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CONCENTRATING ON JAPAN

In the last week we have been literally deluged with questions, all phrasings of one question—how long will it take to beat the Japs? Perhaps we should admit that we don't know, but it would be quite unfair to drop it at that point.

All these things, however, do not end the war; they merely make it possible to end the war by eventually overwhelming the enemy. This is the method which we must count on.

Now it may be assumed that the Japs know all this as well as we do. They also know and have known for months that the only possible way in which they might hope to wangle terms which would save something for them out of the wreckage

There will be little chance of establishing this nuisance value, or of enhancing it, after allied European front forces are brought into action on the Pacific. The Japs know this, too.

Bend Veteran of Bulge Battle Describes Crossing of Rhine

Pfc. Melville D. Sexton, veteran of Europe's grim Battle of the Bulge fought in the snows of last December, agrees that Germany's Rhine is a mighty broad river, and he has indicated, the stream that Hitler once considered an impassable barrier looms even more expansive than it really is when it is illuminated by the flash of guns.

Preliminary to the crossing reports the young Bend soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sexton, machine guns raked the opposite banks for a period of several hours. Suddenly the machine gun fire ended, and the earth shook with the roar of massed artillery.

But, so far as Melville is concerned, the Rhine crossing was just an incident in the sweep of the Yanks into Germany. His most vivid memories of the battle for Germany centered around the Belgian bulge, with the earth covered by deep snow.

Melville comes home without a purple heart, and for that he is thankful. In the fierce fighting, bullets ripped through the sole of his shoe, tore his shirt, damaged the radio outfit he carried, and otherwise made life uncomfortable.

When Melville started his long trip home, just prior to the end of the war in Europe, his outfit was near Dortmund, in the Ruhr basin. He served in several different armies, but was originally attached to the Ninth.

Melville is home on 45 days temporary duty, at his home address in Bend. His time home is not even to count in his regular furlough time. Unless orders are changed, he is to rejoin his outfit in Europe.

A graduate from the Bend high school with the class of 1942, Melville is now a member of the Bend Abstract Co.

He Makes a Solitude, and Calls It—Peace—Byron



THE AMERICAN HOUSE By Virginia Chase

Early in April we still owed the bank \$150. Our business had been picking up with spring, but the money had gone out as fast as it had come in.

My father worked very hard and even sent out monthly bills. My mother's smile grew more and more determined. Though they were very polite and very kind to each other, we sensed for the first time in our lives a barrier between them.

One day she noticed that the inkwell had disappeared from the desk in the office. At first she thought that one of us girls had taken it and neglected to put it back.

After that she gave up prodding Mr. Cutter and herself took over the work of the office, sweeping, dusting, winding the clock.

My mother never acknowledged this odor. All houses smelled of kerosene, she said, and would smell of it, too, just as long as there were lamps. But every now and then we would catch her sniffing.

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first at night on May 18th, when it would pass the sun's disk. Munsey's assured us that there was not one chance in a million that any one of us would live to see this happen again.

Mrs. America Meets the War

Here's some news about sugar—but it's not very sweet news. Sugar stamp 36, which became good May 1, will have to last until the first of September.

During May, all meats are rationed, except mutton. Point values were restored April 29 to utility lamb and veal and to less popular cuts which have been point free, so that increases on point values on the more desirable cuts could be kept to a minimum.

Count your red points carefully, Mrs. America! In addition to point value increases on some meats, you'll have to give up more of your precious red points for margarine this month—twelve points instead of eight per pound.

There are only a few changes in the point values of processed foods. Point values are lower on canned snap beans, tomato catsup, chili sauce and apricots.

The magazines, too, had a lot of comet talk. The scientific ones told us that Halley's cycle was approximately 75 years. It would be visible to the naked eye around May 10th in the east, two hours before sunrise. We could see it

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size only, will require fewer blue points. The only other change is a higher point value on grape juice, increased 10 points to 30 for the pint size and 20 points to 50 for the quart size.

A new shoe ration stamp will become good on August 1—for one pair of shoes per ration book holder. Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3, in war ration book three, will continue to be good indefinitely.



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LARD LEARNED HIS LESSON. HE HAS GIVEN UP ALL HIS MUSICAL AMBITIONS AND IS TRYING TO PICK UP HIS ROMANCE WITH HILDA WHERE IT LEFT OFF!

WHERE'S HILDA, MR. GRUBBLE? SHE SAID IF YOU CAME, TO TELL YOU SHE'S AT A DINNER-DANCE IN KINGSTON!

WHO IS SHE WITH? SHE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT A MAJOR FROM THE ARMY AIR FIELD!

IF YOU TELL LARD I'M HERE, I'LL TELL PAPA WHO PUT THE FROG IN THE BATHTUB! WOMEN AIN'T HUMAN!