

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

SEATTLE—Louis Coleman sought a refund on his marriage license, explaining that he and his girl were still in love, but still in jail, too.

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ONE FRANC

TEN PFENNIG

MAN SPRICHT DEUTSCH

Ich nehme das Zimmer oben.
Ish nayme das Tsimmer oben.
I take the room upstairs.

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3rd Cuts Into Siegfried Defenses

Selestat Taken House to House; 7th Batters on

By ED CLARK

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ADVANCED 6TH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 6—The U. S. 7th Army won the three-day bitter battle for Selestat today, squeezing Allied pincers still tighter on partially encircled German positions west of the Rhine on the central Alsatian Plain.

Forced to fight for Selestat from house to house against well-entrenched tank-supported infantry, American doughfeet, tanks and TD's cleared the old walled city of Germans early in the morning and pushed on.

The Selestat success came just a day after other doughfeet had beaten their way out of the central Vosges to capture the town of Ribeauville and puts the Americans in strength fewer than 10 miles north of Colmar, the only remaining large Alsatian city still held by the Germans.

Allied pressure was also applied from the south and west on the steadily shrinking German pocket between the Selestat and Mulhouse areas as French 1st Army troops made more substantial gains in the southern Vosges southeast of Gerardmer.

Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's forces have seized 4,461-meter high Mt. Hohneck, second highest peak in the Vosges, and dominate the region east of Lac Blanche, from where they add another and perhaps a final threat to the German bulge west of the Rhine.

At the northern end of the 7th Army front, limited gains have been made in the last 24 hours in the American drive along both eastern and western slopes of the Lower Vosges.

Harried by the standard enemy book of delaying tactics, including liberal use of Schu mines, detailed road demolitions and just-around-the-corner fire from SP guns, doughfeet have fought into and cleared the little town of Wingen, which controls the Moder River pass and the main road over the Vosges between Sarre-Union and Hagenau.

Meanwhile, the tiny but dramatic battle of Mutzig, which had been going on for days deep in the Allied rear just west of Strasbourg, came to a close as the German garrison dashed in their chips.

By-passed in the rapid U. S. breakthrough over the Vosges, the high ground at Mutzig had been turned into a miniature Metz by the Germans. Never a threat to Allied communications or even to troops in the adjoining area, the hilltop fortress had nevertheless managed to make itself a nuisance by its determined holdout.

Hit by divebombers, artillery and tank fire, the tiny fortress refused to quit until exasperated Americans loaded a captured German half-track with 7,000 pounds of TNT and sent it rolling toward the German position to blast a hole in the wall of the fort and rock the surrounding countryside. Still kicking, but not knowing what was coming next the Germans decided to fold.

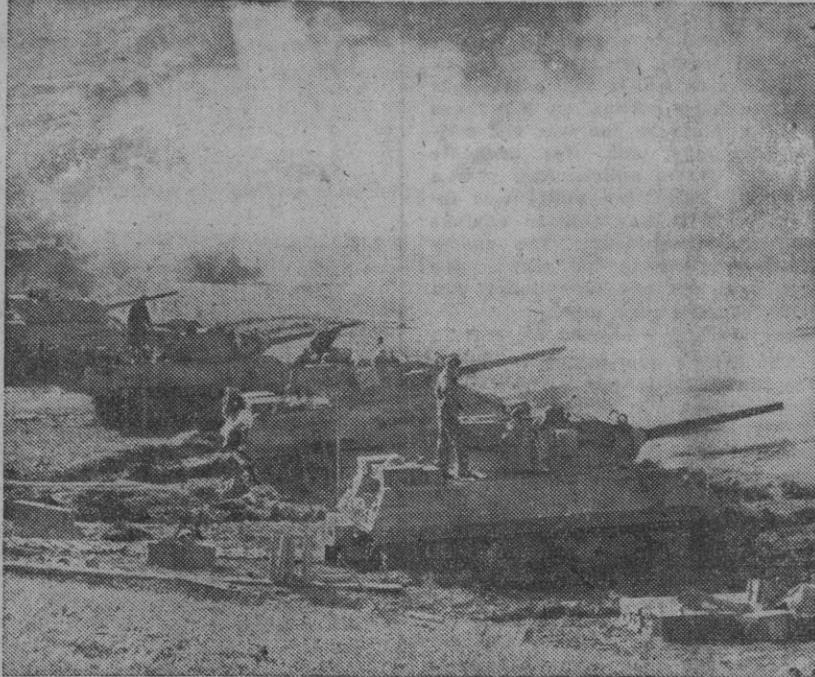
Pencil Swishes, and Doris D. Falls from Among Chosen

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—The haughty New York Social Register, which has always been choosy about the people it lists, has left out of its latest edition the names of Doris Duke Cromwell, often called the richest girl in the world, and her ex-playboy husband, James H. R. Cromwell.

Doris, heiress to the Duke tobacco millions, and Jimmy, onetime U. S. Minister to Canada and self-styled economist, made the sad mistake of overpublicizing their juicy divorce in Nevada and New Jersey courts. Doris got hers in Reno but Jimmy, anxious to preserve his husbandly rights to their common property, got a New Jersey court to invalidate it. Doris countered a couple of weeks ago with a new Reno decision that substantiated her earlier decree and nullified the New Jersey nullification.

The Social Register, which in effect isn't much more than a very fancy telephone book, also dropped John F.

A Tank Destroyer Battery



A massed line of American tank destroyers here lets loose a hammering broadside against German positions on the 5th Army front in Italy. On that southern front, 90 mm. ack-ack battalions, as well as tank destroyer units, have frequently been employed for long periods to batter away at mountain-side emplacements where the Kraut had dug himself into solid rock.

Big Noise, Also Horsemeat, Finally Routs Mutzig Nazis

By WADE JONES

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Train Leaves as GI Sees Wife 1st Time in 3 Years

NOWATA, Okla., Dec. 6—En route to a camp in Texas after three years in the Pacific, Sgt. Floyd W. Roberts looked out the window as his train stopped in Nowata, his home town.

He saw his wife descend from the train unknowing that for three hours they had been in different cars. There was time only for a quickly kissed hello-goodbye before the train proceeded.

Mrs. Roberts had been returning from a visit in Bangor, Maine. There was a ray of hope, though—Roberts was due for a furlough.

Tac Planes Hit Traffic On Rhine Ahead of 7th

TWELFTH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, Dec. 6—Thunderbolt fighter-bombers buzzed through low-hanging clouds and rain squalls today ahead of the 7th Army to shoot up German rail, highway and Rhine River traffic and attack an enemy airfield in a pas bon flying day permitting only 200 sorties.

East of the Rhine, eight marshaling yards were given attention, including those at Mannheim, Freiburg and Neustadt, while a flight over a Nazi airdrome netted an FW-190 destroyed on the ground, a damaged JU-88 and a blasted hangar.

Harjes from The Chosen. Harjes was a friend of Wayne Lonergan, the bisexual who was convicted of murdering his wife, Patricia, last year. Mrs. Harjes, though, remained in the book.

And then there was the Old Vanderbilt Problem. Cornelius Vanderbilt left the congregation a few years ago when he wrote a snarky book called 'Farewell to Fifth Avenue,' something for which the town's artful dowagers never forgave him. He's still cooling his heels outside of the recently published edition, as are Mrs. Reggie Vanderbilt and her twin sister, Thelma—beg pardon, Lady Furness. They were read out of the party so long ago that only the editors of the Social Register remember their offense.

Jane Wyatt, who became unlisted after she took to the stage and screen, was restored to grace as Mrs. Edgar Ward.

MUTZIG, Dec. 6—A horsemeat diet, Allied firebombs and 7,000 pounds of TNT today had proved too much for 85 German soldiers who for some 10 days held out in a hilltop fortress here, 16 miles behind the Allied Rhine River front.

The last of the hungry, explosive-deafened Boche came out with their hands behind their heads yesterday after part of their isolated garrison had made a break for it night before last.

The attempt to fight through encircling Yank infantrymen was made at 2100 hours Tuesday by part of the trapped forces, operating in groups of six or seven.

The resulting battle on the wind, storm-ripped plateau accounted for two Germans killed, seven wounded and a score or so captured. One of our men was killed and six were wounded.

A captured captain was sent back into the sunken, moat-encircled fort to bring out the rest. They came, hands high and behind, some nine hours later.

The enemy decision to fight their way out came a few hours after Yank engineers set off three and one-half tons of TNT against the fortress by rolling the charge down against the main wall in a captured German half-track.

Prisoners taken in the course of the break-through attempt said the explosion had killed no one inside, but it had so put the fear of God in their hearts that they had no wish to wait for what would happen next time, with a bigger charge.

A few were reported to have escaped, including a major who was said to have been the flame of resistance which kept the rest holding out. He was in radio communication with Germany throughout the siege and at least twice, German planes attempted to drop badly needed food, ammunition and blood plasma, it was said.

The Allied attacks on the miniature Metz included an aerial fire bomb attack, steady mortar and tank fire, and last, but not least, the TNT assaults by an engineer company commanded by 1st Lt. Robert L. Bangert.

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Senate OK's Stettinius

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—The U. S. Senate Friday confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as Secretary of State. Stettinius, who succeeds Cordell Hull, was expected to take the oath of office immediately.

President Roosevelt also nominated Alexander C. Kirk to be U. S. Ambassador to Italy. Kirk is now U. S. representative on the Allied Advisory Council for Italy.

750,000 Nazis Captured Since D-Day Landings

SHAEF, Dec. 6—The six Allied armies now fighting on the western front—four of them inside Germany—have taken more than 750,000 prisoners since D-Day, June 6, it was announced here yesterday. This is an average of 4,000 a day.

Meanwhile, an AP correspondent reported that six divisions had been eliminated since Nov. 16 in the fighting east of the Aachen gap in Germany. Four of them no longer exist as military entities, while the remaining two are so badly decimated that they no longer count as divisions. He also said no German division on the whole western front, with a few exceptions as SS outfits, had anything like full strength in personnel or equipment.

Americans Smash Berlin in Daylight; Down 91 Fighters

American heavy bombers returned yesterday to Berlin for the first daylight raid in two months, dumping 2,000 tons of explosives and incendiaries into a tank factory and munitions plant in the outskirts of the city and on other targets inside the Nazi capital.

The 500 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 800 hard-hitting P-47 Thunderbolts, ran into some rough opposition from hitherto shy Luftwaffe fighters. The escorting fighters and bomber gunners shot down 91 of them against a loss of 12 American fighters and 22 bombers. Eleven of the fighter pilots, however, got back to friendly territory.

Other American bombers attacked the big railway center at Munster, in northwestern Germany.

The U. S. attacks were part of an intensified campaign to disrupt German industries and communications supplying Nazi troops fighting on the Cologne plain. Munster is 90 miles northeast of the center of the Cologne plain battleground.

RAF Lancasters Monday night renewed their battering attacks on the still greater communications center of Hamm, 22 miles southeast of Munster. Hamm is the best equipped rail center in Germany, and it serves the rich, industrial Ruhr Valley. Three German fighters were shot down there, and one British bomber was lost.

Yesterday's double-barreled attacks followed a day in which 4,000 American and British planes slugged German communications and industries with 12,000 tons of bombs in one of the heaviest, concentrated blows of the air war against the Reich.

Canadians in 8th Capture Ravenna

ROME, Dec. 6—Canadians of the British 8th Army today captured the ancient city of Ravenna after heavy fighting. General Sir Harold Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater, announced here.

Two forces entered the city of 78,000 inhabitants after executing a brilliant encircling movement which outflanked it, and forced the stubborn Nazi defenders to withdraw. One force entered from the northwest, while another closed in from the south.

The Germans have been very reluctant to give up Ravenna, since it represents the last obstacle to a clear passage into the Po Valley.

For weeks the defenders had savagely guarded the city's approaches, but today's encircling movement changed their minds and they withdrew with Canadian troops in swift pursuit.

Ravenna is six miles inland from the Adriatic, and contains the tomb of Dante, immortal author and philosopher, who died there in 1321.

Elsewhere on the Italian front, action was confined to patrolling.

Saarlautern Falls Behind as Push in Basin Makes Gain

The U. S. 3rd Army completed the capture of Saarlautern yesterday and, fanning out a mile and a half north of the Saar Basin's second most important city, was knitting deeper into the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line. Smashing farther into Germany's rich Saar region, other units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's left flank hammered another bridgehead across the Saar River midway between Saarlautern and Saarbrücken, 12 miles southeast. By this morning his troops held a firm mile-long bridgehead on the east bank.

With 3rd Army forces less than six and a half miles from the region's capital city of Saarbrücken, it was announced that Patton's artillery had been shelling the rich industrial prize for a week, tossing in over 6,000 shells at a rate of 36 an hour.

Saarlautern was the first important German city to fall to the 3rd Army in the mounting intensity of the fighting along a 50-mile front from the industrial German city of Merzig southeast to Sarre-Union, in Lorraine. It was the 95th Division which captured Saarlautern after seizing the Saar River bridge which connects the eastern and western halves of the city. North of Saarlautern, other troops of the 95th widened a previous bridgehead across the Saar to a mile and a half.

To the right of the 95th, at least five other American divisions were picking up speed again after a week of ferocious counterattacks. Resistance was still strong, but they were steadily gaining ground toward the Siegfried Line and the German side of the frontier from Lorraine. Their wheating movement from the right was even more menacing than any previous attacks toward the river.

The 80th, resuming the offensive after a week of counterattacks, was six and a half miles from Saarbrücken yesterday. On its right, the 8th Armored was two miles short of Forbach, on the French side of the frontier. (Continued on Page 4)

Russians 50 Miles From Austria Line

MOSCOW, Dec. 6—Russian troops driving through west-central Hungary have taken two towns on the eastern shore of Lake Balaton, the 50-mile-long lake which guards the approach to the Austrian border, last night's Soviet communique announced. The communique said 120 towns and villages between the lake and the Grava River had been liberated.

Today's latest successes brought the Red Army to within 50 miles of the Austrian frontier.

Meanwhile, driving on Budapest from the Danube River bridgehead on the south, the Russians fought to within 25 miles of the Hungarian capital.

The week's advances from the south, east and north of Budapest suggested the Germans might risk still larger forces in an attempt to block the drive on Budapest, central Europe's greatest communications center, and on Austria itself. Even so, Marshal Tolbukin's forces have already overrun most of Hungary and hacked German forces trying to get back to the Reich while still protecting the rear.

Germans Withdrawing Czech Conscript Troops

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, Dec. 6—The German Army is withdrawing most Czech conscripts from the front or splitting them into units of five and ten men for each German battalion, following a series of minor revolts, official reports disclosed today.

A number of Czechs have been shot for attempted mutiny, the account stated, adding that out of one group which tried to escape over the Swiss border, 30 had been shot. Eighty were captured and returned to Germany, while another 110 were believed to be still hiding out in woods around the frontier.

Bus
Picture
Rien

UP FRONT

... by Mauldin



... them wuz his exact words - 'I envy th' way you dogfaces git first pick o' wimmin an' likker in towns.'



WHO'S REAR ECHELON?

I have heard and read articles of front-line soldiers who have suggested rotation for only front-line troops. Others would give the so-called rear echelon Joes lower post-war bonuses and things like that.

As for myself, I have been in the infantry four and a half years. Those who speak lightly about the work in the Port Battalions couldn't have been on the Anzio Beachhead.

If anyone thinks that the rear echelon guys don't deserve to go home, I suggest that they get spanked by an 88 a bit and then convalesce and be assigned to a Port Battalion where you push around ammunition that you never thought could be so heavy.

-Pvt. John A. Covington

'18 CENTS A DAY'

Mail call seems to be the one whereby many 'doggies' can give vent to their wrath, disgust or what have you. From time to time there has appeared some enjoyable nonsense as well as constructive hints, ideas and criticisms.

I am surprised that no one has written about one of the biggest, well-founded gripes that a combat man has, that is the bill passed by Congress authorizing ten dollars a month for men wearing the combat badge.

The act that was hailed widely as the Ernie Pyle sponsored bill, did not do as Ernie Pyle had urged, namely to devise a system similar to that of the Air Corps of paying individuals 50 percent extra for flying time.

-1st Sgt. S. W. P.

PREFERS U. S. DUTY

This letter was brought on by an item in Mail Call called 'Certainly A Tough Deal,' in which some USO commando in the States says that his job of training recruits is just as hard as combat training.

And oh how my heart bleeds when he tells of his PX not having the best grade of beers. He should write to his congressman so that they could send the cheap grades over here where they would be appreciated.

His job of training recruits may be tough, but I can't believe that he would trade places with a combat man. I am just a rear-echelon medic, but I would still trade places with a latrine orderly in the dear old United States.

-Pvt. James Acord

CAUTION

I have noticed among soldiers a lot of swearing. I admit that a lot of it is letting off steam. What I protest against is the use of God's name in vain, or the printing of expressions which commit this fault.

If the good Lord damned all we ask him to damn, this would be a worse world than it is. How about it? Can't we cuss and leave out the Master's name?

-Pvt. Charles L. Walters

WANTS INFANTRY SERVICE

If there is any officer who can effect the transfer of a man to the infantry, I should appreciate his aid. I have been eager for a long time to get into this branch of the service and have the permission of my commanding officer to transfer.

-Pfc. Ralph L. Sadler

... I should like to get into the infantry.

-Pfc. Donald J. Brady

BARB FOR JOE

Just read where S-Sgt. Joe Louis doesn't want to discuss a match with Conn. 'Let's get the war over first,' says the Brown Bomber. Why doesn't Sgt. Louis help us to get the war over? I'll wager that he has not been within 40 miles of the front lines.

-Pvt. Asaga

GI SHOP TALK

More than 1,000,000 dollars worth of used lumber has been reclaimed in the last three months by the Transportation Corps, mainly using POW labor to salvage wood from all kinds of cases and boxes. Even nails are saved. A special magnet powered by a gas truck picks up the nails and spikes for re-use or sale to junk dealers.

A new armor-piercing bullet, devised by Army Ordnance is now being used by American airmen on all fronts. It's the answer to the armor which the enemy has lately been putting on plane gas tanks. Early in the war the self-sealing gas tank was adequate against tracer bullets.

The Army's new postoffice, built on the site of the former Madison Square Garden Bowl at Long Island City, N. Y., is now working. Its 400,000 square feet of floor space will be used for sorting and preparing mail for servicemen overseas. Some 4,000 postal workers are there now, more expected. No, there is not a department which drops your packages from 10-story windows.

Five hundred officers and enlisted men have been commended for volunteering to serve as guinea pigs in testing a new anti-gas protective ointment. The test proved conclusively, the WD says, that the M5 salve will be effective in case the enemy resorts to gas warfare. None of the volunteers suffered any ill effects in the test.

FLASHES from the FRONT

Here's another medic who can win a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart with Cluster, but still can't draw combat pay. He's Sgt. James H. Ray, Birmingham, Ala., a persistent surgical technician with the 79th Division in eastern France. Floored once by concussion from a shellburst at his aid station, the medic was then wounded by an airburst but kept on working on the wounded doughfeet until all were evacuated.

This sounds like more free advertising for Betty Grable and company. A 79th Division medical outfit hit the ground four times when shelled during a Grable film, but came back each time until the end of the last reel.

On the XV Corps front, a couple of doughfeet were washed out of their pup tent by flood waters from a nearby stream. During the day they collected logs and now have a sea-going pup tent mounted on a raft.

And in the 100th Division, relatively new in combat, one of the first reports of individual bravery concerned a medic. While his outfit was moving through a Vosges town abandoned by the Krauts, Pvt. Alfred Urresti, Boston, Mass., worked across a mine-strewn area to help a doughfoot wounded by a mine as well as another would-be rescuer who had also been injured by a mine.

The Kraut attack in the 45th Division sector in eastern France was supported by two sets of horse-drawn mortars. Steady fire from the machine gun of Pfc. Richard A. Singer, Erie, Pa., finally forced the German infantry to quit and withdraw, but the horses kept on coming until they dropped dead after absorbing round after round of fire.

Glamor Gams



Neatest trick of the week is this 'leggiest of the leg art.' Not satisfied with one set of 'glamor gams,' curvaceous Eloise Farmer supplements hers with three other sets.

Nuptent Poets

NEY

Beauty in all lovely things Lifting, laughing, high or lowly Loved because you lived to love me. Now the hours pulse slowly, slowly; Hark—the bell of madness rings; The blazing skies are black above me— Beauty's gone and nothing sings.

-Sgt. T. B. Evel

THE VICTIMS

Autumn sparrows in the thicket, Winter thrushes from earth and sky; Could one judge who views your flight When winter comes your wings must lie Cramped in mould of leaf and snow. Guard your throaty haste and dip No more across this window pane; Scale the Alps—the avalanche Must shed its miles of ice and rain And when it comes, then you must go. Autumn sparrows, cruel and soon The flying snow will hide all trace Of any autumn spreading thing, Or child's sabot or woman's face.

And life must sleep, and who will know. What wings have balanced dew along The quivering aspen twig, whose feet More fairy-like than a smoke of home Have fled where fire and thunder meet When down the Alps the furies blow.

-Sgt. Roland DeMunbrun

GRIM MUSINGS

I've thought about it often, And wondered quite a bit, What to me would happen If the Lord above saw fit To take me from this battlefield And bring me home to Him? Perhaps it is religion And perhaps it is a whim. I wonder if I really Would see the promised land, Or would I far across The black Styx River stand? Would I really see the angels, And rejoice upon my fate, Or would I always suffer That my enlightenment was late?

-Pvt. Larry Klein

L'il Abner



By Al Capp

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Congressmen Say They'll Take Back 'Thorough Report'

PARIS, Dec. 6—Rep. Matthew J. Merritt, (D., N.Y.), acting chairman of the 17 members of the House Military Affairs Committee who arrived here this week, said yesterday that the group hoped to get a complete and accurate picture, so we can take back to the American people a thorough report on what the men are doing and what they need.

The Representatives, who visited ports and supply bases in England before coming to France, will tour combat areas and army installations along the western front. They have set no definite time limit on their tour.

The party includes Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R., Conn.), who toured the Middle East and China-Burma-India theaters in 1942, before her election to Congress. Others in the party are:

Overton Brooks (D., La.), John M. Costello (D., Calif.), Clifford Davis (D., Tenn.), Charles E. Elston (R., Ohio), Joseph Farrington (R., T. H.), Ivor D. Fenton (R., Pa.), Forest Harness (R., Ind.), Paul J. Kilday (D., Texas), Boliyar Pagan (D., P. R.), John J. Rooney (D., N. Y.).

Filmland Baby-Having Hits Movie Production

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 6—Filmland's 1944 baby statistics are bawling toward a new record, but Hollywood tycoons are apprehensively looking for a new year of even greater difficulties, with productions (movie) disrupted by reproduction.

As Maureen O'Hara and Ruth Hussey returned this week to the cameras, Ann Sothern was awaiting her summons to present an heir to Lt. Robert Sterling, former actor. Rita Hayworth, wife of Orson Welles, is expecting a baby before Christmas.

Next year's already announced entrants in the baby derby include Paulette Goddard (Mrs. Burgess Meredith), Hedy Lamarr (Mrs. John Loder) and Susan Hayward (Mrs. Jess Barker).

But the studios' main worry is over the girls who aren't talking yet.

Other 1944 mamas were Loretta Young, Betty Field, Martha Raye, Jean Rogers and Alice Faye. All of them are now working again or ready to resume roles except Miss Faye, who seems in no hurry.

Urges American Loans To Debtor Governments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State, urged last week the removal of restrictions on American loans to foreign governments already indebted to the U. S.

Conditions have changed greatly since the Johnson Act, Acheson said, but it still stands in the way of extension of urgently needed loans to principal European governments, and is therefore a bar to American participation in the rehabilitation of international trade.

Bucknell Prexy Quits

LEWISBURG, Pa., Dec. 6—Dr. A. C. Marts, president of Bucknell University for the last nine years, announced this week that he would resign at the end of the current academic term.

Sweatering It Out



Film star Jane Russell, whose film, "The Outlaw," was banned by the Hays office, points up the Hollywood tiff about well-filled sweaters, over which Warner Brothers resigned from the censor's office.

Cigarette Test Shows Nose Is Poor Chooser

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—People who are worried about finding their favorite cigarettes got a jolt this week with publication of the results of an old-fashioned blindfold test. It showed the chances are one out of 25 that you can recognize, blindfolded, the brand you've been smoking for years.

Each of the five subjects sipped black coffee between smokes to kill the taste of the various brands. David Cohn, a professional musician, was given five cigarettes in sequence and swore neither one was his favorite brand, which he's smoked for 21 years. It turned out that every one of them was.

A housewife was so irritated by it all she said she would smoke coffee grounds in a pipe, since brands meant so little.

Krauts Give Up to 'Sir' Weinberger

By NORBERT L. SALPETERS
Special to the Stars and Stripes

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, Dec. 6—A handful of 45th Division mortar men are still congratulating each other on their "trick of the week" in which they not only rescued one of their squad from the Germans but turned the tables and took 16 Krauts prisoner.

While S-Sgt. Henry Weinberger, Butternut, Wis., was getting the mortar set up in a new position, he heard a noise in the surrounding thick brush and sent Pfc. Clarence E. Barringer, Concord, N. C. to check for Germans.

Barringer failed to return, so Weinberger organized his squad into a patrol for a search party. After they had worked their way into the woods, the mortar men, heard their missing mate arguing with some Krauts to surrender and getting the reply that they would give up to an officer only.

The mortar men did a little talking of their own and then Weinberger and two of his squad, Sgt. James C. Brown, Mt. Park, Okla., and Pfc. Robert York, McKee, Ky., went up to the Germans and demanded their surrender.

To make it binding, Pfc. Daniel Wilson, Newport, Del., the other member of the squad, stepped out of the woods while the deal was being arranged, came to attention, gave Weinberger a salute good enough for a general and put a "sir" before every other word.

Greatly impressed, the Krauts surrendered to Weinberger.

Iowa Farm Study Shows Vacancies for Yanks

AMES, Iowa, Dec. 6—More than one in every 13 of Iowa's 180,000 farmers plans to retire after the war—65 percent of them during the first year of peace, according to an Iowa State College survey report, which contained the figures, some of the farmers planning to retire will be replaced by younger men now at home, and others expect relatives in the service to take over their places.

Iowa has some 100,000 farmers now in the service, and four-fifths of them say they want to buy their own farms after the war. Some of these include men who now own one farm and want to buy another. Most, however, were former tenants.

One out of every three of the state's farmers plans to buy a tractor and an automobile, the report said, and 90 percent of the purchases will be for cash.

If public funds were to be spent for community projects their order by choice would be improvement of country roads, building of schools, soil conservation, rural electrification and recreation centers.

Pleds for Dad's Trip

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—The Sixth War Loan Drive here was given added impetus by Patrick O'Donnell, seven-year-old son of Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell who led the first B-29 Super Fortress raid on Tokyo last week. A crowd of 15,000 responded nobly when young Patrick, speaking at a bond rally, pleaded, "Buy more bonds so my daddy can make another trip to Tokyo and so he can come home soon."

British to Get Leave

LONDON, Dec. 6—British troops on the western front will get seven days' home leave, in staggered periods, after Jan. 1, the BBC reported this morning. A home leave plan for RAF men will also be put into operation shortly.

Notre Dame Wins, 28-7; Tech Beats Georgia, 44-0

Georgia Tech's Tailback



The name of Allen (Dinky) Bowen has been added to long list of Georgia Tech football immortals. The field goal he booted in the fading minutes of the Navy game enabled the Yellow Jackets to triumph over the power-laden Midshipmen, 17-15.

The freshman ace from Greenville, Miss., has the makings of a great football player and may go on to accomplish all the great things his brilliant talents promise, but he will always be remembered for that thrilling kick. His great ball-carrying kept Tulane on its heels all through the game and set up the score Georgia Tech made through passes.

Bowen has been singled out as the player who has done most to make Tech click this season. The one vital spot Coach Bill Alexander couldn't fill to his own satisfaction was the tailback berth. It took Dinky less than three weeks to convince his coach that he was the tailback he was looking for. This enabled Billy Williams and Frank Broyles to concentrate on the fullback slot where they naturally belong. On defense, Bowen has been outstanding with particular emphasis placed on pass defense. All in all, a pretty handy football player to have around.

Jim Ferrier Leads Open Golf Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6—M-Sgt. Jim Ferrier, former Australian golf champion now in the U. S. Army, fired a 66 Sunday to grab the halfway lead in the 14,500-dollar San Francisco Open Golf Tournament with a 36-hole total of 141.

Mark Fry, winner of the first round, added a 73 to his opening 69 to trail Ferrier by one stroke.

Byron Nelson's 71 put him in a three-way tie for third place with George Fazio and John Geersten, each with 143.

Ferrier, one of golf's longest drivers, added putting accuracy to his repertoire Sunday, dropping three straight 20-footers on the way out. He flubbed a two-footer on the ninth, however, thereby missing a course record.

The big name golfers, Sam Snead, Harry Cooper, Mike Turnesa, Denny Shute, Ky Lafoon and Bob Hamilton, were well in the rear.

William, Mary Team Boasts Youngest Center

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Dec. 6—Coach Rube McCray of William and Mary claims the youngest one-two center combinations ever to appear on a major college football team in the nation.

McCray's first string center is Tommy Thompson, Woodbridge, N. J., and he's just over 17 years old. The second string center is George Davis, Hopewell, Va., who won't be 17 until late this month.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

FRIDAY NIGHT'S SCORES	
Fulsa 48, Miami 2	
Daniel Field 28, Newberry 7	
SATURDAY'S SCORES	
Army 28, Navy 7	
Notre Dame 28, Great Lakes 7	
Georgia Tech 44, Georgia 0	
Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 12	
Arkansas 41, Arkansas Aggies 0	
Virginia 26, North Carolina 7	
Southern Methodist 9, TCU 6	
Louisiana State 25, Tulane 6	
Texas Tech 7, South Plains AAF 6	
Rice 18, Southwestern 0	
Denver 27, Colorado College 13	
Presbyterian 24, Havana 0	
Prairieview 6, Southern U. 0	

Tilden Upsets Weber In 'Kelly Bowl' Classic

CHICAGO, Dec. 6—Tilden's Blue Devils gave the public high school league its first victory in four years by shading Weber of the Catholic loop, 13-7, before 65,000 shivering fans at Soldier Field Sunday in the annual "Kelly Bowl" charity football game.

Tilden broke a 7-7 deadlock in the third period when Bill Gay scored on a pass from Ed Krijwiel.

Toronto Pucksters Regain Top Spot

TORONTO, Dec. 6—The Toronto Maple Leafs climbed back to first place in the National Hockey League last night by defeating the New York Rangers, 4-3. The victory gave the Leafs a one-point margin over the Montreal Canadiens, who were idle.

Jack McLean netted the deciding goal midway in the third period on an assist by Jack Kennedy. Nick Metz scored twice and Wally Stanowski once for the other Toronto goals. Ranger tallies were made by Walter Atanas, Fred Thurier and Ab DeMarco.

Basketball SCORES

SATURDAY'S SCORES	
NYU 62, Fort Hancock 30	
Long Island U. 72, Camp Shanks 26	
Carnegie Tech 27, Slippery Rock 25	
Detroit 56, Fort Wayne 29	
MacAlester 47, Mankato Tech 40	
Peru State 49, Fairmont Air Base 39	
Pratt 32, Hofstra 30	
Sedalia AAF 41, Westminster 26	
Wayne 27, 728th Battalion 29	
Michigan State 44, Drake 39	
Indiana 44, Camer Atterbury 22	
Columbia Midshipmen 70, Columbia U. 54	
Cornell 59, Rider 35	
Brooklyn College 52, Yeshiva 41	
Illinois 64, Chanute Field 25	
CONY 63, Montclair Teachers 46	
St. Peter's 25, Stevens 19	
Kentucky 56, Fort Knox 23	
Minnesota 50, South Dakota 28	
Moorehead 44, Miami 35	
Augsburg 45, Carleton 36	
Sampson Naval 43, Teachers 28	
Loyola of South 59, Big Springs AAF 38	

SMU Flattens TCU, 9-6, to Strip Luster Of Cotton Bowl Fete

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 6—Notre Dame, beaten this year only by Army and Navy, trounced Great Lakes, 28-7, here Saturday to gain partial revenge for its 1943 last second defeat that dislodged the Irish from the undefeated ranks.

That defeat ranked the Micks for a full year and there was no doubt about their intentions last weekend when they took the field before 38,000 customers.

The Bluejackets, who outweighed Notre Dame six pounds per man, enjoyed a slight edge in the first half, but Frank Danczewicz rallied his cohorts, who averaged 18 years of age, and they outran and outfought the sailors in the second half.

The sailors broke the ice on the first play of the second quarter when Jim Youel sneaked over from the one after Great Lakes had covered 23 yards in four plays. However, the Irish rebounded to knot the count before the half, scoring on a 15-yard pass from Danczewicz to Bob Kelly.

Danczewicz' booming punt that rolled out of bounds on Great Lakes' six resulted in another Irish tally in the third period. Ed Saenz, sailor halfback, fumbled on the next play when hit by Guard Johnny Mastrangelo and End Doug Waybright recovered in the end zone for the Irish.

The South Benders collected two more touchdowns in the final period. After a drive bogged down on the three, Danczewicz reeled back and tossed a payoff pass to Bob Skoglund. Eight minutes later, Kelly intercepted Youel's pass on the Irish 29 and ran it to Great Lakes' 43. Danczewicz raced across on the next play.

ATHENS, GA., Dec. 6—Georgia Tech's Yellowjackets, slated to oppose Tulsa in Miami's Orange Bowl game captured the Southeastern Conference football title by beating Georgia, 44-0, here Saturday in the 39th renewal of one of Dixie's greatest gridiron feuds.

More than 28,000 fans watched the Yellowjackets triumph at Athens for the first time since 1893.

Tech turned on the steam early and it was no contest after Freshman George Mathews bulleted a 19-yard pass to End Charlie Murdock and Frank Broyles passed another over the goal line to Mathews in the first quarter.

Tex Ritter passed to Murdock to set up Broyles' four-yard payoff buck, and Broyles connected with Mathews shortly thereafter to give Tech a 26-0 margin at the half.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 6—Southern Methodist flattened the Southwest Conference champions, Texas Christian, 9-6, over the weekend, thereby stripping some luster from the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day when TCU meets the Oklahoma Aggies.

Pete Kotlarich's 22-yard field goal gave SMU a 3-0 lead, but Randy Dogers took a lateral from John Hadaway on the next kickoff and ran 80 yards for a touchdown just before the half ended.

Early in the third period, Bobby Folsom scored from the six-yard mark, culminating a 60-yard march.

Gunder Hagg Changes His Mind Once Again

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6—If you read recently that Gunder Hagg refused to visit the United States for the winter indoor track season, don't believe a word of it, for the Swedish necktie salesman and famous distance runner has changed his mind and will visit the States soon with Haakan Lidman, hurdler.

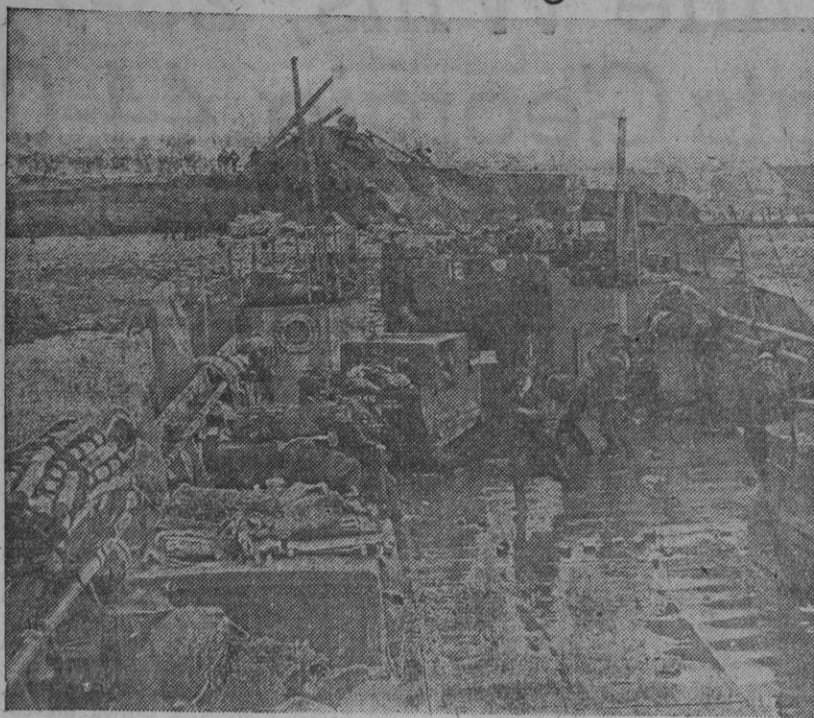
Torsten Tegner, sports editor of the Idrottsbladet, a Swedish newspaper, said Hagg would be employed by his paper as sportswriter on the tour to compensate the runner for salary he will lose while away.

The Swedish Army has given Hagg leave from his three months' refresher course.

Louis Back on Duty

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—S-Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, reported to Camp Shanks for 60 days' duty with the camp's physical education department. Louis will coach boxing, give lectures and take part in boxing demonstrations.

British Make a Bridgehead



British Marine Commandos strike in a wet dawn in the invasion at Westkapelle, Walcheren Island, in the Netherlands. This photo, just released, was taken as amphibious fighting vehicles pulled ashore under withering fire. By dusk, the town of Westkapelle was taken, and a bridgehead 3,000 yards long was established.

U. S. Warships Sink Jap Destroyer, Despite Heavy Ormoc Shore Defense

"Fly" Gets Star

WITH XV CORPS, FRANCE — Enemy machine gun nests were hidden in a cliff overlooking a French town in the XV Corps' area and the Yanks couldn't find the tunnels leading to them.

Sgt. Daniel F. Deojay, of Plainfield, Conn., volunteered to scale the cliff and plant dynamite charges. Deojay's "human fly" act under enemy sniper fire silenced the nests and brought him the Silver Star.

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Saarlautern...

tier and seven miles southeast of Saarbrücken. The 35th struck to within four and a half miles of Sarreguemines, 12 miles southeast of Saarbrücken.

Counterattacks pooped out around Sarre-Union, where the 26th Infantry and 4th Armored Divisions moved again. Resistance was still strong, though, with German tanks and SP guns hacking at the American flanks. The fighting here was moving slowly from a farmland to the industrial region.

Meanwhile German resistance was stronger than ever in the bloody saw-saw battle on the Cologne Plain east of the Aachen gap, where the U. S. 1st and 9th Armies were fighting toward Cologne from their Roer River salients. Julich, the river port which protects the Aachen-Cologne highway, was already held by the 9th Army, but stiff fighting continued for an athletic field at the outskirts.

On the 9th Army's right, the 1st advanced slightly from its bridgeheads along the Inden River, a tributary of the Roer. Other 1st Army units were about a mile southwest of Duren, the German strongpoint on the Cologne highway.

The Americans here ran into a reconstituted German 7th Army and the 15th Army and Nazi troops were so fully massed that correspondents said no more spectacular advances could be expected for some time.

At the top of the 450-mile front, Canadian 1st Army troops repelled counterattacks but were held up in their advance by the Germans' flooding of the sector between Arnhem and Nijmegen in the Netherlands. The British 2nd Army was solidly planted along the west bank of the Maas in Holland, with the Germans tied down in a few remaining pockets, their backs to the river.

Churchill Defends British Gunfire in Greek Outbreaks

LONDON, Dec. 6—British action in Athens, in which troops and tanks had to fire on crowds several times, was vehemently defended yesterday in Commons by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who said force was necessary to maintain law and order and to prevent widespread bloodshed.

The Prime Minister said that until the Greek people could choose their own government—either a monarchy or republic—the British were determined to bolster the strife-torn Greek cabinet in the face of left wing attacks, both military and political.

He said British troops in Athens could not stand by while Greek Partisans, armed with the Tommy guns they were supposed to use against the Germans, were using them to force a revolutionary government upon the nation—not, at least, until the people themselves had a chance to express their own preference in a constitutional election.

Churchill's defense coincided with new reports of violence in the Greek capital, where Greek leftists fought members of other parties, and even fought against British troops. The latest outbreaks left 11 dead and 60 wounded. The EAM, or National Liberation Front, continued its general strike, particularly at Piraeus, Athens' port through which American and British food has been coming.

A communique from Maj. Gen. Scobey, British military governor, reported that sporadic fighting between Greek police and EAM members led to the evacuation of several police stations. By last night, all but two were retaken by the British.

Churchill denounced Communist elements in the Greek capital, saying, "No constitutional government can have a secure foundation while privately armed groups are running at large, owing allegiance to an alien philosophy or ideology." He attacked liberals and Communists for resigning from the Greek cabinet, declaring they were contributing to the country's disunity.

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Big Noise Routs Nazis...

Great Falls, Mont. Besides the big noise which prompted the Jerry escape attempt, the engineers engineered numerous little harassing forays, like dropping 40-pound charges down the fort's ventilators.

Yanks entering the fort after the Germans had been cleared said the only thing inside which could have been called food was part of a horse.

Prisoners said they had not been able to man the fixed guns of the fort, although their sniper and mortar fire had given the surrounding American infantrymen and engineers a lot of trouble for several days.

On the other hand, our tanks and mortars were said to have hardly chipped the mossy part off the old fort's massive stone works.

It had been previously rumored that the reason for the Germans' stubborn stand was that they were harboring some Nazi officials who would rather be shot trying to escape than be guests at a blindfold ceremony in front of some wall. Late reports, however, said that all the Germans inside the fort were soldiers.

How the Germans came to be in the fort has not been made clear. Some reports indicated that they were inside from the time it was originally by-passed by the Allies. Another belief was that units isolated by the fast Allied push eased into it as a prearranged assembling point.

The fort is one of two built into the crest of a 400-foot hill about a mile north of Mutzig. A second position, presumably a twin of the one the Germans were in, is located 1,000 yards distant on the same crest.

Senate Debates Bump Says Somethin' Ought...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 — The old problem of bumpers that lock with other bumpers instead of bumping reached the sacrosanct precincts of the Senatorial mind last week as James Mead (D., N. Y.), with typical Senatorial acumen, said something ought to be done about them.

Mead aired his complaint as a Senate committee studied Army Ordnance relations with automobile manufacturers. "The American auto industry," said he, "is the best in the world, but it ought to take care of that bumper problem."

Prisoner-Taker Plays Dan Cup'd

By Pvt. MACY T. BROIDE
Special to the Stars and Stripes

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, FRANCE—First Lieutenant Arnold Vernarelli is disgusted with plain old prisoner-taking, so he finds new ways to put variety into the task by playing cupid.

After more than two years of combat duty with a line company of the Third's 30th Infantry, the lieutenant was beginning to give his job of liaison the "ho-hum." But the other day, Lieutenant Vernarelli was about to take a prisoner back with him on his run to the regimental command post.

The German's girl friend accompanied her turned-in honey to the lieutenant's jeep. The Kraut was reluctant to go on, the girl reluctant to leave. Via sign-language, Lieutenant Vernarelli allowed the pair to kiss while he turned his head bashfully. He denied the girl's request, however, for another night with the Jerry, after which she promised he would turn in.

Rabbi Lauds Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 6—The Rev. J. H. Hertz, chief rabbi of London, told Prime Minister Churchill on his 70th birthday: "But for your wisdom and courage, there would have been a Vichy England lying prostrate before an all-powerful Satanism that spelled slavery for the western world."

Albert Fall Dies

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 6—Albert B. Fall, 83, Secretary of the Interior in the Harding administration, who was convicted of accepting a 100,000-dollar bribe in the Teapot Dome oil scandal, died last week at his home here. He was 83 years old.

Pfc. Gets 32-Day Furlough To Present Wife with Baby

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6—Another overseas illegitimate baby case was catching top play in American tabloids this week as Pfc. Arthur Whitehouse brought home a ten-months-old girl and hopefully asked his wife, Rose, if she'd be willing to take care of it. Mrs. Whitehouse was too upset at first to give any answer, and latest reports said she and her husband had gone into seclusion to thresh it out.

The child, Geraldine, was born of a romance with a nurse while Whitehouse was serving in Newfoundland. He said the nurse, whom he did not name, "didn't want the baby, and she didn't want me, either."

Whitehouse received a special 32-day furlough home to try to straighten out his family affairs. The Pfc., who sometimes appreciates caution, first took the baby to his mother's home because "I was not so sure what kind of a reception my wife would give me."

TACAF Destroys Vast Numbers Nazi Vehicles

TWELFTH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, Dec. 6—Since the invasion of southern France, P-47 Thunderbolts of 12th TACAF have wrecked enough motor vehicles to move a couple of divisions and destroyed enough locomotives and cars to operate a first-class railroad.

Here's the dive-bombers' score since D-day: Destroyed 2,468 trucks, 609 locomotives, 1,968 railroad cars, 151 aircraft, 60 bridges, 36 tanks, 302 horse-drawn vehicles, 147 gun positions, 45 barges and 17 ammo and fuel dumps; damaged 1,569 trucks, 323 locomotives, 3,428 railroad cars, 210 aircraft, 128 bridges, 22 tanks, 657 horse-drawn vehicles, 107 gun positions, 218 barges and 30 ammo and fuel dumps.

8th Bombs Halted Engine Production In One Smash Hit

STRASBOURG, Dec. 6—In the suburb of Meinau, south of Strasbourg and just west of the Rhine, is an almost shapeless mass of battered masonry and twisted iron frames, heaped over an area of several acres, the remains of one of the principal Luftwaffe engine plants.

Before fighter-escorted heavy bombers of the 8th USAF flew from Britain to Strasbourg with 500-pound high explosive bombs last May 27, more than 5,000 workers, conscripted from all over occupied Europe, used to manufacture about 200 to 300 motors per month here for JU-88's and their adapted night and rocket-fighter models.

The American heavies, 53 strong, arrived over their target just after noon, in broad daylight. It took only two minutes to finish their job and turn the once busy plant into a pile of wreckage and scrap iron.

The few caretakers still remaining at the plant today are chary of giving their names and talking too much for fear of reprisals from the once powerful nation just across the river. But the raid made history in their lives.

They remember that they had an hour's warning of the bombers' approach; that only three were killed and none hurt out of the thousands at the plant before the attack. Most of the workers preferred the safety of surrounding fields, to the German-built shelters. After the bombers left, they returned to look over the damage, and were pleased that destruction had been so complete that further attacks would be unnecessary.

At least 40 percent of the machine tools in the component parts section of the plant were destroyed in the single raid. The Germans never resumed production. Instead, already reeling under the Allied day and night assaults on Luftwaffe manufacturing centers last Spring, the Germans moved what was left of the Meinau plant to a half-dozen hastily converted little textile mills high in the Vosges mountains.

Prior to last May's raid, the Germans had had a good thing in the Meinau factory, originally a production center for French Fords. A few days after mobilization in 1939, the French moved most of their machine tools far to the west, around Bordeaux and Poissy. Seizing the plant after the fall of France, the Junkers concern produced thousands of aircraft engines without interruption, from July 1941, until the 8th USAF attack.

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CIO Seeks Transmitter

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—The United Automobile Workers of the CIO announced last week that it had filed applications for frequency modulation stations in key cities throughout the North and East. R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW, said the stations would concentrate on educational programs.

Song Thwaris AWOL

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 6—An impromptu prisoners' quartet struck up "Sweet Adeline" one evening last week while one of its members sweated at the bars with a hack saw. The escape attempt, however, was thwarted by a prison guard who was distracted by the sour harmony into investigating.

TERRY and the PIRATES by Milton Caniff

