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The Lighter Side...

A reluctant draftee was asked by the Navy oculist to read a sight testing chart. "What chart?" asked the man. "I'll show you," replied the oculist. "Just sit down in that chair." "What chair?" the draftee asked. Deferred, the draftee went to a cinema. When the lights came on, he was flabbergasted to see the oculist next to him. "Excuse me," he said as calmly as he could, "does this bus go to Cleveland?"

Wave: "I'll never go out with a ventriloquist again."

Second Wave: "Why, honey?"

Wave: "Last night he sat me on his knee and you should have heard the things he made me say!"

Soldier (on transport): "Say, come look at the big ship!"

Second soldier (seasick): "Don't bother me. Call me when you see a bus."

CPO: "I suppose you wish I were dead so you could spit on my grave?"

AS: "No sir, not me—I hate to stand in line."

AvCad: (sitting with a girl in moonlight): "I'd like to ask you a question."

Girl: (breathlessly) "Yes?"

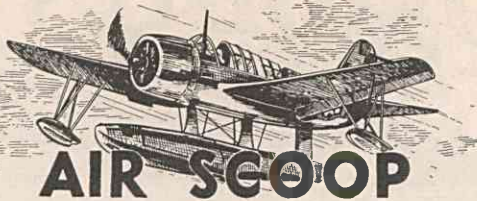
AvCad: "Will you please move over? I'm sitting on a nail."

Girl's father: "Sailor, we turn the lights out at 10 o'clock in this house."

Sailor: "Gee, that's mighty nice of you."

The drunk stood on the corner singing "Amapola."

An airdale trotted by and said: "O. K., Bud, you asked for it."



Encouraging information on the present condition of the Japanese air force is given in an article in the current issue of *American Aviation* magazine, based on a report by the Office of War Information.

"The Japanese air force," the article states, "has been so weakened that it is unable to mount adequate strength at all critical points of its defense area, the Office of War Information has reported on the basis of War and Navy department material.

"The total number of Jap planes now assigned to combat is believed to be approximately 4,000 in contrast to a much larger strength by our Navy and Army. Total Japanese air force, including ground and air personnel, is estimated at numbering about 600,000 persons, of which two-thirds are in the Jap army and one-third in the Jap navy air force.

"Japanese pilot ability, which was of high order in 1941-42, has not kept pace with expanding responsibilities of air defense, the report said. Most of Japan's best aviators are dead.

"Japan's fighting planes are improving in quality but do not yet match corresponding improvements in U. S. aircraft. Current production is estimated to be between 1,250-1,500 planes per month. Current Japanese plane losses in the air and on the ground are estimated to exceed 1,000 a month.

"U. S. Army and Navy airmen have long noted a lack of harmony between Japanese army and navy air forces, and the contemporary Japanese flyer is not in a class with his immediate post-Pearl Harbor brother.

"The Japs have virtually abandoned daylight horizontal conventional bombing attacks on Allied land bases or convoy with air cover, and have adopted dawn and dusk bombing by Jap fighters, and night bombing by medium, torpedo and dive bombers."

Someone once said that a good way to test the quality of whisky is to pass an electric current through a quart of the stuff. If the current causes a precipitation of lye, tin, arsenic, iron slag and alum, the whisky is fair. If, however, the liquor chases the current back to the generator, you've got d— good whisky.

Famous last words: "No \$*!\$* J.G. is going to make me shine my shoes."

The Wolf

by Sansone



Lemonade for Thirsty Sailors

Thirsty men in the U. S. Fleets will drink an estimated 40,000,000 gallons of vitamin enriched lemon beverage in 1945, according to the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

This war-born thirst quencher is a new type of lemonade base which is prepared from dehydrated lemon juice, fruit acid and pure ascorbic acid (Vitamin C). One 12-ounce glass provides more than half a person's daily Vitamin C requirement. In the warm waters of the Pacific, this ice cold lemon beverage is now being served as a daily drink. The 40,000,000 gallons destined for the fleets alone will offset any reduction in Vitamin C intake occasioned by lack of fresh fruits and vegetables.

\$90 Monthly to Fly Own Plane

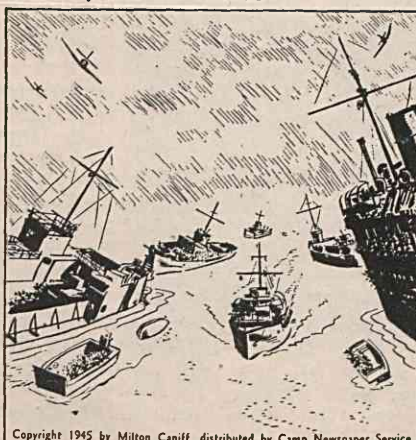
A recent survey of the 46 aviation operators who are members of the Aeronautical Training Society reveals that the average lightplane owner after the war can expect to spend \$90 a month for gasoline, oil, storage, maintenance and overhaul of his plane, if he uses it 20 hours a month.

Scientific Crashes Urged

A proposal for utilizing surplus military aircraft in aviation research is being advanced by the Airplane Technical Committee of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce in Washington. Tentative plans call for scientifically controlled "crash" testing of as many as 10,000 fighters, bombers and transports as a means to uncover new secrets in design and performance and to accelerate developments in safety and efficiency. It is estimated that more than 50 structural and performance tests could be made.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Target of Opportunity

