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**Air Awakening**—This week the U. S. commemorates a grim anniversary—Pearl Harbor. But in a way that anniversary is also one of re-birth, or at least an awakening, of civil aviation. It marks the real beginning of oceanic air transport on a grand scale.

Before the war, only two U. S. airlines crossed the Atlantic, one the Pacific. Now, however, many

**MY PALS WHO STAYED AT HOME**

(Special to Franklin Times)

I am pulling all my punches, I've "flong" my weeks away. I think it has been about two months Since I drew my last pay.

I am tired of being a dog face, So help me God I am. Of eating moldy biscuits. With margarine or spam.

Of fighting dirty stinking Japs. In the bushes on my own, I think of America. And the pals I left at home.

I can see them walking down the streets. Their chests puffed out with pride And hear them talking to the girls As they save their precious hides.

While I am fighting Not safe to show my head, For fear some sneaking Jap. Might fill it full of lead.

When I was once at home, I must go fight. They said God bless you son, And return you home all right.

They called me a good soldier, And paid me twenty-one dollars a month, They said you will never see the front, Or even get a scar.

What's more you will have a picnic, Across the ocean foam, But my pals made sure they didn't go. They preferred to stay at home.

You know those four F's wasn't bad shots, When they trailed a rabbit's track, But Hell, there isn't much danger Because a rabbit can't shoot back.

They shine among the girls and never stay at home, They stay up very late at night, And go to dance halls, bars and pool rooms.

That's where they always meet their fate. A cue stick is their rifle, Their beer is rich with foam, They have no bullets there to dodge, My pals that stayed at home.

So I will do my part

**PLANE FACTS**



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span oceans for the Army and Navy. The mystery of over-water operation is gone. Some pilots claim it is easier than continental mountain flying. Airlines with no previous international experience better records of the company that had flown over water five years before the war! With several U. S. airlines contesting for supremacy on ocean routes after the war, the American air traveler seems assured of service undreamed of in the days of "no competition".

**"Next-Door Airports"**—Advice to smaller cities planning airports was given recently by two men who know. One, an airline president, recommended thorough advance surveys of travel habits and community interest. The other, L. Welch Pogue, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, pleaded for greater accessibility of airports.

His point was well taken. For instance, flying time between Greensboro and Charlotte is only 40 minutes. Yet, total time from the centers of those cities to their respective airports is 65 minutes!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

I am sending this note to tell you That the war has taken away The things that I really need— My workshop, my reindeer, my sleigh.

Now I'm making my rounds on my donkey. He is old and crippled and slow: So you know if I don't see you Xmas, I'll be out on my ass in the snow.

The above Christmas card was received by the Franklin County War Price and Ration Board anonymously.

Soil should be prepared in the next few weeks for the setting of asparagus crowns in March. The recommended variety is Mary Washington.



**WAR BONDS**  
in action

More and more our armies are landing our fighting troops by parachute, disrupting enemy lines, enemy communications, but paying a heavy price in casualties.

Silken fineries and their substitutes are fast passing from the market to provide safe landings for our distant fighting men. We can still buy silk and nylon for them with War Bonds and Stamps.

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With my rifle and buckle my belt about, I am only a common dogface, But I will see this damned thing out.

And if a bullet has my number, I will die without a moan, But I want to dedicate this, Especially to my pals I left at home.

—Composed and written by S. B. RODGERS, now in New Guinea, Dec. 1, 1943.

WILLIAM H. DELBRIDGE

**Spring Hope**—Funeral services for William Henry Delbridge, 73, who died Sunday night, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Peachtree Baptist Church by the Rev. Rex Campbell. Burial followed in Peachtree cemetery. Mr. Delbridge is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clayton Turner and Grace Delbridge, of Castalia; two grandchildren; three brothers, John, Cleveland and Buck Delbridge, all of Spring Hope; seven sisters, Mrs. Dona Parker, of Nashville, Mrs. Alfred Dunn, of Louisville, Mrs. J. B. Womble, of Varina, Mesdames John May, George May, Ed May and Rix Edwards, all of Spring Hope.

JAMES T. HOLDEN

**Franklin**—Funeral services for James Thomas Holden, who died Saturday, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Pope's Christian Church near here by the Rev. Bruce W. Hartsell. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Holden is survived by a son, Otha T. Holden, of Raleigh; and a brother, B. P. Holden, of Youngsville.

It is reported that British interests are paying more for bone materials, tankage and other sources of proteins for feedstuffs in South America than U. S. interests can afford to pay under price ceilings.

Planting small whole Irish potatoes in Louisiana gave better stands and larger yields than where hole tubers were cut into pieces.

Nitrogen for top dressing small grains and other fertilizer for early spring crops should be ordered now and deliveries taken.

Any old automobile is worth a lot now. —On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—



**Freedom of CHOICE**

WITH ALL THE TALK about Freedom, what about freedom of choice?

After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows.

This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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Cotton growers are planning to plant more reginned or delinted seed than usual next year in an effort to get better stands. Some of the seed breeders are reginning all of their seed.

Crop production in the United States in 1943 was 6 per cent less than in 1942 but nearly 5 per cent more than in any previous season.

The Shell Egg Advisory Committee has requested the War Production Board to speed the manufacture of 20 to 22 million fiber cases for shipping the record eggs crop of 1944.

The FDA is considering the possibility of increasing the supply of margarine for civilian rationing during the first three months of 1944.

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