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WHAT DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE?

By RUTH TAYLOR

"DO YOU KNOW IT FOR SURE?" Remember that phrase from your childhood—and how important it was? It differentiated between the things we glibly said or repeated and those things which we knew from actual first hand knowledge.

I wish we needn't have let politeness cause us to drop the phrase as we grew up. I wish it were still possible to say "Do you know it for sure?" to those people who are so prompt and definite about every and all situations. Yes—I admit it—I've been listening to the radio again. But I've also been reading columnists and modern essayists—and I've been listening to people talk on trains, in busses, in restaurants and homes! And it's been all I could do to keep from saying "Do you know it for sure?"

There are the people who know all about when the war will be over, and what Eisenhower's plans are and where the State Department is wrong and what is going to happen a week from next Tuesday. (The Gestapo smiles on them.)

There are the people who know all the motives back of everyone's actions, who tell you glibly just what self-interest prompts each act, who must have X-Ray minds, for they see what goes on before it happens. (Goebbels' friends they are.)

There are the people who know all the bad news, who can and do talk of the cost of battles, the mistakes of commanders, the waste in lives, dollars and supplies, who can tell all the details of the chaos to follow. (Goering finds them useful.)

There are the people who sow dissension by setting group against groups, exaggerating Labor's shortcomings, pouncing on industry's misdeeds, accusing the farmer of selfishness, stirring up racial and religious hatreds by rank generalizations, judging the group by the sins of apostate members, preaching anti-Catholicism and anti-Semitism wholesale. (Herr Hitler has a special decoration for these.)

There are the people who talk too freely, who boast of how they "got around" regulations, who try to outwit the censor, who brag of "inside knowledge," who tell of production, troop movements, ship sailings, betraying their own for the chance of appearing smart. (The bells ring in Berlin over the deaths they cause.)

TO ALL OF THEM — TO YOU — TO MYSELF — I SAY, "DO YOU KNOW IT FOR SURE?"

NO MO' TO ROAM

Moze, an enlisted man, shivered as he paced his sentry beat on an Alaska airfield. A passing officer noticed him. "Moze," said the officer, "where are you from?"

"Ah's from Alabam, suh," said Moze, "but when we wipe out dem Japs an' Ah gets back dar, Ah ain't neveh gwine to be from dar no mo'."

There are certain consequences that follow certain deeds.

The Army Flies Its 1,500,000th Sortie Nov. 18

WASHINGTON—On November 18, 1944, Army Air Forces flew its 1,500,000th combat sortie against the enemy, the War Department announced. By type of aircraft, 1,381 sorties were flown in very heavy bombers; 390,562 in heavy bombers, 238,042 by medium and light bombers, and 870,329 by fighter planes. Combat sorties against the enemy since January 1 of this year now average

TUBE SHORTAGE TO LAST
WASHINGTON — Scarcely half enough radio receiving tubes have been available during the last two years to replace those worn out in civilian receiving sets, and the shortage is expected to continue until several months after the defeat of Germany and Japan, according to WPB. 3,432 per day. In 1943 the average was 1,000 a day. From Pearl Harbor to December 31, 1942, the average flown per day was 7. Approximately 75 per cent of Army Air Force sorties have been made against the Germans; 25 per cent against the Japs.

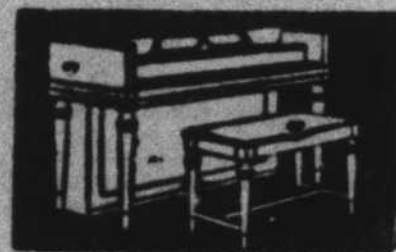
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220,000 WERE INVOLVED IN OCT. STRIKES

WASHINGTON—Strikes in October, 1944 numbered 440, with 220,000 workers involved. Man-days of idleness totalled 690,000 or 9/100 of one per cent of the available working time, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Department. Compared with October, 1943, there were 153 more strikes and 98,747 more workers involved. However, there were 322,534 more man-days of idleness in October, 1943 with idleness amounting to 14/100 of one per cent of available working time. The greatest number of workers involved in a strike, and causing the most idleness during October, 1944, involved maintenance workers in a large number of Detroit plants.

ICE BOXES ARE TO GO INTO STOCK PILE
WASHINGTON. — Refrigerators made as a result of "spot authorizations" allowed by WPB will be added to the "frozen stockpile" and released only to essential users, like the Army and Navy hospitals and laboratories, WPB representatives told a meeting of the Mechanical Household Refrigerators Industry Advisory Committee.



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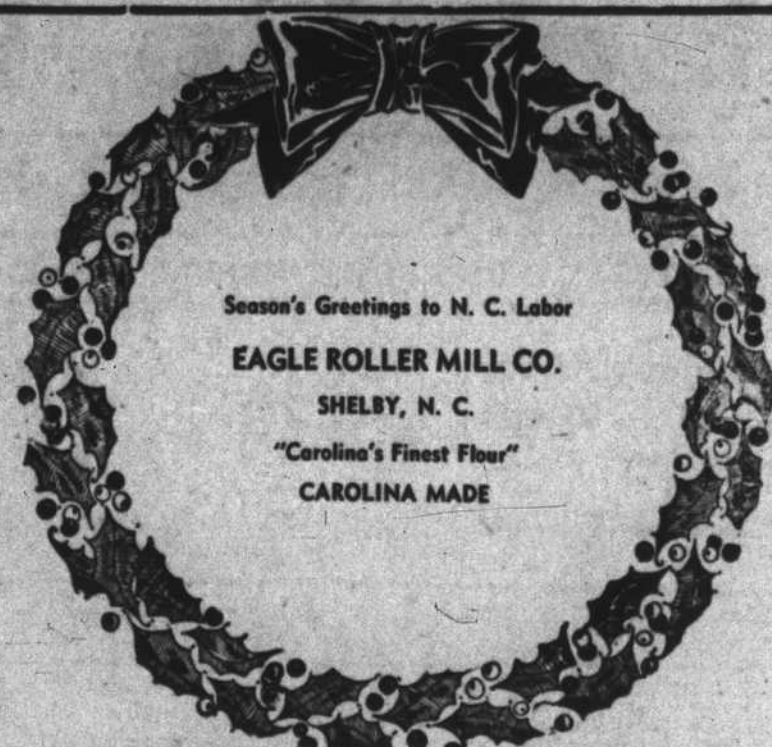
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DOUBLE ENTRY
Jock had been courting Maggie for many months without definitely committing himself. Blithely assuming that the girl was accepting the long period of probation with patience and fortitude, the tardy lover pulled out a well-thumbed notebook one day, consulted it briefly, and said:
"Maggie, I have been counting up your good points and I have already got to ten. When I get a dozen I'm goin' to ask ye the fatal question."
"Well," replied Maggie, "I wish ye luck, Jock. I have also been keeping account, and I've been puttin' doon your bad points. I have 19 in my wee book already, and when it reaches the score I'm goin' to accept the blacksmith!"

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