



IT REMAINED for Florida and West Point to get the first war All-American in Colin Kelly who delivered the three death thrusts to the first Japanese battleship to be sunk. The Florida and West Point fighter found death in a brilliant counter stroke when such was badly needed after the Japanese raids on Hawaii. Captain Kelly was closely followed by Lieutenants Wagner and Keller in setting up a new honor roll along the road to glory. This new All-American honor roll is one that is sure to grow where the main trouble will be giving due credit to so many concerned, not overlooking those gallant marines on Wake Island. Colin Kelly's performance in diving through three anti-aircraft blasts for three direct hits on the hostile battleship was not only the final word in bravery but also the final touch in the amazing nerve control needed for this triple blow.

Sports Fortune

Queries including letters and telegrams continue to arrive asking what the future of sport should be. The answer is entirely in the hands of the government at Washington. They know the types of sport that will still be badly needed—and they also know the types that will be out of order until the war is over.

It will naturally take a certain amount of time to get the right program set up. In the meanwhile it is better to keep original programs going until changes are needed under government order. There is no occasion for any panic along this line as competitive sport can still play a big part in the way of physical fitness and morale under proper supervision and direction.

The war situation in regard to sport is a far different thing from what it was at this time a year ago. Then there was largely apathy on all sides. It is entirely different now. Everything else is completely overshadowed, as it should be, by the greatest emergency this country has ever known.

Sport can still play its part in the way of national conditioning and national morale, but there will be a far larger call on all athletes to help out, and classifications will be changed abruptly and on an extended scale.

Getting in Shape

Jack Kelly, who might be known as national commissioner of national physical condition, now has one of the country's important jobs to handle.

There should be no national softness in times of peace. There is certainly no place for national softness in times of war. And the country, from youth on by middle age, hasn't been moving toward ruggedness for some years.

When the going begins to get tough, health and general fitness mean more than ever. One of the best ways to help rests with each individual who, after all, is the responsible party—the one most affected.

This can be done by closer attention to diet—by taking more exercise—by making a personal point of getting back into better shape.

This country, for one thing, needs stronger legs—only a small per cent are equipped along this line. Ask any able athletic trainer.

Too Many Spectators

The point has been made that we have too many looking on—not enough taking part. This is true. But the growth of basketball and bowling has been big help. These two games now call on many millions.

Bowling, for example, may not be heavy exercise, but it contributes its share. Basketball is now in the middle of a nationwide sweep, especially in all high schools and colleges.

There is still a place for competitive sport that has a crowd appeal. To have all this destroyed would be a big mistake. But this should not prevent the spectators from taking better care of their own fitness.

All along the route from New York to California those more closely interested were asking how the new war would affect such sports as football, baseball, racing, etc.

It will have a decided effect on the financial side, which will be nothing to cry about. And there can't be the same keen interest in results. But there will still be competitive sport to contribute its part along needed lines.

SPOOTLIGHT BRIEFS:

The contract of Biff Jones, Nebraska football coach, has been extended for another five years. The contract was renewed following the Cornhuskers' poorest season of the century.

Michigan was third in total home football attendance in 1941 but the Wolverines led the nation in average per game with 60,321.

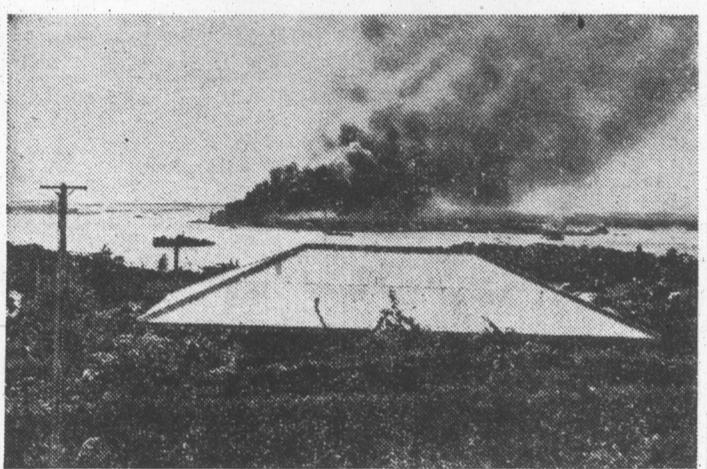
Mal Heim has completed his eleventh season for the New York Giants. He played college football at Washington State.

Benito's Contribution to Singapore Defense



These Breda guns, captured from the Italians in Libya, are being reconditioned in Malaya for use against Jap invaders. During Wavell's desert blitz a tremendous amount of Italian equipment was taken by the British. It has since been useful on other fronts, and will serve the allied cause again in Malaya.

U. S. Battleship Arizona Goes Down



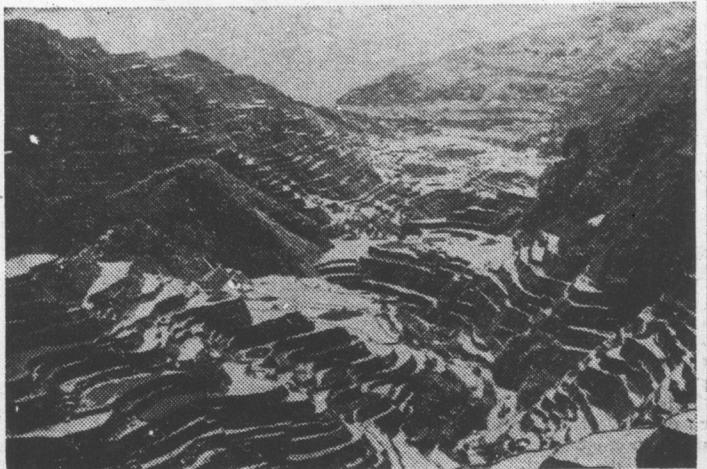
The U. S. S. Arizona on fire and sinking in Pearl Harbor after sneak raid by Japanese bombers. The 25-year-old battleship was destroyed by the explosion of the first of its boilers and then its forward magazine, due to a bomb which was said to have literally passed down the smokestack.

String of 'Valentines' for Axis



At a U. S. army airport, somewhere in the U. S., a ground crew is making adjustments to a string of 600-pound bombs before the missiles are loaded into a bombing plane for delivery at . . . ?

Where U. S. Troops Are Meeting Japs



Above is a view of the rice fields of Appari, on the northernmost tip of the island of Luzon, which is the principal island of the Philippines. The Japanese were reported as succeeding in landing troops in this rough terrain, but met with stiff resistance from U. S. troops. Manila, on this island, was the first major Jap objective.

From Wake Island



J. B. Cooke, Wake Island airport manager, and his wife and two children, Bleeker and Philip (front), shown upon their arrival at San Francisco on the clipper plane. This was the third clipper to arrive safely from the war zone. All passengers commented on the high morale of the civilians in Honolulu. Wake Island is one of our far Pacific outposts that has held out so splendidly against the Japs.

Fortify Hong Kong



A motor torpedo boat, the British navy's newest weapon for harbor defense, makes a test run across Hong Kong harbor. In the background are two lumbering Chinese junks. This "Gibraltar of the East" has lent its might in repelling Jap attacks.

War Jobs for Women



Lieut. James Hoey of New York shows a group of members of the American Women's Voluntary Services how to slide down a pole in his firehouse. The women have enrolled for defense training courses. The organization announced a shortage of trained switchboard operators and auto drivers.

To Direct Chinese



Lieut. Col. C. L. Chennault, famous U. S. flying officer, who will direct a Chinese aerial offensive against Jap bases. The 51-year-old Texan is a veteran of World War I.

Adam Club Greets New Year on Summit Of Lofty Pikes Peak

While most people will be celebrating New Year's in comfortably warm homes, theaters and other amusement places, a small group of men will be battling bitter cold and high snow drifts as they climb to the top of Pike's peak.

Every year at the stroke of midnight on New Year's eve members of the Adam Club set off a huge display of fireworks from the summit of Pike's peak. The mercury has fallen as low as 40 degrees below zero during the nine-mile climb, and the wind blows relentlessly atop the 14,110-foot peak.

Early in the afternoon of December 31 the hardy group will leave Colorado Springs. They will ride in automobiles as far as Manitou Springs which is located at the base of the peak. Their ride ends here, and they begin their long climb.

At first the climb is easy, but after the Half Way House is passed the climbing becomes extremely difficult. Snow drifts are more than 20 feet deep in places, and the incessant north wind whips the snow particles with great force.

In addition to a food supply, each man carries his share of the fireworks. The trip is a grueling test of endurance and strength. But the men really enjoy it.

U. S. Had Quiet Year During '42

No one knows what the year 1942 will bring, but '42 exactly 100 years ago was a relatively quiet one for the United States.

In that year the national debt reached the high level of more than \$13,594,000. La grippe (influenza) was prevalent throughout the country. This year also saw Charles Dickens visit the United States, and the Horatio Greenough statue of General George Washington was placed in the federal Capitol.

Other events of national importance which occurred exactly one century ago follow:

March 31—Henry Clay of Kentucky resigns from the U. S. senate.

May 2—Col. John C. Fremont commenced an exploring expedition to the Rocky mountains.

June 29—President Tyler vetoes the tariff bill.

August 9—Maine boundary established by the Webster-Ashburn treaty between the United States and England.

August 30—President Tyler signs the tariff bill.

September 29—Order of the Sons of Temperance organized in New York.

Columbus Achieved 'Greatest Discovery' Just 450 Years Ago

The year 1942 would ordinarily be one marked by a great observance of some sort for the achievement of Christopher Columbus in 1492. For 1942 rounds out 450 years since the discovery of America.

In 1892, on the occasion of the four hundredth anniversary, the Chicago fair, one of the most renowned in the world, took place. But for World War II, 1942 would have brought about another significant celebration.

Even as it is, there is some talk of paying due honor to the great navigator who, in 1492 like the world we know in the dawn of 1942, also had his "darkest hour" before the light burst on a new world.

Joaquin Miller wrote of this hour in Columbus' life—and it could be symbolic of the arrival and hopes of the year 1942. The poetry follows:

Then pale and wan he kept the deck And crept through darkness Ah, that night, of all dark nights And then a light—a light.

It grew, a starlet flax unfurled It grew time's burst of dawn— He gained—a world.

He gave that world its grandest lesson.

On—and on!

U. S. Only Sixth Rate In Father Time's Eyes

Although the United States leads the world in many ways, it is about sixth rate in the eyes of Father Time. He brings the new year first to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he finally gets around to this country. Then for three more hours the people of California must be satisfied with 1941 before they receive the fresh new year of 1942.

When the new year is born it will be 7 a. m., December 31, in our eastern cities; 6 a. m. in the central time zone; 5 a. m. in the mountain zone; and 4 a. m. in the Pacific coast states.

Early Scots Used Bible

For Glimpse Into Future

A glimpse into the future was believed possible by the early Scots who turned to their Bibles on New Year's day.

The sacred book was laid upon the table, opened at random and a finger was placed on the printed page. The entire chapter was then read, and the message it held was then believed to describe in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.



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YANKEE DOODLE

I

He fumbles and he misses—

He often fans the air;

He makes his share of boners

And often splits a hair;

He wastes a lot of motions

And has a wagging tongue . . .

But, boy, he packs a wallop

When once his chin is stung!

II

He does much shadow boxing

And dances in the dark;

His oratory often goes far wide of the mark;

He dearly loves to muddle

And seems a little queer

But not a second after

His duty is made clear.

III

He can be fooled and kid-ded.

And often seems a boob;

Amid the foreign slickers

He sometimes plays the rube;

He often seems the duffer,

And likes to play the clown . . .

But it's another story

When once the chips are down!

IV

He often plays the sucker

In ways a little dumb;

In fact he's pretty childish

(Until the punches come);

He trusts a lot to fancy

And harks to fairy tales . . .

Until he gets his wind up

And then he NEVER FAILS!

V

He often is too gabby

And trusts a lot to pacts;

He sometimes wears dark glasses

So he won't know the facts;

He's futile and loquacious

Until he's good and sore . . .

But, boy, he packs a wallop

When he gets into war!

VI

He glorifies debating

And dearly loves the stump;

He likes to hear the gossip

Around the village pump;

He certainly can fiddle

Upon the old dishpan . . .

But when it comes to fighting—

It's "Gangway for a MAN!"

VII

He dearly loves his pleasures

And all his comforts, too;

He much prefers life festive

Than when it's very blue;

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