

## Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

**NORTH AFRICA.**—One day Mrs. Sara Harvey of Nashville, Tenn., wrote a letter to me, and it finally found its way over here. Mrs. Harvey asked me to look up her husband in England, and tell him to hurry up and get the war won and get back home to her.

Lots of people write me letters like that. Unfortunately the world is a big place and our troops are scattered. Only once in a blue moon do I happen to be in the vicinity of the husband or sweetheart asked for.

But the Harvey case turned out just right. When Mrs. Harvey wrote, her husband and I both were in England. When the letter arrived we were both in Africa and Mrs. Harvey's ever-loving was right under my nose. All I had to do was walk through a bunch of palm trees and across a little sand, and there he was.

He is Sgt. Benson Harvey, radio man with a fighter squadron.

Harvey and another fellow live in a pup tent just big enough to hold their blankets. Their private slit-trench is just a jump away. A small tinted picture in a glass frame hangs on the tiny pole in the back of the tent. The picture is of Mrs. Harvey.

## One of 4 Brothers in Service

**SERGT. HARVEY** is a young fellow. He is one of four brothers scattered all over the world. Maj. Robert Harvey is a doctor now on his way overseas, probably to Africa. James is a chief petty officer in the navy. He was through Pearl Harbor and the Solomons battles, and is somewhere at sea. His wife was once notified that he was dead—but he wasn't.

## Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

**CARL MOORE** of Franklin township reports the first straw hat appeared in front of the Claypool at 2 p.m. last Friday. Rushing the season a bit, eh? ... Carl adds that the black and white set which used to gambo on the statehouse lawn at 8 a.m. no longer

is there. He hopes nothing has happened to it as the dog was the most obedient Carl ever encountered. Maybe that's because a policeman was its master. ... Seen at Illinois and Market: A young soldier snapping a picture with a small camera. His subject was a U. S. marines recruiting poster with a girl's picture on it. ... A drugstore at the intersection of Massachusetts, Walnut and Park, has a permanent sign in the window, reading: Prescriptions our hobby. ... Agent Z-9 phones in to comment that we've been having a sample of lend-lease right here at home recently, what with housewives lending or trading butter, sugar, coffee and other rationed items over backyard fences.

## Robin Keeps Bobbin'

**MRS. O. R. TOOLEY**, 6120 Indianapolis ave., read about the silly robin that had been butting its head against the windowpanes at the H. W. Oberlies home, 1019 N. Kealing. And then she called us about another silly robin. This bird keeps flying against the enclosed porch windows all day long. The Tooleys have tried everything they can think of to stop the bird. First they washed the windows, thinking that would help, but it just made it easier for the robin to see his reflection in the glass. Then Mr. Toooley tried turning the house on it—and found the robin didn't care. Mrs. Toooley says she'd like to know if anyone finds something to discourage the pest. ... During Sunday night's blackout, Mrs. Glen Hanning, an air raid warden stationed at Washington between Pennsylvania and Meridian, saw a man walking on the sidewalk. "You'll have to seek shelter, sir," she informed him. "Sorry lady, but I'm a detective," he told her. She opined that maybe it was all right for him to be out. A couple of minutes later she dimly saw the outline of a man and also ordered him to seek shelter. "Sorry, but I'm still that same de-

## Washington

**WASHINGTON**, March 31.—The reason there won't be a big coal strike this year is that John L. Lewis has decided not to attempt one in the middle of a war.

Recently the war has been winning in Washington. That has not always been the case. Sometimes the war comes second—after some contractor gets his or some group gets its cut.

But the war sometimes wins out, although we don't hear as much about those instances as we might.

For instance, the war won out over the farm bloc on one point—the question of whether the cost of living should be increased by tinkering with the farm parity formula. That action, taken by the commander-in-chief, can give the orders.

## May Salvage Some Sort of Increase

**THAT WAS BITTER** beer for Mr. Lewis. He could have neither his strike nor his wage increase. And that from the president against whom he turned with irrevocable hate after deciding that the president was showing no gratitude for the half-million-dollar campaign contribution in 1936. How can a labor leader lead when he can't offer his men either a raise or a strike?

Possibly Mr. Lewis will salvage a fair equivalent of a wage increase.

Coal miners have been paid only for the work they do after reaching the face of the coal down in the mine. A court decision recently held that iron-ore miners were entitled to be paid from the time they went through the company gates.

If the time spent going down the shafts and through the tunnels to the face of the coal should be added in as pay time, then Mr. Lewis could show his miners a pay increase under another name, with the hourly rates of pay remaining the same. That is the way out that is being considered.

That is a compromise, to be sure. But the fact that there was no coal strike this year is bound to be of enormous influence in discouraging other strikes.

The restraint on the part of John L. Lewis is likewise a certain indication of the force that war demands are coming to have here.

## F. D. R. Can Give the Orders

**THAT IS** the meaning of the news that the United Mine Workers and the northern and southern operators will not interrupt work today when their contract expires, although they are far from completing negotiations for a new contract.

Two years ago Mr. Lewis took his miners out of the mines on less of an issue than he has raised this time.

In fact there usually is a strike every two years when the bituminous contract expires, even if only for a few days as a kind of demonstration of strength.

The last time, in 1941, the mines were tied up

## My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

**MINNEAPOLIS**, Minn., Tuesday.—The women's war bond savings staff of Chicago, which I addressed yesterday afternoon, featured particularly its booth workers. Cook county and the city of Chicago certainly are justifiably proud of these women workers in this particular service.

They stressed the fact that it was not in any way a glamorous service. It was something which women, who worked all day, were still doing in their free time in the evening. Women who had other jobs and could spare an hour here and there, were giving that hour whenever it could be found. They learned how to tell the story of the different bonds they sold and proved themselves highly successful.

I could not help thinking that, after the war, they might turn out to be very valuable saleswomen for some other product, having learned the art of mastering the value of the article they had for sale and the even subtler art of making the buyer want to possess it.

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