROCKY ASCENTS.

IN SOME PARTS OF SOUTH AMERICA EDGES OF THE GIANT WATER BEETLE ARE CONSIDERED A GREAT TABLE DELICACY.

THE TINTIN-NABULATION OF THE BELLS

WHAT IS A BELLWETHER, A BELLWORTH, AND A BELLARWINE?

ANSWER: Bellwether, a ram which leads the flock with a bell on his neck; bellworth, a plant; bellarwine, an ancient stoneware jug.

NEXT: Indian meets horse.

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SERIAL STORY SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

BY BLANCHE ROBERTS

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THE STORY: Judith Kingsley and Tom Burke's employer, an airplane factory. At the height of a lovers' quarrel they are both sent to the firm's next coast factory—Judith to investigate a "leak" in the organization, Tom to take place of a new bomber.

STOLEN RIDE

CHAPTER IV

THE car brushed the sage brush behind which Judith huddled, and stopped a few feet beyond her. Three men got out and ran to the plane. She crept to the car and peered in cautiously. It was empty. Without a second's hesitation, she opened the door and got in. She fell around in the dark for the switch. The engine started immediately, and she pulled the car around just as she heard someone yell from within the airplane.

She hadn't known an automobile could gather so much speed in second gear. She followed the jacks across the desert. For fully 150 yards the trail ran perfectly straight. She shut off the lights as a gun cracked behind her. Dirt and gravel flew up and sprayed the car with dust. Other shots followed quickly but went wild. When she judged she had gone the length of the trail, she turned the lights back on, just in time to keep from missing the tracks she was following.

A faint light burned in the distance and she slowed the car. As she drew nearer, a shack took shape and from its window came a light she had seen. She stopped her car some yards from the house and got out, the small gun gripped tightly in her right hand. Trembling a little, she moved silently forward to look in at the window. She felt sure she would find Tom Burke held a captive inside.

By standing on her toes and craning her neck, Judith could see in. Burke was tied hand and foot, sitting on a box that faced the window. Moving to the other side of the opening, she could see there was only one man guarding the prisoner, the co-pilot. The two were just sitting there.

Judith let her face be framed in the window, hoping Tom would see her. He did. But only a slight flicker of his dark eyes gave hint to her presence. He turned his head and spoke to the pilot and she knew it was to keep the man's attention so he would not discover her.

She crept to the door, the heart hammering against her ribs. On the threshold, she poised for action. "Put up your hands!" she told the pilot firmly. There was not a tremor in her voice though her knees shook violently and threatened to give way.

The man whirled, reaching upward with his arms as he did so. "There's a knife in my coat pocket," Tom told her. "Cut me loose."

SHE advanced across the floor of the small room, her gaze never leaving the man whose hands were extended in the air above his head. There was no mistaking the coldness and daring in his eyes and Judith did not once underestimate him as she reached for the knife. She knew if the man made a move her finger would squeeze the trigger.

She worked hard at the ropes with the knife in her left hand and as the last thread was cut from around Tom's wrists, her eyes flickered from the man across the room. There was a quick movement and Burke made a dive for the pilot, his feet still tied together. The two went down together.

"Beat it," yelled Tom between blows, as he rolled over and over on the floor with his adversary. But Judith hesitated, watching for a chance to use her gun.

"Get to San Diego," he ordered hoarsely. "Go on, Judy!"

She left and ran quickly to the car. She did not look back but drove furiously down the road, hoping it would lead her toward her destination. She would not let herself think of Tom fighting back there in the cabin with that man. If the plans had not been in her possession, she would have stayed. But she not only had a duty to her company, she now had one to her government.

Before long, she struck a highway, and breathed a little easier. "I wonder how much gas this car has in it," she asked herself and switched on the dash light. A feeling of horror enveloped her—the tank was nearly empty. But as if in answer to her prayers, her headlights picked out a small station by the side of the road. It was closed, but she refused to be dismayed.

Judith pulled the big car into the drive and hunked. She kept on hunking until she woke the man who was sleeping in the rear of his station. He came out, rubbing his eyes and grumbling loudly.

"I'm sorry to disturb you but I have to have some gas," Judith told him earnestly and his eyes widened at the sight of a pretty young woman. "You will just have

to open up and sell me some."

"Why sure," he agreed, his mood changing instantly. "Always glad to oblige a lady. How many?"

"Fill it up," she instructed, "and please hurry."

As she sat there, two cars whizzed by and each time her heart came into her throat, for fear they might be her pursuers. The man put the cap on the tank and she handed him a ten-dollar bill. He went in after the change and while he was gone a car drove in behind her and stopped.

A man said: "Why—that's Dike's car now."

THAT was all Judith needed to hear to make her shift into gear and drive off without her change. Driving a stolen car was bad enough. But when some men recognized it and were probably a part of the spy ring was running from it, it was high time to move on, and fast!

In a moment, she saw the headlights of the other car swing onto the highway. After that, she never looked up from the road in front of her as the speedometer hovered over and above the 90 mark. She quickly passed the two cars in front of her.

The eastern sky turned pink as daybreak neared and Judith reached some foothills. She slowed enough to lift her eyes to the rear view mirror. Nothing was behind her—not a car in sight. She let out a long, weary sigh and relaxed her aching back against the car cushion. She was exhausted. Her eyes burned from the strain of the night's wild drive. She was thankful for the light of day.

"I've got to get rid of this car," she thought. "Maybe I could hitch-hike the rest of the way."

She approached the outer edge of a small town where everything seemed still asleep. She turned down a deserted street and parked the car. Crawling out stiffly, she did a few stretching exercises and was soon limber enough to walk back to the highway. She walked through town to the opposite side and sat down in a protected spot to rest.

She waited for a ride, letting several cars go by unscotched. Finally she spotted a big truck coming down the road. She stood up and moved to the side of the pavement, lifting her thumb as she had seen hitch-hikers do. She could not keep the amused little grin from her face. The truck slowed, stopped. A burly fellow leaned over and opened the cab door.

"Hop in, sister," he invited, grinning.

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Society, Club and Church Notes

Auxiliary to Meet Tonight... The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Legion Clubrooms...

PERSONALS

Mrs. D. C. McRea has received word that her son, William Duran McRea formerly of Ranger, has been made a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps...

Mrs. Ben Yung has returned from Dallas where she has been with Mr. Yung who is a patient in the hospital there... Mrs. Eibel Horton of San Angelo, formerly of Ranger, is here for a visit with relatives and friends...

MURPHY NAMED HEAD OF LOCAL SCRAP DRIVE BY COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Plans Are Being Made To Have Everyone In Ranger Give Or Sell As Much Scrap For The War Effort As Possible, With Cooperation of All Being Urged

Upon resignation of Rev. David M. Phillips as chairman of the Ranger Salvage Committee, John H. Kleiner of Cisco, county chairman, has named Fire Chief G. A. Murphy as chairman for Ranger, and V. V. Cooper, Jr., as vice-chairman...

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