

TWO EARL CIRCLES MEET

Mrs. Lee Arrives From Portsmouth; Sgt. Nichols In From Bragg

EARL—The Mary Austell circle of the W. M. U. met Tuesday with Mrs. W. G. Graham with nine present. Taking part on the program were Mrs. Hazel Turner, Mrs. Dave Moss, Mrs. John Borders, Mrs. C. Q. Lavender and Mrs. Freeman Borders. After the song God Bless America, the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Freeman Borders to meet with Mrs. John Borders next month. The hostess Miss Helen Graham assisted by Mrs. C. Q. Lavender and little daughter, Judy served delicious upside down cake, marshmallows and iced tea.

CIRCLE MEETS

The Lottie Moon circle met on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Burie Hopper with eleven members and two visitors present. Those taking part on program were Mrs. R. L. Hause, Mrs. T. L. Moss, Mrs. C. C. Sepaugh, Mrs. E. Austell, Mrs. Seth Runyan and Mrs. Odell Sepaugh. After the meeting, an auction sale of hand made articles was held which amounted to \$9.40 the proceeds to go for the benefit of the circle. The hostess assisted by Mrs. R. L. Nichols, Misses Janie Runyan and Miss Doris Nichols served refreshments. The August meeting will be at the home of Mrs. T. L. Moss.

S/Sgt. Ray Nichols of Fort Bragg

spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nichols. Mrs. F. P. Nichols spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nichols of Blacksburg, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Francis and son, of Clinton, Tenn., spent the week end with the former's father, M. A. Francis and Mrs. Francis is confined to her home with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Ellis and children Joe and Brenda spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. FROST.

PORTSMOUTH

Mrs. J. Whitfield Lee and little son, Whitfield, Jr. of Portsmouth, Va., arrived Friday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sepaugh, Mrs. Odell Sepaugh, Mrs. C. C. Sepaugh and daughter, Janie and Mrs. Violet Smick were Sunday dinner guests at the home of E. W. Sepaugh and family near Blacksburg.

Miss Jessie Williams returned to her home in Charlotte Sunday after spending the past week with Mrs. J. P. Aydelotte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones of Talladega, Ala., were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. E. F. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones and daughter, of Gaston, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones Sunday.

CHINESE

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base of the U. S. 14th air force. It lies 46 miles south of Kweilin. The Chinese advances already have overrun six American bases. On the China coast, the communists said, Chinese troops following Japanese units heading from Amoy to Swatow have reached the border of Fukien and Kwantung Provinces.

Chaoan, 40 miles northeast of Swatow, was taken from the Japanese after changing hands. Another town of the same name 32 miles north of Swatow was approached by the Japanese.

AIR BASE SITE

One column of Chinese, pushing northward along the subsidiary road, which leads from captured Luchoo to Kweilin, reached a point 12 miles south of Yangso, which the high command said was a former American air base site.

These troops also threatened the Japanese supply base of Finglo from points 10 miles southwest of that city.

Kweilin, with its three important air fields, was menaced by columns which at last reports yesterday had driven within eight miles north and 9 1-2 miles northwest of the city. Another column battled within the walls of the ancient fortress city of Fainshou, 25 miles west of Kweilin.

U. S. 14th air force fighter-bombers gave close support to still another column of Chinese grinding out gains near Yungfu, 31 miles southwest of Kweilin.

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

RALEIGH. — (P) — Hermie K. James, former state AAA farm supervisor and veteran of World War Two, has been appointed district supervisor of the Federal Insurance Corporation.

CARRIER

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vasion plans—while in Washington Maj. Gen. Allen Turnage, director of Marine Corps personnel, acknowledged frankly that "the greatest of all amphibious operations now are in the making."

Marines, he said, "are ready to go ashore wherever and whenever strategy directs . . ."

The Domei broadcast said landings on both China and Japan are being planned.

In Manila, more than 5,000 American troops from the German front disembarked yesterday, joining earlier arrivals to prepare for the Pacific's greatest D-day.

OTHER DEVASTATION

There were these fresh reports today of further devastation to the already smoking and battered enemy homeland:

U. S. carrier planes over Tokyo Bay July 18: Sank one destroyer, one cable-layer, three small cargo vessels, seven motor torpedo boats; damaged heavily the superstructure of Japan's 32,720-ton battleship Nagato, moored at Yokosuka; blew the stern off the anti-aircraft destroyer; damaged an old destroyer, four lumber and two small craft; destroyed six locomotives, four hangars, an ammunition dump, an oil tank, a power plant transformer; damaged many other railway, military and industrial targets; destroyed or damaged 72 enemy planes. Twelve American planes and 22 men were lost.

British carrier planes in the same action: Damaged 24 junks; damaged hangars and other airfield installations north of Tokyo; damaged rail facilities and rolling stock at Katori; destroyed or damaged 38 enemy planes. Two British planes were lost, but the personnel were rescued.

In all British and American pilots ravaged a 90-mile stretch of the Tokyo plains area.

Continuing disputes elsewhere in the nation included 1,500 St. Louis packing house workers, wage adjustments; 6,500 Tampa, Fla., cigar-makers, protesting wage rollbacks; mine strikes involving 2,700 in Kentucky and 450 in Pittsburgh; newspaper printers covering 113 persons in Birmingham, Ala., 40 in Jersey City, 60 in Fort Wayne, Ind., and 18 in Bayonne, N. J., and 1,750 International Harvester employees at Fort Wayne.

An additional 2,000 remained out at the Electro-Metallurgical Co., Alloy, W. Va.; and 175 AFL sympathizers at the Springfield, Ore., Plywood Corp., which has a contract with the CIO.

A new dispute, at the Phelps Dodge Corp. in Morenci, Ariz., added 1,400 to the idle, but a federal conciliator was expected to take over today.

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its abundant coal and good soil for airfields. He has already visited the area and supervised the establishment of his headquarters.

In a conference with the press after meeting Lt. Gen. Barney Giles, deputy commander of U. S. strategic air forces, Doolittle said the Eighth air force would act as a complement to the 20th air force in its operations against Japan.

MAKES NO CLAIMS

"In this operation the air force makes no claims to having won the war or that it is going to win the war," Doolittle said. "Our job is coordinating with all other forces to make sure that fewer boys will be lost."

Asked if he was planning to return with his bombers over Japan he said he had pleased with Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the strategic air forces, to permit him to fly over Germany but because of his knowledge of future plans his request was flatly rejected.

"I imagine the same condition will maintain here," he said. "Doolittle was highly enthusiastic over his command. He said the B-29 is "the greatest airplane in the world—there is nothing comparable to it."

Doolittle's staff will have numerous officers from the old 20th bomber command which operated in the China-Burma-India theatre. In addition, officers from the United States will be brought in to give them an opportunity at combat.

SURRENDER

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party leader, would return Wednesday night from Potsdam. It was believed that should the Churchill government get a working majority the prime minister, now head of Britain's caretaker government, would return to Potsdam quickly. Should his party be defeated, an interruption in the work of the conference would seem inevitable.

There was every reason to believe that the conference was proceeding smoothly and harmoniously Saturday's American announcement that much serious business had been transacted, and the fact that there was a Sunday meeting, seemed to indicate the statesmen were reaching final decisions as fast as the foreign secretaries could clear problems.

There has been no joint communication from the conference since the original announcement of the first meeting last Tuesday. What news has been available on the conference has come to the press from the American delegation. All the copy is cleared through army censors, who say they read it for security reasons.

President Truman attended both general Protestant and Catholic church services yesterday.

Mr. Truman, Churchill and members of their delegations were guests of Premier Stalin Saturday night at a formal state dinner.

DETROIT IS STRIKE CENTER

Graham Paige Motors Corp. Strike Ended; 5 Others Continue

By The Associated Press
The turbulent motor city of Detroit appeared to be the hottest spot on the nation's strike grid today with 21,762 of the nation's 49,711 idle within its limits.

One of Detroit's strikes—at the Graham Paige Motors Corp.—ended when 2,800 employees voted to return to work today, but five other disputes continued with no apparent sign of a break.

These embraced 14,000 lumber workers in nearly 200 yards, 6,000 at the United States Rubber Co., 1,200 at Midland Steel, 500 at American Metal Products, and 62 bus drivers.

The Graham - Paige employees, members of the CIO United Auto Workers, voted to return after management agreed to confer with the union. The dispute, two weeks old, stemmed from instructor layoffs.

SETTLEMENTS

Other settlements announced over the week-end included: A one-week strike at the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., Kansas City, involving 1,200 employees; 200 linemen at the Rocket Powder plant, Chester, Ind., who left their jobs Wednesday unexplained reasons; and nine of 10 bus drivers of the Bridge Transport line between Louisville, Ky., and Jeffersonville, Ind.

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JAPANESE

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Although the Philippines liberation is officially three weeks old, the sixth division advance northward along highway 4 has been one of the most difficult of the entire campaign.

The highway, which the troops call "Skeleton Row," has been dynamited by the Japanese in three places where it clung to a rock ledge above gorges.

One American jeep was caught between the first two blocks and has remained there, performing a shuttle service along the two and one-half miles from one gap to another.

LINED WITH DEAD

The road is so lined with enemy dead that it is impossible to walk 50 feet without seeing the bare bones—often grotesquely still clad in uniform—of fallen Japanese. They were caught by U. S. fifth air force strafing planes before the ground troops climbed into the wild region.

Still among the living, however, according to recurring native reports, is Yamashita. Reports brought to the sixth division say he is hiding out, hungry, in the mountains with a picked bodyguard of 300 troops, and that he was in Kiangnan shortly before that stronghold fell to the Americans recently.

NEW

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war mobilization and reconversion which is conducting much of the reorganization planning.

In only 12 weeks in his last post, that of federal loan administrator, Snyder merged five lesser loaning agencies into the RFC.

DWNR already has prepared a report on consolidation of perhaps 30 agencies dealing with manpower problems in one way or another. The report, under study by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, ultimately will go to the White House for final review then to congress.

WAR AGENCIES

The movement makes uncertain the fate of the big war agencies, especially the war manpower commission. The bulk of Chairman McNutt's WMC personnel is in the U. S. Employment Service.

When and if reorganization hits WMC, the U. S. E. S. might go to the labor department, or back to the states with federal coordination only, or to the proposed new department of welfare and security.

DR. WALL'S

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of strengthening their hearers and are published as he says, "with a prayer they will be a blessing to many readers." We can assure anyone that he will be blessed by such reading.

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Buy, in the Middle Ages, was the chief drink for breakfast.

Today's Markets

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N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00

March	22.80	22.93
May	22.83	22.87
July	22.80	22.69
October	22.76	22.86
December	22.81	22.88

CHICAGO GRAIN WHEAT

July	1.65%	1.66
September	1.63%	1.63%
December	1.63%	1.63%

CORN

July	1.18%	1.18%
September	1.18%	1.18%
December	1.18%	1.18%

RYE

July	1.57%	1.55%
September	1.42%	1.41%
December	1.37%	1.37%

STOCKS AT 2:00

Amn Rolling Mill	20 5-8
American Loco	32 1-4
American Tel and Tel	77 1-2
Ancosida Copper	178 1-8
Assoc Dry Goods	25 3-4
Beth Steel	78 1-4
Boeing Air	24 3-4
Chrysler	107 1-2
Curtiss-Wright	6 5-8
Elec Boat	16 1-2
General Motors	66 1-4
Pepsi Cola	21 5-8
Greyhound Corp	25
International Paper	25 1-8
Nash Kelly	18
Glenn L Martin	26 1-2
N Y Central	26 5-8
Penn R R	37 1-8
Radio Corp	12 3-8
Reynolds Tob B	33 7-8
Southern Railroad	45 3-8
Stand Oil N J	61 1-4
Sperry Corp	30
U S Rubber	67
U S Steel	67
Western Union	47

RAILS, INDUSTRIALS OFF

NEW YORK, July 23.—(P)—While a few stock market favorites managed to make some recovery heading today, rails back-tracked a long with many industrial leaders.

On the offside most of the session were Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Bethlehem, Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Montgomery Ward, Kennecott, General Electric, Texas Co., Radio Corp. and Eastman Kodak. Liveliest issue was Pan American Airways which did little or nothing. Resistant were American Telephone, Sears Roebuck, U. S. Steel, Goodrich, Boeing and International Nickel.

Bonds and commodities were mixed.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, July 23.—(P)—(WF-A)—Salable hogs 4,500, total 9,000; active and fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts at 140-lb. up at 14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 14,000, total 14,000; salable calves 800, total 800; good and choice fed steers and yearlings strong to 15 cents higher than late last week's, still lower than last week's high time however; common and medium grades slow, steady; water-filled liberal; top fed steers 17.85; yearlings 17.60; heifer yearlings 17.10; bulk fed steers 15.50-17.50; grassy and warmed up kinds 12.75-5.00; cows slow, steady; bulls steady to weak; vealers fully steady at 16.50 down; heavy sausage bulls to 3.25 and heavy fat bulls to 15.25; stock cattle steady.

N. C. HOGS

RALEIGH, July 23.—(P)—(NCD-A)—Hogmarkets active and steady with tops of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

N. C. EGGS, POULTRY

RALEIGH, July 23.—(P)—(NCD-A)—Egg and poultry markets steady to very firm.

Raleigh—U. S. grade AA large 48; hens, all weights, 26.8.

Washington—U. S. grade A large 47; broilers and fryers 32.5.

BUTTER AND EGGS

CHICAGO, July 23.—(P)—Butter, firm; receipts 659,067. Eggs, receipts 7,469; firm.

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made the proposition that any man who wished to get off for business reasons should supply him with a substitute from his own business. This was done in several instances. On his own motion, Judge Gwyn excused two farmers who had no help and an ice manufacturer.

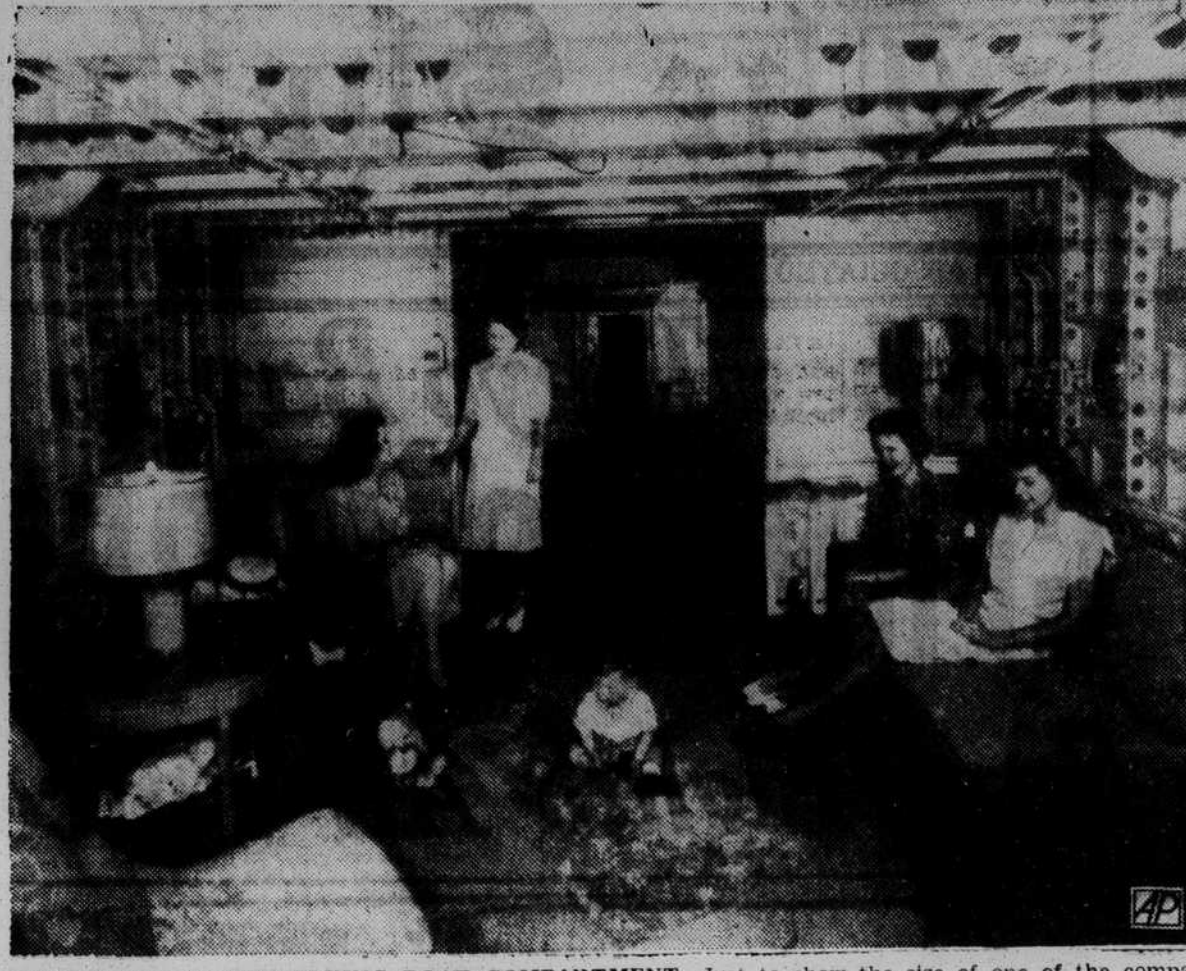
J. D. Elliott was named foreman of the Cleveland grand jury succeeding J. T. Irvin, who was unavoidably detained from attending court this morning. The nine new members of the grand jury are: C. I. Putnam, Ray Thornburg, J. D. Elliott, J. A. McNeely, A. B. Jolley, D. E. McCraw, W. B. Putnam, Harry Osborne and L. L. Jones.

Judge Gwyn held his charge to the grand jury to a minimum, calling their attention to the fact that their work is serious business and that it should be handled with dispatch.

"These are busy times," he said. "Cases should be given all the attention they require, but they should be handled with expedition. Immediately after the organization of the court Solicitor Townsend called the docket and heard submissions. Trials were started this afternoon.

RETURN FROM VISIT

Mrs. C. M. King and sons have returned home from Burnsville where they visited her husband's relatives for two weeks.



LIVING-ROOM IN NEW FLYING BOAT COMPARTMENT—Just to show the size of one of the compartments in the new, huge flying boat "Hawaii Mars" a group of models demonstrate how easily it can accommodate a complete set of living room furniture. The giant ship was formally christened at the Glenn L. Martin seaplane base on Middle river near Baltimore, Md., July 21. (AP Wirephoto).

EVERY

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were booked for irregularities in identification papers, he said.

With "Tallyho" as a code word, the American soldiers struck at daylight Saturday. They stopped every vehicle, including U. S. army jeeps, checked the papers of civilians and soldiers and swept through every German house from cellar to attic.

FACE TRIALS

"It upset the civilian population quite a bit, which is good," Sibert said, explaining that the Germans had been given a week of grace ending July 20 in which to turn over all weapons, ammunition, radio transmitters and other forbidden articles without fear of punishment.

Those caught with forbidden articles face trials in which

the death sentence can be applied.

"The raid marks the passing from a negative to a positive line of action," Sibert said. "We wanted to act before there was even a chance of anything coming up and hitting us in the face."

In addition, he said the army wished to check its own security and control measures so as to plug any possible gaps.

Col. Thomas Sands of Cornwall, N. Y., who led the raid, said that the search showed less crime than perhaps would be uncovered in a similar raid over a comparable area in the United States.

He described those arrested as more of "the criminal element" than anything else. He objected vigorously to any reference to this as "Werewolves," maintaining that this was poor propaganda. He said the offenders caught would get "rough treatment."

MORE MEAT

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slaughter by small, local plants, some of which, food officials have stated, supplied black market supplies have been reduced, the total volume of meat available for legitimate markets has increased.

Some further improvement in the civilian supply is expected in September and October, months in which a large volume of grass-fattened cattle from ranges and pastures of the west, southwest, midwest, Virginia and Pennsylvania, is expected to move to market. Not all of this anticipated increase will be available for civilians, however. A part will go to the military services and lend-lease countries.

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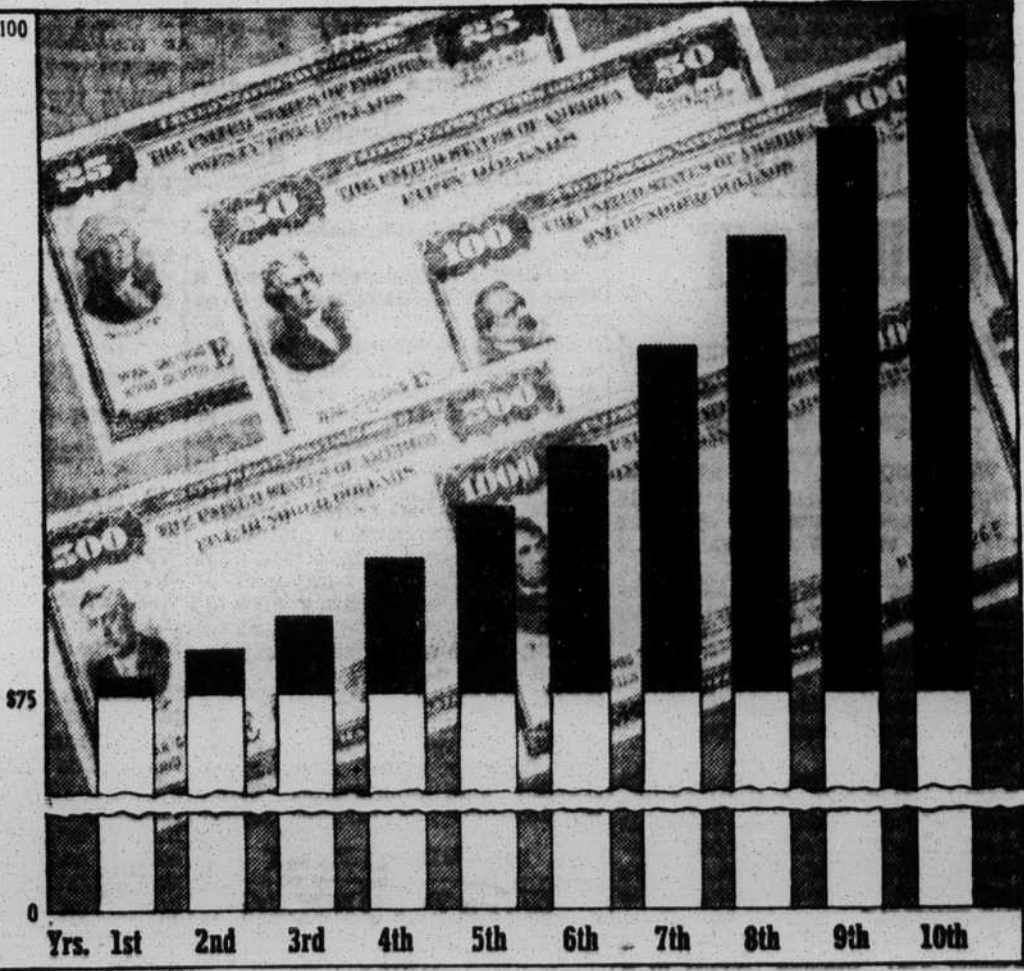
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Taking another example—a \$1,000 "E" bond which costs \$750 originally—the following table shows graphically how values grow faster as the bond grows older:

Yrs.	Increase In Value	Total Value	% of Worth Before
1	\$ 5.00	\$ 755	.67%
2	10.00	765	1.32
3	15.00	780	1.96
4	20.00	800	2.56
5	20.00	820	2.50
6	20.00	840	3.44
7	40.00	880	4.76
8	40.00	920	4.55
9	40.00	960	4.35
10	40.00	1,000	4.17



The greater values that accumulate in the later years of a \$1,000 "E" bond's life are apparent—\$40 a year in each of the last four years, compared with an average of only \$10 a year in the first three years, or \$20 a year in the second three years. Right-hand column of table shows percentage of the bond's worth in each previous year, now added to its value. These percentages apply in the case of "E" bonds of all denominations.

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- "You Two-Timed Me One Time Too Often" (Tex Ritter)
- "Each Minute Seems A Million Years" (Tennessee Razblers)

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