

General Son of Local Woman Relieves G. I. Hunger at Front

By GEORGIA CLARK

G. I. lunch stands on the way to the front of the European theater have been established through the efforts of Brig. Gen. Charles O. Thrasher, whose mother, Mrs. Charlotte Thrasher, lives at 2329 N. Delaware st.

Instead of having to line up at mess kitchens drivers can pull up to one of the lunch counters, grab a sandwich and a cup of coffee and continue on their way.

Gen. Thrasher's idea was to provide a time-saver and comfort for the soldiers. Located for the most part in tents, the stands appear at various crossroads on routes to the front where traffic is heavy.

Serve Sandwiches, Fruit

The men are served sandwiches, coffee, fruit, fruit juices—and even sometimes receive a chocolate bar. The stands are available to American messengers and officers and troops who have to serve between widely separated battle sectors. Allied soldiers also are welcomed.

Gen. Thrasher is serving in the European theater on the staff of Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, deputy commander of the theater. Gen. Lee also serves as commanding general of the communications zone of the service supply in the European theater and Gen. Thrasher is serving as commander of the Olse base section. The two generals were pictured together in the Sept. 2 issue of the Saturday Evening Post with a story of Gen. Lee's part in the war.

Before the attack of Pearl Harbor, Gen. Thrasher was in charge of planning the structure for the West coast to supply Alaska, Panama and the Philippines. For this work he recently was awarded the bronze star.

Has Legion of Merit

The award came only a few months after the general received the legion of merit for outstanding service in preparation for the North African campaign and the invasion of Normandy.

Although Mrs. Thrasher is proud of all of her son's achievements, probably the one which gives her the most pride is his Thanksgiving presentation of the American flag to the cathedral of Reims, France. More than 1000 U. S. soldiers and the entire city of Reims gathered in the cathedral for the American observance of Thanksgiving day. Gen. Thrasher presented the flag as a symbol of mutual admiration existing between the two great countries.

Sharing Mrs. Thrasher's pride in her son is his wife, Mrs. Ethel W. Thrasher, Gilman, Ill., and two daughters and a son.

The general was born in Paxton, Ill., but lived in Indiana several years. He attended school at Walcott and later went to the University of Illinois. He has been in the army about 27 years and served as a captain in world war I.



Brig. Gen. Charles O. Thrasher

MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR SLAIN

Legislator Once Attended

DePauw; Was Racing Probe Witness.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 12 (U. P.)—The slayer of State Senator Warren G. Hooper, 41, shot three times through the head and left in a flaming automobile, was sought today by police.

Officers theorized he may have been killed to keep him from testifying against a former state Republican party leader and two co-defendants accused of a horse-racing bill bribery plot. Hooper's body was found last night in the burning car which apparently had skidded to a halt near Springport, on the road from the state capitol at Lansing to his home at Albion.

Hooper once attended DePauw university and later became a west coast and Chicago newspaperman. Hooper was to have been principal witness in a case brought by Michigan's one-man grand jury against:

Frank D. McKay, Grand Rapids multimillionaire and former state Republican leader.

Floyd Fitzsimmons, Benton Harbor sportsman.

Former Rep. William Green, Hillman, Mich., Republican.

Hooper had been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for testimony before the grand jury.

Jackson County Prosecutor Morrow K. Aten moved quickly to solve the mystery as he summoned three men for statements on what they saw last night when they halted their car behind Hooper's on a highway leading out of Lansing.

Three bullets had been fired at point blank range into the left side of Hooper's head.

Police examinations revealed the murder weapon had left powder marks, and ballistics experts said the fatal slugs were .38 caliber.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Harold Black, assistant county coroner, and Charles Muehlberger, of the state crime detection laboratory revealed that any one of the three shots could have caused Hooper's death.

Aten planned to question Floyd Modjeska, Springport, Mich., grain elevator operator; Kyle Van Auker, clerk, of Edson Rapids, Mich., and M. D. Howard, Lansing, a bus line employee who found the body.

Modjeska told Bion Hoeg, state police detective, that he saw smoke rolling from Hooper's car, which was halted on the wrong side of the road, apparently after skidding violently.

The legislator was seated on the right side of the front seat, Modjeska said, and the seat cushion smoldering beneath him suddenly spurted flames.

Smoking When Shot

Hooper apparently had been smoking a cigaret when he was shot, Hoeg said. Earlier reports indicated that the killer may have ignited the gasoline tank of Hooper's car, but more thorough police examination discounted this.

At the state capital of Lansing, Kim Sigler, special grand jury prosecutor, revealed that Hooper "was the principal witness against three defendants named in a recent warrant charging bribe conspiracy involving horse racing legislation."

Sigler said that Judge Leland W. Carr, conducting the inquiry had granted immunity to Hooper in this case after the latter made a lengthy statement.

UNSANITARY HOMES TARGET OF FIGHT

State health board files today disclosed an 11-month battle to clean up unsanitary conditions in four Ravenswood homes.

The public spotlight was centered on conditions Wednesday when 7-month-old Homer Glenn Biehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Glenn Biehl, died of exposure and malnutrition. Their five other children are being cared for in City hospital.

The Biehls will be tried tomorrow following funeral services for their baby in Huntington.

Another parent, Mrs. Minnie White, 26, of 936 N. Pennsylvania st., has been ordered to take her children and go back to Kentucky. The action was taken by Juvenile Court Judge Mark V. Rhoads after Mrs. White allegedly left her three children in her cold apartment.

The Ravenswood town board, in investigating conditions of three other homes in question; has ordered the owner to comply fully with a set of improvements within five days or they will be padlocked.

Gates Reorganizes Tax Board In Naming Jorg and Smith

Total reorganization of the state tax board was completed by Governor Gates today when he appointed Roy J. Jorg and Ray E. Smith, Republican and Democratic board members, respectively.

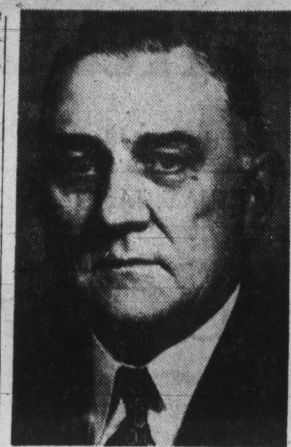
Otto C. Wulfsberg, strip mine operator from Huntington, Republican, was named chairman of the tax board yesterday, to succeed Charles Bedwell, Democrat of Sullivan.

Mr. Jorg, who is from Ligonier, has been fourth district G. O. P. chairman since 1942. In all probability he will follow policy established by the new administration by resigning his political post.

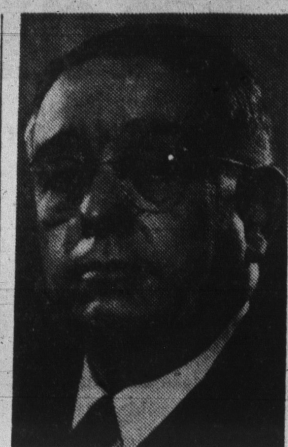
Rationing Board Head

Previously he had been Noble county chairman from 1938 to 1942 and Ligonier city chairman since 1942.

A farmer, hatchery operator and wholesale poultry buyer, Mr. Jorg has been chairman of the county rationing board since its organization, president of the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce and director of the American State bank. In 1944 he was a delegate to the Republican national convention.



Otto C. Wulfsberg



Roy J. Jorg



Ray E. Smith

He succeeds Howard Atcheson, Scottsburg attorney.

Mr. Smith recently retired as executive secretary to former Governor Schricker, a position he had held since October, 1941. A graduate of DePauw university,

Mr. Smith later was a reporter on the Franklin Star, managing editor of the La Porte Herald-Argus and editor of the Michigan City Evening Dispatch. He also was advertising manager of the La Porte corporation at La Porte, Ind.

In 1934 he assumed the editorship of the Hoosier Sentinel of Indianapolis, Democratic party organ. He entered Governor Schricker's office as under secretary in charge of penal affairs in 1941, advancing to the executive secretaryship later that same year. Married and the father of two

PAULETTE GODDARD NOW RESTING WELL

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Paulette Goddard, dark-haired film star, was reported "resting well" at St. John's hospital in Santa Monica today after an emergency operation for an abdominal pregnancy.

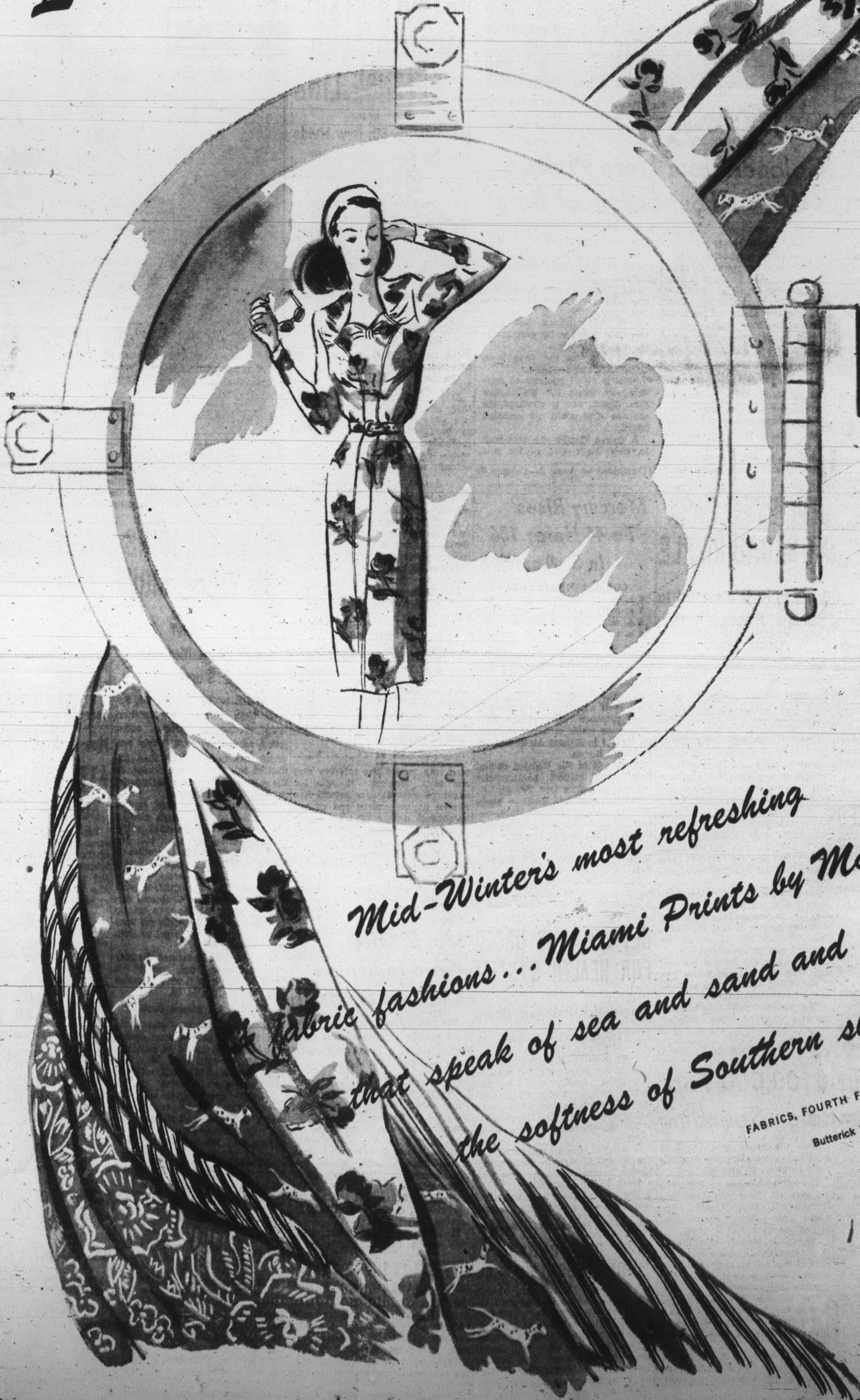
Miss Goddard, wife of army air force Capt. Burgess Meredith, film and stage actor, was rushed to the hospital last night where the operation was performed by her physician, Dr. Blake Watson.

Following the operation she was given several blood transfusions and was unconscious at times, but hospital attendants said her condition had improved early today.

Miss Goddard retired from the screen two months ago to await the baby's arrival, expected late in the spring.

She and Meredith were married last May 21. daughters, Mr. Smith resides with his family at 1111 Pomander pl., Indianapolis. He succeeds Peter Beczkiewicz of South Bend.

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WOMAN DIES AFTER NINE DAYS IN COLD

ROCKLAND, Me., Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Exposure to sub-zero weather during the nine days that she was missing from the Rockland City farm, resulted in the death of Miss Edna King, 58, at a hospital here early today.

Half-starved and with her legs and arms frozen, Miss King was found beneath a henhouse in 22-below-zero weather here yesterday. Though still conscious, she was too weak to tell police of her activities since she disappeared Jan. 2.

Authorities said there were no tracks in the snow around the henhouse, indicating that the woman had been hiding there at least since Sunday.

REBEKAHS TO SEAT MRS. SYLVIA LEACH

Mrs. Sylvia Leach will be installed as noble grand of the Olive Branch Rebekah lodge 10 at 8 p. m. tomorrow in Castle hall.

Others to be installed by Miss Martha Polt are Mrs. Myrtle Turpin, vice grand; Mrs. Carrie Johnson, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Davison, treasurer; Mrs. Ola Hiatt, warden; Mrs. Mary Gaskill, right supporter to the noble grand; Mrs. Edna Murphy, left supporter to the noble grand; Miss Anna B. Gaynor, right supporter to the vice grand.

Also Mrs. Bertha Weaver, inside guardian; Mrs. Hazel Cook, outside guardian, and Mrs. Fairy Arnel, past noble grand.

Greek Leftists and British Arrange Truce in Civil War

ATHENS, Jan. 12 (U. P.)—The bloody Greek civil war will end, at least temporarily, at 12:01 a. m. Monday.

A truce has been signed by Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie, British commander in Greece, and four representatives of the rebellious left-wing E. A. M., it was announced today.

The truce was agreed upon last night. It will prevail during negotiations between the E. A. M. and the new Greek government under Regent Archbishop Damaskinos and Premier Gen. Nicholas Plastiras.

Main Points at Issue

Main point at issue between the E. A. M. and the government was believed to be the disarmament of both the Greek national guard and E. A. M.-E. L. A.-S. forces. The early trial of Greeks accused of collaborating with the Germans also was believed to be an issue.

It was announced that a British patrol had entered Lania, nearly 100 miles northwest of Athens, and formerly E. L. A. S. headquarters, without opposition.

E. L. A. S. forces also were revealed to have withdrawn from

Patrai (Patras), 110 miles west of Athens, yesterday. British forces were searching the town without opposition. Salonika, in northern Greece, also was reported quiet.

5 Points in Truce

The effective date of the truce was put off to Monday to give E. L. A. S. leaders sufficient time to notify all units of the "cease fire" order.

Under the terms of the truce: ONE: E. L. A. S. forces will withdraw from certain occupied towns and villages before deadlines ranging from 12:01 a. m. Jan. 17 to 12:01 a. m. Jan. 18.

TWO: The E. L. A. S. will release all service personnel prisoners of all nationalities, including the Greek government police and national guard, but not Greek civilians detained by E. A. M.-parent body of the E. L. A. S.

THREE: British forces will release an equal number of E. L. A. S. prisoners.

FOUR: All British civilians captured will be released irrespective of the identity of their captors, the place where they were captured or their present location.

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