

NEWS of our Service Men and Women

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Technical Sergeant Harold R. Brown volunteered to transport ammunition over a road that was continually shelled by the Boche during recent operations on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

The Germans had launched a strong counterattack against a hill being held by an infantry company in the 36th "Texas" Division sector. Ammunition was running low and the Krauts were severely shelling the only road leading to and from the ammunition dump.

Sergeant Brown, weapons platoon sergeant, on his own initiative and without orders, volunteered to make the trip over the road. He worked constantly under this severe fire and successfully made several trips, thereby replenishing the supply of ammunition.

His courageous action and devotion to duty were largely responsible in causing his unit to hold off the counterattack until the enemy withdrew.

Sgt. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, Wheatfield, Indiana. He has been overseas 11 months, serving in North Africa and Italy. He was among the first American troops to set foot on Italian soil during the Fifth Army invasion of Italy on September 9, 1943.

Pvt. Maurice Oliver, writes from Camp Barkley, Texas, March 27. "Dear Editor, I am writing you to inform you of a change in address so the paper will be around to inform me of the happenings back home. I fractured my leg the 25th of last month and have been spending my time in the hospital. The cast was taken off the first of this week and I am walking around the ward to some extent, but it will be a few weeks before I get back to active duty.

I was classified and assigned to the 23rd Tank Battalion of the 12th Division as a gunner in a General Sherman tank.

The weather down here is fine for Texas, but Texas never has the best weather in the world. Yours truly, Maurice Oliver."

Edward S. Criswell, 37, husband of Mrs. Arvesta A. Criswell, R.F.D. No. 1, DeMotte, Ind., is receiving his initial indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

His boot training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

Pvt. Walter Huhn of Ft. Slocum, N. Y., is in the hospital there, after undergoing an appendectomy, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huhn.

Pfc. Einar Anderson has an APO New York address.

George Suffern was recently promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

Tommy Abbring may now be addressed as First Lieutenant Abbring.

Public Opinion And Politicians

President Garfield once made the statement that "Real political issues can not be manufactured by leaders of political parties. The real ones can not be evaded by political parties. The real issues of the day declare themselves and come out of the depths of that deep which we call public opinion."

General Grant was once asked who planned Sherman's march through Georgia. He immediately replied, "The enemy. The enemy usually makes plans for you." The present New Deal administration has spent eleven years in contributing to our platform by giving concrete examples of **WHAT NOT TO DO.**

Public opinion may be defined as the prevailing common belief held by a large group or class of people on any given subject. Political parties deal with public opinion in two distinct ways.

1. By moulding a new public opinion on a subject only recently brought to the attention of the masses.
2. By focusing public attention on and giving wide publicity to matters which have been in the public mind for some time previous by observing the trend, marshalling the forces, getting out in front and leading the parade, politicians are often able

to direct and lead blocks of voters to the polls and land their votes in the ballot box.

"He kept us out of war," is an example of the first method which lasted long enough to elect Woodrow Wilson in 1916."

"We reduced the number of boards and commissions from 72 to 8," was widely used in the Democratic campaign in Indiana, in 1934, and is an example of the second class. The fact is that the number was increased from 72 to 84 in 1935.

The American people have a habit of choosing their own "determining factors." Sometimes an unanticipated incident or a single phrase may unexpectedly dominate the popular emotions.

A few other campaign slogans, besides the one stated above, "He kept us out of war," are:

"Tippecanoe and Tyler too," which elected President Harrison.

"Rum, Romanism and Rebellion," which defeated Blaine.

"Sixteen to One," which defeated Bryan.

"The Full Dinner Pail," which elected McKinley.

The slogan suggested for 1944 is:

"LET'S GET THIS WAR OVER."

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EASTER SERVICES AT AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH

The community is invited to the annual Good Friday services which will be held in the American Reformed Church Friday evening, April 7, at 7:45 o'clock. The Rev. Henri J. Steunenberg, pastor, will give the meditation on one of the words of Christ from the Cross.

Special Easter Sunday services are also planned for the day at the American Reformed Church. The community Sunrise service which is held in the churches by turn is scheduled to be held this year in the American Reformed Church beginning at 6:30 a. m., Easter morning. In the afternoon service the augmented choir of 30 voices will sing the Easter Cantata, "Eternal Life" by Fred B. Holton. This service is at 2:00 p. m. Easter Sunday afternoon, April 9. The community is invited to attend all of these services as scheduled above.

Cannibals are the nicest people. William Seabrook, explorer-author, tells how white men may live safely among cannibal tribes, because most of them eat only their slain enemies. Read of his experiences, in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

GM 3/c Lester Evers has a change of address.

Lt. Anna Boezeman, ANC., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Boezeman, is at Station Hospital, Ft. Custer, Michigan.

A card from A/S "Bud" Moolenaar, informs us that he is at Gainesville, Florida.

A note from Doris Schwanke, in England, says that the KVP has finally caught up with her and she is receiving it regularly since the 13th of Feb.

Sgs. Oscar Coberly, of Chandler, Arizona, has been spending a few weeks furlough with friends and relatives. He will return to his camp this week end.

John Boezeman has been transferred to Hertford, No. Carolina.

THERE IS CONTRAST between the materialistic philosophy of today's war-torn, disordered world of pessimism and sorrow and the message of Easter with its triumph and joy. For those of us who have faith in the Risen Christ, however, in this contrast there is hope; for we do have hopes that someday the spirit of the Easter message will be infused into this materialistic world. This is the optimism of Easter.

We who hinge our lives on Christ's supreme redemptive act do not share the pessimism and despair of the world. We believe in things supernatural. We believe in the ultimate triumph of spirit over matter, of resurrection over death, of morality and religion over immorality and indifference, of Christ over the cross. This is the optimism of Easter—full of hopes and joys, yet not without crosses and crises.

On this glorious feast we are enjoined to seek those things that are above and alone lasting. And the world is enjoined to rise above the material, to shine forth in spirituality. We are taught that if the spirit of the Risen Christ penetrates the things of the world—politics, Caesar, education, life—there can be lasting peace. This is the optimism of Easter.

The world is now passing through another Good Friday. It is suffering another scourging. It is dying another death. Our duty is to secure for it another Easter. To do this we must teach the world that without a Risen Christ, there can be no Easter. Without Easter there is no optimism, only Good Friday.

EASTER SUNRISE

Easter Morning the Annual Union Sunrise Service will be held in the American Reformed Church of DeMotte. The time for the service is 6:30 a. m.

Mr. Frederic Dolphin, the pastor elect of the First Reformed Church, will give the Easter message.

The Methodist and First Reformed Churches will each supply a musical number and members of all three church choirs will lead the singing.

Rev. Steunenberg of the American Reformed Church will preside and Rev. Archibald of the Methodist Church will offer the prayer.

An inspiring service is expected. It will be a service you won't want to miss.

Scouts Hold Meet At Goodland Friday

The Ben-Ja-New district Scouter meeting was held at the Goodland library on Friday evening, March 31. Those attending from here were Arthur Lageveen, troop committee chairman; Otto DeYoung, Jr., and Melvin Kelly, troop committeemen and H. R. Heimlich, scoutmaster.

The Neighborhood First Aid meet for Boy Scout troops in Newton and Jasper counties was held in the Odd Fellows hall in Rensselaer on Wednesday evening, March 29. Twenty-three boys from troop 57, DeMotte attended the meet with Melvin Kelly and H. R. Heimlich.

PTA MEETING

The regular PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 11, beginning at 7:30 instead of 8:00 p. m. The meeting will get under way one half hour earlier to provide sufficient time for the extensive program arranged by the committee. In addition to the regular business meeting the program will include, a Court of Honor, for local Boy Scouts. About 15 boys will receive award pins. An oratorical contest will be held for high school pupils. Speeches, readings and recitations will be judged and awards made to the winners. There will be special music under the direction of Mrs. Rainwater.

After the program, open house will be held in all the school rooms. Parents are invited to visit these rooms. Teachers will be in charge.

This promises to be a very interesting meeting. Decide now to spend next Tuesday evening with your Parent-Teacher Association.

Announcement

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Mrs. Retta J. Cox and Mr. H. N. Williams on Saturday, April 1, at South Bend.

Ration Board Information

Several types of gasoline coupons will become invalidated Saturday, April 1, namely:

1. Old "E" 1 gallon non-highway coupons, "R" 5 gallon non-highway coupons on OPA Forms R530—R530A,—R531 and R531A. Issued prior to October 1, 1943.

2. All "T" coupons which do not have "2nd quarter" on them—issued April 1, 1944.

3. All B, B1, C and C1 coupons good for 2 gallons each. All truck applicants must submit to the War Price and Rationing Board their Green Certificates of War Necessity and their 1944 truck license number before their 2nd quarter of gasoline is issued starting April 1.

Announcement is also made that after April 1, no "R" coupons can be exchanged at filling stations and are only good for bulk delivery into storage tanks. To secure gasoline at the filling station "R" coupons can be exchanged at the local Ration Boards.

War Price and Rationing Board 37-1

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