

Stalin, Truman, Churchill Open Big Three Meet



The much awaited Big Three conference formally opened at Berlin. The scene took place in an attractive room of a modern country estate in the Potsdam area. Photographed together for the first time are Stalin, President Truman and Churchill, just before the opening of the conference. While the conference got off to a fast start, it is still unknown just how long it will take to complete all issues to be considered.

Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO
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By VIRGINIA VALE
PARAMOUNT'S studio press bureau reported an unusual number of requests from servicemen to visit the Betty Hutton-Sonny Tufts sets for "Cross My Heart." They couldn't figure out the reason for that avalanche of requests, till some bright boy came up with the answer. Seems that somebody had announced in print that Betty had posed for photographs on the set with two air corps lieutenants, Robert Drew and Bruce Shaw, P-38 pilots stationed at nearby Van Nuys—and Betty had sat on one officer's lap while the cameras clicked!

It all turned out perfectly. A publicity man introduced Nancy Norman, pretty singer with Sammy Kaye's orchestra, and Dick Brown, who's featured on his own Sunday MBS program; the press agent's object, a "romance item" that he could send to radio editors (who get awfully sick of those same phoney "romances"!). But—this time it



NANCY NORMAN

worked differently; Nancy and Dick will be married in September, when his brother comes home from the South Pacific. The same thing happened when that same publicity man introduced Patti Pickens of the Pickens Sisters and tenor Robert Simmons, also for publicity purposes. They've been married four years.

Newspaper columnists get lots of "no-romance" items. The latest concerns Elizabeth Scott, making her screen debut in Hal Wallis' "You Came Along." There'll be no romantic interest for her, we're told, till her film career is definitely established. Announcements like this usually backfire—just let a gal say she won't fall in love, and next thing you know, she's eloping with somebody.

Helen Mack, who's producer of NBC's "Date with Judy" and the new "Beulah Show," gets no vacation this summer. In addition to handling the direction of the two network shows Helen has been signed for two movie roles—enough to keep any woman busy.

Ted Malone wants you to help him. He's keeping a promise made to his G.I. friends overseas by dedicating his broadcast series, heard week days over the American network, to rediscovering America. He wants mail on "What War Has Done to Your Community."

Alfred Hitchcock, who recently completed "Spellbound" and is now preparing "Notorious" for David O. Selznick, is about to send some of his spine-chilling yarns over the airways. "Too many mystery programs come on the air asking people to turn out the lights, lock the doors, and prepare to be frightened to death," says he, "when actually nothing takes place that would scare anybody. When my program comes on, it will probably be a failure. While listening, the audience will become so frightened they likely will turn it off."

David O. Selznick, who developed Ingrid Bergman into a star, again has gone to Stockholm for his latest "find." He's Frank Sundstrom, star of the same Royal Dramatic theater in which Miss Bergman studied, and has appeared in eight European films.

Members of the "Duel in the Sun" company who have been on location, have organized the first Cactus and Iodine club. All members who have been stuck by Arizona's Cholla cactus are eligible; Jennifer Jones' make-up woman, Clare Kaufman, is a charter member, she sat on one!

ODDS AND ENDS—Ginny Simms has a special "hospital dress," a bright flowered print, which she wears when she sings to wounded soldiers; the boys in the wards like it. . . Working 16 hours a day, 7 days a week, Conrad Nagel, director of the air's "Sever Theater," earned \$7.50 per week when he started his career as an actor. . . Bonita Granville, who'll portray a smart lawyer in her role in "The Lie Detector," is just 22; she's been an actress since she was three. Arthur Lake of the "Blondie" series thinks maybe he should be insulted—a goat, mascot-stabliemate of a famous race horse, has been named "Dagwood," for him!

Superforts All Over Japan



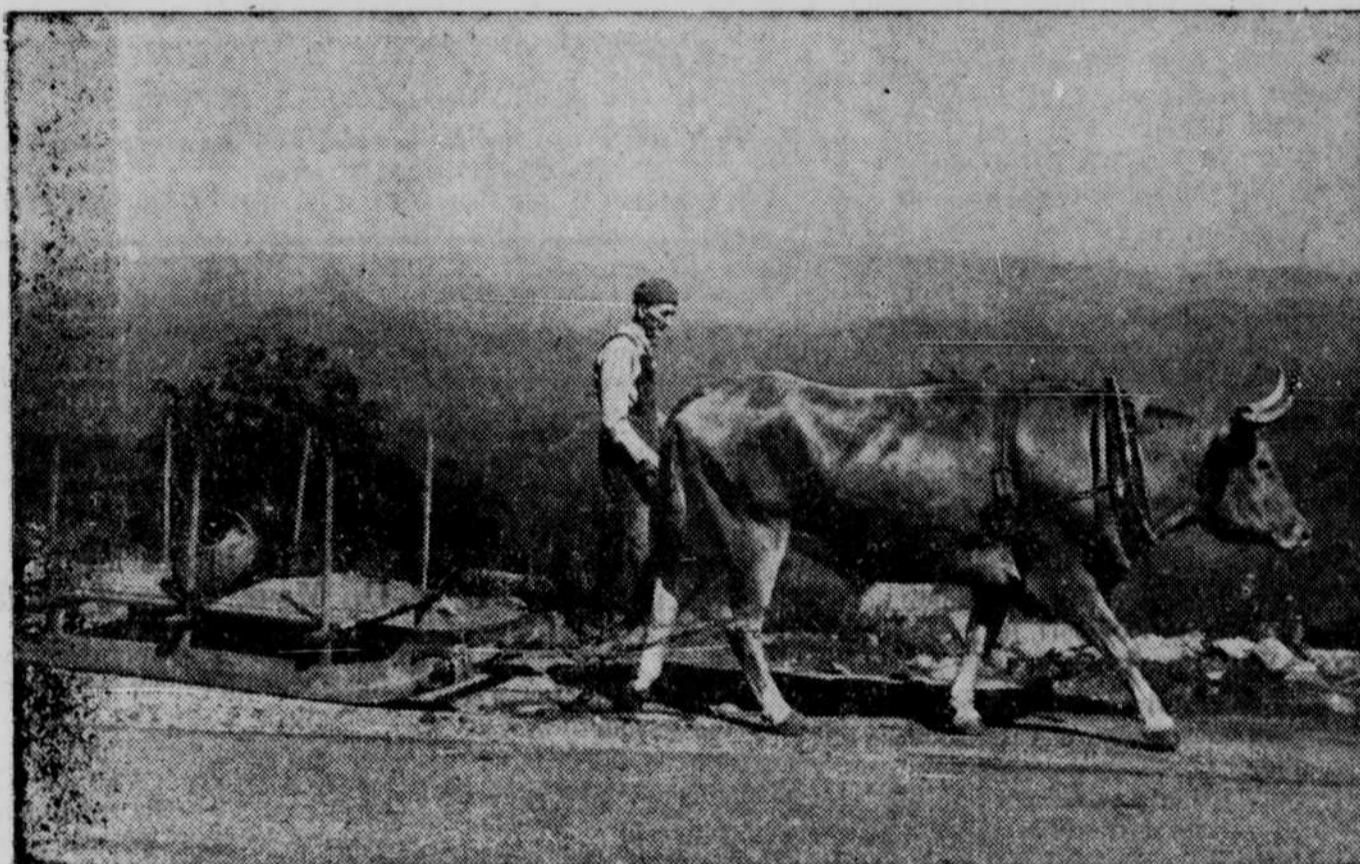
Three B-29 superfortresses are seen in flight over Fujiyama, Japan, during recent strike against the enemy. The famous Fujiyama volcano forms a colorful backdrop for the big bombers. Some "authorities" claim that the entire island can be wrecked by unloading tons of bombs into the mouth of Fujiyama and other Japanese active volcanos.

Christmas in July



Recruiting of 65,000 additional workers for railroads, needed urgently to carry out the army's re-deployment program, gets underway in Chicago with Cpl. Edward Solotke, 6th service command M.P., decked out as Santa Claus in this Christmas in July crisis.

Rationing No Drawback to North Carolina Farmer



He ain't worried—no gas, no oil, no tires impede this Appalachian in the pursuit of his weekly grocery buying chore. He hooks his steer to his sled with wooden runners, picks up a smidget of something to eat, and pulls it back to his craggy home. It may be a mite slow, but he doesn't have to argue with the OPA about it. The North Carolina steer can go wherever a shod animal could climb, and the narrow sled, self-braking, will shame the most prudent wagon on steep slopes.

Until His Big Brother Returns



In another split second, the batter is going to lay this one down on the line and hope he doesn't trip over those trouser legs on his way towards first. At the rate the war is going, his big brother may be back to reclaim that baseball suit before Babe here grows into it. At any rate, he will make good use of it for a few more weeks.

Sightless Prodigy



Blind Jimmy Osborn, nine, British piano prodigy, is greeted on his arrival at the Parkins Institution for the Blind. Jimmy will receive his education at the institution, which was arranged for by his foster fathers of the U. S. 9th air force.

Sets New Swim Event Record



Betty Lachok of Akron, Ohio, is pictured after she had come in first in the three mile swim event at the Women's National A. A. U. long distance championships held at Clementon Lake, N. J. Miss Lachok set a new record for the distance in 1 hour, 17 minutes, 36.7 seconds. The meet set a record in turnout as well as outstanding records.

Achoo! Gesundheit!



Series of allergy injections is being made. Punctures are marked off in indelible pencil. This method is used to determine the individual causes of hay fever and the like.

Fishes in His Private Pool



It is not every boy that has his own private fishing pool. This young farm boy baits hook hopefully and prepares to fish in the family pond. Private waters like these can be used the year around, and hundreds of inland farm kids who never had a chance to fish are growing up into a larger generation of sportsmen. The government has encouraged building of private ponds. Some states, such as Missouri, offer special inducements for farm ponds, not only stocking with fish but supplying at cost shade trees and water plants for the ponds. Even in postwar, the addition of fish to the farm diet will be welcomed.

Man of War



One of the busiest men in the administration, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, relaxes, whenever he can get away from Washington, by running his farm at Cold Spring, N. Y.

Bringing Them Back Home Again



With thousands of U. S. Troops scheduled to fly home from Europe each month, the most effective air-sea rescue system ever devised in safeguarding the men has been put into effect. (1) The waters are well protected, while from the Azores to the U. S. many ships are on guard.

Fixes Grave for Dog Mascot



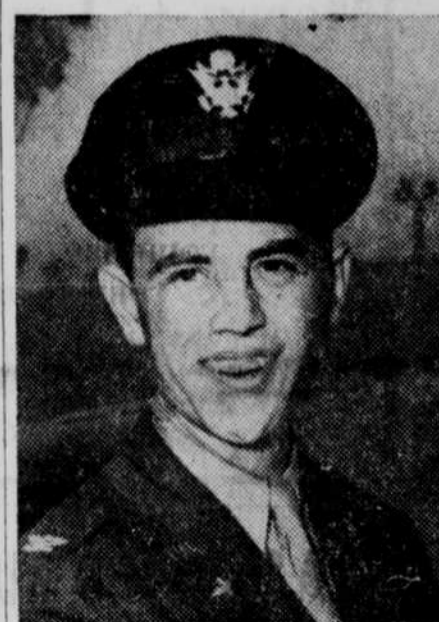
Pfc. Joseph Samson of Detroit, Mich., fixes the grave of his pet dog, "Sgt. Chippis," who died in the "line of duty" after participating in four Southwest Pacific campaigns. Men of Samson's outfit, a signal detachment with the 1st cavalry division, built the grave on Luzon. The dog sniffing at the headstone is allegedly one of Chippis' pups.

Postman and His Pal



"Butch," who belongs to Joe Hammer, 13, a patient in Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, has not missed a day in meeting his postman pal, Arthur Pritchard. He makes the daily rounds with the mailman, grabbing his trouser leg to urge more speed.

Back From Prison



Col. Hubert C. Zemke, 31, as he arrived in New York City. The air ace, credited with 30 1/2 Nazi planes before being shot down and taken prisoner, was released from Stettin.