

Eugene Writer Makes Home In Hedgerow

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FREED FRANCE (Special)—
Even as I sit here in my hedge-
row pup tent trying to learn how
to say "chestnut" and eating



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them, too, they're falling on the
"roof" to remind me it is indeed
autumn.

This hedgerow has been my
home abroad for some weeks
now. When I came I dug in a
couple of feet, just in case, as
there were still the bothersome
type of Germans in France. Since
I soon learned the most danger-
ous threats to my comfort were
flying French yellow jackets and
the tempting trees of green ap-
ples, the most this hole has meant
to me is extra warmth. Rains
have come now, though, the bees
have gone to the Riviera for the
winter, and all the apples have
reddened and been carted to the
mill for cider . . . except the
pyramided piles of them lying in
the orchards and farm yards.

Blackberries which provided me
with wild fruit to make refresh-
ments at late evening soirees have
gone with the summer. Now it's
the chestnut trees when we are
hungry. Also from the hedgerow
I have holly, heavily beaded with
red berries, around the inner edge
of my tent. It also runs up the
front hole and is just like Oregon
holly except it grows wild here,
as does the ivy.

Thought I might just as well
fix up for Christmas the other
day when I winter-proofed my
card-boarded home in the hole.
Very out of place in my hedge-
row of oak and hazel and chest-
nut, are some little blue violets,
French violets, the same blue as
that in the sky. Maybe they
know the Gestapo has gone, even
though winter is yet to come?

Autumn has softened the green
of our French landscape by il-
luminating it with a lamp yel-
low. Poplars, cool as juleps, have
been frosted to become sentinels
of candle flame. They march
down these little French valleys,
leading the way to anywhere.
France might suffer as much loss
of beauty by banishing the pop-
lar as if the cathedrals were
smashed. There is no greater
charm given a European land-

scape than that of these majes-
tic leafy spires.

Farmers Happier

France's farmers are happier
this autumn as they stuff their
attics with eating apples and their
cellars with creamy Camembert
cheeses and sweet cider. The op-
pressors have gone and the farm-
ers know that soon they will have,
besides their "liberty, equality
and fraternity" such sundries as
electricity, gasoline, sugar, cof-
fee, and rubber. In most any
French farmyard this autumn
are a few Yank soldiers to try
out their two-bit French voca-
bularies or to buy a canteen of
cider, a few apples, or maybe to
get some motherly madam to
wash a uniform. There might
even be a rosy-cheeked milkmaid
who'll need help with her chores.
Even though she doesn't have
stockings and wears wooden
shoes the boys like the bells in
her strange sentences. Her name
is usually some form of Jeanne,
maybe Joan or Jeannine, or Co-
lette, Marinette, Yvonne or Gene-
vieve.

Goes Out To Milk

As Jeanne goes to milk she
only steps out in the front yard,
often into another door of the
same building in which she lives.
But usually it is another build-
ing very near the house. With
a few outhouses the farm group
always forms a courtyard which
is used both as a farmyard and
front yard. The farm buildings
are of stone and usually one
story plastered over. Sometimes
the front is painted but usually
it is not. The sagging roof is
of some kind of baked tile though
they look like crude shakes. In
a corner of the yard, between
the rabbit hutch and the silo-
like tanning chamber with a
thatched roof, is a pool of dirty
water for the water fowl. Right
next to some dahlias, geraniums
and marigolds is a steaming ma-
nure pile, maybe 30 feet from
the kitchen door, which is al-
ways divided in half. Remains of
butchered beef are thrown with
garbage into another corner. Be-
sides Jeanne, the only neat thing
in the yard is the very trim grape
vine or rambler rose which
strings across the front of the
house.

Neat Inside House

Inside the house everything is
neat and clean, but by American
standards Jeanne and her folks
live with the barest of necessities.
There may only be one large
room in which, besides the beds,
there is a bare table and six or
eight wooden chairs, pioneer-
plain. The only light at night
comes from the big fireplace.
Cooking is done over fires from
little pine twigs from the woods.
Two or three more pieces of fur-
niture complete the room. Maybe
there will be a war map on the
wall over the bin which holds
the all-important French bread—
in loaves three feet long. Too
often all the farmers eat for sup-
per is chunks of that bread float-
ing in milk 20 minutes from the
cow.

I'm hoping that after the war,
when Jeanne's brothers come
home from the German concen-
tration camps, these French farm-
ers will have more than their
ideals and electricity. They de-
serve more with victory. These
French farm people are great!

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RETURNS—K. Osada (above),
Sacramento, Calif., real estate
operator believed to be the first
foreign-born Japanese to return
to California since "relocation" of
West Coast Japanese. Osada is
married to a Caucasian woman
who operated his business during
his absence and, because of her
illness, he was allowed to return.

OPA Moves To Obtain More Children's Shoes

The problem of existing short-
ages in stocks of children's shoes
in the west coast area will be
taken up by national OPA ration-
ing officials with the office of
civilian requirements in an at-
tempt to obtain better distribu-
tion, Glen Fox, district OPA shoe
rationing representative, reported
on his return from a Seattle
meeting where shoe rationing
problems were discussed.

"Officials from Washington, D.
C., who attended the meeting be-
lieve the supply situation so far
as children's shoes are concerned
is more acute than in the coun-
try as a whole," Fox said.

While production of children's
shoes is at an all-time high, there
is also a much greater demand
in this area due to the large in-
flux of newcomers during the
past few years, and the higher
birth rate in the country as a
whole.
Fox reported that the OPA
plans to "re-emphasize" the ser-
iousness of the local situation
with the office of civilian require-
ments. He said indications are
there will have to be a definite
trend toward greater production
than now exists before shoe
rationing can be relaxed, and
in the immediate future shoe
supplies will continue to be
limited.

Warden Gets Movies Of Bird Eating Bird

AUSTIN, Tex. — (U.P.)—State
Game Warden T. T. Waddell has
an answer to the question: "Do
birds eat birds?"
Furthermore, he has pictorial
proof.

While patrolling Lower Lake in
Colorado county, Waddell noticed
a black crown night heron near
the shore line.

The heron took a little blue
heron, about 10 days old and
swallowed it head first.
The next day the same heron
took another little blue heron
about the size of a large man's
fist, flew to a low willow branch
and held the youngster under
water until it drowned. Then
the larger bird swallowed the
smaller, head first.

Waddell recorded both in-
stances on movie film.

Othman Pilot B-29, Doesn't Leave Ground

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
ABOARD A B-29, BUT NOT
DRAT IT, OVER TOKYO—(U.P.)—
Well, I can dream, can't I?

This particular Superfortress is
parked at the Washington, D.C.,
airport in the belief that the sight
of it will inspire federal workers
to buy more war bonds. Me, I'm
wandering around inside of it—
the length of two freight cars—
feeling flabbergasted.

I never saw so much machinery,
mostly aluminum, in my life; the
man said this airplane contained
135 separate electric motors to
make flying mostly a button-push-
ing operation.

So all right. There I was in the
pilot's seat and I must report it
was comfortable. But boy! Look-
ing at the stuff in front of you—
the dials, buttons, levers and wid-
gets—is enough to give you a head-
ache. I started to count 'em, but
gave up at number 108.

Behind this compartment is the
place for bombs, called by the
army a bay. This bay really is two
bays, lined with cables, tubes,
pipes and gizmos. In the middle is
a kind of shelving arrangement
(designed to collapse in a hurry)
bearing the label, so help me, of
one of the biggest ice box makers
in America. These shelves busi-
nesses carry 10 tons of bombs—
and did you ever see 10 tons of
bombs?

The army lined 'em up on the
parking lot, row after row of 500-
pounders painted the color of a
sunburned Jap. This airplane also
carries a dozen or so 50-calibre
machine guns and 20-millimeter
cannon.

There are seats inside this air-
plane for the crewmen, stuck here
and there among the machinery,
plus a number of what are known
as blisters. They look like blisters,
too—big round plastic windows
containing gun-sighting machinery,
which may or may not be secret.

I'll call it secret. I never did see
such a small package containing
so many metal curlicues, nor so
many warning signs: Do not use
wrench.

French Wine Cellars Reveal German Food

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (U.P.)—
Those old French wine cellars
hold more than wine. Yank quar-
termaster soldiers discovered up-
Mars la Pile, in Northern France,
on entering the town of Cinq
American soldiers discovered
an unbelievable amount of Ger-
man subsistence supplies stored in
the series of wine cellar tun-
nels under the town, officials of
the Kansas City Quartermaster
depot reported.

A rough inventory begun short-
ly after occupation revealed that
nearly a million pounds of
canned meats, including beef,
pork, sausages, hams, sardines,
tuna and several stew combina-
tions, were neatly stacked in
branch tunnels. Nearly 7,000
cases of canned milk, more than
75,000 pounds of dehydrated po-
tatoes shaved like chips; 4,000
large cans of "kraut"; thousands
of cases of assorted canned fruits
and vegetables, and even a large
quantity of ginger ale also were
found.

Dr. Warren D. Smith Has Talks Scheduled

Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of
the geology and geography de-
partment at the University of
Oregon will make several talks to
civic and other groups this week.
Wednesday evening he will give
an illustrated lecture on the
Philippines to members of the
Officer's Wives club at their din-
ner at the Eugene hotel. Many
of the slides which will be shown
are in color and a number of
them are pictures that are no
longer available.

Wednesday noon he will talk
before the Lions club of Eugene
on the scientific work going on
in Washington now.

Thursday he will address the
Rotary club of Corvallis giving
them a picture of the Philippine
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and other conditions our soldiers
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