

### Washington In Wartime

WASHINGTON—Criticism has been growing here for months against the allegedly "indiscriminate" handing out of war medals, but as far as I know nothing had really been done about it until Rep. Marion T. Bennett (R-Mo.) introduced a bill in the house to tighten considerably the circumstances under which the Purple Heart can be granted.

Congressman Bennett argues that this oldest military award in the United States has sunk to such a low estate "that it has been discredited with reckless abandon to dogs and blues singers."

The history of the Purple Heart award is interesting. There's no doubt about its being the oldest military award in this country. According to Bennett, it's the second oldest military medal in world history. Aug. 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington established the "Military Order of the Purple Heart" for unusual gallantry and singularly meritorious acts of extraordinary fidelity and essential service.

For many years it disappeared. But it was revived in World War I for men who had been wounded in action in performance of duty against the enemy. Up to Pearl Harbor, there had been approximately 70,000 Purple Hearts awarded in 160 years. Bennett says that before we are through with this war, there will be at least 1,000,000 such awards to wounded soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guard men.

Bennett argues it is an insult to these men who merit the award to give it to "war correspondents and Red Cross people also serving in the war theater and injured by enemy action."

There are quite a few folks on Capitol Hill, in the War Department and among the service personnel who agreed with Bennett in principle. But I have talked to several of Congressman Bennett's colleagues who just grin and whisper off the record that they think the young man from Missouri has

espoused a cause that may turn out a hot potato. For example, Bennett's "blues singer," according to his own statement, is Jane Froman. She was seriously injured when a civilian plane crashed taking her and others to fronts where she was to entertain weary service men.

It probably was stretching the rules and regulations some when Jane was given the Purple Heart, but objecting to it probably won't make many friends in the entertainment industry, or even among Missourians, because Missouri is Bennett also wants to know why, if you can give one of the dogs of war a Purple Heart, you could not also include Missouri mules and carrier pigeons. The congressman's colleagues on both sides of the aisle think maybe he's got something there, but as long as they number hundreds of pet lovers among their constituents, they aren't going to argue it on the floor or anywhere else that their debate can get into the record. Don't make any mistake about this, though, I've talked to a lot of men in the service who earned their citations the hard way and would be a bit happier if there were more Bennetts in Congress.

### WAC Is Norfolk's Number One Woman

NORFOLK, Va.—(AP)—Norfolk's young woman of the year is Maj. Frances Sue Cornick, WAC, chosen by the Business and Professional Women's Club as the outstanding woman of the city for 1945-46.

Maj. Cornick led the small group of WACS who landed in Normandy shortly after D-Day, and received the bronze star for meritorious service in moving forward within range of sniper's bullets and living under rugged field conditions with her troops to establish quarters for other WACS. She was also credited with saving another WAC from drowning.

Now in France, she accepted her honors from the club by proxy. Her sister, Mrs. Tom Hanes, appeared in her stead. Maj. Cornick was formerly a physical education instructor.

### Cpl. McKnight Given Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. William W. McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude McKnight of 604 LeGrand street, Shelby, has been awarded the Army Good Conduct medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" in the performance of his duties in a formal military ceremony. Cpl. McKnight is a surgical technician serving in a portable surgical hospital somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Prior to his induction, in January, 1943, he was employed by the Shelby mills.

### Beet Tops and Roots at Best When Young



Cook First Beets Harvested With Their Tender Tops.

To keep beets coming into harvest, so that all summer long you can pull them when small and tender, is the ideal of the Victory gardener. At the same time, they are sweet and good at any stage of growth, and the old ones need not be thrown away.

Supreme quality is found in half-size roots, however, and the tops, which have more vitamins than the roots, are only good when young; becoming stringy as they mature. So make several sowings, the first as soon as the ground can be prepared in spring. Avoid acid soil, which makes the tops and stems too red, and the roots too small.

Beet seeds are large and soft; each "seed" in fact is a cluster of seeds and will grow several plants. Sow them one to the inch in a half inch drill, and firm the soil well over them, because the seeds are rough and air pockets easily form, preventing close contact with the soil. First thinning may be delayed until the roots have begun to thicken and the leaves are two inches or more wide. At this stage and as long as the leaves remain tender, a dish of beet greens cooked with the tiny beets will be a delight, as well as one of the most nourishing dishes of the season. Thin gradually all along the row, using the excess plants, until the individual plants are four to six inches apart, depending on the fertility of your garden.

At this distance, the beets will grow all summer, in fertile soil, and good varieties remain tender and sweet even when they reach several inches in diameter. For canning, the small beets are preferable. A row of beets can be sown especially, thinned out gradually and harvested in one day when they have reached the desired size, and the canning crew is ready to operate.

### Misses Burnette And McLeod Entertain Officers, Teachers

WACO—The officers and teachers met with Misses Ella Lee Burnette and Martha McLeod Tuesday night.

Miss Elizabeth Putnam of Lexington, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Annie Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Black and daughters, Jean, and Carolyn of Statesville, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Black and Mrs. J. L. Hord, Sunday.

Devon Bingham is spending this week in Hickory with relatives.

Pvt. George Moss has returned to camp after spending a furlough here with his wife and small daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stroupe and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stroupe and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Vonnie Jenkins and children of Harris, Sunday.

Mrs. Aubrey Payseur and children of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kiser and children visited the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Kiser, Sunday.

### SINGING SUNDAY EVENING AT PROSPECT CHURCH

PROSPECT—L. D. Scruggs left Thursday for the U. S. Navy. The Rev. Mauling of Boiling Springs filled the pulpit Sunday evening in the absence of the pastor.

The monthly singing will be held at Prospect Sunday evening with J. L. Kirley in charge. The Smith quartet from Spartanburg is to be present. All lovers of music and the public are invited to attend.

Several from here attended the singing at Cliffside Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jolley and daughter, Phyllis, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Price of Race Path community.

DINNER PARTY  
The Rev. Guy E. Johnson, the Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Dameron and daughter, Bennie, of State Line, Mrs. Dameron's sister, Mrs. E. T. Eaker, from Gastonia, Mrs. Dorothy Franklin, from Gardner-Webb college of Boiling Springs, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Amos and daughter, Jean, of Asheville, Miss Amelia Amos, who is a Wac from Camp Rollins Field, Ga., Arthur Amos of Camp Bainbridge, Md., Mrs. Charlie Price and Misses Virginia and Eloise Humphries of Gaffney, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Price of Gaffney.

Miss Genella McCraw spent the weekend with Miss Irene Price of Race Path.

### LIONS AUCTION AIDS RED CROSS

#### J. G. Hagaman Conducts Quiz And Variety Program

A basketball program for the tournament which begins today in the Army under the sponsorship of the Lions club was auctioned off at a meeting of the Lions club last night to the high bidder, Martin Rosenthal for \$50, the money to go to the benefit of the American Red Cross.

The auction was conducted by Fred L. Baird as a part of a variety and quiz program which was given under the direction of J. G. Hagaman. The program was also featured by the singing of Miss Betty Joe Putnam who was accompanied at the piano by Miss Mozelle Moore.

The quiz program participated in by group of selected Lions experts found members of the club woefully lacking in their store of information and they paid dearly in penalties exacted by the master of ceremonies, Mr. Hagaman.

Willis McMurry, who is handling the Red Cross drive in the business section, appealed for cooperation of the Lions in putting on the drive. He thanked the club for the money from the auction and said that he knew that he could count on this club for its support.

Visitors at last night's meeting were Chief Petty Officer H. A. Logan, Sgt. C. B. Walker, E. E. Schlotz and George Lamplery.

PROMOTED  
Cpl. Ralph R. Hord, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hord of route 1, Shelby, has recently been promoted to the grade of Sergeant, according to an announcement by the authorities of the Army Air Forces Proving Ground Command at Eglin Field, Florida. Sgt. Hord entered the Army in September, 1942.

### Search Continues For 26 Prisoners

ASHEVILLE, N. C. Feb. 28—(AP)—Twenty-six escaped state prisoners, including two serving terms for murders, today continued to elude scores of law officers searching western North Carolina for the men who fled from camps in 24 hours.

A second man of 14 who escaped from the Craggy prison camp about five miles from here Sunday night was captured last night, but all 14 who drilled their way out of a camp at the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Whittier Monday night were still at liberty.

The Craggy escapees were serving comparatively short sentences, while most of those who board through a wall to freedom at Whittier were long-term prisoners. The Craggy delivery was made through a window from which the bars had been sawed. At Whittier the escapees used leatherworking tools to chisel a hole through a cell block door under a bunk.

### Musical Marine Writes Tune At Front

NEW YORK—(AP)—What there is about military service that seems to bring out the music in a man's soul, nobody knows, but servicemen continue to mix music with machine guns.

Latest edition to the songwriters in uniform is 29-year-old Marine Sgt. Alfred Carbuto, veteran of four major campaigns against the Japanese, who wrote "Get Your Gear On, We're Moving Out Again" during the famous assault on Cape Gloucester's Hill 660.

Named the "Fighting Fifth's" marching song by its regimental commander, the tune was heard in the middle of a half hour transcription made by a group of Marines on one of the Pacific islands, and brought to Broadcast Music, Inc., which has purchased and published it. Sgt. Carbuto was brought to New York, where he introduced his song on the air.

Although the sergeant was a musician before the war, he didn't

### Gasoline Runs Out In Stolen Auto

MORGANTON—Abandoned in Rutherfordton when its supply of gasoline was gone, a 1937-model Ford coach which was stolen here last Wednesday night has been returned to the owner.

The sheriff's office was notified that the car was found Thursday night and was undamaged. No trace of the thief has been found. The car was driven by J. H. Childers of Joy, brother of the owner who is in the armed forces, and was stolen when he parked it near the square while he stepped into Dave's Cafe for a bite to eat.

It was gone when he returned a few minutes later.

Bodega is the Spanish name for a wine storehouse or cellar, but the name has been adopted in many lands to designate a place where wine is held.

# Imagine the added horror of this war without the Red Cross!

## Suppose the Red Cross had never been created

THERE would now be no Army of Mercy to save and comfort the millions of lives wrecked or dislocated—all over the world—by earth's most destructive war.

No millions of pints of blood would have been collected for life-saving plasma.

No millions of heartening, sustaining food packages would be packed and delivered to despondent Allied war prisoners.

No emergency messages from loved ones would reach our worried fighters at the front.

No giant hand of compassion would be forever outstretched to help the victims of pestilence, flood, famine and hurricane.

Only unthinkable chaos would be left in the wake of battle and catastrophe—if the RED CROSS' hand of helpful mercy were withdrawn!

It is up to you to give—in gratitude that your RED CROSS was created—and grew to keep pace with the world's anguished need.

Give your dollars now—give more than ever before!



Thousands of War Prisoners would be forgotten. That they have not been abandoned to their fate in this war is the achievement of your Red Cross, which has constantly reached them, even in Japan, with morale-building parcels of food, extra clothes, medicines, cigarettes and other comforts. More and more of your dollars are urgently needed to keep our men in life, health and hope until they can be brought safely home!

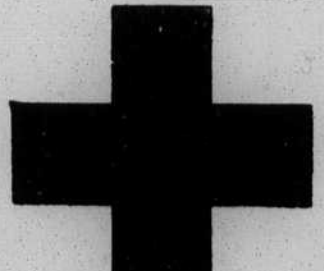


Thousands at the front would be tormented by home worries. Millions of fighters bless the Red Cross for relief from anxiety about their loved ones' welfare. Every week thousands of two-way messages are exchanged between Red Cross Field Directors with the troops and Home Service workers in their home towns—emergency questions about wives, children, sweethearts or parents. Your dollars will speed victory by bolstering fighting spirit.



Thousands would die from loss of blood where they fell. This is the first war in which the folks at home actually saved lives at the front. Surgeons General of the Army and Navy say blood plasma has been the foremost life-saver in this war. The Red Cross, through your blood donations and money, has collected and distributed millions of pints to the medical services. Your dollars will enlarge this indispensable death-defeating service.

## GIVE NOW—GIVE MORE



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