

## Jap PWs Work to Clear and Rebuild Manila



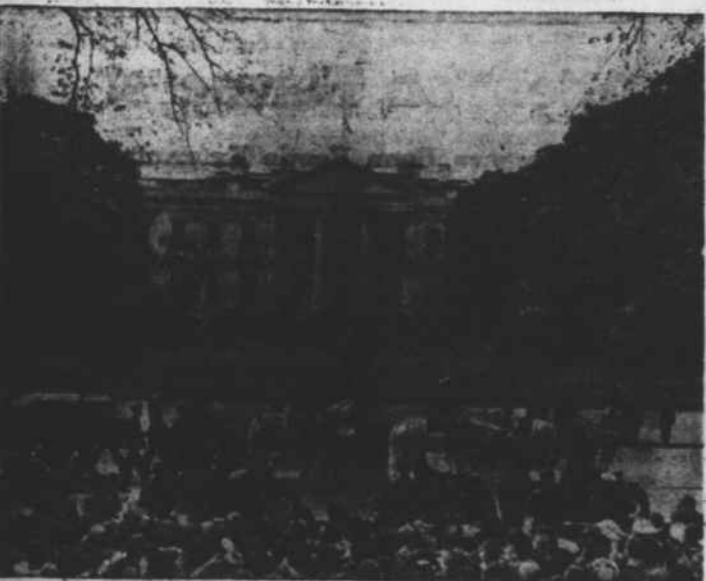
Identified by the letters "PW" printed on their backs, Japanese prisoners of war march down Rizal avenue, Manila, P. I., on their way to their daily work of clearing debris and rubble, helping to rebuild the city which they tried so hard to destroy. American policemen, with rifles ready, escort the Jap workmen to their task.—Soundphoto.

## Soldiers Stage Rodeo on German Fighting Front



Taking time out during the march through Germany, personnel of the U. S. army stage a rodeo for the entertainment of fellow G.I.s. Busters and riders from New York City competed with range hands from Texas. Almost every part of the country was represented. Entertainment of this type, officials say, does much to build the morale of the fighting men. This is one of the reasons that the spirits of American soldiers has always been the envy of all countries.

## Final Trip to the White House



The caisson carrying the earthly remains of Franklin D. Roosevelt passed the White House when it arrived at the end of the military procession from the Union station. Portion of the vast crowds outside the White House grounds shown in foreground. Services were held in the White House before interment at Hyde Park.

## Sergeant Captures Von Papan



Sgt. Herbert A. Stuehner of Chicago, right, once wounded on Guadalcanal, was a member of the detail that captured former chancellor of Germany, Baron Franz von Papan, left. Von Papan was captured in a Ruhr pocket by American troops, and is believed to have been flown to the United States. He was taken by troops of the 124th glider regiment.

## 'Speedboat Betty'



Speedboat Betty Carstairs, famous for speedboat exploits against Gar Wood, now operating a chain of freighters, has stated that she looks to air for her postwar career.

## Winner of Trophy



Ann Curtis, San Francisco swimmer, who has been chosen as the one who, by performance, example and influence as an amateur athlete, did most during 1944 to advance sports.

## Better Planes Is Aim of Navy

Development Goes on Even in Midst of War; Jet Is Being Stressed.

NEW YORK. — Constant development of the navy's aviation even in the midst of war, with jet-propelled fighters, torpedo bombers and sea planes going into large-scale production this year, was described here by Rear Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, as reported by the New York Herald-Tribune.

New and replacement aircraft for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, will cost \$3,000,000,000, the admiral told 1,000 members and guests of the Wings club, which embraces aviation executives and combat officers at its second annual dinner.

Of primary importance, the admiral said, were the steadily improving fighters, with Grumman Hellcats and Vought Corsairs now being used as strafers, dive bombers and rocket launchers, capable of carrying bombloads up to 2,000 pounds. Essex-class carriers, he added, "are now bearing an increased complement of these versatile fighter-bombers, thus increasing the air group's ability to destroy enemy aircraft without sacrifice of its overall bomb-carrying capacity."

**Four Dive-Bombers Developing.** "Jet-propelled conceptions of vastly improved power and performance will be in mass production by the end of the year," Admiral Ramsey said.

Four experimental dive-bombers are under development by different companies. A new model torpedo plane with increased speed is already in production, with additional experimental craft under way. A new navy land-type patrol plane is "approaching maturity." The Curtiss Seahawk, a new seaplane for cruisers and battleships, recently began large-scale output.

The new models will spearhead a naval air force which has already downed more than 10,000 Japanese planes in three years, with an air combat advantage of more than five to one, the admiral said. He added the navy had now launched a carrier fleet numbering "nearly 100 units with an operating capacity of literally thousands of airplanes."

**Recalls Days on the Langley.** In reminiscent vein, Admiral Ramsey recalled his service from 1926 to 1928 as navigator of the pioneer carrier, the Langley. In test flight operations those days off southern California, he noted, "we frequently encountered Japanese Marus that always seemed to have engine, steering or navigational difficulties that put them on converging courses with us and brought them to positions from which they could closely observe us."

He praised British-American cooperation in the war, and recalled that during the Coral sea sweeps, he had the British carrier Victorious under his command in a South Pacific task force. The ships worked so closely that on occasion they exchanged aircraft squadrons.

The Victorious had a highly obstructed flight deck, in contrast to the Saratoga's 900-foot stretch. The first British torpedo pilot to land on the Saratoga announced jubilantly that it was like "landing on your state of Texas."

## Wounded Marine Gets in Licks in an Unusual Way

WITH THE MARINES. — Just because Pfc. Joseph J. Yunker of Hoboken, N. J., was wounded before he could fire a shot, he wasn't out of the battle. But he did get in his licks in a rather unusual way, the Leatherneck reports.

Yunker had been treated for his injury and was lying in a tent ward when the Japs attacked. He spotted a sniper in a tree getting ready to open up against the hospital.

Ignoring painful wounds he had received that morning, Yunker raised himself up and got a rifle that another patient had left in the tent. Resting the rifle across his pillow, he aimed, squeezed one off, and topped the sniper.

## Americans to Observe Eclipse of Sun July 9

WASHINGTON. — Americans will see their first total eclipse of the sun in 13 years on July 9, the United States naval observatory revealed recently.

The direct course of the eclipse will start near Boise, Idaho, and pass across Butte, Mont. From there it will swing across Canada, Greenland, through the Scandinavian peninsula, across Russia near Moscow and end up in Russian Turkestan.

The eclipse will appear partial throughout the United States except within the narrow path of totality.

## Government Takes Action To Bar Bond Speculation

WASHINGTON. — The treasury announced that maturity dates on the Seventh war loan bonds will be withheld until the last minute to prevent speculation trading by corporations and insurance companies.

Maturities on the E bonds—those purchased by ordinary individuals—will be the same 10 years at the same interest rates as heretofore. The next drive starts May 14. Pre-sale efforts have been started.

## Reveals Secrets That Gain Victory

Featherweight Bazooka Has Rifle Accuracy.

WASHINGTON. — Some of the scientific secrets lying behind American victory were recently revealed. For instance:

A new featherweight bazooka, 42 per cent lighter than the original model and with a new sight that gives it almost rifle accuracy, has been developed by General Electric and war department engineers.

It substitutes aluminum for steel and weighs only 10½ pounds. It is the seventh basic design, each a better weapon, since the bazooka was first unveiled to blast the Germans out of Tunisia.

The accuracy of the new folding sight has led to the creation of a new infantryman's marksmanship medal, for "bazooka sharpshooter." It also has an impulse generator rather than dry cell batteries for firing the rocket.

The army "duck" — an amphibious truck—can inflate or deflate any or all of its six big tires while in motion either on land or water, a war department approved release said.

The device, operating through a ball-bearing antifriction bearing on each wheel, permits adjustment of the treads to fit the need, changing from water to sand to rock or clay.

It enables the driver to reinflate a leaking tire and helps keep a tire inflated, despite a bullet tear, until the duck reaches a safe place.

A contributing factor in the tremendous speed of the P-50, the new jet-propelled fighter plane, fastest ship in the air today, is the ultra-smoothness of all its external surfaces.

This, Du Pont engineers say, is due to a new Du Pont pyroxylin lacquer, which is buffed and rubbed to a polished glass smoothness.

## Almost Perfect Strategy Until Marines Took Over

GUAM. — The Jap strategy on Guam worked perfectly and according to plan, with only one exception, according to the way the Japs explained it to the natives, says the Leatherneck.

"We have," boasted a Jap officer, "new strategy to defeat Americans now. First, we let American planes bomb Guam. Then we let American marines land on Guam. Then we back up and draw them in trap. Then no more marines."

This plan worked without a hitch until the marines were drawn into the trap. Then came the exception. When the smoke cleared away, there were no more Japs.

## Patience Proves Virtue In Case of This Marine

WITH THE MARINES. — Patience is a virtue whose reward can be your life. That was proved by Corp. Jack Gomez of San Francisco, Calif. A hidden Jap trying to destroy the marine started heaving grenades at him.

Gomez found cover and lay low while four grenades exploded near him. Before making the fifth throw, the Jap peeked out of his hiding place to see what the situation was, says "The Leatherneck."

This was the moment for which Gomez had been waiting. As the Jap peeked, the marine squeezed one off, nailing his man.

## Man Is Seized for Theft Of His Own Automobile

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Joseph C. Ansell drove his car home, happy, but sleepy at 3 a. m. His car had just been returned by police headquarters after it was stolen two days before.

He was thinking how nice it would be to be back in his warm bed when a police car crowded him to the curb.

Ansell was "arrested" for driving a stolen car and taken to a district station. He got home just in time to shave after his statements were corroborated by radio from police headquarters.

## Texas G.I.s Claim German Town for Lone Star State

BAAL, GERMANY. — A sign at the edge of this war-torn German town says: "Entering Baal, annexed by Texas, Feb. 24, 1945."

"When we came in, it was pretty hot here and we fought darned hard for it, so we just decided we might as well keep the place," said Sgt. Harry W. Pate, a skinny, freckle-faced redhead from Port Isabel, Texas.

Pvt. Harold Lane, another Texan, said, "We annexed it but I don't think it will be very welcome back home, for this town is sure one great big mess. But we fought for it, so we are going to claim it."

## Jap Cabinet Orders Schools Shut for Year

TOKYO. — The Japanese cabinet ordered all schools, colleges and universities closed for one year and announced that the students would be mobilized for war and food production, air raid defense and "other urgent undertakings that are immediately and directly concerned with the prosecution of the war."

## Kathleen Norris Says:

The Women We Need

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"When Pete was five years old he was killed by a car driven across the sidewalk."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"MY WIFE is so darned cheerful," writes a man from Butte, Mont., "that you can't help loving her!"

It seems to me that no sweeter or more sincere tribute was ever paid a woman. There was a soundness and fineness about this man's letter that struck a heartening note in these days of broken homes and easy divorces.

"We've had 14 years of joys and sorrows," his letter goes on, "and when the smoke blows over, just one person is carrying on, sensibly and quietly and bravely, and that's Molly. When we were married I was making \$200 a month, and three years later, with a second baby coming, I was laid up with muscular rheumatism for almost a year. Molly carried on, had her baby, worked, borrowed, managed somehow—and always was cheerful!"

"Financially we got straightened out again, paid bills, began to buy a home, and our third child, our first boy, was born. Those were good years. But when Pete was five years old, he was killed by a car driven straight across the sidewalk and into the garden where he was playing with his sisters. Molly carried on. Our third girl was born a few months later.

"Then came the war, and the importing firm for which I worked went to the wall; no job, no savings, and my mother, widowed and an invalid, came to live with us. We rented our house, moved into town, shortened sail everywhere. This was before the big defense plants and the big salaries got started.

"Never Failed Us Once." "The joy and hope Molly put into our lives then will never be forgotten by me. She never failed us once. Her life had been shattered; motherhood had brought her anguish, I had contributed months of sickness, helplessness, unemployment. But wherever she was, the little girls were laughing, and she was laughing with them; hospitality wasn't ended, nor good home meals, home fires, home talk. Her affectionate appreciation of my mother's help—for mother, with mending and watching the children, did all she could, made my mother love her like a true daughter.

"This is my tribute to the most gallant wife any man ever had. We have no money troubles now, and we have three lovely little girls to go on into better times with us. But whatever is ahead, I can never be afraid while this woman is beside me."

Could a letter be pleasanter reading? I don't know how. But about one thing you are wrong, Walter. This is not mere "Cheerfulness." Cheerfulness is a more or less natural quality; it can come from perfect health, from youthful optimism and high spirits, even from shallowness and selfishness.

What Molly has is something much finer than that. She has the rare fineness of a soul and mind tried and purified by fire. To be comforting, hopeful, with a sick husband and dependent babies is not mere "cheerfulness." It is true



I was laid up for a year....

## 'BEYOND CALL OF DUTY'

We seldom read about the wives and mothers who are quietly doing their part without fanfare, in good times and bad, in happiness and in sorrow. The selfish, the unfaithful, the undutiful wives get in the news, but the great majority, who are doing all that can be expected of them, seldom get a line of commendation.

Then there are some women whose courage, energy and unalterable cheerfulness is so extraordinary, that they seem almost to be superhuman. They are daily giving the best that is in them—and far more than anyone has a right to demand.

Such a wife is described in this article—one who carried on in poverty and sorrow with a buoyant heart. On the other hand, she was not changed by a touch of prosperity—she did not ask for luxuries to compensate for her endurance of difficulties.

saintliness. Cheerfulness will not carry a woman over the dark abyss that opens before her feet when an only son is torn from her by the cruel carelessness of an irresponsible driver. Cheerfulness does not face illness, weariness, doubt, anxiety and change with a head held high and colors flying.

"Others Come First." With Molly, fundamentally, and first of all, comes thought for others. She will not let them see that she is hurt. Nobody must feel any worse because Molly is stricken. Selfish grief will not bring little Pete back; and if the others see her serene and busy, interested in their welfare, their interests, just as she always was, it will go far to make life seem good to them again.

We are going to need many women like this in the years immediately ahead of us. Women will look at the conditions of their lives and say to themselves; "this is just what I have said I couldn't bear—and here it is." Women will find the men who come back from war are almost strangers; women must care for a crippled husband or son, a blind husband or son, all the rest of their lives. Women who have been financially independent, will find now that they must go back to the status of housekeeper, or else sacrifice marriage itself. Women must meet every mental and psychopathic problem in those they love; depression, despair, distaste for work of any kind, cynicism as regards the future, bitter disillusionment.

Brace your soul for this postwar ordeal. It won't last; things do adjust themselves; conditions that seem insufferable have a way of smoothing out. Normal home life is a great tonic for bruised nerves and spirits, and even the blind—once the first shock is over, are not necessarily unhappy people.

One woman like Molly in every home would solve the whole world's problem in the approaching days of reconstruction. Be that woman in your household.

## Blocking Hand-Knit Garments.

To "block" a new or newly-washed hand-knit garment, here is an easy method. Sprinkle two heavy bath towels slightly and spread the garment between them, pulling to desired measurements and pinning to shape. (Before washing it is handy to lay garment on paper or cloth and draw outline to use in re-shaping.) Cover with a board or other firm, flat surface. Weight this down and leave until the garment is dry. A light steam-pressing, without washing, also gives a finished look.