

PERSONALS

Leon W. Bechard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bechard of No. 1 Roosevelt Terrace, spent a five day furlough at his home. He left Thursday morning. He is stationed at U.S.N. Camp Lawrence, Great Lake, Ill.

Pvt. Fred H. Chaskey U. S. Army is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Chaskey of 29 Sully Ave.

Fred Phifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Phifer of South Peru St., has been pledged by Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at St. Lawrence University, Canton, where he is a sophomore. Fred was interested in sports while a student at Plattsburgh high school.

Miss Katherine Stark, a junior at teacher's college, is spending the weekend at her home in Essex.

Miss Alva Fisher, a student at teacher's college, left yesterday to spend the weekend at her mother's home in Essex.

Mrs. Doris Kaufman, a senior at P.T.C., is spending the weekend at the home of Miss Katherine Stark in Essex.

Spence-Clark

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Spence of Schenectady announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Dorothy, to Darwin F. Clarke, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin F. Clarke of Peru.

Miss Spence is now a senior at Plattsburgh State Teacher's College. Mr. Clarke is a graduate of the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute at Canton.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Burke-LaGoy

At a ceremony performed at St. Peter's church, Plattsburgh, N.Y., on Saturday morning, Oct. 31, 1942, at 9:00 o'clock, Miss Eleanor Rita Lagoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lagoy of 41 Champlain St., was united in marriage to William G. Burke, of Plattsburgh. Rev. Roland Gaulin, O.M.I., officiated and was celebrant of the nuptial Mass. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Eunice Lagoy. Mr. Ross Supernault of Chazy, uncle of the bride, was best man. During the Mass Miss Bertha E. Provost and Frank L. Provost sang appropriate selections. Mrs. L. R. Kelley, organist, furnished the accompaniment and played the traditional processional and recessional marches.

The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. Father Gaulin was a guest. Guests at the wedding included Mrs. John Truchon, Mrs. Maynard Besette, Miss Marilyn Besette, Miss Burnett Raville and Wilbur Raville of Malone. Rev. Mr. Joseph of New Haven, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. Ross Supernault and Mrs. Arthur Narreau of Chazy.

Murray-Merkel

Miss Marguerite Ruth Melkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Merkel, 79 Oak street, was married yesterday to Aviation Cadet Russell Bernard Murray, Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard W. Murray of 80 Ruger street.

The bride was attended in a royal blue two-piece ensemble with burgundy accessories. The matron of honor, Mrs. J. Grant Kerr of Buchanan, Mich., the bride's sister, wore a Kelly green ensemble with brown accessories. Mr. Leonard P. Murray was his brother's best man.

After the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served at the Tenbyck hotel, Albany, N.Y.

Mrs. Murray is a graduate of the University of Michigan with the degree of B.A. and received her M.S. degree in retailing at New York university, and is a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

Cadet Murray is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's college with the degree of B.S. and also did graduate work at the University of Michigan, in public health.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray left on their honeymoon for New York City and Monroe, La.

Among those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Murray and Leonard Murray and Mr. and Mrs. David Merkel of Plattsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant Kerr of Buchanan, Mich., and David Merkel, Jr., a student at Union college, Schenectady.

Funeral Announcements

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Dupuis, 85, who passed away at her home at Dannemora on Thursday, will be held at St. Joseph's church, Dannemora, this morning at 9:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in St. Joseph's cemetery.

JOHN W. GARVEY
Funeral services for John W. Garvey, who died at Summit on November 5th, will be held from St. John's church on Monday morning. The body will be at O'Neil's funeral parlor until then.

V. S. L. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL DRIVERS

Membership in the Victory Service League, new patriotic alliance of motorists who are conserving their cars under war time operating plans, is open to owners of all makes of vehicles, according to Leo Bolles, president of L. C. Bolles, Inc., sponsoring agency of the league in Plattsburgh in an advertisement in Friday's issue.

Hundreds of car owners are now displaying the VSL emblem. The goal of the league is every car and truck operator in this vicinity. Not until every car and truck owner has pledged to conserve his car for his country can the VSL succeed fully.

Cars and trucks that are operating today are the vehicles that must last through the duration. There are virtually no replacements available, and the average person cannot buy a new car or truck. Consequently, business and industry, and the successful prosecution of this war, are dependent upon the automotive transportation system as it is today. You must care for your cars for your country.

Area Men in Service

SARANAC LAKE—Francis J. McKillip has been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKillip of 9 Academy street. He is now stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and soon expects to enter the officers' training school. Corp. McKillip left this village July 13 with the local selectees. He was graduated from the Saranac Lake high school, class of 1937, and previous to his induction he was employed with the seaways project in Massena.

LAKE PLACID—Pvt. William D'Amico was here for one day of hunting on Wednesday. He had a three-day furlough from George field, Lawrenceville, Ill., and spent a day coming from and a day returning to his duties in the medical corps.

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AIR MAIL LETTERS TO SOLDIERS SHORT PAID

Due to a misunderstanding of the rates of postage for air-mail letters to members of the armed forces outside the continental United States an unnecessary burden is placed on the Army postal service and causes considerable delay in the receipt of this mail by the addressees. So that the public may be correctly informed in this matter, the following are the correct rates:

The rate of postage on air mail sent to and from members of the armed forces outside the continental United States is six (6) cents per HALF ounce. That is, all air mail letters addressed to members of the armed forces in care of the Postmaster, New York, N. Y.; San Francisco, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; Miami, Fla., and Presque Isle, Maine, should be prepaid at the rate of six cents (6c) per HALF ounce. Air mail letters addressed to members of the armed forces in care of the Postmaster at Seattle, Wash., should be prepaid at the rate of six cents (6c) per ounce. The air mail rates given above also apply to air mail letters to and from contractors and civilian employees, who receive mail through time the members sign the VSL pledge. At that same time, a free car conservation inspection is made. A membership card and a booklet of vital car conservation information are provided each VSL member, in addition.

News Across the Lake

WALLINGFORD—Seventy years ago C. V. Howley of Wallingford voted a straight Democratic ticket and he did the same thing Tuesday.

HYDEVILLE—The engagement of Miss Wanda M. Kellogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Kellogg to Curtis B. Goodrich of Fair Haven has been announced.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION—Miss Eileen Kelleher, former commercial teacher at Hartford High School left Wednesday for Lepas, Canada, where she will become the bride next week of Joseph O'Brien of Brockton, Mass., who is connected with the signal corps division of the War department.

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MEETING HERE OF RED CROSS

Mrs. Henry G. Rogers is Re-Elected Chairman of County Chapter

The annual meeting yesterday of the Clinton County Chapter, American Red Cross, held at the Hotel Cumberland, was largely attended and was most enjoyable.

At eleven o'clock an open discussion was held. Mrs. Henry G. Rogers, chairman presiding. All phases of Red Cross activities were taken up and discussed in general.

Promptly at 1:00 p.m. luncheon was served. Group singing of "America" opened the meeting. Rev. John R. Riley, gave the blessing, after which "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung by the entire assembly with Mrs. James Rogers at piano. Mrs. H. W. Hayes presided with Mrs. Selma Schuler, Plattsburgh Branch chairman, at the piano.

Mrs. Jane Watson, Clinton county chairman of Home Service spoke on what Home Service is doing for the men in service and their families, explaining the various kinds of problems that Home Service is called upon to handle. Mrs. Watson's talk was most instructive and interesting.

At 2:00 p.m. the business meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Rogers. Rev. B. Chatterton, of Chazy, said the invocation.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman, Mrs. Henry Rogers; 1st Vice Chairman, John J. Fitzpatrick; 2nd Vice Chairman, Mrs. Henry N. Herndon; 3rd Vice Chairman, Mrs. Robert C. Booth; 4th Vice Chairman, Mrs. William H. Miner; 5th Vice Chairman, Carl Getman; Secretary, Mrs. William Thomas; Treasurer, Mr. Don Gribble; Executive Secretary, Mrs. Clifford W. Hayes; Executive Committee, Mrs. Jane Watson and Walter J. Arbinger.

Reports of all chairmen were handed to the secretary and will be published at a later date. Following the receipt of reports from the chairmen, Mrs. Clifford W. Hayes sang "Angels of Mercy" a song which was written and presented to the American Red Cross by Irving Berlin.

John E. Cole, field representative from the North Atlantic area then spoke on Red Cross, its origin and what it is doing today. Mr. Cole also spoke about the War Fund Drive which will open on March 1st, 1943.

Joel Schuler on behalf of the Plattsburgh Branch then presented Mrs. Rogers with a gift from the Branch of a Mobile Kitchen to be used throughout the county. Mr. Schuler expressed the wish that any Branch in the county have the use of it in any emergency that might arise. The meeting was closed with the assembly singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Satin Assures

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had been a second front in Europe drawing away 60 German divisions as during the first World War, the position of the German armies today would be shattered.

"We would be witnessing the end of the German Fascist armies because our troops would be in Poloy, Minsk and Zhitomir. This would mean the German Fascist army would be faced with catastrophe."

In answer to the question, "Will there be a second front," Stalin replied:

"Yes, there will be one sooner or later because it is no less essential for our Allies than us. Our Allies must understand that after the fall of France, the absence of a second front can mean catastrophe for them."

That "Usually Reliable" Axis News Source Is Usually as Unreliable as Joe Goebbels

Former Berlin Correspondent Tells How Stories Falsely Favorable to Allies "Leak" Out of Germany



Hitler in a secret field headquarters with two of his generals. At left, Gen. Alfred Jodl, at extreme right, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel. Take with several grains of salt any reports from "usually reliable sources" that Der Fuehrer will purge the chief of staff of his high command and give the job to coat-tail hangar Jodl, or that he would keep Gen. Keitel in the doghouse.

First-hand experience speaks in the article below, warning good-news - hungry American newspaper readers against a common, but unfortunately, often successful trick of Nazi propaganda. Jean Graffis, the author, was Berlin correspondent for NEA Service until the U. S. declared war against the Axis.

By JEAN GRAFFIS

NEA Service Staff Correspondent Mad as a hornet, Adolf Hitler paced the aisles of his luxurious General Headquarters train which is secreted under heavy camouflage deep in a Lithuanian forest. He had decided to mete out Nazi justice for the colossal failure of German armies before Leningrad, Stalingrad, Moxdok and Cairo. So he barked out orders:

"Arrest Field-Marshal Fedor von Bock!" (Original commander of Nazi forces before Stalingrad.)

"Demand the resignations of Colonel General Franz Halder!" (Chief of staff of the High Command.)

"And of Field Marshal Wilhelm List, too!" (He vainly tried to take Stalingrad after von Bock failed.)

"Place under surveillance Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel!" (Chief of the German Supreme Command.)

"The same for Marshal Erwin Rommel!"

take revenge on the oppressors. They know the German-Italian coalition is falling to pieces. . . .

"There are people who doubt that the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition can mobilize all its resources. They say that as a result of our different social systems we cannot do this, but I think that this is not so."

He said the Allies "must act in collaboration," and that it would be ridiculous to stress ideological differences in face of the common foe.

A highlight of the celebration was an open letter to Stalin from the garrison of Stalingrad, promising that the Germans would be routed, and expressing hope for a second front soon to bring them relief.

The garrison estimated they had killed 100,000 Nazis in two months, wrecked nearly 800 tanks and 1,000 planes.

All of which, fact or fancy, has made spicy reading to victory-hungry Americans and Britons lately. With Hitler himself bouncing five top-notch generals out of the High Command, the Nazi crackup and our day of retribution would seem nearer.

But war-wise American readers should not gulp too hastily to swallow stories like these. In the first place, any news emanating from Germany must be suspect. It couldn't very well get out unless Joseph Goebbels wanted it out.

Remember, Goebbels invented and perfected the "war of nerves" technique, one phase of which is to issue false stories of Nazi German dissension in order to promote overconfidence and carelessness.

In such cases, a Propaganda Ministry contact man is delegated to "whisper" the information "confidentially" to the Berlin correspondent of a newspaper located in a neutral country. The story then is credited to a "usually reliable source."

Another point to be remembered is that despite earlier reported "purges" by Hitler of his general staff, the "outcast" military leaders always have popped up in later campaigns with major assignments.

NOT EVEN HITLER CAN PLAY WITH ARMY

Still more important is the fact that Hitler, regardless of his moral vacuum, does have a distinct genius for picking the right man for the right spot. It is obvious from Nazi history that Der Fuehrer does not make a habit of cashiering the men of ability whom he knows he must have to win.

Hitler can, however, and often does, shift his key men around in an effort to obtain better results when failure looms. While it is extremely doubtful that he would fire his generals outright, it is quite probable that he would try switching them, seeking a working combination.

Most important of all, in assessing a purge story of this character, is the consideration which must be given the German High Command itself.

That group of military geniuses is nobody's plaything, not even Hitler's. It is a proud group of which the common people are proud, and if Hitler went too far with an army purge, he would count on sympathy from no one but his own SS divisions. It may be seriously questioned whether the SS could take care of its end in a quarrel of this kind.

On the same grounds, reports that Gen. Alfred Jodl was named

to replace Halder may be questioned. Jodl is regarded by regular army men as a climber who got where he is by hanging onto Hitler's coat tail.

He may be a good military theoretician but he has never been able to break into the high army clique. It's hard to believe the army would tolerate him now. Oppositely, Jodl is the best candidate of all for real purging, since his position depends wholly on Hitler's whim.

Without overlooking the strain that is surely growing within Germany's military and economic system, this is what may have happened in fact at that lonely crier of Hitler's:

He did get mad enough to chew carpets and may have threatened to behead a couple dozen generals. But after reflection, he recalled that (1) he must not antagonize the army and (2) he must preserve these generals for further use in a still-active war.

So he called in the generals, suggested that by switching around or taking brief vacations, they might freshen their outlook and start pitching fireballs to the enemy again.

"IT'S A PERFECT SPOT FOR SOME NERVE-WAR"

The generals, conscious of their own failure, agreed. Then, as they all quaffed from the wassal bowl, wily Joseph Goebbels edged into the circle with another proposition.

"It's a perfect spot for some nerve-war," he said. "Let's tell the enemy a big purge is on. It will blot them with overconfidence; make their workers sloppy and careless. And we don't have to let the German people know anything about any of it."

And thus, perhaps, was it done. In October, 1941, all foreign correspondents in Berlin were called to the Propaganda Ministerium to hear Reich Press Chief Dietrich tell how the Russian army and air force had been annihilated and no longer existed as a fighting unit.

For that speech, Dietrich was flown to Berlin direct from Hitler's OHQ. The whole thing had been hatched up in the boug-covered train on a blind siding where Hitler, far from the front lines, is still playing Napoleon. Every German official of any standing at all knew that Dietrich's story was a typical phony, designed to cast despair over enemy camps.

Eventually Hitler and his generals will break. When that happens, the explosion will be so thunderous that we can't doubt it. Then we can safely disregard anything that Berlin's "usually reliable sources" have to say on the subject.

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