



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Larry Adler and Others
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CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND, June 8—

A talk with harmonica virtuoso Larry Adler the other Sunday and he was telling me about his 32,000-mile tour overseas with Jack Benny when they entertained 300,000 soldiers in Italy and Africa.

He was talking about Spam, the meat product you know, that—like the jeep, Ernie Pyle, and Rosie-the-riveter—came out of this war.

"We had Spam in every conceivable form of disguise," he said. "I gave up eating the stuff when they put ice cream on it and told us it was pie à la mode!"

His harmonicas . . .

I asked the dark, slim, curly-haired musician about his harmonicas . . . "I used to buy them from Germany. They were very fine instruments. But I can't get them any more so I use a stock model made in this country and it works pretty well.

"Soldiers from all over write, asking me to send them harmonicas," he went on, "and I've given about 100 away. Finally I had to stop, or I wouldn't have any left. So, I went on the Quiz Kid show the other night and asked for some harmonicas. I got 3,000 of them and they're still coming. Do you want one?"

Sudden thoughts . . .

Your correspondent has been in the Army just about two years now. And, to date, he's never been even inside of a USO. And he has no pin-up pictures. And, for some reason, he consistently awakens—and gets up!—one half hour sooner in the morning than is necessary.

This is on furloughs . . .

If it's possible, and if you can be spared, and if your commanding officer, says it's bright, and if some unexpected occurrence doesn't come up—well, a soldier is supposed to have 30 days a year furlough time.

This corporal, as he was saying a few lines ago, has been in this Army just about 24 months and he's had a total of 11 days furlough. Somewhere he lost 49 days—but it was his own fault!

How come?

Well, I was kinda dumb, that's all. I thought my commanding officer would approach me a couple of times a year and say:

"I think you should have a 15-day furlough. When would you like to take it?"

And so I waited. And waited some more. And he didn't come. And I forgot about a furlough and kept right

on drilling, editing, writing, and interviewing.

Then it dawned on me! Maybe, I should ask for a furlough. Yowee! What a nut! And so I did ask for a furlough. And I got one; thank the Lord, and I spent all my time in good old Highland Park. That was last Christmas.

Oddity . . .

A military friend passes this story along . . .

It seems that paratroopers were practicing leaps the other day down at Ft. Benning, Ga. When they landed, they were supposed to carry on a mock battle.

Well, they jumped, and all but one floated downward.

The other soldier went up—and while ascending, he was blown about like a wisp of thistle-down. But he couldn't do anything about it. So, he just stayed up there and watched his chums wage their mock battle.

A half hour passed and then, suddenly, he began to descend. He landed. And he was welcomed, being a fresh reservist.

It's a true story. The poor guy was kept up there and tossed about because he happened to jump right on the point of a thermal wave!

Wondering why . . .

A few free minutes one evening last week and I looked through a couple of Chicago evening papers. There, in her characteristic pose stood . . . and laid . . . the daily pin-up girl.

And I got to wondering . . . They tell us there's a shortage of newsprint. I believe them. Yet, if my figuring is accurate, those two newspapers devoted 27 inches of valuable space to pin-up pictures. If you multiply this by the total circulation of these two papers, you get something like 24,300,000 inches!

Soldiers prefer . . .

A 32 page, tabloid-size newspaper has 2,880 inches of type. Okch. Divid, that number into the pin-up inch figure above, 24,300,000. You get 8,437 and a fraction.

In short, you could print 8,437 extra 32-page-tabloid-size daily papers with that space. In a year that's 3,079,505 newspapers. Quite a few.

I don't think a million pin-up pictures are worth a fraction of those precious inches.

Soldiers, I'm sure, would rather have that space devoted to pictures of happily married couples, pretty children, gardens, drawings of the kinds of homes they'll one day buy and live in when they return.

In The Nation's Service

Among the more than 1,100 mid-westerners who became flying officers of the Army Air Forces as the AAF Training Command held simultaneous graduation exercises at the eleven advanced flying schools on May 27, was 2nd Lt. Wm. L. McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyle McDaniel, 265 Prospect Ave.

In the consolidated class which included men from every American state and from Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Cuba and Brazil, Illinois was fourth in the nation, with 234 graduates.

Lt. McDaniel, a fighter pilot, received his training at Foster Field.

S/Sgt. George S. Lyman, Jr., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Lyman of South Linden Ave. Sgt. Lyman is stationed at the Army Air Field at Harlingen, Texas, where he is an instructor in aerial gunnery. Recently he qualified as "expert" with the .45 Calibre Colt Automatic pistol.

Mrs. Beatrice Lawler, 448 Waukegan Ave., Highwood, recently received the Purple Heart awarded her son, Pvt. John Lawler, paratrooper, for wounds received in action. Pvt. Lawler, now stationed in England, participated in the invasions of Italy and Sicily, having been overseas since May, 1943. He enlisted in June, 1942, at the age of 20.

Cpl. Larry Gumbiner, 424 No. St. Johns Place, former owner of the local Suburban Waste Paper Co., recently enjoyed a furlough with his wife and infant daughter. Cpl. Gumbiner has been stationed in Alaska for over a year.

Earling W. Zaeske, USNR, fighter pilot, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Lt. Zaeske, whose wife and young son are living with her parents at 534 Lincoln Place, has served with the Pacific fleet for over 8 months. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zaeske, 506 Lincoln Place.

Harold B. Connelly, husband of Mrs. Ruth Connelly, Waukegan, and father of two small children, is receiving his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Later he expects to attend a radio school in Chicago.

A brother, Cpl. Chas., stationed at Camp Livingston, La., with a medical detachment, was visited recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Connolly, 120 No. Green Bay Rd., and his sister, Virginia.

Pvt. Thomas E. Lahey has returned to his base at Camp Ellis after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lahey, 1311 Deerfield Rd. Pvt. Lahey, who finished his course in radio engineering at Chicago Technical college in 3 years' time, entered the service upon graduation, and was, for a time stationed at Ft. Sheridan. From there he was transferred to Camp Ellis, Ill., and saw duty with the Army Engineers in the Mississippi flood area. During this time the battalion lived in pup tents on a high school athletic field. The nearest town was Prairie De Roscher, where service men were entertained free of cost at the movie theatre. Pvt. Lahey is 21 years of age.

Cpl. Bruce E. Wagner, a former resident of Highland Park, has been stationed for a year in New Guinea where he is serving as flight mechanic. A graduate of Elm Place and the local high school, he was also a student at Monmouth College.

Pfc. Wm. McArthur, of the Army air force signal corps, has been stationed overseas for about 8 months. During that time he has served in Africa and India, and is now stationed somewhere in China. He is 21. His wife, Artie, lives at 512 1/2 Laurel Ave.

S/Sgt. Leonard Rectenwald, son of Mrs. W. W. Stem, Sr., 618 Crescent Court, is stationed in New Guinea—that land where now one is between the devil dust and the deep black mud. New Guinea is an example of the vicious way in which the jungle strikes back at those who would tame it. When modern highways are hewed out of the jungle swamplands, the blazing sun

converts mud into a flour-like powder, so that when the wind blows or a vehicle races by, the dust becomes so thick as to make headlights necessary, even at noonday.

But in S/Sgt. Rectenwald's case the dust is not such an important factor. An aerial engineer on a Liberator bomber, he is a member of the famous "Red Raider" outfit.

Cpl. Melvin "Bud" Moon, formerly stationed at Camp Beale, Calif., has been transferred to a base in New Guinea, according to a letter received by his wife, Mrs. "Bunny" Moon, 26 So. Green Bay Rd. The corporal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moon, 598 Homewood Ave., who have three other sons in the service.

Rollman "Tom" Reber, seaman 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reber, 391 North Ave., stationed at Memphis, Tenn., is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Letters will reach him addressed to Ward G, U.S. Naval Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Young Reber, 17, is studying to be a radio operator.

Speaking of coincidence—three men from Highwood, now in the army, are all privates, were inducted on the same day—April 11, and are all stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. All married, and each is a father. They are: Ossian Carlson, 120 High St., Geno Fiocchi, 329 Sheridan Ave., and James Hickey, Jr., 327 Ashland Ave.

League Women Voters Urges Opposition to All Price Amendment

Any serious weakening of price controls will undermine the whole stabilization program, states Anna Lord Strauss, president of the National League of Women Voters, in a message urging members to express opposition to amendments to the Price Control act. The League of Women Voters has consistently worked for the control of inflation through strong fiscal policies, including heavier personal income taxes, legislative standards for wage control, rationing and price control.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency has finished hearings and is considering proposed amendments in executive session. It may decide to report a bill prior to Senate action, since the existing act expires on June 30 and therefore time for Congressional action is short.

Cotton Prices

Last week the committee adopted an amendment relating to prices for cotton which would force up retail price ceilings on cotton goods. An attempt is being made today to get the committee to reverse this action. Also pending in the committee are amendments relating to subsidies and to rent control which would seriously weaken price control. Even if the committee should refuse to adopt these amendments, there will be attempts made to put them into the bill when the Senate starts considering it. The Senate started debate on Thursday, June 1.

"We believe that price control alone cannot prevent inflation," states Mrs. Carlton Cummins, president of the Highland Park League, "yet we realize that we must give first consideration to the paramount need for preventing inflation, and that any amendments likely to make the control of prices less effective must be rejected."

Proposals to modify or abolish the jurisdiction of the Emergency Court of Appeals are threats to the whole stabilization program, according to the League. To revoke the special review provisions, to permit State or Federal Courts to issue injunctions against enforcement of the act, or to allow the validity of regulations to be challenged in enforcement proceedings would lead to uncertainty and delay.

Must Be Continuous

Price control must be continuous to be effective and, the confusion arising from conflicting decisions on the same regulation in different districts or circuits, or the suspension of enforcement during litigation would be disastrous. The original purpose of the present judicial review procedure was to provide a single judicial body for determining the validity of regulations. If changes are needed to give further advantage to persons claiming injury under OPA regulations then alternatives should be found which protect the public interest as well as the present procedure.

The most effective action now and probably for some time is for the public to show strong support of effective price control, and awareness that many of the amendments proposed will mean an immediate increase in prices.

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Incorporation with the city recreation program, the Y.W.C.A. will hold special groups in sewing and cooking at the Association house at 374 Laurel avenue. Each class will have six lessons and will be open to girls from 9 to 13 years of age, with a payment of a minimum fee.

Time
Classes begin Tuesday morning, June 13 at 9:30 and Thursday morning, June 15 at 9:30. They run for six weeks. Cooking and sewing classes come both days so a girl may enroll for one on Tuesday and the other on Thursday, if she wishes. Classes last for two hours each day.

Registration
Girls may register for either or both classes on Monday afternoon, June 12, at 2 o'clock at the Y.W.C.A.

Instruction
Mrs. Barton Pope, as chairman has been in charge of volunteers and many Highland Park women are going to give their time to make this project a success. Those who will help for full time or part time are as follows:

Sewing—Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Leslie Delhaye, Mrs. Cora St. Johns, Mrs. C. E. Herbst, Mrs. H. H. Erskine, Mrs. Arthur Raff and Mrs. Ernest Reed.

Cooking—Mrs. Theodore Fischer, Mrs. K. D. King, Mrs. E. W. Cederborg, Mrs. A. W. Lawrence.

Calendar for the Week
Monday, June 12 2 p.m., Registration for sewing and cooking.
Tuesday, June 13 9:30 a.m., Cooking and sewing classes.
10 a.m., Monthly meeting of board of directors.
8 p.m., Mothers' club meeting.

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Mrs. Edith Huntley Retires on June 1 From Civil Service

After 34 years of service in the Highland Park post office, Mrs. Edith Huntley has retired, as of June 1.

Mrs. Huntley was born in Highland Park 60 years ago, and attended Elm Place and the Highland Park high school. For three years she was employed at the Illinois Bell Telephone company, becoming a clerk at the post office in 1910.

She and her husband, Wilbur E. "Doc," who is employed as an electrician at Great Lakes, reside at 635 Hontewood avenue.

In honor of Mrs. Huntley, employees of the post office entertained at a surprise party Tuesday evening in her home and she was presented with a war bond. Her present plans include a trip to New York in several days.

Other changes at the local post office, according to Postmaster Daniel Cobb, include employing six high school boys as mail carriers for the summer months. Starting this week, another woman carrier has been added to the post office employees. She is Mrs. Emily Rogan, wife of Tom Rogan, who is now in England, with the U. S. army.

High School Girls Serve in Stamp Booth

High school girls and Girl Scouts working in the stamp booth at Woolworth's the week of June 5 include: Peggy Kerber, Jane Morrison, Adell Mason, Chelsea Webster, Gale George, Helen Saret, Susie Mills, Betty Loeb and Betty Kerber.

Mrs. Herbert Kerber is in charge of the booth during the month of June.

Give Dinner-Dance At Ravinia School

Parents of Ravinia school graduates entertained the class at a dinner-dance Wednesday evening in the school gymnasium in the Village house.

Acting as masters of ceremonies were Jack Smart and Jules Ladany, whose wives are room mothers of the class. Herby Holt and his orchestra provided the music.

Old Timers Win First Game of Series Over Ft. Sheridan Team

The Highland Park Old Timers Soft Ball team inaugurated their fifteen game Friday night schedule with army and navy service teams under the lights at Sunset park by beating the strong Fort Sheridan Reception center team 4-3 in as thrilling a game as has been seen here in many a year.

Displaying mid-season form, the Old Timers sparkled with team play both defensively and offensively and proved the ability of Manager Elmer (Red) Therrien in putting this team on the field.

Pitcher Rainy Sheahan, winning his own game with a home run, gave the Reception Center team 7 hits, with only one hit given by him up to the seventh inning, while the Old Timers countered with nine hits. The defensive play of Leo Labuda was outstanding.

The public will be interested to learn that the Old Timer's bat boy, Davie Freeman, who was struck by a bat that slipped from a player's hands, will be back on the job at next Friday's game.

To Play Officers

On Friday night at 9 o'clock, the Old Timers have as their opponents the fast stepping post headquarters officers team from Fort Sheridan. The game on Friday, June 16, will be with one of the five navy soft ball teams from the Great Lakes Naval Training center.

All Highland Parkers lovers of good, fast soft ball are urged to come out and see for themselves the type of entertainment being offered at Sunset park each Friday night.

The American Red Cross receives the entire gross amount that their uniformed workers collect at each game. The sum of \$30.50 was collected at last week's game and it is hoped this sum will be increased each week as the crowds increase.

SHOW FILM AT LIONS MEETING

Will Seguin, program chairman, will present a Bowman Dairy company movie at the regular meeting of the Lions club today (Thursday) at the Open House tearoom at 12:15 o'clock. The film, entitled "And That Made the Difference," shows the inner workings of a dairy and food store.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF HIGHLAND PARK

The Fifth War Loan Drive opens officially June 12, 1944, and extends through July 8. The Treasury Department has announced that the goal will be 16 billion dollars. Of this amount, it is hoped that 6 billion will be obtained from individuals.

The eight securities being offered in the Fifth War Loan Drive afford a wide range of choice and are adaptable to the varied types of investors.

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