



Girl 'Chutist Against Nazis Finds Happiness in GI Marriage

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 7 (AP)—Nine years isn't a long time and 4,000 miles isn't a long way, but the combination represents a lifetime to Mrs. Toni Showe.

The Czech war bride was born in Prague 23 years ago. Her family took her to Poland when she was a year old.

When Toni was 11, the German army followed dive bombers into Poland from the west. The Russians invaded from the east. Toni and her family became "Russians."

Her father disappeared shortly when the Russians took him to a work camp. Russia and the Nazis were allies then and Toni's father was an outspoken anti-Nazi. He was released when Hitler tore up his "non-aggression" pact with Russia.

When she was 14, Toni and her 17-year-old brother joined a sabotage and espionage group behind the Russian lines. There were few members in the underground and for those few, there was no rest. The Nazi war machine rolled across Europe in two directions.

Toni was assigned to a group of 60 who flew over the German lines at night. One by one, they parachuted and scattered for individual missions. After three days of spying and destroying Nazi war equipment, those who could escape met at a pre-arranged rendezvous and were flown back to the underground headquarters.

The plucky youngster and her brother made 81 successful missions together. On the 82nd, Toni's luck ran out.

Her parachute dumped her roughly to the ground and she broke a leg. Limping along the road, she was accosted by a drunken German soldier who demanded that she state her business.

She had a set of memorized "stock" answers to questions and the soldier dismissed her. For a moment, she thought she was safe, but before she realized what had happened an SS man and two dogs confronted her.

One of the dogs jumped at her. Having no other recourse, she shot it. She was arrested as a spy and the SS man put a bullet into her good leg.

The next four years were spent in the squalor and filth of Nazi death camps. Often for months on end, she saw no light but the dim incandescent bulbs of her hut.

Finally the tide of war turned and sovereign German territory got smaller and smaller. Toni was moved from one camp to another as conquering American armies swept across the German plains. When she reached a camp near Leipzig, she was freed.

One of her liberators was Pfc. John Showe of Johnstown, and a friendship grew up between them. Showe was returned to the United States and discharged, but he re-enlisted and returned to Germany. He found Toni in Frankfurt. In November, 1946, they were married.

Four months later, they moved to Johnstown.

Mrs. Showe hasn't seen her family since the concentration camps. They were swallowed up, as were millions of families, by war and the aftermath of it.

Silver Shirter Pelley Paroled

Washington, Feb. 7 (AP)—William Dudley Pelley, 60-year-old Silver Shirt leader, Monday was granted a parole after serving almost half of a 15-year federal prison sentence for wartime sedition.



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Pelley was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a federal court at Indianapolis, Ind., August 12, 1942.

His parole becomes effective February 14. He has been serving his sentence at the Terre Haute, Ind., penitentiary.

Pelley, claiming that the activities for which he was convicted were a fight against communism, sought twice in recent years to gain his freedom through writs of habeas corpus. He had been eligible for parole since August 11, 1947.

The government's case was based upon articles in the magazine "Galleani" which Pelley published.

Through the magazine and pamphlets, the government charged, Pelley made false statements intended to interfere with the success of United States military and naval forces and to promote the success of Germany and its allies.

Delayed Installation Calls Lodge Officers Independence—The Willamette Valley Association of Matrons and Patrons will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, in the Masonic hall at Corvallis, when the 1950 officers will be installed. St. Mary's Chapter, No. 9, will be the hosts. The meeting, originally scheduled for January 12, was postponed because of bad weather. The new 1950 year books will be given out.

The United States has nearly 7,000 ice-manufacturing plants. (Advertisement) HUSBAND FEELS GOOD NOW WITHOUT HARSH LAXATIVES

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But Minton said "the obvious purpose of the legislation under consideration was to prevent the channels of interstate commerce from being used to disseminate any matter that, in its essential nature, communicates obscene, lewd, lascivious or filthy ideas."

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Firemen Fight Lebanon Blaze

Lebanon, Feb. 7 — Firemen fought for an hour Monday evening to control a fire which partially destroyed a business building that was occupied by three firms.

The building, at Maple and Main, housed the Union Oil office, Billy's Welding shop and the Stevenson Fuel company.

Mrs. Victor Carlson, wife of the operator of the oil company, discovered the fire and turned in the alarm. Firemen were able to prevent the blaze from spreading.

Elmer Fitzgerald, fire chief, is holding an investigation today in an attempt to determine the origin of the fire. Extent of the damage will not be known until an inventory is completed by the three chief losers.

Rich Girl Fights to Win Career

Hollywood, Feb. 7 (AP)—The songstress, Gina Janss, is dedicated to proving that a rich girl has as much right to a career as a poor one.

It's just twice as hard when you're rich, Miss Janss says. Nobody thinks you need any help.

Miss Janss, who has been billed as the "poor little rich girl," is the daughter of a millionaire California realtor who rakes it away.

"Go home and mind your yachts," agents told her when she tried to break into show business. "Let some poor kid have a chance."

"It made me mad," she says now. "After all, in a democracy there ought to be a chance for the rich as well as the poor to make good."

So Miss Janss went to New York. She introduced herself as Virginia McKay. She got jobs in New York, Washington, Miami and Chicago, just like any poor girl.

"When I proved to myself, my family and the world that I could do it," she said, "I came back west and got work under my own name."

Now, not satisfied with a singing engagement at the Macayo supper spot, Miss Janss is studying acting and public speaking with an eye on bigger things.

"I've always been afraid of movies," she said. "But since I've been on television I've got over that a little. In fact, I rather like working in front of the cameras, even though I miss the applause."

You'd Know They Were Paying Taxes—Better weather has enabled many folks to reach the collector of internal revenue at the post office building and those shown in the waiting room and standing in the doorway are concerned about paying their federal income taxes.

Second Dividend to Veterans On Insurance Begins in 1951

Washington, Feb. 7 (AP)—There's another big dividend on World War II veterans' life insurance coming up next year.

It won't be nearly as large as the \$2,800,000,000 payment now being distributed, but it will run into millions.

The veterans administration has informed congress it plans to pay out about 65 per cent of the new special dividend in the first six months of 1951, and the rest before the end of that year.

Thereafter, said H. W. Breining, VA's insurance administrator, the National Service Life Insurance program probably will start paying dividends annually in the years when a surplus is available.

"We have no idea of the amount that will be available for the 1951 dividend payment," Breining told a reporter.

"We won't have, until we determine our mortality experience for the years involved, and the size of the reserves that must be set up to cover the many contingencies."

"We have the help on this of an actuarial advisory committee made up of some of the top insurance talent in the country."

The current \$2,800,000,000 dividend is from a surplus that developed during the first eight years of the program—from 1940 through the 1948 anniversary date of each of the 20,000,000 policies issued to 16,500,000 World War II veterans.

The forthcoming special dividend, Breining said, will cover three policy years, through the 1951 anniversary date of each policy.

The current dividend is being paid on all policies that were in force three months or longer.

Breining said the 1951 payments probably will be made only on policies in force for a year or longer. It will, however, cover policies that lapsed during the three years as well as those still in force, he said.

Overpayments to veterans under laws administered by VA will be deducted from those checks as they are from the current dividend, Breining said.

VA cannot deduct overpayments that were made by the armed services or other federal agencies, however, nor can it withhold amounts owed by the veterans in income taxes. The dividend payments are not subject to income tax or to attachment for private debts.

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