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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Lester J. Nichols Ends 78 Years Association With Malleable Iron

"Spunky Young Cuss" Ready to Start New Year Bright and Early Monday Morning—Grand Old Man Will Be 96 In February—At Desk Daily

Seventy-eight years ago, August 13, a "spunky young cuss," went to work at the Malleable Iron Fittings Co. as shipping clerk.

Every day the "spunky old fellow" appears at his desk ready to tackle a day's work as he did in the small, wooden factory in 1866 at the age of 17.

Born in Middlebury on February 17, 1849, Lester J. Nichols began work in the office as shipping clerk and bookkeeper with the intention of staying at that position one year. He succeeded Elzur Rogers, and was the only other employee with E. C. Hammer in his office.

For a number of years Mrs. Nichols was office manager, secretary since 1901, director of the company and assistant treasurer.

Some years ago, Mr. Nichols suffered a broken hip, but, while the injury left him with a partial lameness, his general health was not affected and there had been no diminishing of the physical and mental vigor which have characterized his life.

During his years, he has not only watched but played an important part in the growth of the town of Branford. Active in business, civic and church affairs, he was one of the incorporators of the Branford Savings Bank in 1887, and later became its president. In 1925, Stone College conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Arts.

Kerchoo Season Due This Month

In Connecticut, there are three main hay fever seasons: The early spring caused by pollen from certain trees, especially the elm, oak, and birch; the late spring and early summer when the pollen comes from grasses and weeds; late summer and early fall, during which ragweed is the offender.

The ragweed season in Connecticut last from about early August to October, or until early frost. The common variety of ragweed grows in gardens, vacant lots and wherever there is freshly turned earth. The giant ragweed is found in low or moist areas. No one community in the State is entirely free of ragweed. Eradication of these plants can be accomplished by pulling the ragweed plants up by their roots before they have had a chance to blossom and send their pollen into the air.

The Branford Garden Club has for a long time been urging its members to destroy ragweed as a means of lessening the suffering of hay fever victims, and has tried to spread the gospel of ragweed elimination. Every person who owns or rents a plot of ground should begin now while the roots are small to pull it up, or if unable to pull it up cut it down before it begins to pollinate about the 15th of August.

J. ANDRE SMITH ILL
Through his friend, Duke Banca, Mr. J. Andre Smith of Marsh House, Stony Creek, wishes to thank friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown him before and after his recent operation at New Haven Hospital. His condition is considered satisfactory, but visitors are not admitted at the present.

Armed Forces Cast Ballots For Elections

Branford members of the armed forces may cast ballots now in the November 7th State and National election, whether they are home on furlough, or on duty within the country or abroad, provided they are voters or can qualify as voters before election. Absentee ballots can be secured in two ways: By application, personally or by mail, to the town clerk in the town in which they vote; the forms to be filled out by service voters requesting a ballot are available at all town-clerk's offices; and through a request by their family or friends to the Registrar of Voters who are empowered by law to direct town clerks to send out ballots.

Provision is made in the law that such ballots are to be sent and returned by airmail, postage free.

Absentee ballots may be cast by service personnel stationed at military posts within the state. Those in the armed forces who are not voters but can qualify now, or between now and election can secure application forms from town clerks on which their qualifications can be set forth in affidavit form so that they can be admitted as voters "in absentia". Persons so admitted to the voting list can cast absentee ballots. Any person can request the town clerk to send this form to prospective voters. These application forms also are sent and returned airmail, postage free.

The Connecticut absentee ballot provides for voting for national, state and local officers. Federal War Ballots cover only national offices and can be used only if a voter has applied for a state absentee ballot and falls to receive it by October 1.

Heroism Medals Made Available To Local Forces

It was announced yesterday that Police Chief Henry P. Clark and Fire Chief Paul P. Heinz of New Haven have agreed to work with Robert R. Savitt, chairman of the Public Education Committee of the New Haven Safety Council in bringing to the attention of the council any acts of heroism by members of their services.

It was also pointed out that plans are being made for obtaining medals to be awarded to policemen or firemen who win them through acts of heroism. But for the time being, only certificates will be awarded until it is possible to obtain the medals.

A cash award in addition to a medal might be in order and this suggestion by Chief Clark will also be taken under advisement by the council. Members of West Haven, Hamden, Branford, East Haven and Orange departments will also be eligible for these awards, Savitt declared, and plans will be completed with the heads of those departments in the near future.

JOSEPH SKOTNICKI

Joseph Skotnicki of 215 Indian Neck Avenue who died Sunday was buried Tuesday morning with services conducted at the W. S. Clancy & Sons mortuary home followed by requiem high mass in St. Agnes Church. Interment was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Bearers were: Charles O'Hara, James Galligan, James Rourke, Alfred Skolonis, Joseph Goclowski and William Adams.

State Director Lists Approved Foundry Firms

State Manpower Director William J. Fitzgerald today announced a list of "certified firms" in the foundry and forge program. The firms designated as such have been investigated and approved jointly by the War Production Board and the War Manpower Commission.

Area directors and local managers of United States Employment Service offices were mailed a list of the concerns. Recently the War Manpower Commission opened a drive to recruit workers for the forge and foundry industry. The drive was successful with the War Manpower Commission obtaining many workers for this industry.

The firms certified by the WPB and the WMC include the Atwater Manufacturing Company, Plantsville; Peck-Stow & Wilcox Company, Southington; Charles Parker Company, Meriden; New Department Company, Bristol; Fafnir Bearing Company, New Britain; Marlin-Rockwell Company, Plainville; Wilcox, Crittenden Company, Middletown; Billings & Spencer Company, Hartford; Plainville Castings Company, Plainville; Hartford Electric Steel Company, Hartford; Taylor & Fenn Company, Hartford; Eastren Malleable Iron Company, Naugatuck; Manufacturers Foundry, Waterbury; Farrell Birmingham Company, Ansonia and the Malleable Iron Fittings Company, Branford.

Robert K. Buell Tells Of First Combat Flight

15TH AAF IN ITALY—"The thrill of hearing 'bombs away' for the first time overcame what nervousness I felt," said Sgt. Robert K. Buell, upon returning from his first combat mission which took place over Toulon, France. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Buell, 20 Harding Avenue, Sgt. Buell is a tail gunner stationed in Italy with a 15th Air Force Liberator bombardment group.

"From the air that rail junction looked just like the New Haven freight yards back home," said Sgt. Buell. "As we left the target, however, the resemblance stopped. Our bombs had completely changed the appearance of the spot where those tracks formerly crossed.

"Even though we didn't encounter any enemy opposition I was glad to sight our home field and get my feet on solid ground again," said Sgt. Buell.

Sgt. Buell entered the Air Corps on October 6, 1941, a few months after graduating from Branford High School. A brother, Sgt. John C. Buell is also stationed in Italy, with a 5th Army engineering unit.

William Symonds Dies In Action

Mrs. Ruth Symonds of Leetes Island has received word from the War Department that her son, Pfc. William Symonds was killed in action on July 6. Pfc. Symonds, who was 22, was inducted into the army in October 1942, and had been stationed in England since last May. Although Pfc. Symonds was not in the landings of the invasion, he saw action within a few weeks of the opening of that front. The Leetes Island youth was employed at the Atlantic Wire Co., prior to his induction. Besides his mother he leaves three sisters, Anna, Ruth and Mary and one brother, Arthur.

EASTERN STAR PIONIC

The members of Georgia Chapter, O.E.S., and their families will hold a picnic at the home of Dorothy Matron Mrs. Esther Enquist, on Esther Place, Saturday afternoon, August 12. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30, for which members are asked to bring an article of food and their own table service.

Can Collection On Saturday

In answer to a very urgent appeal from the State Salvage committee, the local salvage committee, headed by Harold Tousey, has arranged a schedule of collections by which it hopes to get together large quantities of tin cans.

Tin cans must be cleaned, the label removed, ends removed and the cans flattened, if they are to be acceptable.

Mr. Tousey announces that cans will be collected here on Saturday.

The State Salvage Committee, in a communication to the local committee this week, stated that the town is below its quota in regard to tin can collections. Recent drives have concentrated on waste paper to the exclusion of tin cans, although the need for waste metal is still urgent. Residents of Branford are asked to cooperate in the drive so that the results may bring Branford's contribution up to its quota.

Oppressed May File New Form

If "peculiar circumstance" was the primary reason for the rental of a housing accommodation or for a room being "substantially lower" or "substantially higher" than rents for comparable units in the rental area on the maximum rent date of April 1, 1941, the landlord or tenant, as the case may be, may now apply to the Local Area Rent Office for adjustment to bring the rental for the unit in line with the rents "generally prevailing" for comparable units. It was announced today by Nathan H. White, Acting Area Rent Director.

This new important amendment to the Federal Rent Control Regulations follows the amendment to the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942 as recently passed by Congress. The Rent Director stated.

Application forms to be used in filing petitions for these adjustments are now on hand at the Local Area Rent Office. The important factors for the landlord and tenant to remember in filing petitions under this new amendment were emphasized by Mr. White to be that "peculiar circumstances" surrounding the making of the rent agreement on the maximum rent date were so unusual and were of such nature that these "peculiar circumstances" interfered with the normal bargaining conditions that usually existed in a competitive market at the time of making of the rental agreement, and as a result thereof the rent was "substantially lower" or "substantially higher" than the comparable rents in the area on the maximum rent date.

This new amendment does not have the effect of a general or "automatic" raising of rent ceilings and it was emphasized that "absolutely no change in the maximum rent may be made by the landlord until he is authorized in writing to make a change by order of the Local Rent Director."

COMPTON TO SPEAK

Speaking before 35 members of the Branford Rotary Club at their weekly noonday luncheon Monday at the Oasis Town House, Edward Lowenthal, educational director of the Schenley Distillers Corporation gave a talk on the subject "Moderation in Drinking."

Visiting Rotarians were Elton Knight of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Arthur A. Shipke of Meriden, Dr. C. Tyler Holbrook of East Haven and Bradford Monroe and D. H. Lombard both of Guilford.

Congressman Ranulf Compton will speak next Monday noon.

FIELD DAY, AUGUST 20

Final plans are being completed for the field day, August 20, for the benefit of the Branford boys and girls in the armed forces. The affair is given by the Italian-American Club, Roma Society and Ladies' Roma Society.

Driscoll Gives Mailing Rules For Christmas

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is from September 15 to October 15. Postmaster Joseph Driscoll of the local post office announced. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas Parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Perishable goods, such as fruits and vegetables that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons, and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives, must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

North Branford Annual 4-H Fair Set For Sept. 2

Mrs. Harry Juniver Active As General Chairman — Plan Square Dance

In lieu of the county 4-H fair held several years ago and thoroughly enjoyed by 4-H'ers and their parents and friends there are being held this year a series of smaller fairs so that gas and tires may not be wasted in going many miles to such an exhibit. County agents, Warren E. Brockett and Mrs. Hayes have met with local and neighboring leaders and a committee has been formed to take charge of a fair to be held in North Branford at the Center School on September 2.

Mrs. Harry Juniver, member of the New Haven County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and active in 4-H work will serve as general chairman. She will be assisted by a corps of workers, in most cases an adult working with a junior worker or 4-H'er. Chairmen of the sub-committees are: Mrs. Nioma Tall and Arline Hofritcher of North Guilford, food and canning; Mrs. C. Formisano and Miss Carol Boyce in charge of clothing; Mr. Paul Koistinen and Ernest Linsley and Bertha Rose in charge of flowers and vegetables. Records will be kept by Mrs. Daniel Doody and Mrs. David Nichols; poultry cared for by Dennis Hartigan and Barbara Juniver; Dairy, sheep, goats, swine, and other animals by Chester K. Gedney and Agnes Doody.

Other lines of activities are also being planned. Mr. Robert Taylor and Rev. Laurence Judd of Foxon are in charge of recreation; the North Branford homemakers with Mrs. W. E. Brockett and Mrs. C. Greney as co-chairmen will have charge of refreshments which will consist of hot dogs, ice cream and soda; and square dance arrangements are yet incomplete. A square dance prompter and grange orchestra is being sought. Miss Alleen Hartigan will be in charge of a dental exhibit. Chairmen are urged to contact Mrs. Hayes at the Farm Bureau office at an early date.

The Ladies' Auxillary of the Church of Christ, Stony Creek will not meet again until September 21.

Local Foundry Host Friday To Veterans On Inspection Tour

Manpower Specialist Elbert A. Pearson Arranges Tour of State's Home Front—Inspection Trip Expected to Take Two Weeks—Inspect Guilford Plant Today

Corcoran Post Holds Election

Veteran Of Present War Goes In As Sergeant-At-Arms—Rodney Again Commander.

At the annual meeting of Corcoran Sundquist Post, American Legion, held Tuesday the following officers were elected for the 1944-45 term.

Eugene B. Rodney was re-elected to the post of Commander; 1st Vice Commander Charles E. Beident; 2nd Vice Commander, Carl Viard; Finance Officer, Robert H. Richardson; Adjutant, Clarence I. Bradley, re-elected; Chaplain, Ernest T. Albertine, re-elected; Service Officer, Francis V. Reynolds, re-elected; Historian, Thomas Corcoran; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph A. Donadio.

Clarence I. Bradley was elected Trustee for a term of three years. The Executive Committee named are as follows: John J. Ahern, Chris Peterson, E. A. Nygard, Stephen Bombolinski, John Sullivan, Nathan Kolbin.

The vote for all the officers was unanimous and the Post officially acknowledged the excellent work of the retiring Vice Commander John J. Ahern; Stephen Bombolinski and Finance Officer, Major Robert B. Cate.

Commander Rodney in his acceptance address said: "I am not unmindful of the unusual honor of being elected Commander for two consecutive terms. However, I am especially pleased that the Post has given recognition to a discharged veteran of this war by electing Joseph A. Donadio, Sergeant-at-Arms. It indicates a start in the increase of activities that we hope the veterans of this war will play in the present and future functions of the Post."

"The date and place of the Installation ceremonies will be announced at a later date."

GOVERNOR GRISWOLD CALLS ON FRIENDS

The Hon. Dwight P. Griswold, governor of Nebraska, and Mrs. Griswold called on Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Griswold on their way to Hartford where Gov. Griswold made the keynote address at the opening of the Republican state convention in the Bushnell Memorial Auditorium. Gov. Griswold recently made the nominating speech for Thomas E. Dewey at the national Republican convention in Chicago.

The Nebraska chief executive in his address saw a potential danger "in the terrifying economic power" which he said was given the federal government by its ownership of war plants, land and stockpiles of commodities.

DEIDRE MOONEY ENTERS WAVES

Miss Deidre Mooney was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Allegro Club at the Compass at Indian Neck, recently. Miss Mooney will be inducted in the WAVES in September. She was the recipient of a fountain pen.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Enquist, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pinkham, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Michaelson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Maddern, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartigan, Mrs. James J. Walworth, Mrs. Mooney.

Miss Mooney was sworn into the Women's Reserve, USNR on Monday as an apprentice seaman.

Connecticut's home front infantry—the men and women engaged in the forge and foundry industries—will hear the story of how their handwork has powered the American war machine on two fronts when a combat crew of Army, Navy and Marine Corps veterans arrive in Guilford today to begin a two-week tour of forge and casting shops in the central Connecticut area.

The men will be at the Malleable Iron Foundry all afternoon and evening Friday. Arrangements for the tour were made by Elbert A. Pearson, Manpower Specialist of the Connecticut War Council land a resident of this place.

Two Connecticut men will accompany the tour. They are Lt. William Scott of Bristol and Staff Sgt. Richard Balazy of Farmington. Both are patients at the Army's Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts, but have received permission from Army doctors to travel through Connecticut's forge and foundry shops.

Lt. Scott, who will appear from August 10 through August 18, fought with the Chemical Warfare Service in the Italian campaign until he was wounded in Sicily. His unit supported infantry troops with the highly effective 4.2 mortar. This weapon, whose use was disclosed by the War Department some time ago, has been fondly dubbed "the Ooan Gun" by the doughboys who have benefited from its supporting fire.

Sgt. Balazy, a B-24 gunner whose ship was shot down in Italy, completed 30 missions before sustaining leg wounds that sent him home for treatment. He is credited with having shot down five and a half Nazi fighters. He has flown every gun position on Liberator bombers and wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters.

Lt. Scott and Sgt. Balazy will be under the command of Major Alex Smith, Industrial Services Officer of the First Service Command.

The losses in equipment incidental to landing operation will be described by Pfc. Leonard Murphy of Uittsfield, Mass., a veteran of the Second Marine Division, who participated in the battle of Tarawa, regarded as the second most expensive operation in Marine Corps history. Murphy witnessed the destruction of hundreds of American landing craft in that action. He learned, when the battle losses were computed several weeks later, that several hundred of an initial force of 2,000 amphibious vehicles had been destroyed by Japanese gunners who survived one of the mightiest air and naval bombardments of the war. Murphy was wounded two hours after he and three others of his machine gun squad had advanced to a Japanese position.

MICHAEL LAICH IS EXECUTIVE

An organization to be known as the Twelfth Senatorial Democratic association was formed Monday in North Haven, with Harold LaPointe of East Haven as chairman and James Beatty of North Haven as secretary. Representatives of the eight towns in the district were named to the executive committee. They are Jeremiah Shea of Hamden; John Feagal of North Haven; Thomas Reilly, East Haven; Mrs. Helen Kelsey, Guilford; Earl Redfield, Madison; Daniel Doody, North Branford; Michael Laleh, Branford, and J. F. Downey of Wallingford.

ROTARY TODAY

Raymond C. Smith, physical education director of East Haven Schools was speaker this noon at the East Haven Rotary Club.

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LONDON 18 HOURS AWAY

An Army Air Transport Com-
mand crew in a four-engined
Douglas transport plane has made
the first non-stop flight from Lon-
don to Washington in 18 hours.
The normal route was not fol-
lowed on account of con-
ditions of the wind; so the dis-
tance involved was 2,800 miles.

According to official in-
formation, Army Air Forces have
reduced the number of flying ac-
cidents by 29 per cent in the past
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cidents is 25.6 per cent. Total train-
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eral times he asked them bluntly
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parently disliked to have him
light their cigarettes. The answer
was that they were simply trying
to show him a proper courtesy,
since in Sweden it is considered

unforgivable for one to accept a
light from a person who is his
superior. The fact that he had
come all the way from America
to advise them on building air-
craft, and very probably earned
much more money than they did,
made it necessary for them to
light his cigarette and not theirs.

OPINIONS

Comment and Criticism of
Local Interest from
Various Publications

FIREPROOFING CANVAS

(Hartford Times)

There was room for disturbing
inference in the quoted remark
of General Manager George Smith,
of Ringling Brothers Circus, at San-
tosa, Florida, that governmental
rulings on priorities had prevented
the fireproofing of tent cloth used
in the "big top". The disturbing
inference is that despite this
absence of fireproofing the tent
was taken on tour and great
audiences exposed to a fire hazard
which brought death to 165 per-
sons in Hartford and severe burns
to scores more.

There may be a method of de-
fense in disclosing that govern-
ment officials were at fault in not
permitting the use of a chemical
which has again been demon-
strated as being effective in resist-
ing fire, a blowtorch being able to
char but not to set tent cloth af-
flame. That can hardly be a defense
for exposing the public to fire hazard.

From Our Readers

By GITA ROUND

It is not natural that American
Doctors should oppose Federal so-
cialization of medicine. They have
seen such systems curbed, in-
stead an official system as imper-
sonal as medical examinations at
Army induction centers. If that's
all, the public should not be
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WHAT NOTS

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Civilians will probably find it
necessary to cut down on their
smoking. Many cigars are becom-
ing scarce, and cigarette allot-
ments in retail stores have been
cut 50 percent in most cases. The
reason—of course—is the men at
the front, and in the hospitals and
in seeking a practical method for
voluntary pre-payment of medical
costs to meet prolonged or serious
illnesses, the public should not be
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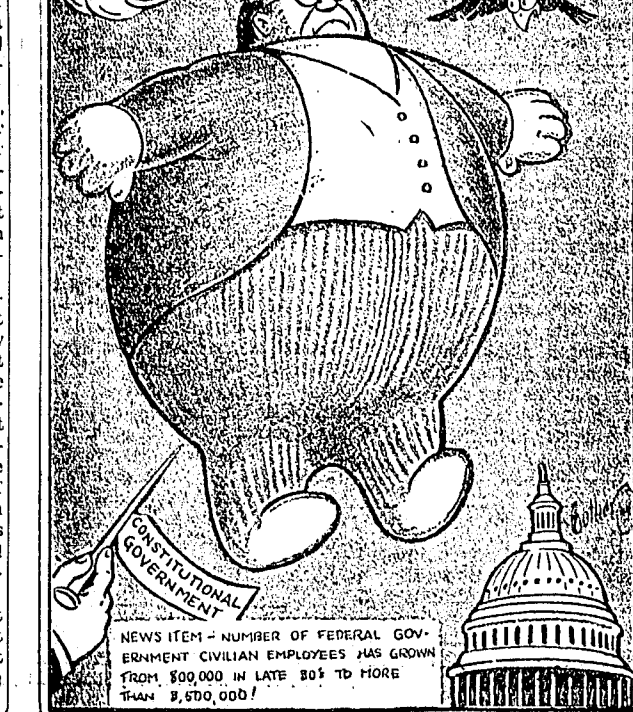
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TIME'S A-COMIN'

By COLLIER



Washington
Snapshots
by JAMES PRESTON

With Congress back on the job in
this still hot and humid capital,
the big job still isn't ready for it.
With every Nazi setback the need
for reconversion legislation grows
larger, and the legislators know
that a sudden German collapse
could catch America at least part-
ly unprepared for tremendous eco-
nomic adjustments and employ-
ment shifts. So while committees
in both houses labor on prepara-
tion, it may be weeks before they
are ready to haul bills
out on the floors.

Senator White of Maine, anxious
to get the reconversion problem
licked, says: "If I could write the
prescription, I'd clean up reconver-
sion and then let the fellows have
a few weeks off before the elec-
tion." Senator Kilgore of W. Virginia
and Representative Celler of New York
in a joint statement declare: "The
Congress must enact reconversion
legislation now—or gamble with
economic disaster."

The real problem: When the war
ends, job will disappear for some
20,000,000; plus 10,000,000 of
returning service men. The govern-
ment will hold \$15 billion worth
of war plants and equipment, and
\$60 billion of supplies. Factories will
be choked with half-finished
products.

Surplus war goods amounting to
more than \$400,000,000 have al-
ready been sold by the government
to the public in closed, mass auc-
tions into the civilian economy. Es-
timating that the surpluses to be
sold will total \$15 billion, the OWI
says there will be no repetition of
the chaos of 1918 "when the entire
war machine became surplus over-
night."

But policy is yet to be made, and
to be made by Congress. There are
three or four committees and sub-
committees in both Senate and
House, intensely interested in de-
mobilization legislation. Extensive
hearings have been held. The idea
of time has come to blend the needs
of authors to legislation which can
command widespread support.

There is a story of an Oriental court
in all its splendor and evil, harem
and pagoda, and in the church
parlors, to act on calling a new
pastor and also to transact any
other business that may be
brought before the meeting. All
members are urged to attend.

Selections from the Bible include
the following: "Lord, thou hast
been our dwelling place in all gen-
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With The BOYS IN SERVICE

Elmer R. Woods Given Citation

A NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER BASE, France—A Presidential Unit Citation, "for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy," was awarded to the Pioneer P-51 Mustang Group. The award was presented to Colonel George R. Bickell, the commanding officer by Lt. General Lewis H. Brereton, commanding general of the Ninth Air Force, U. S. component of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force.

Among the members of the group from Branford entitled to wear the blue ribbon in a gold frame over the right breast is Col. Elmer R. Woods, U. S. Army.

The Ninth Air Force Pioneer Mustang Group was the first to fly the long range P-51 in combat. They set the distance record for fighters, while escorting bombers on deep penetrations into Germany on missions to Kitzingen, Schweinfurt and Gdynia. They destroyed over 380 enemy aircraft in seven months of operations, though often outnumbered and far from their own bases. By proving the effectiveness of fighter escort on these long range flights they were instrumental in the effective development and precision daylight bombing.

Later they were the first to use the P-51 to strafe and bomb military installations in Germany, Belgium and France. Since D-day they have provided tactical support for Allied ground troops in Normandy.

EDWARD BONCEK GIVEN CITATION

Pfc. Edward V. Boncek, son of Mrs. Bertha Boncek of 342 North High Street, East Haven, has been cited by his regiment, the 26th U. S. Infantry, for gallantry and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while on duty on the fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the Infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in actual combat. The badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, encased in a silver wreath.

MORRIS IN STATES

Mrs. Eliot Morris of West Main Street received a telegram and a call from her husband, T. Eliot Morris, who has been stationed in New Guinea for two and a half years with the Branford Battery, saying that he had arrived in California and expected to be home any day now.

CO-ORDINATION AT AN ARMY DRAFTING BOARD

Two U. S. Army draftsmen, one a staff sergeant of the Women's Army Corps, are shown at work on a wall chart which is to be used in the drafting of soldiers at Fort Monmouth, N. J. The Army sends War for 216 copies of this assignment.

HAS GUNNERS WINGS

Cpl. Edward Martin, son of Mrs. Edward Martin of Chestnut Street who is at the Buckingham Air Field, Fort Myers, Fla., was graduated last month from the flexible gunnery school and has received his gunner's wings.

Upon completion of a six weeks course he is now awaiting assignment.

SHRINES UNHARMED WRITES CPL. RING

Cpl. Joseph Ring, son of Mrs. Margaret Ring of Pentacost Street writes via V-mail from France: "I note from your letter that you are having some hot, dry weather. We could sure use some... Things are the same here, time drags so, days seem like a year. We get our cigarettes from the Army, a pack a day (sometimes)... like poor French people are bombed and shelled out of their homes. When we get paid their homes they come out along the road pushing carts and baby carriages full of household goods, they start over again. I do not know where they hide during the battles, but as soon as it has passed they pop up. This country has been shelled at every cross road and has yet to see one damaged by shell fire or bombs, while around the shrines everything is blasted to bits."

LT. HUDSON NOTT HAS AIR MEDAL

Lt. Hudson Nott of the U. S. Army Air Force, fighter pilot of the ship "No Name", son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Nott of Groton, Conn., has been awarded the Air Medal for services performed while conducting missions in the European Area.

Lt. Nott, who received his commission as a first lieutenant in the Branford Battery, was first of the year.

He left here for the South where two years later he became a cadet, after training at several fields he finished at Scribner, Neb., where he was captain of his class. From there he went directly overseas and is now stationed in England.

CHARLES BALDWIN HOME WITH WINGS

Cpl. Charles H. Baldwin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin, 101 South Main St., was graduated from the Army Air Force Training Command's Flexible Gunnery School at Buckingham Field near Fort Myers, Fla. He arrived Tuesday at the home of his parents.

Now qualified as an aerial gunner, he will soon become a member of the Army Air Force's bomber squad. He will receive his crew training at an operational training field in the United States then go overseas. Hundreds of gunners are graduated each week from the gunnery school near Fort Myers where the shooting ranges from steep with a shogun to firing from a power operated turret in the huge bombers over the Gulf of Mexico.

He entered the Army from school one year ago and has also completed the armament school at Buckley Field, Colo.

T. Sgt. John Wardle when last heard from was with a chemical warfare group in Rome.

COMPLETES MISSIONS

Lt. Harry E. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cox of Pine Orchard has been awarded the air medal for completing the required number of missions over enemy territory. Lt. Cox, who is pilot of a B-29 Liberator, enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force following his graduation from Stanton Military Academy, Virginia.

Frank Acampora spent the week with his wife and children in Short Beach. Mr. Acampora is the former Miss Betty Barker.

Yeoman I. Charles H. Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Blanchard of 111 High Street, East Haven, was a member of a U. S. Naval crew in the American Assault Force which invaded France. Yeoman Blanchard completed his boat training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Sanapston, N. Y., and further trained at the Yeoman School in Newport, R. I.

A cable has been received from Donald Hawthorne of Riverdale in which he states he expects to be home soon. Hawthorne is a paratrooper and has participated in major engagements.

INDUCTED INTO SERVICE The following from Branford were inducted into the service during August: Richard C. Farrington, Home Place, Clifton; Wing Bristol, Short Beach and William S. Rede of Indian Neck Ave.

Bud La Fortune, chief specialist, son of Mrs. Robert Richardson has been transferred from the naval hospital at Groton to the naval hospital at Corona, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kobak of Rogers Street have with their children, Lt. Stephen Kobak, USAF, who is stationed in Lincoln, Neb.

Among the boys home on furlough is Fredolph Johnson of Harbor Street.

LEON WASILEWSKI IN DIESEL SCHOOL

Leon A. Wasilewski, 98 Montowese Street, was enrolled recently in an intensive course at the Diesel Naval Training School located on the campus of the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Selection to attend the specialist school is based on results of recruit training aptitude test scores. The course of study includes the use of operation and maintenance of diesel engines. A theoretical phase is concerned with diesel engine theory, electrical fundamentals and machine shop operation.

Successful completion of the course will see the Bluejacket graduate with the petty officers rate of motor machinist's mate third class and receive recognition as eligible to qualify for that advancement.

KENNETH COLBURN IN FLYING SCHOOL

Aviation Cadet Kenneth W. Colburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Colburn, has completed approximately two-thirds of his pilot training at the 2150th AAF Base Unit, Bush Field, Augusta, Georgia, and will report soon to one of the Army Air Force Eastern Flying Training Command's Advanced Flying Schools for the final phase of his flight training.

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Freight

By GEORGE S. BENSON President of Harding College, Seelye, Arkansas

YEARS before I ever saw a picture of original places and people interested in the subject, I remember one a creative drawing a Chinese kid, wearing wooden shoes and a braid-trail hat. His quest seemed to have sprang from his mind, he walked with a wooden yoke on his shoulders. The yoke helped him carry two buckets that hung by cords, one at each end.

Later I saw such men in real life, many of them. I was old enough then to wonder what was in the buckets and why people had to lug them. The first such "common carrier" I patronized had kerosene in his buckets, five gallons at each end of the yoke. His daily job was to walk ten miles and carry ten gallons, for which he was paid ten cents a day.

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Enrollees will be paid \$92.40 per month and up. Living quarters, meals and uniforms will be furnished at the base.

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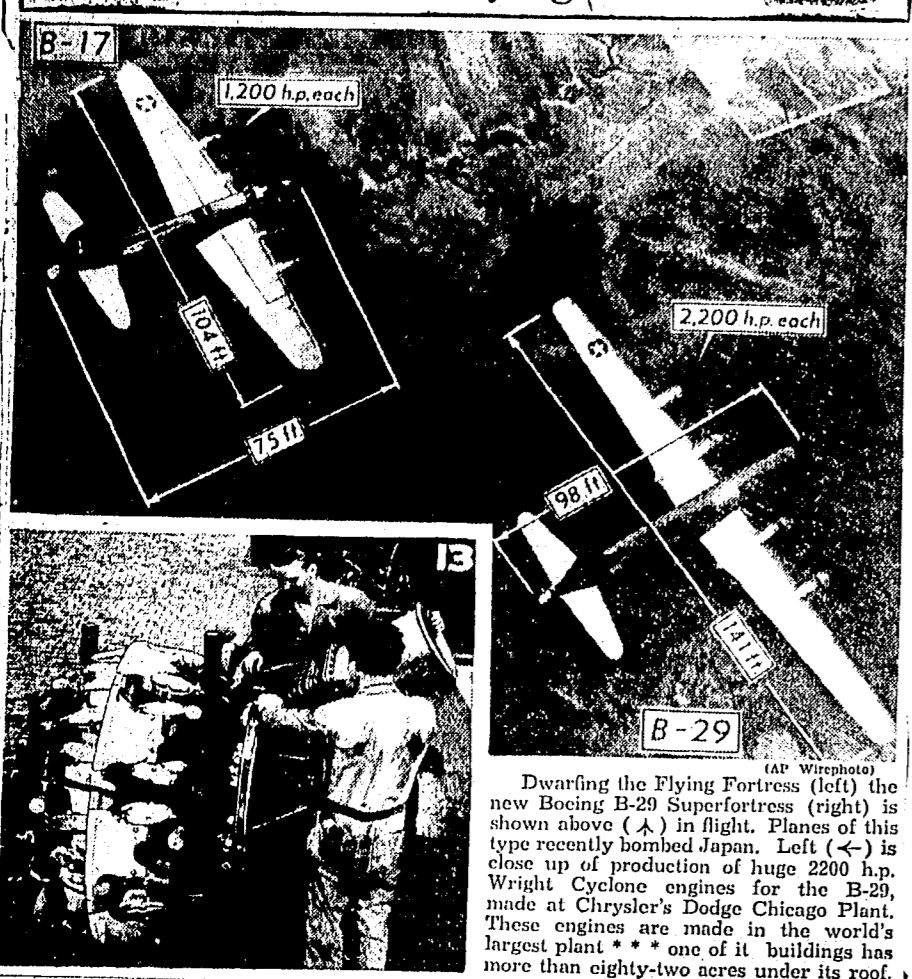
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B-29 Dwarfs Flying Fortress



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GARDEN NOTES

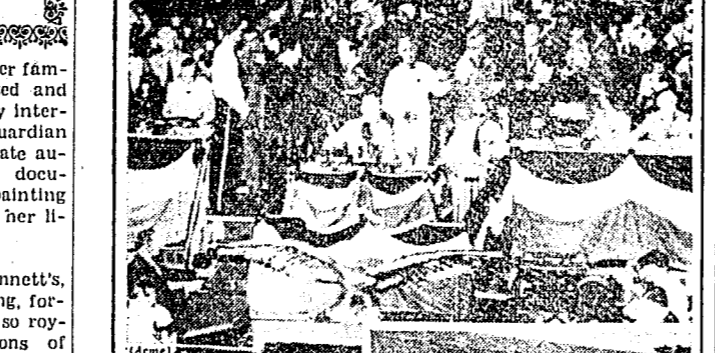
sponsored by Branford Garden Club
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News About Rationing; Price Control

FUELS
COAL—After Consumer Declaration Form is filed with dealer, you may have delivered up to 50 per cent of last year's supply by October 1.

MEATS AND FATS
Red stamps A8 through 28 and A5, B5, C5 in Book Four good indefinitely. Worth ten points each. Next series will be valid Aug. 27.

GASOLINE
Stamp 10 in A Book now valid for gallons through August 8. B3, B4, C3 and C4 coupons good for five gallons each.

SHOES
Altrians Stamps 1 and 2 in Book 3 now valid for one shoe coupon of a household.

SUGAR
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BONDS OVER AMERICA

Remember the Alamo!
Near Houston, Texas, stands the Alamo, a beautiful shrine marking the spot where on April 21, 1836, Sam Houston and his shooting Texans routed Santa Anna and his army of an independent Republic.

Buy War Bonds and Hold Them
Europe's memorials are a shameless mockery of the white flag. Cry so long as tyrants rule her people. Honor your war dead with War Bonds.

More Penicillin is Available for V. D. Treatments

State departments of health and the U. S. Public Health Service are now using penicillin on a large scale for the treatment of early syphilis, according to the weekly bulletin of the Connecticut State Department of Health.

PUZZLING AILMENT
Dolent ("What seems to be the ailment of the city?") "Say, your father's getting pretty well along in years, isn't he?"

RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR
MONA PAULER, shown here, as one of the "World of Song" most welcome guests. The lovely mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera is already signed for her fourth appearance on the Sunday Blue network program late in August.

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Gale Page, attractive young radio star and actress, is heard as "Your Holy Neighbor" in a new radio play, "The World of Song" broadcast on the Metropolitan Opera network.

REED KENNEDY
Reed Kennedy, starred Sundays on CBS "Family Hour" may play the lead in a Broadway show. The bartone can recollect it with his own debut, due this fall.

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Masses at 7 and 9:15 o'clock at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, and at 8 o'clock in the Northford Congregational Church, Rev. John J. McCarthy, pastor; Mrs. Genevieve Bernard, organist and choir director.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:30 o'clock at the Zion Episcopal Church, Rev. Francis J. Smith, Rector; Mrs. Paul R. Hawkins, organist.

Morning worship at the Congregational Church will be conducted by a guest preacher, Mrs. Douglas E. Holaday, organist, and choir director.

Several of the local men and women in military service have been enjoying recent furloughs with their parents. Among those who have received advancements is Joseph Marrone who has now received his sergeant's stripes.

Mrs. Edward Daly, sewing chairman for the Red Cross in North Branford has received 250 kits bags to be made up at an early date. Anyone able to take home some of these kits bags to sew is asked to call for them at the home of Mrs. Daly.

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PERSONALS

One hundred men and women at Michigan State college are eligible to receive bachelor's degrees at the end of the summer quarter on September 1, R. S. Linton, registrar, announced today.

Included in this group is Robert C. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Clark. No special graduating exercises will be held for summer quarter students, stated Registrar Linton, as they participated in the June commencement.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Prunty was maid of honor yesterday at the Prunty-Wrenn wedding.

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YOUR TAXES

HARLEY L. LUTZ, Professor of Public Finance, Princeton University

The National Income
There has been a great deal of talk lately about the national income. The subject has been extensively popularized to the point that many believe all we need for continued prosperity is a high national income.

This is correct if the large national income results from large production and that is what we are hoping for after the war. But it is possible to chalk up a large income figure simply by inflating the price level. And, as everyone knows, an inflation does not of itself result in more goods and better living conditions.

Price Factor
For example, it is explained in the Survey of Current Business that a substantial part of the estimated increase in gross product from \$124 billion in 1942 to \$186.5 billion in 1943 was due to a rise in prices rather than to an increase in physical volume. In this way it may be said that the national income increased but we together hand the volume of purchasing power did not increase to any appreciable extent. This price level is characterized by inflation in that money is plentiful while goods are relatively scarce.

National Income is a good index of prosperity only when it represents the actual production of goods and services.

A high level of government expenditure is supposed to increase national income because it is assumed that the government services are always worth what they cost. This would be true only if the government kept within a reasonable range of useful public activity. Let raising or bridging the Mississippi lengthwise to discover the range wherein government really adds to income in that money is plentiful while goods are relatively scarce.

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"THANKS FOR THE LIFT, AMERICA!"

Salute the home-front for "Backing the Attack" in the 5th War Loan Drive. The 5th War Loan has gone over the top!

You've attained every one of the 5th War Loan objectives—and then some! The overall goal, corporate and individual, was \$16 billion; \$20,639,000,000 was realized. The individual goal was \$6 billion; \$5,330,000,000 (92%) was realized. The "E" or "People's" Bond goal—the most important element in the individual goal, and the hardest one to make—was \$3 billion; \$3,036,000,000 was realized.

The American public has scored not only a resounding victory on the home front, but the greatest one to date!

For this inspiring demonstration of "Democracy—in action," the fighting men on all the far-flung battle fronts of the world give thanks for the lift. The spirit you have shown gives reassurance of support to those on the long and bloody road to Berlin... and Tokyo.

Every man, woman and child in America may well thrill with pride at the success of this unprecedented drive—the greatest war-financing operation the world has ever known. This includes the millions who "dug deep" to buy extra Bonds and the untiring volunteers who helped sell them—the whole cavalcade of America galvanized into action on a spontaneous voluntary basis.

But just as the battle continues to ever mounting fury, so will the home-front must continue to "Back the Attack." As General Eisenhower has said:

"Satisfactory as is the progress of this battle to date, its magnitude is a mere beginning to the tremendous struggle that must follow before final victory is achieved."

"To this end we need every man, every woman, and all the courage and fortitude of our respective people. The Allied soldier will do his duty."

Yes—and we on the home-front will do our duty, also. Let no man think that in such heart-stirring times as these, when our boys are facing their most crucial weeks and months ahead, that the part we play in buying Bonds is trivial compared to their earth-shaking deeds and heroic challenge of death.

Far from trivial, our home-front tasks are today more important than ever. Encouraged by the example of what a united people can do when a cause is just, let us continue to "back the attack"—buy more than before until the day of final victory. And let us resolve not only to buy Bonds to the fullest extent of our powers, but to hold them until maturity—for a better, safer, happier world for all.

Keep "Backing 'Em Up" with WAR BONDS

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