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LATE NEWS FLASHES!

WASHINGTON—High Washington officials deny that an increased number of Japanese fighters in the Casablanca area require an increased shipment of American planes to that area. Officials also deny that an invasion of Australia will be attempted in the near future.

LONDON—More than a thousand RAF bombers flew over Europe last night bombing vital centers in Belgium, Germany, and Northern France.

MOSCOW—Six thousand Germans and 50 tanks failed to recapture the Kuban Valley in the Caucasus. The Russians turned them back, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. German officials admit the loss of more than 300 men on the Donet River front.

WASHINGTON—Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives failed to reach an agreement on the new income tax plan. Differences will be settled soon, with a likely result that 1942 taxes may be paid at the 1941 rate, officials stated.

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis is the first major city to fulfill its quota in the second war drive. More than 94 million dollars was collected.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—Two Italian ships were sunk by Allied bombers in the Mediterranean area. This shows that any attempt on the part of the Axis to evacuate troops will be stopped by the Allies. Allied bombers also raided Sicily and Tunisia.

Portfolio Hits Newsstands Soon

The latest issue of Portfolio, which is going on sale April 28 at Student Union and the Corner, will be dedicated to Professor Theodore Roethke, assistant professor of English and head tennis coach, who is now on a ten-month leave of absence.

As a special feature, Portfolio will contain representative poems selected from poetry written by Professor Roethke's students.

An article about George Gershwin and his influence in American music, by Professor Hummel Fishburn, will be contrasted with a story written by Hugh Ridall, entitled "A Case for Jazz."

There will be, among other short stories and articles, a profile of Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter by Morton Peck. Dr. Carpenter was formerly a psychology professor before entering the Armed Forces.

Rosalyn Schnitzer, editor, states

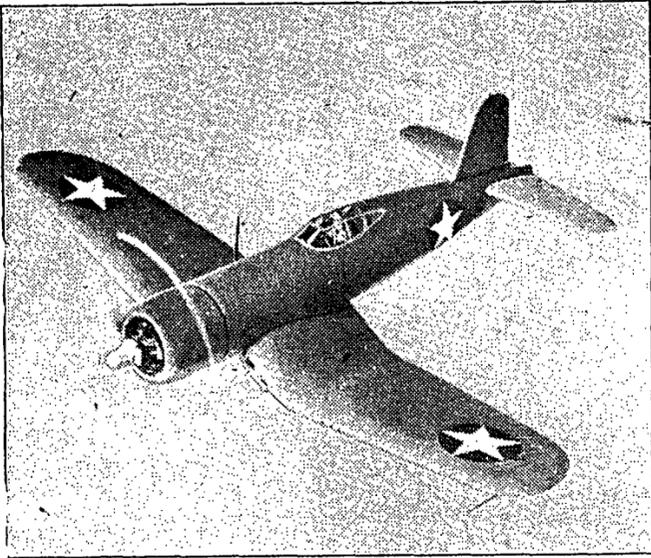
Radishes Won't Bloom In Front Of Main Gate

No, it's not a Victory garden. Radishes, peas and Brussels sprouts won't be growing on the two-by-four patch of ground by the Main Gate that is in the process of being ripped up.

The slabs of stone which covered the plot have been temporarily removed because the sod underneath them was dead, according to George W. Ebert, head of Grounds and Buildings.

As soon as the soil, which has not been touched for about eight years, is ploughed up and new grass is planted the stones will be replaced and the Main Gate will resume its usual appearance.

Navy's Fastest Fighter



THE Navy's Corsair which recently went into action against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific theatre is shown in flight near the Stratford, Conn., factory of Chance Vought Aircraft division of United Aircraft Corporation. The ship-board fighter has a speed of more than 400 miles per hour and is one of the fastest high-altitude fighting crafts in the world. Also known as the F4U, it is a completely United Aircraft product, being powered with a Pratt & Whitney 2,000 h.p. Double Wasp engine and equipped with a Hamilton Standard Hydromatic propeller.

Seniors Must Place Cap and Gown Orders

"Oh where, oh where, are the mighty 120 seniors who have not as yet placed orders at Student Union desk for caps and gowns? From a class of 350, only 230 appeared to order graduation garments.

Final date for the orders will be Monday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., according to Wallace M. Murfit, chairman of Caps and Gowns committee. Five dollars will be the necessary deposit when an order is placed.

Duplicate receipts will be issued this year since many students lost ones they received last year.

Sigma Pi Epsilon Elects

Sigma Pi Epsilon, men's social fraternity, elected the following officers at a meeting yesterday: president, Charles Reeder; vice-president, Samuel Gearhart; secretary, William Wintersteen; historian, Richard Jenks.

Symphony Concert Ends Music Series

Students and townspeople will gather in Schwab auditorium at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow to hear the last of the Spring Complimentary Concerts sponsored by the department of music. The concert will be presented by the College Symphony orchestra.

Hummel Fishburn, acting head of the department of music and director of the Symphony, has announced tomorrow's program. Prelude to Act III "Lohengrin" Wagner
Glocken und Grailsscene, from "Parsifal" Wagner
Prelude to Act I of "Lohengrin" Wagner
"Scenes Pittoresque: Angelus" conducted by Louis Luini...
"Les Preludes" Liszt
"The Little Fugue in G Minor" Bach

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Mil Ball Will Highlight Last Big Weekend for Reservists

In less than three months, more than 1,500 Army, Navy and Marine Reservists will leave school for active duty. In view of this fact, Military Ball will light the last big weekend of the semester. This weekend will be the last for each of the 1,500 men who do not plan to return to school.

Featuring the Penn State Aristocrats led by Bob Norton, with vocalist Ruth Davey, committee members for this military weekend have waved away prospects for a name band for patriotic reasons. This is one of the very few times that an outstanding band has not been selected.

The dance will be held in Rec Hall from eight until midnight Friday, April 30, according to entertainment committee chairman Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Edward Glock. An impressive pinning ceremony, a peculiar characteristic of Mil Ball, will be held when couples walk underneath a huge arch which is in process of being constructed.

According to Glock, a 550 couple limit has been set on the dance. Two bids will be given to each senior officer, and a limited number of invitations are available for Ensigns and Air Corps Cadets.

Senior officers may wear their Cadet uniforms or other formal attire, and basic men who have procured bids will be permitted to wear Basic or Formal attire, Glock stated.

Pershing Rifles, basic ROTC honorary, will take care of all checking free of charge.

One of the biggest ROTC parades in the history of the college will take place Friday afternoon, April 30. This parade will be in commemoration of all Penn State men who have been killed in this war. All men in the Signal Corps, Infantry, and Engineers will participate.

On Saturday evening, Scabbard and Blade, Advance ROTC honorary, will hold a banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn. This banquet will be closed.

Dry Dock Finale Welcomes Air Crew Men With Dancing, New Floor Show in Rec Hall

Ensign Interviews WAVES Applicants

Women Placed On Duty Within United States

Ensign Esther Odell of the WAVES will be on campus April 27 and 28 to interview women interested in the volunteer emergency service. College women accepted will be placed on the reserve lists until completion of their education. Active WAVES will be assigned to duty only at shore establishments within the continental United States.

Other requirements include good general health and absence of major physical defects, minimum height of 60 inches, minimum weight of 95 pounds, and ability to pass a verbal and mathematics aptitude test.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, between 20 and 50 years old, unmarried or married with no children under 18 years old, and may not be wives of Navy men. They must have a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college, or two years of college credits toward a degree and two years of business or professional experience.

WAVES training will continue from two to three months, with one month of basic indoctrination in the rating of apprentice seaman. On completion of the courses recommended candidates will be commissioned in an appropriate rank. Compensation equals that of Navy men of the same rating. Apprentice seamen receive \$50 a month, midshipmen, \$65; ensigns, a base pay of \$150. All newly commissioned officers get an initial uniform allowance of \$250.

Women enlisting in the WAVES will serve for the duration of the war plus six months.

Spring Frolics End As King Winter Returns With Record Snowfall

Hot dog roasts, sports practice, and romantic strolls across campus came to an abrupt halt yesterday when King Winter roared down the Nittany Valley with a final blast which left the grounds blanketed under six inches of snow, with promise of more to come.

Holding off only long enough to enable the last big social weekend of the College year to come to a successful conclusion, a wet, driving storm of snow and rain caused the members of the meteorology staff to search the records for comparable statistics.

Weird weather is nothing new during April at Penn State, according to Charles L. Taylor, graduate assistant in meteorology. Just a quarter century ago this month, a fall of 18.1 inches fell, and even this was topped in 1894 by a record of 20.5 inches.

Is springtime just a rumor in the Valley? Scores of robins, already nesting in anticipation of an early summer, were bewildered as they hopped about, vainly searching for food that stayed safely underground. The phenomenon was especially puzzling to hundreds of the College's transient population—pre-flight cadets, Curtiss-Wright girls, and Navy men. Plans for ski-

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Over three hundred members of the contingent of Air Crew student: now stationed on campus will be the special guests at the final Dry Dock presentation in Rec Hall tonight, according to an unofficial hand-count at noon mess yesterday.

First All-College welcome party for the new students, Dry Dock will begin at 9 o'clock with dancing to the music of Sonny Royce and his Collegians. The stage show will begin at approximately 10:15, following the Players' show.

Feature of the stage show will be the premiere performance of Walt Kazor and his Air Cadets orchestra composed entirely with exception of the leader, of Air Crew students.

Surprise last minute addition to the floor show program was the announcement that Lieut. and Mrs. Ted Clauss would appear in several of the acts that they made famous in former Thespian shows. Mrs. Clauss was the former Marcie Stringer of Thespian fame and Ted can be remembered as the third stooge in the original "Three Stooges."

Over fifty campus models are taking part in the Spring fashion show, which the entire floor show is being built around. The fashion show will consist of three acts and will contain specialty entertainment acts by Betty Friedland, Curtiss-Wright tapster, Bill Christoffers, Mim Rhein, Jane McChestney, and Ruth Davey, vocalists.

Bill Cissel, master-of-ceremonies
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Capacity Crowd Gives Approval Of Players' Second Night Show

Playing before a capacity crowd, the Penn State Players presented the second performance of "Love Rides the Rails, or Will the Mail Train Run Tonight" last night in Schwab Op'ry House.

Giving their vote of approval, the audience cheered wildly at the antics of the "Gay Nineties" type production of the season.

Anything could be expected to happen as the handsome hero, Truman Pendennis foiled the dirty dog, Simon Darkway amid cheers for the hero and boos and hisses for the villain.

Directed by Mr. Lawrence E. Tucker, Esq. and written by Mr. Morland Cary, Esq., "Love Rides the Rails" will be presented for the last time tonight before what is expected to be another full house. A few tickets are still on sale at Student Union and will also be sold at the door tonight.

New Navy Plane Makes Forced Landing On Campus

With its wings weighted down with ice, and facing the dangerous Nittany mountain in "ceiling zero," a single motor Navy plane made a forced landing in the field behind the Cow Barns at 5 o'clock last night.

After about an hour had elapsed, the ice was scraped from the plane's wings and the weather cleared sufficiently for the pilot to take off and fly to the Bellefonte airport.

Several Marine officers were aboard the plane making a routine Pittsburgh to Philadelphia flight when they were caught in yesterday afternoon's snow storm.