

WEATHER CONDITIONS NOW WILL FAVOR THE HEAVY JAP BOMBING

Japan is preparing to suffer what she recognizes as the worst of all calamities; "Kaji to jishin"—devastation by fire and earthquake. Both are combined in air bombing, which soon can come to her, not from China alone but also from the Marianas and perhaps even from our carriers.

The sooner, the worse for Japan. A period of weather which will help the bomber has just begun. Usually it hinders, protecting Japan with storms and tricky winds. But from now till mid-September there is frequently a peculiar mist through which bombers can see far better than they are seen.

Thus far the B-29's have bombed largely steel mills and naval installations. But those in Japan are frequently strongly built to withstand "Kaji to jishin." Since the last disaster in 1923 to Tokyo-Yokohama area and others too, have been rebuilt in an effort to escape another ordeal.

To prevent fire from sweeping too far the Japs have opened many new parks and wide streets, and have also built concrete fire walls at right angles to prevailing winds which often are high. They have built many modern fire proof and shock proof buildings, either in the center of the cities or the outskirts.

But to modernize all of them was beyond even Japanese diligence. So the large cities remain largely a fire-bug's paradise. There are quite a few roofs of copper and tile, but many smaller factories are hastily erected war buildings and are of wood, stucco and even ply board, with paper partitions. Many houses are made of these materials, but even more use rice straw mats.

For the next two months these will be dry as tinder and flare like celluloid. Flames will spread literally like wild-fire in the crowded regions of such cities like Osaka and Kobe, where one shack is jammed against another and streets are tracks as narrow as five feet, or sometimes non-existent.

In such homes a surprising amount of manufacture of small war articles goes on. Often they use electricity with open wiring. Many of the workers in larger factories live in these homes. Many believe the quickest way to stop Japan's war industry is not to bomb the stronger factories with high explosive bombs which take a lot more space on a bomber, but to bomb the smaller plants and homes in their vicinity with small incendiaries which can do far more damage per bomb. We have a new incendiary apparently made to order for Japan. It throws a gasoline jelly as far as 300 feet. When it hits it bursts into flame and sticks.

Although in these shanty towns, war work and war workers are inextricably intermingled, the Japanese hope our atomic bomb will prevent our using this weapon. Doubtless they will howl if we do, and perhaps they will execute more of our fliers. But they are trying to get ready. Their fire departments are exceptionally large but mostly ill equipped. The Japs have a large civil defense force trained for ten years in air raid drills far more realistic than ours.

Already they have evacuated all save essential workers from some of their cities. The Japs have announced that they have a plan for mass evacuation of Tokyo. Now they are preparing a "decentralization scheme" to give more authority to local governors, in case the central government has to flee. There is even talk of taking the Emperor to Manchukuo.

BEEF RATIONS DOWN. Beginning next Monday, August 13 all beef will be rationed free except commercial, good and choice steaks and roasts, WFA has announced.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS FOUR NEW SOUND PICTURES FOR PUBLIC

Four new sound motion pictures have been added to the film library of the Division of Health Education of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The new films, which may be obtained free of charge for showing by schools, professional societies, and civic groups, are:

- 1—Defending the City's Health.
- 2—The Care of the Feet.
- 3—Endocrine Glands.
- 4—Winged Scourge (Mosquito Control).

Defending the City's Health records the advances that have been made in caring for the health of all the people of a city as a group. The film points out the application of medical science to group care; the importance of public health officials in every day public life; and the contribution of other agencies in protecting the city's health. Also explained is the inter-relationship of Federal, State and city activities.

The Care of the Feet shows the chief causes of abnormal foot physiology and how such disorders should be treated. The importance of proper shoes is stressed.

The instructional sound film Endocrine Glands depicts the phenomena of the ductless glands and explains they part they play in health, appearance, disposition and everyday living.

Winged Scourge is a Walt Disney made film with the Seven Dwarfs of Snow White fame starred as exterminators of the malaria producing mosquito.

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS URGED TO WORK FARMS

As a measure contributing to the solution of the farm-labor shortage, assistance recipients are again urged to accept full or part time farm employment and thereby take advantage of the policy adopted in the spring of 1943 by the State Department of Public Assistance whereby income derived from farm employment may be utilized to meet reasonable needs of the recipient group which are not covered by the regular assistance allowances.

Under this policy, families with farm income may meet their actual reasonable needs before their income reduces the assistance grant. Thus recipients may not only help to produce the food that is so badly needed at home and abroad, but may also afford a more adequate standard of living.

RAGWEED HERE AGAIN AND SO IS HAY FEVER

Dry weather this summer has had no apparent effect on the growth of ragweed, chief enemy of hay fever sufferers, and pollen will be spread in the usual abundance beginning about mid-August, according to the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Pollen of the two varieties of ragweed is believed to be the source of at least 90 per cent of hay fever cases in Pennsylvania, the Bureau explains. It is said that about one in every 100 residents of Pennsylvania suffers from hay fever.

Ragweed is to be found growing in all parts of the state. The common ragweed is usually under two feet high, but it can grow to a height of approximately five feet. The leaves are fern like, deeply cut, and a dull green color. The giant ragweed reaches a height of eight to ten feet and has large three of five-lobed leaves. Both varieties produce long terminal spikes of light greenish flowers which shed great quantities of yellow pollen.

Control of ragweed is difficult and seldom satisfactory unless entire areas are cut down before the flowers begin to form.

Strange Search Solves Mystery Of Sailor Jones

U. S. Navy Officer Picks Up Tom-tom in Africa; Discloses Secret.

ORANGE, TEXAS.—Because he experienced the typical urge of a traveler to carry home a souvenir from abroad, Lieut. E. L. George of the U. S. navy set upon a strange search which enabled him to explain the mystery that for 140 years surrounded the disappearance of a man named Jones.

The souvenir which Lieutenant George, whose home is in San Francisco, brought back to the United States with him from foreign duty was a tom-tom.

He acquired the crude instrument when his ship hove into a deserted cove along the African coast. Behavior of the natives indicated that white men rarely had set foot on that particular strip of the great dark continent, so Lieutenant George set out to do a little "horse trading."

He swapped a native his jack-knife for the tom-tom.

Almost from the first the naval officer found something strangely fascinating about the tom-tom. An unusual blue mark on the head of the instrument particularly intrigued him. He wondered about its origin for a long time.

Determined to learn anything possible about that mark, he examined it one day through a magnifying lens. The mark assumed the blurry shape of several of the letters of the alphabet. Not all were distinguishable, even through the magnifying glass, but Lieutenant George distinctly saw the letters "U. S."

He returned to the United States and presently was assigned as executive officer of the naval receiving station at Orange. The mystery of the tom-tom still absorbed him. He sent the head to the bureau of standards, Washington, D. C., where it was examined under powerful glasses and forwarded to the Smithsonian institution where microscopic photographs were taken.

The photographs revealed a name—"R. E. Jones"—among the lettering.

Recalling the letters "U. S.," and using them as clues, Lieutenant George began checking files of various government agencies, hoping to connect R. E. Jones with some governmental activity.

It took many months, but the true story finally came to light—from deep in an old navy record.

There were more than a hundred R. E. Joneses in the old navy file; but far down the list, Lieutenant George spotted his man. This R. E. Jones had disappeared from his ship off the coast of Africa in 1804.

Whether he deserted or was washed overboard, no one will ever know, but evidently he fell in with the cannibals. Lieutenant George was certain that he had come to the end of his search when the navy record showed that the missing seaman, of whom no word had been heard for 140 years, had a tattoo on his chest.

The head of the tom-tom was Jones' skin.

U. S. Mustang Group Is First to Top 500 Kills

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND.—A Mustang group commanded by Col. Don Blakeslee of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, which has become the first in the European theater of operations to top 500 kills, was congratulated by Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, commander of the Eighth air force fighter command, for setting a record "in the history of aerial warfare."

The group destroyed 207 German planes in April. The record dating back to September, 1942, includes Capt. Don S. Gentile of Piqua, Ohio, the theater's leading ace; his wingman, Lieut. Johnny Godfrey of Woodssocket, R. I., and Maj. James Goodson of Toronto, Ont.

Have Slippery Ways for Well Launched Vessels

RICHMOND, CALIF.—Ever hear of professional skid greasers? Well, anyway the shipyards have waxes whose job is to spread a special launching wax from the ship down to the water, and then 40 feet out into the depths (applied at low tide).

Wax is necessary, say officials of Permanente Metal corporation, because "when 10,000 tons of ship go sliding down wooden ways, a terrific amount of friction is generated, enough to burn the thick timber of the ways into a smoldering mass of flames."

U. S. Soldier Makes Jump With Extra Heavy Load

SEDALIA, MO.—Col. Jerome B. McCauley, commanding officer of the army airfield at the troop carrier base here, recently described how a zealous regimental sergeant major carried on his job. During the invasion of Sicily, the sergeant, besides carrying all his equipment, jumped from a troop carrier plane and parachuted earthward with a typewriter and table strapped on his back.

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1. Final account of John Olsick, executor of Annie Wytosick.
2. Partial account of Calvin A. Young, Jr., guardian of Milton Phillips Murdock.
3. Final account of Verda R. Crum, executrix of Gertrude (or) Gertrude L. Plummer.
4. Final account of Title, Trust & Guarantee Co., guardian of Leonard Rykalski.
5. Final account of Title, Trust & Guarantee Co., trustee in estate of Charles Rashbach.
6. Amended account of Annie Ellis Campdon, trustee of Harriet Ellis Berleue in estate of Alfred P. Ellis.
7. Final account of Johnstown Bank & Trust Co., guardian of Pearl Pallila.
8. Partial account of Title, Trust & Guarantee Co., executor of Dorinda J. Gallagher.
9. Final account of First National Bank, Ebensburg, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Mary (or) Mary K. Wargo.
10. Partial account of C. L. Harmony, guardian of Earl Edward Barr Jr.
11. Final account of Robert K. Craver, executor of Edward Craver.
12. Final account of Oliver T. Reffner, executor of Annie Reffner.
13. Final account of Fred K. Gunther, administrator of Edward J. Gunther.
14. Final account of Mary Zernick, executrix of Catherine Cernik.
15. Final account of Alfred Weakland, executor of E. V. (or) Elizabeth V. Weakland.
16. Final account of George P. Sherbine, administrator c. t. a. of Lucian C. Sherbine.
17. Final account of Michael Torok, executor of Lydia Torok.
18. Final account of Irene Gibson, executrix of Bertha L. Ferrell.
19. Final account of Rose M. Kelly, administratrix c. t. a. of Victoria Glass.
20. Final account of Mike Trochanowsky, administrator of Wasil Duran.
21. Final account of Albert B. Seigh, executor of Anna L. Seigh.
22. Final account of Demitru George, executor of Essa (or) E. George.
23. Final account of Oscar J. Montgomery and James M. Montgomery, administrators of Michael P. Montgomery.
24. Final account of Henry Roos, administrator of Elizabeth Roos.
25. Final account of Agnes C. Thomas, administratrix of George Kern.
26. Final account of Harry E. Rummel, executor of Geo. B. Rummel.
27. Final account of Eileen Zipperich, administratrix of Winfield Strong.
28. Final account of Charles Allison, administrator of James O. Allison.
29. Final account of Johnstown Bank & Trust Co., administrator c. t. a. of Martha H. Orris.
30. Final account of Howard Long,

Executrix's Notice

In the Estate of Henry F. Good, late of the Borough of Patton, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of the above named decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to KATHRYN ANSHUTZ GOOD, Executrix Patton, Penna. Englehart & Larimer, Attorneys for Executrix, Ebensburg, Pa.

Ordinance of Patton Borough. ORDINANCE NO. 188

An Ordinance providing for the vacation of a portion of Linwood Avenue South of a point 140 feet from the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Green Avenue to the line of East Carroll Township, and the vacation of a 20-foot alley lying between Mellon Avenue and Linwood Avenue from a point on said alley 450 feet South of the intersection of said alley and Green Street to the line of East Carroll Township, be and are hereby vacated as public highways, and after the passage of this ordinance, the Borough of Patton shall no longer exercise the right of jurisdiction or control over, the same as public highways of the Borough of Patton, and the right of the public to use the same as public highways shall cease. Enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of Patton Borough this 9th day of June, 1944. THEODORE M. OTT, President of Council.

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