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Watch the progress of gliders. Many young officers doing desk work in the War Department are making plans to transfer to the glider corps.

Believe it or not, the number of letters received by the Army Engineers each day is nearly thirty thousand. General McCoach, recently Engineers Commissioner of the District of Columbia, takes care of the Washington Board of Trade has been commissioned a Captain of Engineers.

The silver dollar is still a very important coin but during this war silver isn't worth as much as brass or copper. Uncle Sam has about 35,000 tons of silver to back up his silver certificates, but that silver may soon be diverted to all kinds of things such as taking 42,000 tons of silver for bus bars in aluminum plants to replace 47,000 tons of badly needed copper. The "worms" of grain alcohol still and even the lining of cans may come from our silver stock pile.

It is generally conceded that our big surplus of wheat will exceed the value of our immense gold accumulation in Kentucky.

Mike Elizalde, the Philippine Commissioner, gave a reception for Manuel Quezon, the Philippine President in exile. Nearly all foreign ambassadors, ministers, military and naval attaches now in Washington and members of the House and Senate were there. Filipinos who had just come from Australia were plied with questions about friends in Manila that he is probably all right and living in his home in the suburbs of Manila under Japanese surveillance. Efforts to get more information about Americans in Manila are being made through the International Red Cross.

Manuel Quezon's favorite story about Corregidor is one about the heroism of American and Filipino nurses. Quezon tells friends that he lay sick on a stretcher in Corregidor for many days and gives high praise to the treatment that he received from the Americans. The Filipinos and the Americans became brothers on Bataan and on Corregidor, the Filipino President tells the Third District Member.

Gordon Lederer of Norfolk is one of the dental technicians in the recently completed National Naval Medical center in Washington. The laboratory in which he works is said to be the finest in the world. Lederer got his first training in the Welles Laboratory in Norfolk. He then joined the navy and after training in the great Navy Medical Center he will receive a duty assignment.

George Petrow of Fremont is at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, near Washington, in Officer training school. His brother, Christ Petrow, is joining up with the Coast Guard.

A constituent asks why we can not go back to the horses and buggies for the duration. In reply to that, agricultural experts here say that so far as our farmers are concerned, they cannot go back to the horse and buggy days because the number of horses and mules on our farms has been reduced nearly one-half since the first world war. Also, even if we have the horses, their legs and feet would not stand the strain of traveling long distances over modern hard-surfaced roads.

Many people have written regarding the location of their sons who are in the army and navy. The War Department appreciates the desire of men in the service to receive mail from home and every precaution is being taken to see that all mail is delivered. However, due to the military situation and the great distances in-

involved, the transmission of mail to and from members in the armed forces is sometimes unavoidably retarded. Because of military reasons the destination assigned to certain men in our armed forces cannot be disclosed but the War Department is doing everything possible to see to it that mail is delivered. The War Department here receives report of the serious illness or injury of any soldier and the emergency addressee is immediately notified.

There has been a helpful revision in the sugar ration regulations which is hoped will meet some of the complaints made by American housewives. Among other things, the new order allows one pound of sugar per four quarts of finished canned fruit. Applicants for home canning are asked by the price administrator here to obtain full information from their local war price and rationing board.

Clarence Meisner of McLean writes that he bought a crate of strawberries and drove 18 miles to Pierce to get a sugar ration order to can the fruit, only to find the rationing board member away from town. Leon Henderson, the price and rationing boss, says his plans are to expand the personnel of local war price and rationing boards so that eventually most towns will have boards and citizens will have less need to travel long distances in order to attend to their rationing needs.

The Third District Office has asked the price and ration administrator to explain the future plans for ration board personnel, and the Administrator has replied as follows:

"The plans of the Office of Price Administration for expansion of its personnel include considerable increase in the staffs assigned to work under the direction of local war price and rationing boards. We fully appreciate the tremendous burden which has been imposed upon these boards by the various activities which the OPA has undertaken, and we owe the members of these boards a debt of gratitude which we can never adequately repay. We feel certain that the efforts which we are now making to provide these boards with adequate staff, proper quarters, and other facilities necessary to carry on their work, will make the load they have to carry a much lighter one. We are making every effort, both by providing these aids and by the manner in which we plan our work, to relieve the board members of the burden of time which has been taken from their private affairs in the past."

In Nebraska there will be a state administrator and several district administrators with

boards in most communities. It is predicted here that Grant McFayden of Omaha, who has been in charge of tire rationing, may become the state chief for war price and rationing boards.

Judge Orville Chatt of Tekamah is a captain in the Army Air Corps. He has completed six weeks of training at Harrisburg, Pa., and came to Washington for orders. He tells the Third District Office that he expects to be overseas within a short time. Mrs. Chatt and son John accompanied him to Washington.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have been in town. The Duke went back to the Bahamas in a hurry. The reason is alleged to have been that the British just don't agree on his staying in this country for any length of time. Some kings and queens and former kings and queens and other royalty are here. A lot more are coming and many are trying to come. King Carroll and his companion, Madame Lupescu, are in Mexico writing letters to a lot of influential people asking them to get it fixed so they can come here. Hundreds of thousands of foreigners of lowly rank are trying to come here. About everybody in the world figures today that the United States is a mighty fine place in which to live.

President Quezon of the exiled Philippine Commonwealth Government addressed the House of Representatives the other day. It was an eloquent speech by a man who for seven years was Philippine Resident Commissioner in the United States and who sat in the House of Representatives during that time. He received enthusiastic applause when he asked the House to give him the same assurance as the President gave him in writing, that independence would be given to the Filipinos when the war is over. Uncle Sam has promised the Islands complete independence on the Fourth of July, 1946.

## The Home Front

Because of distance, western Nebraska was not well represented at the State Nutrition Conference in Lincoln April 29. Dr. Ruth Loverton, State Nutrition Committee Chairman, has now completed arrangements for meetings at Alliance June 10 and North Platte June 11. Plans for community nutrition program will be made at these meetings.

Besides Dr. Loverton, these ladies will assist in the western meetings; Margaret Fedde, head of Nebraska University's Home Economics Department; Mabel Doremus, Agricultural Extension Service; and Florence Atwood, Farm Security Administration. Mrs. Mary McVicker and Mrs. C.

R. Caley will represent the Nebraska Advisory Committee.

The Cuming County Defense Committee tells why large numbers of defense workers should be trained: "It's better to have protection and not need it than to need it and not have it."

The Red Cross is official agency for salvaging wool for processing. Omaha workers recently completed a successful "wool gathering" campaign, first in the nine-state Seventh Defense Region. It included collections from homes and retail stores. Salvaged wool is sold to manufacturers and receipts are added to local Red Cross funds.

Rubber is scarce. Our biggest stock pile is on motor vehicles. We must preserve it; make vehicles and tires last for the duration. Here are some tips from a tire conservation program prepared by Mark T. Caster, Executive Secretary, State Salvage Committee.

Drive cars only when absolutely necessary. Each extra mile aids the Axis. Drive under 40 miles an hour. Check tires frequently for proper inflation. To equalize wear, change from wheel to wheel every 1,000 miles.

Pool car use with neighbors and fellow workers. It is said, "A Jap sits in every unoccupied seat."

June, 1917—Draft registration on June 5. Nebraska demonstrated enthusiastically. Business houses closed; town whistles tooted; bands played martial music; parades passed in review. Many communities held special patriotic services.

Nebraska was bombed on June 6 when Ruth Law, pioneer aviator, dropped Liberty Loan literature on her way from Lincoln to St. Joe. Bond sales were booming. One slogan was, "To avoid bombs buy bonds." Yes, that was 1917.

War gardens were producing victory food. Gardening provided conversational topics and newspaper copy.

Nebraska found time in mid-June to celebrate 50 years of statehood. Colonel "Teddy" Roosevelt was main speaker at a big semi-centennial meeting in Lincoln.

General Pershing arrived in Paris on June 13. On June 14 Nebraska observed Flag Day, as proclaimed by Governor Keith Neville.

Burwell, home of "Nebraska's Big Rodeo," has another fine activity in the form of chain or group letters to Garfield county people in service. Space forbids reproduction here, but each letter is full of home news from various friends. Just what any man from

any community would be glad to receive. USO Chairman Lew Williams keeps the chain's links bright and strong.

Nebraska's fame is growing. State Defense Coordinator Walter F. Roberts has received from W. D. McIntosh, Southern Area Manager of the California State Council of Defense, a letter which compliments Nebraska upon state and local defense organization and activities. Mr. McIntosh is particularly impressed with the way in which Nebraska uses Regional Defense Committees to spread defense responsibilities and aid in local organization.

Each day brings more enrollments for the raid warden instructors school to be held in Lincoln June 14 to 17. Indications are that 75 or more will attend. In proportion to population western Nebraska will be as well represented as the eastern part of the state. Men are coming from western grazing counties which have very scattered populations and no large towns.

American Legion posts at Fairmont, Exeter, Milligan, Omaha and Geneva were cited in The National Legionaire, May issue, for their combined efforts in giving farewell parties to Fillmore county selective service men. At one party 114 selectees and their fathers enjoyed a patriotic program and dinner. Each selectee leaving that county has been given cigarettes, candy, toilet articles and other non-issue items.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz went to Omaha Wednesday on business.

Laura Parker entertained her bridge club at her home Wednesday night. High score was won by Mrs. Grace Walling and Mrs. Dora Murphy.

K. D. Fenderson went to Lincoln Wednesday on business.

Junior Johnson went to Page Wednesday. He will return Friday and bring back Franklin

Bressler of Wayne, who will visit here for several days.

Jack Vincent left Thursday for Omaha. After spending several days here visiting his parents and other relatives, to attend the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Vinton Simonson Wednesday when the O'Neill Women's Club was the guest of the Alpha Club. Mrs. Helen Gillespie gave a very fine

review of "The Chuckling Fingers" by Mable Seeley. Lunch was served.

Mrs. O. W. French, daughter, Leona, and son, Ivan, left for Omaha Thursday. They will visit in Norfolk, Fremont, Lincoln and Nebraska City. Ivan will attend the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thomas of Hastings came Sunday to visit Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky.

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