

## GLIDER-CARRIED 'LOCUSTS' SCORE

Marmon-Herrington Vehicles Flown to France in Invasion.

Light tanks manufactured by Marmon-Herrington of Indianapolis were flown from England in huge gliders in the initial stages of the Normandy invasion, surprising the Germans who were waiting to fire upon the troops they expected to see the gliders land, it was revealed today.

The tank, which the British dubbed the Locust, is a compact, streamlined, 7½-ton all-welded vehicle with an extremely low silhouette and low center of gravity, the company said.

It rides in the belly of the huge Hamilcar glider which is towed by a heavy bomber and which has a wingspread greater than that of a Lancaster four-engine bomber. Conceived shortly after Pearl Harbor, the tank was built on ordnance department specifications and was saved until the Normandy invasion, Marmon-Herrington revealed.

**Other Action Predicted**  
"It will, without doubt, be heard from again, in the European area as well as in other theaters of action, before this war is over," the company said.

While the idea of carrying tanks by air was not new, previous attempts had met with only "indifferent success," Marmon-Herrington said.

"The tactical advantages of such a vehicle are many. The element of surprise in their first appearance on the battlefield obviously would be an important factor and accordingly the high command did not use this trump in any lesser operations, but saved it for the

## Tanks Built Here Spring Surprise on Germans



Marmon-Herrington's 7½-ton glider-borne tank, in a mock German village at the Aberdeen, Md., proving ground.

great invasion, where it had such telling effect.

"Other advantages are the ability to reach places otherwise inaccessible to tanks, the possibility of effecting tank concentrations at distant and strategically important points on short notice and the opportunity to have the tanks arrive at the scene of combat with the vehicle in fresh mechanical condition and the crew rested and ready for combat."

### Build Other Armor

Marmon-Herrington had been building all-wheel drive trucks and armored cars, high speed tracking tractors and several sizes of combat tanks and had just completed "a large contract for hundreds of tanks for our allies" and for the U. S. ordnance department when it was given a contract for the gliderborne tank.

The Marmon-Herrington plant for more than two years has been a beehive of activity turning out these units and has been one of the most highly restricted armament building plants in the country. Even officers in uniform had difficulty in getting past the front door. The secret was well kept.

Now that this new weapon has met the enemy and played a stellar part in the invasion across the channel, its existence can be revealed.

## Friends Rebuild Soldier's House

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 4 (U. P.).—The rhythmic bang of hammers and the grating buzz of rip saws provided sweet music to the ears of Mrs. C. M. Roberts today as 35 friends of her soldier husband, serving overseas, began a dawn-to-dusk task of building a cottage to replace the one which burned down recently.

The volunteers are all old pals and former fellow workers of Roberts at Chavannes Lumber Co., many of them expert carpenters. They chose Labor day for the "house raising" because it was the first work day they had had off since July 4.

Construction began at dawn and the only interruption was at noon when Mrs. Roberts, wearing a neat white apron, made the rounds with fried chicken "and with it" for the men.

## ARRESTS REPORTED HIGH IN ACCIDENTS

Arrests were made in 50.3 per cent of the 423 accidents here during the month of August, Police Chief Clifford P. Becker disclosed today.

In a report to the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Safety Council, Chief Becker pointed out that the average rate set up by the International Association of Chiefs of Police is 50 per cent.

One fatality during the month apparently was caused by a motorist's failure to give right of way to a pedestrian; two more were caused by pedestrians not crossing at intersection, and the other fatality was attributed to failure of motorist to have adequate brakes.

Arrests for all types of hazardous violations showed a total of 48.9 per cent. A report showed the highest percentage of arrests were made at 16th and Meridian sts.; Massachusetts, College and Noble sts.; 13th and West sts.; Kentucky ave., and West st.; 16th and Mont-calm, West and Washington, and Noble and Washington sts.

## Delay Arrest So Suspect Can Wed

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (U. P.).—Don't say cops aren't sentimental. Detectives waited patiently outside a church while Joseph Markiewicz, 24, was being married. When the bride party left the church the detectives arrested the groom on an assault and robbery charge. But before taking him to jail they accompanied the couple to a photographer's studio to have a wedding picture taken.

## BATTLESHIP BUILDING PROGRAM RESUMED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U. P.).—The battleship building program temporarily side-tracked to make way for other more urgent types of warship construction, is now going forward, again, it was learned today. Chairman David L. Walsh (D. Mass.), of the senate naval affairs committee, told the United Press that construction had been suspended for a time on the 45,000-ton battleship Kentucky to make the ways available for another kind of ship bearing a higher priority but that building has been resumed. Walsh also said that construction was proceeding on the last of the 45,000-tonners, the Illinois. Under the naval expansion act of 1940, the navy was to have built five 60,000-ton super-battleships of the Montana class. Even before the first keel was laid for these craft, the navy in 1942 abandoned plans for their construction because the steel, manpower and facilities were needed for more urgent building. The chances are they may not be started during this war.

# Showers and Storms Predicted for 1944-45

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**C. The Black Rubber Raincoat** every fellow likes this coat with double ventilated yoke. Sizes 4 to 16. (Helmet to match). \$3.00



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**E. Bright Blanket Plaid Reversible** ... gay plaid on one side ... cotton gabardine on the other. Sizes 10 to 14. (Felt Cloche). \$11.95

**F. Bright Red All Wool Reversible** with cotton gabardine on the reverse side. Box style—a favorite. Sizes 7 to 14. (Peasant Style Rain Hat). \$11.95



**F. Kindergartner's Raincape with Attached Hood** ... she'll keep dry in this blue or natural cotton gabardine cape. Sizes 3 to 6½. \$3.00



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**A. KINDERGARTNER'S TWO-TONE SNOW SUIT** ..... \$9.50

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A one-piece style of sno-proof, rain-proof element cloth! With embroidered touches! In pink or blue, sizes 1 to 3½. (Matching bonnet, 1.00.) (Same style for little boy, 7.50)

**D. SNOW SUIT for a SMALL and ACTIVE BOY** ..... 7.95

A water-proofed gabardine two-tone jacket with matching ski pants (with knit cuffs for warmth). Slash pockets. Sizes 3 to 8. (Helmet, 1.00)



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A good-looking suit that's a school days essential! Colorful all-wool; plaid plus rich pinwale corduroy sleeves and trim and matching pinwale corduroy slacks. Dark brown, natural tan, or olive green. Sizes 4 to 10.

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All Wool Sweaters, Coat Style, 3.98  
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All Wool Slacks with concealed side elastic waists, 5.95  
(Jr. Boys' Slacks, at 3.98 and 5.00)



**The "Albert Richard" Wool Plaid Mackinaw** ..... 13.75

The young fellows really "go" for this mackinaw styled and tailored by "Albert Richard"! Rich, warm and colorful plaids. Sizes 6 to 16.



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