

Ship Left N. Y. Yesterday For G. I. Brides

The 20,614-ton steamship Argentina sailed from New York for Southampton to bring back 550 war brides and babies as the first American ship to engage in this service.

The two former troopships will be part of a fleet of ships that will move during February the greatest number of civilian passengers across the Atlantic since the beginning of the war—all dependents of American and Canadian soldiers.

Shipping available next month will be more than can be filled with troops, according to a statement from the Canadian Military Headquarters in London.

The Mauretania arrived recently in Liverpool and will sail by Halifax "in the near future" carrying 600 Canadian service men and between 300 and 400 wives and children.

While only three liners have been scheduled for American war-bride transportation so far, more are expected to be assigned in the task as soon as ships are released from troop carrying.

Final touches in refitting the Argentina are being applied at the Todd Shipyards Corporation, Brooklyn yard where the vessel has been in drydock a week for bottom repairs.

S/Sgt. Rufus A. Fowler En Route Home

Staff Sergeant Rufus A. Fowler of Clyde, is one of 5,000 high-point army veterans whom the navy is returning to the States for discharge aboard the U.S.S. Admiral Hugh Rodman.

The USS Admiral Rodman is one of the ships in the "Mazie Carpet" fleet which has returned 691,431 servicemen to the States for discharge during the month of December as part of the greatest transportation operation in history.

Old And New Grange Masters



HARRY B. CALDWELL, retiring State Grange Master, is shown above handing the gavel over to Mrs. Caldwell, who was recently elected to succeed her husband in this position.

Snap Shots Of The

HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE

By FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

Every day we run across a "lost" something or other, for instance, a "lost" reference to "The Lost Cause," "The Lost Colony," or "The Lost Chord."

But there are two more we run across every day. We are awake and you never see anything but these two "lost arts" in some print or fiction. They rise up in our daily lives to harass, plague and otherwise do their level best to undermine all our good intentions toward living a serene, peaceful life.

Get out your new dictionary and look up these two words: "Politeness" and "reconversion." You will find that the good book says "Politeness, the quality of being polite" and in turn we find that "Polite" carries this description: "Exhibiting in manner or speech a considerate regard for others."

Now, confidentially, good friends, do you know of any art that has become more completely lost than the art of being polite? It takes a little effort to be courteous yet no manner in which it is handled at an "art" would imply that the task was so limited it must be thrown at one grudgingly, probably in hopes that the impact will so rattle the recipient they will be shocked unconscious—or something.

And now we'll turn to the other word, "reconversion." This is the speaking of two or more persons alternately to each other. Please note carefully that word "alternately." It means you are talking for the love of the other fellow an opportunity to open his mouth for other reasons than to gasp for breath. The further enlightening remarks go on to say that conversation does not mean "talk" for "talk" may be and usually is wholly one-sided.

One thing we can truthfully record is that there is no scarcity in the capital market. In fact there is one spot in these glorious United States that has no strike. Gather together a few congenial souls, start the ball rolling and, brother, you're going to have to duck—but fast—to keep from being knocked down by the king pin.

What HAS happened to the art of conversation, all joking aside? Why is it that so few can gather

together and learn a few things from exchanging viewpoints? Surely there are enough subjects in the present day to find a plethora of ideas that could be spread out and analyzed. Some one yawned at the idea one day that conversation had a sudden death because it had so little to live upon; food for thought consisted of the weather, the war, the service problem and the neighbors and in not a single instance could talking about them change the situation. Of course, one could occasionally read a paper, perhaps, or a good book or listen to some sane and sensible talk on the radio and thus find a landing place for discourse.

But, gosh, why waste time talking about such cut-and-dried subjects when there is the delectable and juicy morsel of oneself in "reconversion"? Truly, too truly, the world of today pivots around an upright axle known as the capital I.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Bryson, of Hazelwood, announce the birth of a daughter on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grey Queen, of Canton, RFD No. 1, announce the birth of a son on January 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jesse Tolly, of Maggie, announce the birth of a son on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. James Higgins, of Hazelwood, announce the birth of a son on January 9.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Forza, of Waynesville, RFD No. 1, announce the birth of a daughter on January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Orr, of Clyde, RFD No. 1, announce the birth of a son on January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hoole, of Canton, announce the birth of a daughter on January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bryson, of Balsam, announce the birth of a daughter on January 12.

WOMEN! WHO SUFFER FIERY MISERY OF HOT FLASHES

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Army To Give Up 21 Hospitals By April First

WASHINGTON—The War Department announced recently that it plans to close fourteen more general hospitals, three general hospital annexes and four convalescent hospitals by March 31.

The units will be offered to the Veterans Administration or to the Surplus Property Administration for disposal. Two, however, will remain at the status of station hospitals at the Army post where they are located.

Approximately 121,400 patients were in Army general and convalescent hospitals on Jan. 1, compared with a peak load of 245,000 last June.

Of a war-time peak of sixty-five Army general hospitals operated by the Army Medical Department, twenty had been closed previously. Three of thirteen Army Service Forces convalescent hospitals have already been closed.

The general hospitals to close by March 31 include Thomas M. England, Atlantic City. Annexes to be closed by March 31 (the general hospitals at these points will not close at that time) include Edgewood annex to Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, L. I.

Beauford C. Messer Discharged From Service

Beauford Carroll Messer, EM 3/6, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Messer, of Cove Creek who entered the service in December 1943, has been discharged from the service. He took his boat training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and last there was sent to Shumaker, Calif.

He was assigned to sea duty at Shumaker and from there was sent to the Pacific theater where he served for 20 months. At the time he entered the service he was employed by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Service.

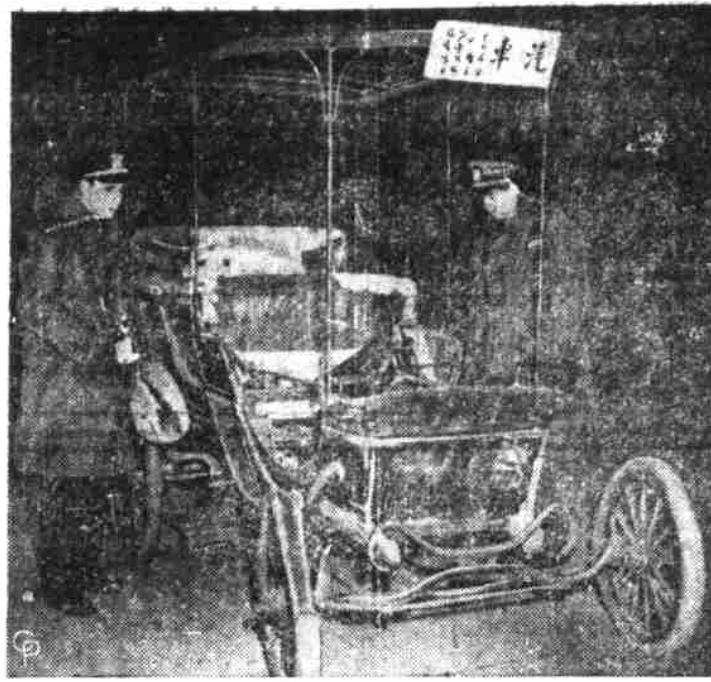
He is entitled to wear the Pacific theater ribbon, the Philippine Liberation ribbon and the Victory medal.

T/5 Robt. Hosaflook Receives Discharge

T/5 Robert Hosaflook, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hosaflook, of Waynesville, who entered the service in March, 1943, has received his discharge from the armed forces. At the time he entered the service he was employed at the Norfolk Shipyard.

He is entitled to wear the American Theater ribbon, the European Theater ribbon with three battle stars, the Good Conduct medal, and the Victory medal. He has to his credit 19 months of overseas duty.

CHINA'S FIRST AUTO A REAL RELIC



ALMOST ANTEDEILUVIAN AND PREHISTORIC is this old "horseless carriage" that used to belong to China's terrible Empress Dowager and was the first car ever to enter that country.

Schedule For Canton High Is Announced

CANTON—C. C. Poindexter, athletic coach for the Canton schools has announced the following schedule for basketball in which the Canton teams will play during the remainder of the month of January:

- January 18, (pending) Crabtree, here.
January 22, Cullowhee, here.
January 24, Waynesville, here.
January 25, Sylva, here.
January 29, Fines Creek, here.
February 1, Waynesville, there.
February 5, Cullowhee, there.
February 8, Fines Creek, there.
February 13, (boys) Christ school, here.
February 15, Mars Hill, here.
February 19, Mars Hill, here.
February 22, Sylva, there.
Feb. 25-March 2, Boys Gold Medal tournament.
March 11-16, Girls Gold Medal tournament.
Home games start 7:30 p. m.

Marine Green

The forestry green shade of uniform worn by U. S. marines was adopted during the First World War.

Tropical Cyclone

In the western Pacific and China seas the tropical cyclone is called a typhoon.

Canton High School Sponsors Tournament

Canton high school will again sponsor an Invitation Gold Medal Basketball tournament for high school boys and girls teams. It was announced recently.

The boys' tournament is scheduled for the week of February 25 to March 2. The girls' tournament will be held the week of March 11 to 16. These will be the eleventh annual tournaments. They are recognized as among the outstanding Western North Carolina tournaments for high school boys and girls teams and annually draw the leading teams in this section.

C. C. Poindexter, athletic director for Canton schools will again direct the tournaments. Mr. Poindexter announced that invitations would be sent out around the first of February.

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