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This Town-- That World

Watch this column next week for what we had to leave out this week.

Heart Disease Claims Mrs. Lala C. Hall, 46, at Martin Hospital

Mrs. Lala Clark Hall, 46 years old, wife of Otto Hall, of Wheelwright, died Jan. 1 at the Beaver Valley hospital, Martin, a victim of heart disease from which she had been ill for the past year.

A daughter of the late John and Maude Clark, she was born and reared near Allen Hill was a member of a well-known family. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for 30 years and was one of her community's best women. She also was a member of the Daughters of America at Wheelwright.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter and one son, Mrs. Olney Collins, Wheelwright, and Harry Wilson Hall, in the Pacific area with the navy; two brothers and one sister, Walter Clark, Pikeville, Ernest Clark, Galion, O., and Mrs. Matt Elgie, Boddman.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday from the residence at Wheelwright by the Rev. Isaac Stratton who was assisted in services at the graveside on Frater Creek Wednesday by the Rev. Ernest Collins. Burial was under direction of the Ryan Funeral Home.

Meade Bros. Hardware Plans Early Opening

Plans for opening of the Meade Brothers Hardware Company in the E. B. Brown building on the Mayo Trail here, on or about Jan. 15, were announced this week by T. C. Meade, of Paintsville.

L. B. Moore, Prestonsburg, for years associated with the hardware business here, will be manager of the store. It was said, however, that Moore returned, a few days ago, from a tour of markets, buying stock for the new store.

The new Prestonsburg business is affiliated with the Meade Hardware Company, Paintsville. T. C. Meade plans construction of a building on the former Broadway Theater lot which he started about a few months ago, from Dr. J. S. Kelly.

Asks That Workers Call for Garments

Mrs. Lillian Keenan, director of the surgical dressing work which has been concluded, at the hospital this week that responsibility for dresses left at the workroom here is solely that of the owners and asked that they call for the dresses. Mrs. Keenan said a resume of the work done in this county will be released for publication next week.

TURKEY SHOOT

The Floyd County Fish and Game Club this week announced a turkey shoot to be held Sunday at the mouth of Cow Creek.

Court House Happenings

SUITS FILED
Maynard Grimm vs America Griffith; Joe Hobson, atty. vs. Reed vs. Blanche Reed; L. C. Stone, atty. James L. Johnson vs. Martha Lou Pughate Johnson; Joe P. Tackett, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Den Burke, 28, and Janice L. Spear, 22, both of Paintsville, married here Dec. 21, the Rev. I. A. Smiley officiating. Cpl. Russell L. Outley, 27, Wayland, and Gertrude Rose, 26, Both; married at Garretts Dec. 24 by the Rev. Green B. Allen. Pearl Tackett, 18, and Beale Riley, 20, both of Amba, marriage solemnized Dec. 22 by the Rev. I. A. Smiley. Ernest Rowlett and Anna Belle Sturdivant; Arnold Moore and Sue Stephens; Vernon Schroyer, 20, Hunter, and Kathryn Riley, 22, Both; Allen married here Dec. 28, the Rev. James Roark officiating. Robert M. Benjey, 27, and Madge Crisp, 22, Both; Prestonsburg, marriage solemnized here Dec. 25 by the Rev. James Roark. Arnold Herald, 22, and Phyllis Mae Hyman, 21, both of Prestonsburg; married at West Prestonsburg Dec. 26, the Rev. G. R. Fannin officiating. Ernest Robinson, 24, Laney, and Mildred Sammons, 21, Wayland; married Dec. 29 at Laney by the Rev. E. H. Howard. Howard H. Bergold and Orpha Jean Bryant; Frank H. Moore, 26, and Juanita Smith, John J. Ouseley, 19, Hippo, and Minnie Margaret Hall, 17, Banner; married at Hippo Dec. 27 by the Rev. A. J. Moore. Beth J. Johnson, 18, Halo, and Hamel Cook, 18, Wheelwright; married at Wheelwright Dec. 30, the Rev. Claude Geston officiating. Vernon Elliott and Lettice Carl; Robert H. Griffin and Ada Allen, Tramble Aukin, 21, Haysville, and Shelia M. Hays, 21, North; marriage solemnized here Dec. 2 by County Judge P. Hill.

POLICE CASE FIRST "BIG" COURT TRIAL

Judge Stephens Hits Incomplete Financial Statements Published

First trial of the present term of the Floyd circuit court to attract wide attention was that of Albert (Dave) Horn, Prestonsburg policeman, charged with striking and wounding M. J. Leete, Jr., here several months ago.

Empanelling of a jury began Wednesday and was expected to be completed this morning. Special Judge Z. Wells, of Paintsville, was presiding over the trial. W. B. Howard, policeman, also charged in the striking of Leete, will be given a separate trial. The officers, it is alleged, struck Leete after he had been arrested.

DRAFT BOARDS NOTIFY 209

Selective Service Lists Age Ceiling, Begins Re-Classifications

With the age ceiling on draftees raised to 37, the drafting of all eligible men expected to begin this week. Draft boards of the county and Board 45 at Martin will send 115 for pre-induction tests next month's quotas, both for county and Board induction, are expected to exceed January's.

Former Floyd Man Dies at Outwood Vets' Hospital

Funeral rites for Harry H. Kazee, 39 years old, former Floyd county man who died Dec. 26 of tuberculosis at Veterans hospital at Outwood, Ky., were conducted Sunday at his birthplace at Blaine, Lawrence county, and burial was made in the family cemetery here.

17-Year-Old Girl Is T. B. Victim

Tuberculosis from which she had suffered since she claimed the age of 12, died at the hospital here Dec. 21 of 17-year-old Wilma Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, of her parents' home at Drift.

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HURST SAYS SHOP TO STAY

Spikes Rumor Spread Here That Training Shop Is Closing

"There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that the Vocational Training Shop here is closed - in no way has it been prepared to close more than ever before," Nelson S. Hurst, local co-ordinator, declared this week.

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Sgt. Allen (standing, second from right) and fellow crew members after their escape from the North Sea where their plane was forced down by enemy fire. Note man at left in sock feet. Most of these men were on Flying Fortress later shot down over Belgium and resulting in Allen's adventures here outlined. Man in first row, second from left, was the resolute pilot of all three planes on which the Floyd man made his missions.

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Farm Census Follows Three-Day Training For Enumerators

Immediately following a three-day training school for enumerators beginning here Jan. 8, work of taking the Floyd county farm census will be begun. B. L. Scurliff, supervisor of the work in District 6, announced this week.

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Not Only Floyd County Has Failed

FLOYD COUNTY failed to meet its War Bond quota during the drive which ended with the old year. THE TIMES prints this news with no sense of pride.

At the same time, however, there is nothing in the results which should attach blame to the county as a whole. Those who led the drive worked hard, gave of their time freely. Hundreds of persons patriotically bought bonds. The only shortcoming lay in the fact that not enough people bought, or that too many dipped too lightly into their pockets in making bond purchases.

Although the nation as a whole over-subscribed the Treasury's goal, the fact remains that only through sensational sales promotion—the appearance of

movie and radio stars, the exhibition of the deadly tools of war, personal appearances of men back from the battlefronts—were folks spurred to invest in States E bonds. Here in Floyd county, we had no such sales promotion; the folks who bought bonds did so out of the goodness of patriotic hearts.

For the lethargy manifested by some during the bond drive, the over-optimism engendered by optimistic war reports and predictions by men in high places who should know better, must be blamed. A poor job has been done in this country toward inspiring the people, mentally or spiritually, for the rigors and sacrifices of war. We have been neglected over-much by those responsible to the Home Front for news from the theaters of action. Too much of the good has been told, not enough of the bad. We have been led to believe that our forces were within a few weeks of final victory.

And so too many were not prepared for bond-buying, or even for working, because they did not know the facts of the nation's wartime life.

This is not begging the issue or making excuses for the failure of the county in failing to buy \$715,000 worth of bonds. They should have bought them, and they know it. It is, rather, an expression of our idea that all the blame does not lie with the people themselves when they quit war jobs or fail to invest in victory—especially, when they are led to believe that victory is "just around the corner."

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Pvt. Everett Hunt, son of Mrs. Ada Hunt, who lives at Emma, Ky., has been promoted to corporal. He is a clerk with a quartermaster unit of Lt. General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

NOTICE

D. M. Parsons is applying for license to sell whiskey at retail by the package at his location in the Hayden Howell building, Harrods, Ky., and publishes this notice in accordance with state law. 12-21-24

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More Soldier News on
Page Four

Floyd County Goes To War

Heyeville Man Gets Air Medal As 'Food Bomber'

Pvt. Coy Shepherd, of Heyeville, has been awarded the Air Medal, the War Department announced recently. Pvt. Shepherd was one of the 123 army quartermaster food bombards decorated for dropping food and other supplies to American and Chinese troops in the jungles of northern Burma. Three of the group have been listed as missing since receiving the awards, 16 of which were made posthumously.

Wounded Melvin Stirling Recovering in England

THE 9th GENERAL HOSPITAL, ENGLAND—Wounded in the left leg by shrapnel from a German anti-aircraft shell north of Nancy, France, Pfc. Melvin R. Stirling, 24, of Melvin, Ky., is now recovering at this army general hospital.

"Pfc. Holcomb's wound is healing satisfactorily, and he will return to duty shortly," said his ward surgeon, Major Henry B. Tatem, of Audubon, N. J.

During the barrage they really threw everything at us," said Pfc. Holcomb. "I was hit by shrapnel from one of their anti-aircraft guns which they had depressed to fire at us. I crawled into a Jerry foxhole and was damaged by me."

When darkness fell, two motor cars were used to take the soldiers to treatment. After additional care at a field hospital, he was evacuated to England.

Pfc. Holcomb, who has received the Purple Heart, entered the army in December, 1942. His wife, Mabel, lives in Melvin, and his brothers are in the armed forces. Bruce, with the medical corps in England, and Clifford with the Marines in the Philippines.

Yanks Score Coup—Find Beaucoap Beer

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE SEVENTH ARMY, FRANCE—One platoon of the 13th Infantry is living in a paradise on earth.

"They're living in a Casbah (tavern) with only Beaucoap beer," says Sgt. James J. Knowles, Brookfield, Ky., platoon sergeant and acting platoon leader, found it when he was scouting for a place to put the 3rd Division men.

The proprietor turned the whole platoon to wine when they first came in late in the men, and a supply of beer for the bar and now have it any time they want it. The beer, according to Sgt. Knowles, "hasn't much kick to it but it does have a good flavor."

The owner, curiously enough, is one John Fittler, a good-natured, one-eyed chip who disclaims any relationship with the Fuehrer.

Privates living there include Foster Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hall, Honaker, Ky.

Floyd Soldiers Awarded Combat Decoration

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Cpl. Herbert Wells, son of Herbert Wells, Gt. Ky., Cpl. Arthur L. Morris, son of Alexander Morris, Wayland, Ky., and Pfc. John D. Burkley, son of Mrs. Irene Anderson, Deck, Ky., have been cited by the Sixth armored infantry battalion and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Pvt. James E. Vance, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. German Vance, Martin, Ky., has arrived at this B-24 Liberator base in southern Italy. An aerial gunner, he will soon be taking part in combat flights against the enemy. The heavy bombardment group of which he is a member has flown over 370 combat missions.

The group is the oldest in the European-African-Eastern theater of operations, and was the first American unit to bomb the European continent with the attack on the Poorest oil refineries June 12, 1942.

Pvt. Vance entered the army August 24, 1941, as a first baseman baseball player. He received his Wings at the Harlingen Army Air Field, Texas.

On the day following the date on which S/Sgt. John Salisbury had been in the army three years, he was promoted from corporal to sergeant. A few days later, he was promoted to staff sergeant. S/Sgt. Salisbury is a son of Fanny Habersalbury, of Hunter.

Pf. Des Moines, Iowa—Bertie R. Chagel, Lacey, Ky., a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently left First WAC Training Center here for duty with the army at Bakersfield, Calif.

Lt. Stephens Assigned To Corsican Base As Bomber Pilot

AT A 12TH AAF B-24 MITCHELL BASE—2nd Lt. Raymond N. Stephens, 22, Prestonsburg, Ky., is overseas duty and has been assigned to the Mediterranean's oldest medium bomb group as pilot of a B-24 Mitchell.

The Mitchell group, now based in Corsica, has been cited by both the American and French governments for its pinpoint bombing of Nazi communications in Italy.

He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Stephens, was attending the University of Kentucky before entering the AAF July 1, 1943. He was commissioned at Pampa, Texas.

Sturgill Is Member Of Honored Airman

15TH AAF IN ITALY—The blue battle streamer for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy" was presented to a heavy bombardment group of the AAF at an air base in Italy during a formal review.

Among those thus honored was Pfc. Clephus Sturgill, 27, armored technician. His wife, Mrs. Jewel Sturgill, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Sturgill, reside at Mantion, Ky.

Presentation of the War Department Unit Citation was made to the B-17 Flying Fortress group by Major General Nathan F. Twining, commander of duty in Italy during a formal review.

Despite intense, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire augmented by the devastating cannon fire of 100 enemy fighter planes that group inflicted severe damage on a refinery. Final account of the running air battle read: seven heavy bombers for 28 enemy fighters destroyed and 30 probably destroyed. More than seven full combat crews, interned as prisoners of war, were subsequently returned to the group following the Allied liberation of Romania.

Since the group's first bombing mission on March 30, 1944 against an airfield at Immatokki, Yugoslavia, they have bombed 120 targets. They have lost 112 missions and dropped more than 9,000 tons of bombs. Fortress groups have accounted for 60 enemy aircraft destroyed and 140 more probably destroyed. On June 30, 1944 the group bombed the Banjaluka airfield, Yugoslavia and either destroyed or damaged 200 German troops lined up for review.

Roberts With Choir On Major Network

Among the voices heard Christmas Eve on the Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy broadcast was Gerald Grey Roberts, of Betsy Layne, who sang as a member of the famous Great Lakes Naval Training Center choir. Numbering 1,000 voices and made up of recruits in training, the choir presented a picture of Christmas at the Naval Training Center, through its singing of carols.

The huge choir which was brought together for this special broadcast is made up of many smaller groups serving the various regiments in the Recruit Training Command. This is the first time that such a large trained choir of service men has been heard on a major network.

COTTRELL RECEIVES PROMOTION IN ITALY

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Cpl. Frederick Cottrell, son of Mrs. Inez C. Hobson, Prestonsburg, Ky., has been promoted to sergeant. He is a medical technician with the 34th "Red Bull" division of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, and holds the Silver Star for bravery in action.

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Saves Drowning Man, Hall Wins Division's 1st Soldier's Medal

WITH THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LETY—Pfc. Johnnie L. Hall, of Prestonsburg, Ky., received the first Soldier's Medal to be awarded the First Cavalry division in the present Philippine campaign.

Pfc. Hall won the award for saving the life of a man who was drowning in the Silaga River on the island of Samar. The award was made by Major General Vernon D. Mudge, commanding general of the First Cavalry division.

He is a son of Mrs. Ross Hall, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Pfc. General Straton, of Harrods, is a member of a quartermaster service company working with headquarters of the American Seventh and French First armies in France.

Prestonsburg Soldier Awarded Combat Badge

WITH THE SECOND DIVISION—S/ Sgt. Marcus C. Bird, 31, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge by the commanding officer of the Second Infantry division for superior performance on the front lines in France and Germany. He is the husband of Mrs. Lucy Bird, of Prestonsburg, Ky. Prior to entering the service a year ago, he was employed by the Gibson Transfer Company, Prestonsburg.

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Big Sandy Conference Tournament

(Jan. 24-27, Pikeville, Ky.)

Table listing conference tournament events by location and time: ELKHORN CITY, EYE or HAZARD, PAINTSVILLE, VAN LEAR, MEADE MEMORIAL, WHEELWRIGHT, PIKE HIGH, PRESTONSBURG, PIKE ACADEMY, OIL SPRINGS, VIRGIE, FLEMING, INEZ, JENKINS, BETSY LAYNE, MARTIN.

Hicks to Enact Role In Wilde Play at Berea
Berea, Ky., Dec. 21 (Spl.)—Bobby Hicks, Berea College sophomore...

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Walter Porter is applying for license to sell whisky at retail by the package...

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Servicemen home for Christmas were: Gregory Martin, Sgt. Eugene Conley...

DAVID
Members of the David Woman's Club held their annual Christmas party Dec. 20 at the Clubhouse...

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A \$1,878,000,000 federal program to modernize the nation's highways...

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Society Notes

Miss Crisp, Sgt. Benjey Wed on December 25

Mrs. L. E. Crisp of Martin, announces the marriage of her daughter, Mabel, to Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Benjey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Benjey, Prestonsburg, on Dec. 25.

Ellott-Branham Vows Said at Betsy Layne

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ellott, of Betsy Layne, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Marine Corporal Jack I. Branham, Jr., at the bride's home at high noon Sunday, Dec. 31, the Rev. Clyde Layne officiating.

HOME FROM NEW CALLEDONIA

Pfc. Robert B. Allen arrived several days ago after army service in New Caledonia and is spending a furlough here with his father, R. T. Allen, injured in a truck accident in New Caledonia, he was in a hospital there for several months and will return to an army hospital in this country for further treatment.

Seaman Hill Irwin and Mrs. Irwin and baby, of Hazard, were guests of friends here this week.

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'OPEN HOUSE' FOR PTY. AND MRS. CLARKE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clarke were hosts to more than 150 guests last Friday evening when they entertained with a reception at the home of Mrs. H. C. Francis on Court street, complimenting their son, Pvt. William Francis Clarke, and Mrs. Clarke, Louisville, with tea and dining took place in November. Guests were received by Mrs. A. J. Davidson who presented them to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clarke, and Mrs. H. C. Francis, who formed the receiving line in the drawing room. Seated at the tea and coffee were Mrs. B. F. Clarke and Mrs. Richard Feller, Mrs. Troy B. Sturgill, who were assisted by Mrs. H. C. Francis, Mrs. Missa Dorothy Sue Allen, Jane Gray Clarke, Helen Raynor, Alice Gray Burke, Patricia Rimmer, Judith Morgan Davidson, Sara Clay Riephens, Eloise Williams, Betty Jean May, Vivian Caudill, Winifred Sturgill, and Mrs. H. C. Francis was attractively arranged with a rare cut Chinese linen cloth of vintage design and a miniature bridge and white roses, while carnations and ferns in a silver vase. Dainty cakes decorated with holly wreaths, mints and nuts were served with the coffee. Guests called from 8 o'clock till 10.

RECEPTION FOR BRIDE AND GROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury and Mrs. Winnie F. Johns entertained last New Year's eve at their home on First avenue from 10 to 11:30 at a reception complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Jr. of Louisville, who are making their first visit here since their marriage in the late fall. The house was attractively arranged with decorations of holly and mistletoe and a festive atmosphere of holiday spirit. Forming a receiving line, Mrs. Johns introduced Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury and Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, Jr. Presenting at the punch bowl was Mrs. C. P. Stephens. Guests calling were Mrs. J. L. Leete. Guests calling were members of the Junior group of friends who were hosted by Mrs. H. C. Francis, Vivian Caudill, Dorothy Sue Allen, Judith Morgan Davidson, Patricia Rimmer, Betty Jean May, Ethel Clarke, Sara Clay Stephens, Howard Jane Clarke, Eloise Williams, Barbara Jean May, Emma Edna Elizabeth Archer, Judith Edna Elizabeth Archer, Mrs. Donald Lee Meade, Mrs. Newman Sharpe, Mrs. F. Clarke, Mrs. Wm. D. Fitzpatrick, Jr. of Hazard, and Mrs. Jo Henry Rapier, of Louisville, Pvt. Jean Combs, Messrs. Martin Leete, Jr., Forrest Skaggs, Oliver Combs, W. F. Combs, and Mrs. Yater, Freddie James, Henry Louis Mayo, James Andrew May, Clifford Sullivan, Jr., Col. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mrs. and Mrs. Buddy Hatten, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leslie, and Mrs. Curtis Clark. Mrs. Herb Salisbury, Mrs. H. L. Mayo, Mrs. G. P. Archer, Mrs. Tom James, Mrs. M. J. Leete, Mrs. C. P. Stephens.

TALENTS REVEALED AT MEETING

Members of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met Monday evening, the home of Mrs. C. H. Smith with Mrs. F. L. Heinze as hostess. Mrs. John Spradlin presided in the absence of Mrs. Ralph Davis. The program on "Stewardship" was presented by Mrs. Everett Sowards, Mrs. Ernest Osborne and Mrs. Angeline Layne Archer. The "Revelation of Talent Receipts" during the past month netted \$135, each member of the Society having pledged herself to use her talent for the month for a special gift toward redemption of the church. Besides the talent gifts from members of the Society, gifts of \$115 were given by Jack Spradlin, Mrs. Osa P. Ligon and W. A. Malone of Allen. A dinner will be given soon by the team whose talents fell below the winning mark. Following the program, refreshments were served by the hostesses to the following members: Meddamer W. C. Rimmer, Jack Spradlin, Dick Davis, Everett Sowards, Ernest Osborne, James E. Goble, J. H. Howard, Modina Hodges, Angeline Layne Archer, E. R. Burke, Mary Elizabeth Powers and Betty Archer.

U.D.C. CHAPTER MEETS

Mrs. Leeta D. Spradlin and Mrs. John W. Henley were co-hostesses to members of Greenville Davidson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the home on Second avenue Monday evening. The president, Mrs. Spradlin, presided. The musicale service was conducted by the chaplain, Mrs. Ernest Sowards. Because of inclement weather, the program was not given by the selected leader, Mrs. A. J. Davidson. Special talent gifts are to be presented at the February meeting. Members present were Meddamer W. C. Rimmer, Jack Spradlin, Dick Davis, Everett Sowards, Ernest Osborne, James E. Goble, J. H. Howard, Modina Hodges, Angeline Layne Archer, E. R. Burke, Mary Elizabeth Powers and Betty Archer.

ANNUAL YULE PARTY

Miss Margaret Jane Davis was hostess to dinner Saturday evening to friends complimenting Miss Carolyn Hill who was here from Georgia for a visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. H. Gwinn, and Misses Carolyn Hill, Margaret Douglas Sprick, Sylvia Helen and Betty Davis, Alice Gray Burke, Barbara Jean May, Ethel Clarke.

MISS PATRICK, HOSTESS

Miss Emma Louise Patrick entertained last at her home with a reception for the junior group Thursday evening. Games and dancing were enjoyed by the following friends: Misses Laura Virginia Roberts, Barbara Jean May, Jane, Betty and Sylvia Helen Davis, Gloria Meade, Emmaline Hill, Messrs. Harding Sturgill, Luther Vaughan, Clifford B. Latta, Jr., James Andrew May, Harris Howard, Gardner Combs, Mildred Wells, Tom Bantam, William, Charles Tackett, Yancey Ligon.

Mr. Joe A. Spradlin and daughter, Lydia Margaret, spent the week-end with Mrs. John Findlayson in Paintsville.

E. A. Faulkner, of Henderson, N. C., was luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shivel Tuesday.

Darwin Patton spent the week-end with his parents at Ansonia.

Mrs. C. L. Hutaspiller entertained to supper at her home Saturday night and Mrs. J. W. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peffer, Mrs. A. H. Mault, J. P. Ribbie, Johnnie and Mary Davidson Ribble and Floyd Arnold Mann.

Mrs. J. E. Ribbie has been suffering to her bed the past week, suffering from a back injury.

John P. Auxler arrived from Ypsilanti, Mich., Monday for a visit with Mrs. Auxler here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo M. Davidson entertained Mr. and Mrs. John E. Layne of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Garland H. Rice, of Paintsville, on New Year's Day.

Mrs. J. E. Garnett, Jimmy Garnett, Jr., Mrs. Anna Laura Boutas and Miss Ola Woolwine, of Hazard, were here last week calling on relatives.

T. H. Dinges entertained to dinner at his home on First avenue Monday night and Mrs. Wm. D. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Grace D. Ford, Rebecca Dinges, Mrs. Tom Graham Dinius, Mrs. Ray Collins, Billie Ray Collins, Margaret Ann Collins, Mrs. O. P. Powers, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Powers, and Joe Dinges.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard entertained to dinner Friday night and Mrs. J. E. Ribbie and children, Mrs. Tom Mann and Floyd Arnold Mann.

Blind Evangelist Begins Revival Here

The Rev. Vernon Reynolds, blind evangelist of Mayville, Ky., began a revival at the Elgim Holiness Church here Dec. 21 and will continue the services nightly at 7:30 o'clock till Jan. 14, the pastor, the Rev. Robert Westman, announces.

The Rev. Reynolds, blind since birth, has committed to memory more than 500 songs and himself leads the special singing for the services.

ENTERTAIN ON CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Allen entertained to Christmas dinner the following: Lillian A. J. May, Mrs. Olga M. Gatt and son, C. B. Latta, Jr., Mrs. E. S. May, James L. Andrew and Barbara Jean May, L. and Mrs. R. V. May and daughters, Julia Mayo and Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mayo and son, Put. W. P. Mayo, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Salisbury and daughters, Marian and Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mayo and daughter, Mary Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mayo and children, Henry Louis, Ruth Allen and Jimmy, Tom Barga, of Edgar, and Misses Dorothy and Polly Allen.

S. C. Peterson has returned home from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. John D. Martin, and Mr. Martin and children at Roonoke, Va.

L. R. V. May has returned to Clinton, Mass. after spending the holidays with his family here.

Wendell Spurock, who is critically ill at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, W. Va., is slightly improved this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Layne, of Ashland, spent the New Year week-end here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mayo.

Mrs. John R. Clarke and children, Yancey and Sallie Galewood, have returned to St. Albans, W. Va., after a visit of a week with her mother, Mrs. Osa P. Ligon.

Mrs. Henry D. Fitzpatrick, Jr. of Hazard, has spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. David Herndon arrived from Washington, D. C. last Friday for a few days' visit with relatives here.

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PRESTONSBURG, KY.

Blair - Mrs. Virgil Reiffert spent the Christmas holidays with her husband, Cpl. Reiffert, at Ft. Green, Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Gracie Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hagon and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Underwood at Mullins, W. Va., for Christmas. Mrs. Paul Heddleton and daughter, Patricia, of Norfolk, joined them there for the holidays.

Mrs. B. P. Friend is confined to her bed this week, suffering from neuritis.



Seventeen years ago we entered the mercantile business and during these years we have learned a lot, experienced a lot, and have had many reverses. But through all these experiences, we have had a constant growth and, this year just closing, we have experienced the best year in our history. Many of our valued customers that we have now begun trading with us the year of our start in the mercantile business. Seventeen years, day in and day out, we have served them, and with each passing year many others have joined this "charter group" and today we are serving a clientele second to none in this vicinity.

Of course, quality, value and service have played an important part in this growth. Faithful customers, too, is another factor, and with these we have put our heart into our business. We have striven to build a business "WITH A HEART," and have made our establishment a part of our community life. When the occasion demanded, we had our valued customers, and served the need without thought of remuneration or profit, kindness, helpfulness, consideration and, for those who needed it, we have evaded the spirit of independence and advantage. For a few years ago our customers have continued growth in that we had no other objection to them, but today we have the most successful business in the best prices possible, with the best service and in the best of ways.

The war has worked some hardships on us, but restrictions have been lifted upon us, and we are now in a position to offer you goods that are as good as the goods and worry and worry has been so much so that at all times we may not have come up to standard, but we have done all that was humanly possible, and promise you we will continue to do our best.

The friendship and patronage accorded us are worth a hundred of our best money, and SINCE THANKS, as well as our best efforts, to rightly serve you during the coming year. We sincerely wish for you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Business and Financial Outlook for 1945

BY ROGER W. HANSON

Thumbnail Outlook for 1945

Look for these developments: Farmers' cash income will approximate that of 1944, which was \$30 billion. Both Minnesota and Nebraska will run 5 per cent below a year ago. Petroleum output will be up 5 per cent. Iron and steel will be up 10 per cent. A similar drop is in prospect for chemical manufacturers. Lumber output will increase 5 per cent. The paper and shoe industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944. Industrial employment will be 7 per cent less and factory pay rolls will decline 10 per cent. Greatest single expansion will come in the construction and building group, which will show an increase of 25 per cent. From the low levels of 1944's first six months. Look for a sharp drop in retail trade, especially in luxury items. Electric power output will be reduced 5 per cent, as war contracts are cut back. For basically the same reason railroad freight ton mileage will fall 15 per cent.

General Business

1. A year ago the United States Bahonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.8. Today it registers 139, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Bahonchart Index of the physical volume of business registered 208.9 a year ago; today it registers 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10 per cent both in the United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War reduction is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.

3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe.

4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than at market value, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material prices will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.

5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

6. Rationing will continue thru the most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions especially in connection with meats, canned goods, and other luxuries.

7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. Prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed.

8. Steel prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies also to heavy chemicals.

9. Wholesale prices of raw materials in general may decline during 1945, but most consumer goods will hold firm or sell at higher prices. For both gasoline and bituminous coal, there may be price concessions.

10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars worth of unneeded supplies.

11. Farm Outlook The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good for the whole for the past few years, but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or early freeze.

12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income will be the first half of 1945 should hold up.

13. There should be a 15 per cent decline in hog slaughter and a 3 per cent increase in cattle slaughter in 1945.

14. Dairy products will continue to increase in both volume and price. I am forecasting at least a 3 per cent rise in volume.

15. Farmers will start in 1945 to work again for legislation on their party program, due to fear of a collapse in all farm prices after the war.

16. Taxes will not be increased during 1945 and some will be reduced; in fact, some income taxes will be eliminated altogether.

17. The federal debt will continue to increase during 1945.

18. Whatever is done about taxes, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1945.

19. Proving jobs for returning soldiers will be big political football of 1945. I am not prepared to forecast what will happen in this connection.

20. Retail Sales A coalition of Republicans and Conservative Democrats, should have a "do nothing" Congress during 1945.

21. The volume retail sales will show a decline during 1945. Prices of ladies apparel and general luxuries will suffer, while grocery sales should be higher.

22. The total dollar retail sales should be about equal to 1944 with an increased demand for woolens and cotton textiles for civilian use.

23. The best cities for 1945 business should be: Altona, Pa. New York, N. Y. Cleveland, Ohio Davenport, Iowa San Jose, Calif. Wichita, Kansas

24. There will be a great stampede in 1945 to get rid of makeshift crates goods which have been made to take the place of good merchandise. Thus, 1945 will witness many "mark-down" sales of unrationed merchandise.

25. Wars will be those manufacturers and consumers who realize that postwar competition will be terrific, and therefore, withhold purchases until 1946.

26. The United States will own over 50 per cent of the world's ships in 1945.

27. There will be an increase in free exports with the "Freud Countries," but Lead-Lend exports will decline.

28. We will make England and Russia large post-war loans provided they spend the money in the United States.

29. Both the British empire and Russia will go into the competitive foreign trade market during 1945; their tariffs and government monopolies will be in operation. The former forecast higher prices for coffee, cocoa, sugar and many other articles which are absolutely dependent upon foreign countries.

30. No Central Bank will be organized nor will the stabilization of foreign currencies be attempted in 1945.

War Outlook

31. The greater part of Germany's army will collapse before the German planting season opens in the spring of 1945. Before surrendering, Germany will try poisoning gas.

32. Japan will not hold out as long as most people think. Japan will collapse within six or twelve months after Germany collapses.

33. If Stalin's health continues he will be the world's most powerful man in 1945 and may dictate the peace terms, especially for the Pacific.

34. Sometime after April, 1945, Russia will join or threaten to join the Allies against Japan but only after Japan has lost her territory privileges and a huge loan.

35. The markets may witness a "communist scare" during 1945; after they should soon recover thereafter.

36. The stock market will show the greatest decline during 1945, because the airplane and shipbuilding stocks are already pretty much deflated.

37. The heavy chemicals, steels and iron may hold their own during 1945, but consumer goods will do much better.

38. The safest stocks to buy—considering value, income and safety—will be the merchandising stocks, especially chain store stocks.

39. 1944 saw a large increase in the demand for peacetime goods, but a decline in war stocks; but 1945 will witness them both moving more or less together. Switching has been evident in most cases.

40. 1945 will continue to witness creeping inflation, although the big movement toward inflation will not take place until the business depression which will follow post-war prosperity.

41. The Home Ec girls of Maytown high school entertained the faculty to a luncheon Tuesday at noon. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts.

42. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart and daughter and Mrs. Byrd Stewart and daughter, arrived Friday night from Morgan county to spend a visit with his mother.

43. Mrs. E. H. Allen and Mrs. George May, Sr. spent Thursday in Westmoreland.

44. Miss Peggy Jo Allen was the overnight guest Thursday of Miss Hilred Baird at West Prestonsburg.

45. Mrs. Claude Allen entertained Mesdames George Edward Allen, Wiley Jones and Mark to a luncheon Friday.

46. Miss Harriet Allen, of Hindman, spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen. She was accompanied by Miss Peggy Jo and Harriet Allen were visiting friends in Pikeville Tuesday.

47. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Turner were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Stapleton Sunday night.

48. Fletcher Gardner of Dayton, Ohio, spent Christmas with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Gayheart.

49. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patrick and daughters spent Thursday in Prestonsburg.

50. Mrs. A. R. Cassidy and Miss Frelia Mae Cassidy were shopping in Martin Thursday.

51. Mrs. Earn Refitt was a business visitor in Martin Thursday.

52. Mrs. Lillian Heath and children and Mrs. Charles Patton and children were shopping in Martin last week.

53. Bobbie May spent Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George May.

54. Earl Patton is spending several days with his father.

55. Mrs. Hawley Martin, who has been visiting her husband in South Carolina for the last few months, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Osborne.

56. Miss Joyce Stewart was the guest of Glenn McComas on Geese Creek Friday.

57. Miss Deryl Stewart spent several days with Miss Lois Hill at Eastern during the holidays.

58. The Daughters of America held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Frank May, Friday night, Dec. 22. Refreshments were enjoyed by all. The program looked forward to the annual Christmas tree and the Valentine party held at the home of Mrs. Viola Stewart.

59. Mrs. John May gave a surprise birthday dinner in Hindman to her husband and Mrs. Ed Sutton on Saturday evening, Dec. 30, at her home. Both of their birthdays are on the same date. The honorees accepted the many pretty and useful gifts.

60. 1945 will see more religious interest, including more church-going than did 1944. People gradually are realizing that without a spiritual awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be dependent upon cooperative and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their Ruler and Guide. (Copyright)

Robert Shaw, manager of the Henry Fisher farm in Jefferson county reports that only 15 pigs were lost from 15 litters farrowing on sloping floors.

MATTOWN

Misses Freda Mae Cassidy, of Grayson, and Wanda Casper, of Detroit, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cassidy, and their family.

Mrs. Ellen Shepherd, who is in defense work at Ypsilanti, Mich., spent Christmas with relatives, Jimmie Refitt, a student at Richmond, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitten Refitt, of Wilson Creek.

Mrs. John Coburn and Mrs. James Allen and son, Nicky, were shopping in Prestonsburg Thursday.

Dr. J. H. Allen spent last week hunting in Clark county.

John Arwood, of Springfield, Mo., arrived Thursday, Dec. 21, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Arwood, and family. His brother, Cpl. James Arwood, who has long been overseas, also spent Christmas here.

Sp. William J. Raffill, son of Mrs. Jim Raffill, of Wilson Creek, spent Christmas here with his mother and other relatives. Sgt. Raffill came here from Ft. Bragg, N. C., where he has been stationed.

Mrs. Genevieve Allen and daughter, Mosalee, were called to Parkersburg, W. Va., by the serious illness of Mrs. Allen's mother.

Cpl. James Allen, who has been stationed in Alaska for the last 29 months, arrived home on Dec. 27 of Coburn Allen, and his mother, Mrs. M. V. Allen, and family, Cpl. Allen also spent for some days with his brother, Howard Allen, of Greenup.

Misses Rhonda Allen and Rhodora Hahn have returned to Berea, after spending the holidays with home-coming friends.

Sgt. Begley left Wednesday for the Veterans' Hospital in Huntington. He will remain there for some weeks.

The Home Ec girls of Maytown high school entertained the faculty to a luncheon Tuesday at noon. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart and daughter and Mrs. Byrd Stewart and daughter, arrived Friday night from Morgan county to spend a visit with his mother.

Mrs. E. H. Allen and Mrs. George May, Sr. spent Thursday in Westmoreland.

Miss Peggy Jo Allen was the overnight guest Thursday of Miss Hilred Baird at West Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Claude Allen entertained Mesdames George Edward Allen, Wiley Jones and Mark to a luncheon Friday.

Miss Harriet Allen, of Hindman, spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen. She was accompanied by Miss Peggy Jo and Harriet Allen were visiting friends in Pikeville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Turner were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Stapleton Sunday night.

Fletcher Gardner of Dayton, Ohio, spent Christmas with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Gayheart.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patrick and daughters spent Thursday in Prestonsburg.

Mrs. A. R. Cassidy and Miss Frelia Mae Cassidy were shopping in Martin Thursday.

Mrs. Earn Refitt was a business visitor in Martin Thursday.

Mrs. Lillian Heath and children and Mrs. Charles Patton and children were shopping in Martin last week.

Bobbie May spent Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George May.

Earl Patton is spending several days with his father.

Mrs. Hawley Martin, who has been visiting her husband in South Carolina for the last few months, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Osborne.

Miss Joyce Stewart was the guest of Glenn McComas on Geese Creek Friday.

Miss Deryl Stewart spent several days with Miss Lois Hill at Eastern during the holidays.

The Daughters of America held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Frank May, Friday night, Dec. 22. Refreshments were enjoyed by all. The program looked forward to the annual Christmas tree and the Valentine party held at the home of Mrs. Viola Stewart.

Mrs. John May gave a surprise birthday dinner in Hindman to her husband and Mrs. Ed Sutton on Saturday evening, Dec. 30, at her home. Both of their birthdays are on the same date. The honorees accepted the many pretty and useful gifts.

1945 will see more religious interest, including more church-going than did 1944. People gradually are realizing that without a spiritual awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be dependent upon cooperative and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their Ruler and Guide. (Copyright)

Letters from the Boys Express Appreciation

The Plurin Holiness Church of Prestonsburg has special prayer for the boys in service each Wednesday night and sends them letters. Here are some answers.

Dear Sir: Nov. 22, 1944—Italy

Having received your letter dated Oct. 19 I wish to extend to you and your congregation my gratitude for offering a prayer in my behalf. It is hard to realize how much it means to all our soldiers overseas to know that the people at home are fully behind us in these terrible times. I am sure that all of you realize that through prayer we can find security and self-confidence in time of battle.

I sincerely wish to express my gratitude in receiving the handkerchief blessed by the church and its members to show my confidence and deep sincerity in the name of God I carry this handkerchief on every combat mission that I participate in.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to the church and its members through their prayers I hope to return safely.

Sincerely,
CARL L. TUPITS

Somewhere in France
Monday Night, Nov. 6-44
Dear Rev. Weedman:

I received your letter this afternoon, and I appreciate the church willing to do very much.

I also hope how soon I can come back to that church for services and Sunday School. Please keep a special seat for me when I return home, will you?

Please pray for my mother and dad that they won't worry about me too much. I am sure I will come back o.k.

I know practically all of your church members. Tell them hello for me, will you? Also pray for my mother and dad, that they may become Christians soon. Also tell Arnold and Francis hello for me, too, and that I would like to see them very much.

Well, Rev. I suppose this is about all for now in the line of praying. If you could pray and move some of this deep mud out of France for us boys, we would give you almost anything you ask of us. I also go to church often, every Sunday, in fact I love to go.

I hope to see you all soon. Please tell the church members to drop me a line whenever they have a few spare moments.

Yours sincerely,
CPL. HENRY NICHOLS
P. S. Be sure and write to me soon. (No. 44)

The first trench soil in Grant county was built this fall by R. M. Lucas and filled with late corn and cane.

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I regret very much that it is impossible for me to send each of you my personal Christmas greeting. I cannot do this because of the intensive training I am now taking which is just prior to the assuming of my duties aboard one of our naval warships. So, I want to take this means of extending my expressing to you my heartfelt wish for a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

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tion and every gun in our group started spouting. The enemy fighters were bored on in, knocking out the lead plane in our formation and at the same time shooting out one of our engines. To me it appeared that literally hundreds of fighters were coming in from all directions. We kept our guns roaring and parachutes soon began to appear all over the sky. Bombers were going down smoking. German fighters were exploding or spinning down in flames.

"Right then at the outset of this fight, we could have saved ourselves. But not with this pilot of ours. We had never turned back from a mission, and we were not starting such tactics now. We were crippled, losing speed and altitude—a pilot the enemy quickly observed. We soon found ourselves left behind and below our formation, with the enemy closing in for the kill."

After almost two hours of battle the crippled Fortress had fought her way over the target. The bombs were dropped onto the target. Then the trip home.

"But, almost without ammunition, laboring along, our plane was the target for another group of fighters anxious for the kill," Allen said. "It was then that I got what was my only sure kill of the day. We shot up plenty of German fighters during the battle, but everybody was firing and we couldn't tell exactly who had scored the hits. This time, though, I was the only gunner with ammunition remaining. Hoarding this, I waited till the lead German fighter came close, then gave him all I had. He blew to bits."

"Our second engine was now gone and I told the boys, 'If we get home, we'll walk back.' But that didn't scare that gang. The fellows all began to sing, 'Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer.'"

Added to fighter plane fire was heavy flak from a sizeable German town on the doomed Fortress' route. But the bomber's crew wasn't overconcerned even about that; just then they were busy urging a dying horse home. Then when wary German fighters at last learned their quarry had no more bullets, they turned on all their firepower from every conceivable angle.

"I never heard so many bullets ripping through metal in my life," the former flier recalls. "Small-caliber bullets began tearing through my turret, splintering glass in my face and clipping my oxygen hose right off at my mouth. Then came a terrific explosion. A 20mm shell hit my turret, splintering part of my gun in my teeth, cutting holes in my head and filling my arms and legs with shrapnel fragments. I fell to the floor of the plane, almost unconscious, and at almost the same time I heard the pilot give orders to bail out."

Some of the crew had been wounded and to these Allen hurriedly staggered. When all had jumped except the pilot, the Floyd countian made his debut in the celebrated Caterpillar Club.

"Our pilot was still in the plane, staying till we all were out, just as he stood on the wing of our plane a few weeks earlier as it was sinking in the North Sea. He waited then, counting noses, to see that his crew was safe before leaving the ship, and he did not leave then till I shoved him into the water. For he

had failed to see some of the boys on the other side of the plane and wasn't leaving till he had accounted for them all."

Allen purposely waited till he had dropped some distance before opening his parachute, hoping to make a quicker descent and thus evade discovery by any Germans on the ground. As a result, when the chute opened he suffered a severe back injury. Nearing the earth, he could see he would alight near a village and could see people converging from all directions upon the field where he would land. Friend or foe—all this remained to be seen.

"I came down just behind a house, barely missing a tall tree and I really hit the ground with a jolt. I injured my foot but was too excited at first to notice this. I stripped off my flying suit as quickly as possible and headed for a wooded area, with the people not too far away and none of them treated by me at the moment. But when I was about halfway to the woods a girl on a bicycle drew beside me, shouting, 'She yelled the word, 'English,' as she passed but I was afraid to answer. She turned and, passing me again, repeated the word, and this time I summoned up enough courage to answer, 'American.'"

Whereupon, the Floyd countian turned and saw a German on a bicycle and pointed across the field, motioning for him to follow. He ran about 50 yards and the girl pointed to a hole in the ground which resembled a bomb crater, and there he took cover while she kept riding.

"In a few seconds, it seemed to me, the Germans were there in great numbers. Some headed for the woods, some searched nearby houses, others patrolled the road. But this girl stopped and turned back, she was back within 10 minutes of the time carrying a small bag which in passing she dropped down to me in the story books, but this was a beautiful heroine in the flesh. She was about 18 years old, I should say, and was much like an American farm girl in her arms and legs, but these were only cuts and not as bad as they appeared.

"And there we were, she pointing and talking her language of which I could not understand a word, while I tried to talk to her in English. Finally, she produced a mirror to show me how I looked and, bedecked, my lips swollen—as sorry a sight as any man could fear of presenting to a girl, beautiful or otherwise. After washing my face, she began assisting me in removing my clothing to make way for the civilian garb she had brought. And that suit she rigged me out in—the clothes were so short, the trousers legs even shorter!"

Such were the early details of Allen's forced landing in alien territory. Later, with the Germans patrolling roads bordering either side of the field, the Belgian girl returned with wine and food. Through the remainder of the afternoon and into the night she walked up and down the field as if herding the cattle, never leaving the Floyd countian's refuge by more than a few yards.

"There was not a Quising in that village, I know," Allen declares. "For they all must have seen me and no word went outside to the Nazis who were searching all about."

When two men came, shortly after midnight, of course, by the girl—to lift the wounded flier from the hole and carry him to a nearby house, his foot was badly swollen and his back paining him so

intensely that he could not move. At the house all was ready for the guest of honor. A doctor and a priest were waiting.

"As at home would have got to laugh out of the scene there after they got the shoe from my swollen foot and piled me with wine," said Allen. "There they were, it seemed like everybody in the village, about me, all trying to talk at the same time. I unable to understand a word they were saying and being kissed on both cheeks by them all."

"These people who had so sorely suffered from the Germans—some were laughing, others were crying as they filed into the room."

When he was later carried and peered on a bicycle to another house at the other side of the village, Allen said he felt certain he could not save himself if the emergency arose. But, next morning, after he had eaten some black bread and a beverage that passed for coffee, he learned he could get the village rang, there was a "wild rush across the floor. A warning of danger had come and I knew I had to move. Somehow, I contrived to get out a bed and onto the floor. Without dressing, I began crawling downstairs. A man met me on the stairs and led the way back to a barn. She pointed out a stall and I crawled into it from under some boxes that would not entirely conceal me were the only cover."

There the fugitive lay while the Germans were searched and while a German soldier climbed into the barn-toolt to punch about in the hay.

"Right after that, if I had had a gun, I would probably have met my end," Allen commented. "Another soldier came into the barn, entered the stall where I was and while a luger in his hand, saw no chance to escape and right there would have come out shooting if I had had a gun. But I had none and lay there while he walked within two feet of me. I am sure if his leg had touched that box he would have felt it shaking."

While Allen spent 10 days at the village's home the Germans kept to a constant patrol of roads leading to and from the place, also around the railroad station. They knew he had landed somewhere nearby but could not locate him.

"When I was passed the house, I went right past a sentry. All morning, a man drove a horse-drawn cart back and forth along this particular road and past the house. Meanwhile, I was being dressed to resemble this man. Finally, we made a quick change of drivers, and it was I who passed the sentry on the next trip. From there to a railroad station where another member of the underground stood reading a book as I had done, I went. He had a railway ticket and soon we were off, though Germans were all about the station and also riding the train."

From this point on Allen declines to describe in detail his travels through Belgium and finally into France. On one occasion he sat in a compartment crowded with German soldiers. He felt sleep to avoid answering their questions. Men and women squeezed him through innumerable tight spots. He asked no questions, did as he was told. His friends swam into his ken without his knowing whence they came, they left suddenly, silently, usually at night, without his knowledge of whether they went. But always a new guide took up the task of taking him through the maze that was Belgium and France during those days when both countries were dominated by the Nazis. They moved with clock-like precision, supplied railway tickets, identification tokens—everything a fugitive needed except luck and the stamina to withstand arduous travel and sleepless nights. In civilian garb, his "dog tags" cleverly concealed in his clothing, were his only protection from execution as a spy in the event of capture.

In one town Allen witnessed the perfection of Allied bombing. A Nazi airfield had long been in operation there, and the villagers had wondered why American and British bombers had skipped it in their raids

into the Reich. "Then, just after a new group of what I believed to be cadets had arrived and just when the field was full of planes, our bombs seemed to lift the house I was in clear of the ground. They did a grand job and all through it Allen cheered them on, some even waving white tablecloths to attract the attention of our fliers. The Germans were busy for days digging for their 'dead or alive' ruins."

"What did I think about during all this? First of all, my mother. She seemed in another world, all this seemed so foreign to the quiet life on a Floyd county farm; but I was always hoping I could get word to her, somehow, that I was not dead as she no doubt feared. At night I would dream I was surrounded by Germans, was being captured. I was very nervous, of course. In my dreams I was taken prisoner a thought of friends back home, of school teaching and—well, a thousand things more pleasant than hiding and being hunted."

Sometimes, Allen took refuge in a home for only a few days; in others, he stayed longer. In one home he stayed with an aged couple for days while awaiting word to move along. Here he was treated as their son, fed on the best they could afford and being difficult to leave this place where I had been treated so nicely," he said. "When I started to leave, the old woman clung to me as my own mother, from there she fiercely and saying she knew the Germans would kill me and pleading with me to stay where she could protect me. The man had to take her away."

Finally, the fugitive's wanderings took him to the French border where he had to give up the guide who was for crossing the border was effective, perhaps, because of its daring: it was to cross at noonday and make time as some pedestrian, pretending to pick flowers in a field, and the girl finally strolled to a spot where they gained slight concealment in some shrubbery, from there quickly dashed across and into a house. From there, by train and bus and on foot the long trek across Belgium was repeated.

In France, he rubbed elbows with German army men, on one occasion was eyed by German soldiers at drill. He had to make the journey stoop which was the supreme test of the fugitive. On this there was no turning back. To falter was to be killed by the Underground or to be killed by the Underground as he had been betrayed by traitors or spies posing as refugees and felling me as my own mother, from there quickly dashed across and into a house. From there, by train and bus and on foot the long trek across Belgium was repeated.

"We crawled across fields, hugging close to fences or occasionally following a ditch or small stream."

"By daylight of the first night on the long, tortuous trek toward neutral territory, we had reached high mountains. Each of us had a place of black bread on which we nibbled from time to time."

Four more days and nights, without rest or sleep, Sgt. Allen and his group struggled along. There was no relief for him, though his guides were often changed. For him it was walk and crawl up lofty mountains, walk and fall down the other side, only to begin the climb, all over again, of an equally sky-reaching range.

"Severe snowstorms made the going harder than it ordinarily would

have been," said the sergeant. "Some of my pants were worn out from crawling when I was no longer able to walk up the steep slopes. For the first two days, every minute, I thought, would be the last I could endure. But I made it, somehow."

At last—in neutral territory. His feet bloody, sore, hands worn in crawling, almost as badly as his feet. But safe from the Germans!

Sgt. Allen reached England on Dec. 18, approximately four months from the mid-summer day when he alighted in that Belgian meadow. He immediately called his mother, Mrs. Edis J. Allen, of Pyramid, Ky. She was in a rest camp at Miami, Fla., then was assigned the task of training bomber crews. Several weeks ago, he was given a medical discharge from the army.

Some others of his crew also made their way back to safety. Some were captured and are now German prisoners-of-war.

"The valiant pilot of my last bomb? Allen does not know of his fate, can only hope he, somehow, is safe."

"I learned on my return to the States," he sadly remarked, "that his wife of whom he was so proud died a few weeks after their father and the rest of us were shot down."

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