



I'M IN THE ARMY NOW

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Thoughts at Random

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TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME:—

Scouts report that Friday afternoons at the best high school in the nation, Highland Park High, lads and coeds read this column. Greetings, then, to all of you!

RECOMMENDED READING . . .

May we suggest a bit of reading for you?

Dr. Lew Sarett of our town has written a most pleasant article in the March issue of "Better Homes and Gardens." His work is titled, "Gardening Is a Way of Life . . . A Profoundly Happy Way of Life." You can find it on page 15.

I enjoyed this and I recommend it to you. I know Dr. Sarett is extremely busy with his teaching and lecturing. But I wish he could write more for periodicals reaching the masses. I believe his creative, Yes-To-Life philosophy — found in his poems, articles, and textbooks — is what the world needs.

Thank you again, Dr. Sarett, for planting more rich seeds in our "Country of the Mind."

Just a little further on in that magazine — page 25 — there's a piece by Mr. Eugene Pfister, one of the leading authorities on roses, and winner of several Men's Garden Club prizes.

He writes a splendid bit titled, "Make Mine Roses," and I suggest that you read this, too.

WILSON AVENUE

"L" STATION . . .

I had the misfortune to be in the Wilson Ave. "L" station at a late hour one night recently.

What I saw made me ill.

What I saw made me wonder why 13 million men all in uniform fighting for something as wretched as life in that dirty, smoke-filled, booze-smelling station.

IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Three Highland Park men are undergoing AAF training command processing at Keesler field, Miss. They are Pvt. Melvin O. Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Shepherd, 1902 County Line Rd.; Pvt. Joseph N. Nizzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nizzi, 679 Deerfield, and Pvt. Donald K. Shanafelt, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shanafelt, 1410 Pleasant. Upon successful completion of this processing, they will be sent to the proper station to begin training as pilot, bombardier or navigator.

Capt. R. A. Limberg, of the army signal corps, with headquarters at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., arrived in town last Thursday, to visit his wife, Pat, who lives at 1818 Pleasant, his daughter, Lois Rae, 10, and a practically brand-new son, Barry William, born on Feb. 20. Capt. Limberg, who has been in the service for over two years, and spends much of his time traveling, will be home for two weeks.

George Johnson, gunner, aboard an LST in the Pacific area, has been promoted to the rank of gunner 2/c. Joining the navy in February, 1943, he took part in the first convoy to Naples, and later served in Africa and Sicily. His wife, the former Marian Paulson, lives at 59 Oak, Highwood.

A brother, Lennart, in the navy since December 26, 1941, and now in the Pacific area for nearly a year, has been promoted to the rank of radioman 2/c.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson, formerly of Highwood, now live in Vancouver, Wash.

Midshipman Richard Davidson Harza, son of L. Francis Harza of Pierce road, was among 1135 men commissioned as ensigns, USNR, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. The group was the twenty-second class to be graduated from the oldest and largest naval reserve officer training school, and brings the total number of graduates from the training center to approximately 20,000.

Principal speaker at the ceremony was Rear Admiral D. C. Ramsey, USN, chief of the bureau of aeronautics. The officer's oath was administered by Commodore John K. Richards, USN, commander, U. S. Naval Reserve Officer training center, New York.

The old slogan, "join the navy and see the world," applies to the army as well, according to the experience of Alex McPherson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. Raymond Grant, 844 Forest. Since joining the service in November, 1942, he has served in several different branches of the medical corps, and is now stationed at New Delhi, India, as dental technician. Recently he broadcast a ball game from that place. "I had to go to India to accomplish it," he remarks. First going overseas to Africa, he was transferred later to Bombay, India, and had since been stationed at different posts in that country. He is the grandson of Mrs. Arthur G. McPherson, 360 Park.

Arthur McPherson Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Raymond Grant, 844 Forest, who was inducted into the service on Feb. 12 of this year, is at present a patient in the base hospital at Camp Fanning, Texas, suffering from a knee injury.

Sgt. Joseph Pilicrini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Pilicrini, 222 Washington, Highwood, is a member of a bomber crew stationed in the Mariannas which received congratulations from Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., as being directly responsible for the success of bombing raids on Japanese industries. "These men realize their responsibility in pre-mission tasks of insuring maximum chance for the safe return of our crews," said the general.

Pvt. Rocco Pilicrini, a brother, died at Camp Chaffee, February 8.

Pvt. Ray Mann, USMC, 19 years a local fireman, has arrived at a So. Pacific base, probably Guam. Entering the service in January, 1942, he was stationed at San Diego, serving in the Marine fire department, but has since been transferred to headquarters.

Mrs. Mann and six children live at 444 Cavell road.

Lt. (j.g.) Edward F. Kittrell, USNR, of Greenwood, Miss., and Highland Park, was plane commander of a navy Liberator which sank a small Jap merchantman, patrol craft and lugger and damaged another merchantman during three recent patrols.

The first merchantman was sighted while returning to base from a search over Formosa. Four strafing runs at low altitude set the vessel afire from amidships to stern. It burned to the waterline. The lugger was bombed and sunk

north of Mindoro and the patrol craft was sunk off Luzon. Hits with incendiary bombs and machine gun fire damaged the second merchantman off Luzon. Many of the vessel's crew jumped overboard as a large fire started on the stern. Lt. Kittrell is a member of a search squadron to Aircraft, 7th fleet. Prior to entering naval aviation he made his home in Greenwood, Miss. His wife, Catherine, lives at 791 Oak Grove road, in Highland Park.

Remo and Reno Morelli, 18, twin members of last June's graduating class, are taking their basic training at Great Lakes naval training center. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morelli, 33 Prairie, Highwood. Other recent local inductees are Robert E. O'Boyle, Deerfield, navy; Robert F. Bess of Highwood and Wm. L. Linville, Jr., of this town, army.

S/Sgt. Howard Lonngren, wounded in France a few months ago, has been removed from a hospital at Clinton, Iowa, to one in Denver, Colo., where he will undergo an operation to improve his condition. His wife, Zola, and his mother, Mrs. Mabel Lonngren, live at 338 Palmer, Highwood.

Three brothers of Mrs. Jennie Semple, of the Cozy Nook restaurant, are now stationed overseas. Cpl. James MacMillan, recently married to the former Ruth Minorni of Highwood, is stationed with a medical division in Alaska. Sgt. Andrew, in signal radar, is in New Guinea, and Sgt. William is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William MacMillan, Sr. of Lake Forest.

Cpl. Stanley Heck and Cpl. Russell Heck, both stationed in the European area, were recently able to stage a reunion in Belgium. For some time they had known they were stationed only a short distance apart, but previous engagements with a certain Uncle had always interfered with their private plans. Recently, however, they spent a day together. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heck, 710 Central.

A TIMELY VALENTINE

Ralph S. Higgins, gunner on a B-24 Liberator in the 8th air force in England, was presented with a valentine, on Feb. 14, in the shape of a promotion in rank. Mr. Arch Higgins, 693 Central, father of the sergeant, covered much the same territory in World War I, when he served with the AEF in the 79th division of the heavy artillery, motorized.

Baker Burned; \$8,000 Damage Done to Bakery

Charles List, Evanston, was severely burned Tuesday afternoon in the explosion of an accumulation of gas, presumably caused by a faulty oven at Christ's bakery, 720 N. Western Ave., Lake Forest. The explosion occurred when List lighted the oven.

Prompt action on the part of Mathew Walter, porter, probably saved List's life, tearing off his burning clothes and smothering flames.

Other bakers were badly shaken, and damage is estimated at \$8,000.

He Likes the Army

"I guess it's all right," said an M.P. in Detroit, after examining the papers of M/Sgt. Herman O'Neal, which call for a 140-day fur-

lough. The youthful-looking sergeant has hash marks all up and down his right sleeve. In all his 32 years' service he has never had a demotion and has never gone AWOL.

Entering the service in 1913, he was sent to the Philippines. In 1916 he was recalled and sent to Mexico, serving there as honor guard for General Pershing. In France for 14 months, he was transferred to Hawaii in 1942, and returned to the States October 1944. He was retired at Ft. Sheridan Separation center last Feb. 28.

He is now looking for "some sort of a job in an army camp."

Chinese Officers Guests Of Highland Park USO

On Friday, March 16, the Kenilworth Girls' Service organization will sponsor a dancing party at the Highland Park USO. Music will be furnished by the 344th army band. Nineteen Chinese army officers are attending Northwestern university, will be special guests. These men visited the Highland Park USO on one other occasion and to show their appreciation they have offered to contribute toward the entertainment for the evening of the 16th. Arrangements have been made for five Chinese girls to be present to sing, both in Chinese and English.

Monday, March 19, many volunteer workers from the Highland Park USO will attend a district USO institute at the USO club, at 133 Belvidere St., Waukegan. Mr. Nicholas T. Young, former director of the Highland Park USO will be present at the meeting to discuss opportunities to participate in overseas service. Mr. Young has just returned from three years of USO service in Jamaica, Trinidad, and Brazil.

"You Be My Prisoner And I'll Be Yours"

(Taken from Rainbow Reveille)

This was a proposition made by a Heinie to Pfc. James Hickey, by a German prisoner in a fox-hole in an engagement with the Jerries. Pfc. Hickey, whose wife and three children live at 327 Ashland, Highwood, and who is serving with the 222nd infantry overseas, found himself a prisoner, being propelled, at the end of a pistol, toward the Heinie lines. When things got hot in the midst of a clearing, Hickey and his captor both dodged into a fox-hole in No Man's Land. Both Hickey and the Heinie, who spoke fluent English, decided it time to be reasonable. "Let's agree," the Jerry proposed to Hickey, "that if the Germans get close I'll protect you, as my prisoner, and if the Americans get close I'll let you hold the pistol."

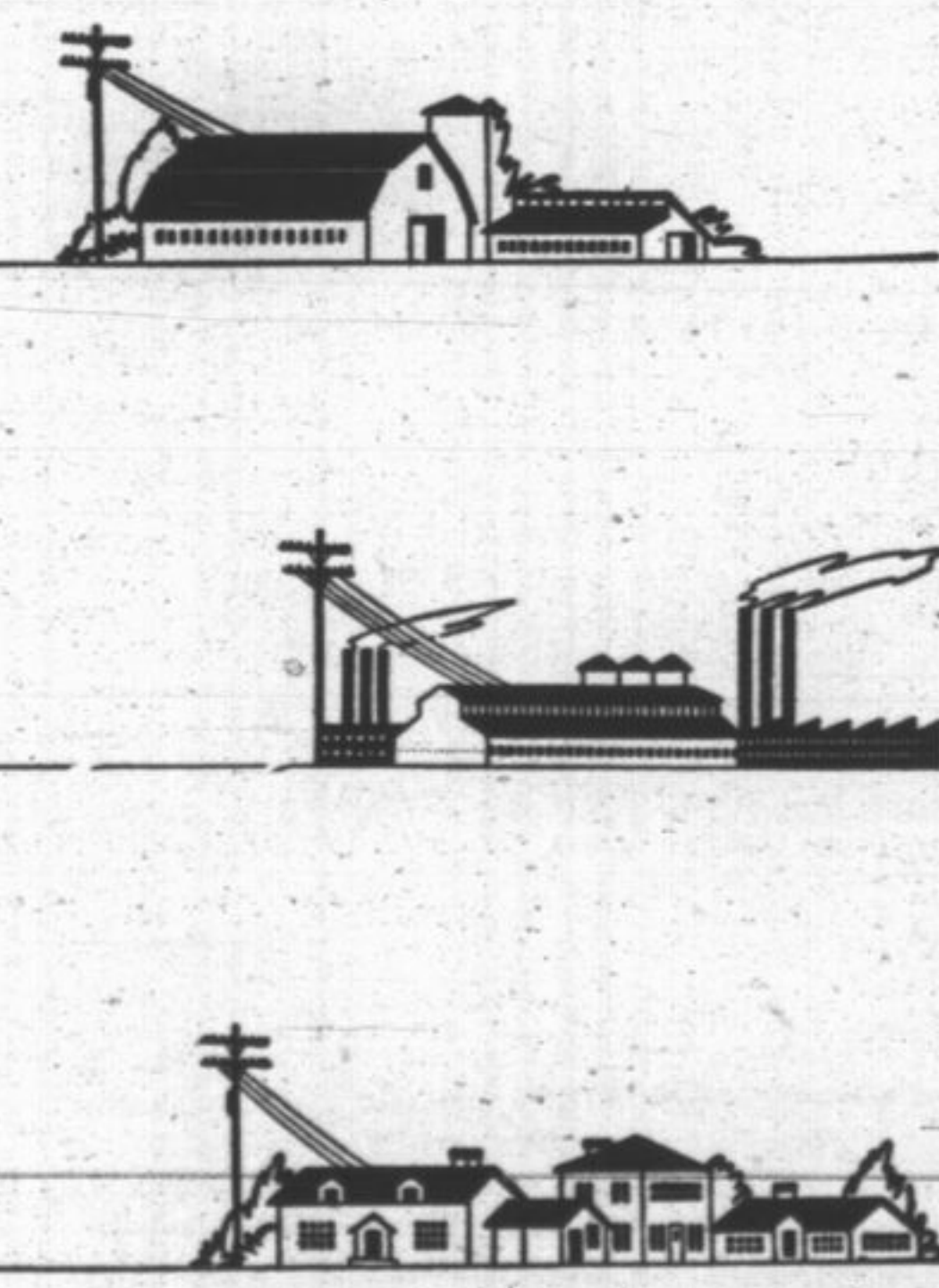
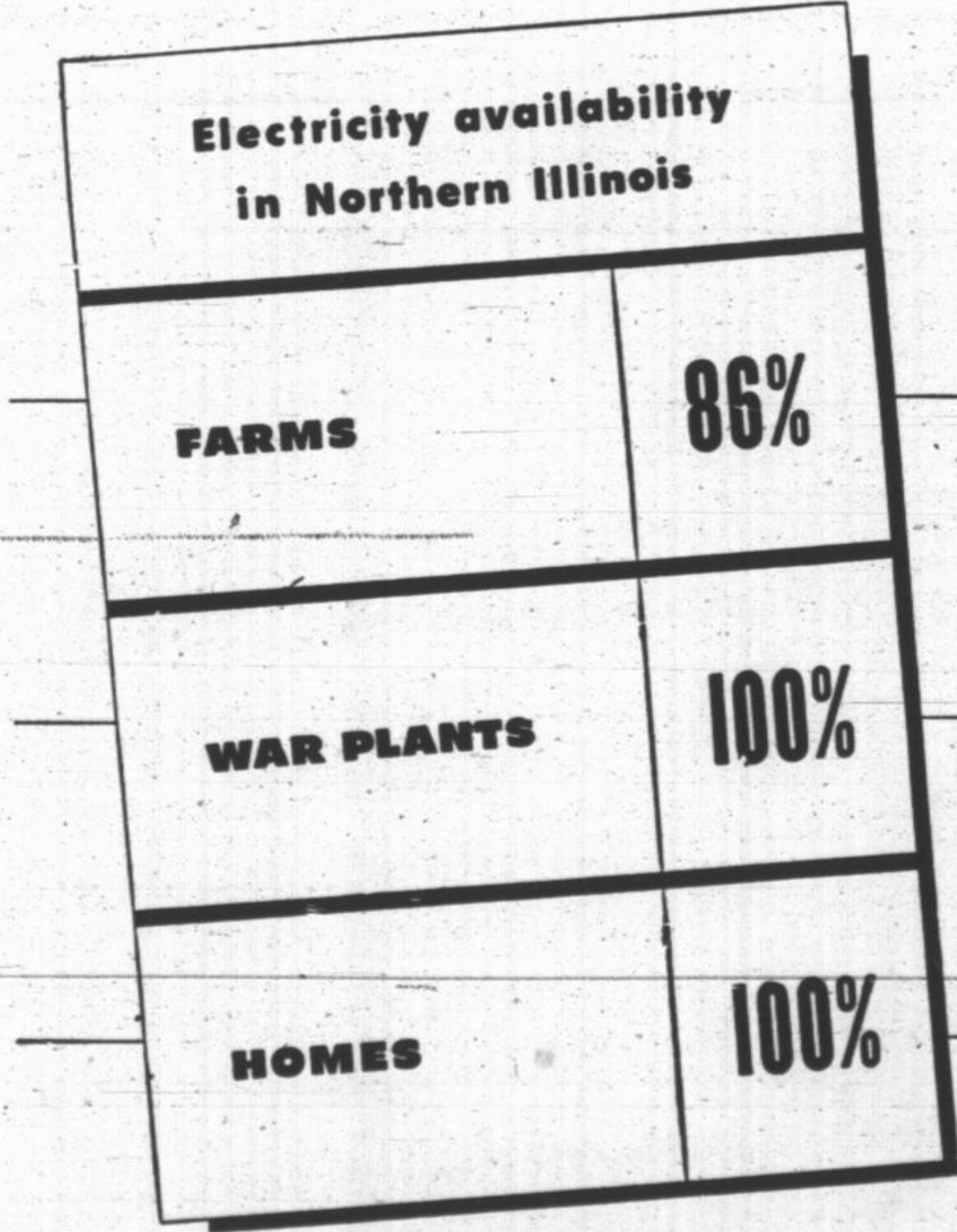
Being at the wrong end of the pistol, Hickey agreed. For four hours they crouched in the fox-hole, during which time the pistol changed hands several times, as the battle swept back and forth near their position.

Suddenly an American tank dashed straight for the fox-hole. Hickey dived from its path in the nick of time, and turning, saw the Jerry crushed underneath its wheels.

Hickey climbed aboard the tank where he sat out the rest of the engagement. Before getting back to his company, he and four of his buddies helped conduct some 50 enemy prisoners to the rear.

Pfc. Hickey, whose wife is the former Nadine Smith, was inducted into service in April, 1944, and left this country for overseas December 6.

A good report card . . .



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