

Airmen Declare B-29 Successor To Be Powerful

Three air force generals who flew non-stop from Japan to Chicago said that the successor to the B-29—a plane being built but not yet officially announced—could bomb Europe from the United States and return to base.

Even the "already obsolescent" B-29 could fly to Europe and back, said Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, commanding one of the three Superforts which landed short of their Washington goal.

However, Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander of American Air forces in the Pacific, said that the Superfort would not be a practical bomber for use at that range.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, chief of staff of Strategic Air forces in the Pacific, said that using the B-29's maximum takeoff gross weight of 140,000 pounds, each of the three planes could have carried 3,000 pounds of bombs on the 6,100-mile flight. The planes took off from Itazumi airport near the capital of Hokkaido, with a gross weight of 137,000 pounds, which included 60,000 pounds of fuel.

Asked what had been learned from the long hop, Gen. Giles said, "We learned that the weatherman is quite often wrong."

Head winds caused the planes to sit down in Chicago.

\$1,500,000 Damage To N. C. Roads By Floods

RALEIGH—Vance Baise—State highway engineer—says that recent floods did an estimated damage of over \$1,500,000 to roads and bridges in North Carolina.

Baise says that 250 bridges on county roads were also washed away by the flood waters. But adds that not a single bridge on a state highway was lost.

"The damage may run well above the \$1,500,000 figure," he says, because "much dirt and gravel were lost off country roads by the heavy rains."

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There is a fascination about a sea-going novel that one can never resist. And such a book is "THE MANATEE" written by Nancy Bruff.

Nantucket at the peak of her great whaling days is the locale for this interesting and entertaining novel and "THE MANATEE" is the name of Jabez Folger's beloved ship. Jabez began his whaling life at the age of fifteen and it was on this, his first trip, that he had something come into his life which changed his outlook for all time.

Very seldom, there came a lucid interval when his tender nature returned briefly and it was during one of these alien moods that he courted and married Piety, a gentle Quaker girl. He brought her home to Nantucket and then deliberately and viciously did everything in his power to kill her love for him. He succeeded to the extent that Piety became obsessed with a bitter hatred for her husband.

Every page grips the reader with its intensity as they learn of the two children of this strange couple, and the results of the bitterness in which their lives developed.

"ORCHARD HILL," a new novel just out, and written by Elizabeth Seibert, is a book that women will enjoy to the fullest. It brings up that eternal question: Should a girl marry a man she has known only a short time—three months or instance? Judy Quarles, at first, is satisfied that a girl should not after Colin Ballard had taken his bride back to Orchard Hill, the Ballard mansion and Judy discovered she had married, not only Colin, but the entire family (especially her bachelor brother-in-law) she began to question the wisdom of not getting more insight into her husband's background.

And when this brother-in-law brought home a wife who had at

one time jilted Judy's husband, complications began to raise their ugly heads in wild confusion.

"ORCHARD HILL" is timely, its setting is unusual and it is a book that will keep you holding tight until you regrettably come to the end.

There are so many new novels appearing on the market that one is a bit bewildered after the dearth during the dark days of the war. But it seems as though the delay in publishing new books during the duration has had good effect, for all of the present output is way above the average. Such is the newest one of Compton Mackenzie's books, "THE NORTH WIND OF LOVE" which has just been released. To the legion readers of his Four Winds of Love saga, of which this novel is a separate and distinct unit, there need be nothing further said. But to new readers, this is one of the most significant books of our time, picturing as it does the impact of the era directly before the war on a sensitive and intelligent man like John Ogilvie.

When there has been over 1,300,000 copies of a book sold, it is necessarily a good one. And such a book is "HURBUT'S STORY OF THE BIBLE." This treatise of the Bible is so simply and beautifully put forth that it fascinates the young into rapt attention, the older generation take in its conception with wider scope and the real elderly enjoy and appreciate its value.

Aided to its freedom from doctrinal discussion, its simplicity of language and its freshness and accuracy, it is beautifully supplied with 270 magnificent illustrations. Every striking incident of the Bible story is presented in picture form so that the book is literally a picture gallery of Biblical art.

Haywood County Man Witnessed Flag Raising On Jaluit Atoll

Chester D. Haney, motor machinist mate, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manson Haney, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 1, participated in the flag raising ceremonies at Jaluit Atoll, in the Marshall Islands group after it had been surrendered by the Japanese.

As the flag went up a 21-gun salute boomed from the guns of the Baron, the USS McConnell, on which the terms had just been signed and the USS Wingfield, all destroyer escorts.

Jaluit, bypassed as other islands in the group were captured, was reduced to impotency by air-sea bombardments during the past 18 months. The Atoll was pockmarked with craters from one end to the other. Even worse was the iron blockade the navy threw about the place. Not one ship reached the garrison in more than a year and the Japs, half-naked and poorly fed, subsisted on what they grew.

Pfc. Olus Roy Haynes Returns From Overseas

Private First Class Olus Roy Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Haynes, of Canton, recently returned from overseas and is spending a 30-day furlough in the county.

Pfc. Haynes, now with the air force, wears the Good Conduct medal, European Theatre ribbon, with four bronze stars, and one silver star, and the presidential unit citation. He was formerly with the 8th Air Corps.

After completing his furlough in the county he will report to Seymour Johnson Field near Greensboro.

Ed Woody, S 1/c, At Norfolk Naval Training Station

Ed Woody, seaman first class, U.S.N.R., of Clyde, R. F. D. No. 2, has arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., Atlantic Fleet Training center for destroyer crews, to undergo instruction for duties aboard a new destroyer or similar type vessel.

Woody has returned from six months of duty at an advanced base in the Pacific. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon.

Seaman Woody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Woody, of Lake Junaluska, and is the husband of the former Miss Edith W. Russell, of Clyde, R. F. D. No. 1. Before entering the service, he was employed by the Carr Lumber Company, of Pisgah Forest.

HE'S JOHNNY ON THE SPOT

PHILADELPHIA—A kidnap scare aroused police and residents of nearby Ardmore until Mrs. W. W. Dyer telephoned home to report her son, six-year-old Wallace, was missing. The boy answered the call. He explained he got tired on their shopping tour and took a taxi home.

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Pvt. Ernest M. Messer Reports To Camp After 30 Days Here

Pvt. Ernest M. Messer, husband of Mrs. Clara Messer, of Waynesville, R. F. D. No. 2, has reported to Camp Crawford, Mo., after spending a 30-day furlough here with his family.

Pvt. Messer returned to the States after 25 months overseas duty in the European theater. He entered the service on March 12, 1943, and was inducted at Fort Jackson. From the latter he was sent to Camp Walters, Texas, and then to Greenville, Pa., before being sent overseas.

He served in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France during the period of duty in the European theater. He is entitled to wear the Good Conduct medal, two battle stars and the European-African Theater ribbon.

Pfc. Glenn M. Collins Home For Furlough

Private First Class Glenn M. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Collins, of Hazelwood, has arrived from 19 months overseas duty in the European theater, where he was attached to the 465th Bombardment group of the 15th Air Force.

Pfc. Collins entered the service on July 29, 1941, and was inducted at Fort McPherson. He left here with the first group of draftees sent under selective service system from this area.

At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Royle Pickninton, Inc., as a weaver. He has one brother in the service, Earl Collins, Jr., seaman second class, who is now stationed in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Haywood Man At Rest Center in France

Private First Class John S. Hill, of Waynesville, was reported among a group of North Carolinians who have been taking a well earned rest of six days in Nancy, France, according to information received from the 15th Corps in Hamburg, Germany.

N. C. Liquor Sales Over 24 Millions

RALEIGH—The fiscal report of the State Board of Alcoholic Control shows increases over last year in almost every category of liquor sales for 1944-45.

According to the report the gross sales of alcoholic beverages in this state's 25 wet counties totals more than \$24,000,000 during the 1944-45 fiscal—an increase of over \$7,000,000 during the preceding fiscal year.

New Hanover led the other wet counties in gross sales with a total of more than \$3,000,000. Durham was second with a sales total of over \$2,000,000, followed closely by Wake, whose sales also were above the \$2,000,000 mark.

Pvt. Robt. L. Brown Will Go to Japan

Private Robert L. Brown, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Mack Brown, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, spent a three-day pass here during the week. He is stationed at Fort George Meade, Md., and is scheduled to leave soon for replacement in Japan.

He entered the service in January, 1945, and was inducted at Fort Bragg and from there sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for his training. He was engaged in farming at the time he entered the service.

Pfc. Roy Parton Here For 14 Days

Private First Class Roy C. Parton, of East Waynesville, is spending a 14-day furlough here. He entered the service in March, 1944, and was inducted at Fort Bragg. He served for four months in the 86th Infantry Division in the European theater, with 42 days of combat, including the Ruhr, Austria and Rhineland campaigns.

Pfc. Parton is now stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Underwood Lumber Company.

Hatching eggs should be in great demand during the coming year, says Prof. Roy Dearstyne, head of the Poultry Department, State College.

Lt. Edwin D. Miller Awarded Bronze Star

Lt. Edwin D. Miller, whose wife resides at Canton, R.F.D. No. 1 has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He is serving with the 78th Lightning Division in Germany and was assigned to the headquarters of the Third Battalion 311th Infantry regiment, which earned battle stars for its participation in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns.

His citation read in part as follows: "First Lt. Miller served as S-3 in battalion headquarters. He distinguished himself in maintaining contact with the troops, and was continually well up with forward elements. He always exhibited superior intelligence and initiative in selecting the opening advance command post, for the battalion command group, and in planning the battalion crossing of the Ruhr and Rhine rivers. His personal courage, exemplary leadership and devotion to duty are in accordance with the highest military tradition."

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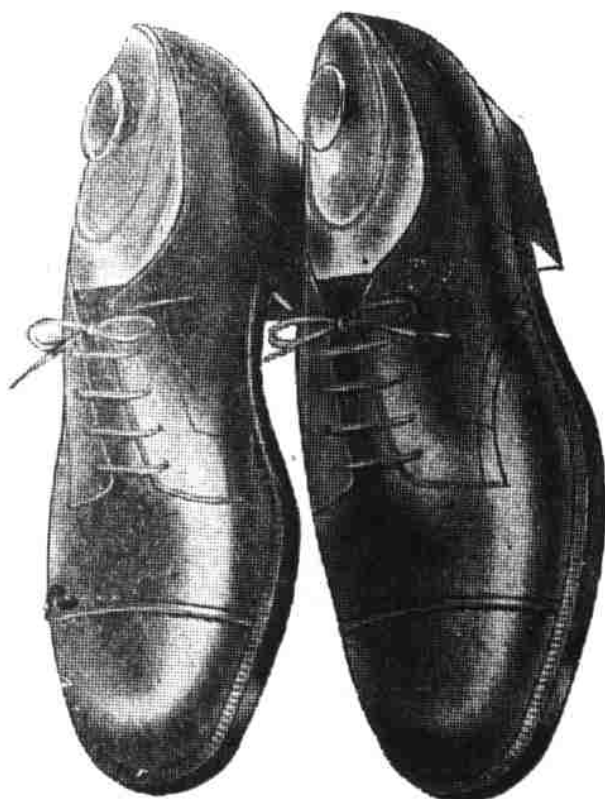
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