

PATTON NEWS BRIEFS

Pfc. Robert Overberger, student at the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, is spending a week's furlough between semesters with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Overberger.

Sgt. Ben Hugill, of the Bainbridge Air Base, Bainbridge, Ga., returned to his station on Wednesday after a 15-day furlough spent with his wife, Mrs. Violet Hugill.

Tec. Cpl. Vince Balon of Fort Bliss, Texas, returned to his station on Wednesday after spending a twelve-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Frances Balon, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balon.

Four young women from Patton have been enrolled in the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps and are receiving their preliminary training at Indiana State Teachers' College, Indiana. The cadet nurses, all graduates of Patton High School include Bertha Mae Thomas, Bertha Wilkinson, Martha Dell and Margaret Hitch.

Miss Patty Greene, who had been employed in Westfield, New Jersey, for the past several months, returned to her home here last week.

The Hastings Rationing Board will be closed all day Thursday, September 30th, to move to the Lowmaster Building on Main Street, the same building where the postoffice is located.

The Patton Lodge of the Sons of Italy has pledged a quota of \$5,000 to the War Bond campaign.

The War Bond parade and rally on Thursday evening last in Patton was a well attended and enthusiastic affair. The parade was participated in by the school children and the various organizations. The program following the parade was presided over by Postmaster George A. Lehman. Talks were given by Miss Iva B. Sellers, of Johnstown, chairman of the county women's division; Albert W. Walters of Johnstown, county chairman of the War Finance Committee; P. E. Sperry of Harrisburg, state officer of the Third War Loan Drive, and the Rev. Father Florian Bergman, O. S. B., pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, Patton.

A card and bingo party will be sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Tuesday evening, October 5th, at 8 o'clock. Lunch will be served. Admission is 25 cents.

Miss Bertha Mae Thomas has enlisted in the U. S. Army Nurse Cadet Corps at the Indiana School of Nursing. She is a graduate of the local high school and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Thomas.

Misses Martha Dell Campbell and

Bertha Mae Wilkinson, graduates of the Patton High School, have joined the U. S. Cadets. They were visiting their parents over the week end.

Banns of matrimony were published on Sunday in St. Mary's Catholic Church between Miss Hilda Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker of St. Boniface, and Pfc. Raymond Dietrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dietrick of this place. Pfc. Dietrick is stationed in Virginia.

A family reunion was held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Yeckley. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Yeckley and daughter, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Merie Yeckley and children, Johnstown; Francis and Ordele Yeckley of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Yeckley and children of Loretto; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeckley and children of Hastings; Mrs. Louise Vanest of Loretto; Miss Lou Salman of Cleveland, Ohio; Jerome and Elwood Ytkley and Pvt. Dennis Yeckley of Kentucky. The latter has been spending a furlough with his parents.

Ensign Cyril Fritz of Corpus Christi, Texas, visited among friends and relatives here over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bender of East Carroll Township, and family, will move their household goods on Friday of this week to Cltveland, Ohio, where they expect to make their future home.

Pvt. Austin Craver and wife of Ft. Belvoir, Va., visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, recently.

A special jury panel for a term of civil court to open in Ebensburg on October 25th, has been drawn. Selected for service from this section are: John J. Bender, Ruth V. Brown, James G. Chambers, Louis Haluska.

Frances, one of the 2-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Cammarata, of North Fifth Avenue is a patient at the Childrens Hospital in Pittsburgh, where she is undergoing surgical treatment. The child is a daughter of the business manager the Union Press-Courier, and her condition is serious.

Spring Chickens for sale, either live or dressed, at Pandola's Poultry Farm.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors, who were kind to us during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our husband and father, Walter Zakowsky; also for the floral offerings and the use of automobiles at the funeral.—Mrs. Mary Zakowsky and Children.

Trinity Methodist Church.
Friday, October 1st—The Women's Society of Christian Service meets at 8:00 o'clock.

Saturday, October 2nd—The annual booth festival will be held in Tyronne at the Methodist Home for the Aged. Lunch will be served at 1:00 P. M. The program will begin at 2 P. M. Prizes will be awarded for the largest contribution and for the greatest mileage represented by the visiting groups. The contributions will be on display in the booths provided.

Sunday, October 3—9:45 A. M., "The Church at Study." This is Annual Rally Day in the Church School. It is hoped that every one make it a big day—big in interest and accomplishment.

10:30 A. M.—"The Church at Worship." This is World Wide Communion Sunday when all Christendom enters into the sanctuary of Our Lord with a prayer for the men and women in uniform. It is the day, too, when all can contribute to the comfort of those in service by making a special contribution to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

6:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship.
Wednesday, October 6th—Junior League at 3:30 P. M. Mid-Week Service at 7:30 P. M. "The Woman of Sychar."

—Pennsylvania has joined the federal maternity aid program for wives of service men and "war babies" of the state are assured free medical care during the pre-natal period and a year after birth.

Seeks Separation



MRS. CLARE MAPES HATCH, native of Birmingham, Ala., is suing for separation from her husband, Rutherford Hatch, grandson of the late Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. She charges him with being "abusive". Mrs. Hatch is asking \$100 a week temporary alimony. (International)

GOVERNOR ASKS STATE WORKERS TO GIVE BLOOD

Harrisburg.—Governor Edward T. Martin this week called upon Commonwealth employees throughout the state to donate blood to their local Red Cross banks "to bring the war to a successful and early conclusion."

"Thanks to modern science, tens of thousands of lives can be saved if we, far from horror of battle, contribute a wee bit of the blood we can spare without harm to ourselves," Gov. Martin said.

State Departments with the most volunteer blood donors are the Liquor Control Board, 334; Unemployment Compensation, 305; State Police, 295; Revenue, 244; and Highways, 195.

State Labor and Industry Secretary William H. Chestnut claims Pennsylvania War Plants are the nation's safest.

He said their accident record is lower than the plants in any other state despite a heavy increase in the manhours worked.

Mr. Chestnut told the National Committee for Conservation of Manpower in war industries that employes increased by 100,000 and manhours by 360 million in 1942, but the accident frequency rate went up only .48 per cent and the accident severity rate only .02 per cent over the previous year.

British 'Preserve' Towns In Photographic Record

LONDON.—By the end of last year photographs had been taken of all the important buildings in three-quarters of the British towns and cities likely to attract "Baedeker" raids, it was disclosed in the annual report of the Pilgrim Trust.

When the work of "recording Britain" is finished this summer the trustees believe that a reasonably comprehensive pictorial record will be available.

A supplementary project of microphotographing Chancery, Exchequer and court records is being completed on raidless nights by members of the public record office on voluntary air raid protection duty. Copies will go to the Congressional Library in Washington.

Britain Is Removing Its Invasion Defenses

LONDON.—Great Britain is removing many of her emergency defenses, such as anti-tank ditches, barbed-wire barriers and road obstructions, which were hastily thrown up when invasion seemed imminent in 1940.

Lord Croft, undersecretary for war, told the house of lords that Sir Bernard Paget, commander-in-chief of the home forces, had directed all commands to remove all obstructions which could be dispensed with "in view of the altered military situation."

CLOSE OF SOLEMN NOVENA

The Solemn Novena in honor of the Little Flower which opened at the Carmelite Monastery at Loretto, on September 25th, will close on Sunday, October 3rd, the Feast of the Little Flower. There will be a solemn High Mass at 7 a. m. Closing services of the Novena with Solemn Benediction and the Papal blessing at 4 p. m. and also at 8 P. M. At both these services there will be the ceremony of the Blessing of the Roses in honor of St. Therese. These roses will be distributed to the faithful. The Carmelite nuns will greatly appreciate any donations of roses to be used either for the Decorations or for the blessing. They should be at the Monastery on Saturday, Oct. 2. The Sisters thank all their good friends and benefactors. The Novena has been conducted by the Franciscan Fathers of Loretto.

Don't forget to mail that Christmas parcel overseas NOW!

14 Light Tanks Whip 30 Nazis

Yanks Beat Heavily Armored German Machines Plus Infantry Division.

U. S. REPLACEMENT DEPOT, ENGLAND.—How 14 light American tanks manned by intrepid young Americans whipped 30 Nazi tanks, plus a Nazi infantry division, plenty of anti-aircraft guns and a sky full of Stukas, was the story told in London by one of the Americans who fought in the battle.

He was Sergt. John Havelka, 24, of 202 Main street, Bethalto, Ill., a member of a famed armored unit which reached the British isles in May, 1942, and fought its way to glory in Tunisia less than six months later.

The tanks of the Nazi force, Sergeant Havelka said, were 18 Mark-3 light models and 12 Mark-4 mediums. They were part of one of the Afrika Korps crack armored units.

After landing successfully at Oran on November 8, the American unit pushed into Tunisia and finally into the showdown battle of "Stuka Valley," so-called because of the tremendous number of the dive-bombing German planes in operation there.

The battle raged for several days, Sergeant Havelka said, during which time it was so "mixed up" it was hard to tell friend from foe.

While his company was engaging the superior force of enemy armor, two other companies of his regiment shattered all opposition and pushed ahead to an enemy airdrome. There the Germans attacked the American tanks with pistol and rifle fire and met exactly the same fate meted out to Poles, Frenchmen and other victims when they first opposed Hitler's armored legions with similar weapons.

"It was a massacre," the Midwest sergeant declared.

Once their machine guns and cannon had disposed of the defending German force at the airfield, the tough tankers turned their weapons on the planes dispersed about the field and destroyed 70 of the bombers and an uncounted number of fighters.

"After that," said Sergeant Havelka, "there were no more 12-plane bombing raids every 15 minutes."

The raid on the enemy airfield had not come soon enough, however, to prevent the sergeant from being wounded by one of the dive bombers. He was hit in both legs and the right shoulder.

"Jerry is clever," Havelka asserted, "and will catch you napping if he can. In every raid he made on us at least one plane always hung back and attacked after the rest had passed. The idea was to catch us coming out of our shell holes, and the first few times it worked, what with the smoke and dust and general excitement."

All Men in Air Service Will Get Combat Duty

PATTERSON FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO.—Maj. Gen. Walter H. Frank, commanding general of the air service command, announced that every soldier in the air service command not now in the field has been ordered to combat duty.

The order will release approximately 8,000 additional troops to the fighting fronts, Frank said. The order is effective at all air service command installations.

The duties of the men transferred to combat duty will be taken over by limited service personnel and WACs, Frank said.

Twin Brothers Puzzle RAF Squadron Leaders

LONDON.—Twin brothers who are sergeant pilots in the same Royal Air force squadron have defied identification attempts. The adjutant tried to tell which was which by having one wear a metal and the other a cloth insignia on his shoulder, and then forgot which was wearing the metal emblem, reports here state. The puzzle has continued for six months. The twins, Douglas Charles Borland and Noel Vincent Borland, enlisted the same day, so even their service records are identical.

Honest Motorist Seeks Owner of Damaged Car

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—It happens once in a while—but not often—so State Trooper J. J. Coady was more than a little surprised when a motorist came in to report he had hit a parked car and damaged a fender. The motorist said he had tried to get in touch with the owner and failed and asked Coady to see if he could find him. The motorist wanted to pay for the damage.

Horse-Drawn Hearse Is Asked by Aged Woman

READING, PA.—To carry out the terms of her will, the body of Mrs. Mary L. Eck, aged 72, of Newmans-town, Lebanon county, will be carried to its last resting place in a horse-drawn hearse.

An ardent sportswoman in her younger days, Mrs. Eck, who died in her Newmans-town home, specified the terms of her funeral and added a request that her body be placed in an oak casket.

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Miss Edythe M. Buck, of Johnstown, daughter of Mrs. Henry Buck, formerly of East Carroll township, and Daniel Snyder of Johnstown, recently were married in the monastery of St. Benedict's church at Carrolltown.

—The baby should never have his nose, mouth or hands wiped with the used handkerchief of another person; doing so offers an opportunity for passing infection. Keep a handkerchief or have proper tissue for the baby's use.

A CANVAS 'CATERNITY' WARD

WHEN MINNIE, the favorite cat at the Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard Marine Barracks, was about to give birth to her brood, she retired to an unzipped canvas bag under one of the Leathernecks' bunks. A Marine, hearing an odd noise, pulled forth the bag and found Minnie cursing five little ones. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

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Teen-Age Queen

MEET Miss Teen-Age of 1943 She is fifteen-year-old Gwen Currier and is shown being crowned by Walter Thornton, head of a model agency. She was chosen after a three-month search in which 10,000 girls between the ages of 13 and 19 were interviewed. (International)