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Keep It Flying

The Public Relations Divisions of the war department are doing a great deal to uphold the morale of the relatives of boys in service at home. Each week different newspapers receive stories of local boys and sometimes pictures, which are printed, and prove of intense interest not only to relatives but to friends. In the last issue of this paper we printed a story about a local boy. His parents had not heard from him for months. We hope that this paper will be instrumental in bringing more happy news to parents and friends.

Oregonian—"A Portland pharmacist called The Oregonian and said that after listening to the president's speech, and hearing everyone cough, he was convinced that what the United States needs most of all is a good cough syrup."

Flyer Gets His Greatest

Thrill in Police Stable
PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Lieut. Erwin Letak, who has downed four Jap planes and completed more than 109 missions, got his biggest thrill recently—in the city stables. As the flyer entered a stall, Paint, a big, black police department horse, turned his head, stomped, and rubbed his nose against the man who rode him when he was a mounted patrolman. Paint had refused to let any one ride him for the two years Letak has been away. Now he was ready to go again.

British Tell of Queen's

Peril From Nazi Bomb
LONDON. — A bomb crashed through the roof of Buckingham Palace and through the apartment of the Queen in the early days of the London blitz, but failed to explode, it was disclosed recently.

Eight men of the palace home guard unit disposed of the three-foot-long explosive.

King George inspected this home guard unit, every man of whom had kept the three-year secret of the palace bomb.

Order Towels Shortened

To Stretch the Supply
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Bath towels will be shorter to make the supply longer.

The war production board ordered manufacturers to hold bath towel lengths to 40 inches and guest towels to 26 inches after January 22. WPB estimated this would stretch supplies by 1,300,000 towels a month.

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EXCLUSIVE WNU SERVICE

ALONG THE LEDO ROAD.—The Ledo road is as American as a hot dog with mustard or a stolen kiss at a junior prom.

From its terminus at the tiny, dingy bazaar of Ledo, Assam, far into the matted jungles of Burma the road is an anachronism—a single minute thread of modern America almost lost in the vast green tapestry of a dim primordial world which for centuries has afforded the elephant and tiger and devil-tormented aborigine a refuge from the encroaching tides of civilization.

But, despite the dank, dense vegetation of the jungle, the steep, uncharted mountains and low, steaming swamps—despite month-long monsoon downpours, mud and disease—the American soldier has transplanted the spirit of his homeland in this remote corner of the world.

Months ago the Ledo road was little more than a rough trace. Its course through the precipitous Patkai mountains of Burma was highlighted by hundreds of breath-taking hairpin curves and narrow wooden bridges over turbulent mountain streams.

But today great changes have been made. The Ledo road, day by day, is becoming a modern American highway.

Predominant as the spirit of America is in the engineering feats being accomplished in the jungles of Burma, it is even more apparent in the men who are working on the road.

American Sports.

At an evacuation hospital tucked away among a grove of hollow trees at the foot of the purple Patkai mountains a baseball game is played on a diamond which the hospital personnel had cleared and leveled from virgin jungle territory. A rabid crowd of fans, including numerous Chinese patients, hurl insults at the umpire in the best-approved Flatbush fashion.

Everywhere along the road the G.I.s have provided for athletic activity. Basketball and volleyball courts are the most numerous.

At Shingbiwayang, on the edge of the Hukawng valley, is the Metz theater—named after a soldier killed in northern Burma.

American girls, putting on a USO show for the troops, staged a jitterbug contest, with contestants selected from the audience. The crowd picked a small, nimble chap with a conspicuous bald pate as the winner. His award was a kiss—and the crowd roared its approval.

Life for the G.I. pushing the point through the jungles of Burma is a transient affair. The men set up camp, work for a few days in one area, then break camp—usually at night after finishing work—and move forward again. This goes on week after week during the dry season when the road moves forward approximately two miles a day.

Retain Home Niceties.

But still the men manage to retain a vestige of the niceties of the civilization they have left behind. One outfit has made portable wooden bunks with rubber springs fashioned from worn-out inner tubes. Another has a portable washing machine. In one camp, near the point of the road, a sign reads, "Joe's Tonsorial Palace." Inside the tent is a barber's chair made from a heterogeneous collection of odds and ends. The outfit had carried the

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Symbolic Red Cross Emblem To Appear In Windows Again

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Once again, next month, the scarlet emblem of the American Red Cross will appear in the windows of American homes, symbolizing the financial support of the nation in supporting the manifold services of that organization to American fighting men overseas.

In every nation of the world, this red cross has long been the symbol of universal humanitarianism, both in peace and in time of war. Today it is worn by medical corpsmen of all armies and navies serving the wounded. It protects hospital tents, ships, planes and trains. Painted on each of the International Red Cross ships bearing food parcels to prisoners of war and exchanged prisoners homeward, it is a guarantee of safety from acts of war.

To the giver doing his part to fulfill the \$200,000,000 goal of the American Red Cross in 1945, it represents his personal part in supplying the material things which add to the morale of the American serviceman whether hospitalized or able-bodied.

"The window sticker means more than dollars contributed to the Red Cross," Chairman Basil O'Connor declared. "It means service clubs, canteens, recreation rooms and clubmobiles for the men in war theaters."

To the American Red Cross, each window sticker is a family's request to the Red Cross to continue its responsibilities on behalf of the son in Italy, the neighbor's boy half a turn around the globe in the Philippines, and the brother fighting on the Western Front. It is the expression of faith of the American people that Red Cross will maintain the supplies of surgical dress-

ings, blood plasma and whole blood, kit bags and comfort articles to the battlefronts. It is a vote of gratitude for the millions of food parcels reaching American men in enemy prison camps.

Opening March 1, the third American Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$200,000,000—the same as last year—will continue throughout the entire month. More than 3,000,000 volunteers will distribute the familiar window emblems, conducting a house-to-house canvass to fulfill the 1945 quota. Along with the window emblem, each contributor will receive a lapel tag fashioned after the Red Cross flag—the flag known to all as a sign of aid and comfort.

chair from one camp to another for over a year.

Another unit has a portable kitchen, mounted on a 6 by 6 truck, enabling the men to have warm meals even when the outfit is on the move. And one enterprising G.I. has set up a dice table in his quarters, supplemented by an antiquated slot machine which can be played with one-quarter rupee coins. At present, the dice table is gathering cobwebs, for "the house" was taken for 4,800 rupees one night in a big game which has become legendary up and down the Ledo road.

And thirsty G.I.s with parched palates have devised sundry ingenious stills which turn out such potent juices as "raisinjack" and "cherry-squeezins."

As one G.I. remarked as we watched a coolie leaning on a shovel beside the road, humming his Indian version of "Pistol Packin' Mama" which some American soldier had taught him:

"People back home worry about us G.I.s in the jungle going native. Hell, it's just the opposite. The natives are going American!"

X-Ray to Catch Photo As Shell Pierces Armor

BALTIMORE, MD. — Officials of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company have disclosed recently the development of an X-ray machine which takes a picture in a millionth of a second. The high-speed picture-taking machine was made to fill a request from engineers for a way to take pictures of a shell as it passed through the muzzle of the gun and as it pierced a plate of armor.

Looks in Liquor Shop;

40 Line Up Behind Him

WALLACE, IDAHO.—Word got around that the liquor store had received a big shipment, so a customer decided he would look in three hours ahead of opening time. He tried the store door, peered through a window to see if any one was working and turned to leave. A crowd of 40 people had lined up behind him.

The Red Cross needs every dollar of the \$200,000,000 it is asking. And every dollar contributed to that fund helps to ease the lot of our fighting men. Let's give to keep our Red Cross on the job.

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Bonds Over America



TENNESSEE'S CAPITOL

America's devotion to freedom, which the purchase of War Bonds directly helps to maintain, nowhere has a more exemplary shrine than the State Capitol at Nashville. The \$1,500,000 building memorializes years of struggles of sturdy folk. Tennessee's first Legislature met at Kingston and adjourned to Knoxville. Later it met at Nashville and Murfreesboro. Nashville became the permanent capital and the cornerstone of the present building was laid in 1845. It took 14 years to complete. The same love of freedom that inspired those early legislators in selecting a seat of government motivates the state's 186,000 men now in the U. S. armed forces.

U. S. Treasury Department
Negro woman: "Sorry, ma'am, but I've got a new job now and I can't work for you no more." Mistress: "What job is it, was work?" "No, ma'am taint 'zaety work." In my new job I ain't allowed to work— I see on relief."—Barnes, Kan. Chief.

Victory gardeners will probably receive the same allowance of gasoline ration as was allowed last, said E. W. Eggen district OPA mileage rationing representative.

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Babson Answers Many Letters

Twelve Business Questions Answered by Babson

Babson Park, Fla. March 9—Here are some questions which have recently been shot at me. Following each question the reader will find my answer.

INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

(1) **WHAT SHOULD BE THE MOST ACTIVE INDUSTRIES AFTER THE WAR?** Answer: The building and furnishing of small homes. Accompanying this there should be a great demand for new automobiles. The clothing industry should also be good in the postwar era.

(2) **WHAT INDUSTRIES MAY SUFFER THE MOST AFTER THE WAR?** Answer: Of course, the manufacturing of airplanes, the building of ships and the making of munitions will suffer most. In addition, I believe that both agriculture and railroading may receive body blows.

INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

(3) **IN WHAT CAN WE INVEST OUR MONEY NOW IN ORDER TO HAVE IT BEST MAINTAIN ITS POWER DURING THE YEARS AHEAD?** Answer: Buy selected peace stocks—especially the oils, metals and other stocks which should be helped by inflation. This includes the merchandising chains which have their assets in goods, cash and real estate. They should be excellent hedges against inflation.

(4) **ARE HIGH-GRADE BONDS ATTRACTIVE NOW?** Answer: Definitely NO! Not only should interest rates strengthen after the War, but income taxes will be reduced. Any such reduction should cause tax-exempt municipals to decline. Other high-grade bonds should be affected sympathetically.

RECONVERSION

(5) **WHAT ABOUT UTILITIES IN THE POSTWAR ERA?** Answer: There are some utility stocks which look very attractive due to possible dissolution of holding companies. Furthermore, the persecution of the utilities seemed to have come to an end for the present. The uncertain question is whether the natural growth of the utility business will overcome the increased costs due to inflation. Frankly, I do not know.

(6) **WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT OF RECONVERSION ON THE STOCK MARKET?** Answer: Reconversion may cause a serious shock to business, but not necessarily to the stock market. Most securities (with the exception of the rails) have fairly well already discounted peace.

(7) **DO YOU EXPECT A PERIOD OF GOOD BUSINESS AFTER RECONVERSION IS COMPLETED?** Answer: Yes, I expect a few years of excellent business; but be prepared for trouble about 1950, or after, when the people have spent their savings and foreign competition begins to be felt.

(8) **WILL PROSPERITY KEEP UP THE PRICES OF RAILROAD STOCKS AND INCOME BONDS?** Answer: No. Railroad securities may not for many years again sell for the highs of February, 1945. Truck, pipeline, water and airplane competition, together with rising costs due to inflation, can be very bearish on railroad securities.

TAXES AND THE NEW DEAL

(9) **WHAT ABOUT TAXES?** Answer: I do not look for radical tax changes until the U. S. Federal Budget is again balanced. But all changes made will be favorable to business and corporations. Only

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