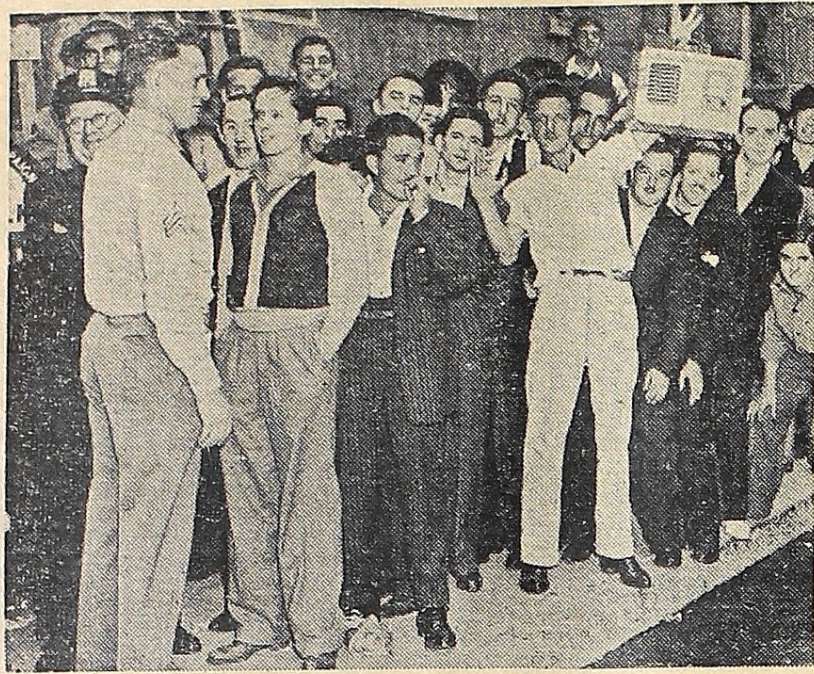


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Japan and Axis Powers Sign Pact; Britain's Navy Backs 'Free French' In Attack on Dakar, West Africa; 77 English Refugee Children Drown

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
Released by Western Newspaper Union.



"Eventually, why not now," seems to be the slogan of these men of military age that recently swamped the New York city U. S. army recruiting offices. This line of would-be doughboys, desirous of getting into the army before the draft blows them in, reached away around a city block. Crews like this have been applying for enlistment for the past few weeks and officials are of the opinion that volunteers may make up the first quota of 400,000 men required under the conscription law, without resort to the nationwide draft.

(For further news of the draft see: DEFENSE, Conscription.)

THE WAR:

New Fronts

A united front of Germany, Italy and Japan became a reality as these three nations signed a pact in Berlin in which they proclaimed to the world a new political, economic and military treaty providing for an interchange of assistance in case any other nation enters the European war.

Military experts were quick to say that this pact was aimed at the United States for it is believed by many that this country's policy of aid to Great Britain has disturbed the axis powers and Japan is none too pleased with the friendly American attitude toward China.

Under terms of the treaty signed in the presence of Adolf Hitler, Germany and Italy are recognized as the powers of the "new order" in Europe and Japan is to be the leader of a "new order" in "Greater Asia."

Day before this pact was signed the United States government had cut off scrap iron shipments to Japan.

French Trouble

Battle broke out in two new sectors and France was engaged in both. Technically it is not war. But to the soldiers and sailors killed it made little difference.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the "Free French Committee" which, from offices in London, is opposing the Petain cabinet, led an expedition against Dakar, Senegal, in French West Africa. Many African states controlled by France already had pledged allegiance to De Gaulle. In Senegal, De Gaulle said, there had been infiltration of Germans and Italians who sought to seize the air station. The air station is important. It is the hopping off place for Brazil, 1,700 miles across the south Atlantic—much closer to Latin America than New York.

De Gaulle expected quick victory. French warships under his command, however, were beaten off by Petain warships already in the port. But British naval forces backed up the French and a first class battle ensued. The British indicated they will land troops to hold the country. In reprisal Petain planes bombed Gibraltar.

Indo-China

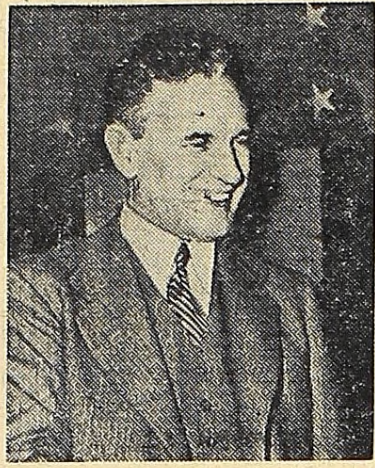
French Indo-China also was under assault—in this scene by Japanese. The Tokyo government sought military privileges ostensibly to attack China through the back door, but in reality to extend their Asian influence. An ultimatum brought them results. But the Japanese Canton army attacked nevertheless, and began an invasion.

In Europe

German radios continued to thunder that Nazi legions would invade England. "We are coming," said the broadcasts aimed at the British Isles.

Louder than the radios, however, was the rumble of bombs over London as well as other interior towns.

New Leader



Here is Rep. John W. McCormack of Boston, Mass., just elected to the position of Democratic floor leader of the house of representatives. An ardent New Dealer, he succeeds Rep. Sam Rayburn, recently elevated to speaker of the house, following the death of William B. Bankhead.

CENSUS: Smallest Gain

Besides you there are 131,409,880 of us in the United States, as of April 1. You have the word of the United States census bureau for it, and they counted noses. But the rise in population during the last 10 years was only 7 per cent, the lowest on record. In the decade between 1920 and 1930, the percentage of increase was 16.1.

Decline in the birth rate and a virtual stoppage of immigration is given as the reason. William L. Austin, director of the census, viewed the situation with concern, as did students of population trends. Some have figured that by 1970 there will be 150,000,000 in the United States and after that, unless something unforeseen occurs, the drift will be downward.

RADIO: New Numbers

The Federal Communications commission announced that 777 out of 862 radio stations in the U. S. will change frequencies on or about December 1. The rearrangement comes through agreement entered into by the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Canada, in order to eliminate international interference. Radio receivers of the push button type will need adjustment to the new numbers. For the metropolitan centers the reception will not be altered greatly, but it will make quite an improvement in the rural areas, FCC officials claim.

In the new setup, United States stations now operating between 740 and 780 kilocycles in the U. S. will move up 10 kilocycles; stations between 790 and 870 will move up 20; stations between 880 and 1,450 will move up 30; clear-channel stations will shift from 1,460-1,490 to 1,500-1,530; local stations now on 1,500 will move down to 1,490. Stations now between 550 and 720 will remain unchanged.

PIE IN THE SKY: But No Automobiles

Two years ago, Dr. Robert Ley, head of the German labor front, promised to put an automobile in every worker's garage. Some 200,000 workers began contributing \$2 weekly toward the \$396 purchase price, which later was raised to \$467. But there will be no automobiles. Both unfinished factories and contributions have been turned over to war use.

Ley now is offering a new plan. After the war, he told German workers, wages for 10 years will be divided into "free" and "tied" parts. The "tied" parts will revert to the government and workers will get not only automobiles, but homes and other things the government thinks is good for them. He also said there will be no more forced labor and everyone will have a weekly vacation from Saturday noon to Monday morning.

SCIENCE: New Process

John Henry Walthall, 40-year-old scientist with the TVA, has discovered a method of abstracting aluminum from common clay. Aluminum is now derived from bauxite, found domestically chiefly in Arkansas, but imported in huge quantities from Dutch Guiana. The TVA said the discovery will make the U. S. virtually independent of foreign sources.

MISCELLANY:

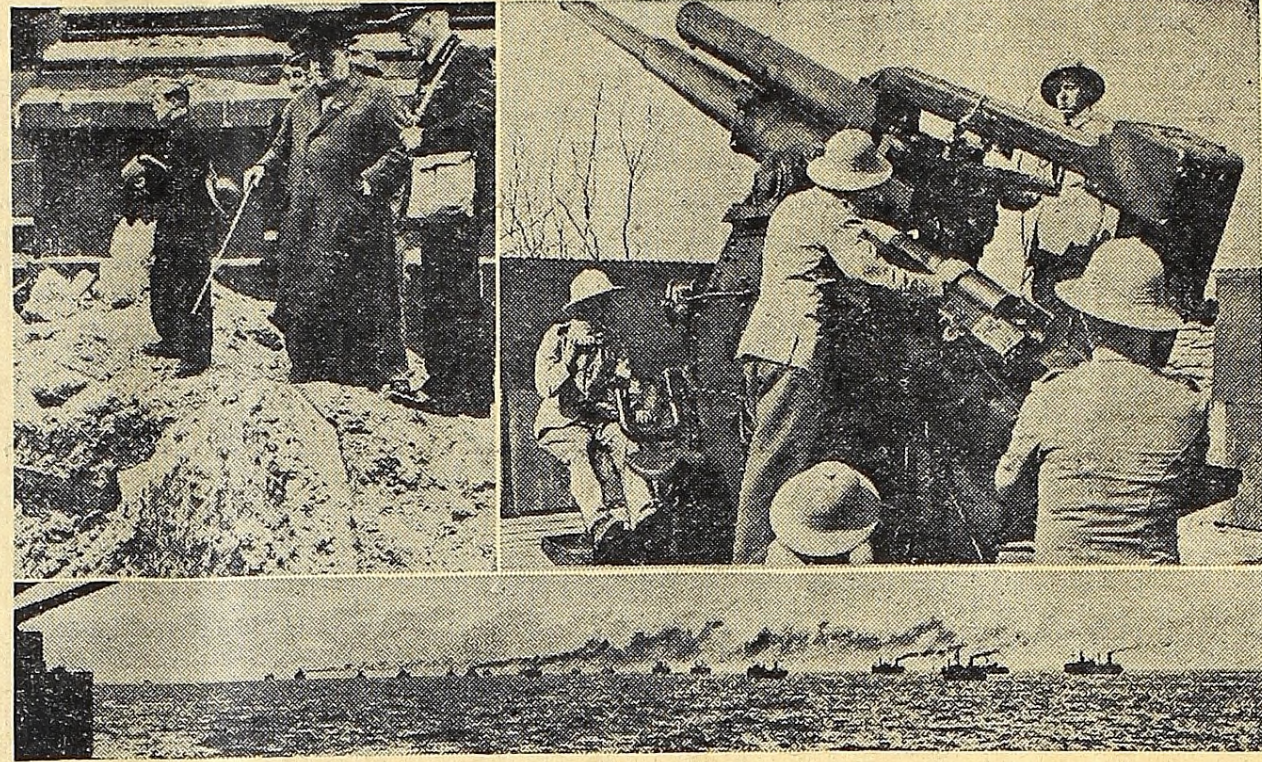
¶ Mrs. Stanley Beggs, 46, of Lyndhurst, N. J., was arrested by FBI agents charged with demanding \$50,000 from Miss Helen Clay Frick, heiress of the late steel millionaire.

¶ A bill fixing penalties for peacetime sabotage in defense industries has been passed by the senate and sent to the house.

¶ The Pennsylvania super-highway which cuts through the Appalachian mountains from Pittsburgh to near Harrisburg, was designed for speeds at more than 100 miles an hour. While the express road has not yet been opened for traffic, the commission controlling it has already decided that the state's 50-mile an hour speed law will be enforced.

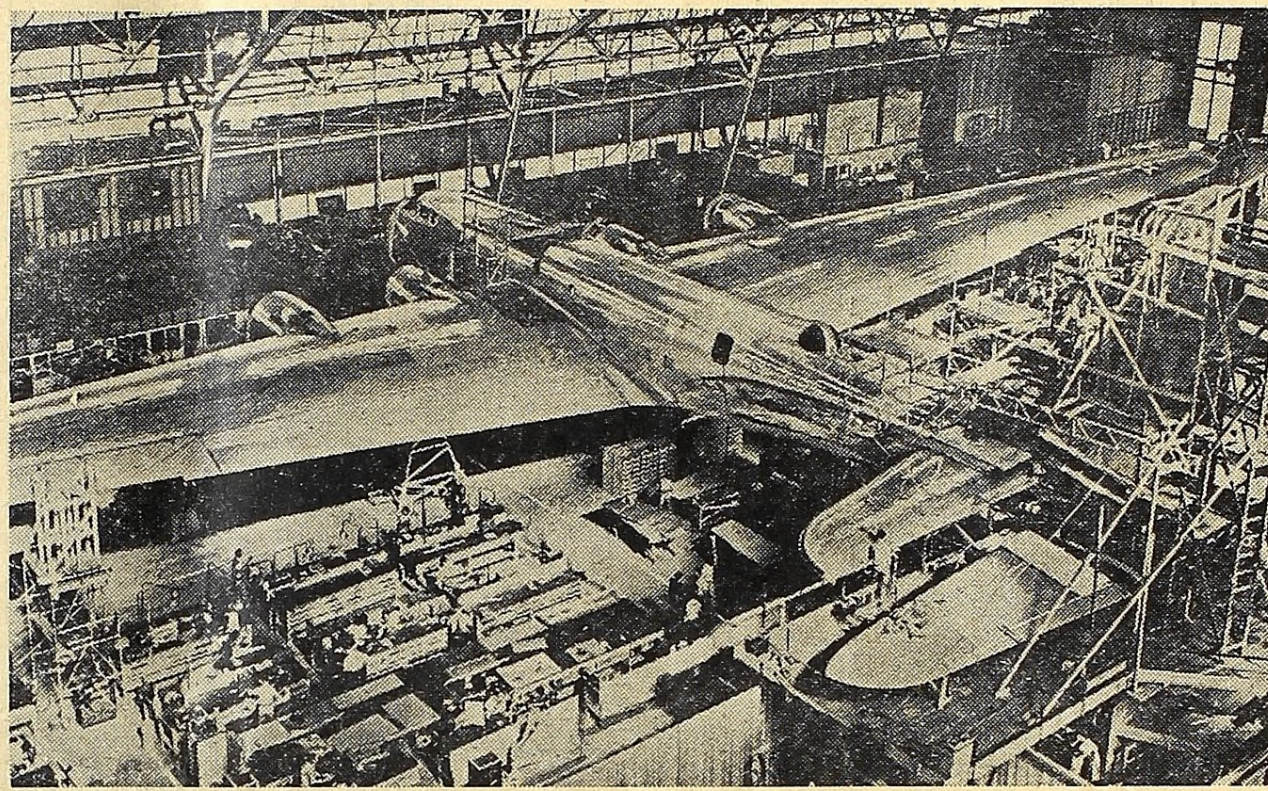
¶ Boston saw the greatest parade in the history of the American Legion when 100,000 veterans and their auxiliaries were in line, and 300,000 spectators stood along the curbs to see the 14-hour long procession.

Leaves From Great Britain's Scrap Book



Lower: A convoy steaming up the English channel, currently the most dangerous stretch of water in the world, under the guns of an escorting British warship. Upper Left: Winston Churchill surveys a great crater left by a German bomb in a London street after a night raid. Upper Right: An anti-aircraft gun crew in action during a practice session with a 3.7 "Archie" somewhere in Canada.

'Guardian of a Hemisphere'—World's Largest



The world's largest military airplane, "Guardian of a Hemisphere," will be flown late this autumn from the Douglas Aircraft company's airport. It is shown here at Santa Monica, Calif. Fully loaded for emergency mission it can take off with a gross weight of 164,000 pounds. It will be powered with four 2,000-horsepower engines. Its armament is a closely guarded secret.

Members of One Family—Count 'Em



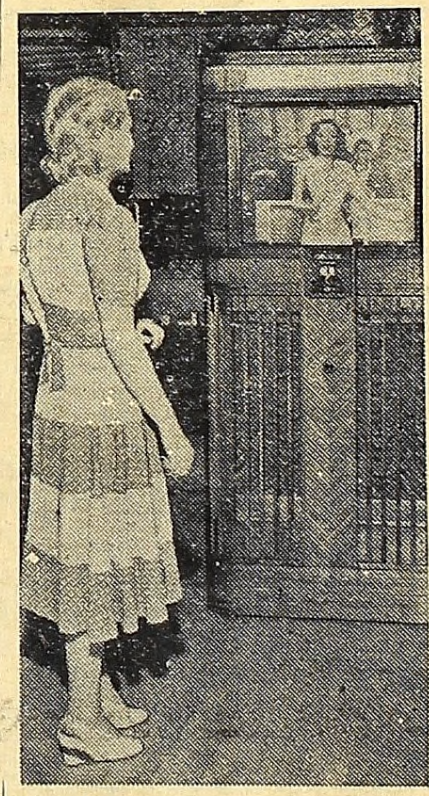
The Ascoli family arrive in New York on the Greek steamer, Nea Hellas, en route to their new home in the West Indies. Head of the family is Joseph Rene Ascoli, retired British industrialist, here shown with his wife and 13 of their 14 children.

They Fight for the 'Good Earth'



These young Chinese girls, uniformed, armed with rifles and wearing hats that camouflage them against air observation, belong to a women's fighting organization with the Chinese forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Chungking. Young as they are, they are well versed in guerrilla warfare.

Jimmy's Dime Movies



Preview of Jimmy Roosevelt's coin-in-the-slot dime sound movies. For a dime a person can hear and see a three-minute musical "short."

Royal Sympathy



On the right, harried and nervous, is a newly made air raid widow, Mrs. O'Connor of London. The bomb killed her husband, sister and nephew. Queen Elizabeth comforts her.

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK



By LEMUEL F. PARTON (Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—In Uncle Remus, Brer Fox said to Brer Tarripin, "You ain't seen no trouble yit. I'm de man w'at can show yer trouble." "The Perfect Fool" And that goes for Ed Wynn. "Once Again Is" and adds to "Fooling the Jinx" the public zest in whooping it for his new revue, "Boys and Girls Together," at its Boston tryout. His revue sounded extemporaneous, like everything else he does, and seemed to make people feel that even these dire days will end when an old master, who though he was licked, can thus improvise a knockout.

Set upon by a blizzard of troubles, financial and domestic, two years ago, Brer Fox Wynn retired to his Park avenue cave to sit around in his pajamas and bite his nails. Then something touched off a giggle or two and he began trying on funny hats, and working up a few gags. He began to feel better, and along came George Wood and Pat C. Flick with a bankroll.

That recent mess of trouble was Mr. Wynn's twenty-seventh upset, in the light of which his comeback is not so surprising. His radio chain was as fragile as a Vassar daisy chain and took \$300,000 of his money. A delayed income tax time bomb blew up a similar amount. Harassed by lawsuits and whatnot he found his wellspring of gags had dried up. He shopped around for new and used gags, but found none in stock. It was his own inner resources which finally reclaimed and reissued the waggish Mr. Wynn.

Funny hats have figured in his karma from the first. His father, a milliner, came from Czechoslovakia and his mother from Turkey. In the millinery shop, he handed himself many a laugh, trying on hats. When he was 16, his father said it was time for him to take up the millinery trade, but he had other ideas. He tied a shirt and a Sunday suit into a Dick Whittington bundle and made his way to Norwich, Conn.

He talked his way into a roustabout job with a barnstorming company, presently got a small part, and burlesqued it just enough to reveal his genius for comedy. Twelve years of barnstorming and vaudeville followed. His recurring troubles have been such that interviewers or critics usually stress the Pagliacci note when writing about him, but it's rollicking, sympathetic laughter which greets his happy comeback.

WINSTON CHURCHILL stirs wide interest and approval with his demand for simple and precise language, official and unofficial. "More and More" in the interest of national effectiveness. "Word Gunnery" cent addresses have been models of clarity and force. He has risen nobly to the demands of the hour. All the more credit to him in view of his previous lapses. This department has dredged up an old speech of Mr. Churchill's in which he scolded certain offenders for "terminological inexactitude," and deplored the public trend toward ornate language.

Perhaps under the pressures and urgencies of the times precisionists are coming forward in the entire field of communications as they are in machine tooling. War casualties among pedants and mystagogues may be heavy. Over here, Charles A. Collin takes a long overdue swipe at the mystic word maze of life insurance policies, as he addresses the Insurance Advertising conference in Atlantic City. This writer has been thrown for a loss every time he tried to read an insurance policy and has had to take them entirely on faith.

Also in tune with the times is Judge Pecora's deep pondering and long-studied decision in that question mark or period case. Sixteen entrants in a civil service examination were sustained against their examiners when they picked the question mark as the proper ending for a certain sentence.

Just getting under way before the war started there was in England a society for general word renovation and fumigation and the furtherance of good diction. In these endeavors, Mr. Churchill now gets a putout, but something more than an assist should go to the mischievous and ironic A. P. Herbert, the parliamentary gag man who was far ahead of Mr. Churchill in blasting at over-elegant word setups. Half Irish, the author of about 20 novels, and a half-dozen plays, he has pinked much revered, but pretentious usage.

NAMES . . . in the news

When German dive bombers leveled Warsaw, Mayor Stefan Starzynski directed the defense of the city by radio heard round the world. When the Nazis entered the city they found him still at his desk. He was placed under arrest and disappeared. On the anniversary of that arrest, British sources said, Starzynski was put to death in Berlin.

Running for congress in the German populated Yorkville section of New York city, Joseph McWilliams, who dubbed himself "the American fuhrer" and preached Nazi doctrine, was roundly defeated, getting but 674 votes. One of the leaders of the Christian Mobilizers, Joe McNazi, as he was dubbed by New York newspapers, was in a hospital the following day for a sanity test.

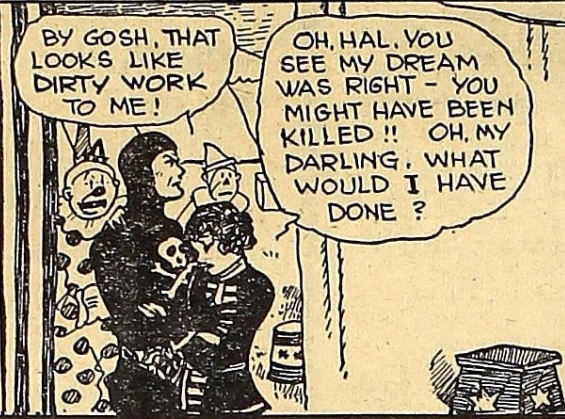
Fun for the Whole Family

BIG TOP

HIGH ABOVE THE ARENA, SKOOKIE CLUNG DESPERATELY TO THE BROKEN WIRE



AT THE BACK DOOR, MYRA NEARLY FAINTED AS SHE SAW HAL'S SPECIAL WIRE BREAK IN TWO



MEANWHILE, TWO OF THE PROPERTY MEN HAD MANAGED TO THROW A NET OVER THE MAD DOG

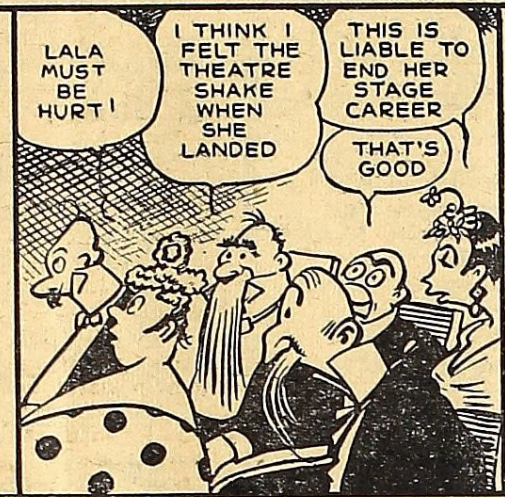


JEFF BANGS WAS NEARLY FRANTIC



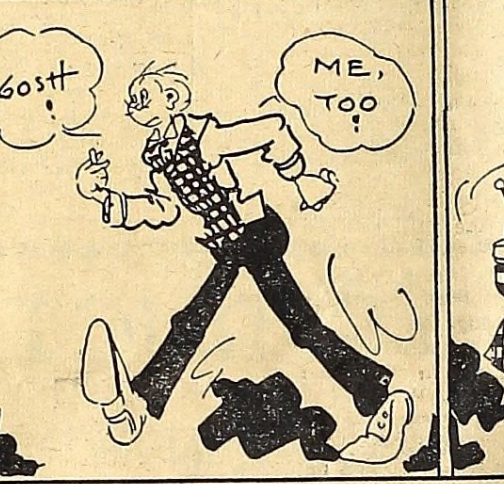
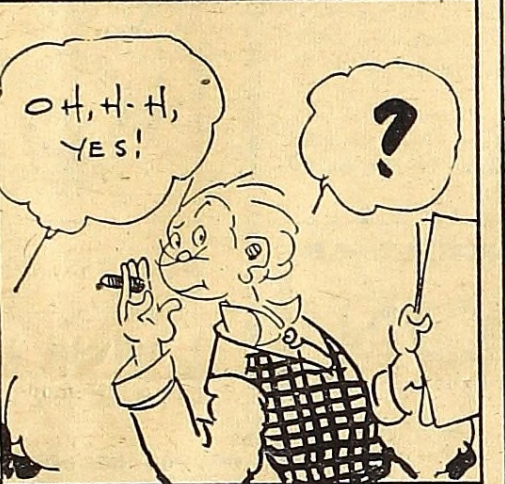
By ED WHEELAN

LALA PALOOZA — Vincent Sleeps Peacefully On



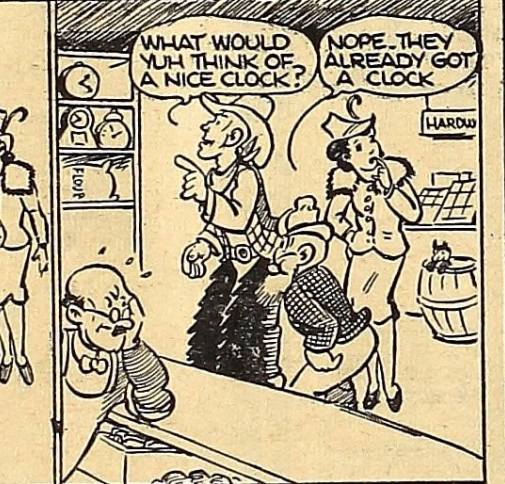
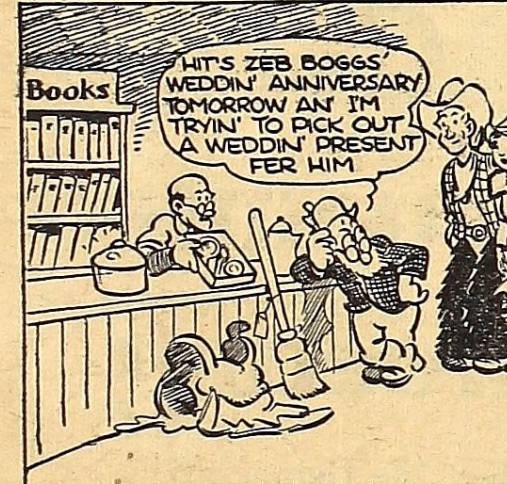
By RUBE GOLDBERG

S'MATTER POP — Name Your Tune to Ambrose



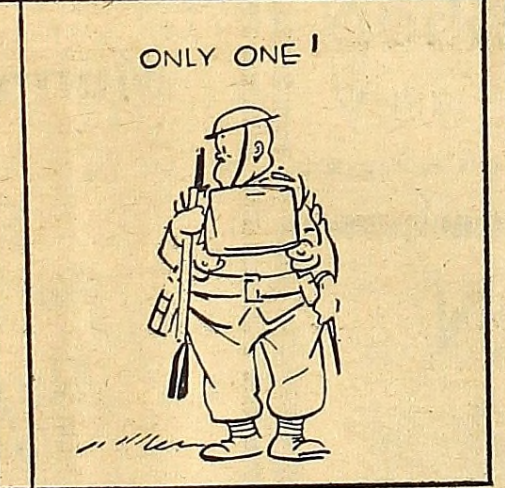
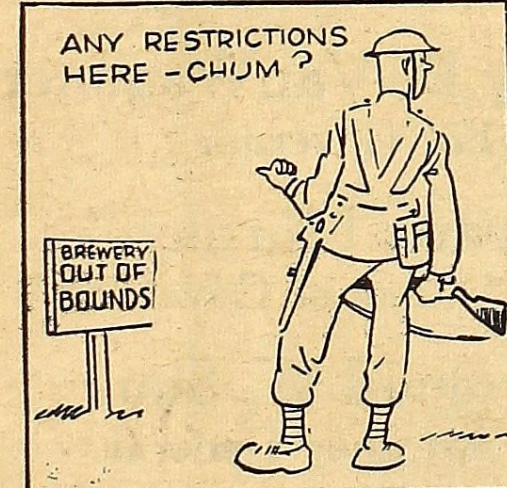
By C. M. PAYNE

MESCAL IKE — By S. L. HUNTLEY



Oh, So They Don't Have a Book, Huh?

POP — The Tankard Corps



By J. MILLAR WATT

THE MINUTE THAT SEEMS A YEAR — By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



JUST A STARTER

The auctioneer held up a pair of antique silver candlesticks. "Will someone give me a start?" he began. "One dollar," came a reply. "What's that?" queried the auctioneer. "Ah," retorted the bidder, "I thought that would give you a start!"—Montreal Star.

Snappy Suggestion
Customer—I wish to buy an appropriate gift for a bride—something timely and striking.
Merchant—How about a clock?

Love Is Blind
Housewife—If you love work, why don't you find it?
Tramp—You ought to know, Madam, that love is blind.

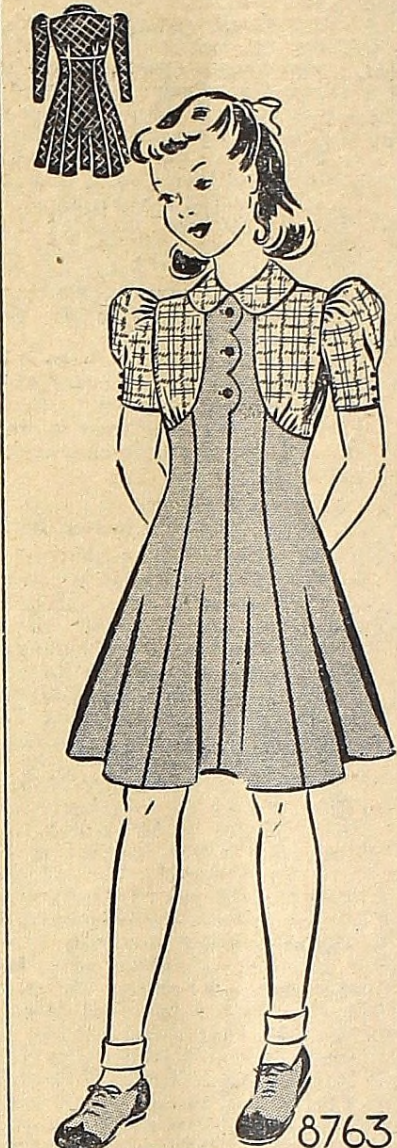
Method
"So you've discovered a way to get your husband to dig in the garden?"
"Yes, I call it a sand trap."

THE SPORTING THING — By LANG ARMSTRONG



"Whadda ya mean—you're working on a new path to the front door?"

Patterns SEWING CIRCLE



plaid and plain fabrics, as pictured, but it's very smart in one color, too. The two versions look so different that you'll really get two fashions out of this one pattern. Gingham, linen, percale and chambray are pretty for this. Make it up, later on, in wool crepe or challis.

Pattern No. 8763 is designed for sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8 requires 3/4 yard of 35-inch material for short sleeved waist portion, 1 3/4 yards for skirt. Send order to:

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERN DEPT.
Room 1324
211 W. Wacker Dr. Chicago
Enclose 15 cents in coins for
Pattern No. Size

That wholesome, tangy outdoor taste...
just heat and eat... delicious cold... healthful... economical... order, today, from your grocer.



Van Camp's Pork and BEANS
"Feast-for-the-Least"

Essence of Friendship
Sincerity, truth, faithfulness, come into the very essence of friendship.—William Ellery Channing.

SCHOOL girls will love to wear this pretty frock—and it's so very becoming to all of them! Flared at the skirt, wide at the shoulders, design No. 8763 fills them out, at the age when they shoot up like beanpoles. And the high-cut princess skirt scoops in gratifyingly at the waistline. This pretty frock makes up charmingly in a combination of

Youngsters love them!

nutritionists recommend them



Put ORANGES in School Day Lunches!

Everyone likes to peel and eat an orange! Or to sip a glass of the fresh juice. Just to enjoy the delicious, fragrant taste!

And nothing else that's so delicious is so good for you! For, says the Department of Agriculture, hardly half the families in America get enough vitamins and minerals to permit the best of health.

And oranges are your richest everyday source of vitamin C and a good source of vitamin B₁. They also supply vitamins A and G, calcium, phosphorus and iron.

So put a healthful Sunkist Orange in every lunch box. Let health begin at breakfast with BIG glasses of fresh orange juice for all the family. Order a supply of Sunkist Oranges—the pick of California's best-ever crop of wonderfully juicy Valencias.

Sunkist CALIFORNIA ORANGES

Best for Juice — and Every use!

THE ADVERTISER INVITES YOUR COMPARISON The advertiser assures us that his goods are good. He invites us to compare them with others. We do. Should he relax for a minute and let his standards drop, we discern it. We tell others. We cease buying his product. Therefore he keeps up the high standard of his wares, and the prices as low as possible.

