

Nobody's Business

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WEDDING BELLS RING AGAIN IN FLAT ROCK

—another wedding has taken place in flat rock. Miss Minnie sue moore ran away with mr. Johnson lee skinner. nobody knows why they thought best to elope, but elope is what they did. she is 43 and he is 62. she clumb out of the window of the home o fher grammaw and he met her in the backyard and then he had a borried car (with tires on it) a few hundred yards down the road an dthen drove to a preecher's house in cedar lane wheer the knot was tied.

—mr. skinner has benn going with mis smooer fo nrealy 3 weeks. he has benn a widower for about 7 weeks. his home was lonesome and he had noboddy to milk his 2 cows and wash his clothes and attend to his 6 children and look after the chickens and the garding and clean up his house and do his mending and prepare his vittles and see that the kids get off to scholl on time. so, friends—you can't blame him for eloping so soon thereafter. he need ed help.

—mr. skinner will possibly let minnie's grammaw come and live with them. he plans to borry enoughcash from her to build her a extry room to the house. she is tool old to live by herself with minnie gone. he hopes to inharit her property whea she passes that is minnie will get it if she looks after her, and that will be the same thing as if he got it as he will get it annyhow. she owns a bond and some land. it is slightly unencumbered, but she mought leave enough cash to pay it off. it can' be long now : she is 82.

—mr. skinner is a member of re-hober church and has benn a very active official for the past 6 weeks. he met miss moore in the quire and he hope her lead it. he sings base very well. she sings tenner. but her voices screeches on the hign notes.

he will possibly keep up his church attendance for a few weeks. manny happy returns to them.

RED TAPE HAS MADE ME BLUE

—I am a wholesale grocer. I am expected to sell sugar. There has been placed a ceiling on the price of sugar. This ceiling is made o feast iron and it is dangerous fo ra person to bump his head on it.

—It is very simple to buy sugar, that is—after you have studied it for four weeks. The number of forms to be filled out have not yet been counted, but they range way up yonder. I have not weighed the different papers that have been sent to me to execute, head, and pore over, but my desk is full of them. It ain't no wonder there is a paper shortage.

—Now if you want to buy any sugar to sell to the retail trade, you must fill in form M55, and multiply it by form 206 subtract December 6th of 1940 from October 16th 1939, and add form 1044 and then go to some government building in your congressional district and lean up against it and pray for 7 hours, 58 minutes, 145 seconds and then wait awhile.

—After you return to your office, if you are still able to sit up, figure ho wmuch sugar you sold last year and the year before and divide the total by 12, subtract your age and the number of children you and your wife have, if any . . . if you have no children dogs will do, divide 1942 by November 15th 1938, and arrive at a total by multiplying the gross w eight of the sugar you want by the number of bags you won't be able to get.

—If you are still living after these ordeals, write the OPM a letter and tell them to send you all of the new forms they got out yesterday, and as they arrive—file them away and wait for the other new forms and blanks

day. Then, after you have done all you know to do, read the law on the subject. After you have read it 564 times backward and forward, and realize that what you have doae is wrong, tear up all of the reports you have made and start all over again. By the time you get ready to sell sugar, which must be sold below cost, you will be a fit subject for the insane asylum, so why worry any more: just go on and select your padded cell.

A Week of The War

President Roosevelt told his press conference Pacific councils coordinating the war effort of the United States in the southwest Pacific have been operating for about a month. The military command in the ABDA area itself, the President said, is in the hands of Gen. Archibald Wavell, but strategical problems are referred to Washington and London. The joint military and naval staffs sit in Washington.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House a joint authorization for a \$500,000,000 loan to China. President Roosevelt said the money will make it possible for the Chinese to purchase numerous war materials.

The White House announced the U. S. through the RAF has dropped a second pamphlet over several French seaports in the "biggest pamphlet bombing job ever done." The first pamphlet, announced a month ago, stressed the traditional friendship between this country and France; the second told of the rapidly-expanding U. S. war production.

A Navy aviation training program designed to develop 30,000 of the toughest pilots in the world annually for the Navy and Marine Corps will be put into operation by May 1. Navy Secretary Knox announced. Applications for training are now being accepted. Mr. Knox asked U. S. high school youth to aid the Navy by producing 500,000 aircraft models of 50 different types of fighting planes to be used in aircraft recognition and range estimation in gunnery practice and for training civilians in aircraft recognition.

The Office of Civilian Defense invited college flyers and aviation enthusiasts to participate in the Civilian Air Patrol which is seeking to enlist 90,000 civilian pilots. Sixteen years is the minimum age for enrollment for ground service, and 18 for flight duty.

Gen. MacArthur's troops in the Philippines repulsed continuous attacks by the enemy throughout the week. Enemy losses included 11 planes an undetermined number destroyed in the air and on the ground in an attack on Japanese-occupied Marshall and Gilbert Islands. Many fleet auxiliaries, two transports and "probably" a third, were sunk, and an enemy warship was torpedoed. U. S. losses were 13 planes, two tankers and two freighters.

The Navy and Marine Corps reported 1,294 officers and men missing or prisoners of war. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to continue the pay of person in the armed forces and civilian employes of the War and Navy for a year after reported missing (captured or interned.

The Navy said 100,000 men have enlisted since the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Marine Corps has passed the 100,000-man mark. Three destroyers and one battleship were launched and two more destroyers and one cruiser will be launched Lincoln's birthday.

Selective Service Director Hershey asked local draft boards to aid deferment of apprentices in essential war production trades because there is a mounting demand for skilled workers. Gen. Hershey said a plan has been proposed for allowances and allotments to release for induction many registrants now deferred on grounds of dependency. In World War I, he said, payments up to \$50 a month were made. He said no figures will be issued on the number of men who register February 16.

President Roosevelt told his press conference emergency shipping schedules make it almost impossible to utilize full cargo capacity of

American merchant vessels because war developments often make it necessary for the ships to sail without advance notice.

The Maritime Commission said, imports of 10 important raw materials increased about 200 percent during 1941. The Commission maintained its ship-a-day construction schedule by launching 14 new vessels during the last half of January. Eight French ships in U. S. ports were requisitioned by the Commission.

The WPB announced it cleared contracts amounting to three billion dollars in the week ending January 21. The War Department announced production of .30 caliber ball ammunition was nearly doubled during the first three weeks of January, 1942, over the corresponding period last year.

War Production Chairman Nelson announced adoption of a system of daily progress reports to check production delays "anywhere along the line." He merged priorities and subcontracting field offices in a new Bureau of Field Operations to provide "faster" more efficient service to business and industry.

The WPB asked the typewriter manufacturing industry which produced 1,000,000 machines in 1941 to cut its normal production 25 percent

immediately and convert its facilities to war production.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to create a \$1,000,000,000 fund to compensate American property owners for war damages. The fund would compensate for losses other than life or personal injury to the extent of \$15,000.

OCD Executive Landis announced cities in target areas will not be required to submit requisitions for protective equipment including gas masks and auxiliary fire-fighting equipment to be provided by \$100,000,000 Federal funds. He said the various areas according to their likelihood of attack, vulnerability and equipment would be allocated to the present equipment.

Attorney General Biddle established a special War Frauds Unit within the Department of Justice to prosecute all cases involving frauds in connection with the war effort.

Price Administrator Henderson announced rationing of new passenger autos to eligible users will not begin before February 26. Delivery of cars purchased but not delivered before the Government froze all sales began February 12.

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.—Proverbs 22:4

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