

"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given."

Isaiah 9:6



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Merry Christmas to Our Readers

AAF Releases  
Details Of Giant  
Bomber, XB-36

WASHINGTON—The Army Air Force has disclosed some additional details of its coming super-bomber, the Consolidated Vultee XB-36. It is set in a monthly publication, "Air Force," that the huge plane was "about to take to the air."

A drawing of the bomber showed it with lines resembling those of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress, except that the six engines are set into the upper part of the wing and the propellers push rather than pull.

General H. H. Arnold, Command General of the A. A. F., discussing the new weapon recently, said it would weigh more than 250,000 pounds and have an operating radius of 5,000 miles. This compares with a peak gross weight of 140,000 pounds and about 1,000-mile radius for the B-29.

"Air Force" gave these general facts about the XB-36, which is being built at Fort Worth, Texas. The fuselage is 163 feet long and 150 inches in diameter. The tail raises forty-six feet seven inches above the ground. Its four aft compartments are linked by a pressurized tunnel as in the B-29. The crew will total seventeen, including relief crewmen. There will be sleeping accommodations and a galley to prepare hot meals. It will operate at more than 30,000 feet altitude and can make non-stop flights from Tokyo to New York as "master of course."

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H. A. Osborne  
Heads Blue Ridge  
Milk Producers

H. A. Osborne was re-elected president of the Blue Ridge Milk Producers association Monday during a meeting of stockholders and members in the Farmers' Federation freezer locker plant.

Miller Ramsey was elected vice-president, and D. L. Lasher, secretary-treasurer. Four directors of the association, re-elected Monday are, Mr. Osborne, C. C. Cook, Roy Crowell and J. V. Noland.

Patronage dividends of 20 per cent, declared for the 12-month period ending Nov. 30, were presented. Mr. Osborne presided.

**Brighten Steps**  
White stripes painted lengthwise across the edges of cellar steps reduce the likelihood of missteps.

The Greatest Gift

Christmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today, as never before in history, it means giving something of ourselves to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.



This year more families in this community have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on some service flags have turned to gold. Each week this newspaper has proudly recorded the deeds of those who serve, fight and die, if need be, that we may be free.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

A Merry Christmas

Letters To Editor

Editor The Mountaineer:

Again I have the privilege, as I have had for so many years, of wishing you much happiness at this Christmas season and to extend to you my hopes for your continued success in 1946. I do this with a heart that is filled with thanksgiving because all of us have much for which to be thankful. Both of my own sons have been returned to the States from their respective war zones and both are well and happy. Many of you have had a similar experience.

Then, too, you should have the satisfying knowledge of a job well done in 1945. I only know about agriculture and, in that field, I know that you have rendered the State a distinct service. We have increased our interest in feed crops for livestock in a constructive sort of way that should be of permanent value; we have built up more interest in active livestock production; we have directed interest to the production of mormon at a lower cost per bushel; we have found a stimulating inter-

est in better living on the farm; and we have seen our rural young people help their fathers and mothers to do a tremendous job of producing and conserving food.

I think, also, that the State is beginning to know that there really is something vital in a more progressive and scientific type of farming. You have been invaluable in causing all of this to come about. In fact, without your aid, it would not have happened. I am sincere in that statement and I believe that thinking farmers in all parts of the State will agree. You have used the late information which has been developed here by our scientists and agricultural specialists and you have placed it before the people that they might be guided by its information.

I have tried to be your reporter here, giving you the facts as I found them. Your cooperation has been deeply satisfying. And so again I wish you the compliments of the season and my good wishes for 1946.

Sincerely,  
FRANK JETER

G.I. Brides Face  
Two-Year Wait  
For Citizenship

From Iceland to Italy and around the world to Australia, the 100,000 girls who married American service men during the war will be coming to the United States soon. They'll be coming as aliens, but they can attain citizenship in two years.

In most cases, according to the Department of Justice, their G. I. children are citizens at birth.

Here are the steps a foreign-born wife must take to become an American:

1. Register with the American Consul in her country. The State Department says most of the wives overseas already have done so.

2. Obtain a visa. Visas are being held up, but the State Department plans to issue them promptly when the Army makes ships available to wives.

3. On arrival in this country, present the visa to port of entry officials. They will forward it to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization at Philadelphia.

4. Before completing two years of residence in the United States, file a preliminary petition for citizenship.

5. At the end of two years of residence, file a formal petition for citizenship.

6. Attend a court hearing to determine if she is eligible to be naturalized.

As for children born abroad:

If the father is twenty-one or over, his child is a citizen at birth, provided, however, the father had lived in the United States ten years, five years of which were after attaining the age of sixteen. This exception would apply only in a few cases, since service in the armed forces is counted as residence.

If the father is under twenty-one, his child must be naturalized. When the alien mother is naturalized, the child in most cases will automatically become an American citizen.

Of the estimated 5,000 alien wives of service men already in the country, few have been here long enough to apply for naturalization. The Justice Department expects the big onslaught to start in February, 1946, two years after mass arrivals begin.

Steam Boiler

Don't let the water run low in the boiler of a steam heating plant. Instead of trying to watch the water line, better have the boiler equipped with a device which automatically keeps it supplied with the right amount of water and cuts heat off if the water line is dangerously low.

Atlantic Hurricanes

Virtually all Atlantic hurricanes occur north of the Equator.



The  
Season's Cheer  
to Everybody

Because we are proud to number you among our friends we send you these Christmas Greetings. May this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to every one of you.

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