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# This Town That World

**TROUBLESHOOTER**  
A coalition of Republicans and Democratic Democrats is opposed to the appointment of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Agriculture. It is a coalition of big-businessmen and Jesse James. These are the guys who last fall were lamenting the sad, sad fate of poor, dear Henry—one of nature's noblemen, turned down cold by his party for the Vice-Presidential nomination. Disturbing sort of person, Hank, isn't he?

**PLANE FOOLISHNESS**  
Bill Jarrell, of Martin, sends me a clipping telling the disgusting story of three service men, who, but seats on a plane to Col. Roosevelt's dog; asks that I re-print it. But, surely, everybody able to read or hear already know that yarn.  
Bill started his letter in ink, then switched to pencil. I found out the pencil had a priority over ink."

**2-B OR NOT TO BE**  
This late in the year THE TIMES is getting around to the business of printing a guide to draft classifications. Had we not found ourselves so woefully lacking on information about this matter, we probably never would have got around to this bit of information.

**1-A-O—available for non-combat service (conscientious objector).**  
Very unpopular, we are told.  
**1-C—member of armed forces or honorably discharged therefrom.**  
**2-A—man supporting the national health, safety or interest.**  
**2-C—man in agriculture.**  
**3-D—deferred by reason of extreme hardship and privation to wife, children or parents.**  
**4-A—too old (over 38).**  
**4-B—official deferred by law (try and get to be one).**  
**4-D—minister of religion or divinity student.**  
**4-E—fresh, unfit.**  
You say we forgot 1-A? Skip that if you can!

**WFO!**  
The jump in Sunday School attendance here after this column had mentioned the figures had us on the verge of commenting on the value of publicity. For this week, attendance was 497, as compared with the previous week's 487. Last Sunday's attendance of 397, a drop of 60, stayed our hand as the movement was almost ready for writing.

The cigarette light is a vice—and I am caught in the jaws thereof.  
When the Russians cross the Oder they are expected to begin smelling the smoke of Berlin.

**AM, ME!**  
I am a social failure. At the Press Association luncheon last week I enjoyed a dance. But for me it is more chore, this dancing, than tinsel. More fantastic, you might say, than light.

Coming back on the bus after we passed Fairview, some of the UMW representatives from this county who had been in Lexington—among them, Shiloh and Wayland's Hot-Shots, Noble Hobbs in a blue hood, Joe Hicks among the two TIMES contributors aboard, telling them Noble had "sm" skinned. Hicks countered with the statement any time you get ahead of Noble Hobbs he begins singing "The Old Rugged Cross."

**I AM NOT ALONE**  
Speaking of the Press Association or were we?—I would say that, excepting Don Whitehead's calm, moving recital of his experiences in Africa, Italy, France and Germany as a war correspondent, the most enjoyment I got out of the whole affair was listening to the other boys discuss education, job printing, advertising, ask questions about matters that had troubled yours truly these long months, then wind up looking puzzled after the answers were in. Truly misery does love company.

**Candill Child Victim Of 3 Months' Illness**  
Maudie Lee, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Candill, died Sunday at the Candill home, Melvin, after an illness of three months. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and three sisters: Carl, Emanuel, Audrey Mae, Merline and Millie Jean.

Funeral rites were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Candill home. Rev. Jesse Osborne, Joe Jones, J. P. Moore and W. S. Gilliam officiating. Burial in the Pleasant Hill cemetery was directed by the Ryan Funeral Home.

**Court House Happenings**  
**SUITS FILED**  
Beale Conley Prater, as Duke W. Prater; Joe P. Tackett, atty. Raymon Rice vs. Jean Vondra Durand Rice; L. C. Sloan, atty. Blanche Helton; Marshall vs. David L. Marsh; J. P. Tackett, atty. Raymon Rice vs. Anna Mae Hall; J. P. Tackett, atty. Gracie Lafferty Springs vs. Bill Springs; J. P. Tackett, atty. P. F. Hays vs. L. J. Thomas, etc.; Joe Hobson, atty.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Clayton Kinder and Anna Mae Davis.

# VOLUME XVII

THURSDAY

# REAL ESTATE

# MINERS' 1945 PAY DEMANDS ARE GLIMPSED

# In Lexington Meeting; Caddy in Address To UMW Group

A hint of the demands to be expected from the United Mine Workers of America when negotiations on a new wage agreement begins March 1 was given Sunday when approximately 300 delegates representing 16,000 members of District 30, U. M. W. A., went on record as being in favor of a "general increase in wages to meet the increased cost of living since 1941."

Proposals adopted by the delegates for submission to the national policy committee included:

- 1.—Premium pay as extra compensation or differential for men engaged in night shift work.
- 2.—The six inches free slate, in the Big Sandy division and the four inches of slate in the Hanna field, to be paid for from one inch up and impurities in the seam to be classed as payable yardage.
- 3.—Travel time to be paid for at production rates and one hour traveling time to be substituted in lieu of 45 minutes.
- 4.—Penalty clause in the agreement to be reviewed, with a view of eliminating abuses by coal companies.
- 5.—Company to pay each employee on payroll for two weeks vacation at their scale rate, or in lieu thereof, \$100, to be paid as of June 1, regardless of the length of time he has worked for the company.

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# POLIO DRIVE GAINS SPEED

# Communities Report Heavy Contributions; Theaters Join Drive

Reports from hitherto unreported communities indicate that the infantile paralysis fund drive is going well in all sections of the county. Stephen W. Clarke, Wheelwright county chairman, said Monday:

Several of the larger schools and a few of the smaller ones report 100 per cent. participation. The close of which the school having raised the greatest amount for the fund will be awarded a cash bonus of \$100. At Wheelwright Saturday evening a community party and square dance, sponsored by the school, netted approximately \$75.

In Wheelwright, Mrs. Norman Raines, co-chairman, said the school, the community and the Koppers Coal Company are supporting the drive. L. B. Brashear, Mantion co-chairman, predicted that miners there would be able to contribute more than any other residents of the community to make a good showing with their contributions.

Harvey Maynard, head of the Clear Branch Mining Company, is staging the polio fund drive at Lakon. At Lakon, Mr. Turner said mine employees are at work raising money. He said the community which made an outstanding record in the blood plasma cause last year.

In Prestonsburg and Wheelwright the "Showbiz" chain of benefit bridges for the fund continues. Since this feature of the drive started last week, the charities have extended the time for termination of the parties to Feb. 15.

Beginning Jan. 25, the national movie program gets under way and these days the country will present the "trailer" picture of the drive.

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# Three Parents Fined As Children Truant

Three Floyd parents were fined \$10 and costs Saturday when they entered pleas of guilty to charges of failing to send their children to school. The three were brought into court on warrants sworn out by Attorney Oliver W. D. Sioele.

Two of the defendants, Fred Rowe and Mrs. Jackson Kidd, both of whom were fined \$10 and costs. Pro-Tem G. C. Burnett, the other, Pat Tackett, of Belay Layne, by Magistrate Dewey Roberts.

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# WEEB BOOLE LATE

The Boyland radio program announced last week in THE TIMES, is heard at 8:30 EWT instead of 9:30, as stated previously.

# FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

SPREADING OF AND FOR FLOYD COUNTY  
PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

# DEALS TO FLOYD COUNTY

# Says Floyd Teachers Misunderstand New Payroll Taxation

Commenting on the widespread misunderstanding of teacher payroll deductions, Leonard Martin, of the County Superintendent's office here, this week explained that under the new federal tax law which became effective Jan. 1 a new schedule of withholding deductions now prevails.

In most cases, Mr. Martin explained, the deductions under the new schedule are heavier than those before January 1, in a very few instances, deductions are lighter. "The schedule bases deductions on the teacher's dependency status," he explained.

"Some teachers," Martin said, "are under the impression that the heavier deductions are caused by KCA dues and subscriptions to the school journal. This is not true. The county board of education look care of these dues and subscription costs at no expense whatever to the teachers."

# TOTAL FUND OF \$30,000

# Earmarked for Work On Rural Highways Of County in 1945

A road maintenance program anticipating the expenditure of approximately \$30,000 on rural highways of Floyd county has been approved by the fiscal court and the Department of Public Highways, County Judge E. P. Hill announced this week.

Of this amount, the county has appropriated \$8,000 for maintenance of approximately 80 miles of "pre-war" constructed roads. The remainder of the fund will be spent in the purchase of crushed lime and slag for farm-to-market routes.

Two thousand dollars of the rural road fund was earmarked for the purchase of concrete pipe for culverts as needed on various approved projects, as was another fund of \$1,500 for the purchase of lumber as needed for bridge repair.

The eight roads to which surfacing materials are allocated and the amount planned for each road follows:

Project 1001 (Little Mud) 3.2 miles, 300 tons; Project 1022 (Rig Mile) 10.8 miles, 1,200 tons; Project 1003 (Bentley) 1.2 miles, 600 tons; Project 1042 (Drift-Traff) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1018 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1019 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1020 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1021 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1023 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1024 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1025 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1026 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1027 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1028 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1029 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1030 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1031 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1032 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1033 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1034 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1035 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1036 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1037 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; Project 1038 (Hanna) 1.0 mile, 400 tons; 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## A Role for Public Service?

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES has no quarrel with the Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company in its successful fight to gain permits for construction of power lines into rural communities of this section, in competition with the rural electric co-operative.

Nor does this newspaper hold any brief for the co-ops purely as business enterprises.

But it does have an interest in the rural man and woman who needs and wants electric power, one of the most modern adjuncts to farm life in a modern age.

And so it wonders if the Public Service Commission of the state, in granting the power company permits for extensions of lines while dismissing the intervening petitions of the co-ops which sought authority to make extensions themselves, gave serious thought to the "head-o-the-holler" families whose isolation will not permit the power company, in the practice of sound business principles, to extend lines to their homes.

Has it considered the fact that the power company, all these years before REA, almost entirely eschewed the rural field of customers?

Has it taken into consideration the possibility that the "jump" its ruling has given the power company on the competing co-ops may drive the co-ops from the field and ultimately ruin the federal government's aim of electrifying the most isolated rural home?

Then, too, has it considered the fact that the power company may snatch off the cream of the crop of electricity users and let the rest go hang?

The Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company, on the whole, has given efficient and economical service to its customers. There is no argument against the company as a utility to the physical needs of the service. But it does not predict the limitations or scope of this service.

But we are convinced that the question that deserved deep thought by the Public Service Commission in preparing for a ruling of this kind was: How far in the public interest, in the interest of the "forgotten man" far up the little creeks, will the company's service extend if, indeed, the REA co-operatives are forced out of business?

For this decision could affect the lives of thousands of country folks for years to come.

## An American Tragedy

AN associate editor of LIFE magazine last week told the story of Willie Colepaugh, the American traitor to his country, and the implications are of such deep interest to the people of this country that this newspaper reviews that story here.

Willie Colepaugh is a traitor. There is no denying that, and his story is not an unusual to maudlin sentimentalism. Let that be understood now. But the story

behind the story of his betrayal of his country...

Willie was born and reared at Old Black Point, Conn., an exclusive summer resort, inside a barrier marked, "Private—No Trespassing." New York stock brokers, other "tired business men," their wives and children spent their summers. The women-folk of that inner circle gave cocktail parties, their sons and daughters had private tutors.

Outside lived Willie, whose grandparents were servants in New York but who later contrived to buy two hotels on the point and to operate them with moderate success. His father worked at one of the hotels, married one of the waitresses who became Willie's mother. The grandparents died, the hotels were sold, the father bumbled about, never achieving much, himself finally dying, leaving his widow, Willie and a daughter. From that time on they "got by" through Mrs. Colepaugh's careful husbanding of her resources.

But Willie lived the life of a social pariah. He had a weak chin, his eye could not meet the gaze of the rich boys from "inside."

Willie's sister worked as a nurse; he raked the beach, mowed folks' lawns in summer while the other boys were playing. In winter, after they had gone off to exclusive schools, he found time hanging heavy on his hands. There were times, though, when Willie found time to play with the other boys. But he didn't fit in. His language was not precise; Willie himself was not precise. When he sought to edge his way into their games, he was ignored, or the other boys moved on to another game or playground. He was given the "silent treatment."

It finally dawned on Willie Colepaugh that he wasn't wanted. He began staying to himself, moped and moped, roaming the beaches alone, fishing or rowing his boat in solitude. Folks began saying he was "not right."

Willie dreamed of Annapolis but he went to Admiral Farragut Academy instead, from there on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His grades were slightly above average and at Tech he was considered as a fraternity pledge. But he never made it. He never attended "bull" sessions, he took no part in athletics. The invisible barrier still remained between him and his classmates. Willie Colepaugh found no boyhood chum before he went to college; he found no bosom friend there.

He took to drinking heavily, to roaming about Boston, finally to preying the waterfront. And there he found friends—enough.

Among a group of international sailors. There for the first time he was taken in as one of the gang. He listened to the homesick Nazis talk of "beautiful Germany" and things back home.

Willie Colepaugh accepted these Nazi sailors as friends. Soon he was violently anti-Semitic, pro-German. He was expelled from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Arrested on a draft charge, he went into the navy dish because of his anti-American attitude.

A few weeks ago, he returned on a German submarine and landed by night on the Maine coast with a German agent. He is now, fortunately, a prisoner; will be dealt with as a wartime traitor.

"So what? Hope he gets what he deserves," you may say.

We offer no argument against that. We are only sorry Willie didn't get what he deserved when he wanted to play with other boys, years ago when he might have through a bit of human kindness become a normal American boy.

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## Floyd County Goes To War

Service Brothers and Brother-in-Law



**CPL. STRATTON**  
Haskell Stratton, 8 1/2, is stationed at Treasure Island, Calif. He was home during Christmas and until after New Year's, celebrating his birthday at home. His sister, Mrs. Curtis L. Martin, honored him with a birthday supper at her home in Pikeville.



**PFC. H. O. WILSON, JR.**  
Pfc. H. O. Wilson, Jr., a brother-in-law of Haskell and Haskell Stratton, was wounded in France. His wife, Mrs. Willis S. Wilson, received a telegram Dec. 23, notifying her that her husband had been wounded on Dec. 4.

### Battle Veteran Given Promotion Overseas



Sgt. Joe W. Tussey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Tussey, of Dock, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He has been serving with the armed forces two years and has been overseas 11 months. Sgt. Tussey is with General Patton's Third Army after seeing action in Africa, Sicily, Italy and southern France. He is the husband of Mrs. Jewell Tussey, Prestonsburg. Before entering the army he was an employee of Utilities Ekhorn Coal Company, Martin.

### 15 From State in 'Lost' Unit Gets Back Safe

With the 24th Division in the Philippines (Delayed)—In the hardest fighting for Leyte, American forces at Ormoc were able to hold out against the Japs because of a determined group of men who became known as the "Lost Battalion of Leyte."

They set up a road block against Jap reinforcements moving into the area. They killed hundreds of Japs. They went hungry and ate rice from the packs of the enemy they had killed.

They fought for water and they sat in foxholes that were full of water. Without medicine they fought dysentery and jungle rot.

When they were ordered out of the road block they fought their way back over the mountains and carried their wounded with them. By the time they rejoined the main force a tenth of their men had been killed or wounded.

Fifteen Kentuckians were among the men who came back. They were: Pfc. Herman Rothwell, 215 N. 8th street, Paducah, Ky.; Sgt. Velmor Smith, 238 Maxwell Street, Lexington; Pfc. Joe Campbell, Dublin; Pfc. Forrest McCormick, Seabree; Pvt. Robert Pharis, Carlisle; Pfc. Harvey Burris, Tynes; Pfc. James Haycraft, Route 1, Leitchfield; Pfc. Robert Hays, Shelbyville; Sgt. Robert Koebach, Harrodsburg; Sgt. Jesse Underwood, Camp Taylor, Louisville; Pvt. Charles Wells, London; Pvt. Robert West, Bowlington; Sgt. Bernice Whitaker, Wayland; Pfc. James Muse, Spiro, and Sgt. Clarence Napier, Blue Diamond.

Woodrow W. Jackson, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jackson, of Westbury, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

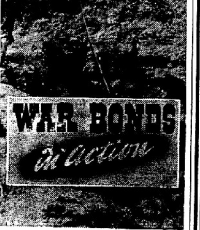
Making and using drying forms for knitted suits and sweaters are money-saving tricks practiced by Warren county homemakers.

Mildred Ward and Flora B. Casady, 4-Jers of Martin county, won \$25 War Bonds in a national junior vegetable growers' contest.

Claude Andrews, of Letcher county, says that spraying apple trees with his home orchard increased the yield 50 per cent.

This January 12, 1945, 1-18-45 J. C. SPURLIN

In Henry county, where 2,500 acres of balho 720 were seeded, certified seed was sown on 210 acres.



Over the top in Italy! One more ridge, one more mile on the road to Berlin. As in victorious military campaigns, people on the home front must sacrifice to provide all the slacks of war. One of these is the regular purchase of War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

### Observes Birthday In South Pacific



Cpl. James W. Crager, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crager, of Wayland, observed his 27th birthday with the American Infantry forces in the South Pacific where he has been for the last four years.

During this time Cpl. Crager has seen action on New Georgia, at Guadalcanal and other invasion spots of U. S. forces.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY—1st Lt. Woodrow W. Crum, son of George W. Crum, of Tazewell, Ky., an alumnus of the Good Year Industrial University, Class of '37, is serving as operations officer with the 428th Ordnance Tire Repair Company which repairs more than 500 tires a day. One tire every two minutes and 15 seconds of operating time is average speed and during the present critical tire shortage the value of their work is almost immeasurable. Mediterranean theatre officers say.

Overseas eight months, Lt. Crum wears the North African Defense Ribbon, the American Defense Ribbon and the Mediterranean Theatre Ribbon with one Battle Participation Star. Before entering the army he was employed by the Good Year Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.

Two Floyd county men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. When their recruit training is completed, these men will receive a period of leave. They are:

Smith Bradley, 18, Prestonsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Bradley, and Robert F. Crain, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crain, of David.

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# Floyd County Goes To War

## Brothers Return, Pass 'As Ships in Night'

Private William and Charles Henry re-enacted the "ships that pass in the night" role recently when they visited their mother at Drift, Charles, a veteran of four major campaigns overseas, came home first and on conclusion of his furlough left for Texas, passing his brother en route. William arrived soon after his brother's departure. He has been in the army three years and in three battles. Neither of the brothers has been wounded. William returned to Florida upon conclusion of his furlough.

**FIVE SOLDIER CITED**  
WITH THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION—Sgt. Roy J. Clifton, 26, son of Frank Clifton, of Hite, Ky., has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for superior performance of duty on the front lines of France and Germany. He has been in the army for three years and before entering the service was employed in farming.

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## Dema Man Is Scout In Leyte Campaign

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LYTE—Sergeant Pvt. Carmel Combs of Dema, Ky., says: "The Japs are no pushover, but my buddies and I got more than our share here in the Philippines." Combs' combat duties are to secure information on enemy positions and respective strengths. Often out on patrol alone, he encounters harassing experiences. On one mission he ran across a Jap patrol. "The Japs spotted me and opened up. I ducked and lighted it back to where my squad was. We came back shortly and let go with our machine guns and the Japs fled in all directions. We got 12 and wounded many more."

He is a member of the 11th cavalry regiment of the First Cavalry Division which fought an unprecedented 10 days of actual combat. It's a swell record and it took a good outfit to do it," Combs commented.

Combs entered the service in April, 1940, and trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He came overseas in March, 1944. Employed as a grocer before he came to the army, he has been in the army for three years and before entering the service was employed in farming.

**Sgt. Elam Receives 'Wings' of Ganner**  
Panama City, Fla. — S/Sgt. Otto Elam has just graduated from the army air force flexible gunnery school at Tyndall Field, one of the largest schools of its kind in the world, and is now a member of the elite group of gunners who are to take his place as a member of the combat crew of an AAF bomber.

At the gunnery school, he was trained in the operation of 30 and .50-caliber machine guns, first on ground ranges and later in the air, learning by simulated battle conditions how to blast enemy fighter planes from the sky.

Sgt. Elam is a son of Mrs. Bess Elam, of Martin, Ky.

## Pvt. Little in Group Commended for Service

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMANDER—Pvt. Miley Little, of Hite, Ky., is a member of the Service group commanded by Lieut. Colonel James M. Sullivan that recently commended for its part in the air-ground push that has driven the German armies from Northern France. Pvt. Little is a truck driver in a Ninth air force service command quartermaster trucking company.

This commendation came as a result of General Patton's appreciation of the aerial support given by the Ninth Air Force fighters and fighter bombers to his troops in their rapid drive across France.

Pvt. Little is a son of Mrs. Mary M. Little, of Hite, Ky.

## Ensign Martin Meets Former Pupil Overseas

Ensign Henry G. Martin, formerly of the County Superintendent's office here, writes from the Philippines: "While in New Guinea, the first week in December, a large group of us received word to report to an island in the Philippines. We traveled a few hours and were left on an island to await further transportation. After four days there, I ran into a former student, P. Sgt. Douglas Fitzpatrick of Garrett, whom I hadn't seen in three years. You can bet we had a wonderful time. Doug was flying to my destination the next day, so in order to have more time with him, I was permitted by my commanding officer to go along."

Finally catching up with his assignment, Ensign Martin remained aboard a fleet battleship for two weeks, after which he was taken to his "present location" which he does not define.

## Floyd Man's Regiment Takes 300-Ft. Peak

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—S/Sgt. Virgil Johnson, son of Elmer Johnson, of Floyd County, Ky., is a member of the 127th "Devil" regiment which recently took 300-foot Mount Pratone in the Gothic Line, driving German soldiers out of their elaborate concrete pillboxes and earthworks on its forested slopes.

The 37th infantry regiment is in the 85th "Custer" division, part of the Fifth Army in Italy. Its first was its toughest battle. The regiment won all its objectives when it struck out for Treviso in the Gothic Line last May 12, but in this battle lost a quarter of all the casualties it has suffered in seven months of warfare in Italy. At this time one company captured a hill and held it against desperate German counterattacks for three days and nights, its numerical strength dwindling in this period to 18.

The 37th fought and won a bloody 72-hour battle before Terenzo, playing a key role in rupture of the Hitler line. They moved on through Rome, across the Tiber river and up to Viterbo.

WITH U.S. ARMY FORCES IN NEW CALEDONIA—Orby Newman, son of Mrs. Betty Newman, of Hite, Ky., has been promoted from private first class to technician fifth grade while serving as a truck driver in a quartermaster truck company at this base in the South Pacific area.

Cpl. Newman attended school at Fayette, Ky., until 1939, and prior to his entry into the army was employed by the Standard Oil Company at Fayette where he worked as an automobile serviceman.

He was inducted Sept. 29, 1942, at Huntington, W. Va. His unit, of which he has been a member for 26 months, was sent overseas to this base in June, 1943, and he has been with it since its arrival here, helping to haul the supplies for our fighting forces in the forward areas.

Sgt. Brooks Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Farris Porter, of Allen, is in the European theatre of war. In his last letter to his parents, said he was stationed in Belgium. His brother, Pfc. Ralph Porter, recently spent a furlough at home after 27 months' service in the Aleutians. While at home, he was married to Miss Laura Stanbush, of Allen, and he and his bride now reside near his Louisville army post.

The following Floyd county soldiers have arrived at Camp Wolters, Texas, to begin basic training as lieutenants.

William K. Allen, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Allen, of Prestonburg; Isaac Henry Watkins, 23, husband of Mrs. Ruth S. Watkins, of East Point; George B. LaFayette, 23, husband of Mrs. Victoria LaFayette, of East Point; John M. Mullins, husband of Edith Mullins, of Toppa; Earl Warren, 25, husband of Mrs. Ora Mae Warren, of Northern.

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## Members of Unit Given Commendation

PENINSULAR BASE HEADQUARTERS, ITALY — T/4 Grady Blackburn, of Hite, Ky., and Cpl. Willie J. Rainey, of Wheelwright, Ky., are members of an engineer boat regiment which has recently been inactivated in the Italian theatre, but which prior to its disbanding achieved a superb record which won it the following commendation from Col. Francis H. Oxx, commanding officer of this base section, which is the vital supply and service organization for the Fifth Army:

"The splendid record that has been achieved and the traditions and spirit which have been built up in the 28 months of the organization's existence are an example to all in this united effort to defeat our enemies. The regiment has operated 25 ports in the British Isles, Africa, or on the European continent and its islands. The task under such conditions of dispersal has been exceedingly difficult operationally, administratively, and particularly in regard to the wedding of an esprit and pride of organization which every man of the regiment possesses. The personnel of this command will go forward to join other units and carry on new missions, but they must all know that their former unit stands out among combat and service regiments alike as having performed an exceptionally meritorious service to its country and the Allied cause."

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## Former Martin Boy, Ship Ring Champion; Cousin, Bomber Pilot

Elmer E. Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Childers, of Martin, is light-heavyweight boxing champion aboard his ship, an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. He has won his last 12 fights, his latest victory being a two-minute knockout.

Seaman Childers, a grandson of the Rev. A. L. Allen, of Allen, was picked on the All-Fleet basketball team in 1941 and has been offered a Pacific Coast league team contract after the war. He started in sports while he resided with his parents in Ashland, once setting an individual basketball scoring record in one of the Ashland YMCA net leagues. Just now, he is collecting honors for sea-service—he has the Presidential Citation, the South Pacific ribbon with seven Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Award and others.

His cousin, Second Lt. Berton Martin, son of Dewey Martin, of Allen, has been awarded his fourth Air Medal. It was recently announced from an 8th air force bombing station in England—Lt. Martin is serving with the veteran 308th bombardment group as pilot of a Flying Fortress. In addition to his fourth Air Medal, Lt. Martin and his group have received a Presidential Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism" displayed in carrying out attacks on German aircraft plants at Oberheiden and Halberstadt, and on German heavy fighter opposition.

BUY WAR BONDS

SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE — Radio, telephone and cable are some of the most important factors in a war of movement and distribution to the officers and men of the 11th Signal Battalion. It is the task of providing these means of communication for headquarters of the sixth army group in France.

Hundreds of miles of telephone wire and several huge switchboards are necessary to connect headquarters with its far-flung units of the American Seventh and the French First armies on a front of 600 miles. The 11th Signal Battalion, which has been in France since the invasion, has several hundred miles along the German border and the Rhine. Several national service companies maintain and lay these miles of wire and make sure that the wire and cables are in perfect condition.

Among the soldiers in this battalion is Pvt. Harry L. Turpin, Jr., of Lacey, Ky.

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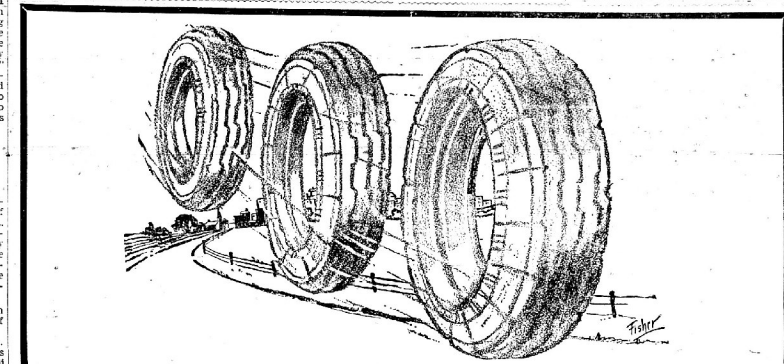
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- 1. BECAUSE:**  
Over 5,000 truck tires are being destroyed daily on the Western Front. At present, there are 500,000 wheeled vehicles in operation on the Western Front, which means 2,000,000 tires in daily use. The quality of the tires is satisfactory, but they are being used under conditions not normally expected even in war. Bad roads, bad weather, severe cold and conditions are also contributing factors. More and more tires must go to the Western Front because all supplies, all materials must move forward on rubber—all other means of transportation have been largely destroyed. General Eisenhower warned that the tire shortage in this theater has become so serious that it threatens to tie up the entire military effort by early February. The Army will be 172,000 tires short of its estimated requirements for the first quarter of 1945. "Screened" means absolute minimum requirements, and requirements of which the shortage is still greater. The tire shortage is a serious problem of new trucks that call for dual tires on the rear with only one tire on the front.
- 2. WHAT IS BEING DONE?**  
The Armed Forces are re-evaluating men who are being called upon to do more work in the plants. Everything humanly possible is being done to conserve tires.
- 3. SO WHAT?**  
The Armed Forces for months to come will not be able to call on the civilian tire industry for near enough for civilian requirements. YOU MUST RECAP YOUR Tires. PRESENT TIRES. Your present tires are now four years old. They are old. They must not be abused. Repair minor cuts and abrasions immediately. Do not run on them. So it is with your tires. If you wear the tread down to a point where you cannot do a good job. At all times, the carcass should be protected by a good quality tread rubber. Recap, therefore, as soon as the tread is worn to a point where you cannot do a good job. The tread is almost worn smooth. You should not wait till the carcass is exposed and the tire is almost worn smooth. You should not wait till the carcass is exposed and the tire is almost worn smooth.

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