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# EDITORIAL

#### AMERICA'S FIRST YEAR OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

It scarcely seems a year since the day when our teletype clicked off the fateful news: That bombs were raining over Pearl Harbor, that the United States was at war.

First sensation was one of numb incredibility. That dazed feeling swiftly gave way to a nation-wide sense of outrage which transcended all divisions of politics and opinion. Gone was the complacency of a few hours previous, and, in its place, a white, burn-

Historians some day may be able to measure whether our losses at Pearl Harbor, gr were, had not been more than outweighed by that sudden forging of a national determination not only to avenge Pearl Harbor, but to smash forever the Axis menace.

Japanese bombs and Japanese treachery had done what no amount of debate over this nation's foreign policies ever could have done:

America was united.

In the blinding flashes of fire at Pearl Harbor; in that glare amidst the smoke, every last Axis pretense was stripped bare. Any last doubts were resolved. Though we had been told it couldn't be-the totalitarian beast was upon our own shores.

An American suddenly brought from December 7. 1941, to now, without transition, scarcely would recognize his country. Changes have been far-reaching and profound.

But they are not the changes most of us expected, a year ago. For example, we thought in terms of surpluses then; we think in terms of shortages now. We thought ourselves invincible, then; that any Yank could lick 10 Japs with his bare hands. We have a better measure of our enemy now.

In this light, let us look over the past year-America's first year of World War II.

#### War in the Pacific

In World War I, the United States was granted a warming-up period.

There was no threat from the Pacific. Not only Britain but France held the enemy in Europe while we prepared. The first shot fired by American troops in France was October 27, 1917—almost seven months after we declared war.

This time there was no breathing spell.

From the first bombs on Pearl Harbor, the men of our armed forces faced, in the Pacific, the full force of one of the most efficient military machines the world has ever known.

The only respite we gained was brought with the blood of our soldiers, sailors and Marines in Hawaii. Wake Island, in the Philippines-and with the blood of our British and Dutch Allies in Malaya and the East Indies.

The enemy started December 7 from the springboard in Indo-China given them by Petain's Vichy Government. They needed only one day to conquer Thailand, five days for Guam, 14 days for Wake, 54 days for Malaya and two weeks more for "impregnable Singapore." Three months for the Dutch East

For 100 days, American and Filipino troops held out on Bataan-100 days that will live forever in American history. But they were forced to surrender on April 9. Corregidor fell May 6. We know, now, why we couldn't come to their rescue.

In five months, Japan conquered an area 12 times the size of Japan proper, with a population twice as large as Japan. Then the tide began to turn, slowly. Four days

after the surrender of Corregidor we won the battle of Coral Sea and speeded up the process of whitting down the Jap Navy. The first week of June saw the last Jap gains,

with the landing in the Alcutians. But the same week we won the Battle of Midway.

We won round after round in the Solomons, carrying on a war of attrition against the Jap Navy. The Japs have now lost a minimum of 380 ships sunk; we have lost 86. Our shipyards can out-build the Japs 10 to 1.

We haven't won the war in the Pacific yet. For two weeks now he have been "closing in" on Buna, in New Guinea, but the Japs still hold it. We have been fighting for four months to hold the Solomons which the Japs took one afternoon last January. We have not been able to repeat our bombing of

But we are no longer losing in the Pacific. The Japs have made no major advance on any front for the past six months. We have started on the long road back.

#### Prelude to the Second Front

In the European theater, U.S. policies and operations stem from that dramatic conference of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill last December

Our role in the European struggle was two-fold: first, intensified lease-lend, especially to Russia; second, the building up of an American Army in Britain preparatory to assault upon the Axis.

Key factor in this program was the Battle of the Atlantic. U-boat attacks upon our coastal shipping struck almost as severe a blow at the oil supply of the East as the loss of Malaya had struck at the rubber supply of all the United Nations, Similar attacks upon our convoys to Murmansk and Archangel substantially cut down our shipments of mechanized equipment to the Soviets.

#### Russia Stands Fast

A year ago, remember, the Nazi were on the defensive for the first time, in Russia. Their retreat, as we learned later, was not beyond Hitler's planned line of winter resistance. But the drives upon Moscow and Leningrad had been halted; and, for the first time, there seemed assurance Russia would survive the winter.

Our forces continued to assemble in North Ireland. New U. S. equipment was rushed to Egypt, where our first tanks proved disappointing, later ones excellent, U. S. Flying Fortresses began to take part in the RAF raid program over the Continent in which 2000-pound bombs supplanted 1000-pounders, 4000-pounders supplanted 2000-pounders, and fourton "blockbusters" fell in blasting destruction over North Italy as well as Germany and occupied

All the while a new issue was mounting: the

Russian demands were answered with promises. The promises were kept.

The raid on Dieppe, we know now, was a costly but deceptive prelude. The fruit of the year's planning really ripened on November 7-when the great invasion of North Africa was launched, with subsequent developments too recent to require mention

But as we look back over this year, we realize that in spite of tremendous handicaps, the United Nations have been able to seize the air offensive in the Western European theater, give Stalin "effective second front assistance," and threaten the very survival of Italy as an Axis partner-all in one mighty stroke.

For planning and execution of that gigantic offensive, any tribute we may make pales beside the imprecations which the Axis dictators have heaped upon the authors; Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. Their fury is its own accolade.

#### Forward in Production

"Army Seeking Giant Armada of 4120 Planes." That headline, of 1939, seems laughable today. Yet it is a help in measuring our gains on that most vital of war fronts-production. This year our plane output, according to OWI, will be 49,000.

Without the machines, guns, planes and tanks, our men would be so many helpless targets. The stoutest hearts cannot win modern wars with bare

The OWI report on production is a report on the assembly lines which set the whole tempo of war production. Besides 49,000 planes, we produced 32,000 tanks and self-propelled artillery; 17,000 anti-air-

craft guns; 8,200,000 tons of merchant shipping. These totals are, except in merchant shipping, below the goal set by the President. Yet, when it is remembered that we started far behind the Axis it is a mighty achievement that we now begin to pass the enemy's maximum production effort-with our

own maximum by no means in sight. In one year our total war effort is beyond any yardstick of comparison-with that of any other war or any other nation. It is an achievement of a nation which has continued to operate under its free institutions an achievement chalked up in spite of much disheartening fumbling, faulty organization and hesitancy in compelling factory conversions to war needs.

Only now, for example, has a manpower czar been named and drastic steps been taken to meet the problem of maintaining the production army without diminishing the effectiveness of the fighting force. Only now, do we have a food czar to deal with the increasing serious problems of supply not only to our army and our civilian population but to the citizens of our occupied lands.

Were it not for the fact that this war demands far more, we could, as OWI says, congratulate ourselves on a war production measured, in money, at 47 billion of dollars.

But money figures do no count much in war. The figures that matter are figures on ENEMY LOSSES.

To be truthful, the whole civilian front, the whole production front has only begun to mobilize. We have only begun to discover what we can do.

#### The Year Ahead

The book of the year past is now open to us. It is the book of our own education in war, the lessons we have learned the hard and bloody way.

Upon the profit taken from those lessons rests much of our hope for the year ahead.

There are those who blithely chirp that the "war will be over by spring." Others talk glibly as though we had only to walk into Italy to seize it, when, as we now know, our forces have been stopped in Tun-

For the year ahead, let us follow the advice of our President; yield neither to excessive optimism nor excessive pessimism. We all have a job to do. We all have a victory to win. It will not be easy or

But we will win that victory if we give to the war effort the best and the utmost that is in us,

whether it takes one year, five years or 10. What we did yesterday counts no longer. What matters now is what each of us does today.-Philadelphia Record.

#### AT LEAST THEY ARE NOT HITLER'S

Destruction of a large part of the French fleet at Toulon is both a victory and a disaster. If the Allies could not acquire this formidable fighting force, at least the patriotism of the French in blowing up their own ships, cheated Hitler of his ambition.

One cannot help regret that if the going ever was good, the Toulon flotilla did not join the Allies the moment Hitler invaded unoccupied France, It will be interesting some day to learn why this was not done and to what extent Germany would have retaliated against the friends and relatives ashore of the French sailors had they steamed to sea.

In any event Hitler did not get the French Fleet. There is satisfaction in that. As for his hypocritical utterances in connection with the seizure of Toulon, the world pays no attention. "Der Fueher's Face" is not more laughable than his claim that Germany is fighting for self-preservation. The tense is important. Germany is doing that today but it had no such thought in mind when it annexed Austria, grabbed Czecho-Slovakia, plundered Poland, invaded the Low Countries and set up Quisling in Norway.

All such pretensions merely incite the world to have done with Germany more than ever. They Suggest that Germany is approaching the cracking point. It should encourage the United Nations, both on the battle and the home front, to step up the war program still higher and speed the victory which they must and will ultimately attain.

The loss of se many fine fighting ships at Toulon is grievous when it seemed as though had time been taken by the forelock, they could have been saved. But at least the uncertainty of their fate has been eliminated. Hitler will not get them.—Harrisburg



# Query & Answer Column

G. E .- Where is Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses? Ans.-It is in the church of S. Pietro in Vincoli, Rome. The statue was originally planned for the tomb of Pope Julius II, but the tomb was over the weekend.

R. G .- Please give a description of the flag of the Free French. Ans.-The Free French flag consists of the French flag with a blue panner on the same staff bearing the red Cross of Lorraine. This is a cross naving two crossbars, one slightly longer than the other.

E. H. D .- How much linen is supplied each Pullman car?

Ans .- Pullman News says that each suit (the linen supply for one trip of a car), consists of 250 sheets, 200 slips, 200 towels, 8 porters' coats and

8 car bags. M. P.-Does Japan have a Secret Service?

Ans.—The Japanese organization corresponding to our Secret Service at the Raymond Coakley home at is called Koto Keijibu.

O. L .- How many amendments to the Constitution have been repeal-

Ans.-Only one has been repealed, the Eighteenth. R. R .- How much time elapsed between the writing of the Bible and the invention of printing?

Ans.—The art of printing from movable type was not discovered until Sheesley of Shingletown, and O. V. more than 1490 years after the latest work of the New Testament was Scholl of Central City. written. The Bible was the first book printed and it is stated that nearly one billion copies of the Word of God in whole or in part have been print- and daughter of Pleasant Gap, called since then

Ans .- In the column "On the Tip of the Tongue" in the New York Raymond Lucas of Washington, D. Press, the puzzle appeared on October 16, 1903, as follows: "Dear Tip: C., spent a few days with his moth-Mary is 24 years old. She is twice as old as Anne was when she was as old er and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and

O. C. A .- What is the origin of the How Old Is Anne puzzle?

as Anne is now. How old is Anne now? John Mahon." P. A .- Is it scientifically possible to predict earthquakes? Ans.—The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey says that there of Bellefonte, were guests at the Roy is no present evidence of the possibility of earthquake prediction. It is Leathers home on Sunday in henor hoped that at some future date, at least partial prediction will be possible, of Mr. Leather's birthday anniverbut this stage is now far from being reached.

K. F.-Is it essential to wear black to a formal fundral of a friend? Ans.-It is no longer considered necessary to wear black unless one cas home were Mr. and Mrs. Clair rant.

sits with the family, but clothes that are dark and inconspicuous should Watson of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. L.-What became of the wreck of the German battleship Graf Lock Haven, Mrs. Frank Cox of New

Ans.-It was purchased by a junk dealer in Montevideo for \$17,500. P. L. A .- What is the derivation of the term quartermaster? Ans.—Quartermaster was used as early as 1442 to refer to a petty hunting in the mountains last week. buttons in the collection are requested to give their own and not pull officer of the Navy who attends to the steering of the ship, and some other

has been used in a military sense since 1600. J. W. K .- How much salary do baseball umpires receive?

Ans,-The Sporting News says that the umpires' salaries range from

L. B. A .- How long is the alimentary canal?

Ans.-In an adult the alimentary canal has a total length of from twenty-five to thirty feet. M. R.-What Senator has had the longest continuous term? Ans.-William B. Allison is said to have served in the United States

1873 to August 4, 1908). He also served in the House of Representatives day night was a decided success, unfrom March 4, 1863 to March 3, 1871. from March 4, 1863 to March 3, 1871. B. B.-What is the correct pronunciation of the surname of the Brit-

ish novelist, W. Somerset Maugham? Ans.-The name is pronounced as if it were spelled maum. N. S. W .- How much did Stradivari receive for his violins when he Harriet Lucas, Audrey Harnish, Jean

was living? Ans.—The famous violin-maker received from \$50 to \$75 for his violins and about twice as much for 'cellos.

# GROWERS ARE PLANNING

Before consumers have eaten this ear's holiday turkeys many Pennsylvania growers will have planned shoot a deer but didn't because they their operations for producing next didn't know which direction to drag spent Sunday with Miss France's year's crop. P. H. Margolf, assistant it. professor of poultry husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College, says least 30 miles since becoming lost. that early planning for 1943 is ne- They were hungry and chilled to the Mrs. Eva Wenrick. cessitated partly by wartime demand bone and badly in need of medical for turkey meat.

crease the total supply of dressed poultry for the country, and the

key hens will have to be exposed to artificial lights, he said. If the eggs are to be fertile so that they will that at least two-thirds of the 80,hatch, the gobblers also must be sub- 900 doctors under 45 years of age jected to lights, and for a longer will be required by the Army and time than the hen turkeys. The birds Navy. That is nearly one-third of also must have sufficient riboflavin, America's total medical force! one of the fractions of vitamin B, in their ration.

The man who makes use of his spare time usually finds that he has lots of it.



#### FOR 1943 TURKEY CROP 2 Clearfield Hunters Near Exhaustion Claude Irwin.

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attention. Searchers, who suffered from Altoona. While there she at-Turkeys are counted upon to in- while looking for them, said they be- tended the funeral of Mrs. Lucas'

To produce early poults, eggs will woods. The fire company pumper have to be laid during the dark days and a fire truck took Philipsburg of winter, which means that the tur-searchers to the scene.

It has been estimated officially

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#### JULIAN

There will be preaching services in the U. B. church on Sunday evening at 7:30, by the regular pastor. Rev. J. H. Weaver of Port Matilda. Mrs. Betty Sprow of Bellefonte, visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Reese the past week.

Mrs. Clarence Flack, who has been Il, is able to be about as usual. Old Man Winter made his first

appearance last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Albert Petzold and son Charles Burd, of Shelton, Wash., arrived in Julian on Tuesday night of last week to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wiliams. On Sunday the family enjoyed a turkey dinner in honor of Mrs Petzold, as she cannot be present for Christmas. Those present were: was trying to pin something on him. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams, Mr. "Rastus, do you mean to say you re and Mrs. Melvin E. Williams, Mrs. Petzold and son, Charles Burd, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mokle, daughters Carol, Nancy and Sally. Two sons were absent from the family gathering, Dr. C. O. Williams of Allen- from her?" interposed the court. town, and Staff Sgt. Charles Williams, last heard from in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dando of Harrisburg, visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dando, also grandmother, Mrs. Marcella Beals. Mrs. Nora Breon of this place, has losed up her home and gone to spend the winter in Washington, D. C. at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

Russel Fulgar. John Talhelm and wife visited that a farmer owned. with Mrs. Mollie Talhelm, of this

William Dando is improving his horse sick?" home by adding a new coat of paint. Mrs. Marie Alexander, also Mrs. Gladys Williams attended the Emily Rebekah Lodge, held in Port Matilda, on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Crispen visited in New York

Paul Holt has joined up with the

#### HOLTS HOLLOW

Mrs. Edith Burd of Axemann, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Burd and family of Pleasant Gap, Mr. and Mrs. John Possinger of Coleville, were recent visitors at the Arthur Burd home. Marie Johnson spent a few days

spent Monday in this vicinity, Sunday callers at the J. T. Wat-Miller and daughter, Donald Cath- tenance, so he stopped and said: erman of Howard, Mrs. Alpha

Mr. and Mrs. George Magargel ed on home folks Saturday even-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreese and

sons of Lemont; Marjorie Leathers "We'll have to waite till that train goes by." sary. A delicious roast beef dinner ed with all t Recent visitors at the Charles Lu-Willard Emenhizer and children of

York City Clyde Watson of Milesburg, and son Merrill of Greensburg, called on us that it is much healthier to drink than to smoke." J. T. Watson and also did some Walter Kesling, who is in army duties. In this sense, it comes from quarter—to keep one's own place. It service, spent a few days calling on friends and relatives at this place

and Yarnell, last week. Mrs. Olive Rhoades and son spent day at the Roy Sheesley home at German to get it. Howard, recently

### SNOW SHOE

The comedy presented by the Girl Scouts, "Have Patience, Penelope, Senate for a longer continuous term than any other member (March 4, at the high school gymnasium Fri-France, scout leader. The cast included Misses Margaret Shaw, Jane Ann Marshall, Cleo Hall, Mildred Morgan, Betty Irwin, Barbara Hall, Lewis, Sally Budinger, Lois Bathgate and Myra Dixon. Stage managers were Dolores Morgan, Lois Swartz and Mary Shires.

Pvt. Paul Irwin is home on a furlough from New Mexico, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Ruth France, student nurse at the Philipsburg State Hospital, parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. France. Miss Dorothy May Wenrick of Mill Hall, is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Mabel Lucas returned home Carl Cole of Bellefonte, spent a Snow had drifted to a depth of few days with Mr. Cole's brother,

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So They Would

Mary had a little goat, The goat had halitosis, And every place that Mary went The people held their noses.

. . . Embarrassing Question

Rastus was arrested for buying whiskey and at his trial the lawyer

"Rastus, do you mean to say you never got any liquor out at Jake'z?" "No. sah!"

"Did you ever get anything from his son, John?"

"No, sah, boss, I didn't." "Well, how about his daughter, Lydia-did you ever get anything

"You mean liquor, Judge?" . . . Why, Willie!

Little Willie, with his gat, Shot his sister rat-tat-tat. Then said sister, as she laughed, "Will, I think I feel a draft."

. . .

Couldn't Miss It Whenever we see someone nervously watching the clock when it is close to quitting time, we're reminded of a certain timid looking horse

trouble getting him started again, Finally, someone asked him: "Is your

"Not that I know of," the farmer replied. "Well, is he balky?" "No," replied the farmer, "but he is so darned atraid I'll say 'whoa'

He would start, go slowly, then stop, and the farmer would have

and he won't hear me that he stops every once in a while to listen." . . .

In the Gay 90's While walking along the street one day a gentleman noticed a group armed forces for the duration of the of boys apparently playing a game of some description. Much interested,

he stopped, and inquired in a kindly tone: "Well, boys, what are you at today?"

A bright youngster looked up and said: "Why, don't you know, sir? This is the latest game out!"

"Oh! What do you call it?" "Automobile, sir."

"Automobile! Why, how do you play it?" "Well, you see, sir, I'm the driver." 'And this here fellow," pointing to his neighbor, "he's the horn; and Claude Wyland of Central City, this fellow is the bumper, and those two boys over there are the passengers-." And so on, he described the duties of the happy youngsters.

With a kindly salutation the gentleman passed on. About ten paces son home were; Mr. and Mrs. Paul away, sitting on the curb, he saw a little chap with a very forlorn coun-

"Well, my little man, why don't you join in the game with those other boys?"

"Please, sir, I am in it," he wailed. "You are in it! Why, what are you?" "I'm the smell!"-Texas Ranger

. . . Just a Little Nervous

We know of a couple who recently were married at Lock Haven, by a justice of the peace, who has his office near the railroad. About the middle of the ceremony the justice of the peace said:

Just then the groom spoke up and said; "That's no train, sir, that's

Believe in Signs? "God Hates a Coward, Try Our Hamburgers,"-Sign seen in restau-

Sign seen on boathouse: "Trip around the lake-adults 25c, Children thrown in free.

Sign at Library: "Only low talk permitted here." Sign in Taproom: "Just try one of our cigars and you'll agree with

Notice at the entrance of a church; "Worshippers who intend to put them off the hassocks."

Speaking of Hitler Hitler is going to have peace in Germany if he has to kill every

Hitler told an American correspondent that the people were more behind him than they were a year ago. Pretty soon they may be close enough behind him to administer a stiff kick that will land him in the

Germany's cabinet now has a Minister of Religion. Among his duties, we imagine, is praying for Hitler.

If Germany eliminates the feeble-minded, who will be left to swear

Worthy Ambition

allegiance to Hitler?

Hitler was removing his opponents von by von.

Tramp-"How about a dime, buddy?" Citizen-"A dime? What the devil do you want a dime for?" Tramp-"Wot do I want a dime for? Well, mister, I'll tell you I've got nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-

nine dollars and ninety cents, and I'd just love to make it a million." . . .

So That's It Teacher (pointing to a picture of a deer)-"Johnny, what is that?"

Johnny-"I don't know." Teacher-"What does your mother call your father?"

rather squeeze a blonde than a blackhead.

Johnny-"Don't tell me that's a louse." That's all, folks. Perhaps gentlemen do prefer blondes. They'd

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