Peace—It's Wonderful

As calm and peaceful as if the war were on another planet is the scene above, which shows some of Gen. Claire L. Chennault's fighters in the China-Burma theater of operations relaxing at Camp Schiel. Located on one of China's most healthful plateaus, Camp Schiel is equipped with basketball courts, boats, hunting facilities and tennis courts.

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Will you come exploring with me — just you and I and Tippy. You will? — that's fine, then let's be going. But wait, we had better take that mosquito dope along — nasty little animals, those mosquitoes, they can sure take the joy out of life. It's pretty warm, you think? Well, yes, but then it's summertime, isn't it, so what else can one expect?

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Come along, we will start up the back lane, through the pasture field, across the bush and over to the track. Yes, you guessed it — we're to go exploring for wild strawberries.

What a wonderful growth of grass there is in the lane — that's because the cattle have not yet been pastured here — next week it will be a different story, and the walking a little easier. See how well the spring crop looks... yes, there are thistles there — and chicory too, along the fences. We don't like the look of them at all but still there is a limit to what one man and his wife can do on a hundred acres. Look — do look — over there near that blackthorn tree... did you ever see a wild canary quite so yellow... and hear how sweetly he sings.

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Now we must hunt for that place in the fence where we always get through to the track. How the years fly... such a little while it seems since daughter and our wee son came exploring with me. And how soon they tired of picking berries — the creek was a much greater attraction. There was far more water in the creek in those days and in it both the children learnt to swim. Right here at this bend — we called it "the raspberry corner" — is where Bob nearly drowned. He was about three years old and was playing happily at the edge of the creek while I was teaching sister to swim. But he didn't stay there... and he went down twice before I reached him.

Well, here we are at the track. Mercy — where's Tippy? I hear a train coming — it will scare the life out of her. "Here, Tippy... come here little dog. Yes, we'll pick you up and hold you good and tight until the train has gone by. Don't tremble so, little dog, nothing is going to hurt you. See, there's the engine driver waving to us."

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Well now, we had better start looking for strawberries in real earnest. After all, that's what we came for, wasn't it? Or was it?

Strange how even a wild strawberry patch will run out. This is the place where the berries were so thick year after year — and now there is hardly a berry. But here is a new patch... "No, Tippy, I am not kneeling down to play with you... scram now... go chase a rabbit. How can I pick berries if you sit down on top of them?"

And so it goes... we wander around, picking where we can, climbing fences when we come to them, swatting, every now and then, at mosquitoes which persist in attacking us despite our attempts to repel them. We are enjoying our rendezvous with nature, and we don't want to go home. But we must. There are hens and chickens to feed and, on a hot night like this, Partner will be looking for a drink while he milks. Come to think of it, we could do with a drink ourselves.

How many berries have we got? Is that really so important? Well, if you must know there are enough to make a good feed for two people for dinner tomorrow! Was it worthwhile, did you say? — wouldn't it have been more practical to slip down town and buy a quart, even at 35c? Well, that depends on one's sense of values. Out here where, as one looks towards the far distant horizon — which doesn't seem so very distant after all — earth and heaven seem to merge into one. There is a "peace that passes all understanding" and one's faith is once more restored. Faith that somehow, sometime, all the ugliness and suffering that is in the world today will come to an end. That out of the maelstrom of human misery there will emerge a better world in which all men may live in peace.

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You see what I mean? One cannot buy hope and a new faith with a box of berries from a store, but one can find them out where the wild berries grow, out where the birds sing songs of freedom for all who wish to hear.

TITO'S RIGHT HAND

Responsible for planning of many of the Yugoslav guerrilla battles against Germans is Maj. Gen. Arsa Yovanovich, above, chief of staff for Marshall Tito, famed Partisan chieftain.

THE HITLER GANG

"Four heads ache worse than one" might be the title of this new photo, just received from neutral sources, showing Adolf Hitler with military, naval and civilian chieftains during recent inspection at the Fuehrer's headquarters. Left to right are Hitler, Field Marshal Keitel, chief of staff, Admiral Donitz, navy commander, and Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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TAKING POSSESSION OF CANAAN. — Joshua 13, 14; Judges 1:19-21, 27, 28.

PRINTED TEXT, Joshua 14:6-14; Judges 1:20, 21.

GOLDEN TEXT. — Thou hast wholy followed Jehovah. Joshua 14:9.

Memory Verse: The Lord is my helper. Hebrews 13:6.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. — The exact time of our lesson cannot be definitely determined, but must be located somewhere between 1390 and 1370 B. C.

Place. — While many geographical terms are mentioned in this lesson, the principal place is Hebron, south of Jerusalem, still a great city.

The Portion For Caleb

"Then the children of Judah drew night unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that Jehovah spoke unto Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning Thee in Kadesh-barnea." Caleb meets his old comrade and leader, and reminds him of the Word which Jehovah had spoken to Moses concerning them both (14:24, 30).

"Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart." Well would Joshua and Caleb remember the day when they were sent by Moses to spy out the land. They saw all the difficulties and dangers, but in their vision they saw that with God on their side all would be well.

Blessings for the Faithful

"Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me... because Thou hast wholly followed Jehovah my God." Caleb and Joshua threw their whole power into the effort to save the people from cowardice and disaster, wholly following the Lord. Great blessings are promised to the faithful who follow the Lord, not partially but wholly.

"And now behold Jehovah hath kept me alive... even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in." God not only prolonged his life but had preserved his strength in full vigor. There is no doubt that Godliness tends to congevity, or that by living for self and sin we shorten life.

Caleb's Inheritance

"Now therefore give me this hill-country, whereof Jehovah spoke in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fortified: it may be that Jehovah will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as Jehovah spoke." The hill-country was still in the hands of the enemy but Caleb knew that if God was with him, and he had no doubt about this, then none could withstand him.

"And Joshua blessed him: and he gave Hebron unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh to Kenizzite unto this day; because that he wholly followed Jehovah, The God of Israel."

For the third time we are reminded of Caleb's whole-hearted allegiance to the Lord, and this time we are told it was because of this that this special inheritance was granted to him.

Success Through Faith

"And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had spoken: and he drove out thence the three sons of Anak. And the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day." Caleb was a man of faith and completely succeeded in the difficult tasks which he believed God led him to undertake; the children of Israel equally promised victory over their enemies, did not complete these victories as they should, but failed to utterly drive out the enemy, simply because they did not wholly follow the Lord.

THE WAR · WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

New U. S. Superfortresses Strike Mighty Blow At Industrial Japan

America struck a mighty blow against Japan last week, says The New York Times. Making their first offensive thrust against Nippon's home islands, the new B-29 Superfortresses, operating from bases in China, struck at industrial Japan in the longest-ranged air raid in history.

The air blow at Japan brought into play a battleship of the air that reduced the Flying Fortress, Liberator, Lancaster and Halifax to the status of medium bombers. Designed and built under wartime pressure, the Superfortress' 141.2-foot wingspan compared with the 103 feet of the Fortress; its 98-foot length to the Fortress' 73-foot length. It is armed with 50-caliber machine guns and 20-mm. cannon mounted in power turrets that can be swung in all directions. Powered by four 2,200-horsepower Wright engines (the Flying Fortress uses four 1,200-horsepower engines) it is reported able to carry more bombs farther and faster than any other plane in the world, perhaps reach a fifth of the way around the world.

Days of Preparation

A tremendous effort was required to bring these huge planes into combat. In India tens of thousands of Indians and thousands of Americans labored building rear bases for the big ships. The Americans worked sixteen and eighteen hours a day and astonished British "old India hands" by persuading Indians to work similar hours. In China, where advanced bases were built, the task was even more difficult.

The story of how the B-29 bases in China were built is one of the most inspiring of the war. Plans for the bases were developed in Washington in the fall of 1943. In mid-January, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek ordered the greatest conscription of man-power in Chinese history since construction of the Great Wall 2,000 years ago.

Within 17 days, an initial force of 200,000 Chinese peasants and been assembled at the site in West China and the work began without cement mixing, rock crushing or road building machinery, or other mechanical devices.

The power was provided by human beings; the equipment was their hands. The force sometimes numbered 430,000.

The crushed rock used for each of the fields was enough for a 20-foot wide highway 60 miles in length. Teh Chinese also built barracks for crews of the B-29's but material was scarce so the buildings were primitive affairs.

2600-Mile Trip

Almost a year to the day after the first Superfortresses rolled off the assembly lines, the Twentieth Air Force, set up especially for these huge aircraft, to employ them for strategic purposes anywhere in the world, sent them out for their first major mission over the east China Sea to Japan, a trip out and back that could not have been less than 2,600 miles and was probably much more. Long-range flights in the European theatre seldom exceed 1,900 miles.

The first Superfortresses arrived over their target, Yawata, center of the Japanese steel industry, source of perhaps 80 per cent of Japan's pig iron, at 10:50 in the evening, sent huge block-busters down on the forest of chimneys below. Japanese searchlights sought out the tiny specks that may have been 30,000 feet or more in the air. Anti-aircraft fire filled the skies. Night fighters roared to the attack.

All But Four Return

All but four of the Superfortresses came back safely. Two were lost in operational accidents and the crew of one was saved. One was downed by the Japanese. The fourth is listed as "missing." Japanese propagandists told their people: "We should not think that we have been passively attacked, but that we have actively pulled the enemy toward us." Allied observers estimated the raid had knocked out 15 per cent of Japan's steel production, at least temporarily.

The attack opened the possibility that soon Japan would suffer the same kind of strategic bombing that has cut so heavily into German war production. Japan, experts have pointed out, is more vulnerable to air attack than Germany. Japan's industry is largely concentrated in six major areas, four of them on the island of Honshu and two on the island of Kyushu. It would take less effort to spread havoc here than it did to damage Germany's more widely scattered industrial centers.

Iceland Severs Denmark Ties

The people of Iceland, one of the world's oldest democracies, voted 70,536 to 365 to sever their 700-year-old ties with Denmark and form an independent republic, final figures on last week's plebiscite just released showed.

About 98 per cent of the eligible voters on the island participated.

The young republic probably will be proclaimed June 17, an Iceland national holiday.

The Althing, Iceland's legislative body, prepared to convene June 10 to name the island's first President, who will serve for one year. Thereafter, a president will be elected by the people for a four-year term.

They Were Waiting To See Montgomery

That's a nice little story which has tickled out of Denmark regarding Rommel's anti-invasion inspection.

A crowd of Danes filed the street in front of Rommel's hotel in Copenhagen, but remained after he had come out and had driven away. The police tried to move them on, but without success, and finally they asked them why they waited.

"We're waiting to see Montgomery", several of them replied. "He always comes along right behind Rommel."

Production of dates in the United States has increased to an annual harvest of about 15,000,000 pounds—three times as much as 10 years ago.

BEMEDALED PADRE

Most decorated chaplain in this war is Albert John Hoffman, above, of Dubuque, Ia., awarded the Distinguished Service Cross at the Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. Award was given for extraordinary bravery in Italy, where Chaplain Hoffman lost his left leg. He also holds Purple Heart and Silver Star, latter given for bravery in African action.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

FINAL DOWNWARD STEP

Marshall Petain has orderedFrenchmen to obey all orders of the Germans and to co-operate with them against the allied invaders, an order which must forever remove the name of the aged marshall from the French hall of fame.
—Niagara Falls Review

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TIP TO DEMOCRACIES

This century isn't half gone and already the Germans have started two world wars. Perhaps hereafter the democracies will have sense enough not to pussyfoot when Germany begins to goose-step.
—Kitchener Record

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TWO EXTREMES

Korean women wear hats three feet in diameter. The other extreme is three inches, and our own darlings have gone thither.
—Ottawa Citizen

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— SOMEWHAT ALIKE

Hitler says he has no intention of winding up his career as Napoleon did. Neither had Napoleon.
—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

Chinese Use Pigeons In Jungle Warfare

That the Chinese have used carrier and racing pigeons for hundreds of years is pointed out by a British officer in Calcutta, India, and he tells of one firm that has used them 500 years without interruption. The Chinese division he had been with in Burma had great success with them in jungle warfare.

BOO!

HORIZONTAL

1 Pranksters' night.
8 Bull (Sp.).
9 God of love.
11 Ocean.
12 Stable division.
13 Color.
15 Deficient.
17 Penetrates.
20 Male parent.
21 Drone bee.
22 College cheer.
23 Paid publicity.
24 Railroad (abbr.).
26 Form of "be."
27 Mimic.
29 Peruse.
31 Musical composition.
32 Let fall.
34 Old Testament (abbr.).
36 Three-toed sloth.
38 Storehouse.
40 Malicious fairy of this night.
42 Sturdy tree.
43 She rides a broom tonight.
45 Electrified particle.
46 Edge.
48 Canon.
49 Adherent of Nestorius.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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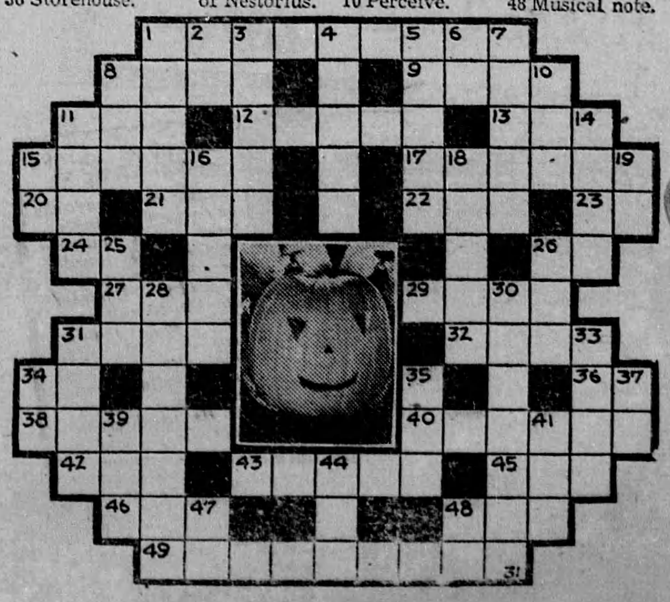
1 Hidden supply
2 Land measure.
3 Not a winner.
4 Harangue.
5 Eel-catcher.
6 Comparative suffix.
7 Direction.
8 Afternoon party.
10 Perceive.
11 Blemish.
14 Apothecaries' unit of weight.
15 Spain (abbr.).
16 Centers.
18 Nominated.
19 South Dakota (abbr.).
25 Knock.
26 Bustle.
28 Pictured vegetable prominent this day.
30 Arab.
31 Indian.
33 Ache.
34 Whirlwind.
35 Expression of repugnance.
37 Opposed to out.
39 Swiss river.
41 Not high.
44 Also.
47 Form of "I."
48 Musical note.