

MAJOR UNDERTAKING-As highlight of its year's activities the Youth Council of Richfield Springs, N. Y., annually stages an I Am an American program. The above picture shows members of the high school orchestra and a vocalist participating in the program.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

Youth Council Sets Pace In Developing N.Y. Town

By E. L. KIRKPATRICK

A town with a past can live in the present and look to the future, say young people of Richfield Springs, upstate New York center with 1,200 population. This consensus of the town's Youth council, started more than three years ago from a panel discussion on "Young Peoples' Present Day Problems."

Some of the charter members as well as their followers were out-ofschool young people. On the present membership list are the names of a beautician, bookkeeper, clerk, farmer, housewife, laboratory technician, machinist, secretary, school custodian, telephone operator, stenographer, and typesetter, so "everybody gets in and pitches or helps play the field. Each works where he fits and is most needed."

Stage Annual Program. Chief activity is I Am an American Day program staged annually under the council's direction. Use is made of school band and chorus, American Legion, church groups, town board and boys' and girls' clubs. Highlights of this year's program were demonstrations by Cub, Boy and Girl Scouts, remarks by a new voter and an address by one of the town's ministers.

things as the months come and go. in winter. They "dig a bit into the annals; York State's most popular spa because of the healing powers of its sulphur spring waters. "Then, we had hotels filled with visitors, livery stables of fine horses and all kinds of carriages that outshone most cars in today's modern garages," an old-timer recalls.

Varied Projects. "So," the group asks, "what can we do about what's left with us?" They consider how to clean and make use of deserted hotels and other buildings, explore the needs and possibilities of local industries

such as cannery and dairy. Outstanding project is a forum to study the creation of good citizenship to world affairs. This reaches 150 youth and adults who meet weekly during the winter to formulate questions and work out unbiased an-

Under direction of the council sponsor and the high school social science teacher it has quickened initiative, developed new viewpoints, broadened horizons and brought needed co-operation in definite community projects. One of these was a community carnival, which was a financial success and a concrete demonstration of how folks can and will work together. Another was the realization of \$1,000 through contributions and a community dance for Christmas boxes and gifts to 200 hometown men and women in the service.

List Accomplishments.

To prove that other communities can "do as well as ours," Youth Council members explain that in their farming section of cash cropping, dairying and poultry raising, a dairy manufacturing plant, two fishing tackle factories and a sports wear mill have been established as a result partially of their interest and agitation.

As war clouds lift, the council proposes to improve facilities for tourists at nearby Canadaraga lake. which offers boating, fishing and This youth group tackles other swimming in summer and skating

"While we are planning for things of history" for indication of what's ahead, we are doing more real livmed to Richfield Springs, ing in the present with due respect which in the Gay Nineties was New | to the past for cornerstones to build on," say Richfield Springs young

Texas Politicians Slow in Own Towns

TAYLOR, TEXAS.-Two Williamson county politicians, Mr. A. and Mr. B., are running against each other. Mr. A. went to Mr. B.'s hometown and reported jubilantly that he had contacted 100 voters and that 90 of them promised to vote for

Mr. B. then visited Mr. A.'s hometown and reported with deep satisfaction that he had talked to 100 people and that 90 of them had indicated they would definitely vote for him.



BIG CHEESE TO "BIG CHEESE"-Wisconsin's dairy queen, Catherine Mueller, 21, of Lake, Wis., presents Selden F. Waldo, newly elected president of U. S. junior chamber of commerce, with the first Wisconsin natural rindless cheddar (American) cheese ever offered the public at national Jaycee convention in Milwaukee. Heralded as major development in dairy industry, the cheese does not form a hard crust when cut, has no rind and possesses a texture of processed cheese with all the flavor of natural cheese. Waldo is municipal judge of Gainesville, Fla. To the left is Henry Kearns of Pasadena, Calif., outgoing Jaycee national president.

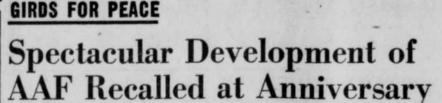
2-Year-Old Child Has Unusual Vocabulary

home of Thomas Stabile are amazed lary for two-year-olds ranges from when they are greeted by his two- 60 to 200 words. year-old daughter, Donna Jean, who calmly inquires about their com- ite game of wits, Donna Jean alfort and continues to carry on a ready has learned a self-appeasing lively conversation.

Psychologists who have examined beaten when she plays with her fa-

CRANSTON, R. I.-Guests at the | sentences whereas average vocabu-

In checkers, which is her favortrick. Because she always gets 500 acres were planted with Douglas fir and Port Oxford cedar. The the pert, blonde child agree that her ther, Donna Jean has contrived a remaining area was planted with rapidly expanding vocabulary is game she plays with her doll. Asked Douglas fir, Sitka spruce and Westhighly unusual for her age. Donna who wins in the contest, she in- ern hemlock. Regular checks will Jean uses 400 words in complete variably replies: "I do. of course" be made to determine germination.



history, army air forces celebrated its 39th anniversary August 1 with a new watchword, "Air Power Is At its wartime peak in March, 1944, army air forces had grown to 2,383,000 officers and men, 64,591 planes, including 41,848 combat planes which flew 108,015,909 hours during four years of war and dropped more than 2,000,000 tons of

bombs in crushing the Axis war machine. But the big planes of World War II are on their way out of the air picture and the AAF rapidly is converting to jet-propelled aircraft to defend the security of Guard Against War.

"Americas best insurance against a future war is an adequate alert air force," Commanding General Carl Spaatz said, in calling on the nearly 2,000,000 veterans of air actions all over the world and the 400,000 air force men to observe the anniversary occasion.

Some interesting and little known facts about army air forces are

Every airplane used in Europe prior to V-E Day was designed in this country before Pearl Harbor. From 1903 to 1940 the U.S. built only 40,000 planes but from 1940 through V-J Day, 295,000 were constructed. For every soldier in the air force, there was a civilian working in an aircraft plant.

First Bomb in 1911. AAF planes consumed 10,000,000,-000 gallons of gasoline during the war. In all of 1944 not one aircraft was grounded for lack of fuel.

Total air power blitz of the AAF during the war included more than 2,000,000 tons of bombs and two atom bombs dropped and 459,750,000 bullets fired. First AAF bomb was heaved overboard by hand in 1911. It was an 18-pound "blockbuster."

The army's first airplane contracts specified that the flying machine had to be transportable on an army escort wagon to be pulled by



DIRECTS RESERVES . . . Lt. Gen. George B. Stratemeyer, commanding general of air defense command, one of AAF's three

Developed from a three-man division without an airplane in 1907 into a destructive force unparalleled in

> HEADS AAF . . . Commanding general of army air forces is Gen. Carl Spaatz, who directed arrangements as 400,000 AAF members and nearly 2,000,000 veterans of air actions on worldwide battlefronts noted 39th anniversary of unit's founding.

two or four mules. They would have a difficult task with the AAF's new super-heavy bomber, the B-36, which has a wingspan almost twice the distance flown by the Wright Brothers at Kittyhawk, N. C.

Expand Rapidly.

before Germany set off World War shears. II by invading Poland, the AAF was regularly using 69 bases. Fifty When Changing Sizes months later in January, 1944, it Use New Pattern had 1,400 bases, of which 800 were overseas. Almost 20,000,000 tons of country during the war-enough to fill a warehouse 75 feet wide with the front door in Washington, D. C., and the back door in Philadelphia.

New AAF developments now permit test pilots to check jet planes safely. The plane is put through its paces while the pilot stays on the ground. The secret is remote control and television. The U. S. spent more money developing radar than was spent on the atom

More than 42,000 WACs served in the AAF, 7,000 of whom were overseas in 21 different countries; 1,600 chaplains were on duty in the AAF at all times. Of the 282 Congressional Medals of Honor awarded during the war, 34 were won by members of the AAF.

Compare Records. The World War I air force had 35 pilots, 1,087 enlisted men, 55 training planes, 7 tactical squadrons | Remodel last year's coat. . -with a balloon school at Fort or more enemy planes or balloons; 29 World War II aces shot down 18 or more planes, no balloons.

First round-the-world trip by an army plane took 174 days in 1924, sible. It took an air transport command plane 151 hours in 1945. It's a small the army air forces a strong bulwark in making it a world of peace peacetime major operational and guarding America's future.



The War Asset administration has declared the Arlington airport, Arlington Heights, Ill., surplus, and the chamber of commerce has taken steps to acquire it. . . . A dusting plane operated by DuMac air service did a flipflop in one of the Love potato farms near LaSalle, Colo. The pilot wasn't hurt, but the plane -whew! . . . Dean Boyd of Willow Hill, Ill., purchased a new Taylorcraft and then built his own farm runway out of crushed limestone.

. . Robert S. Jondahl, World War II pilot, has been placed in charge of the Glasgow, Mont., city-county airport.

The "stratoscope," which combines a panoramic radio transmitter-receiver with a sensitive aneroid diaphragm altimeter, will warn a pilot of approaching planes or the height of any ground obstruction. Such a device could prevent planes flying into skyscrapers and mountains during bad weather.

Dick Powell, the movie actor, is so crazy about flying that he wants everyone else to learn too. He rents out his own plane for lessons when he is not flying it

Planting Trees by Plane The Oregon state forestry department will soon know whether or not trees can be planted successfully by plane. Two large tracts have already been seeded from the air. One is a 1,400-acre area in the great Tillamook burn. The other is an 800-acre site in Polk county. About



GRANDMA FLIES PLANE . . on her 62nd wedding anniversary recently, Mrs. Anna Hartman, 80, of Glenshaw, Pa., said to her husband: "Before I die, I want to go up in an airplane." Photo shows Mrs. Hartman at the controls of the plane soaring over the farm where she lived more than half a century.

Lakeview Now Open to Public The Lakeview, Ore., airport is again open to the public. Following a four-year period of operation by the navy, the port was made available recently to civilian flyers and landing facilities.

The first organization of its kind, the Flying Farmers of Oklahoma, was organized in 1944 with 38 members.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Old Coats Make Nice Toppers If Tailoring Is Well Handled

By Ertta Haley

THE most popular coat for the ! younger set for the present appears to be the short topper that fits well over all kinds of dresses and even suits. It's sort of a casual affair that slips on and off easily but still makes the girls look well turned out.

It's surprising how many old coats can be converted easily into attractive toppers for school. Perhaps last year's coat looks just a bit shabby for wear this year, or is a bit outmoded by the abundance of shorter coats the others are wearing. If the coat is plaid or tweed or a nice solid color, then it is perfect material for the popular top-

Look for a coat whose material is firmly woven with enough body to tailor nicely. If the coat has a nice top, such as a lapel style or even a collarless one that sets well on the girl, you will have to do little to the coat except, perhaps, to change the padding in the shoulders, and make a present of a new lining that will carry it through the present school season.

You will probably not use a pattern for the coat, but in cutting it down it is perhaps best to fit it on the girl so as to be sure that you get the right length to it. This should be folded up and pinned first so that you will know exactly how it On August 28, 1939, three days looks before going to work with the

If, however, you are making a large coat into a smaller one, the AAF supplies were sent out of the best plan to follow is to rip the coat apart and use a pattern. Have the coat cleaned, ripped carefully, and pressed very flat so that pinning and cutting can be easily done.

When working with woolens, you can't have the ironing board too handy All seams on such heavy material should be pressed open



Omaha, Neb. Eight World War I carefully as soon as they are aces are credited with downing 10 stitched. This pressing may sound like a lot of nonsense, but it's absolutely essential so that you work along carefully planned lines and get the stitching as even as pos- | Since most lining fabrics are of a

The seam allowance on woolens should be ample as the fabric will world, with the men and planes of pull out unless you've taken care of this carefully. It's also necessary to allow plenty for seams so that the garment can be pressed well and have the seams lie flat once they are put together.

In some woolens which do not ravel easily, or those which are not too heavy, the seams may be finished with pinking shears, but should the fabric be heavy at all it's best to overcast the edges to give a nice finish to the garment.

If you are remodeling an old coat, and particularly if shortening to a topper style, you will have to remove the pockets. Fit the pockets onto the coat after it has been shortened because in most cases they will have to be lifted, and they should fit the wearer.

Pin the pockets in place, with the sides of the pockets on a true lengthwise grain of fabric. Then stitch up to the top of the pocket. then turn down and stitch to the bottom, across, up to the top of the opposite side, and down the width of the hem. Pivot squarely at each corner Keep stitching within inch of the edge, which will make



For this year's football games.

Designed for School



Shoulder detail takes this blue and white striped blouse out of the ordinary class. Diana Lynn, star of "Easy Come, Easy Go," wears this costume, so ideal for the school girl.

the stitching less conspicuous than if you stitched 1/8 or 1/4 of an inch from the edge.

Easy Guide Offered For Lining Coat

If you're remodeling a coat, chances are that the lining will have stood about that myself." to be replaced. Select a fabric that slips easily—a type always desira ble for lining any garment-and choose a color that is harmonious. Some of the somber colors may be livened with gay plaid or contrasting brighter colors. An inconspicuous dark color, or a color a shade darker than the coat itself, is always a good guide.

Remove the old lining from the coat, rip it apart and use this as a pattern for cutting a new lining. slippery material, such as rayons and taffeta, it is perhaps best to baste them before sewing.

Remember that the linings are sewed on the outside, as the inside of the lining is actually the outside when it is placed in the coat You will have to attach the lining with hand stitching and this is done with small stitches so that the material will not slip loose.

While you are sewing on the coat, you will press it on the wrong side making sure all the seams are flat. However, when the coat is completely finished, the final pressing job will have to be done on the outside. Have a fairly heavy cloth well dampened, and lay this over the right side of the material before you run the iron over it. Hang carefully and the coat will be ready to wear.

Handling Materials

Labels on ready-made garments and fabrics are an important guide to their care and will repay you well in the long run. These directions will tell you what temperature to use for pressing, as well as tips on the types of cleaning necessary.

If your label tells you wool is preshrunk, you won't have to shrink it yourself. If not shrunk, do it thus: Wet a three-yard piece of muslin, wring it out and lay over the wool. Roll both fabrics together smoothly and allow to stand for 12 hours. Then remove wool, hang to dry You may then be sure there will not be shrinkage after the garment is cut and sewed. If you are an inexperienced

seamstress, select only small prints and checks so that they can be matched easily to other pieces during the sewing.

Fashion Forecast

Accessories are an important | wardrobe brightener. Look for flowand the general public. The port ers, jewelry and interesting stitches the fall. This is a romantic era, has an excellent hangar, taxiway in gloves if you want to be in fash-

> The romantic influence is still predominant in many fashions. You'll see it in suits with flared tails, in robes for the home, except for the those colorful apron effects for material, and others are pert and dresses and skirts, and in very, very feminine hats.

Look for velvet and ruffles-feathers, too-in dressy costumes for and fashion is using that theme, particularly for evening wear

Beach coats are here in full force this year. Some of them look like crisp, about knee-length. Others are made to match the bathing suit.

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Rather Dumb Show A father and his young son were

walking out together, and the boy asked how electricity passed through wires. "I don't know," said his father. "I never learned much about elec-

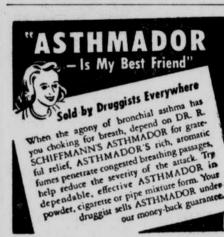
tricity when I was at school." They walked a little further, then the boy asked what caused thunder and lightning.

"To tell you the truth," replied his father, "I never have under-"I say, Dad-" began the b

a little later, and then paused. "Oh, well, never mind-it really doesn't matter."

"Oh, go ahead," said the father. "Ask questions-ask a lot of questions. How else will you learn?"

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