

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2—Newspapers on the coast are no longer allowed to give weather forecasts, because it might help the enemy. So the San Francisco News pays \$1 a day for the best silly forecast submitted. For example: "Possibly rain, conceivably snow, it may even clear up, we really don't know."

During the first week of the war, after San Francisco had had two nights of blackout, people were still calling up police stations on the third night to ask, "What are the lights out for?"

Several cities, after getting their new air-raid sirens installed, had had test blackouts and discovered that nobody could hear the sirens. Frisco has eight new and powerful sirens, but hasn't had a chance to beat them yet. The city intended to test them, after duly notifying the public. But the Army said no, that "in till the end of the war, it would mean real disaster overhead, and not just a test or practice blackout."

It's a Strange Thing

THE FIRST FOREIGN shore I ever saw was that of Japan, 20 years ago. And although I, like the rest of America, detest the very thought of the Japanese now, that youthful view still remains one of the greatest thrills of my life.

And I remember one day in Tokyo when, being

Welcome to our messy midst, Atlantis.

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

PUBLIC PATIENCE during the recent Christmas shopping season was nothing less than amazing, an official of one of the big department stores tells us.

It was the easiest Christmas within the memory of the store's adjustment manager. People just seemed to accept little inconveniences as matters of course. Nobody went into tantrums, for instance, because "that package is wrapped with blue ribbon when I wanted pink." And there wasn't a single call, at least at this particular store, for an odd sized gift package box. Last year the store ran the box factory ragged with requests for special sized boxes.

The store attributes this amazing phenomenon to the "new mood of the public after Pearl Harbor."

What they probably mean is that the public had something more important than trifles to think about after Dec. 7.

Patriotic Dog

SKITTLES, the black cocker spaniel that "owns" Artist Elmer Taflinger and his family, is one of the most patriotic dogs in town. Skittles not only is providing for his old age but is helping the country by collecting defense stamps. It all started when Miss Jane Messick, Shortridge art teacher, gave Skittles two stamp books—a 10-cent one and a quarter book—for Christmas. Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taflinger, where Skittles lives, have to bring stamps of stamps before Skittles will notice them, and, says Elmer, Skittles personally licks the stamps before they go in the book. Elmer prophesies that "Skittles will wind up owning more bonds than any of the rest of us."

Visits Army Brig

ANDY SARVICH, who used to drive Ayres' three-wheeled package delivery motorcycle before he went to Ft. Sill, Okla., tells friends he likes most everything about Army life—even the brig. It's against regulations to have fires in tents, but he decided just a little

Washington

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—As Winston Churchill said in Ottawa, the war is likely to go through three stages. First is the stage of preparation. Planes, ships, tanks and guns must be built. If we had them now what a different story we would be hearing from the Pacific. On the vehemence of our effort in preparing, said Mr. Churchill, will depend the success of the two later stages, one being the liberation of the conquered peoples and the other being the final smashing of the Axis.

We don't have to know how many planes and tanks are being built to know that we are far short of our full effort. Here are some figures that can be used. In the United States are about 180,000 industrial plants, including all of the little ones. We are using only a fraction of them. Ninety-five per cent of the war work is concentrated in 30,000 plants. Seventy-five per cent of it is confined to about 100 manufacturers.

How can we hope to produce what the coming war program will call for on that basis? It will call for using half our national income instead of 20 per cent as now. We are not even keeping up with the existing program.

It's Typical of OPM

OUR WHOLE INDUSTRIAL economy must be treated as one gigantic industrial plant. Until there is enough imagination, central planning and directing brains at work to begin treating the whole country as one vast war plant, we will be fighting a total war with partial effort.

Typical of the sluggish attitude is the small fact that although OPM called upon industry and labor to work through the New Year holiday, OPM itself closed down for the day. If keeping industry going

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—It was a very small party which gathered here last night. Unlike other years, we had no children with us and, knowing we could not reach them all by telephone, we contented ourselves with sending telegrams. Some of them went out into space, with very little idea of when or where they would be received.

For the past several years, Bishop Atwood and the Rev. Endicott Peabody have dined with us on New Year's Eve whenever they were in Washington, and we had a few other friends. The President's annual toast to the United States meant more to everyone of us than ever before.

This morning, Prime Minister Churchill and our English visitors returned to us. Hard work will begin again on the military and production problems, for we are still in the first period of this war and must make the maximum contribution possible in our preparations.

A few nights ago, we saw here the two-reel defense film called "Main Street on the March," which I think should be widely circulated.

BAN ON SALES OF NEW AUTOS IS BLOW HERE

It's War and We'll Have to Take It, Is View of Motor Row.

The OPM curtailment of new automobile and truck sales came as an unexpected blow to the automobile industry in Indianapolis and the state, Herman Schaefer, Automobile Dealers Association of Indiana secretary, said today.

He estimated that more than 20,000 persons employed by auto dealers in Indiana would suffer immediate loss of income. Accessory supply dealers and service stations would be indirectly affected, he said.

In Indianapolis and Marion County he estimated, about 2000 persons employed by dealers will be affected.

Mr. Schaefer said there was not a way of determining the number of new cars tied up in showrooms and warehouses in the city or state. Indications are that the stocks of new cars are not as large as they normally would be, he said, although there probably are a considerable number.

Stocks of used cars, he said, are insufficient to meet the normal demand in the city and state for 30 days, since these stocks have been depleted by heavy buying.

Distributors and dealers received no formal announcement of the curtailment from the Government, he said. They are cutting off sales on the basis of the information received through press and radio.

Gloom hung over Meridian St.'s automobile row. The dealers, however, weren't sitting around worrying.

Sales Forces Dwindle

Their salesman early this morning moved new cars into storage and wheeled late model used cars onto the showroom floors. There was no rush for used cars, but used car dealers anticipated one.

One dealer said his force of 32 salesmen already had dwindled to six, so that there was no need to let anyone go. He said he was not going to raise the price of used cars immediately.

Other dealers indicated that for the present, used car prices would not go up, although they added that used car stocks were limited. Most of the dealers said they were sitting tight, waiting for word from Washington on the rationing plan.

Sergeant McGuire and his fiancee, Miss Mary Elizabeth Brewer, had arranged to meet in Indianapolis for their wedding during the sergeant's holiday leave. Upon his arrival here, he was notified to report back to Chanute at 2 p. m. yesterday. Miss Brewer and her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward L. Brewer, had arrived.

Mrs. Dorothy F. Buschmann, director of the Army, Navy and Marine Service Club, and Miss Helen Hartinger, colonel in the 1st Regiment of Service Men's Cadets, came to the rescue with lightning arrangements with Dr. Daniel L. Bower for a blood test, and Francis M. Feeney, marriage license clerk, for that certificate.

The marriage was performed yesterday at 1 a. m. at Miss Hartinger's home, with her father, the Rev. William C. Hartinger, officiating. The couple left for Chanute Field shortly afterward.

In their haste, they lost the marriage license, which was found by Thomas E. Bell, inspector for the Board of Works, on N. Illinois St. It will be mailed to them.

His Pals to the Rescue

When they learned that Kenny needed only eight pounds to get into the Navy, they took decisive action. They put up a box on the second floor with a sign:

"Give freely to the milk fund for Goslin. All money donated will be used to buy milk for Kenny Goslin in order to increase his weight to the minimum requirements of the U. S. Naval Air Corps."

The nickels rolled in and Kenny began drinking milk. The boys drew up a weight and sleep chart on which they recorded all of the candidate's activities.

Leading Model Life

Several mornings ago, Kenny stepped off the elevator and the boys rushed him to the scales. A shout went up: "Kenny's up one pound!"

Like most things in life, Kenny's weight has its ups and downs. After Christmas and New Year's eve, his weight tumbled, but he's building himself right back up again. He's leading a model life.

In two weeks the Naval Board meets here again. So Kenny is drinking milk as fast as he can get it down.

He has only five more pounds to go.

FETED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

Twenty-seven great nieces and nephews held a surprise party for Mrs. Leonora Gordon on her 70th New Year's Day last night. Mrs. Gordon has lived in Marion County all her life. She was born on the Rockville Road just outside the city.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.)—The Immigration and Naturalization Service will be moved from Washington to Philadelphia, director of the Budget Harold D. Smith announced today.

The office is one of 12 Government bureaus that will be moved from the national capital to provide office space for expanding defense agencies.

HOLD EVERYTHING

ALONZO ROMINE DIES; BURIAL TOMORROW

Alonzo Romine, who drove a huckster wagon on the North Side for the last nine years, died yesterday at his home, 1313 W. 30th St., after a short illness. He was 62.

Born in Scottsburg, Mr. Romine came to Indianapolis 36 years ago. He was a safeman for the old Grand Union Tea Co. for 18 years. Surviving are his wife, Oral M.; two sons, Alpha A. and Lloyd A.; and a daughter, Mrs. Vadiline L. Shepard, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Moore & Kirk Colonial Mortuary at Fairfield and College Aves. The Rev. Charles Duncan will have charge. Burial will be in Sutherland Park Cemetery.

EXTEND FOOD STAMP HOURS

The Federal Food Stamp office will remain open tomorrow afternoon. The office ordinarily closes at noon Saturday, but some public welfare aid recipients won't receive their monthly aid checks until tomorrow.

Start 'Milk Fund' to Get Youth in Navy



HE ONLY NEEDS 5 MORE POUNDS

Pals of Kenny Goslin at Wright Plant Help the Good Cause.

WHEN Staff Sgt. Jason McGuire and his bride returned to Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., yesterday, they had the distinction of being the principals in Indianapolis' first 1942 wedding. But it took a bit of doing.

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Served in A. E. F.

He says:

1. That within a "reasonable time"—six months at the most and probably much less than that—"both Russian and American planes will be bombing Japanese cities from Siberian bases.

2. That Russia is preparing right now to strike Japan and "will strike" at the opportune moment.

3. That the U. S. and its allies will defeat Japan "within a year or two."

4. That Germany will never defeat Russia nor will they take Moscow.

Col. Gardner, who served in the A. E. F. during the first World War, won't say much about the present German-Russian battles except to state that the Russians will keep on fighting all winter and will continue "to give the Nazis everything they've got."

As to the recent stories from Moscow that the Russians are planning to drive on to Berlin, Col. Gardner comments, "If that ever becomes possible, the war will be over because the Germans will quit just as they did in the last war."

Uses Map to Follow War

The fighting on the Russian front at present is more bitter than most people realize and the Germans are still close to the Russian capital," he said.

The colonel follows the war news closely and he has a huge war map on the walls of his office at 141 S. Meridian St.

Pointing to Siberia and the Russian islands off the Siberian coast he shows visitors the many nearby places from which Russian and American bombers "will" soon be bombing Japan.

As proof that Russia intends to strike Japan, he asks: "For what other reason was Marshal Voroshilov—one of the best Russian generals—sent to the Far East?"

U. S. FORCES HUNT SUBS OFF HAWAII

HONOLULU, Jan. 2 (U. P.)—Bombers and warships were believed to be searching the sea today for enemy raiders, presumably Japanese submarines, which shelled three islands Tuesday night.

The Army, without elaborating, announced that "prompt counter-action was taken by our forces."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, new commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, warned that any port may be shelled.

Answers

1—38.

2—1941.

3—The Philippines.

4—True.

5—Woodpecker.

6—Brass.

7—War of the Roses.

8—A sword.

Upon mature consideration of its possible effect upon the war effort, the management of The Indianapolis Times has decided to refrain from publishing the third article of Leland Stowe's series on China.

2 KILLED HERE IN NEW YEAR'S DAY ACCIDENTS

17-Year-Old Girl a Victim; Seven Die in State Auto Wrecks.

Two fatalities marred Marion County's 1942 traffic record during its first 24 hours.

The holiday toll here, including the death of an aged pedestrian New Year's Eve, was three, while traffic elsewhere in the State accounted for seven other deaths.

One of yesterday's accidents was in the City while the other occurred on U. S. 52 in the County. There were no deaths in either the City or County on Jan. 1 a year ago.

Senior at Tech

Miss Mildred Daugherty, 17-year-old Tech High School senior, was the victim of the City accident. Clarence Caulwell, 17, of 5205 E. Walnut St., told police he was driving south on College Ave. shortly after midnight when the girl ran from behind a streetcar into the path of his car.

Mr. Caulwell said he stopped his car and carried Miss Daugherty to the curb. A taxi driver called an ambulance but the victim was dead when physicians arrived.

Miss Daugherty lived at 1410 College Ave. with her sister, Mrs. Thelma McGinnis. She was a native of Hope, Ind.

Lafayette Man Killed

The victim of the County accident was Averitt J. Wharton of Lafayette, Ind., who was killed instantly when his car skidded off State Road 52 near 82d St. and crashed into a tree.

William D. McMahan, 78, of 438 Limestone St., was killed New Year's Eve in the 1200 block of W. Michigan St., the 135th traffic fatality of 1941.