

10,000 Plants On War Footing

Funds Will Be Asked to Prevent 'Bottleneck' in Production.

WASHINGTON.—Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson revealed that 10,000 industrial plants have been given "definite war schedules of production." However, he warned that 250 of these plants, on which armed forces must rely for 55 critical military items, cannot perform wartime tasks because of a shortage of funds. He said the war department would ask congress for special appropriation for "educational orders" to eliminate an industrial "bottleneck" which might prove disastrous in war.

Addressing a conference of army procurement experts, summoned here to discuss industrial mobilization, Johnson declared that the United States must be prepared to meet the needs of changing strategic situations, presumably meaning that attack might come from any or all quarters or that this country might be forced to carry the fight far from home.

7,300 Articles on List.
"Our shopping list for items of war equipment includes 7,300 articles or processes of production," he said. "With your help, we have found production facilities in industry for practically all of them."

"In an emergency more than 99.25 per cent of our needs, industry, upon short notice, will be able to produce. Our bottleneck, however, is in that other three-fourths of 1 per cent, represented by 55 critical items so difficult of production, so different from ordinary peacetime needs, that industry will not be able to produce them in mass without some education."

"I want to assure you men in the field that we in the war department will not be satisfied until we have convinced the congress and the American people of the necessity for educational orders to industry for the manufacture of every one of our critical 55 items."

He outlined the immediate objectives of the war department as follows:

1. Establishment of standard types for all critical items and the completion of necessary drawings, specifications and manufacturing data for immediate use in an emergency.
2. Completion of current industrial surveys to develop thoroughly the industrial capacity of all procurement districts.
3. Preparation of allocated plants for their war schedules by means of current orders for production, educational orders and production plans.
4. Completion of the organization and the training of personnel required to expand peace procurement organizations to war strength.
5. Early completion of contract forms adequate for all anticipated war conditions and simple enough to be readily understandable both by industry and the war department.

Big Texas Ranch Forms County Minus PWA Aid

FORT WORTH.—Kenedy county, the stronghold of the King-Kleberg ranch empire, is one of three counties in the United States without a Public Works administration project, according to Regional PWA Director George M. Bull.

The county has a population of about 700, nearly all of whom are employees of the King ranch. The county has been in the national news twice in recent years, first when its landowners declined to permit a state highway inside its boundaries and second when two alleged game poachers, John and Luther Blanton, disappeared near the King ranch while hunting.

The state highway finally was authorized, but the Blanton mystery still is unsolved.

Of the United States' 3,071 counties and parishes, Kenedy and two others—Putnam county, Missouri, and Mathews county, Virginia—have no PWA project completed or allotted, Bull said.

California's Surety Fund Is Producing a Dividend

SAN FRANCISCO.—California's system of requiring employers to put money into a state fund to insure their workers against injury or death while in the performance of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business."

There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the state compensation fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,500,000.

Sun Bathers Bask on Top of Great Pyramid

CAIRO, EGYPT.—Sun bathing is extremely popular among winter visitors here. Even the Great Pyramid is not immune to devotees of this sport and the hardy visitor who is able and hardy enough to climb the Great Pyramid will frequently see groups of sun bathers basking on its top.

There is plenty of space and usually a pleasant desert breeze.

Bees to Pay Cost of Youth's Education

Student Has Four Million Working for Him.

EVANSTON, ILL.—Four million bees worked overtime last summer so that Ralph Lidge, 17-year-old Chicagoan, could study at Northwestern university this year. He will work his way through college by selling the ton or more of honey which they produce annually.

"I've been keeping bees for four or five years now," Lidge said. "It began as a hobby, but I realized that I could make money at it and expanded my apiary. I have 40 colonies now, with about 100,000 bees in each colony. I intend to start another 25 colonies next spring."

Lidge is a freshman in the college of liberal arts, taking a pre-medical course. He keeps his bees on a small farm on the outskirts of Chicago, and sells the honey both wholesale and retail. He reported that bee-keeping combines nicely with a college education, for during the winter the bees cluster in their hives and require no attention.

"In spring I investigate to see how the bees have come through the winter," he said. "I combine weak colonies or buy a few pounds of new bees, and check the whole group for disease. In summer I have to see that each colony has enough space for honey storage, and watch for swarming. In fall I pack straw around the hives so they will keep warm during the winter."

He added that, contrary to popular impression, bees sting their keepers at regular intervals unless they are handled very slowly and carefully. In fall, when they are cold and irritable, they will sting no matter how they are handled. He explained with stoic calm that after a certain number of stings the body builds an immunity to the bee-venom.

"Besides," he said, "bee stings are a recognized treatment for rheumatism."

Despite his stings, Lidge maintains that he has the sweetest part-time job of any undergraduate in the country. He admits that he is a little puzzled by one point—does he keep the bees or do they keep him?

Criminal Tactics Change But Little to Expert, 73

CLEVELAND.—Nothing new has occurred in the tactics of criminals in the last 43 years, observes 73-year-old George Koestle, superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification here, who is lamenting over a move to retire him because of his age.

"All through the 43 years I have served here, I haven't seen anything new in crime," said Koestle, who has studied backgrounds of some 80,000 criminals. "Each generation produces new criminals, but the crimes are the same."

Koestle, whose efforts have made Cleveland's identification bureau one of the nation's most efficient, blames "environment" for breeding thugs, murderers, burglars and other criminals. Homes where no definite line has been drawn between good and evil are at fault, he believes.

Possibly the dean of America's identification experts, Koestle is worried about legislation pending before the city council to retire all police and firemen at the age of 70. He has served under seven police chiefs and has turned down numerous promotions so that he could stay on the same job.

Gift of 35,857 Acres of Land Given Boy Scouts

TULSA, OKLA.—A gift from Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips of this city of 35,857 acres of land a few miles northwest of Cimarron, N. M., and \$50,000 to be used in improving and developing the land for camping purposes, has just been accepted by the executive board of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The property is in the Rocky mountains, all above an elevation of 7,000 feet and rises in spots to at least 11,000 feet. It is the Kit Carson territory and the old Santa Fe trail passes through it. There are nine main canyons on the tract converging either at the Cimarron river or the main branch of the Ponil river, which later flows into the Cimarron.

Much of the property is virgin territory and under the careful management characteristic of Boy Scout camping those small parts which have been grazed recently will quickly be restored to their natural conditions.

Indian's Head Is Found Carved on Rock Cliff

GALLIPOLIS, OHIO.—The chiseled outline of an Indian's head and feather headdress have been discovered on a rock cliff at "Vanden's Point," home of Homer W. Walter, president of the Gallipolis chamber of commerce.

The head came to light after rains had washed silt and moss away from the face of the rock. Evidence of a former Indian village which has been found in a nearby cave has yielded many arrow heads, stone axes and other stone tools.

The Ohio Archeological and Historical society will attempt to determine the authenticity of the head, it is said.

FOREMAN HEADS THE NORTHERN CAMBRIA KIWANIS FOR YEAR

Officers of the Northern Cambria Kiwanis Club were installed on Monday evening at a "Ladies' Night" affair in the Brandon hotel, Spangler, when John F. Foreman of Bakerton, became head of the organization. He succeeds J. Henry Clarke of Barnesboro. Attorney Reuel Somerville, of Patton, a past president, was in charge of the installation. The retiring president was given a Gladstone bag as a mark of appreciation.

Fred B. Buck of Carrolltown, was in charge of the program of entertainment, which included piano solos by Betty Kelly of Carrolltown, and accordion numbers by John Ritchie of Galtitzin.

President Foreman announced committee chairmen for the year as follows:

Agriculture: George Clark, of Ebensburg; business standards, H. C. Kinney of Barnesboro; attendance, J. E. Stevens of Carrolltown; public affairs, Louis Luxenberg, of Barnesboro; underprivileged children's work, J. R. Nicholson, of Spangler; inter club relations, E. W. Winslow, of Patton; music, Ralph Greenwood, of Barnesboro; hospital, Dr. B. F. Bowers, of St. Benedict; finance, Fred Maurer, of Patton; spiritual aims, Rev. C. Clyde Levergood of Bakerton; program, Geo. C. Hoppel, of Patton; Kiwanis Education, M. J. Miller, of Barnesboro.

The year's program will be outlined and discussed at the next meeting of the club next Monday evening at the Brandon hotel. The club also is planning for a celebration of the 24th anniversary of the founding of the club at the meeting on January 23. The program will be in charge of M. J. Miller.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AL OBSERVES TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

"The 24th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International will be celebrated by over 101,000 Kiwanians throughout the United States and Canada during the month of January," said Mr. John F. Foreman, president of the local club, this week. "The Northern Cambria Club is planning to join in this international observance on Monday, January 23rd."

"The first Kiwanis Club was organized in Detroit in 1915 and held its first meeting on January 23 of that year. Today in the United States and Canada there are 1,992 clubs," said Mr. Foreman.

In the Northern Cambria Club the Committee on Kiwanis Education will be in charge of the program. Members of the committee are M. J. Miller, as chairman, George A. Clark and Hillis Conn.

Plan Active 1939 Year.
The Kiwanis Club is expecting a special message from H. G. Hatfield, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, President of Kiwanis International. This greeting will be read to the local group at the anniversary meeting.

"During 1939 we can increase the influence of Kiwanis through increasing our membership," said Mr. Hatfield. "Many communities where Kiwanis Clubs have never been organized should have clubs. Kiwanis influence is of inestimable value," he said.

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Dr. Halford E. Lucock, in his commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, says, "It is by no means a fanciful stretching of fact to say that great and significant movements in history do

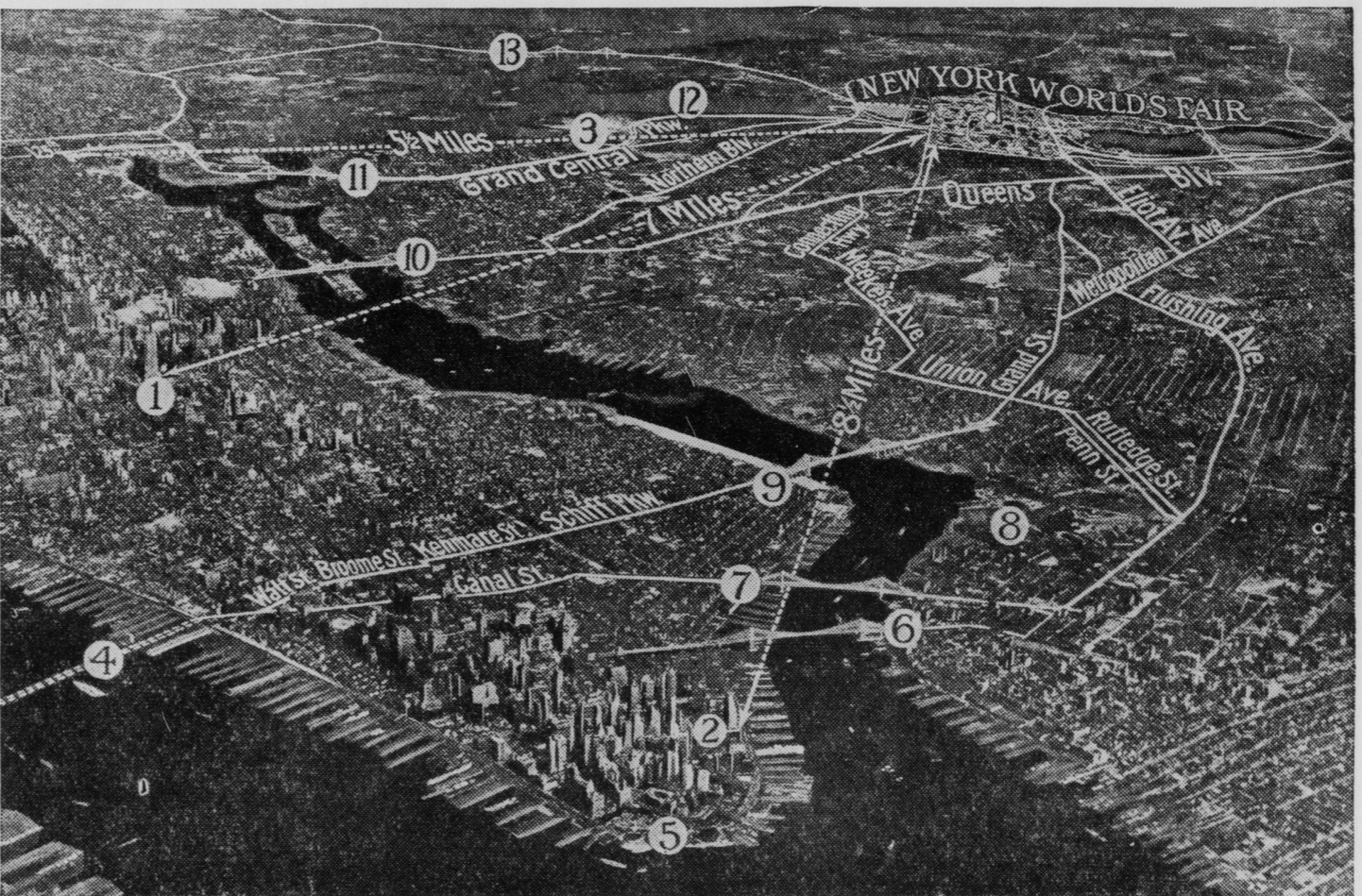
start from upper rooms."

John M. Younginer says, "Jesus often found it necessary to withdraw to the solitary places for spiritual strengthening. He took his disciples regularly to an upper room. Penetecost came to those who were prayerfully waiting and watching in an 'upper chamber.' Through the constant use of 'altar stairs' we must climb above the clamoring crowds—and be still awhile, and know God."

Joseph A. Smith tells that "A lecture

on the masterpieces of art was being given with the aid of a stereopticon machine. Holman Hunt's great picture, 'The Light of the World,' was put upon the screen in reverent silence. A little boy, sitting with his father broke the silence with, 'Daddy, why don't they let Jesus in?' The father whispered: 'I do not know.' A moment later the little voice piped up again: 'Daddy, I know why they don't let Jesus in; they live in the basement and they can't hear him knock.'

Air Map of Manhattan and New York World's Fair Grounds



NEW YORK.—An aerial photographer recently obtained this remarkable picture showing the skyline of New York with its relation to the grounds of the New York World's Fair 1939. An artist has painted on lines indicating distances from certain points in Manhattan to the Fair grounds. These distances, and other

facts concerning road and bridge approaches to the exposition which is preparing to handle 60,000,000 visitors, are: (1) From Empire State at Fifth Avenue and 34th Street, in the heart of the retail shopping district, to the Fair grounds; 7 miles. (2) From Wall Street, in lower Manhattan, to the Fair grounds, 8½ miles. (3) From

the entrance to the Triborough Bridge, 5½ miles. (Motorists can make this trip without encountering a single traffic light). (4) Holland Tunnel from New Jersey, showing route through lower Manhattan across Williamsburg Bridge (No. 9) to roads leading to the Fair. (5) The Battery. (6) Brooklyn Bridge. (7)

Manhattan Bridge. (8) Brooklyn Navy Yard. (9) Williamsburg Bridge. (10) Queensboro (59th St.) Bridge. (11) Grand Central Parkway. (12) North Beach Airport (now enlarged at a cost of \$20,000,000) New Whitestone Bridge direct gateway from and Canada.