Classified

FOR SALE — Two 250-pound meat hogs. Franklin Caswell. Phone 3611. 50-1t*

FOR SALE—Combination heating and cooking stove. Also electric range in A-1 condition. Henry Darnall. 48-3t*

FOR SALE—Studebaker Coupe, overdrive free wheeling, good tires, first class condition. Phone 94. W. F. Gaunce. 49-2t*

FOR SALE—Studebaker 2-Door Sedan, heater, new tires, only 2300 miles. A good car, cheap. W. F. Gaunce, phone 94. 49-2t*

FOR SALE—A practically new Qualified Heater, the outstanding circulating heater. The only reason for selling is that the owner now has two of these heaters. See Elva R. Kendall.

FOR SALE—Christmas wreaths made from fresh evergreens and tied with weatherproof ribbon. Poinsettas and cut flowers. Please give your orders early so they can be filled. Luther M. Thompson. 50-1t*

SHEEP FOR SALE

65 good Western bred ewes; 25 good native bred ewes; 40 good ewe lambs. Arthur Mullikin, city, phone 192. 49-2t*

FOR RENT—Five room apartment, bath, electricity, water furnished. See Mrs. Will Reed, 231 East Main street. 50-1t

FIRE CHIEF SOOT REMOVER Cleans out stove pipes and flues and helps your stove to do better work. 25c. C. R. KING.

WANTED—Anyone having a piano for sale please write Miss Edna Hammonds, Route 1, Ewing, Ky. 49-2t*

WANTED—To buy hogs that have not been offered on the stock market. Hinton Caswell. Phone 4402. 50-1t*

WANTED—Good tenant for 5 to 10 acres tobacco; 10 acres corn and some meadow. House, garden, firewood and pasturage furnished. Arthur Mullikin, city, phone 192. 49-2t*

LOST, STRAYED or STOLEN—Brown rat terrier with white ring around neck. Brass lock on collar. Return to "Pete" King at the ice plant. 50-1t*

A MERRY CHRISTMAS—To all my Avon customers. Have lovely gifts for all the family. Will be glad to show these gifts to you. Mrs. Henry Peters. Phone 314J. 50-1t*

What would make a nicer Christmas present than a Monarch coal range, or a Coolerator Ice Refrigerator, something that would be used and appreciated 3 times a day, 365 days out of the year. C. R. KING.

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to thank each and every one that has been so kind to us through all our troubles. Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Clary. 50-1t*

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Send The Mercury to a friend during 1944. You will be giving your friend 52 gifts in one and a weekly reminder throughout the year of your thoughtfulness. Try it this Christmas.

Christmas Suggestions: We have a few of the following things left which make good presents: For boys and girls, coasting sleds, roller skates, pocket knives, base balls, gloves and bats, bicycles. For mother or sister, enameled roaster, dripolator, stew kettles, electric toaster, electric boudoir lamps, carving sets, Pyrex oven cooking ware, one steam pressure canner and cooker. Nothing much left for Dad except a few razors and straps. Or you might buy him a new axe to chop the wood with. C. R. KING

PERMANENT WAVE, 59c. Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Hopkins Drug Company. 48-10*

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Anyone having claims against the estate of Hanson Walton, deceased, present same properly proven to the undersigned administratrix. Anyone owing the estate please settle with the administratrix.—Emma Walton, Administratrix. 50-3t*

CARD OF THANKS—We want our many friends and neighbors to know how deeply we do appreciate the kindness and help shown us upon the occasion of the death of our husband and father, Hanson Walton. His wife and children. 50-1t*

Athlete's Foot Germ

I Made This Overnight Test Relieved Itching In 5 Minutes

"I used a powerful PENETRATING fungicide to reach the germs. Many liniments are not strong enough. Ask any druggist for the test size bottle [illegible] solution. Made with 90% alcohol, it penetrates. Reaches more germs faster. APPLY FULL STRENGTH for sweaty itchy or smelly feet." Locally at Hopkins Drug Store. 10-4t

FIVE NICHOLAS RECRUITS AT GREAT LAKES, ILL.

New recruits at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, are five Nicholas county, Kentucky men.

They are now receiving instruction in seamanship, military drill and naval procedure. Soon, they will be given a series of aptitude tests for determining whether they will be assigned to one of the Navy's service schools, or to immediate active duty at sea.

Upon completing their recruit training, these men will be home on a nine-day leave. They are: Earl Wayne Hardwick, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Hardwick, Route 1; Horace Edmond Kookendoffer, age 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kookendoffer, Route 1; Eugene Ross Clinkenbeard, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clinkenbeard, Route 2; Morrison McFarland, age 20, Route 1, Moorefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wallis McFarland; Sanford Dawson Hardin, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Henry Hardin, Route 1, Myers, Ky.

FUTURE FARMERS HOLD TOBACCO SHOW

The Carlisle Future Farmers held their tobacco show and sale at the Harrison Tobacco Warehouse at Cynthiana, Tuesday.

Flyings—Marion Rose, first; Cecil Robinson, second; W. C. Vice, third.

Lugs—W. C. Vice, first; Dean Auxier, second; Cecil Robinson, third.

Leaf—Cecil Robinson, first; Dean Auxier, second; W. C. Vice, third.

Crop Averages—W. C. Vice, 1008 lbs., 50½c; Dean Auxier, 1058 lbs., 50½c; Marion Rose, 1106 lbs., 49 8-10c; Cecil Robinson, 1181 lbs., 49c.

Harrison warehouse donated to Future Farmers, $71.58.

List of boys who sold were Ewell Clinkenbeard, Clay Sapp, Paul Smoot, Ralph Ecton, Bronson McCarty, Fred Whaley, Cecil Robinson, Marion Rose, Dean Auxier, W. C. Vice, Nicholas Future farmers.

165 GALLONS OF GASOLINE; 13 FIVE-GALLON CANS STOLEN

Thieves visited the bulk plant of the Texaco Company last Thursday night at Maysville and carried off 165 gallons of gasoline and 13 five-gallon cans used by the company trucks in serving local Texaco stations. A set of keys to all the locks at the plant was also stolen.

Latest War Bulletins

SOVIET—Reds capture Cherkasy, last major German bastion on middle Dnieper, killing more than 3,000 of enemy; Russians opposing strong German effort to retake Kiev are forced from Radomysl, fifty-five miles west of Ukraine capital. Berlin reports new Soviet drive near Nevel about seventy miles from Latvian border.

BALKAN—Germany throws six divisions against Yugoslavia; Partisans [illegible] Nazi attacks in Bosnia, killing 1,500 of enemy. British Foreign Secretary Eden [illegible] Britain is helping Yugoslav Army of Liberation "in every possible way." Partisans' Marshal Tito plans to [illegible] Yugoslavia into six units.

JAP ROUT—Chinese chasing enemy beyond Changteh capture numerous towns and drive toward Ichang. Jap stronghold on [illegible] and three important towns north of Tungting Lake. Ground forces are supported by Chinese and American fliers.

NEW BRITAIN—More than 100 of General MacArthur's heavy and medium bombers drop 248 tons of bombs on Gasmata in one of war's biggest raids in that area; Australians on New Guinea repulse three strong Jap counter-attacks in Ramu Valley.

FORWARD, BUT SLOWLY—Canadians and Indians converge on Ortona, Italian Adriatic seaport, beating off fierce German tank attacks; Allied aircraft blast enemy positions around Cassino.

MORE RECORDS—U. S. war production reaches new high, aircraft gaining 6 per cent and output of other weapons increasing almost as much. W. P. B. says most major problems, including manpower, have been met.

MMI SUPERINTENDENT GOES TO AUGUSTA

W. H. Hanson, head of the Millersburg Military Institute and a member of the faculty since 1924, has resigned to become Superintendent of Augusta, Ky., Public Schools.

Chester Bryant, member of the Augusta Board of Education, made the announcement and said Hanson would succeed Garrett P. Harrod, who had accepted a position at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Hanson came to Millersburg from Frostburg, Md., 19 years ago and is a graduate of St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md.

PUBLIC SALE

Of Personalty ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1943 At 10:30 A. M.

We will sell for Mrs. L. S. Gaunce, Agent, on the premises occupied by Mr. McPherson Ritchie, located on the Saltwell road, midway between Barterville and Saltwell, the following:

- 1 Bay mare, 8 years old
- 1 Brown horse
- 1 Percheron mare, 3 years old
- 1 Percheron yearling colt
- 1 Holstein cow, extra good, with young calf
- 1 2-year old bird dog
- lot of Plymouth Rock hens
- Hay Rake
- Deering Mower
- Hillside and Shovel plows
- Sled Dallas Saddle
- Fence stretchers
- Boring machine
- Single and double trees
- Saws, wrenches, pitchforks
- Work harness
- Check lines
- Tobacco presser and numerous other tools
- Six tons hay
- 40 shocks corn
- Beds and bedding
- Chairs and tables
- Dressers Cabinet
- Stoves
- Dishes, some antique, and many other useful articles of furniture and kitchen equipment.

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The Scott-Kendall Sales Co.
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NEWS ABOUT OUR BOYS In The Service

The Corbin Times, this week, carried pictures of Capt. William Branaman, Jr., and S-Sgt. Ed Branaman, two former Carlisle boys and Major Keith P. Smith, husband of the former Betty Branaman, their sister. "Bill" was injured in a jeep accident in Sicily and is now at his home after undergoing treatment in a New York hospital. Ed has had extensive training in aerial gunnery, bombardiering and radio and is with a flight training crew at Wendover Field, Utah. Major Smith is a doctor in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army Air Forces.

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Corporal Thomas Clay Stephenson, son of Mrs. Effie Stephenson, of Route 2, Carlisle, Ky., has reported at the Armored school at Fort Knox. It is one of the largest technical schools in the world and operates on two seven-hour shifts six days a week. Men on the first shift rise at 4:30 a. m. and are in their shops and classrooms at 6 o'clock. As they leave at 1 p. m. the second shift marches in and works until [illegible]. The Wheeled Vehicle Department trains the student mechanics in the intricacies of [illegible] and jeeps, trucks and scout cars rolling in combat.

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From the Reception Center at Fort Thomas the following Nicholas county men were sent to Field Artillery [illegible] Fort Sill, Oklahoma: [illegible] Woodford A. [illegible] [illegible] and Charles A. [illegible] Carlisle.

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Matthew D. Kennedy has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant at Randolph Field, Texas, according to word received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Kennedy of Route 4, Cynthiana. Their son Pfc Raymond T. Kennedy, in service in Northern Ireland, writes that he is able to return to his duties after a hospitalization.

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Cpl. Ralph Shearer has returned to his post at Westover Field, Mass., after a visit at home with relatives here.

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Earl M. McCann S 2-c, completed his boot training at Great Lakes and is now at Norfolk, Va. His address is: A. B. A. T. U. Barr. S. P. 29 M. C. BPB Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

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Pvt. Allie C. Vice of the 269th Station hospital, who is taking training at Ft. Benning, Ga., for oversea duty, is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Vice near Moorefield.

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For fighting Japs in New Guinea, Maj. J. H. Barnes, Paris, Ky., has received Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

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Master Sergeant Stanley Hardin, who has been in North Africa and Sicily, has been retired from service on the age limit, and has arrived in New York City, according to a message received by his family here. He expects to be home soon.

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Robert Alexander returned to his post at Great Lakes today after spending a 7-day furlough with his parents in the county.

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Pvt. Lester E. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Green, and stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, has been transferred to a Replacement Depot there.

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Pfc. Harold M. Mann, stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C., is at home on a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mann of Route 3.

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Pvt. R. J. Wagoner has been moved to Camp San Luis Obispo, California, and is confined to the hospital there with an eye injury. His wife, Mrs. R. J. Wagoner, is with him.

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Pvt. James T. Waugh is hospitalized at Camp Breckinridge with a leg injury. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Waugh of Carlisle.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lowry, of Route 2, have received word from their son, Pvt. Douglas Lowry, that he has arrived safely in North Africa.

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Samuel Guyn Curtis S 2-c, who is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., spent a 4-day leave with his wife and son and relatives in Carlisle. He also spent Thanksgiving at home.

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T-Cpl. Chester K. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hill, is home on a 30-day furlough. He has been serving in North Africa and Sicily for the past 19 months and will return to Nashville, Tenn.

Cpl. Adrian Hamm, nephew of Mrs. Firman Wasson, has arrived in England.

KENTUCKY EXCEEDS IN INCREASED FARM VALUE

Kentucky farm land has increased in acre value more than that of any other state, Ernest Rice, general agent for the Farm Credit Administration, reported at Louisville.

Much of the tobacco money, he predicted, "now pouring into farmers' hands" will find its way into land purchases, sending farm values even higher.

The acre value of farm land in Kentucky has risen 60 per cent, while the national average is 27, Rice said.

Eastern Kentucky, where land was cheap, accounts for the state's gain, Rice said.

The World At War
No. 100
By Charles M. Knapp, Professor of History, University of Kentucky

THE EUROPEAN FRONTS: During the past week the military situation on the battlefronts of Europe has not changed materially. In Italy, the British and American forces have gained some terrain though at heavy cost and the roads to Rome have not by any means been opened to an Allied advance. From England British and American bombers and fighters have continued to raid the cities of Germany and the occupied countries though not in the same force as in the previous weeks. From somewhere in the Mediterranean Allied bombers raided the capital of Bulgaria Sofia three times during the past week. Considerable damage is reported to have been accomplished. The greatest importance, however, is being given to reports coming from neutral capitals about a political cabinet crisis which has developed in Bulgaria and which might be the forerunner of internal frictions which end in Bulgaria seeking a separate and early peace. Bulgaria has been at war with all the Axis enemies except Russia with whom she has remained at peace and against whom her armies have not fought. That the Bulgarians realize that they are facing possible invasion from Turkey is also clear and that the Germans are taking steps to reinforce that front.

In Egypt last week President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were in conference with Turkish government officials. While none of the details of that conference have been made public it has been made clear that an understanding was reached by them with the Turkish government which definitely placed Turkey in the camp of the Allied nations. It is now believed that Turkey will enter the war on the Allied side when they are ready to launch the promised invasions of Europe from the south, that is from the Mediterranean into the Balkans.

THE RECENT CONFERENCES: From Teheran where Roosevelt and Churchill met with Stalin have come clear indications that agreement upon the military moves were reached. What they were was not disclosed of course, other than to indicate that an invasion of Europe from the south and west would be undertaken and that it would be timed to Russian offensives in the east. Since it has been clear that the spring months must be months of military inactivity on the eastern fronts, it has been generally presumed that the agreement called for an early, winter invasion in the west. It has been difficult to believe that their decision was in favor of a postponement of the great offensives until summer.

THE PACIFIC: The Cairo conference with Chiang Kai Chek has been followed by the announcement that operations in the Pacific theater would be on a larger and more vigorous scale everywhere. Apparently the Chinese were satisfied with what was promised to them. To Japan the promise was made that she would be stripped of all her conquests in the Pacific and on the mainland of eastern Asia which she had gained since her successful war against China in 1895 Manchuria, Formosa and the northern provinces would be returned to China. Korea would be set up as an independent nation. As to what disposition would be made of the islands which were mandated to Japan by the Treaty of Versailles, nothing was stated. It was clear though, that the result would be the reduction of Japan to the position of a third-rate power, confined entirely to the traditional Japanese islands.

The United States forces in the Pacific have rebuilt the airfields in the Gilbert Islands and the fleet and air arm have raided the atolls of the Marshall Islands 200-300 miles to the northwest. There is a promise of important action soon to come in that area of the Pacific.

Liquor stocks are a good deal better to own than to consume.

4-H CLUB TOBACCO SHOW IN JANUARY

On account of the extremely dry weather this fall it has been impossible for most of the 4-H Club members of Nicholas and Bourbon counties to get their tobacco crops ready for the market. Because of this situation it has been decided it would be best to hold the annual 4-H club tobacco show and sale in January.

This will be the 7th Annual 4-H Club Tobacco Show and Sale held in Paris.

The show has always been held in the month of December in order that 4-H club members might have some Christmas money.

Last year 76 Nicholas and Bourbon county 4-H Club members entered the show and sale and sold 62,990 pounds of tobacco for $32,345.99 which was an average of $51.35 for the highest average any day in the sales up to that time. The highest basket sold for $61.00. The Paris tobacco market had averaged up to that time, December 18, 1942, $46.60.

The first prize crop in 1942 was produced by James Elgin Reid, of Nicholas county, of the Moorefield community. This crop weighed 332 pounds and brought an average of $56.27 and was a total of $186.82. There were 36 members of the 4-H Club in Nicholas county who entered the show and sale.

Lionel King, Route 4, Paris, won first prize in Bourbon county. This crop was produced on one acre of land and weighed 1478 pounds which sold for an average of $56.53 and brought a total of $806.44. A prize of $25.00 was awarded on the crop.

J. S. WATKINS APPOINTED STATE HIGHWAY COM.

Among the first acts of Governor Willis was to appoint J. Stephen Watkins, Lexington consulting engineer, to the position of State Highway Commissioner. Watkins was requested by the Governor to reorganize the department along the lines he advocated in his campaign for Governor.

Watkins, who served two years as Chief Highway Engineer under former Governor Flem D. Sampson, succeeds R. G. Williams, Jr., of Somerset. Williams and the nine advisory highway commissioners, all Democrats, offered their resignations when Willis's Republicans regime was inaugurated.

In his campaign address at Mount Sterling Willis declared his intention of abolishing the posts of advisory commissioners, of enlarging the rural highway unit of the department and of giving County Fiscal Courts more authority in rural highway matters.

1944 Truck and Automobile License Plates NOW READY FOR SALE

The County Clerk's Office is now prepared to issue 1944 licenses for motor vehicles and the fees are the same as you paid in 1943.

You will be given one new license plate for 1944 in lieu of the Sticker used in 1943, and anyone desiring to obtain the license via: parcel post may do so by including 10cts. extra to cover postage.

When application is made you must present your 1943 registration receipt. We MUST HAVE your 1943 registration receipt.

Truck owners will be required to furnish additional information this year for the benefit of the War Department, and this office will mail you a blank form sometime about the 1st. of the year showing the information required and which must be furnished by the applicant when the truck is registered for 1944.

1944 license plates must not be used until December 29th.

Jno. F. Sugg.
CLERK, NICHOLAS COUNTY COURT

Public Auction

Saturday, December 18, 1943

AT 10:00 A. M. ON PREMISES

Having decided to quit farming for the present I have engaged the Fightmaster Real Estate Agency of Carlisle, Ky., to sell at public auction my farm.

169 ACRES

This farm is located on the Grange City and Salt Lick road in Fleming county and will be offered first in two tracks and then as a whole. This farm of 169 acres has a four bin tobacco barn with a metal roof, a four room house with a metal roof, smoke house, cellar, a good well at front door. This farm is all under fence, and has a tobacco base of 3 acres. School about two hundred feet from house, church and grocery close by. This farm has never been without water.

FIRST TRACK—100 acres, four room house, four bin barn, smoke house, cellar, a good well. Plenty of stock water. Some good timber on this farm.

SECOND TRACK—69 acres. This track is well watered, and well fenced. Some good timber on this track.

possession will be given. This farm has a Federal Farm Bank Loan of $385.00. Buyer may take over this loan if he wants it.

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GERMAN MURDERERS BEING TRIED BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Trial of a group of German soldiers, and a Russian accused as a traitor, on charges of slaying Soviet citizens during the Nazi occupation of Kharkov, has been started in that city before a military tribunal of the Ukrainian front.

The Germans were captured during the Red Army offensive in Kharkov Province. The Soviet press, which gave page-wide spreads to the trials, said the first four defendants—three Germans and the Russian—all pleaded guilty.

Others are to be indicted and tried.

Dispatches said the three Germans and the Russian in the Kharkov trials all took part in "dushegubkas" murders of several thousand civilians. A dispatch said 30,000 people were killed but not all by the dushegubkas method—forcing persons into trucks, sealing the vehicles and filling the trucks with carbon monoxide through tubes from the running motor.

A ditpatch said that an "examination of 623 bodies proved that 523 were killed in specially built truck gas chambers."

TWO CARLISLE WOMEN GRADUATE FROM NAVAL SCHOOL

Two Carlisle women reservists graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Storekeepers) on the Indiana University campus, Bloomington, Ind., with the petty officer ratings of storekeeper third class.

Selected for this school on the basis of their "boot training" aptitude tests and past civilion experience, the newly graduated petty officers completed a course of study which included property and financial accounting, typewriting, English and correspondence.

The two Carlisle women reservists are: Beulah Parsons Huddleson, 31, wife of William Huddleson, 114 Tureman Avenue; and Beulah Parker Wasson, 33, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wasson.

LOCAL GIRL PRESENTED IN CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Miss Frances Henry, freshman at Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Henry, of Carlisle, was presented in the Christmas Cantata and Carol Service, Sunday evening December 12, at Gainesville.

The service was under the direction of Dr. Ben J. Potter.

LEASES CASEY COUNTY NEWS

Otos Thomas, editor of the Casey County News, Liberty, has leased The News to S. E. Tilton of Edinburg, Texas, who has assumed management. Col. Thomas was elected representative of the 81st legislative district, consisting of Casey and Russell counties, and will soon go to Frankfort to take up his duties there. Mr. Tilton is an experienced newspaper man.

EISENHOWER SAYS WAR ENTERING "CRUCIAL PHASE"

Allied Commander-in-Chief Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his first message to his troops since his return from the historic Allied military conferences at Cairo, told them that "the war is now entering into its crucial phase.

"I ask each soldier to do his duty to his utmost."

PRIORITIES ANALYST IN LEXINGTON EACH TUESDAY

A priorities analyst of the war production board will be in Lexington each Tuesday representing the WPB.

TYPICAL WAVE FROM NICHOLAS COUNTY

At the close of the first year in which women have been taken into the Navy we have been given a description of the typical girl from Nicholas county who is now serving in the WAVES. This typical girl is a graduate of high school and has worked for three years for a local business man. She is married to a service man and felt she was needed in the service herself. She enlisted in the WAVES because she felt that in so doing she would help to bring victory and at the same time add to her own education and make her stronger for post-war needs. While this description does not fit all girls from this county, who are serving in the WAVES it is a description of the average WAVE from this county.

With the beginning of 1944 the need for women in the services begins anew. The Navy Department has a very attractive program for all girls who enter Navy Service. It is calling upon the girls of this county to make a small sacrifice in comparison with the sacrifices made by the men. If 1944 is to be a victory year it will have to be by the women who cause it. Such women are urged to contact Mrs. Bertha Westfall for an appointment with the Navy Recruiter who visits this town each week.

"FORGET-ME-NOT" DAY FRIDAY, DEC. 24TH

"Forget-Me-Nots," which have an added meaning as new names are being placed on the roll of United States war dead, are to be sold in Carlisle, Friday, December 24, for the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Kentucky.

Wearing a "Forget-Me-Not" is the individual way of honoring the men who have sacrificed their lives in the nations services. Ever since the first World War the "Forget-Me-Not" has been worn in tribute to the men who gave their lives in that conflict. Now, new names are being inscribed among America's heroic dead. The "Forget-Me-Not" is for them, too. It is a symbol of sorrow and pride. It is a pledge of remembrance and that the wearer will serve on in the cause for which they died.

POPE TO BROADCAST AT 6:15 A. M. FRIDAY

Pope Pius XII will radiocast his traditional Christmas message to the world from the Vatican radio December 24 at 12:15 p. m. Rome time (6:15 a. m. C. W. T.)

Christmas Eve he will celebrate midnight mass which also will be radiocast, starting at 11 p. m. Rome time (5 p. m. C. W. T.)

Although the Pope's annual Christmas address is awaited with interest, it is not generally believed he will seek directly to influence the warring nations.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED TO DEANNA DURBIN

Deanna Durbin, singing screen star, has been granted a divorce from Lt. (j. g.) Vaughn Paul in proceedings which took less than 10 minutes.

Scarcely raising her vibrant voice above a whisper, she testified that constant criticism of her film and radio work by her husband had kept her in a constant state of nervous distraction.

WINSTON CHURCHILL CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Prime Minister Winston Churchill "continues to improve" in his recovery from pneumonia, No. 10 Downing street announced. Physicians at Churchill's bedside in the Middle East said his condition of circulation "is more satisfactory." Churchill is insisting on receiving his newspapers as usual, and they are being flown to him from England.

ALLIES ARE POISED TO HIT SOUTH FRANCE

The Stockholm newspaper Nya Daglit Allehanda said in a Bern dispatch that huge Allied forces are reported concentrating on Corsica and elsewhere in the Western Mediterranean for what is expected to be an invasion of Southern France.

NAZI LOSE 300 LOCOMOTIVES MONTH

The Air Ministry news service reports from London that the German rail system probably was losing about 300 locomotives a month under attacks by British, American and Russian squadrons.

TWO FIRES IN CARLISLE DURING PAST WEEK

Fire, believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace early Friday morning practically destroyed the two-story frame residence and contents of C. C. Ratliff on Locust street, entailing a loss estimated between $5,000 and $6,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

The flames, which were discovered about 6 a. m., spread quickly, gutting the entire structure. Assisted by his niece, Mrs. Claudia Ratliff Tucker, who makes her home with Mr. Ratliff, who is a semi-invalid, he was removed to the next door, home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Knight. Firemen experienced considerable difficulty in fighting the blaze because of the freezing weather.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Small damage was caused at the home of Ben Alexander Thursday when a short-circuit electric wire ignited the building.

FORMER GOV. JOHNSON WITH REYNOLDS METAL CO.

Former Gov. Keen Johnson, who has accepted a position as assistant to R. S. Reynolds, president of the Reynolds Metals Company, said he would spend as much time as possible in Kentucky and would retain his interest in the Richmond Daily Register.

T. B. Challinor, general manager of the newspaper while Johnson was governor, will remain in that capacity and James A. Miller, Jr., will remain as managing editor. While retaining his interest in the newspaper during the time he was governor, Johnson took no active part in its operation.

JAPS ROUTED IN NEW BRITAIN

Americans of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army landed on the beaches at Arawe, New Britain, recently and won their beachhead within a few hours, announced General MacArthur's headquarters.

Only a few men of the seaborne force were lost in the landing, the communique said.

The invasion was accomplished without the loss of an Allied plane or ship.

A small Army unit making a gallant assault from landing boats suffered the most of the casualties. The number of killed or woundeed was not announced.

FIRE IS HELL

When a famous General remarked that, "War is Hell," he summed up in three words the opinion of all mankind. The same description aptly applies to another universal evil—preventable fire. Like war, something must sooner or later be done to curb it.

In the tragedy of the Cocoanut Grove night club at Boston, last fall, 490 lives were abruptly snuffed out by fire. A few days earlier, American troops disembarked from hundreds of ships on the hostile shores of Algeria and Morocco and quickly achieved the capitulation of those two territories comprising 14,300,000 population. It was officially reported that 360 of our soldiers and sailors were killed in this vast landing operation.

This gives a small idea of the problems which this country faces in its effort to put a brake on our $300,000,000 annual fire loss.

In proclaiming Fire Prevention Week a short time ago, the President of the United States said: "This nation's war program is menaced by an alarming increase in preventable fire losses. Since Pearl Harbor the destruction caused by fire in the United States has been comparable to the damage caused by all enemy bombing over England during the first two years of the war. The loss to this nation is just as real as if the destruction had been wrought by enemy bombers over America, or by saboteurs.

Fire Prevention Week is past. But the echo of its message must not be allowed to fall on deaf ears during the 51-week interval before it rolls around again.

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THE SHORTEST DAY

Tuesday, December 21, is known as the shortest day in the year. It is also probably true that during the Christmas shopping rush most folk did as much, or more, as during any day of the year.

ROTARY CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE LAST FRI. NIGHT

Twenty-Five Business and Professional Men Have Complete Applications to Rotary

M. C. SHEARER ELECTED PRES.

Steps for the organization of a Rotary Club were taken last Friday night by a group of business and professional men who are planning to establish a unit of that world-wide service organization in Carlisle. Meeting with R. H. Poindexter, past president and past secretary of the Cynthiana Rotary club, and several others from both Cynthiana and Millersburg, Mr. Poindexter acting in lieu of District Governor John Shaw, of Ashland, who was in Carlisle last week in the court house, these men voted to apply for a charter in Rotary International, thus adding Carlisle to the list of more than 5,100 cities in some 50 countries of the world where Rotary has come to play a leading part in the progress of the community.

Those elected officers of the provisional club were M. C. Shearer, president; G. T. Cowan, vice-president; W. A. Long, secretary, and Roger Womack, treasurer. Directors are George Scott, E. M. Smith, and Thomas C. Johnson. The four officers and the three directors will serve till July 1, 1944. An election will be held in April to select their successors who will assume office in July.

Applications for membership in the new Rotary club were signed by J. E. Bradshaw, Emery Clark, William Conley, George Thornton Cowan, G. E. Duncan, Rollin Montgomery Feese, Cleary Fightmaster, R. T. Fisher, Paul Carrett, Frank J. Hardesty, Allen Hopkins, Stanley Frey Hutchings, Thomas C. Johnson, W. R. Knight, W. A. Long, M. T. Mathers, Marvin P. McClure, John Peterman Pirtle, George D. Scott, M. C. Shearer, Walter Shepherd, Everett Miller Smith, William Straw, Earl A. VanBever, and Roger Clay Womack. Other charter members are expected to be added to this list by the time the charter is issued.

The new Rotary club is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Cynthiana and Millersburg through their friendship for the business and professional men of this city. One of the distinctive features of Rotary is that club members are always welcome visitors at every other Rotary club in the world. There eare Rotary clubs at several nearby cities and throughout the state, so it is expected that the Rotary club of Carlisle will have numerous visiting Rotarians at its meetings.

Beginning January 6, 1944, the Carlisle club will hold weekly meetings at 6:30 p. m. each Thursday. The place of meeting has not been selected.

MYERS HONOR ROLL

Grade I—Thelma Flora, Elizabeth Gray, Patty Crump, Jack Tincher.

Grade II—Patsy Walton, Jewell Davis, Bobby Bowles, Gene Ritchie, Carl Clem, Ronnie Ratliff, Arthur Trussell, Garnett Gray, David Hardin.

Grade III—Roberta Booth, Betty Jean Tincher, Gayle Higgins.

Grade IV — Thelma George, Frances Sue Flora, Jimmy Carter.

Grade V—Mary Garnett Higgins, Alfred Dotson, Billy Letcher, Joan Jolly, Anna Dell Tincher, Millie Jane Hughes, Patsy Howard.

Grade VI—Jimmie Shrout, Mary Ruth Bowles, Eunice Ruth George, Lois Booth, D. T. Brumagen.

Grade VII — Jane Alexander, Geraldine Dotson, Mary Lou Jolley, Dorothy Mann, Wanda Purcell.

Grade VIII—Sam Clinkenbeard, Bobby Lawson, Mary Delia Letcher, Rita Jane Flora, Leona George, Wilma Walton, Aileene Stone.

Honorable Mention

Grade I—Mary Mann.

Grade III—Kathleen Shrum.

Mrs. Blanche Cameron, Mrs. Brooks Henson, Mrs. Sallie Parsons, Miss Effie Anderson, teachers.

IMPROVED BOMBSIGHT

New and improved bombsight has been developed for the final assault on Hitler's European fortress. Present bombsight can hit a pickle barrel from 20,000 feet. New one, according to reports, will be able to hit the bung.

6-YEAR-OLD IN LONDON NEVER SAW XMAS TREE

Six-year-old Allan Gorman, whose father is an air-raid warden in London's East End, doesn't know what a marble is. He's never seen a Christmas tree. When I asked him if he'd ever seen London lit up at night he said: "Sure! It was beautiful. All those big fires!"

It never occurred to him that I meant electric light. He doesn't remember London like that.

Allan is one of thousands of kids here in England who are growing up without any of the normal childhood experiences American boys and girls take for granted.

You can't buy marbles in England, so Allan plays with a sword he carved out of a piece of wood he found in the street. He and the other neighborhood children have a football field but they've never played football. You can't get the equipment.

"The only toys Allan ever saw," his father told me, "were some sent here by Americans last Christmas."

Young Jimmie Wilson spends his holidays playing a game with corks stuck in pins—the corks represent bombs. His five-year-old sister Jane has never tasted cream. She doesn't know what a banana looks like, except in pictures. Never in her life has she run around to the corner shop to buy a jawbreaker. Children here don't save their pennies for candy because sweets are strictly rationed. Few parents give their children money because there is nothing they can buy.

East End children miss dogs, too. Animals must live off scraps from their masters' tables today, so kids are not encouraged to keep pets.—By Dudley Ann Harmon, United Press Staff Correspondent.

TWO CARLISLE CHURCHES LIQUIDATE CHURCH DEBTS

A collection more than sufficient to pay an $889.94 debt was taken up at services Sunday morning at the Carlisle Baptist church. At the conclusion of the services a note-burning ceremony was enacted.

The pastor, the Rev. James R. Thompson, presided. The debt, which at one time totalled $7,000, was incurred about four years ago when the present building was remodeled and an annex was purchased from the Methodist church.

Mr. Thompson said the church will be 125 years old in February of next year and has added 61 new members during the past year.

The Carlisle high school glee club under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Shearer, sang several Christmas selections. Instrumental numbers were played by Mrs. A. V. Allison and Miss Virginie Lee Cowan.

A $700.00 debt against the Carlisle Presbyterian church, which had been outstanding for the past 15 years, was paid off Sunday and the note burned. This building is estimated to have a value of around $40,000.00.

A.A.A. MacDONALD

Old MacDonald had a farm—
A.A.A. Ai! O!
With a pro rate here
And a price freeze there;
Here a quota, there a quota;
Everywhere a quota quota.
Old MacoDnald had a farm—
A.A.A. Ai! O!
He had a farm,
But he had no seed,
No tractor parts,
No hands, no feed;
With a "Don't plant this"
And a fine if you dare,
And a Government blank
To be filled with care—
And they always want
At least one spare—
A form filled here, a ration there,
And everywhere a questionnaire.
Old MacDonald had a farm—
A.A.A. Ai! O!

—Pathfinder

As one of his last official acts as Governor, Keen Johnson appointed Commissioned A. P. Plummer, Flemingsburg, as a Colonel and aid-de-camp of his staff. Tuesday's announcement of appointment came shortly after Mr. Plummer had submitted his resignation as a member of the Highway Commission to incoming Governor Simeon S. Willis.

Senator Byrd of Virginia plans to introduce a bill to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to Cordell Hull for his work at the Moscow Conference. It was Hull's first airplane trip, "and that," says the Senator, "takes plenty of courage when you're 72 years old."

NICHOLAS ARMY MAN KILLED IN ACTION IN 1942

An official communication has been received by Mrs. Minerva Sugg, Route 3, Carlisle, Kentucky, from the War Department, stating that her son, Sgt. George T. Smart, 20, is now presumed to have been killed in action under Public Law No. 490 which says that when a soldier is reported missing and is not found within 12 months he is presumed to be dead. Sgt. Smart was last seen while on a reconnaissance mission under heavy enemy fire in the vicinity of Furna, Tunisia, on the 10th day of December, 1942.

Sergeant Smart was a volunteer and left here in the fall of 1940. He had been overseas six months when he was reported missing. He had been in Ireland before going to North Africa.

WAVES WILL NOT BE CALLED UNTIL JANUARY

It was announced by the Lexington Navy Recruiting Station that girls who enlist in the Waves at the present time will not be called to active duty until sometime in January of 1944. This will give all women a chance to complete their application and remain at home with their families and friends until after the holiday season.

Eligible girls in this locality are urged to contact the local civilian Recruiter, Mrs. Bertha Westfall for information regarding enlistments. The Navy further announced that they must have 60,000 more women in service before the end of 1944.

SCHOOLS TO DISMISS THIS AFTERNOON FOR HOLIDAYS

Both city and county schools will dismiss classes this (Thursday) afternoon for the Christmas holidays. A Christmas program will be given at the school auditorium this afternoon at 2:30 to which the public is cordially invited.

Latest reports from the Scarlet fever threatened epidemic is to the effect that the condition has greatly improved. Supt. Pfanstiel of the city school, reports only about 25 per cent of the pupils are out of classes at the present time.

PARACHUTE AND BALLOON FOUND AT BRODERICK HOME

Mrs. John Broderick, of Barterville, was in the Mercury office this week and reported Mr. Broderick found a parachute with balloon attached near their home Tuesday, December 14. A box of electric fixtures was attached to the parachute with directions for the finder to return to Bowman air field, Louisville.

GEORGE LINVILLE HAS NARROW ESCAPE

George Linville, of East Main street, narrowly escaped serious injury on Monday afternoon, while driving his truck on the Maysville road near Oakland, struck a wagon, which turned his truck over into a ditch. Other than cuts and bruises he was not seriously hurt, but will be confined to his room for some time.

DR. IRVIN SELLS HOME

Dr. W. G. Irvin sold Tuesday his modern two-story brick home on Sycamore street to C. C. Ratliff, whose home on Locust street was badly damaged by fire Friday morning. Possession will be given in 30 days. The price was not made public. Mr. Ratliff does not plan to rebuild his home on Locust street.

READ EVERY ONE OF THEM

In addition to an increased amount of advertising at this season, a large number are using The Mercury this issue to express good wishes with greetings. Read all of them—they are full of cordiality, good will, and the Christmas spirit.

ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO UNITED STATES

President Roosevelt is safe back in the United States after his history-making journey to the Middle East where he conferred with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin and Turkish leaders.

CLOSED SATURDAY

The Mercury office will be closed all day Saturday, Christmas day.

FOOD SUBSIDY IS LEADING TO CHAOS

Executive Secretary of National Council of Farmer Co-Operatives, Says Grocery Bill Subsidized

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22—"The administration's food subsidy program, if continued, will lead the nation down the road to economic chaos—with complete political control, scarcity, excessive debt, and disastrous inflation the ultimate outcome," Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, declared.

"Already, America's weekly grocery bill is being subsidized to the tune of over $800,000,000 a year," Mr. Benson stated. "This money, borrowed by the public to help pay for its groceries, comprises one of the greatest inflationary threats existing in this country today.

"Furthermore," the national co-op leader continued, "every time a subsidy fails in its purported objective of keeping the general price level down, a new and bigger one is likely to be added—creating a 'subsidy spiral' that will lead to ruinous inflation."

Mr. Benson pointed out that the average American wage earner today is receiving nearly twice as much as in 1939, yet he is spending only 20 per cent of his income for food—the lowest percentage on record. He is eating far better than he did in 1939, too, for if he were eating the same kind of quality food, he would be spending only 16 cents out of each dollar, Mr. Benson explained.

"America must operate on a pay-as-you-go basis for its current food bill. High priced subsidies, which shove the debt burden over onto the men now fighting for freedom, and onto their children, are no part of a pay-as-you-go policy," Mr. Benson concluded.

3,772 U. S. FIGHTERS LOST IN ISLAND BATTLES

American Marines and Army troops lost 1,092 killed and 2,680 wounded ,on the basis of preliminary wounded, on the basis of preliminary of the mid-Pacific Gilbert Islands, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has announced.

But for their total of 3,772 casualties, in what Nimitz called the toughest battle United States forces ever fought in the Pacific, the Americans destroyed an estimated 6,000 Japanese—all but a handful killed—and won an invaluable springboard for the offensive toward Japan.

Nimitz, who visited the battlefield admitted frankly that Tarawa where the second Marine division from Guadalcanal bore the great preponderance of enemy resistance, was a great deal tougher than had been expected.

ODD ACCIDENTS

The National Safetey Council lists these odd accidents: First prize goes to the soldier who was welded into his sleeping bag by a bolt of lightning that hit his zipper; second choice to another soldier whose left leg was broken by a cocoanut which dropped on him when a stray bullet cut it loose.

Honorable mention to the city horse in Detroit that ran away and wrecked the buggy when he met—another horse; and to a rancher in Washington the spinning rod of whose reaper caught his overalls, tossed him into the air and stripped him of all but shoes and eye glasses.

AT THE COURTHOUSE

A marriage license was issued to Allen E. Howard and Kathryn Woodall, both of Nicholas county, on December 18th.

The will of Charles Skinner, aged negro who died recently, was probated in Nicholas county court Wednesday. He willed all of his property to his daughter-in-law, Laura Keyes, and ten shares of stock in the Lexington Water Company to his son.

PRINTERS' STRIKE IN WASHINGTON SETTLED

Contending they were conducting a continuous union meeting in connection with wage adjustments, and denying they were on strike, resulted in suspension of publication of Washington's four daily newspapers Monday—The Star, Times, Herald, and News—for 24 hours until the War Labor Board stepped in and ordered a return to work.