

I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

By
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Letter From a Sailor Friend (Special to the Highland Park Press)

CHANUTE FIELD, AAF TRAINING COMMAND:
Dear Whitt:

Guess the last time I saw you was in peace time. A lot has happened since then. So I thought I'd kinda bridge the gap.

Today I had the pleasure of receiving your column entitled "The Smell of Hot Apple Pie." It found me 10,000 miles across the Pacific, right up to the fighting front.

It made me recall some of the things I did when home on leave, some five months ago. But before this leave, I'd spent 10 months overseas. In this short period of time, I was in the Amphibs. Then to a battle ship which led me into the pounding of Tarawa. Throwing 16 inch salvos at the Japs. Then the conquest of the Marshall Islands. Following up on the attack on Truk.

THINKS OF HIGHLAND PARK . . .

During the course of these battles, I too thought of home, wondering if I'd ever return to Highland Park to renew old friendships and walk on its winding streets.

Drinking a coke at Gsell's. Biting into a hamburger at the local eatery. And best of all, walking through the front door of home.

AWAITING ORDERS . . .

At present I'm waiting orders to board a sub-chaser. I hear they pitch and roll like a cork. There's rugged duty ahead, but no sacrifice is too great to help put the Jap fleet

on the bottom. Then to return and live the life where we left off. The life we know and love.

It's true you and I have lost friends due to the war. One of these friends was Highland Park's first casualty, Robert Riddle.

His grave lies on a ridge miles behind from where I am now. The spot is breath-taking. Up on a hill, looking down upon the straight, neat, upright crosses. The colors outlined against the afternoon blue sky. A humble tribute I paid for a hero who gave his life to enable others to carry on.

PROUD HIGHLAND PARKER . . .

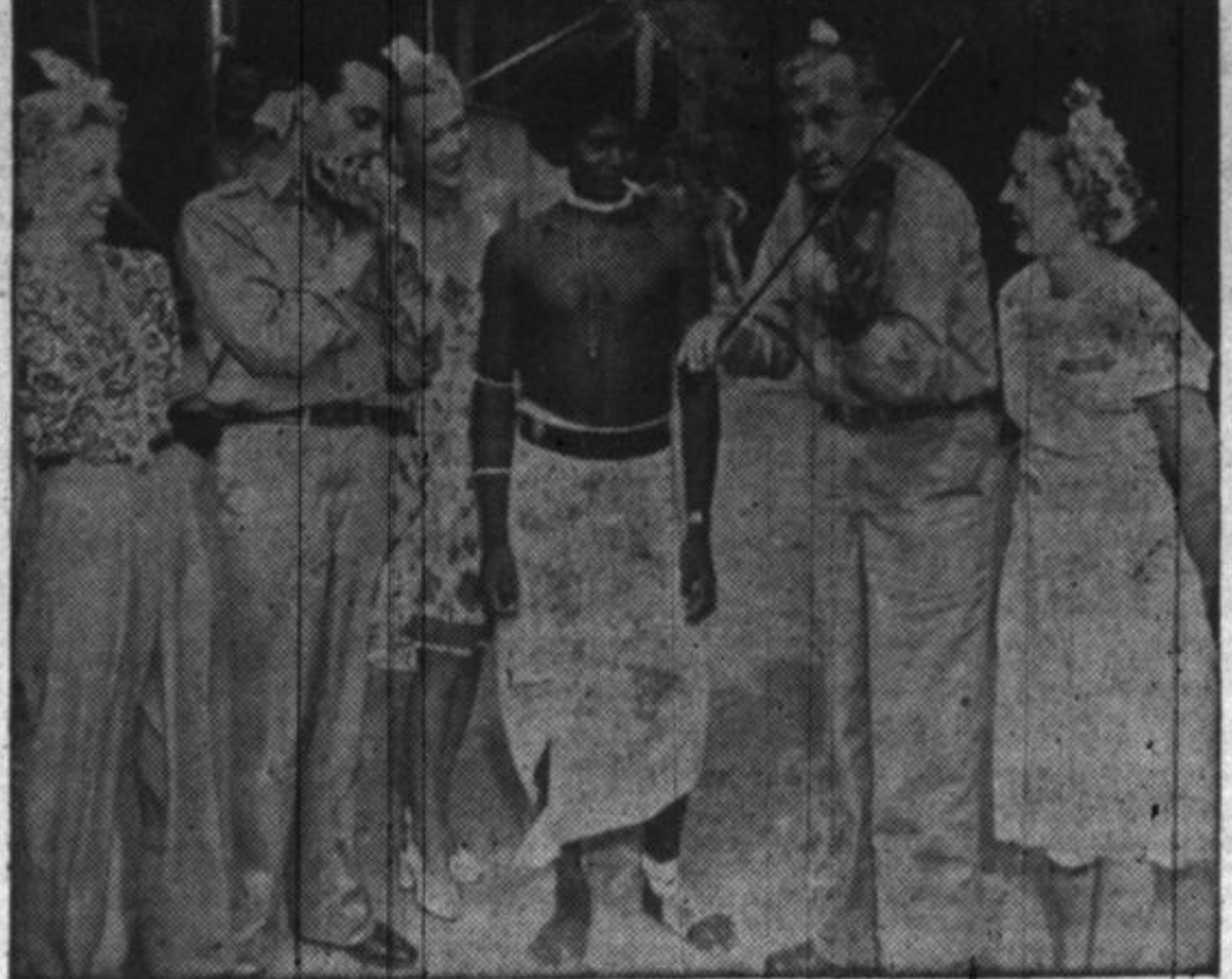
I'm only one of many proud Highland Parkers giving to the full extent. Patrolling enemy waters. Warding off the wrong. Fighting for the right. To return to the bright future that lies ahead for all of us.

Well, I've got to close now. I'll be standing by, waiting to hear from you and waiting to read your next article about life back in the States.

Your good friend,
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San Francisco, Calif.

NEED IS URGENT . . .

P.S. I'd like to give a suggestion for one of your articles. How about a plug for blood plasma? The folks back home are failing in this respect. When a fighting man has to be pulled back to save another, it's time something was done!



BENNY SERENADE

Comedian Jack Benny unlimbers his violin to play "Love in Bloom" for this Papuan native boy at a U. S. Army base somewhere in the South Pacific. Other members of the troupe, one of the many USO Camp Shows traveling the world over to entertain American troops, get a big laugh out of Benny's antics. Funds of the National War Fund Campaign in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties will help to carry on the work of USO and USO Camp Shows. This picture, taken just two weeks ago, shows Songstress Martha Tilton; Larry Adler, celebrated harmonica player; actress Carole Landis, Jack Benny and June Brunner.

Selective Service Bd. No. 1 Calls Twenty-Two Men

Twenty-two men reported for draft last Monday, all under 26 years of age. Local selectees were: Highland Park — Herbert Alexander, Jr., 2407 Berkeley; Wm. H. Carnahan, 773 S. Green Bay; Wm. A. Gall, 1015 N. St. Johns; Richard Hagan, 415 McDaniels; Joseph Joseph, 1737 S. Green Bay; Ovid Mason, Jr. and Francis Earl Wing.

Highwood — Michael Caringello, Frank L. Bertagni, Frank Lenzi, Reno Malchioni, George Slack and Robert J. Tondi.

MEETS JACK BENNY

One Cpl. Roy C. Wells had the pleasure of greeting Jack Benny, as a fellow Waukeganite, recently, when Benny with his troupe staged a show in the camp where Wells was stationed.

Every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday evenings at the Highland Park USO there is a dancing party for service men and women and G.S.O. girls. The 844th Army band from Fort Sheridan and the 740th M. P. band from Camp Skokie Valley play for these parties.

Wednesday the Married Couples club will meet at the USO for supper and movies. The supper is served at 6:30.

Demand Law to Protect Vets From Labor Unions

The Oregon American Legion has called for legislation to prevent returning veterans from being required to join a labor union in order to obtain or keep a job. The state convention urged that all veterans' employment preference rights — such as those already existing under the civil service system — be guaranteed by law "without the necessity of having to join any organization or society."

War's Spotlight on Panama Canal

With the shifting of emphasis from the European to the Asiatic theaters of conflict, the Panama Canal will become of increased importance, according to the American Merchant Marine Institute.

Since American railroads and land transportation facilities are already heavily burdened, much of the war production of the industrial East will probably be sent directly from Eastern seaboard ports to the Pacific war areas via the canal when Germany falls.

The canal, thirty years old this year, is about to enter a new phase in its history. It saw little use in the First World War, and, in peace years, has never been used to its capacity. In 1929, its peak year, there were 17.2 paying transits each day. However, the average daily use in the inter-war period amounted to only 13 daily transits. Since its completion in 1914 the canal has been used by over 14,000 commercial vessels carrying an aggregate of over half a billion tons.

Post-war use of the Panama canal is expected to exceed pre-war totals due to the anticipated growth in the international carrying trade made possible by America's increased production capacity and vast new Merchant Marine, pointed out the Marine Merchant Marine Institute.

MOOSE NEWS

Highland Park lodge No. 446, L.O.O.M., was host to about 200 members, their wives, and friends, when on Monday night, the picture, "The Battle of Russia," was shown through the courtesy of Captain Donald C. Coltrin, assistant area commander, district No. 3, stationed at Fort Sheridan. Captain Coltrin explained the type of work done by the office of public relations and expressed the thought of better understanding between the Fort and the public.

At the national convention of the Loyal Order of Moose, held in Milwaukee, August 21, 22 and 23, Everett Inman, Daniel Bench and Thomas Stillwell, received the honor of the fellowship degree of the order.

At the next regular semi-monthly meeting of the lodge, Bert Coleman, the authorized delegate to the convention, will give his report of the proceedings of the convention.

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In The Nation's Service

Shirley Lauridson, P. O. 3/c, of the WAVES, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sophie Lauridson, 374 North Ave. P. O. Lauridson, a former employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co., was recently graduated from the link instrument trainer instructor's school of the naval-air station in Atlanta, Ga. At the end of her leave she will return to her Atlanta base, where she will serve as resident instructor.

The Purple Heart awarded Sgt. Howard Lonngren for wounds received in battle has been received by his mother, Mrs. Mabel Lonngren, 338 Palmer, Highwood. The extent of his injuries is not yet known.

Of the army infantry, Sgt. Lonngren, in his year overseas, has been stationed in England and Ireland. He was wounded in France. His wife is the former Lola Dickenson of Jacksonville, Ill.

His father, now deceased, took part in the Spanish American war and was for four years stationed in the Philippines.

Pvt. Eugene Hart, husband of Mrs. Ina Faye Hart, now living at Darwell, Ill., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hart, Waukegan Ave., Deerfield, is stationed in England, recovering from wounds received in France on D-day. He was injured when his glider made a crash landing on June 6, and was later wounded in combat.

Pvt. Hart praises the bravery and efficiency of the medical corps, who are on the job every minute, in the face of enemy gunfire.

The Frank Gherardinis, of 215 North, Highwood, have two sergeants and a cadet nurse in the family. T/Sgt. Melford, who entered the service in June, 1941, is now stationed with the medical corps of the AAF in northern Ireland. M/Sgt. Raymond, who has been in England well over a year, a former radio man and gunner, is now crew chief of his division of the AAF. The 20-year-old sister, Ellen Elaine, is taking cadet nurse's training at Michigan university.

Pvt. Dominic Beltramo, husband of the former Italia Romitti, 251 Evolution, Highwood, has received the Purple Heart for minor wounds received at Cherbourg, France, on July 6. Pvt. Beltramo, who is the brother of Mrs. Paul Costo, 216 North, Highwood, took part in the invasion of France on June 6. He has been stationed in the European area since last April.

Pfc. Elio Gentilini, 21-year-old son of Mrs. Alphonse Defilippo, 245 Jeffrey, Highwood, has received two slight wounds since the invasion of France, in which he took part.

Originally of a tank destroyer battalion, he was transferred to the infantry upon shipping to North Africa. After taking part in the battle of Sicily he was shipped to England, leaving for France in early June. He has sent his mother the Purple Heart awarded him.

Pvt. John Kipp, of the army infantry, husband of the former Rose Passini and father of an infant son, Jack, has arrived overseas in France. He has been in the service seven months, and left for overseas in July.

Pvt. Ossian Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Carlson, 120 High, Highwood, having completed his basic training at Camp Hood, is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, wife and daughter, Barbara.

Pvt. Meno "Sam" Passini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Passini, 39 Elm, Highwood, is stationed in France with an anti-aircraft unit. Entering the service in October, 1942, he was transferred to the European area last January, taking part in the battle of Granville.

His brother, Pvt. Satimo "Pat", stationed since last April in the Pacific area, is now at Bougainville. In the service eight months, he is the father of two sons, and husband of the former Mable McCann of Gurnee.

T/Sgt. Peter Yurkonis, of the army signal corps, stationed at Camp Bowie, Tex., is spending a furlough with his wife, the former Jean Gossman, 528 Central Ave., Highwood.

Cpl. and Mrs. Eugene Pfister have returned to Las Vegas, Nev., where the corporal is attached to the army air forces, after visiting Mrs. Pfister's mother, Mrs. G. E. Gossman, 528 N. Central, Highwood.

Pfc. Stanley Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 9 McGovern, the only non-commissioned man to take final tests in advanced radio at an Hawaiian school, was one of the two to pass the test. These two men received a perfect score.

Pfc. Gibbs, now stationed at a new base in the Pacific, is the husband of the former Shirley Magnusson, who is making her home with her parents.

Keeping busy in France with the medical corps since landing soon after D-Day is Cpl. Raymond Grossman. He has been stationed in the European area since Sept., 1942. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grossman, 1346 West St.

Pvt. James Hickey, 327 Ashland, Highwood, is spending a furlough with his wife and three children after completing his basic army training at Camp Hood. He will report on April 7 to Camp Mead, Md. He is the son of Mrs. Victoria Hickey, 50 Michigan Ave.

Pvt. Gene J. Flocchi, 239 Sheridan, Highwood, is spending 10 days with his wife and three children, having completed his basic training at Camp Hood, Tex. A former Highwood alderman, he is the son of Mrs. Louis Flocchi, 622 Railway, Highwood.

Cpl. Narchie Flocchi, a brother, is stationed at Bruning, Nebr.

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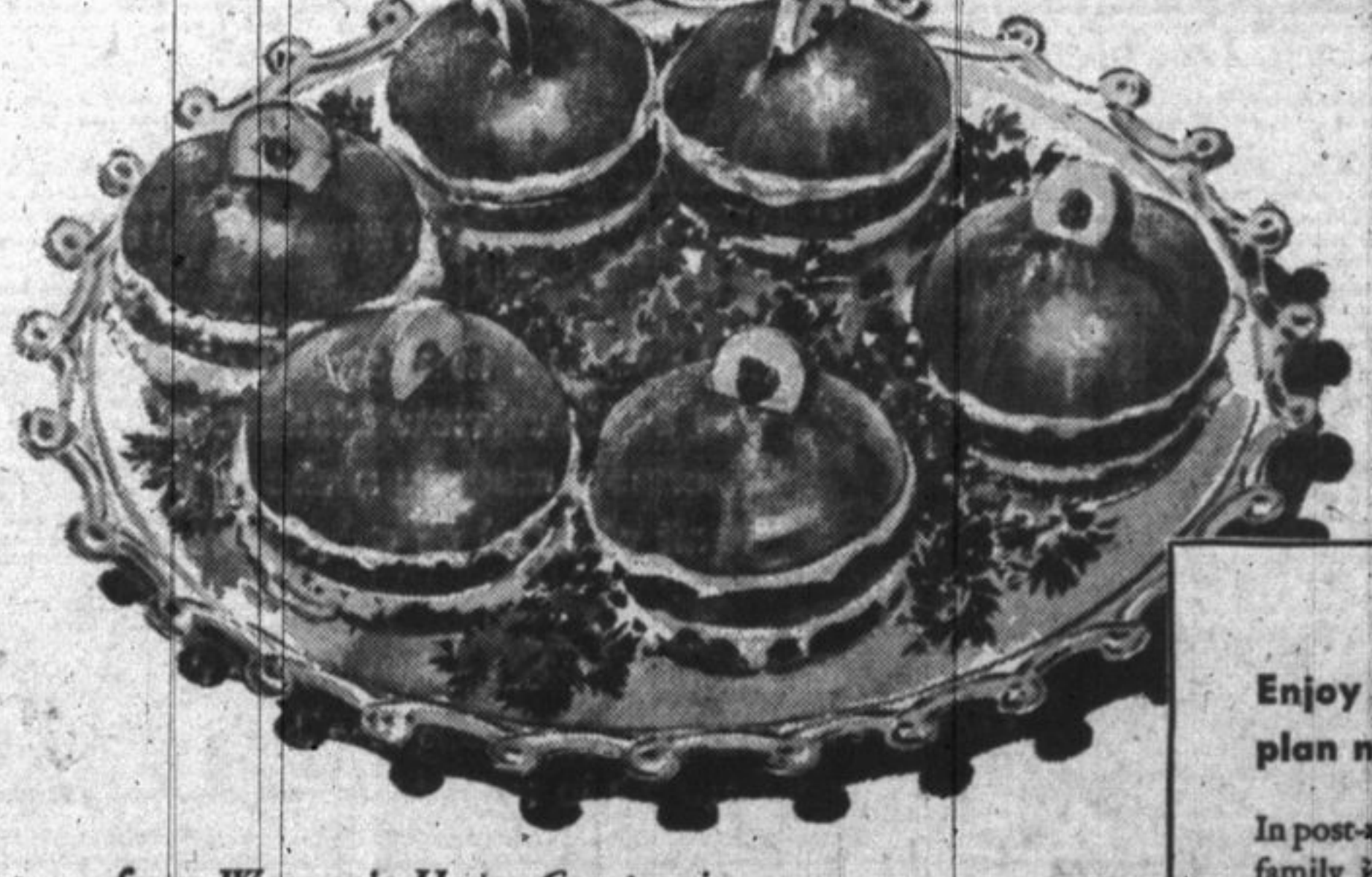
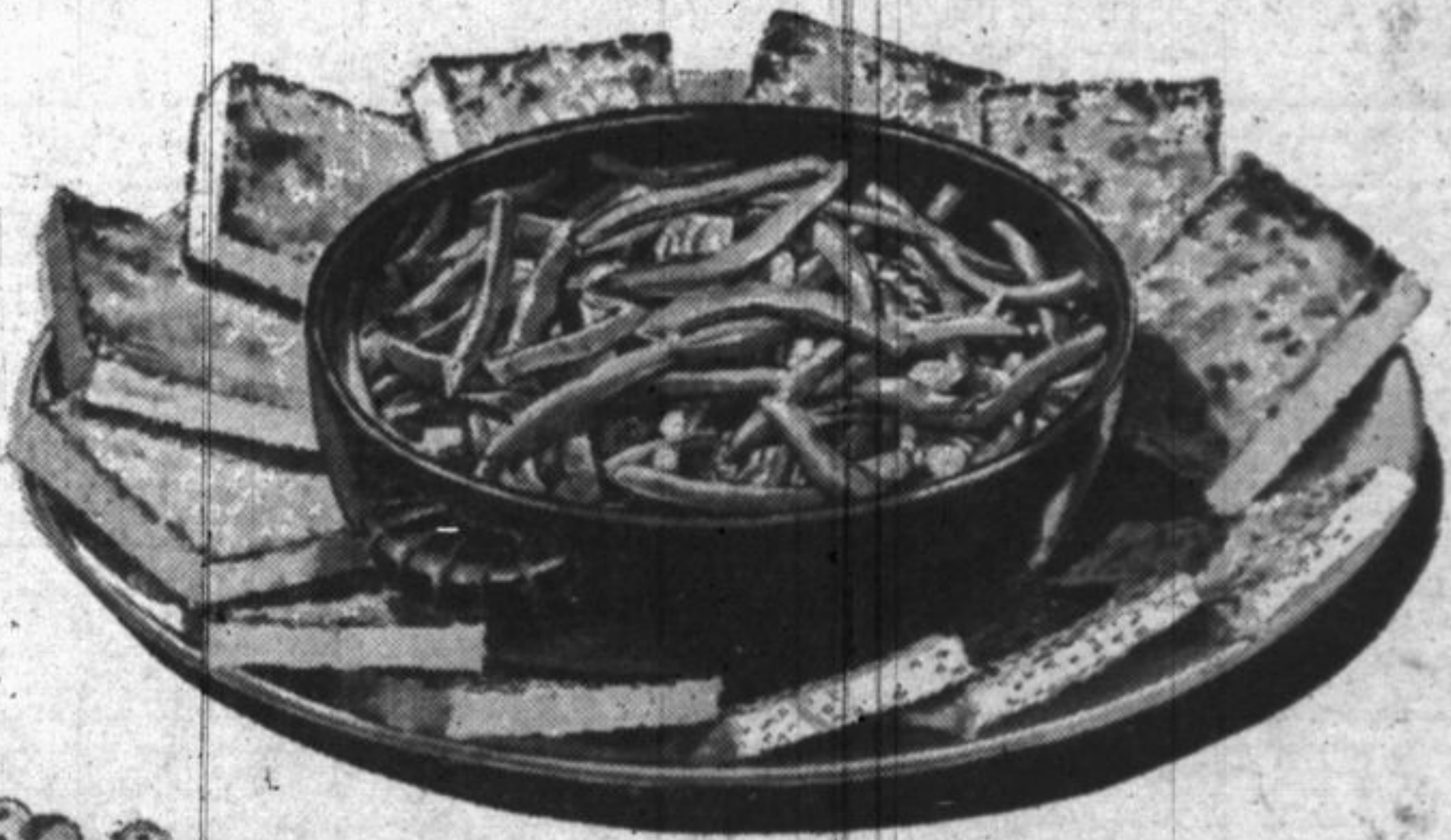
HOT STRING-BEAN SALAD

In a skillet cook 1/2 lb. bacon, cut in 1/4" squares, until golden-brown. Pour hot bacon bits and fat over 3 lbs. hot cooked unseasoned string beans. Toss in 1 1/2 cups thinly-sliced scallions, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, and 1/2 cup vinegar. Serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

Oatmeal Squares

1/2 cup butter or vitaminized margarine	2 cups quick-cooking oats
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed.	1/2 tsp. salt
	1 tsp. baking powder

Melt butter in skillet; stir in brown sugar, then remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pack into a greased and floured 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Bake at 350° F. 15 min. While still hot, cut into squares; remove from pan when cool. Makes sixteen 2" squares.



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TOMATO GLOBES

Cut 6 peeled tomatoes into thirds crosswise; sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Spread fish filling on bottom slice of each tomato; cover with middle slice and spread with egg filling. Replace top slice, cut gash in center and insert slice of stuffed olive. Chill well and serve garnished with watercress or other salad greens. Makes 6 servings.

Fish Filling: Combine 1 cup drained flaked tuna fish or salmon, 6 tbsps. mayonnaise, 2 tps. lemon juice, dash of cayenne; mix well.

Egg Filling: Combine 3 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 3 tbsps. mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chopped stuffed olives, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt, dash of pepper; mix well.



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