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THE WRITER'S SON, SGT. TOM

Owens, Jr., who for the past fifteen months has found himself located all over North Africa, on the Island of Corsica, and currently in Italy, for the past year has had us on the mailing list of the Mediterranean weekly edition of the "Stars and Stripes," the Army newspaper that has daily editions on most all the important battle areas.

THE "STARS AND STRIPES" endeavors to give the soldier's viewpoint, both in military and civil affairs. One matter that has been given some prominence is, when the war is over, who should be the first of the

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military to be discharged from the service. A straw poll of the soldiers themselves indicates very substantially that the chaps who have been engaged on the actual battlefronts, should come first of all. Surely no fair-minded citizen, soldier or civilian, can find fault with that.

FATES OF WAR DECREE THAT some soldiers had to go overseas long before others. There are men who have been in service for two years and more, who still are in training camps in this country. Their life, of course, is not pleasant, but most every G. I. anywhere overseas, makes no bones about admitting that he would gladly trade his location for any camp in the continental United States.

DREW PEARSON, IN HIS Sunday night radio broadcast of "Predictions of Things to Come," made the prediction that Hitler and the German high command would sue for peace sometime before September 15, but only if the American production is stepped up, and no let down in the war effort occurs.

HOWEVER THERE ARE STILL two schools of thought in Washington on this No. 1 question of when Germany will be licked. The first school says Hitler will be licked by November or December. They reason it this way: The Russians are playing hell with the Nazis on the eastern front. The other allied fronts have forced Hitler to spread his troops thin—in Italy, in Normandy, in Greece, in Norway, and in spots where they think we might land another army. To bolster the western front, Hitler has moved some divisions away from the eastern battle-line, probably one reason for the Russians' great speed to German borders—and this school of thought believes that the Germans cannot take another winter; they think our bombing of oil refineries, storage depots and transportation facilities have been remarkably effective. They point to signs that Turkey will enter the war; to German peace feelers; to indications of German panic.

BUT THE SECOND SCHOOL OF thought at the nation's capital cites the fact that Germany still has powerful armies. They are taking a beating in the East of course, but the Russian supply lines are being drawn out longer and longer. That's bound to tell of the power. That's the Red's drive. The time it took Allied armies to capture Caen is proof of the German fighting power. We have been in France a little more than a month and are behind schedule in our drive toward Paris. It may take from three to five months for Allied armies to reach the French capital. We have Cherbourg, but our forces must have another deep water port—say Brest. They sum up: It will not be this year, but well into next spring before Hitler falls—say, April, May or June.

CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES ARE pointing out that in the Pacific we're not waiting for Hitler to fold, and say our subs are sinking Jap ships in numbers far in excess of the enemy's ability to replace them. The Jap forces are thinned and extended even more than Hitler's. We have absolute domination of sea and air in the Pacific. The Japanese fleet won't or can't come out, therefore it cannot supply or protect its far-flung garrisons such as Saipan, where Admiral Nimitz's forces have taken control. What's the next move after Saipan? Guessers say: Why not Guam and Palau, then on to the Philippines and Formosa? Gen. MacArthur can be presumed to try the Philippines first, but Adm. Nimitz is on record as aiming for the coast of China.

THIS WEEK THE DEMOCRATS are having their fling at publicity, because of their national convention. But the interest doesn't center on the Presidential nominee, who will be Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but rather on who will be his running-mate, George C. Hoppel, of Patton, national delegate from the Congressional

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district, left here Sunday afternoon for the convention.

"WE HAVE HEARD—SOMEWHAT dubiously at times, many reports of the splendid contribution which baseball and others organized sports have made to the war effort," states the Pittsburgh Press. "There isn't any doubt that there are many outstanding examples of worthy service both by the thousands of baseball players and other athletes who have gone to war and by the ones who have stayed at home and participated in benefits, War Bond shows, entertainments for the armed services, etc. But the record is spotty. There have been serious doubts among many citizens regarding the retention of trained athletes in a non-essential sport when their own loved ones went to war, or by the widespread use in the services of many athletes in morale and physical training activities rather than in combat. There have been parallel doubts about maintaining of baseball when war plants were crying for men. Maybe they are undeserved—but they do exist."

STATE SETS UP NEW AIR RAID SIGNAL SYSTEM FOR FUTURE CALLS

Harrisburg. — Pennsylvania last Friday set up a new air-raid warning system, which also is considered likely to become the commonwealth's permanent plan of dealing with civilian disasters.

The State Defense Council announced establishment of the system in line with recent action by the Army in turning over to the States complete responsibility for future warnings. It provides that the Third Service Command hereafter notify the state control center here of any call for a practice blackout, air raid drill or possible enemy action. Manned twenty-four hours daily the center will transmit the warnings to every county in the state.

A high authority said the plan is the first step in carrying out an objective expressed by Governor Martin in an address that an emergency set-up be established to coordinate state and local agencies to deal with disasters that may happen in any community.

The Third Service Command in Baltimore previously relayed warnings. Buffalo, N. Y., advising counties in the western part of the state by telephone, New York contacting the east and the Harrisburg center taking care of the central section.

Pittsburgh center will send warnings to a number of places in this section, including Johnstown and Clearfield.

"The state control center has direct telephone communication with Third Service Command in Baltimore and with the cooperation of the state police teletype and its own direct telephones to district warning centers, and will be able to give warnings more quickly than under the old system."

GREEN BEANS AID CANNING PROGRAM

Home canning of green beans while supplies are abundant was urged this week by an official of one of the nation's largest buyers of produce. "Plentiful supplies of this favorite vegetable are ample for year around use if the surplus is canned by the housewives of the nation," Mr. O. H. Weinert, A & P Food Store General Superintendent for his district, said Friday.

Patriotism can be displayed in canning food at home as well as on the actual battlefront by helping to preserve food supplies. Mr. Weinert pointed out. Free leaflets of food canning are being distributed in A & P Stores. Approximately 30 pounds of green beans will yield 20 qts. when canned.

MAKE CHAIN FOR FARM USES.

To provide necessary chain for farm uses, WPB has issued instructions to chain manufacturers on filling orders for suppliers and dealers serving the farm trade. Chain that the WPB expects to keep available includes harness chain, wagon chain, cow ties, tie-outs, halter chain, log chain under one-half inch and repair and lap links.

FIRST AID MEET

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hunter, follow: James Nicholson, M. A. Burns, David Davidson, Walter Myers, Joseph Paydock, Robert Thompson, George Ralonsky, Andrew Bodner, William Young, J. A. O'Rourke, John Maguire, A. S. Deringer, M. M. Ward, Vincent Thomas, George McQuillen, Melvin Routh, John Saunders, William McCombie, F. J. Mulvehill, William Nelson, Frank Goziou, Steve Peycz, E. E. Harris, J. J. Brazzil, Paul Schwab, Charles Hannigan, M. J. Christoff, Paul Strong, James Lynn, S. B. Woods, Jr., Harry Baraclough.

Michael Mehal, ticket chairman; George Dunchuck, assistant; Harry Crouse, Alex Davidson, John McIndoe, John B. Helman, John Jones, J. J. Dougherty, Bernard Collins, Dan LeGars, Glenn Fowler, Robert Simms, Charles Stewart, Frank Tonkin, Harry Team, Henry Larson, Henry Hilliard.

David Millward, state mine inspector for the Eighth Bituminous District, and Richard E. George of the 18th district, also were named on the general committee. Teams from their district are expected to enter the meet.

A meeting will be held Monday evening by the group at which the various members will be assigned to special committees. It is expected that approximately sixteen teams will enter the meet and a team representing the Spangler Miners' Hospital student nurses will be presented to winning teams.

At last night's meeting of Barnesboro Council the safety banner for the month of June was awarded the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company mine which suffered only two minor accidents.

Discussion of Article Four of the State Mine Law, was held with Ronald Lutz, of Barnes & Tucker, reading seven sections devoted to duties of mine foremen. Thomas Lamont led the discussion.

J. B. Heilman, superintendent of Imperial Coal Company, Coalport, and John Jones of the same firm, spoke at the meeting, stressing the vital importance of keeping accidents at a minimum.

William Nicholson of West Virginia, discussed his experiences in the Northwest. J. J. Dougherty, federal mine inspector, and Dennis Keenan, gave talks on safety.

DISTRICT MINES

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tion of a small number of local flare-ups, have moved steadily during the past six months and, with the contract to remain in force until next April, should continue smoothly for the remainder of the year.

Although more coal has been hauled from the mines, stocks have dipped to low ebbs due to the corresponding increase in the demands of war industries for the fuel. Officials of the industry have been asking all householders to stock coal now, warning them that there may be "starvation in a land of plenty" if all demands are made at one time on the industry.

Contributing heavily to the production increase of the district has been the strip mines that have mushroomed throughout the district and the added work day.

Production totals for the six months of the current year, with the increase over last year, follow:

- Sixth—Lesttr D. Kimmel, 1,615,000—34,000. Seventh—A. J. Nairn, 2,203,000—218,000. Tenth—Samuel Cortis, 2,693,000—464,000. Twelfth—T. J. Lewis, 2,257,000—617,000. Fifteenth—Dennis J. Keenan, 1,892,000—43,000. Eighteenth—R. E. George, 1,409,000—147,000. Twentieth—L. D. Kimmel, 2,234,000—442,000. Twenty-Fourth—M. W. Thomas, 2,838,000—441,000. 25th—A. J. Bengston, 2,724,000—282,000. 28th—S. S. Johns, 1,541,000—42,000. 30th—W. B. Wardrop, 2,543,000—689,000.

LEGION URGES ORPHAN SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

County Body of Ex-Servicemen Had Meeting at Spangler on Tuesday Night.

Members of the Cambria County American Legion Committee, at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in the American Legion Home at Spangler, passed a resolution to be presented at the department convention Aug. 17 to 19 in Harrisburg asking the State Legislature to drop the word, "Industrial," from the name of the Scotland Orphan School.

The school which is maintained for orphans of veterans of the World War, is not a correctional institution and, since the word, "industrial" has been associated with reformatories, the Legion feels that it should be abolished from the name of Scotland school.

Spangler post of the Legion was host at Tuesday night's meeting.

The committee directed that a letter of condolence be sent to State Senator John J. Haluska on the death of his son recently.

Frank Morley, liaison officer, reported that the American Legion will have charge of a state wide collection of waste paper in September and he asked all posts of the county to lay plans for the drive.

District Comm. Edwin Green reported a state membership of 102,000, the largest in the history of the Legion. Cambria county has a membership of 3,134.

County Chairman S. T. Cawley of Cresson presided at the session. The principal address was by Mark Sloan, commander of the Hollidaysburg Post. The Legionnaires devoted considerable time to discussion of a service officer of the county and again urged the county commissioners to act in providing such an officer.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in Cresson August 8th, instead of Aug. 15th, at which time there will be a caucus of delegates to the state convention the following week.

PATTON SAILOR IS SURVIVOR OF BLOCK ISLAND

Carl Betz Rescued After Sinking of Carrier Last May in Atlantic Waters.

Receiving the dubious honor of once being the survivor of a sunken vessel is enough in the lifetime of any man, take it from Carl Betz, seaman second class in the Navy.

On thirty day leave now visiting relatives in Patton, the sailor knows the feeling of having a ship virtually shot out from under him in sea disaster last May in the Atlantic. He was aboard the carrier Block Island. Seaman Betz, true to his naval policy, has sealed his lips in regard to the sinking and the escape from a watery grave.

He does tell, however, that he served on the same vessel for more than a year and that he and other members of the crew developed a strange love for the craft which was sent to the bottom.

"It was a good luck ship, for the casualties, following the last encounter with the enemy, were light," Betz related.

A son of Mrs. Carrie Gill Betz of Pittsburgh and Patton, the seaman attended St. Mary's Parochial School, Patton, and later was graduated from Mt. St. Charles Academy, at Woonsocket, R. I.

He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gill of Patton.

TAX COLLECTIONS PASS BILLION MARK

Stanley Granger, collector of internal revenue for the Western District of Pennsylvania, comprising 24 western counties, this week stated that for the first time in history the local district moved into the billion-dollar year bracket in the collection of taxes. Not only did the district collect a billion dollars, but exceeded this amount by more than 290 million, the total tax collection being \$1,290,216,194.44. This tax includes all federal taxes, such as income, employment, withholding, and various miscellaneous taxes. The tax collection figure represents the total collection for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1944, as collected in the Pittsburgh office and the 14 branch offices throughout western Pennsylvania.

Ashville Woman Dead.

Mrs. Nellie (Rupenski) Belkowski, 70, died on Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stella Kozel, Ashville. She had been in ill health for the past year. Her husband died 14 years ago. A number of children survive. Funeral will be held Saturday in St. Thomas' Church at Ashville, with interment in the church cemetery.

Fifty thousand additional shipyard workers are needed to meet the ship construction needs for European and Far Eastern operations, Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission and War Shipping Administrator, announced. "Every man or woman who is able to work in a shipyard, and not at present employed in essential war work, should report at once to the nearest United States Employment Service office for enrollment in this most essential work," he said.

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