

Former Decatur Man Is Back From Hawaii

Leon Yager Served As Red Cross Head

Home from Hawaii after serving two and a half years as an American Red Cross field director at Pearl Harbor, H. Leon Yager, formerly of Kikland township and this city, knows the problems of the serviceman far from home in strange surroundings.

Among the many men daily seeking aid was a marine who came to Yager much depressed. His mother had died and he thought that perhaps she had not been buried properly prayed on his mind. Could the Red Cross see that a fitting memorial was placed on her grave?

Yager assured the boy he would see what could be done, and the marine outlined a modest plan for the planting of flowers. The field director then wired the hometown Red Cross chapter, stating the request and asking that a picture of the grave with its memorial of flowers be sent to the son.

The request was touched one volunteer in the chapter that she took it upon herself to carry it out. She and her husband visited the grave and, with loving care, planted a garden designed so that borders of various colored flowers would be in bloom every season of the year. They took a picture of the lovely memorial and together with a letter describing the garden in detail, sent it to Yager for the youth.

See Pearl Harbor Horror

When the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, Yager and his wife watched the foreign planes fly over. For a short time only, the island was in a state of wonderment. Rumor had it that an army-navy maneuver was in progress. Then they saw the trails of anti-aircraft smoke. The Japs shied off, and bedlam broke loose as the bombs fell.

The radio, moments too late, blared forth the announcement that the island was under attack by the Japanese; the Rising Sun had been spotted on the planes.

Throughout the attack, Mr. Yager transported Red Cross medical supplies from an army medical depot to the makeshift hospital hurriedly set up. At first there was an appalling lack of materials to treat the wounded and dying.

Praises Red Cross

For the women of the Red Cross motor corps, Yager has the highest praise.

"They were everywhere at once, transporting supplies, and evacuating maternity cases and others to points of comparative safety. Those women went during black-out into districts where even men trembled to go, without a thought of danger."

Yager, a graduate of the New York school of social work and Westchester county welfare department, New York, is back in the states for reassignment with the Red Cross.

Twenty Years Ago Today

March 7—T. O. Reed, chaplain of the Ohio state prison, Columbus, Ohio, gives talk at Rotary.

Jury awards George Reichhart judgment for \$2,000 against the Pennsylvania railroad company. Frederick G. Church's boy choir.

Fiji Islanders Fight With Allied Forces

Fijian Troops Are Deadly To Japanese

With United States Army Forces in the South Pacific, Mar. 7.—(UP)—Native Fiji islanders have been fighting with Allied forces on Bougainville island since last December. Officials disclose that the big six-footers are tough fighters. Already they have killed at least 125 Japs, and that isn't counting Japs killed by grenades.

The Fiji battalion was organized at the beginning of the war under New Zealand officers. There is no discipline problem. The mere threat that they won't be allowed to go Jap hunting is enough to keep the Fijis in line.

Officers say the islanders are expert at jungle fighting. They're always popping up where the Japs least expect them. But they hate to fly. For instance, Lieutenant Iqrore, a fullback on the Fiji Rugby team, loves to lead patrols into the bush. But he is miserable when he has to point out enemy positions from a dive-bomber.

One group of Fijians infiltrated so far behind the Jap lines that it was able to build a small airfield so that supplies could be flown in. And what are the losses in the Fiji battalion so far? One dead and two wounded.

NEW COAL UNLOAD

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rate which the coal is used, so it is taken directly to the silos at the municipal light and power plant.

Rioting Is Quelled In Federal Prison

Trouble Breaks Out In Medical Center

Springfield, Mo., Mar. 7.—(UP)—Trouble has broken out again at the medical center for federal prisoners in Springfield, Mo. And drastic disciplinary measures are promised for 100 inmates who smashed furniture, plumbing and windows in a riot last night.

The outbreak comes just a short time after a preliminary investigation of charges by prisoners that they have been subjected to brutalities.

Officials are investigating the possibility that the riot was preliminary to a planned mass prison break. The disturbance started when three prisoners overpowered their medical attendant, opened the doors of one unit in the building and released a score of other prisoners from their cells. As they dashed out, others broke furniture in their cells, ripped plumbing from the walls and smashed windows.

The prisoners were quieted when armed guards rushed to the building from Fort Wayne gives a concert at the Decatur M. E. church.

The Portland basketball tournament made a total profit of \$546. Decatur receives \$85, Geneva \$171, Hartford \$10, based on a number of tickets purchased.

The cases against men charged with bombings at Montpelier are set for March 31 at Hartford City. The oil investigations continue and many prominent men are called before the senate committee.

BROADWAY NIGHTS By AXEL STORM

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NEW YORK—March came in like a lion, with wind howling in the crannies of the Rialto and snow turning to slush underfoot, but theatrically she was anything but leonine. The week's quota of three plays gave the theatregoer such insubstantial fare that it isn't likely any one of them will survive to see the month go out like a lamb. As a matter of fact "Mrs. Kimball Presents," the first of the trio, folded after two performances. It was so bad that we can find nothing reasonably important to tell you about it except that not one critical voice was lifted in its favor.

"Thank You, Svoboda," which we enjoyed enormously when we read it in the form of a novella in Story Magazine, where it was called "You Can't Do That to Svoboda," failed miserably in its stage presentation, despite the best efforts of a fine cast headed by Sam Jaffe. H. S. Kraft, who wrote "Cafe Crown" a couple of seasons ago for Mr. Jaffe, found himself out of his depth with this one. It's the story of a hotel porter in a small Czechoslovak town who's a sort of civilian Good Soldier Schweik. He's as dumb as a crafty Czech fox, and turns Nazi beatings and imprisonment to his own account. Sent to concentration camp through a frame-up, he comes out to blow up the bridge his framers had accused him of plotting to destroy. The charge was made to cover up a bit of Nazi looting.

Svoboda was made to talk like a sort of idiot. He was, in the play, abysmally stupid and amazingly keen by turns, which robbed him of all the authenticity he had on paper. Most of the action took part off-stage, making the play slow and talky, and most of the talk was pretty poor. We doubt that "Svoboda" will stay long at the Mansfield.

The third of the lugubrious trio is "Bright Boy," a play about a boys' school somewhere in America, by Arthur J. Beckhard and David Merrick, based on the book by Lieut. John Boruff, U. S. N. R. It drew considerably more critical sympathy than either "Mrs. Kimball" or "Svoboda," but the consensus was the same: despite the fact that most of the critics expressed regret that "Bright Boy" hadn't been given a better job of playwrighting. It was generally said that the first act looked good and roused hopes which the second began to dispel, and the third sent crashing to the genuine regret of all. It started as a fresh and entertaining picture of school life and became diffuse, melodramatic and fell to pieces as the evening wore on.

We can't hold out much hope for "Bright Boy," but on the other hand, ZaSu Pitts' "Rampshackle Inn," which crosses up all the rules of playwrighting and makes the senior play at Welles seem profound, is still running. And so are a few more we could name. It's anybody's guess as to what the future holds, with a theatrical season so unpredictable that Miss Ruth Gordon has been able to carry "Over 21" through two months of full houses, with tickets selling eight weeks in advance. If we had our choice between "Over 21" and "Svoboda," we'd choose the latter, despite its obvious weaknesses. But five will get you fifty that "Svoboda" won't be running this time next month, and "Over 21" will. That's the way we feel about it and if you want to make anything of it come out in the alley. It doesn't prevent us from wishing that "Svoboda" and "Bright Boy" had been better jobs. We wouldn't like "Over 21" if we owned a piece of it.

Eight Yanks Repulse Attack By 50 Nazis

Only 10 Of Germans Escape After Battle

Anzio Beachhead, Italy, Mar. 7.—(UP)—Eight Yanks turned a house near Cisterna into a fortress several nights ago.

They were surrounded by 50 Germans with two tanks. But when the 24-hour battle was over and the dust had cleared, the score was 40 Germans dead or wounded—one American dead and two wounded.

Private Elvin Myatt of York, S. C., led the patrol. They entered the house just before midnight when the Nazis moved up. From then on it was touch and go. The Germans started firing high-explosive and armor-piercing shells right through the walls. So the Yanks went upstairs.

Then the Nazis tried to take the second floor by storm. But our boys held them back . . . and the dead Nazis piled up at the bottom landing. Part of the time the Germans kept up such steady fire from outside that the Americans couldn't even aim at them. But Myatt had his men shoot from awkward positions lying on their back beneath the windows with rifles held in their upstretched hands. They threw everything they had at the attackers—and their automatics kept up a steady chatter of fire. Finally they had whittled the German group down to 10 men. So the Nazis took their tanks and withdrew. The Yanks went back to their own lines, mission completed.

another suicide. Meanwhile, the authorities also seek the full story concerning state hospital fires at Toledo, O., and Weston, Va., where Mrs. Ott had worked and also at the Birdseye Ind., home where the couple formerly lived. Ott collected \$1,000 in insurance after the home was destroyed.

Adams County Memorial Hospital

Admitted: Mrs. Roy Runyon, 228 Rugg; Melvalene Borchard, Decatur route 1; Mrs. Orville Scott, 412 Grant; Mrs. Vilas Luginbill, Berne route 2.

Admitted (and dismissed) Sam Cook, 210 S. Eleventh.

Dismissed: Mrs. James Myers and baby girl, Decatur route six; Mrs. Luther Mock, Monroeville route 2; Mrs. Henry Nuesbaum, Berne route 7; Mrs. Lena Fleming, 316 N. Second.

Alabama School Boy Killed By Tornado

Seven Children Burn To Death In Maine

Pine Grove, Ala., Mar. 7.—(UP)—An 11-year-old boy was killed and a score of school children were injured yesterday when a tornado demolished a schoolhouse in Pine Grove, Ala.

Some 60 children were in the school when the twister struck.

Seven Killed
York, Me., Mar. 7.—(UP)—The seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rourke burned to death last night when fire destroyed their two-story home at York, Me. The hospital and their father was working at the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard. An 82-year-old man in charge of the children was burned severely.

Name Omitted From School Honor Roll

Through an oversight, the name of Philip Terveer, grade seven, was omitted from the St. Joseph school honor roll published Monday. He rates 4 A's and five B's for the last six weeks period.

Jealousy Is Blamed For Shooting Orgy

Army Lieutenant To Face Murder Charge

Riverside, Calif., Mar. 7.—(UP)—Jealousy over a young woman is believed to have touched off Sunday's shooting orgy by a young army officer. Police said three persons and wounded five others before he was stopped by a police officer's bullet. The cut is in a critical condition. If he recovers he will be tried by a military tribunal—on charges of murder.

The 31-year-old La Crosse, Wis. officer is married and has two children. But his army friends say he had been seeing a girl, Miss Dorothy Douglas, an 18-year-old Long Beach secretary. He said to have become more jealous because he could not marry her.

Police say Sunday's shooting affray started when Swannett jumped up from his table at the Camp Anza officer's club and killed Miss Douglas. Swannett is said to have killed another girl at the table and wounded two officers. Brandishing a .45 automatic he blazed away at other army men before quitting the camp. He finally was stopped in a nearby town by two police officers—but not before he had killed one of them and wounded the other. Long Beach police say Swannett was booked last July for disorderly conduct but was released to go overseas.

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Zion Lutheran
The third in a series of mid-week Lenten services will be held at the Zion Lutheran church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. Paul W. Schultz, will speak on the theme, "The Just for the Unjust."

The public is invited to attend to these services.

Zion Reformed
The third midweek Lenten service will be held in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. William C. Feller, will speak on the theme, "Peter, the Boaster Cured." The junior choir will sing a special number. Members, friends and the public are invited to attend.

A full investigation is promised by warden M. J. Pescor. But he says: "There will be no pussyfooting in handling these men."

JENNIFER JONES, who skyrocketed to fame when she was given the Academy Award for the best performance by an actress in 1943, is shown here as she looks in photos from her family album. The 24-year-old star, winner of the coveted award for her acting in "Song of Bernadette," is the mother of two children. At top left here is Miss Jones as she looked at the age of two; top right, as the age of 12; lower left, when she was 17; lower right at 20. (International)

Accuses Husband Of Starting Fatal Fire

Guard Woman From Suicide Attempt

Logansport, Ind., Mar. 7.—(UP)—The identity of the person who started last year's Evansville state hospital fire still is not known for sure.

Mrs. Aileen Ott, accused by her husband of setting the blaze, now says that he touched off the \$2,000,000 fire which killed eight persons. She charged the action to her husband, James Ott, while recovering from an overdose of sleeping powders in Logansport.

The couple, recent attendants at the Logansport state hospital, are held by authorities who seek the truth about the Evansville tragedy. Both of the Ott's are former employees at the Evansville institution.

Mrs. Ott, who previously confessed to setting a recent Logansport hospital fire, is being closely guarded to see that she is unable to carry out her threat to attempt

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