

I'M STILL IN THE ARMY!

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America Seconders

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Lately, it seems to this writer, there has been — and continues to be! — a growing tendency among certain "Americans" to put America's interests in the No. 2 spot.

No longer are these "Americans" interested in America first and the rest of the world second. Their cry is Java, Korea, China, and so on, first; America, her slums, her crime, her poverty, her countless internal troubles, second.

It seems we've now "progressed" (as these "new-thinkers" like to call it) the "national" frame of mind, the spirit which supposedly built America and every other great country, to the "international" outlook.

These "new-thinkers," or "progressives," or "internationalists," or "whathaveyou ists," want to solve the problems in far off Iran first; then, perhaps, if they get around to it, they'd like to "improve" America.

LOYAL? . . .

This column is frankly baffled over this "new," revolutionary thinking that has seeped into the minds of some of these young, intelligent "Americans."

I keep putting quotation marks around the word Americans because I've begun to doubt the "loyalty" of the "progressives."

At a luncheon the other day I asked one of these "progressives": "M—, what's wrong with us Americans being concerned first about America and THEN concerned over the internal troubles of other nations?"

"Why, you old capitalist," he fired back, "we can't be interested in America first. We must be interested in all nations, all peoples."

"I agreed that with the coming of the air and atomic age it is compulsory for us to take a big interest in the rest of the world. But, I added, must we be so interested in the troubles of other countries that we ignore the troubles in our own nation?"

HIS REPLY . . .

"You, he said scornfully, "have been reading the Chicago Tribune too much. You are against progress. You are a tory. Wake up, Man! Stop this simple naive thinking. Read the newspaper PM for a month and you'll know what I mean."

I think I do — without reading PM!

Let it be written here and now that this column believes strongly in good will among all nations; in a sincere and tolerant understanding of other peoples' ways, manners, customs; in progress; in getting along with all races so that there will be no more wars, no more hatreds, no more poverty, no more imperialism, no more world-wide unhappiness.

"SIMPLE" THINKING? . . .

Perhaps this way of thinking is "simple," "naive," "elementary," as these "new-thinkers" terms us who don't go along with their beliefs to put America secondary. But I always thought it "loyal" and "important" for Americans to believe in America to build and to improve America. In short, to clean up our own yard before we start cleaning up the yards of our new-found Korean friends, let's say.

I always thought charity began at home. The "new-thinkers," from what I learn, seem to think

charity begins in far off lands about which the average American knows little.

RUSSIA FOR THE RUSSIANS . . .

Always it has seemed that the Russians are primarily interested in Russia. And the English principally interested in England. And the Australians interested in Australia.

But, suddenly, if we who live in America are interested in America foremost, we're called, in depreciating tones by the "new-thinkers," "nationalists," "capitalists," "die-hard conservatives."

Most certainly I believe in sharing — but sharing amongst the neediest, hardest-working Americans first; other nations second.

Is this incorrect? Are we who believe in America wrong because we want to see our great country grow, improve, advance, and lead?

I think not.

HELPING? OR MEDDLING? . . .

There seems to be an ever-so-fine line between "helping," and "meddling." It appears we're doing more "meddling" than we are "helping."

I'm not so sure that the "liberated" and the "conquered" countries want the kind of "democracy" we seem to be forcing on them.

Before World War II America was very much opposed to any "ism" coming into the U. S., or into the lands of the nations we favored.

So we went to war. We whipped the "isms." Now that we're the "bosses" it appears that we're just as anxious to propagate our way of thinking; and, in some instances, just as eager to force our way of life on people who are neither educated for it nor interested in it. This policy, I believe, will result in continued unrest.

WE ADVOCATE . . .

What, then, does this column, terribly concerned about the "America Seconders," advocate in this challenging, peace-time (?) world?

Briefly, The - Hands - Off - Until-Our - Aid - Is - Requested - By - The-Nation-In-Trouble policy; the overwhelming desire to improve America until it is so fine that then, perhaps, if we are asked, we can suggest ways of betterment for other nations; the deep belief that our No. 1 duty is to America and her troubles and that our No. 2 job concerns itself with the troubles of the nations who ask us to be concerned about them.

FIRST OUR OWN HOMES . . .

If Americans concentrate on making their homelife complete and happy, they will have a full-time job; a job that allows no time for "meddling"; a job that calls for an all-out Christian spirit and an unshakable sincerity behind the words, "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."

Marine Lt. Leroy "Bud" Haas Home On Terminal Leave

1st Lt. Leroy Haas, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Haas, 2116 Grove, arrived home from the Pacific area just in time for Christmas, and is now on a 55-day terminal leave.

Entering service Feb. 3, 1943, Lt. Haas received his basic training at San Diego, Calif., and later trained as an officer at Quantico.

Overseas 22 months, he served at Guam, Guadalcanal, and was at Iwo Jima for 33 days, taking part in some of the hottest fighting of that very hot spot, twenty-one days without shaving or removing his shoes. It required half a day and five razor blades to remove the beard he acquired in that time. It was for his services on Iwo Jima that he received his citation for bravery.

Notwithstanding his experiences, the lieutenant is in tip-top condition, mentally and physically, and expects to resume his law studies which were interrupted at the end of his junior year.

The lieutenant's engagement to Miss Phyllis Wagner, So. Ridge road, was announced at the time he left for overseas.

Wm. Hayward Receives Discharge from Navy

William Hayward, MM 2/c, was released from the navy at Great Lakes last week. He is the son of Mrs. Wm. Hayward, 315 N. Green Bay, and the husband of the former Frances Liske, 225 Sheridan, Highwood. They have a small son, Pat.

The last 18 of his 30 months of service were spent by Hayward on a LCT, based at Ia Shima and carrying supplies and equipment to Okinawa.

Cpl. Kenneth Tether Home From ETO

Mr. and Mrs. John Tether, 145 S. Green Bay, received a real New Year's present this year in the form of their son, Cpl. Kenneth, 21, who is now a civilian.

Kenneth, who took part in 4 out of 5 major campaigns in Europe, served with the 1st Army in Normandy; with the "Ghost Patrol" of the 3rd and 9th, and also with the 7th Army of Occupation. In-service 33 months, and 22 months overseas with the mechanized cavalry, probably his most memorable experiences were with the "Ghost Patrol." These "tough guys of the war" also called the "loneliest men in the Army," operated behind enemy lines, surrounded by enemy guns, sometimes on foot and sometimes in vehicles. The Germans termed them "crack armored divisions, sent behind enemy lines on suicide missions."

With less than half a chance to survive, they somehow got the vital information they were after, and sent it back via courier or radio. Cpl. Kenneth, himself, was twice a German prisoner. But the amazing GI "ghosts" were wizards at wriggling out of traps and back to their own lines.

Among the young GI's treasures are two personal letters — one a letter of appreciation from Lt. Gen. Simpson, 9th Army commander, of whose personal guard Kenneth was a member, and a letter of commendation from the chaplain of the 7th Army, praising Kenneth's services as an organizer.

Leaving Europe from Marseilles, Kenneth arrived in Boston, and received his discharge at Camp Grant, Jan. 1. He plans to resume his studies at Northwestern school of music.

Norman Freberg, Home From Pacific Area, Employed at Zengeler's

Norman Freberg, 136 N. First St., received his release from the navy November 29.

39 months in service, he spent a year in the Pacific area, aboard a destroyer, during which time he took part in the Okinawa campaign, and served also in China and Japan.

He is now living at the above address with his wife, the former Lulu Kuja, a Michigan girl, and his small daughter, Sharon. He is employed by the A. W. Zengeler Co., cleaners.

Lt. Thomas S. Bird Is Now Home on Terminal Leave

Lt. Thomas Sheldon Bird, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird, and husband of the former Jean Jordan, is spending his terminal leave with his wife and two small children, Thomas Jr. and Genie Wynn, at 140 Sunset road. He has been in the service for 3½ years.

One year with the 6th reconnaissance cavalry of the late Gen. Patton's 3rd army, in Germany and Czechoslovakia, he was awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, and the Purple Heart for knee injuries.

His terminal leave expires February 1.

Former AAF Captain Engages in Business In Mission, Texas

The former Capt. Dean Tjaden, who did such outstanding work in the China-Burma-India theater, piloting transports "over the hump," and winning for himself the Air medal with clusters, the Presiden-

tial citation and Distinguished Flying Cross, is now deep in the heart of Texas, where he has gone into business with a friend. He received his discharge from service in November.

Mrs. Tjaden, the former Dorothy Mailford, and two daughters, Sharon and Bobby, plan to be with him soon.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Tjaden, 607 W. Park.

Medical Discharge From Army Granted To John Duffy

Former Pvt. John Duffy, son of Mrs. George Duffy, 126 S. Green Bay, who was injured by a fall in France, in December, 1944, has been given a medical discharge after 3½ years in service, 10 months of which was spent overseas in England, France and Germany.

He possesses the European and American theater ribbons, 2 battle stars, the combat infantryman's badge and good conduct medal.

Former Ens. Leslie Brand to Enter Purdue University

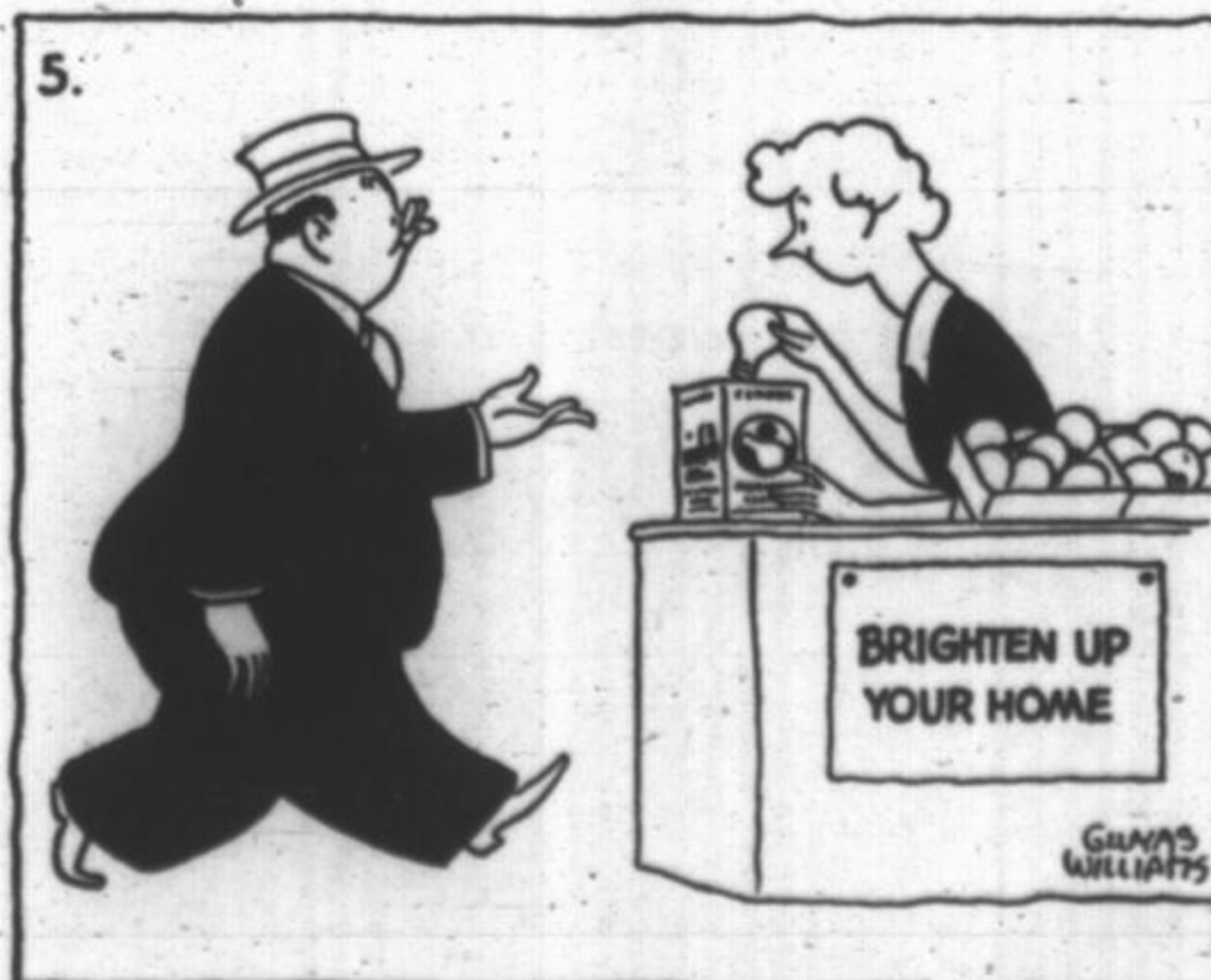
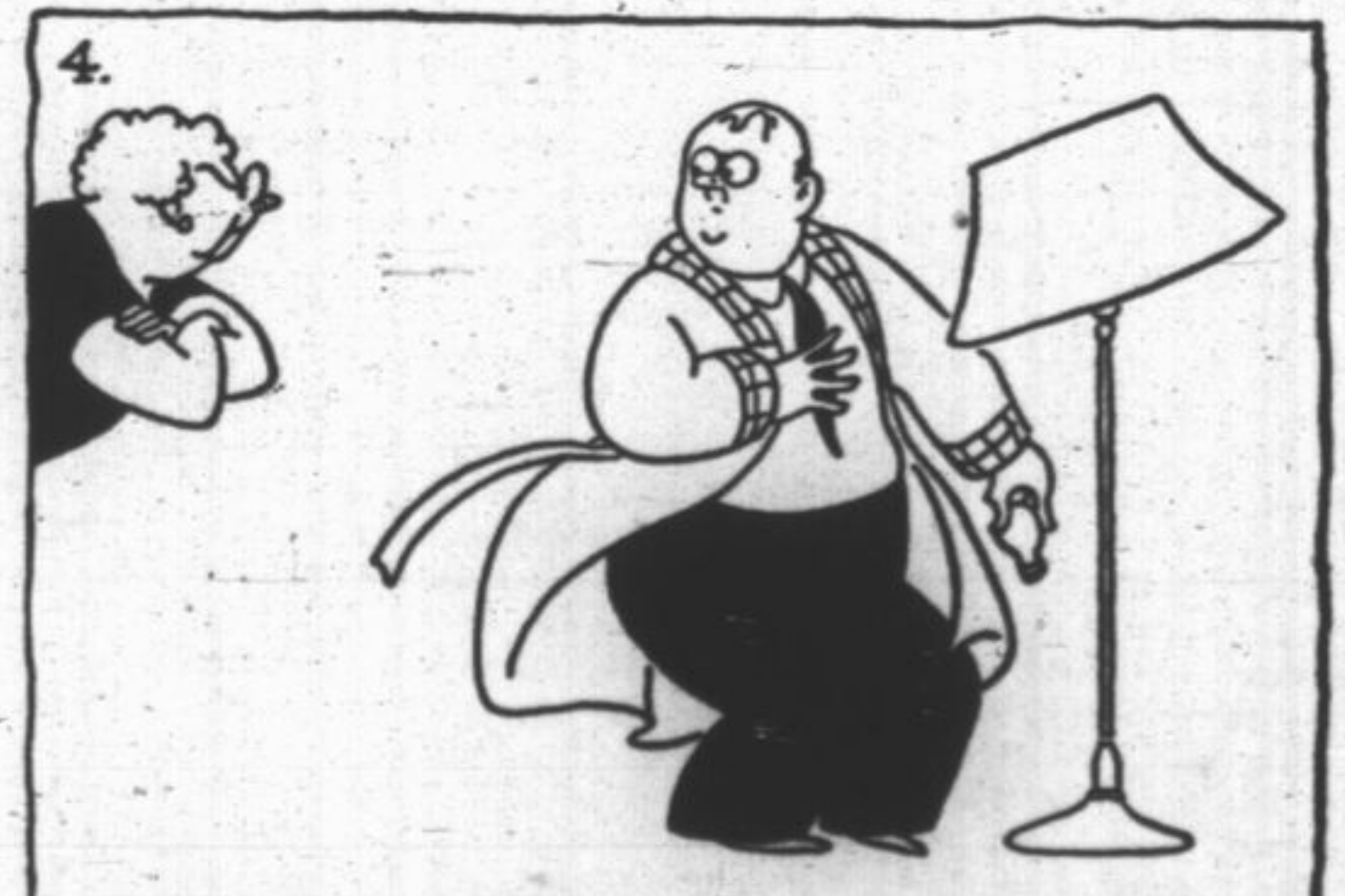
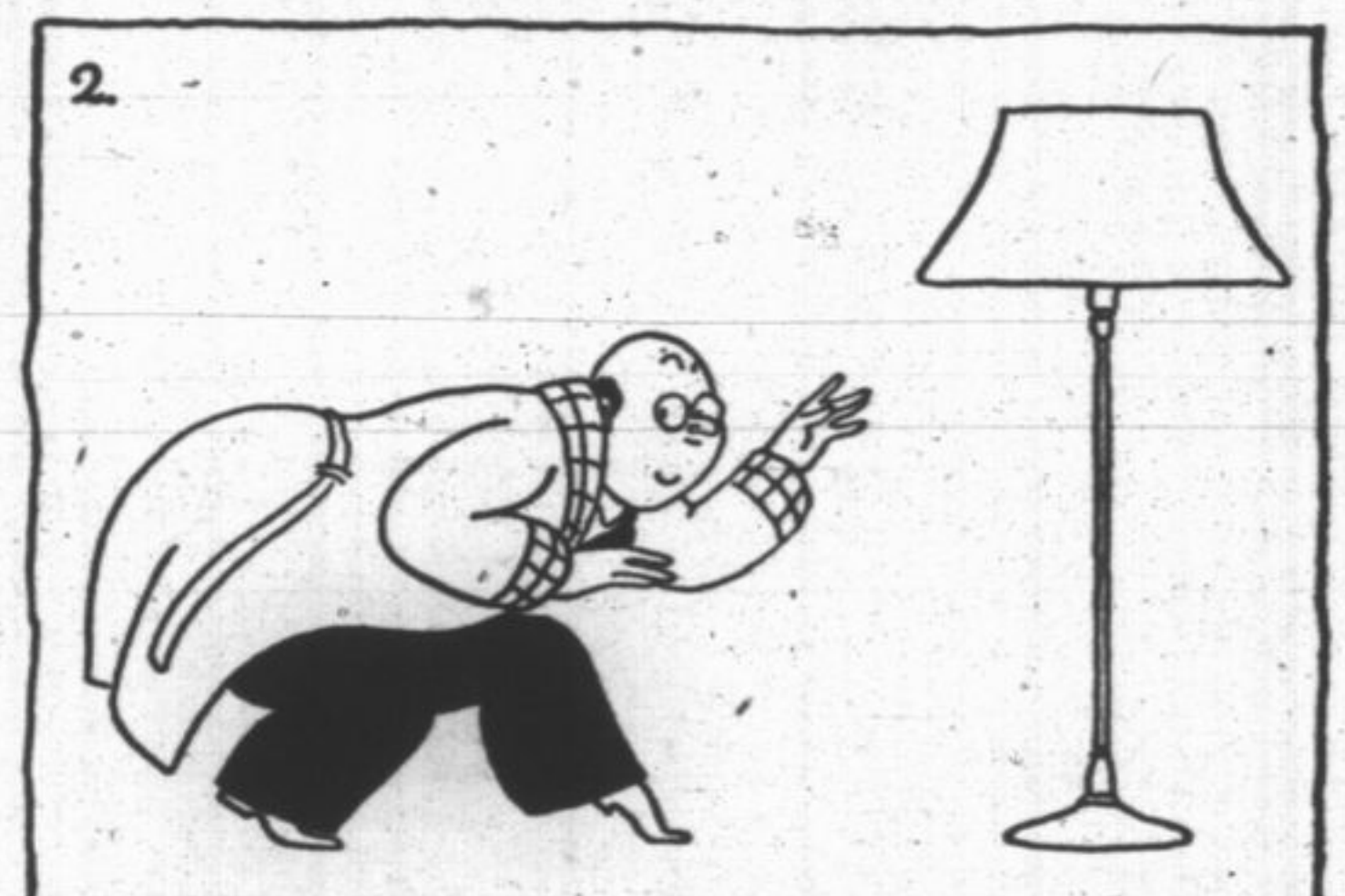
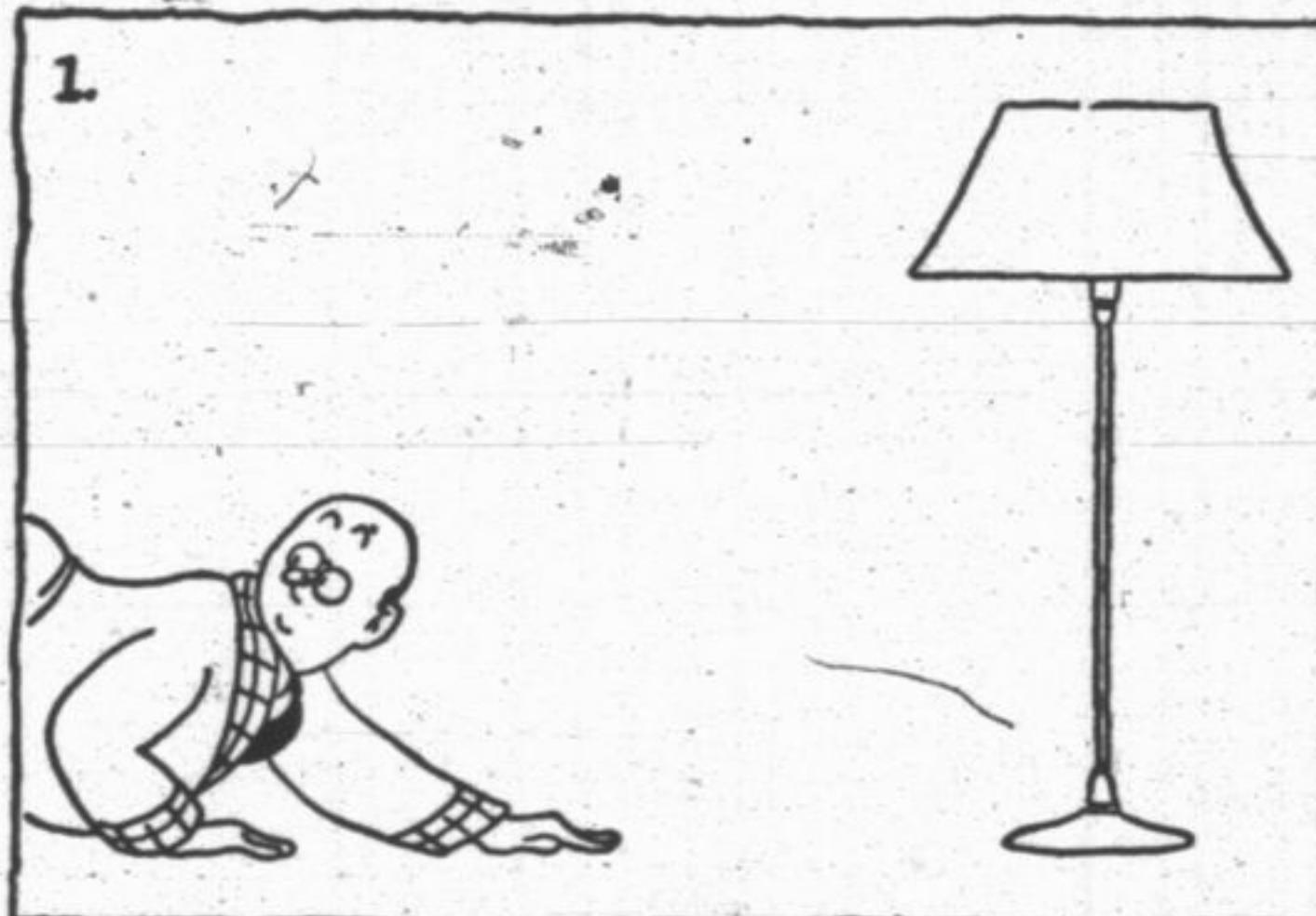
Former Ens. Leslie Brand, 21, who joined the NAC in July, 1943, and later served as instructor at Pensacola, Fla., was released from service last week.

With one year of college to his credit, he plans to resume his studies next semester at Purdue. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Brand, 1236 Pleasant.

SHIPS THAT STRETCH

A 500-foot American tanker grows a foot in length while taking on her cargo of oil. This expansion is caused by the heat of the petroleum, which is sometimes warmed to temperatures of 125 degrees to facilitate pumping.—Ships.

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IN THE NATION'S SERVICE

Former Lt. Commander, John O'Connor Is Employed in Milwaukee

Former Lt. Comdr. John O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, 590 Glenview, who entered the navy 5 years ago, has been released from service and is now associated with the Wagner Metal Stamping corporation of Milwaukee, where he will later be joined by his wife and small son, John Thomas, now living with his parents.

Once communications officer on the USS Princeton, he later served aboard the USS Lexington.

Former Marine Kenneth Olson Receives Release

Kenneth Olson, 20, veteran of 2½ years' service in the Marine air corps and who spent 15 months of that time in the Pacific theater, where he was awarded unit and presidential citations, was released from service last week at Cherry Point, N. C.

Two Sons of Mrs. Malcolm Vail Released From Navy

Lt. Malcolm D. Vail, son of Mrs. Malcolm Vail, 190 Lakewood, former officer in the naval reserve, is again a civilian. Four years in service, and aboard a tanker in the Pacific for 18 months of that time, he is married, and has a daughter, Leslie, aged 2.

Former Chief Bos'n Henry, his brother, three years in service, saw action in Africa and Sicily. He is married to the former Mary Louise Harrison of this city.

Roger Peddle, Now Released from Service, Lives in Lake Forest

Roger Peddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peddle, 619 Homewood, former buglemaaster 3/c, USNR, has been released from service, and with his wife, the former Jean Swarthout, is now living in Lake Forest.

Peddle spent 19 months in service in the South Pacific.