

## EXPECT ALLIED CHIEFTAIN SOON

European Commander Believed Understood by F. D. R., Churchill.

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LONDON, Feb. 17.—Appointment of a supreme allied commander for the European theater of war, probably soon, was believed to be a logical expectation today.

It is the only active theater where a full command setup now is missing. In it British and Americans work side by side in closest liaison, but without a commander-in-chief. The two active fighting fronts now are commanded by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in North Africa and Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the southwest Pacific.

Official silence cloaks the possible appointment of a commander-in-chief for the European theater, and even speculation is discouraged. But it can be assumed that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill reached an understanding at the Casablanca conference similar to the new Africa setup, in which Eisenhower became commander with veteran British fighting leaders in charge of each arm of the service.

**Needed for Drive**  
The apparent necessity for the appointment of a European commander-in-chief was emphasized by the declarations of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill that the axis would be hit across the continent in the next nine months.

Naturally no one is tipping off the axis when and how, but it can be assumed that before many months Churchill's "burn and bleed" policy will be put into action.

The allies are not embarrassed by any lack of available material in seeking a commander-in-chief for Europe. Any possible list is bound to include such names as Gen. Sir Archibald F. Wavell, Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the imperial general staff, Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian commander in Britain, and even Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff.

**No Hint of Favorite**  
There was not the slightest indication who might get the nod. Equally, there was not the slightest doubt that whether a Briton or American receives the post, he will obtain the fullest co-operation of all hands.

Among the list of available commanders, Wavell has had more fighting experience than any other British chieftain outside those running the African offensive.

Some quarters believed Marshall would prefer an active fighting post rather than a planning and administrative job in Washington. However, American responsibility for the direction of the war effort already is great, with Eisenhower and MacArthur in charge of the two major fighting fronts.

## BOY, 13, MISSING AFTER WHIPPING

Thomas D. Griggs Sr. of Evansville today appealed to Governor Schricker for help in locating his 13-year-old son, Thomas D. Griggs Jr., who ran away from his home after receiving a whipping at school. The boy has dark brown hair, is 57 inches tall, and weighs 85 pounds. He was wearing a scout uniform, hat and heavy black shoes, and had with him two pairs of corduroy trousers and a leather jacket.

## WASHINGTON TOPIC OF MASONS' MEETING

The Rev. C. A. McPeckers, pastor of the North Methodist church, will speak on "George Washington as a Mason" at the Washington birthday observance of North Park lodge 646, F. & A. M., Saturday.

## BIBLE CLUB TO HEAR ARCH BOBBITT TALK

Arch N. Bobbitt, city attorney, will speak at the dinner meeting of the Bible investigation club of the Y. M. C. A. at 6 p. m. today at the Y.

## BAR TO HEAR TALK ON OPA LEGAL PROBLEMS

"Legal Problems of the OPA" will be discussed by John Scott, chief Indiana attorney for the office of price administration, at the noon meeting of the Indianapolis Bar association tomorrow at the Columbia club.

## PLAN SKATING PARTY

Drum and bugle corps 1, Sons of Veterans of Foreign Wars, will have a skating party from 7 to 11 p. m. Tuesday at Rollerland, 926 N. Pennsylvania st. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of new instruments for the corps.

## Acid Indigestion

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## Duke in Navy



Norman Duke of La Porte, former deputy attorney general, has reported for service as a lieutenant, junior grade, in the navy.

## AIR COMMITTEE PLAN APPROVED

Backed by Rules Body Despite Results From Other Groups.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The house rules committee has approved a resolution creating a permanent 21-member aviation committee, overriding protests by committees now charged with jurisdiction in that field.

Rep. Jack Nichols (D. Okla.), sponsor of the resolution, stressed that its jurisdiction would be limited to legislation affecting civil and commercial aviation and that the group would not invade the fields of naval and military aviation.

Members of the house naval and military affairs committee fought the resolution, as did those on the house interstate and foreign commerce committee.

The proposal is considered to have a good chance of adoption by the full house inasmuch as the sizable Republican minority is formally committed by its leader, Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.), to support of the plan, and there was scant majority opposition in committee.

Proponents contend the standing committee is an essential prerequisite to adequate congressional handling of aviation problems on the vastly-expanded scale expected in the post-war era.

## MISS SHIPPEY GETS NEW BUTLER DUTIES

Miss Leslie Shippey, Butler university senior and beauty queen, is the newly appointed field representative of the university's promotion department.

Miss Shippey succeeds Miss Mary Helen Yates, who resigned to become field executive with the Camp Fire girls. She will work under the direction of Dr. C. R. Maxam, promotion department head.

## COUNTY LAWYERS TO HOLD ELECTION

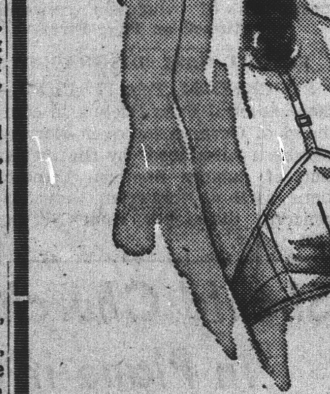
The Marion County Lawyers' association will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday at the Senate ave. branch of the Y. M. C. A.

New officers will be elected and Rep. Wilbur Grant of the state legislature will speak. Moses Beene is president of the group and R. B. H. Smith, secretary.

## SEW FOR RED CROSS

Prospect auxiliary, O. E. S., will meet Friday morning at the hall at Prospect st. and State ave., to sew for the Red Cross. Mrs. Isaac VanderMoore, president, will preside at a business meeting at 2 p. m.

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## SELECT STAFF OF TECH PAPER

Marilyn McRae and Marie Thiel Chief Editors of Student Publication.

Marilyn McRae and Marie Thiel are editors-in-chief of staffs one and two of the Arsenal Cannon, student publication at Technical high school.

Margaret Liehr and Rebecca Taggart were named associate staff editors by Miss Ella Sengenberger, director of publications.

Co-editors of the June magazine are Miriam Thompson and Betty Catherine Mills, with Donna Wigan, associate editor; Keith Kite, layout and art editor, and Dean Timmerman, photographer.

## Other Staff Members

Other members of the weekly staff are:

City editor, Anne Sellers; sports editors, Robert Mundell and Charles Delporte; sports writers, Wayne Walters and Ralph Dea Keyne, and pages four and five editors, Patty Lou Byington, Gloria Wilson, Doris Ann Cleary and Ruthellen Pohlman.

Department editors include Jean R. Schmidt, David Klapper, Stephen Best and Norma Felton; feature writers, Jean Farson and Virginia Rouse, and copy desk, Mildred South, Sylvia Johnson, Patricia Perkins and Elizabeth Yager.

Assignment writers are Patricia Seneteny, Norma Schaloski, Joan Innis, Rosemary Wiggs, Jean Brown and Margaret Young.

New members of the staff are June Boyd, Mary Ann Griffith, Florence Higgins, Maxine Shields, Wanda Milner, Donald Sullivan, Carolyn Wilson and William Windsor.

Ida Marie Luck is public relations director, John Lawson, business manager; Peter Havocette and Duane Daniel, circulation manager and assistant; William Wilcox, auditor, and Joan Baumgart, Ruth Bucher, Barbara Wilkinson and Patricia Elliott, typists.

Faculty assistants are Miss Julia Jean Rowe, assistant sponsor; Werner Moninger, business, and Ralph E. Clark, printing.

## 2 HOOSIERS KILLED, 3 HURT IN ACTION

Two Indiana men have been killed in action and three wounded in the North Africa, South Pacific and European areas, according to an announcement by the war department.

Capt. Richard E. Miller of Ft. Wayne was reported killed in North Africa and Pfc. Robert G. Walden of Campbellsburg is listed as killed in the South Pacific.

Wounded in North Africa were Sergt. Elmer L. Burger of Evansville and Homer L. Hill of New Castle, a fifth grade technician. Staff Sergt. Raymond E. Eaton of Dana was listed as wounded in Europe.

The list included 97 U. S. soldiers killed in action and 97 wounded in the African, Alaskan, European, South Pacific and Southwest Pacific regions. Included were 12 officers and 85 enlisted men killed and 20 officers and 77 enlisted men wounded.

## TWO ARE FREED OF GAMBLING CHARGE

Judge John Niblack in municipal court yesterday dismissed charges of keeping a gaming house brought by police against William Wittig and Mrs. Joy Wittig, 5509 W. 10th st. Their case was dismissed upon the plea by their attorney to suppress the evidence because the police did not have a search warrant when they went to the Wittigs' address Monday night and confiscated 900 bingo cards.

## Mint Wins Its Battle to Make Nickels Out of Something Else

By JOSEPH L. MYLER  
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—You're crazy if you think it was a simple matter for the U. S. mint to stop making nickels with nickel and start making them out of something else. It was a tough battle but the mint, thanks to the National Bureau of Standards, won after a long, hard fight.

It was a difficult task, according to the Bureau of Standards, because:

1. The new, or non-nickel, nickel had to look like the old nickel nickel and be as free from tarnish.
2. The new alloy had to be hard enough to resist wear and at the same time take clean-out impressions from the mint's dies.
3. It had to be of lower value than the coins made out of it to keep people from melting the coins and selling the bullion at a profit.
4. The new nickel had to be acceptable to juke boxes, slot machines, vending contrivances and fare boxes.

No. 4 was the biggest headache. The Bureau had no trouble finding a silver-copper alloy meeting requirements 1, 2 and 3, but the coin vending machines turned thumbs down.

"Vending machines," the bureau explained, "are protected by various devices so that they cannot be operated with slugs. Consequently it was necessary to match the elec-

trical conductivity, the magnetic permeability, the resilience, and the weight of the old nickel."

So the bureau made tests with actual vending machines. Experimenters finally hit on a silver-copper-aluminum slug which any juke box would be happy and proud to accept.

Then they found a silver-copper-electrolytic manganese alloy which satisfied all four requirements. But the War Production Board said no.

Other mixtures were tried and another perfect one was found—except that it turned green. Still another was all right but its silver content made the nickel worth more than five cents.

Finally the bureau achieved this workable mixture—66 per cent copper, 35 per cent silver and nine per cent nonelectrolytic manganese. The slot machines loved it.

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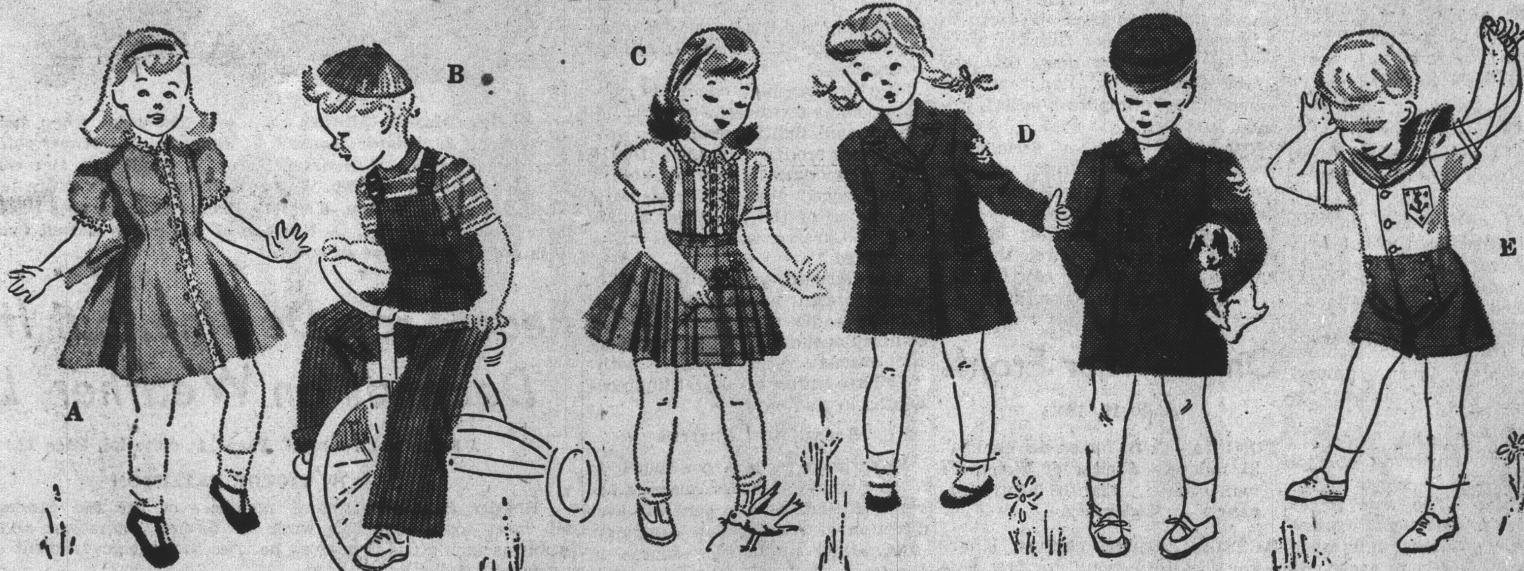
- Printed Dover Broadcloths
- Printed Pique Remnants
- Chateau Chambrays
- Combed Yarn Shirtings
- Printed Flower Garden Chints
- Printed Spun Rayon Remnants
- Printed Poplins
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- CHAMBRAY 2-Pc. OVERALLS, Sanitized..... \$1.19

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