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INVASION

American soldiers on the soil of France bring closer—farther than the few miles of the Channel's width—liberation of the beaten and enslaved peoples of Europe and the end of the war against the Nazis.

The day of the invasion, looked forward to with both courage and anxiety, has become one of the great moments of history. Not only did it see hundreds of thousands of men and enormous numbers of ships go from the comparative safety of the island of Britain to the unknown dangers of enemy-held shores, but it saw the brave leaders of the Allied Nations fling to chance the years of preparation and material of untold value. That the gamble on weather and enemy weakness turned to success of the initial effort gives promise, if not of continued progress, of a big task well started.

While confident of ultimate victory, let us permit radio and press showmen to lure us into a false sense of security. The land war has really just started and we must expect setbacks and be prepared for local defeats as our and the enemy's forces are grouped for the greater phases of the struggle for France. This is not a moment for crowing over success or braying of strength—but one of contemplation of the justice of our cause and nurturing the hope that our military leaders have planned wisely.

Anything may happen during the next few weeks. Whatever it may be, our nation and our people can find confidence in the thought that nothing has been spared by the United States soldier the best that ingenuity and industry can fashion. The boys, representing nearly every family in this and other communities, go into battle fortified by a background of bravery and spurred by a spirit of patriotism. Together, material and men must win for the world a victory so complete that no fiend can ever again exact such a price for the possession of freedom and security.

POST-WAR WANTS

Most of us have established a mental filing system in which we store a list of things to do, to buy, or to think about, after the war. Just why we do it isn't clear, for there is little positive promise of great prosperity that will provide the wherewithal for remodeled houses, stylish cars, trips here and there, a lot of tools and machinery for the home workshop, or perhaps moving refrigerators with running ice water and stoves that automatically turn steaks on the broiler. And, perhaps, little real desire for them.

We may gather and file these thoughts for some such practical reason as that of keeping from going raving mad at the sight of soaring coat-of-living prices and new taxes; or we may have a hangover of childish make-believe that permits us to construct and enjoy pleasing delusions that include private swimming pools and Mediterranean, a lease on five miles of trips to the Mediterranean, a lease on five miles of trout stream just stocked by the owner, and a sailing cruiser on the Hudson; again, it may be just pure adult delirium with which we tease ourselves just for excitement.

Whatever the reason, we all do it. And the funny part is that few of us care for most of the promised changes. We want a plain white home with green blinds, and a pre-prepared set of slabs screwed together at the corners; a nickle and synthetic fabric chairs can't take the place of the comfortable evening parking spot by the radio; kitchens like a crumpled panel of a Flying Fortress won't make better pancakes; bathrooms with health rays shooting through the shower curtains would spoil morning vocalizing.

A returned veteran of fighting in Sicily agreed with us in this: "When I went away, I said to Ma: 'Don't change anything.' I got back—and there it was just the way I kept thinking about it, every picture in the same place, the smell of fresh bread in the kitchen, Pop's pipe on the table by his arm chair, the cat in her basket. That's what I've been fighting for—to have everything just the same."

Perhaps, after all, we look forward to refreshing by contrast our love for old things to which we have become accustomed—like sunflowers nodding at the edge of the garden and hollyhocks standing straight and tall against a stone wall.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Like sea captains and locomotive engineers, the World War II soldier looks forward to life on a farm, according to the agricultural college at Cornell. A day never passes without requests for information on where to buy acreage, prompting the thought that difficulty will be in finding enough farms to go around.

A New York City bank has a new and clever plan to prevent a possible post-war surplus of women employees. It insists upon hiring only beautiful girls. Theory: After the war most of them will marry and quit work!

They're definitely something wrong with our weather control system. Hail and chattering teeth the first week in June!

Youngsters are now reckoning the remaining school sessions by days. A whole summer ahead, without schedules, homework and kindred worries!

Buying war bonds seems more to the point this time, with the invasion on and the fate of our army in the balance. It's the least—and about all—home-bound civilians can do.

News that all meats but steaks will remain ration-free for another month is encouraging for the home-maker who has had to count and juggle red points to keep her menus bright. It makes possible a little more butter, for instance, after long skipping and stretching.

From Others' Pens

IN THE FRONT RANK
(Rockefeller Democrat & Chronicle)
The majority of the American people imbibe the fundamentals of morality and right living stressed by the churches. The church does cast a moral atmosphere which the majority absorb, consciously or not, as they absorb the rays of the sun. There are, be it remembered, more than 50 million actual church members in the country, almost 20 million enrolled students of Sunday schools.

INSPIRATIONAL TIMES
(Transcona (Manitoba) News)
Somewhat, and especially modern warfare, seems to develop qualities of resourcefulness, courage, and the ability to inspire people to work together and give their best. What would happen if we found the way to inspire people in this way in time of peace? Find the way to do this and you have the answer to winning the peace.

BIBLES FOR NAZIS
(Evanson Union Signal)
A citizen of Waterloo, Iowa, assumes a wise as well as humanitarian course of action toward the German who are confined at Camp Hearn, Texas. He has shipped 300 pounds of used Bibles and hymnals to the Texas camp in order to "teach the American way of life, so they will come out of their imprisonment as better men, to be better post-war world. We must show them how un-Christian their Nazi ideals are."

This is not only a Christian but a truly mature view to take of the treatment accorded these unwanted guests.

The Stamp Album

By PAUL J. BERNABO

First day covers can be especially valuable to the collector who goes in for shades, for they show what might be called the "official" color of a stamp and variations from the color found on stamps sold on the first day of issue generally represent later printings. The collector of shades will find a collection of first day covers mighty handy or a collection of plate number blocks purchased as soon as the stamp is issued will answer the same purpose, though the covers probably are considered better due to their bearing on the issue date. Since the approximate dates of different plates were sent to press are known the time a stamp was printed can be determined fairly accurately by comparison with the color of plate number material. Stamps showing dated cancellations are often desirable to the shade collector for the same purpose.

A juvenile collector recently remarked that he feels sure his mother would make a good philatelist, for she has a sharp eye for watermarks—the sort he leaves on his neck.

A great deal has been written about storing collections when not in use, especially during the hot summer months. Most authorities agree that the albums should be kept flat and away from humidity. It is claimed that one of the worst places is the cedar chest. The fumes from the cedar have a tendency to affect the inks and undesirable color changes are sometimes produced. More often the ink is softened and a part of it comes off on the album page or interleafing and when it sticks as it often does, turning a page is apt to tear a hole in a nice stamp.

THE WEEK'S DATE PAD

Dates of coming events are published in this column without charge. For listing or inquiries, phone 122.

June 9-June 16

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
Varsity O Sports Awards, school auditorium, 2:30 p. m.

Saturday, June 10
Baseball—All-Star scholastic game, Braves' Field, 6:15 p. m.

Dance and variety show at the Wagon, 8 to 12.

Bundles for Britain and Bundles for America, work day, St. James' Parish House.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
Track meet, schools in Class B, Hamilton College, 1:00 p. m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
Baseball—No. Hartford, Charlton vs. Beech Grove, Utica Exhibition game, Clinton diamond, 2:00 p. m.

Servicemen's Center, Skenandoa Club, 2 to 7 p. m.

MONDAY, JUNE 12
Fifth War Bond Drive opens.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13
Onida County Fifth War Loan mass meeting, Franklin Square, Utica, 4:30 p. m.

American Legion and Auxiliary dinner, post rooms, 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
Grange Auxiliary will meet at home of Mrs. Charles Judge.

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WATCH FOR THESE
June 17—Clinton Garden Club picnic luncheon, home of Mrs. Frank Doyle, 1:00 p. m.

June 18—Official visitation at the Clinton Grange.

June 18—Father's Day.

June 23—School closes for summer.

June 27—Commencement.

Sept. 5—School re-opens, after summer vacation.

MARRIED

EDWARDS-DONOHOO
Miss Anna Donohoo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donohoo, Kellogg street, became the bride of Robert J. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edwards, at a nuptial mass in St. Mary's Church at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, June 1. The Rev. Raymond P. Lawrence presided over the ceremony.

Miss Dorothy Donohoo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John Donohoo, brother of the bride, was best man. Ushers were William Edwards, brother of the groom, and George Watson, both of Clinton. Ann Pryor and Margaret Brady, cousins of the bride, were flower girls. They carried bouquets of mixed flowers.

A reception was held following the ceremony, at the home of the bride's parents. After a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada, the couple will make their home on College street.

The bride, a graduate of Clinton Central High School, is employed by the Utica Mutual Insurance Company. The groom attended Watervliet Central School and is employed by Donald Hinman.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Edwards was entertained by Miss Dorothy Donohoo, Mrs. William Edwards, Mrs. H. Pryor and Miss Agnes Moriarty.

BURNS-LOFTUS
Miss Joyce Ann Loftus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Henry Loftus, College street, and Ensign Robert Owen Burns, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Burns, Williams street, were married on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Raymond P. Lawrence officiated.

The bride wore a gown of ivory satin, with a veil of ivory tulle and old lace. Her bouquet consisted of white lilacs and orchids. The attendants, Miss Joan Burns, sister of the groom, and Miss Carol Greiner, were given alike in civil blue taffeta with matching hats and carried semi-colonial bouquets of pink shaded flowers. L. Francis O'Brien, brother-in-law of the groom, acted as best man, and the ushers were Paul Watson, A.C. Benjamin, O. Williams, U.N.R., of Utica; John L. Marcellus, Jr., and Ensign Benjamin C. Anselm, U.S.N.R., of Buffalo.

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