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Let's Keep Crabbing

A very patriotic and sincere, but greatly perturbed, lady visited the News-Review office this week. She was deeply troubled by the fact that so many people are complaining bitterly about gasoline rationing. She declared it was unpatriotic to complain against the sacrifices and deprivations of war; that we should accept rationing and shortages in a cooperative spirit; that any war-caused troubles should be cheerfully accepted and that our sole thought should be the boys at the front and their needs.

We agree perfectly with the lady's contention that the supplying of the armed forces should be the chief and primary aim of every American citizen.

We disagree, however, with her belief that we should stop "crabbing."

The right to criticize, complain and grouse are good American privileges and hold an important place in the framework of efficient government.

If you are a sports fan, you have heard the spectators "ride" the officials. Because the fans demand fairness and efficiency in the control of a sports contest, the officials are carefully chosen. Umpires for baseball leagues are thoroughly schooled. Officials at football contests are permitted to work major games only after long years of experience and study of rules and interpretations. These officials are, in most cases, as perfect in decisions as physical and human limitations permit, yet listen to the roar that ensues when the fans think an error of judgement has been made! It is because the fans are so critical that the officials are so fair. If the fans made no protest, the quality of arbiting in sports contests would deteriorate very rapidly.

The same is true of government. Just as the criticism of the fans keeps the umpire or referee on his toes, so the "crabbing" by the public has its effects on efficiency in government.

We do not believe in unfounded criticism. We do not uphold the person who finds fault with out cause, but we do contend that any American citizen who complains because he believes conditions are not as near perfection as can be reached, is fully justified in his complaint. Nor do we contend that he is in error simply because he does not know the facts, if those facts have not been supplied. It is the duty of government to keep him informed. It is his government; he is a definite part of it, therefore he has a right to information. If for some reason it becomes necessary and imperative to withhold information from him, then he has a right to continue complaining until he knows the true state of facts, for if, in his opinion, conditions are not right, it is his privilege as a partner in the government to speak his mind freely.

But we do not believe many people are crabbing because of any sacrifices needed for successful conduct of the war effort. We have heard many complaints. We have listened to unfold criticism, but we have yet to hear a person whose complaint is based on selfishness. Rather, the criticism is a demand for a more efficient and determined effort; for a cessation of political manipulation of war activities.

Consider, for example, the work of the office of defense transportation. A huge bureau was set up with thousands of paid employees. Gasoline rations on farm and commercial vehicles were slashed right and left. At the same time local boards are

empowered with authority to make corrections where it was held that there had been an unfair decision. There is little doubt but that practically every case which went to the ODT will be reviewed by the local agencies. If this is true, then why should not the local boards have handled the transaction in the first place and thus saved the huge sums wasted on the bureau whose work must all be done over?

While the department of agriculture pleads with farmers to increase production and while the war production board demands more and more timber products, another government agency makes it impossible to meet either request.

One Douglas county dairyman we know of sold his dairy herd despite a growing milk shortage, when he received his allotment from the ODT. Several logging truck operators are reported to have laid up their trucks and have announced they will not take out a new license because they cannot continue to operate profitably.

These conditions will probably be corrected in time, but in the meantime there has been a slowing down on the home front, simply because federal agencies are working at cross purposes.

Certainly the American people whose boys are on the firing line have a right to criticize such a condition. Furthermore, complacency never led to achievement. It takes constant dissatisfaction to create progress—So let's keep crabbing!

Editorials on News

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where the Japs have a minor base. From there, we might jump to New Britain, where the Japs have an important base at Rabaul. A lot of the Jap mischief in the Solomons has been brewed at Rabaul.

The BIG Jap base is at Truk, some 800 miles north.

THE Germans seem to have got reinforcements to their trapped forces in the Don-Volga area west of Stalingrad.

The Russians, who had already taken two strategic hills south-west of Stalingrad, take another one to the northwest. This, the dispatches say, gives them a field of fire over at least a part of the German-held corridor into Stalingrad itself.

This corridor must be used by the Germans for either escape or reinforcement. Russian artillery COMMANDING it from heights makes both more difficult.

BLIZZARDS of increasing fierceness are reported sweeping the Russian plains. Moscow dispatches speak of snow-blanketed tanks and trucks, now often found abandoned and frozen. Pravda (Russian newspaper) reports German captives still clad in summer uniforms, with only earmuffs to protect them from the cold.

Ski troops are taking an increasing part in the fighting on both sides. Moscow says the Russian winter drive is steadily mounting.

FRONT line dispatches say a decisive battle for Bizerte and Tunis is apparently under way. One allied column is reported to be striking from Medjezel-Bab toward Tunis and another from Matruh toward Bizerte. Both are following railroads.

Your map will explain the situation. It will also tell you of the communications difficulties faced by both sides. Our communications are tremendously long. The Germans are short, but beset by many dangers.

IN some manner not disclosed in detail, the British fleet is supporting the land attack on Bizerte and Tunis. Maybe shelling the axis positions or using carrier-based planes against them. Or both.

Participation by the fleet seems to indicate that our side has air superiority. Otherwise the warships could hardly be risked so close to land.

AS showing the nature of the fighting, the Germans dropped 50 parachute troops DISGUISED AS ARABS to delay our attack on Tebourba (just west of Tunis). The dispatches report that they were quickly mopped up.

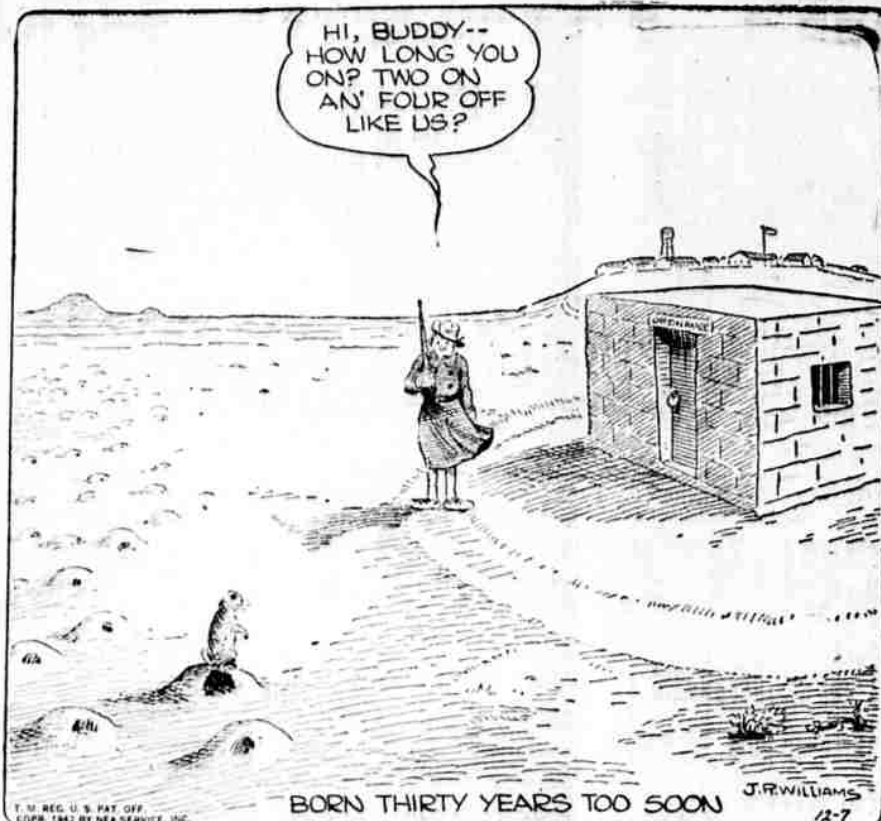
But you can imagine the rumors that will spread among the Arabs, whose friendly cooperation we need, upon hearing that men in Arab dress have been killed by the British and the Americans.

Spreading rumor poison such as this is a favorite German device.

FOUR axis merchant ships and two axis destroyers conveying them are reported to have been sunk by British naval forces in

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



the western Mediterranean. This is a part of the all-important campaign to keep reinforcements and supplies from reaching the Germans in Africa.

A lull is reported at El Aghella, where Rommel is supposed to have made a stand in the narrow defile between salt marshes and the sea. One guesses from this that his position there is too strong to be taken by storm.



At the regular monthly meeting of the Canteen corps Wednesday evening, it was decided to give a benefit soon to raise funds to assist with the filling of Douglas County's chapter quota of 500 ditty bags for the men embarking for overseas duty. Other chapters of the Red Cross are working hard on the quota assigned to each one, and of course Douglas county chapter wants to be near the top, if not at the top, of the list of those completing. So the canteen corps is endeavoring to do its part in this very worthwhile project. Be on the lookout for the date and plan to attend.

Of course, everyone attended the party given by the Motor corps group. This group has put in long hours preparing for this service and all were very glad to see them achieve their goal. The party was most successful from every angle.

The home nursing classes, that started early in the fall are now completing the course. Final examinations were conducted this week; in Roseburg seventy-four women have completed the course. The instructors are all volunteers and will teach other classes after the holidays.

The nutrition class conducted by Mrs. George E. Houck, has completed the course. Mrs. Houck has consented to teach another class right after the first of the year.

Anyone desiring to contribute towards the filling of the ditty bags (the government furnishes the material of which the bags are made and tape for the draw strings, but the contents are supplied by donations) may leave a donation at the production center, U. S. National bank building, or the Red Cross office at the courthouse. The production chairman, Mrs. Dexter Rice, is very anxious to ship a quantity of these bags before Christmas to the port of embarkation. In addition, the Society of Goodwill furnish a Bible for every filled bag that is handed to a boy when he embarks for a foreign port.

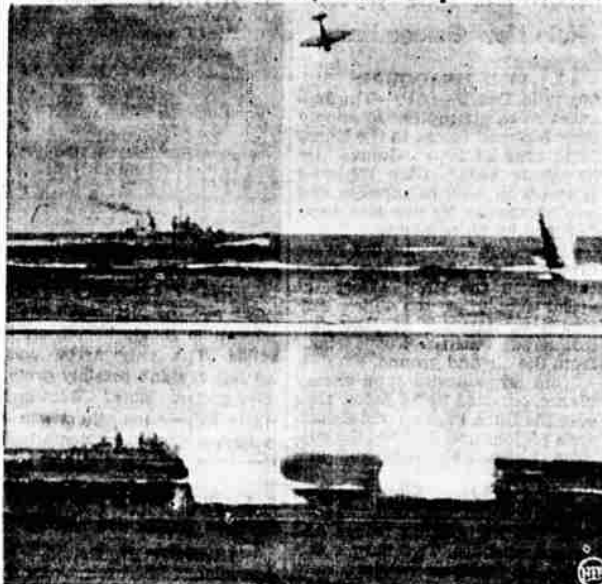
United States Merchant Marine Casualties Noted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The navy department announced that United States merchant marine casualties resulting from war action, and previously reported to next of kin, now total 2,901, of which 963 are dead and 2,438 missing.

The merchant marine casualty list No. 3, made public today, added 317 new casualties reported to next of kin between Oct. 22 and Nov. 21. Of these, 21 were reported dead and 296 missing. Twelve of these casualties have next of kin residing in foreign countries.

The list does not include the wounded, or American citizens sailing on vessels under foreign flag.

Yank 'Double Play' on Jap Bombers



This Yank "double play" Oct. 25 off the Santa Cruz Islands nipped an attempted Jap rally and resulted in a complete rout of Jap sea and air forces. Taken a split second apart, these photos show, at top, the splash of one Japanese bomber and a second one diving for the Pacific's dark waters after being shot down; at bottom are the two splashes near a U. S. cruiser as the second plane crashed. Official U. S. Navy photo.

Easier Getting of Birth Certificates Favored

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Birth certificates should be easier to get, the Oregon District Attorney's association said yesterday.

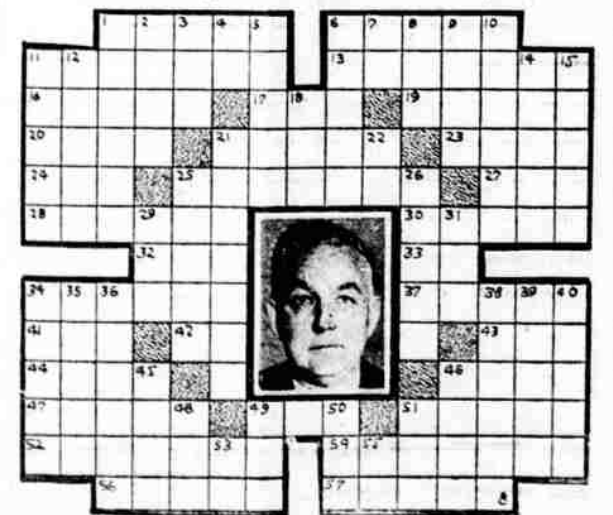
A resolution at the annual meeting advocated simplification of

the present method. Included was a proposal that the affidavit of a parent, or a qualified friend, be accepted as proof of birth in this country.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Earl Manley, of Spokane, has arrived here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Russell, and other relatives and friends.

U. S. CENSORSHIP CHAIRMAN

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1,6 Pictured director of U. S. Office of Censorship.	10 Substitution.	11 Quotas.	12 John.	13 Looks askance.	14 Subtle emanations.
17 Kitchen.	15 Lubricate.	16 Bloodsucking annelid worms.	17 Spills.	18 Malay coin.	19 Wing.
18 Of the side.	20 Lively.	21 Acts of selling.	22 Year (abbr.).	23 Roman magistrates.	24 Divide into two equal parts.
19 Follow.	21 Lively.	22 Year (abbr.).	23 Roman magistrates.	24 Divide into two equal parts.	25 French river.
20 Laymen.	22 Year (abbr.).	23 Roman magistrates.	24 Divide into two equal parts.	25 French river.	26 Pierce (dial.).
21 Weight deduction.	23 Roman magistrates.	24 Divide into two equal parts.	25 French river.	26 Pierce (dial.).	27 Upon.
22 Et cetera (abbr.).	24 Divide into two equal parts.	25 French river.	26 Pierce (dial.).	27 Upon.	28 Asiatic kingdom.
23 Vendors.	25 French river.	26 Pierce (dial.).	27 Upon.	28 Asiatic kingdom.	29 Dish.
24 Oriental lute.	26 Pierce (dial.).	27 Upon.	28 Asiatic kingdom.	29 Dish.	30 Son of Nut (Egypt).
25 Adjust.	27 Upon.	28 Asiatic kingdom.	29 Dish.	30 Son of Nut (Egypt).	31 Gila's name.
26 Labyrinths.	28 Asiatic kingdom.	29 Dish.	30 Son of Nut (Egypt).	31 Gila's name.	32 Like.
27 Sinbad's bird.	29 Dish.	30 Son of Nut (Egypt).	31 Gila's name.	32 Like.	33 Indian (var.).
28 Symbol for aluminum.	30 Son of Nut (Egypt).	31 Gila's name.	32 Like.	33 Indian (var.).	34 Early English (abbr.).
29 Cheeb.	31 Gila's name.	32 Like.	33 Indian (var.).	34 Early English (abbr.).	
30 Sloping ways.	32 Like.	33 Indian (var.).	34 Early English (abbr.).		
31 Bustle.	33 Indian (var.).	34 Early English (abbr.).			
32 Compass point.	34 Early English (abbr.).				
33 100 square meters.					
34 Covers.					



Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—William M. Jeffers, rubber director, is a railroad man and as such is keenly alive to the freight end of transportation. Out of the confusion over gasoline rationing, rubber saving and what-not which has befuddled the public Bill Jeffers has ordered (sent a directive, if you prefer) Joseph B. Eastman of office of defense transportation and Leon Henderson, the OPA man, to see that farmers have all the gasoline they require until it is determined how little they can get along with.

Along the line of the Union Pacific, from Omaha to the northwest, farmers have been hauling their commodities to the railroad station. The farm truck unloaded its sacks or milk cans or feed for cattle that were being shipped to market. This is the stuff that pays for the maintenance of a railroad, pays Bill Jeffers' salary, pays dividends to stockholders. The farm truck is the backbone of every railroad entering the northwest, and not just the Union Pacific. Being realistic and practical minded, Jeffers wishes to extend every help he can to the farmers. "Even if you and I have to walk, give the farmer all the gasoline he needs," says the director of rubber.

It may require a little while before this instruction percolates down to the officials who are fixing up the "certificates of war necessity" for the farmers but Jeffers, when he says a thing, means it. The bright young men in OPA have decided that four gallons a week will provide 60 miles, based on the belief that every car can get 15 miles to the gallon (now talk of cutting this to three gallons, 45 miles), which is not a fact. In Washington, Oregon and Idaho there are stretches where filling stations are more than 60 miles apart; on one arterial highway there is a stretch of 75 miles to the next service pump, or was until two months ago. Mr. Henderson's "experts" on what gasoline is, adequate for farmers, commercial trucks and passenger cars have no knowledge of distances in the far west and southwest. They are the same fellows who balled up sugar rationing when the country had an ample supply.

"Lion" Revealed As Rat From Vancouver, B. C., to Los Angeles a few years ago a communist agent of the OGPU dropped revolutionary literature on ships in harbors of Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria, Portland, Coos Bay and San Francisco. He wound up by almost killing a merchant in Los Angeles who had been marked for elimination by the OGPU. After three years in San Quentin he was paroled. Later he bobbed up as the agent of the German Gestapo, prowled around the United States. Then he wrote a book, "Out of the Night," in which he confessed his connections and operations.

His name is Richard Krebs, but for literary purposes he called himself Jan Valtin, which was as near as he could come to Jean Valjean, famed character of Victor Hugo. Newspapers published the book and Krebs went on a lecture tour. Despite his background, "liberal minded" men and women made a lion of him and California's Governor Olson granted him a pardon. He was quite a fellow in Washington, D. C., for a time and among those asking for his pardon were many persons close to the federal administration. West coast police officers knew him as a liar. He is an enemy alien and has now been picked up and ordered deported to his native Germany. There are some red faces among his admirers.

More For Milk Asked With milk becoming scarcer as cows are disposed of for lack of dairy hands the dairymen clinging to their herds are asking for an increase in the price of fluid milk. (Lane county, Ore., has lost 10 per cent of its cows). In this situation OPA states that the regional representative has full authority to adjust prices regardless of any milk shed regulations in his region.

U. S. Buying Gold While gold mining has been prohibited in the west, mining machinery is being shipped to south Africa, where gold mining is continuing despite the war. Principal market for the south African gold is the United States treasury, which buys the yellow metal and then buries it in the ground.

Baptist Leader Dates Bible Conference Here

Dr. Ralph Walker, pastor of the White Temple of Portland, Oregon, and first vice president of the Northern Baptist convention, will conduct a five-day Bible conference Monday through Friday, Dec. 7, to 11 at 7:30 p. m., at the First Baptist church in Roseburg.

The theme of the conference will be "Christian Encouragement for Days of Stress." Dr.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Tracer bullets, generally used in night combat, enable the gun operator to note the accuracy of fire, since course of the bullet may be followed to the target. This is important in air combat, especially.



Cost of these bullets, of course, varies with the caliber, but 1,000 rounds of .50-caliber machine gun tracer bullets cost in the neighborhood of \$250. Your purchase of War Bonds and War Stamps will help pay for the millions of rounds of ammunition needed for tracer bullets. Invest AT LEAST TEN PERCENT of income in War Bonds every payday. Buy them from your bank, postoffice, radio station, and other outlets. U. S. Treasury Department

Walker was formerly pastor of the Temple Baptist church in Los Angeles, largest Baptist church on the coast. Before that he was pastor of the Euclid avenue Baptist church in Cleveland where the late John D. Rockefeller's topic will be as follows: Monday night, "God's bouquet of Sweet Peas"; Tuesday night, "The Golden Text of the Scripture"; Wednesday night, "Life's Deepest Meaning"; Thursday night, "The Fundamentals of Faith"; and Friday "The Unchanging Challenge."

Armstrong Beats Jenkins by TKO

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, the colored boxer from Los Angeles who once held three titles and is now trying to win back one of them, knocked ex-Light Weight Champion Lewis Jenkins out of his way last night and gained more yardage on the comeback trail.

Henry punched the Sweetwater, Tex., boy to the canvas eight times before Referee Tom Louit stopped the one-sided fray and awarded Armstrong a technical knockout.

Armstrong, forcing the fight with mechanical persistence, bloodied Jenkins' face with a succession of left hooks in the first four rounds, and knocked him down twice—once through the ropes—in the fifth.

The same snapping left was good for two more knockdowns in the sixth but the seventh was the spectacular round. Armstrong put Lew down for nine three times.

The third time it looked as though the Texan intended to stay down but changed his mind at the last moment, leaped up and into Henry with fury and energy.

He gave Armstrong a pretty good going over for the last 30 seconds but the negro came out in the eighth with the same old deadly attack and knocked Lew down for another toll of nine.

Lew got up but the referee led him to his corner.

Jenkins, severely cut about the face and bleeding profusely, was as unable to cope with Armstrong's crowding style as in a previous battle with the negro, which Armstrong won by a knockout in six rounds.

Jenkins entered the ring at 143 pounds. Armstrong at 141.

Other Results Irving "Powder" Proctor won the semi-final bout from Lefty Abbott of Bellingham by technical knockout. Proctor, Portland negro, put Abbot down for a nine count in the fourth and Abbott was unable to answer the bell for the fifth. Abbott weighed 161 and Proctor 162.

Joe Keyes of Houston, Tex., 152, a sparring partner of Jenkins', stopped John Kobell, 161, Salem, in two rounds.

Joe Kohut, 167, Woodburn, Ore., won from Dick Byrd, 162, Fort Canby, by technical knockout in the third.

Sgt. Leo McCormick, Portland, drew in the fourth round opener, 147, and Pvt. Orville Teeter, 149, opener.

Cornell Awards Degree To Frank Lilburn Wells

Cornell university has awarded the degree of Master of Chemical Engineering to Frank Lilburn Wells, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee A. Wells of Roseburg, according to an announcement received today from Edmund E. Day, president of the university. Degrees, both baccalaureate and advanced were conferred at the close of the fall term on 243 other students, it is reported.

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

5:00—American Eagle Club.
5:30—This Is the Hour.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:50—Coppo News.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
7:15—Saturday Night Bandwagon.
7:45—Hal Grayson's Orchestra.
8:00—Halls of Montezuma.
8:30—Johnny Messner's Orchestra.
8:45—Blue Barron's Orchestra.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Hal Grayson's Orchestra.
9:30—Jan Garber's Orchestra.
10:00—News Bulletins.
10:02—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00—Wesley Radio League.
8:30—Mutual's Radio Chapel.
9:00—Detroit Bible Class.
9:30—The Chaplain Speaks, Reverend Perry Smith.
9:45—Songs for Sunday.
10:00—Alka Seltzer.
10:15—Romance of the Hiways, Greyhound Bus Lines.
10:30—Canary Chorus.
11:00—Baptist Church Services.
12:00—Candle Tabernacle, People's Church Inc.
12:30—Hancock Ensemble.
1:00—Lutheran Hour.
1:30—Young People's Church of the Air.
2:00—Song Spinners.
2:15—Office of War Information.
2:30—The Shadow.
3:00—First Nighter, Campana Sales.
3:30—Anchors Aweigh.
4:00—Nobody's Children.
4:30—The Angelus Hour, Douglas Funeral Home.
5:00—The Legion Salutes the Navy.
5:45—Evening Melodies.
6:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
7:00—John B. Hughes.
7:15—Rabbi Magnin.
7:30—This Is Our Enemy.
8:00—Hawaii Calls.
8:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Voice of Prophecy.
9:45—Sign Off.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:45—Eye Opener.
7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Happy Johnny, Block Drug Co.
7:30—News Bulletins.
7:33—State & Local News, Boring Optical.
7:40—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning".
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club, Menhollatium.
8:30—Yankee House Party.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:45—Pipe Organ Music.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Shopper's Guide.
10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.
10:35—Interlude.
10:45—United Churchwomen.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Wheel of Fortune.
12:00—Interlude.
12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.
12:15—Interlude.
12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
12:25—Rhythm at Random.
12:45—State News, Hanscn Motors.
12:50—News Review of the Air.
1:05—Musical Interlude.
1:15—Opening of Season's Club in Philadelphia.
1:30—Theme and Variations.
1:45—Let's Dance.
2:00—The Battle Ship Oregon Scraping Ceremonies.
2:30—Gene Krupa's Orchestra.
2:45—Don Lee Newsreel Theatre.
3:00—The Dream House of Melody, Copco.
3:30—Mutual's Overseas Reporters.
3:45—Jimmy Dorsey's Orchestra.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Treasury Star Parade featuring Edwin C. Hill in "Remember December 7th".
4:30—Mystery Hall.
5:00—Office of War Information.
5:15—Johnson Family.
5:30—Bulldog Drummond.
6:00—Musical Interlude.
6:20—Coppo News.
6:25—Interlude.
6:30—Curtain America, Teamster's Council.
7:00—Raymond Clapper.
7:15—Owl.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Eyes Aloft.
8:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Smiling Ed McConnell, McKean & Carstens.
9:30—John B. Hughes, Studebaker.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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Guid to Meet—A meeting of St. George's Episcopal guild has been announced for Monday afternoon at two-thirty, to be held at the home of Mrs. G. C. Finlay on South Main street. Mrs. H. H. Turner, president, has asked all members to attend.