

Burglar Is No Match For a Firm Woman
 HAMDEN, CONN. — Mrs. George Sabletz solved the burglar problem in a few firm words. Finding a strange man in her home she ordered him to leave and then discovered valuables gone. She caught the stranger again, demanded her valuables. He handed them over, went away.

Falls From Plane, Lands on Rudder
Cadet Flier Says He Really Enjoyed Experience.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.—The story of how British Aviation Cadet Derek M. Sharp of Yorkshire, England, fell out of a training plane at 500 feet but caught on the ship's rudder and rode the tail while his instructor brought the craft safely to earth was told recently.

An official release from the United States air corps training school here said Cadet Sharp went through the experience unscathed.

According to the release, the plane was flying at about 500 feet when suddenly the cadet "found himself sitting on thin air." His next impression of the mishap was a severe rap when his head hit the tail and, throwing his arms around the tail with his legs dangling below, he managed to hold on long enough to wiggle himself up onto the elevator surfaces.

The instructor, Jay McCausland, soon discovered by the peculiar behavior of the ship that his passenger was missing, and saw him on the tail. Since Cadet Sharp could not safely parachute from that height, the instructor climbed to 2,500 feet "with extreme difficulty."

"In an attempt to attract the student's attention," the release continued, "McCausland kicked the rudder bars back and forth, and to his surprise felt Sharp take hold of the tail and wiggle it back at him."

"On looking around, McCausland saw that Sharp had straddled the tail and was signaling him with the typically British 'Thumbs Up,' conveying the message that he chose to stay with his instructor and risk the ride down to earth with him."

The pilot made a perfect landing. Said Cadet Sharp: "I was pretty comfortable and, anyway, I've seen it happen before in England."

Treasure Island Leased To Navy at Nominal Sum
 WASHINGTON. — The navy has leased Treasure Island, site of the Golden Gate exposition in San Francisco bay, for a base for fighting men and ships, it was learned.

For a "nominal sum," the island, reclaimed from the sea and estimated to have cost about \$10,000,000, has been turned over to the navy and work has started to make it a base for minor repairs to ships, refueling, etc., for housing crews who will serve on ships being built in the San Francisco area and for the organization of gun crews for armed merchantmen.

Operations of Pan American Air Lines, with its main Pacific terminal on the island, will not be hampered by the naval activity, it was said.

The California legislature has been asked to transfer title of the island to the navy.

Swedish Girl Kicks Rock; Bares Trace of Silver
 STOCKHOLM.—A silver cache enclosed in a small oak casket, containing armlets, neckbands, rings and pins of silver as well as more than 300 Arabic coins from the Tenth century, all weighing more than 10 pounds, has been found on the Swedish island of Gotland, in the Baltic sea.

A little girl happened to kick a loose stone and brought the treasure to light. Similar rare finds are made frequently in the historically rich soil of Gotland, the capital of which is Visby. This once proud Hanseatic trading port was one of Europe's most wealthy cities in the Middle ages, to which were carried riches from the far corners of the globe.

Army Goliath Decides To Take Own Medicine
 CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—A Goliath in uniform pondered the changes wrought by America's entry into the war and thundered this challenge to a group of fellow selectees: "If I hear any one kicking about all this training from now on, I'll push his teeth down his mouth." Then, recalling suddenly that it was he who had grumbled longest and loudest about exercises and drills, the big guy boomed: "And that goes double for me!"

Policeman's Galoshes Stolen in Court Room
 LOUISVILLE.—"I took 'em off when I went to the witness stand to testify and when I came back they were gone." Thus lamented Patrolman Hughes who lost his galoshes while testifying in police court. "A thing like that is especially bad when it happens to a policeman and exceptionally bad when it happens to him in police court," Hughes philosophized.

Lights of New York
 By L. L. STEVENSON

Soldiers silhouetted against the skyline, guarding the bridges of the great city. Half-frozen but always ready with a cheerful grin for occupants of passing cars. Elsa Maxwell, looking fit as a fiddle, rushing out of a car—and actually rushing. The cop at Park avenue and Forty-ninth street bawling out taxicab drivers who make such close turns their tires scrape the curb. "Don't you guys know about the rubber shortage?" Bess Johnson walking her pup and having to stop frequently to give autographs to neighborhood youngsters. The dog steps into some mud and some of the kids insist that they get its footprints on their pieces of paper.

An alert young man in the uniform of the United States navy, walking briskly up Broadway, the markings on his arm strange to me but looking very much like a bunch of feathers. A white-haired colonel of infantry returning the salute of a buck private with a pretty girl on each side of him. Then glancing back with a look that might have been envious. A slim, golden-haired girl, whose coloring looks as if it were natural, stopping with a gasp as an ungentlemanly breeze all but wrests a bit of a hat from her head while she pauses at 50th street. The first gardenia peddler I've seen since fall hastily changing his location when a policeman appears and muttering something about "that cop's tough," as he picks up the board to which his stock in trade is attached.

Gotham's picturesque waterfront is now devoted to war-time activity. So it is no longer the haunt of peace-time dreamers and philosophers. The docks and piers where folks were wont to visit and dream about far-away corners of the globe are now zealously guarded against potential sabotage and the aimless visitor is shooed away. A more sleazy side of humanity too is inconvenienced through the waterfront restrictions. No longer do the derelicts, the bums and the tramps reel drunkenly from pier to pier finding unmolested shelter in crooks and crannies. Now it is simply hustle and bustle for vital shipping, one of the strongest arms in defeating democracies' enemies.

New Radio City racket that was nipped in the bud: Soliciting funds from passers-by to purchase sandwiches and coffee for air raid wardens. Dinah Shore, who collects first editions, found this in the first catalogue issued by Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio: "FEMALE DEPARTMENT. Young ladies of good minds, unblemished morals and respectable attainments are accepted into this department and placed under the superintendence of a judicious lady whose duty it is to correct the habits and mold the female character." Robert K. Christenberry has been re-elected president of the Broadway association.

"The first few weeks we were down here in Texas training for the big fight, we received much mail," writes a soldier friend. "Now we seem to be the forgotten men. Don't get me wrong. I am not griping. But a lot of us are away from home for the first time and we do get lonesome. If folks back home only realized what letters mean to us I'm sure they'd get busy. The only letter I've received lately was forwarded to me from New York. It was an advertisement of a clothing store."

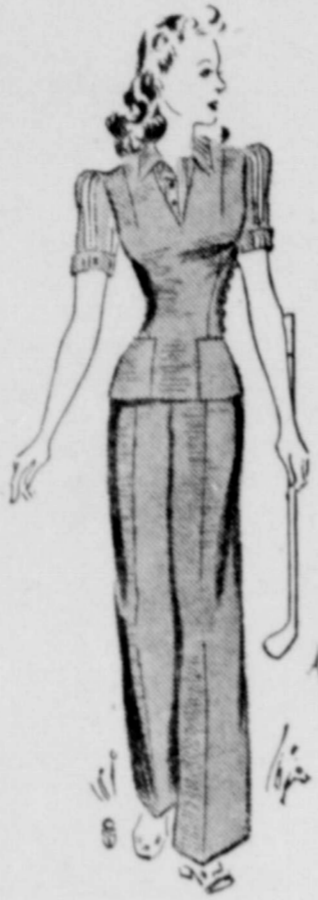
There's an appeal that's worthy of a response—a big response. Most of us know at least one boy in a training camp. A letter now and then would not be much trouble and I'm sure it would be appreciated. Here's an idea: Get the names of boys from your neighborhood and write them: what's happened around about you since they left. Just ordinary gossip that doesn't get into the home town newspaper. Maybe you won't receive many answers, but your efforts will be worth while anyway. It takes so little time, too.

The rubber shortage has reduced the number of cars on the streets. To save tires, many owners have put their cars into dead storage. Then too there is that law, which went into effect January 1, which makes it necessary for a motorist to prove financial responsibility in event of an accident. Rather than pay \$60 for a year's insurance, a number of thrifty owners have laid up their cars until spring so that they will have to pay for only a half year.

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British Army Fliers In Russia Try Skiing
 LONDON.—The RAF wing in Russia is meeting wintry conditions with cheerful fortitude, according to the British air ministry. Their base is in a sparsely inhabited area which the climate has now turned into a snowy waste. Skis have been given them. Russians, and many members of the wing are learning to ski.

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Full Cotton Allotment for 1942 is Urged

College Station, April 9.—When farmers throughout the cotton belt were urged to plant the full allotment of 27,400,000 acres for 1942 it was no April Fool's yarn that there is a pressing need for every inch of staple, every pound of linters, every drop of oil and every ounce of cake and meal that can be produced.

Cotton fiber probably is more essential to the successful prosecution of the war than rubber, tin or any other materials of which shortages exist or are threatened, according to experts at the A. and M. College of Texas.

The United Nations look to agriculture of the United States for food and clothing and no other crop is so important to the war effort as cotton.

There is no "dangerous surplus" of lint cotton today. Of 23,000,000 bales on hand, domestic consumption will take 13,000,000, leaving 10,000,000 bales in the carry-over August 1, 1942. Government frozen stocks account for 4,000,000 bales of this carry-over, leaving 6,000,000 bales.

In addition to low quality of much of the 1941 crop, 2,500,000 bales are tied up in normal mill stocks. Therefore the available stock of free cotton from which mills can make selections may not exceed 3,500,000 bales.

Consumption at the rate of 1,000,000 bales per month after August 1 might exhaust this carry-over by December 1, 1942.

Importance of cotton linters in war time has resulted in War Department designation as one of the nation's most important materials for smokeless powder and other types of explosives. Mills now cut 170 to 200 pounds of linters off a ton of cotton seed, but there are not enough tons of seed to meet the needs of the armies and navies of the United Nations.

The cotton seed is one of the most important sources of fats and oils essential to winning the war, because more are needed to increase the caloric value of foods consumed by fighting men and civilians engaged in strenuous labors. More paint and varnish oils are needed, special lubricants are necessary, soap-making and glycerine plants require them.

Cotton seed meal is a universally used protein concentrate for livestock feed and the United Nations must have more meat, milk and poultry products than this nation ever before has produced.

If the millions of Texas cattle, sheep and workstock were fed as they should be fed, they would consume 1,963,000 tons of cotton seed meal and cake annually—the total present output of the entire United States.

These facts clearly point out the urgent necessity for planting the full allotment of cotton acreage allowed under the law in order to safeguard against a shortage of so important a crop as cotton, which is vital to the nation's war effort.

Plans for the Texas Centennial of Statehood will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association at the University of Texas by Lieut. Col. Paul Wakefield, executive secretary for the Statehood Centennial commission, April 10.

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Wheat Farmers to Vote in Referendum

College Station, April 9.—With so many war crops needed this year, now is no time to expand wheat production, according to Wilmer T. Swink, state AAA committeeman and wheat grower from Olney.

"With our country going full blast in the production of war materials to lick international gangsterism, we don't have time to produce things we don't need in the war. Victory means plenty, but not waste and any increase in wheat will be just that much waste," he said.

Total supply of wheat on July 1, 1942, is estimated at 1,423-million bushels of which 630-million bushels represents carryover, while the 1942 crop is estimated at 793-million bushels. With this year's domestic consumption estimated at 670-million bushels, the carryover as of July 1, 1943, will be 753-million bushels or the largest supply on record, Swink said.

"That means we have enough wheat in sight to last two years without growing another kernel," he said.

In national referendum, Saturday, May 2, Texas wheat farmers will go to the polls for the second year to decide whether to continue wheat quotas on this year's crop. Last year, Texas farmers approved quotas by 94 percent.

Wheat marketing quotas divide a limited wheat market cooperatively and democratically among producers, and provide for orderly production, marketing, transportation and storage. Extension of 85-percent of parity loans are also contingent upon marketing quota approval.

Prior to the wheat program, huge supplies always meant low prices, but through loans, marketing quotas, and allotments, wheat farmers have built adequate reserves for the nation and at the same time have strengthened prices for the continuation of sound agriculture, Swink said.

Seed dealers in Hunt County, with the advice of county extension agents have selected 18 varieties of vegetables suitable for Victory gardens in the county. Packets are made up for various size families.

FOOD SALES INCREASE FOR FLOYD COUNTY ARE SHOWN

Increase of \$1,875.00 in food sales during March due to the food stamp program in Floyd County was pointed out today by Wynn S. Goode, area supervisor, Agricultural Marketing Administration. This amount represents blue food stamps issued last month.

Clients using food stamps were required to buy an additional \$2,524 in orange food stamps, bringing the total of food purchased with food stamps during the month to \$4,599. Families participating in the program totaled 229, representing 804 persons.

A total of \$19,037.50 in food stamps has been issued since the beginning of the program, Wynn S. Goode revealed. Of this amount \$8,150.50 in blue food stamps represents the creation of additional markets for American farm products.

"The Food Stamp Program of the Surplus Marketing Administration is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture's broad program designed to help in assuring American farmers a fair return on their full production," Goode said.

"Farmers are operating under a full production schedule which responsible officials call a life line of the United Nations. At the same time farm labor shortages are being reported daily.

"Under such conditions, farmers must be relieved of complex marketing problems which would detract from the time and thought which must be given to production planning," Goode concluded.

HOME FROM MARLIN

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Hammonds returned home Saturday night from Marlin, Texas, where they spent the past three weeks taking the health baths. They are both reported much improved since their return.

VISITING IN SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. J. B. Houston left last Thursday for San Antonio where she will spend the next month visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams, and other relatives in San Antonio. She will also visit relatives in Austin, Lampasas and Hamlin. Mrs. Houston was accompanied to San Antonio by Mrs. Alva Sparks and son, Mrs. John McKinney, and Mrs. T. J. Houston, of Abernathy.

FLOYD COUNTY CROP SPOILAGE CAN BE HALVED

Prevention of waste in food distribution will be a vital factor in the effort of Floyd county's 1,898 farm operators and workers to achieve their wartime food production goals, it was indicated today in a survey by a leading distributor of Texas farm produce.

At least half of the estimated \$12,600,000 annually lost from spoilage and damage to Texas fruits and vegetables alone can be prevented by the use of better gardening, packing and better and more direct distribution methods, Earl R. French, marketing director for Atlantic Commission Company, declared in the survey's summary. He indicated that further savings could be realized from improved handling of other Texas farm products.

"If Floyd county farmers, working with distributors, cut by half the average 10 to 12 per cent of fruit and vegetable shipments lost through damage and spoilage, they will have achieved the equivalent of a 5 to 6 per cent increase in production without any extra acreage, seed, fertilizer, equipment or farm labor," French said.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Wilmer Jones, Jr., and Mrs. Floy Brock, of San Diego, California, arrived last Wednesday for a week's visit with their parents, Judge and Mrs. G. C. Tabbs, and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Randerson.

Miss Marian Beedy, of Lubbock, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beedy. Miss Beedy is a student in Draughtons Business College.



From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh

BEST storekeeper I ever knew was a fellow named Sam Abernathy. Sam's specialty was to take over some run-down store that somebody else had given up as a failure. Then Sam would turn it into a gold mine.

"But the most important thing of all," he used to say, "is to remember who's Boss!"

"You may think you are Boss of your business . . . but you're not. The Public, your customers, are the real bosses . . . and you've got to run your business the way they want it."

That little statement of Sam's made a big impression on me . . . particularly since it certainly seemed to work so well in Sam's case.

And Sam isn't the only one. I see the beer industry feels the same way . . . certainly, the brewers believe in running their business the way you and I would like to see it run.

Folks like us like to see beer sold in clean, quiet, decent places.

Well . . . the brewers feel the same way about it. They don't want their beer sold in wrong surroundings. They know it doesn't pay. And they know it hurts the good name of beer.

I was reading the other day how the brewers and the beer distributors work together and cooperate with law enforcement authorities. The idea is to make careless beer retailers clean up their places and practices . . . or close up.

It's a good plan . . . and it seems to me it ought to work. I understand it is already in operation in a number of states and is being extended.

It's a mighty fine thing when a great industry has the gumption to do a job like that on its own initiative. And if Sam Abernathy was right, the brewers should be mighty successful . . . because they're running their business the way the public wants to see it run.

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