

Legless Veteran Contends Life Has Been "Good" to Him

CARROLL, Ia.—(AP)—The war didn't leave Ralph Neppel a leg of his own to stand on, but he has less bitterness than any ex-soldier I ever met.

He is a tanned, stocky farm youth who lost both legs in a battle action in Germany that won him the nation's highest hero award—the Congressional Medal of Honor—and he thinks life has been good to him.

"People treat me okay," he said. "I have nothing to feel sorry for. But I do feel a little funny sometimes—because I got so much better a break than a lot of other fellows who came back."

The people of Iowa contributed \$16,000 to start him off again in civilian life with a home of his own and a nestegg. Uncle Sam gave him a new pair of legs, a car and a pension. He married his childhood sweetheart, Jean, and they have a plump, brown-eyed daughter eight months old.

He studiously has refused to let the fact he is an amputee affect his mental outlook. When he first paid of artificial legs, he said:

"I just want to see the look on the face of the first dog that bites me."

He pasted a beer label on each leg and told friends with a grin: "The company pays me a quarter a day to advertise their beer."

Now he can walk as much as five blocks without using a cane or halting to rest. He works part-time selling electrical appliances and driving a tractor on his mother's farm. He wants most of all to get a job delivering rural mail.

"I've wanted to do that all my life," he said. "Ever since I was a small boy on a farm. There's an exam coming up soon, but I'll probably be thirty to forty other veterans apply, too. If I don't make it—well, I'll just try something else."

He likes to mow the lawn, and do other home chores—he even helps with the wash—to keep down his weight, which has climbed twenty-five pounds since his return from hospitals where he underwent seven operations.

"He's real handy around the house," said his wife. They still like to dance but Ralph said he

had given up jitterbugging. Not because of his artificial underpinning—that doesn't stop him.

Getting Too Old
"I'm just getting too old for that kind of thing," he said gravely. "I'll be 24 this Halloween."

His mind rarely goes back now to that day in December, 1944, near Bergel, Germany, when, both legs blown off by a tank shell, he dragged himself back to his machine gun, killed twenty attacking German infantrymen and routed a Nazi tank.

"Once in a while I have a dream," he said. "and I get a ringing in my ears like someone rang a bell near me—but that's all."

I asked him what it was—training, blind anger or instinct?—that had made him crawl back to his machine gun and keep on fighting on that wintry battlefield that already seems so long ago and far away. The question bothered him.

"None of those, he said slowly. "Did you ever back out of a driveway and see a car coming down the street and know you were going to hit but for some reason you still kept on backing out? I guess that is what it was like most."

If they ever pass out awards in peacetime, Ralph will rate another medal of honor. For his real heroism didn't end on the battlefield. It began the moment they carried him off on the stretcher.

Britain Needs Immediate Aid Cripps Asserts

LONDON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps told a news conference today that Britain would "be driven" to slash deeper on dollar expenditure unless new dollar aid for Britain and the rest of Europe came "within the quite near future."

Cripps addressed reporters for the first time since his appointment to the new post of minister for economic affairs.

He said more cutting of expenditures would start a process which "unless rapidly arrested, would lead on to a gradual economic strangulation."

"We have already begun to dip into our reserve of gold and dollars to finance which is none too big and which serves the whole sterling area," he recalled, with an apparent reference to Britain's recently announced sale of \$80,000,000 worth of gold to the United States.

Sir Stafford predicted Britain would skid along "a descending spiral of depression" which eventually would extend to other countries if further sharp cuts in dollar buying had to be made.

In cutting dollar imports, he said, "we would probably have to begin with food and tobacco, but it is unlikely that our raw material imports could be exempt." He said the cutting of food resources beyond a certain point "would mean a falling off in our total production" with a resulting further reduction in Britain's trade balance.

"The blow would fall with particular weight on Europe, whose economic recovery and political stability are linked so closely

And He's All Mine



King of the Plains Ryan doesn't know what to make of it as 11-year-old Barbara Ryan clings to her dream gift at Elmhurst, Ill. King of the Plains was one of a string of saddle horses given away by Maynard Dowell. He received 17,000 replies to an advertisement requesting homes for the steeds, gave them to persons able to take care of them, including some physically-handicapped people whose rehabilitation would be assisted.

with our own," he asserted.

Britain, living with present ration levels at near the lowest point reached in wartime, already has slashed American movie and tobacco imports through heavy taxes, and cut down sharply on several other dollar items, including some varieties of food. The daily diet, however, averages about 2,500 calories.

Sir Stafford said that even though sharp reduction in imports and a swift increase in production for export might eventually balance Britain's trade accounts, "this would still leave us saddled with the dollar deficit problem as dealt with by the Paris report."

Limestone Deposits Are Discovered in Alaska

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Large limestone deposits have been indicated at Alaska's Edna Bay in exploratory drilling by Alcoa Mining Company, the firm reported today.

The company announced it would not begin mining immediately because of transportation and mining costs, but that it hopes eventually to develop the resource in connection with other mining plans.

Exploration of laterite deposits in northwest Oregon will continue.

Polish Patriot to be Honored for Aid to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today designated Oct. 11 as General Pulaski Memorial Day in honor of the Polish patriot who lost his life fighting for American independence in the Revolutionary War.

In a proclamation, Mr. Truman invited the people of the nation to observe the day in civic ceremonies, and directed that the American flag be flown from all government buildings.

Many total eclipses of the sun occur in ocean or polar areas inaccessible for scientific study.

Thumbnail Portrait of Iowa, The Tall Corn State

By HAL BOYLE

DES MOINES, Ia.—(AP)—"What's Iowa like?"

I asked this of Gordon Gammack, wartime buddy of Ernie Pyle and at present columnist and radio commentator for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

Here's a thumbnail portrait of the tall corn state in "Gam's" anecdotes:

Iowa farmers are thrifty: One listed \$1.50 depreciation on a \$6 fountain pen in filing his income tax report. . . they know what they want. . . One rejected a hotel room with bath because "I don't want folks runnin' in and out all night." . . Another answered city dweller's complaints on the high price of butter by figuring out it took 2,500 squirts from a cow to make a pound. . .

Iowans are independent: A judge offered to suspend a \$300 fine for drunken driving. "No," said the defendant. "I'd rather pay. I don't want anything hanging over my head."

The big league pitcher, Bob Feller, was halted by Highway Patrolman Napoleon Bonaparte Wilson for speeding. "I'm Feller, Cleveland Indians," said Bob. Wilson, Highway Patrol. "Feller got the ticket. . . The speaker of the House of Representatives, farmer Gus Kuester, refused to wear a tux to the governor's inaugural, explaining: "Never wore one of the durn things before and ain't startin' now."

Iowans are folksy: Whacking away at burning timbers atop a building, a city fireman called down to a passing friend: "Hey, Joe, run over to the fire station, will you, and turn out the fire under the grates." . . A bus driver rolling down the street on which he lived, stopped, got out, thrashed his little son for playing in the street—then resumed his trip. . .

Seeking a record of his birth thirty-five years before, a man went to a doctor in a small Iowa town. The doc fumbled through his files, came up with a certificate and added: "Never got paid for that one. Twenty-five dollars still due. Want to pay it?" The man paid. . . When Ernie Zeig, a hotel manager, run for mayor of Newton, the washing machine town, he had the six in his coffee shop cut in six pieces instead of eight. He got elected.

Iowans aren't all consistent: The hero of a fire at the state penitentiary was a man serving twenty years for arson. . . During a religious census one man scribbled on the question sheet: "I'm an atheist, thank God." . . On the other hand, some Iowans are consistent: The governor is Robert D. Blue—and he uses blue stationery. . . and a preacher learned that some word he'd sold was to be used for a baseball park. . .

Iowans are poetic: A high school boy sent his best girl a cheese on Valentine's Day with this note: "This cheese may be strong, but not as strong as my love for you."

Some Iowa economic trends: A grocer extended a self-service pushcart to a customer. "Don't need one," said the customer. "Only got \$3." . . A father bought a fountain pen as a gra-

duation present for his son. "Going to surprise him?" inquired the clerk. "I'll say," declared the father. "He thinks he's going to get a convertible." . . A religious zealot delivering a private sermon to a grocer held up a long line of customers. This fellow's trying to sell me Heaven," apologized the grocer to the waiting women. "Take it," snapped a peppy little grandmother. "It's cheaper than anything you've got."

That's Iowa.

School fires occur at the rate of more than five a day in the United States and Canada.

Tea is an evergreen bush of the camellia family.



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Sutherland Youths Fined For Game Law Violations

Three Sutherland youths paid fines in the Sutherland Justice Court this week on game violations. Sgt. Lyle Harrell of the state police reported. Jesse Ewing Powell paid a \$100 fine, and Robert Ted Jones and Theodore William Powell each paid \$75 fines. All pleaded guilty to possession of untaged deer, Harrell said.

The three were arrested in a state police road block on the Sutherland-Elkton road Sunday, Harrell reported. They had been hunting in the Umpqua district. Justice of the Peace Ward C. Watson ordered the deer carcasses confiscated and turned over to the Douglas County Home at Roseburg.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Will Entertain District Heads

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will entertain the Deputy President and officers at a district meeting to be held Fri-

day night, October 10, at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall, District President, Dorothy Teater, will preside. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

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Duncan	9	1	90
West Jewellers	8	2	80
Riverside	7	3	70
Coca Cola	6	4	60
Active Club	5	5	50
Galesburg Station	4	6	40
Huddleston's Shoes	3	7	30
Sig Fette	2	8	20

GAMES OCT. 6-MONDAY NIGHT			
Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Hudson	10	0	100
Duncan	9	1	90
West Jewellers	8	2	80
Riverside	7	3	70
Coca Cola	6	4	60
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Galesburg Station	4	6	40
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WEST BROS. JEWELERS			
Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Hudson	10	0	100
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RIVERSIDE TIMES			
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ACTIVE CLUB			
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HUDSON DUNCAN			
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COCA COLA			
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HUDDLESTON'S SHOE STORE			
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