

## Things to do

TEA towels as gay as your dishes are possible with this new transfer. Applique does the trick, with bright-colored pottery dishes providing the motifs. Added gaiety is achieved by placing the dishes on shelves above a strip of colorful shelf paper. There are



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### Indexing Names

The latest system for indexing personal names enables a clerk to locate quickly even those that sound alike but are written differently, says Collier's, such as Kelly with 14 spellings, Snyder with 23, and Burke which is also written Bork, Byrk, Bhourque and 36 other ways. Each entry is listed alphabetically under the first name in the section containing all surnames with the same chief consonant soundings. Hence, the card for Lily "Burke," however spelled, would be filed in section Brk under Lily.

### Gems of Thought

Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are, go right forward and be happy.—Pomerooy.  
The soul of a philosopher runs away from his body and desires to be alone and by herself.—Plato.  
It is something to have an influence on the fortunes of mankind; it is greatly more to have an influence on their intellects.  
For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.—Luke 6:44.

### Records Phone Talks

A new portable device picks up and records incoming and outgoing telephone conversations with a sapphire stylus on roll film, one loading of which will take down 15 hours of talk. Recording by induction, the machine does not require any physical connection with the telephone instrument or the wires, even being able to operate some distance from them.

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Put a few drops of Va-tro-nol up each nostril at the very first sniffle or sneeze. Its quick action aids Nature's defenses against colds. Follow VICKS directions in folder. **VA-TRO-NOL**

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## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### Jap Defensive Positions in Pacific Crumble Under New Allied Invasion; Senate Studies Revised Tax Measure; Government Acts to Halt Rail Tie-Up

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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**Go in' Back**—Brought to the Ukraine following its capture in 1941, these German farmers left with their possessions when Nazi armies fell back before the Reds' 1943 offensive.

### SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

#### New Landing

One day after U. S. bombers had dumped 350 tons of explosives on Arawe on New Britain island, U. S. warships moved shoreward to the enemy base and pumped big shells into the defenses, even as planes returned to assist in the bombardment.

After this terrific crescendo, U. S. doughboys swarmed ashore to establish a beachhead on the western side of the island, center of Japanese strategic forces for supplying its embattled forces on New Guinea and Bougainville.

By landing on Arawe, U. S. forces drove a wedge into Jap positions on Cape Gloucester to the west and Gasmata to the east, where the enemy has established airfields to help cover the barge operations with which he feeds supplies to his troops in this area by traveling along the jungle shorelines by night.

While the U. S. stormed Arawe, heavy bombers continued to smack the Marshalls, small Jap island holdings in the central Pacific.

### RAILROADS:

#### Strike Called

With 97.7 per cent of the operating railroad union members voting to strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and with the walk-out date set for December 30, the government acted quickly to prevent transportation interruption.

Said spokesmen for the 350,000 trainmen, firemen, engineers, conductors and switchmen who have demanded a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum boost of \$3 daily: "It is a strike against inflation for the privileged few and deflation for the many."

To meet the crisis which was provoked by the unions' rejection of an emergency board's award of a 32-cents a day increase, the government's national mediation board summoned both union and rail officials to meet to settle differences.

Meanwhile, over 1,000,000 non-operating rail union members awaited final congressional action on a resolution granting them an eight-cent-an-hour pay boost over the U. S. stabilization director's objection.

### BRITAIN:

#### Miners Ask Raise

Seeking to boost average weekly earnings from \$16.60 for underground employees to \$24, and from \$13.40 for surface employees to \$22, Britain's Mine Workers federation planned to take their case to a government panel if employers rejected their demands.

Because of possible coal shortages, the government recently cut home rations for the fuel by 20 per cent, and it was anticipated that any strike by the 690,000 miners might result in further reductions.

#### Child Delinquency

Like the U. S., Britain has its juvenile delinquency, and most of it is attributed to lack of adequate supervision because of parental occupation in the war effort.

Juvenile delinquency has increased from the prewar rate of 4 per 1,000 to 9 per 1,000, principally because thousands of fathers are in the armed forces, one out of four mothers are holding full time jobs, and inadequate rations compel families to eat at least one meal away from home.

### RUSSIA:

#### Drive in North

While Russian and German troops slugged at each other in the central and southern sectors, the Nazis reported 100,000 Reds attacked to the north, in what they said was a preliminary move to a major winter drive for the Baltic sea.

By driving to the Baltic, the Reds would split the Germans' northern armies from those of the south, and also give them a base from which to attack enemy shipping making use of the sea to supply its armies in the area.

In the Ukraine, both sides gave ground grudgingly under heavy blows. The Nazis pressed forward toward picturesque and domed Kiev, while the Reds pounded out gains farther to the south in the Dnieper bend.

As of December 1, 176,045,000 pounds of butter were in cold storage, and other stocks included 177,110,000 pounds of American cheese; 197,382,000 pounds of poultry; 376,072,000 pounds of pork; 183,096,000 pounds of beef; 31,074,000 pounds of lamb and mutton, and 1,762,000 cases of eggs.

### TRANSPORTATION:

#### Parts Needed

Trucks, railroad equipment, buses and tires are wearing out and replacements must be made if the nation's transportation system is to carry record loads in 1944, the Truman investigating committee asserted.

Particularly acute is the reduced stock of truck parts, especially in view of the longer use of vehicles and greater demand for repairs, the committee said. Low inventories further were aggravated by the government's scrap drive, in which many cars were junked from which parts might have been salvaged.

Railroads have been hampered by lack of enough new rails and slow-downs in locomotive production because of priority regulations, the committee declared. Because of the critical situation in lumber brought about by military purchases, price controls affecting operations and labor shortages, ties available for railroads will fall below needs in 1944, the committee said.

On September 30, 2,960,026 civilians were on the government payroll, a drop of 32,121 from the previous month. It also was revealed that 263,637 persons were serving without compensation or as \$1-a-year men.

### CIVILIAN GOODS:

#### Study Output

Following the War Production board's initial announcement that 15 per cent more civilian goods would be manufactured during the first three months of 1944 than in the last quarter of this year, it was later revealed that WPB was changing certain aspects of its program after a survey of needs of 7,000 homes.

Studies have been made to determine what quantity of electric irons, washing machines, refrigerators, trucks and automobiles can be made, and what plants will be able to produce the goods.

It was also revealed that the civilian requirements agency of the WPB will play an important role in determining policy when industry is faced with reconversion. Although reconversion is expected to create unemployment, much hardship should be relieved because the shift will be gradual, and consumers' demands should result in quick rehiring by reconverted plants.

Taking advantage of the lowest level of prices for the year, corn belt buyers purchased an almost record volume of stockers and feeders during November. In eight states, in-shippments totaled 383,000 compared with the all-high of 391,000 in 1942.

### ARMS OUTPUT:

#### Keeps Soaring

Despite a reduction in output of ammunition, U. S. war production in November soared above the previous record month of October, with the present rate 550 per cent over 1941.

Declaring problems of manpower, design changes and material shortages have been largely overcome, the War Production board said gains in terms of dollar value were recorded for aircraft, communication and electronic equipment, shipbuilding, guns and combat motor vehicles. Ammunition output was down 2 per cent, chiefly reflecting a 13 per cent drop for small arms.

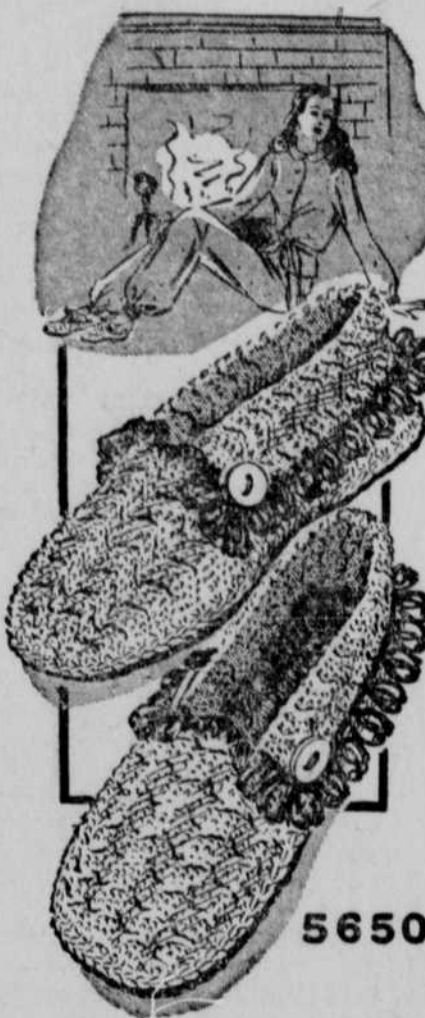
Indicative of the emphasis on production of heavy bombers, average air frame weight per plane in November was 8,130 pounds, compared with 7,560 pounds during preceding months. Output of aerial bombs increased 11 per cent, reflecting the intensification of the Allies' bombing operations on the world fronts.

### INFLUENZA:

Cases of influenza in the nation increased 500 per cent in the week ended December 11, according to U. S. Public Health figures. Reports for the week from every state department excepting Maine's showed a total of 23,724 cases, five times as many as in the week before.

Federal health service officials stated that there was no particular cause for concern, as the new cases are of the same mild type of the disease that has been prevalent since the epidemic began in the fall.

## For you to make



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"With which hand?" asked the actress—and then kissed the hand.  
"And did you kill a German?" she asked the man in the next bed.  
"I sure did," he told her promptly. "I bit 'im to death!"

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### 'Fogie' Means Increase

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## HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

**FLU:** Almost a thousand people died of influenza in Great Britain last week, the highest since the epidemic began. In the previous week 709 succumbed.

**NURSES:** Plans to conscript registered nurses for service with the armed forces have been dropped, Representative Bolton said, after a conference with war department officials.

**HONESTY:** A 43-year-old Briton of American descent has been sentenced by a London court to nine months' imprisonment for receiving stolen goods. His name is Abraham Lincoln, and he claims to be a grandnephew of "Honest Abe." Lincoln was charged with receiving a calculating machine which he knew was stolen from U. S. army headquarters.