

LOCAL MAN WINS ARMY CITATIONS

Technical Sgt. Robert H. Justice, 28, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Justice, of 301 South Second street.

A member of the Infantry, Justice was "slightly" wounded while in action in France February 1. He entered service October 1, 1942. He received his training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Camp Breckinridge, Ky. He has been overseas since October of last year and now is "somewhere in Holland."

A graduate of New Hanover High school, Justice was employed by the Grannis-Higgins Construction Co. at the air base in Goldsboro, before entering the service.

The citation accompanied the sergeant's award of the Bronze Star states, "In a heavy artillery barrage directed to stave off a threatening advance of our forces against an enemy held town, Technician Sergeant Justice, a platoon sergeant acting as first sergeant at this time, was wounded by flying shrapnel. Disregarding this wound, he concerned himself with the safety of his men, supervising and assisting as the company engaged in entrenchment procedure. He had first aid administered to another man who had been wounded during the artillery barrage, and persisted in staying with his men until ordered to the aid station for evacuation. His display of unwavering devotion to duty instilled confidence in his men and merits commendation of a high order."

In England authorized lotteries were established as early as 1569 and from 179 to 1824 the Government annually raised large sums by lotteries.

Newfoundland Workers To Arrive In U. S. To Aid Labor Shortages

AMHERST, Mass., March 22.—(AP)—The first of an expected 500 to 600 Newfoundlanders, recruited to ease a Northeastern states dairy farm labor shortage, will arrive in the United States this week-end, Harold Preston, area director of the Farm Emergency Labor program, said today.

"We hope to have some 500 or 600 men and women before our campaign there ends May 1," Preston explained.

The Newfoundlanders will be distributed on dairy farms over New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

MASS EVACUATION OF TOKYO HINTED

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Tokyo radio as telling a Diet committee the corps would be on a national scale, so that "every member of the nation may be assigned appropriate defense duty in case of emergency."

Premier Kuniaki Koiso was quoted as telling the diet—in reply to a question raising the possibility of the homeland "may be split apart by the enemy"—that an "area-by-area defense structure" was being set up.

Minister of Agriculture and Commerce Toshio Shimada reported, wheat and sweet potatoes had already been distributed and stored in "great quantities." He declared: "There is nothing to worry about for the present even if, by chance, the homeland is split up."

Tokyo radio also said the U. S. Fifth Fleet, including Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's powerful carrier task force which the Japanese Navy Monday was "fleeing with full speed" southward toward the Ryukyu Islands, pursued by Japanese planes.

The Yank naval airmen crippled 15 or 17 Nipponese warships in the attack on enemy fleet bases and objectives in the Japanese inland sea, but radio silence has concealed the fleet movements since then.

The Japanese radio said, without confirmation, that eight U. S. warships were sunk and three damaged, including seven or more carriers sunk or rendered unserviceable. The official U. S. report said none of the warcraft was sunk, but some were damaged.

There was no Allied confirmation of a Japanese imperial headquarters report that three British destroyers and Nipponese shore batteries in the southern Andaman Islands, in the Bay of Bengal, engaged in a "shelling duel" Monday. The Japanese claimed one destroyer was sunk and two heavily damaged.

AMERICANS ENTER GUIMARAS ISLAND

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landed on Panay, 25th Philippine island invaded by the Americans, only last Sunday.

On Mindanao, the 41st Division easily beat off a Japanese counterattack and continued its advance north of Zamboanga. Guerrillas had controlled much of the big southern island before the American regulars landed March 10.

From new bases on the liberated islands, American bombers continued their air blockade of the South China Sea.

Only two of the larger Philippines, Negros and Cebu, remained to be invaded by the American troops. They have been bombed repeatedly. Guerrillas have been active on both islands.

There was no estimate of the Japanese still fighting. MacArthur announced only last Sunday that 282,000, equivalent to eleven full divisions, had been killed or captured.

GRANDDAD GETS DISCHARGE

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., March 22.—(AP)—The youngest grandfather in service, P.M. 1st Harry Johnson, 44, has been given his honorable discharge from the Navy and returned home. Johnson was acclaimed last year in servicemen's publications and other periodicals as being the youngest grandfather in the armed forces.

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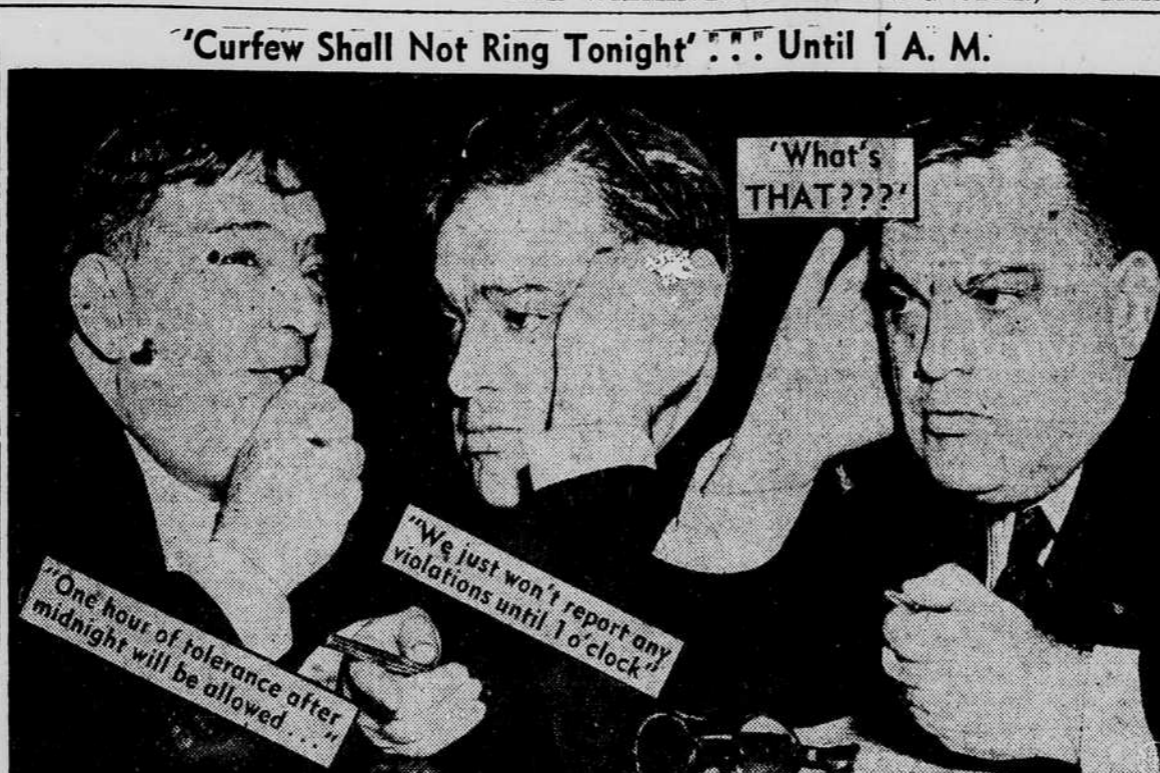
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New York's dynamic mayor, Fiorello ("Little Flower") LaGuardia, started something in his battle with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes over keeping New York City night clubs open until 1 a. m., an hour later than Byrnes' proclamation allows. Other cities followed LaGuardia's lead. Upset was State Rep. E. R. Weaver of Stillwater, Okla., who reportedly declared "The Little Flower has turned into a stink weed." At right, above, the Little Flower seems to have heard that remark.

'Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight' ... Until 1 A. M.

By DON WHITEHEAD

EAST OF THE RHINE, March 22.—(AP)—A low flying troop carrier plane towed a casualty-filled glider from the First Army's Remagen bridgehead today, inaugurating a spectacular new shuttle service for evacuating wounded from areas near the cross-Rhine battlefield.

It was a dramatic moment on the little landing strip in a cabbage patch near the Rhine when the transport swooped low, caught a towrope and swept the glider off the ground.

Glider evacuation of wounded men has been carried out in India and Burma, but this was the first time it had been tried in the European Theater of Operations. It was a success.

Capt. Donald Haug, Wenatchee, Wash., of the Troop Carrier Command, said plans were to shuttle ten large gliders to the bridgehead

Sears-Roebuck Foundation Plans To Give Chicks To 4-H Members

A plan designed to promote an increase in the earning capacity of individual farmers and 4-H club members in the South, was announced at a meeting Wednesday night in the Governor Dudley restaurant by Randal Stewart, manager of the Wilmington store of Sears-Roebuck and Co.

The meeting was attended by county farm agents and home demonstration agents of New Hanover, Pender, Bladen and Onslow counties.

Sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, the plan is to furnish ten members of the 4-H clubs in these four counties with 100 baby chicks each, amounting to 4,000 chicks, and next fall a poultry show will be given at Wilmington, in which the 12 best pullets of each contestant will be entered. Directing the experiment will be Clifton F. Parish, poultry specialist at N. C. State College.

At the show next fall, the pullets will be auctioned and the money will be used to start another group of 4-H members in the project on the same basis. In event a surplus should result in the sale of pullets, this will be turned over to the 4-H Club treasurer in proportion to the sales

value of the pullets sold from their county.

In the spring of 1946 there will be an egg show sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, in which those 4-H club members who took part in the poultry show will participate. Two dozen select eggs will be entered, and at the same time the new 4-H club members chosen for next year's contest will be presented with 100 chicks with which to start their birds.

It was pointed out that the eggs exhibited in the show will be sold, and the money will divert to the 4-H club treasuries.

Mr. Stewart explained that the chicks to be presented to 4-H club members will be U. S. certified, or their equivalent in breeding value. He stressed that those receiving the chicks reserve the right to specify any particular breed desired, and need not be given Sears-Roebuck chicks unless specified.

Each contestant must agree to feed and care for the chicks and return to the county agent 12 choice pullets to be entered in the poultry show next fall.

Those attending the dinner at the Governor Dudley restaurant Wednesday night besides Mr. Stewart and Mr. Parish, were: R. W. Galphin, farm agent of New Hanover; Miss Ann Mason, New Hanover home demonstration agent; R. R. Rich, Pender farm agent; Miss Frances O. Weston, Pender home demonstration agent; Charlie C. Clark, Onslow farm agent; Miss Laura Beaty, Onslow demonstration agent; and Miss Jean Craven, assistant home demonstration agent of Bladen county.

PEACE PROPOSAL DENIED

DUBLIN, March 22.—(AP)—David Gray, American minister to Eire, said today there was no basis in fact for a report that Prime Minister Eamon de Valera had passed along to him a peace proposal received from the German minister in Dublin, Dr. Eduard Hempel.

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The advantage of glider evacuation lies in speed and in saving of ambulance space. The traffic problem along the packed roads leading to and inside the bridgehead also is reduced.

'REWARD' FOR MECHANIC

OLNEY, Ill., March 22.—(AP)—A motor sales company in Olney has offered a \$100 reward to anyone who sends them a good automobile mechanic who works for them at least 60 days. The money will be paid at the end of the 60 days, they said.

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