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**TONIGHT'S HIGHLIGHTS**

6:00-6:15—News.

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7:00-7:30—American Eagle Club In London (MBS).

7:30-8:00—This Is The Hour (MBS).

8:00-8:05—News.

8:05-9:00—Chicago Theater of the Air (MBS).

9:00-9:05—News.

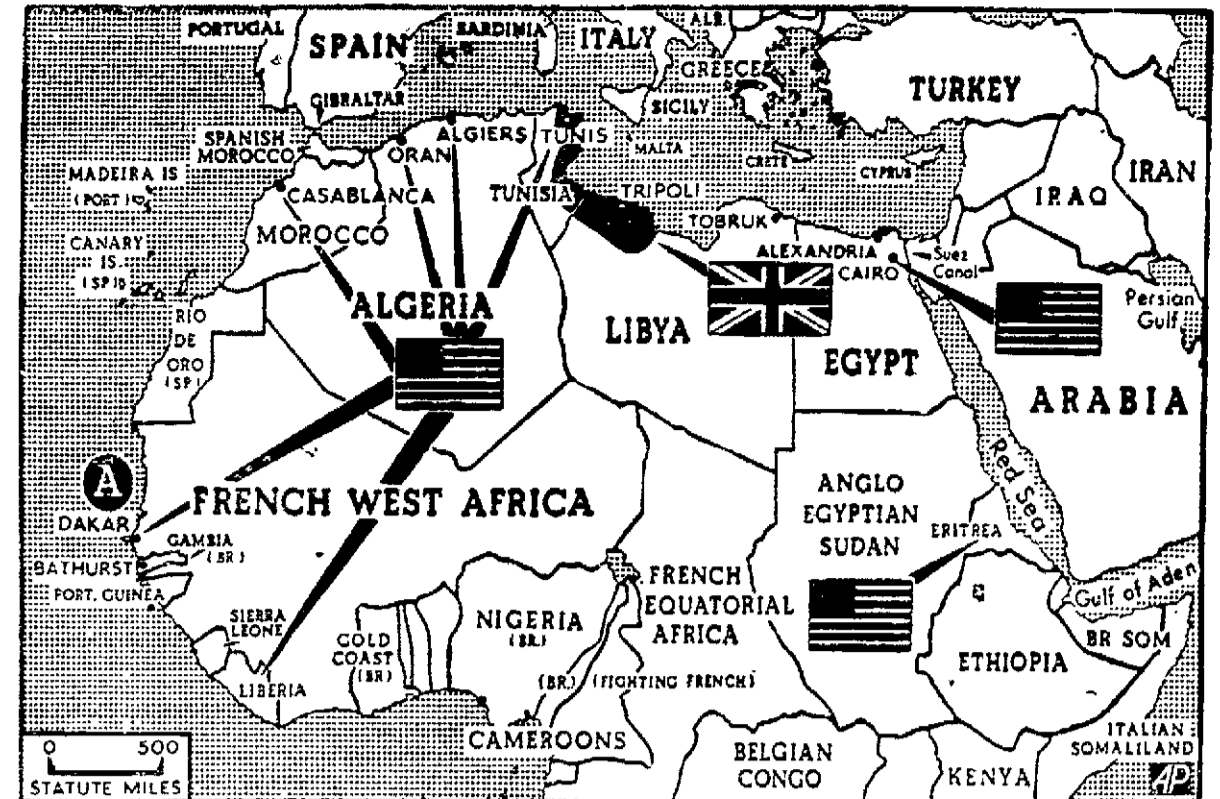
9:05-9:15—Dance Music.

9:15-9:45—Saturday Night Bond Wagon (MBS).

9:45-10:00—Shep Fields (MBS).

10:00-10:15—News.

10:15-10:30—Henry King (MBS).



**AMERICANS ARRIVE AT ANOTHER AFRICAN BASE**—Landing of American troops to join French forces in Dakar (A) adds another base to those in which the American forces are organizing in Africa for the allied attack on the axis. Flags and pointers indicate principal bases now used by U. S. forces. Black area shows territory now held by axis armies, which have been chased out of Egypt by the British Eighth army (indicated by British flag and pointer.)

## Rommel Never Again Can Threaten Egypt, General Assures MacKenzie



(Editor's Note: The following dispatch from DeWitt MacKenzie, written in Cairo after his visit to the African battlefield, was delayed in transmission. Since it is a field MacKenzie has resumed his tour of the eastern air zones and is now in Palestine.)

**BY DE WITT MACKENZIE**  
Cairo, Dec. 22 (Delayed)—Lieutenant-General Frank M. Andrews, commander in chief of American forces in the middle east, assures me that while it will take hard fighting to oust the axis from Africa, Field Marshal General Erwin Rommel has been so thoroughly whipped he no longer is a menace to Egypt and the Suez canal.

**Inspires Confidence**  
Now, opinions on war are a piastre a dozen these days—and that's four cents. However, I repeat Andrews' estimate because this famous fighting man, among Uncle Sam's most distinguished soldiers, exhibits a solidarity that inspires confidence in his views.

"Everything in the general picture is very encouraging," he told me.

"Rommel has been given a hard trouncing. He never again can come back into Egypt. I couldn't even imagine it. He has been licked."

I asked General Andrews how long he thought it would take to finish the job by driving the Germans into the sea. He shook his head.

**Refuses to Predict**  
"I wouldn't want to make that prediction. Rommel must be annihilated—made to stand and fight or rendered impotent by having his supplies cut off."

"He waits until you get all set to strike him and then pulls out. He's clever at it, but he's playing a dangerous game. Let him slip once and the allies will get him."

"We can render the axis helpless both in this theater and in Tunisia by cutting off their resources from the continent. This is a battle of supplies, and we must blockade the axis so they can't carry on. We can do it because we have superiority in the air and on the sea."

"Tell me how we are getting along with our allies here," I asked. "Do Americans and British like each other? Are we developing a friendship which promises well for that vital post war cooperation? Now if those questions embarrass you at all let's just forget them altogether, because I don't write propaganda for anybody. I'm looking for a candid opinion."

"I'm glad to answer," he returned, "because I like the British and the two forces are getting along fine together."

"We are getting to know each other. Our allies like plain talk and so do we, and that's all to the good. The British have fine qualities. They're brave and they're thorough. I'm a great admirer of the British organization. There's lots we can learn from them."

**Cultivate Friendship**  
I was glad to get this estimate from General Andrews, because it has been my observation here and in Britain that the two forces are making an honest effort not only to understand each other, but to cultivate friendship. There certainly seems to be a much more cordial spirit exhibited on both sides than there was in the last war.

**LED DEADLY U. S. SQUADRON**  
—Lieut. Comdr. L. J. "Bullet Lou" Kinn (above), 34-year-old former Annapolis football star, commanded a Guadalcanal-based dive bomber squadron which attacked 88 Japanese warships and six transports, sinking or damaging 18 of them, in five weeks of operation, the navy reported. Kinn's home is in Milwaukee, Wis.

## FIRE DESTROYS OLD SHOWPLACE

Oconomowoc, Wis. —(P)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a one-time society showplace, now a Catholic seminary, yesterday with a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The structure, a 40-room residence built by the late John Dupepe, was a mecca for Chicago and Milwaukee society during the gay nineties era. It was purchased in August, 1941, by the Augustinian fathers of Chicago and had been used as a school for training priests.

**Loss May Run Higher**  
Fire Chief Henry W. Wessel estimated the loss at \$100,000, but R. E. Tollefson, an insurance man who wrote policies on the building, said it might run as high as \$150,000 to \$200,000. Tollefson said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

The estate, including seven acres of land fronting on Lac La Belle, was valued at \$300,000 in 1890. The residence included 22 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms. Eight fireplaces, one gold-plated, a gold-ceilinged living room and gold and silver lighting fixtures were included among the furnishings.

**No One in Building**  
Wessel said the building was unoccupied when the fire was discovered. Students and faculty members are at their homes over the Christmas holidays, he said he was informed by the caretaker.

Tollefson, a trustee of the First National bank, which sold the estate to the religious group, said the seminary was named St. Monica's and that about 25 students were attending classes. He said the order operating the school had only one class at the time, but that it was planned to enlarge the school into a four-year institution.

Fire departments from Okauchee and Waukesha assisted the Oconomowoc unit in fighting the blaze.

## U. S. Ship Torpedoed; Crew of 52 Escapes

An East Coast Port—(P)—An entire ship's company of 52 escaped in three lifeboats when their medium sized United States merchantman was torpedoed in the north Atlantic about the middle of November, survivors disclosed today.

A single torpedo, fired from an unseen submarine, struck the starboard side of the vessel, they said. One lifeboat was wrecked by the explosion, but the merchant crew of 41 and the gun crew of 11 had ample time to abandon ship in the three remaining boats.

They were picked up in about an hour by a rescue vessel.

## Promotion Earned by Eau Claire WAAC

Chicago —(P)—Ruth Woodworth, of Eau Claire, Wis., was one of 12 officers of the women's auxiliary army corps promoted in the first series of advancements since the corps was authorized by congress in May. Miss Woodworth was advanced from third to second officer, a rank equivalent to first lieutenant in the army. She was assigned to the Chicago office.

## PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX PLAN SEEN

Washington —(P)—Rep. Doughton (D-N. C.), chairman of the powerful house ways and means committee, said today he favored putting federal income tax collection on a "pay-as-you-go" basis but expressed opposition to the Ruml plan which would wipe out a year's taxes to achieve that objective.

**Proposal Seems Certain**  
A "pay-as-you-go" proposal seems certain to come up when the ways and means committee begins consideration of a new tax bill shortly after congress convenes next month.

"In view of the unprecedented burden on the federal treasury in wartime," Doughton said of the Ruml plan, "I cannot see how we can erase several billions of dollars the taxpayers owe the government on their individual incomes for any one year."

Under the plan advanced by Beardsley Ruml, chairman of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, income taxes on the previous year's earnings would be wiped out and payments would be made on the current year's taxes through weekly or monthly deductions from an individual's earnings. Special provisions would be made for businessmen and others whose incomes were not in the form of regular salary checks.

The Ruml plan was proposed as a part of the \$25,000,000,000 tax bill written last year, but was discarded because of treasury department objections to foregoing 1942 taxes.

## Rationing Gassers

**By SPOON RIVER SAM**  
Well, we've got gasoline rationing, whether we like it or not.

Personally, I've never met a car owner that complained. It's a funny thing to me that some Congressmen would holler for more gas, when that's one commodity they'll never run short of.

## WAR QUIZ

1. This flag flies over an island country whose name comes near the last in the alphabet of nations. The flag is nothing more than a big red banner. What country?
  2. How many men in an average Army infantry division: 10,000; 15,500; 22,500; 30,000?
  3. Have any enlistments of penitentiary inmates been made by the U. S. Army?
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## 13-Year-Old Marine Signs Movie Contract

Chicago —(P)—A movie career is the next step in the life of George Holle, the six-foot one-inch Wisconsin boy who was discharged from the marines recently when it was discovered he was only 13 years old.

The youth appeared with his mother, Mrs. Anna Holle, of Chicago, before Probate Judge John F. O'Connell, who approved a contract with Warner Brothers under which the producers agree to maintain a home for them in Hollywood, provide his schooling and pay him \$5,000 to write a picture based on his life in the marines at a south Pacific base, where he had been in training. The boy is to get a screen test to see if he can play the leading role.

Young Holle said he would visit his stepmother in Eau Claire, Wis., before going to California. He enlisted when he was 12, at Milwaukee.

## NEW WHOLESALE PRICES SET ON DAIRY PRODUCTS

Washington —(P)—Uniform prices, effective Dec. 30, on sales of processors and wholesalers of butter, cheddar cheese, evaporated milk and powdered skim milk, have been fixed by the office of price administration.

**Replace Present Ceilings**  
The OPA said the prices would "replace ceilings representing each individual seller's peak prices from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 1942, and in a large measure reflect the average of prices during this period."

Retail prices were left unchanged temporarily, but officials said a similar price schedule on each sale was being prepared. They said the schedule either might increase or decrease some items to a small extent, but would "on the average leave these costs about unchanged."

The new wholesale butter price will affect consumers in one instance. The scale will be the basis upon which dairies that have their own delivery routes to homes will determine their prices.

**Producers Get Over Parity**  
"Ceiling prices set by the new wholesale order reflect to milk producers' approximately \$2.46 per hundredweight for the raw milk used in the manufacture of dairy products," the OPA said. "This is considerably above the Oct. 15, 1942, price level of \$2.28 and indicates a return in excess of parity."

"OPA in setting price ceilings has been careful to set maximums that in its opinion and in the judgment of the director of the office of economic stabilization will facilitate the food-for-freedom goals of the department of agriculture, which call for a 1943 milk output of 122,000,000,000 pounds. The prices at these levels are supported by the department of agriculture."

**Establish Basic Prices**  
Under the order, the wholesale butter price was fixed on a basis of 46 cents per pound of 92 score butter at Chicago.

The basic wholesale price of cheese will be 23 1/2 cents per pound, for U. S. No. 1 American cheddar cheese at Plymouth, Wis. Generally, prices elsewhere will be based on the Plymouth price, plus freight and certain incidental expenses, such as icing, during shipment.

The country was divided into three zones to determine manufacturers' prices on evaporated milk. In zone number one, which includes most of the country except the northeastern states, which fall into zone two, and far western states, which are in zone three, the price of a case of 48 cans (14 1/2 ounce size) is \$4.10. In the other two zones it is \$4.20. The same prices apply to a case of 96 six-ounce cans and a case of eight-pound cans. A case of 48 six-ounce cans will cost \$2.05 in zone one and \$2.10 in the other two zones.

Prices on powdered milk were set at 12 1/2 cents per pound, wholesale, for roller process extra grade FOB plant midwest or 14.5 cents per pound on spray process FOB plant midwest.

## Violent Death Comes to 183 Over Holiday

(By the Associated Press)  
Violent death came to 183 persons throughout the nation during the Christmas holidays, with traffic accidents accounting for 99 fatalities, reports recorded today showed.

High as the total was, it appeared that the nation had enjoyed one of its safest Christmas holidays in years. By dawn of December 26 last year, 431 deaths had been listed. Of that number 334 lives were lost in automobiles and other vehicles.

The fact that there were fewer cars on the highways because of tire shortages, and gasoline rationing was believed partly responsible for the smaller number of traffic fatalities during this Yuletide period compared with last year.

An Associated Press compilation showed that California had the greatest number of accidental deaths for this year's Christmas holidays, with 27. Illinois was second with 19.

Deaths by states included: Illinois, 7 traffic; 2 train, 10 miscellaneous; Indiana, 4 traffic, 2 miscellaneous; Michigan, 5 traffic, 2 miscellaneous; Minnesota, 1 traffic, 1 miscellaneous; Missouri, 3 traffic, 2 miscellaneous; Ohio, 8 traffic, 1 train, 6 miscellaneous; Wisconsin, 1 traffic, 1 miscellaneous.

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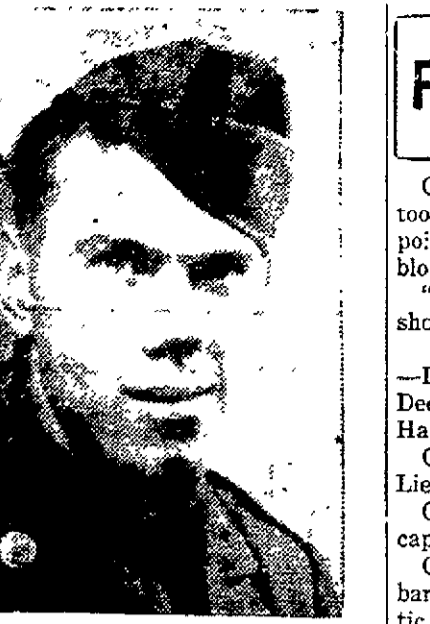
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**MARSHFIELD MEN MISSING**—These two Marshfield soldiers have been reported missing in action. They are, left above, Sgt. Walter Hoag, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoag, missing in New Guinea, and Pvt. Ivan G. Sadowska, son of former Sheriff and Mrs. Gust Sadowska, missing in Africa. Hoag was 26, Sadowska, 22.

## Rescue Australian Sailors from Shark-Infested Seas

Melbourne, Australia —(P)—While sharks followed only a few yards behind, crewmen of the sunken Australian corvette Armindale pushed the wounded and non-swimmers on an improvised raft through the Timor seas for four days early in December.

When a storm broke, 27 hungry and thirsty men licked the rain off their arms for water.

**Attacked From Air for 2 Days**  
Ordinary Seaman John Parkes, 22, one of the survivors, said the Armindale was sighted by Japanese Nov. 30 in the vicinity of Timor, and defended itself against relays of air attacks lasting two days. Nine bombers, three fighters and a reconnaissance plane gave the ship its knockout blow on the second day.

The Armindale, 998-ton vessel being used as a minesweeper, went down 250 miles northwest of Darwin, with a loss of two officers and 46 men. Forty-three crewmen were rescued.

Japanese planes machine gunned survivors struggling in the water, diving to within 10 feet. When the machinegunning ceased, some survivors plugged a bullet-riddled motor boat with their clothing, and rescued the badly wounded.

**Form Raft from Wreckage**  
Others formed a raft from floating wreckage.

"Several crewmen, including myself," Parkes said, "paddled the raft, with the fins of sharks cutting

**KILLED IN FALL**  
Milwaukee —(P)—Bertram Smith, 18, a bridegroom of two weeks, was killed Thursday when he fell 65 feet from a scaffold on which he was working. Smith was assisting in the erection of a smoke stack at an industrial plant.

**INJURIES FATAL**  
Reedsville, Wis. —(P)—Richard Zahn, 60, died last night of injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile on Highway 32 near here.

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