

TOP FOR OVERSEAS FURLOUGH PUT AT 20,000 MEN A MONTH

Washington. The War Department, reporting that it now is returning to this country approximately 30,000 men monthly, says cannot increase the number substantially and continue to press the war vigorously to an early conclusion.

The report, to the House Military Affairs Committee, was prepared as a result of increasing requests for furloughs for men serving abroad.

To permit the return of even 20,000 men monthly, the Department said, "we must immobilize four to seven times this number, or the equivalent of eight to 14 divisions. For every man that we add to this number being returned, the army would lose the effective use of from 4 to seven additional soldiers."

Selection of individuals to be returned under the quotas assigned to overseas commanders, the report explained, is "the sole responsibility of the authorities in the theater." Determination is based on local conditions, with consideration given to the length of service of each individual, his value to his unit and "the morale of the individuals in the unit, including the extent of rebuilding of mind and body required."

"In no instance," the Department said, "can a soldier be assured that he will be returned as soon as he has served for a stated time" and "the War Department cannot justifiably initiate action looking to the return of any specific individual through the operation of these procedures."

"Reduction in the size of our forces in areas where further threats from the enemy are not anticipated has permitted the return of some men. Others are being sent back to this country on temporary duty for a rest period, after which they are returned overseas."

"Soldiers capable of further useful service abroad, the Department said, are returned 'only if trained replacements are available...or if the total strength of the command can be reduced either temporarily or permanently.'"

The availability of shipping space, the report pointed out, "imposes a very definite ceiling" on transfers, shipping limitations primarily affecting the movement of personnel from this country to overseas theaters rather than the return of men from abroad.

While a man sent home from abroad for subsequent return to his unit may obtain only 30 days' furlough, it added, he actually is absent from his unit for approximately four months, the balance of the time being used for travel and for retraining. On the other hand, a man returned for subsequent assignment to a new overseas post may be absent from an active theater for six or seven months because of the longer period of training required.

AMONG THE CROWD

Democratic candidate for the State Senate—C. E. Davis; Democratic candidate for the House—W. M. Marshall.

Conference Sends Methodist Pastor To Coleridge

Rev. J. L. Love, who has faithfully and very efficiently served the charges of Danbury, Pine Hall, Bethesda Methodist churches has been transferred by the Conference to Coleridge, Randolph county, while Rev. W. B. Royals succeeds Mr. Love here.

Other appointments by the Conference include Rev. Earl Le Baron at Pinnacle; Rev. T. G. Williams at Sandy Ridge; Rev. W. R. Harris at Walnut Cove.

The Election Polls— Betting—All Favor President Roosevelt

President Roosevelt is the choice of 53.5 percent of civilian voters, according to the Fortune Survey of Public Opinion, announced yesterday.

The Crossley polls and the Gal-

Visitors This Week

- R. A. Smith, Fred Smith and Lowell Poore of Lawsonville. J. Van Tuttle, Tom Preston, Howard Gibson of Pine Hall. Ralph Mills of Walnut Cove. P. O. Fry of Pinnacle. Geo. Barr of King. Rev. J. A. Joyce of Sandy Ridge. H. C. Johnson of Germantown.

GOOD SALE

Nick Stevens and N. G. Covington of King loaded Lester Griffin's pickup with golden weed and sold it for \$1,218.70.

Op polls also give the President a heavy edge.

Walter Winchell says the betting which has been 3 and 3 1/2 to 1 on Roosevelt, is now 4 to 1.

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NAVY'S FULL STORY UNTOLD

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, estimating that two-thirds of Japan's battleships were sunk or damaged in the great battle of the Philippines, hinted that the historic Japanese defeat will assume even greater proportions when the full story is told.

He told a nation-wide radio audience that "at an appropriate time," Admiral Chester W. Nimitz "will be able to announce still further damage done to the Japanese Navy."

Forrestal said the American fleets will pursue the damaged Japanese ships "to the limit of their ability" and that the navy will do "everything within its power to exploit the advantage which we have gained."

Hailing the victory as "one of the pivotal actions of the war," he promised that new blows will be struck against the Japs in the near future and that "from now on the Japs at sea and in the air and on land are going to be hit plenty and often."

But he sounded a solemn note. "We have not escaped from these (Philippine) actions Scott-free," he said. "We, too, have lost ships and have had others damaged."

Death of Nob Preston

Funeral services for Nob E.

Preston, aged 68, who died Tuesday, were held at King Baptist Church. Elder W. J. Brown was in charge.

Mr. Preston, who formerly lived at King, died at the home of his son, Hobson Preston, near Clio, S. C. He had been ill for about three weeks.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Wassie White Preston of Clio; five daughters, Mrs. Fannie Boyles of King, Route 1; Mrs. Happy Smith of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Gilbert Ruison of Tobaccoville, and Mrs. Mildred Emanuel and nieces.

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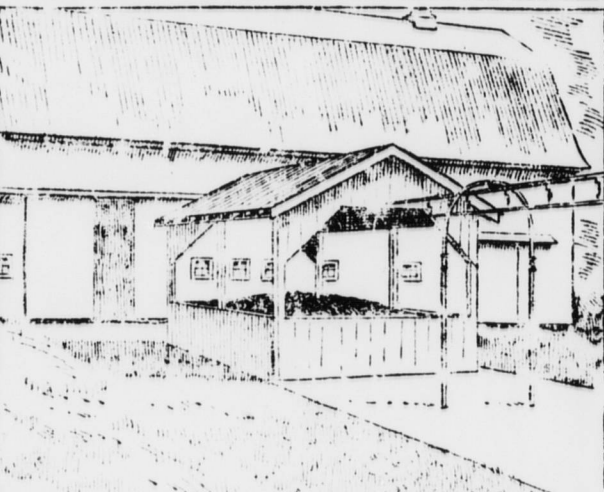
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Rail oddities

OF THE TOTAL OF MORE THAN A TRILLION (1,000,000,000,000) TON-MILES OF INTER-CITY FREIGHT SERVICE PERFORMED IN AMERICA BY ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION IN 1943, RAILROADS MOVED ALMOST THREE-FOURTHS—730 BILLION TON-MILES. USING PREFABRICATED PARTS PRODUCED OVER HERE AMERICAN SOLDIER RAILROADERS AT AN ARMY TRANSPORT CORPS DEPOT IN ENGLAND CONSTRUCT A FREIGHT CAR AND PUT IT ON RAILS IN 45 MINUTES. SINCE MARCH 1, 1944, THE BENGAL & ASSAM RAILWAY—PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE JAP INVASION OF INDIA—HAS BEEN OPERATED BY AMERICAN RAILROAD MEN OF THE U. S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS THIS RAILWAY CARRIES ALL THE GOODS THAT GET INTO CHINA FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

Concrete Manure Pit Aids Production



The practice of commercial fertilizers makes it more important than ever to obtain maximum fertilizer value from farm manure. The rain and the absorption of the water, size of pit, and depth of the pit for storage and handling of liquid manure. The floor of the pit, a 5 in. concrete slab, should be 1 1/2 in. per ft. toward the bottom. For the elster and manure pit floor use concrete mixed in the proportion of 1 sack portland cement to 2 1/2 cu ft. sand to 5 cu ft. gravel, with 5 gal. water added per sack of cement when sand and gravel are in average moist condition. Concrete mix for walls may be made of 1 sack of portland cement to 3 1/2 cu ft. sand to 4 cu ft. gravel, with 5 1/2 gal. of water added per sack of cement.

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