

ART RETURNED . . . The above, Apostle in Despair Over the Passing of Mary, taken by the Germans from the Wit Stwosz altar of the Church of Our Lady, Cracow, Poland, has been returned to the Polish church by the United States forces in Europe.

## HITLER'S SHAME

## Historic Church Altar Stolen By Germans, Returned to Poles

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Pauline Frederick, WNU Foreign Correspondent, was the only American correspondent to accompany the historic mission of returning the Wit Stwosz altar, the largest in Europe, to the Polish church from which the Germans, on Hitler's orders, had stolen it. Here is her axelusive story.)

By PAULINE FREDERICK WNU Features.

CRACOW, POLAND.-It was after midnight when a special train pulled out of the loading yards at Nuernberg, Germany, and headed east. There were two passenger coaches on it, one of them formerly the private car of Joachim von Ribbentrop. There were 22 freight cars, carefully sealed, bearing warnings in English, German and Polish that anyone trying to pilfer the train would be shot. Armed G.I.s stood on guard.

This was a train to bring shame® to any German with a conscience. It was to bring tears of joy to the eyes of many Poles. For aboard was Poland's greatest art treasure, the Wit Stwosz altar, being returned to its home, the Church of Our Lady, in Cracow, from where the Germans had looted it.

This trip was the end of a mission begun in 193º. In August of that year the international situation had reached such a critical stage that Prof. Charles Estreicher of the fine arts department of the University of Cracow decided that steps should be taken to safeguard the altar from possible looting. Consequently, he supervised the packing of the sculptures in great wooden cases which floated down the Vistula to Sandomierz.

By mid-September, however, the Germans had found all the boxes. Hitler ordered them conveyed to the Reichsbank in Berlin.

Hitler Orders It Set Up. Meantime, Burgomeister Leibel of Nuernberg conceived the idea of establishing a Veit Stoss center in his city. Veit Stoss is the German spelling of Wit Stwosz. Both Germans and Poles claim the artist as one of their nationals. The fuehrer ordered that the altar should be set up in St. Lawrence's Lutheran church in Nuernberg.

That meant that the framework which had been left in the Church of Our Lady in Cracow had to be torn out and brought to Germany.

The pieces were unpacked in Nuernberg. Then it was found that the Germans had miscalculated again-the altar was too large for St. Lawrence's church.

It now became necessary to find a safe place in which to store the unpacked treasure. There was an ancient tunnel beneath Nuernberg cas-



TOO LARGE . . . The Wit Stwosz altar in Church of Our Lady. The Germans found this too large to place in their own St. Lawrence | the American people how grateful

## Poles Grateful for Return of Altar

we are."

Frank.

there was a great welcoming cere- flowed down across the worshippers mony. Then we were whisked to to the priests before the altar.

the Francuski hotel. When the altar was unpacked, the center sculpture, the Passing of and with all the power of its great Mary, was set up for the dedicatory pipes, came "The Star Spangled mass. - That was on Sunday, May 5, with spring in full bloom. The American eye in the church. great church was packed to the doors. Sun streamed in on the Mary to go to our hotel, a great cry went surrounded by white hydrangeas up from the people. "Long live the and glowing candles. From high in Americans!"

When our train reached Cracow | the back the music of the mass

NATIVITY SCENE . . . From one

of the panels of the Wit Stwosz

tle. Silesian miners were brought

in to lengthen the corridor which

begins in an obscure little house

near where Albrecht Durer lived

and slopes downward until the

The Polish underground kept

track of the altar, reporting its

who had gone to London. There

and Poles waited anxiously to know

whether the altar had been de-

stroyed as the castle above it had

been. The tunnel had been a safe

place and the Wit Stwosz work was

Last October, Lt. Frank Albright

of the monuments and fine arts divi-

sion of military government, and a

Johns Hopkins, began supervising,

with the help of Professor Estrei-

Carries Art Treasures.

ready to leave for Cracow with the

altar, furniture and typewriters that

of Cracow; 2,000 chalices and mon-

strances from which the gold had

been looted; da Vinci's "Lady With

Ermine," and Rembrandt's "Land-

scape," together with other treas-

ures that had been taken from Po-

land by Nazi Governor-General

I had had nothing to do with

bringing back the altar to Poland.

But I wore an American uniform.

and that was enough to include me

in the little group on whom the Po-

lish people lavished their gratitude.

I was handed bouquets of flowers.

The children clapped and cheered

as I walked by. They sang. One

handsome young blonde boy, about

14, reached his hand through the

crowd and taking mine, said in Eng-

"You're a reporter. Please tell

On April 28, 1946, the train was

altar for shipment to Poland.

is some 100 feet under ground.

Then the mass was finished. Suddenly from the organ, reverently Banner." There was not a dry

As we came out into the sunlight

## **In These United States**

## Annual Farm Safety Week Is Set for July 21 to 27

By W. J. Dryden WNU Farm Editor.

Accidents-one crop we can do without! And that is the reason why July 21 to 27 has been set aside as "Farm Safety Week" to carry the annual warning message to those who work with tools, livestock and machinery. Accidental death marches through the farm and ranch lands every day. The great outdoors, it seems, is

not so healthy when you look at the figures. Farm work accidents alone killed 4,500 persons last year. These farm deaths were 28 per cent of the nation's occupational death total, more than in any of the other seven major industrial groups.

#### 'Eliminate a Hazard a Day.'

That is the information which President Truman undoubtedly had when he issued a proclamation this year calling upon farm people of the nation "to observe National Farm Safety Week by resolving to eliminate at least one hazard a day until their farms are as safe as they can possibly make them."

They must be made to see also the peril of nails, ladders, machines. Because of truths like this the United States department of agriculture, the National Grange, the National Fire Protection association, the Farm Equipment institute, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Farmers Union, the co-operatives and other leading agricultural organizations are taking an active part along with the National Safety council in observing Farm Safety Week from July 21 to July 27 as a means of carrying safety education to the farmer.

## Riddle of Ring **Around Neck of Bear Is Solved**

HEMLOCK, WASH. - Frequently a black bear with a white ring around its neck had appeared in this area. Some thought it was a tame bear with a gray collar of some kind. Others said it was a freak and actually had a white ring of fur around its neck.

Joe Szydlo solved the riddle when he shot the bear. The white ring was paint. It is believed that the bear, in its raids on garbage and other pails, had got his head into a paint bucket, probably tipping it over on his head. The bear could wipe the paint off its face with its paws, but must not have been able to wash his neck.



former professor of archeology at TOLERANCE . . . Two youth look at the Star of David alongside the crucifix in a memorial to the dead cher, the long task of preparing the of all faiths in World War II, which was erected on the grounds of St. Brendan's Catholic church in Brooklyn.

#### had been stolen from the University **Eight Tractors Plant** Two Fields in One Day

TAYLOR, TEXAS. - Recently a tornado ruined crops west of Granger, destroying stands of corn and other crops, including those of Louis Hanzelka and Julius Cepcar.

Working almost as fast as the tornado, six neighbors with tractors volunteered to help Hanzelka and Cepcar replant the two farms. They showed up bright and early in the morning, and by night the fields had been plowed and planted.

The eight tractors were manned by Hanzelka and Cepcar and Paul Repa, Albert Repa, Adolph Naizer, Willie Pekar, Louis Hajda and Huat Gourbec. After the fields were put in shape the ground was planted to cotton and feed.

That's what a little neighborly cooperation will do!

## Miner Wants Army To Bomb Mountain

WHITE SANDS, N. M.-A gold prospector who owns a mountain near where the V-2 rocket tests are being made has petitioned Lt. Col. H. R. Turner, commanding officer of White Sands proving ground, to aim a rocket over his way and blow up the mountain. It would save him a lot of digging, he says.

Colonel Turner has revealed that they will not be able to oblige the prospector.

AIRPORT CHATTER A new amphibian and seaplane base on the lake front in Wolfeboro, N. H., has been completed for service of planes which visit the New Hampshire lake region all year around. . . . James E. Wolfe, former army pilot, is now manager of the Hartsville, N. C., airport. . . . To vary life a bit, pilots of personal planes at the Fair Haven, Vt., airport have been practicing formation flying. . . . Grant Eldredge, former army pilot, has leased the Salmon, Idaho, airport. He used to fly the hump in India with the ATC, so the Idaho mountains won't bother him. . . . The Sportsmen's Pilot's association of Colorado will fly their planes to Estes Park for a convention August 22 to 24. . . . Traffic at the Chicago airport increased 49 per

#### VETS AND AVIATION

cent in May.

Thousands of wartime dreams are certain to crash, many aviation writers predict. And yet we find veterans getting most of the new jobs in aviation, not only as pilots but also as maintenance men, clerks, and in traffic control. Many vets are creating jobs for themselves in aviation. But government estimates indicate that even 10 years from now the number of persons employed in the industry will not equal the number of men and women who, while in the services, were hopeful of making aviation a peacetime career.

#### HELICOPTER FALLS

pilot. With its engine dead, autoland his helicopter safely in a cow mins that way. pasture.

#### GOVERNOR WON'T FLY! Col. Roscoe Turner, the air speed

king, has a project in mind for this picnic. summer-to make Gov. John C. Vivian of Colorado get his feet off the ground!

"Once I can get his feet off the ground and demonstrate what a wonderful thing it is to travel by air, I think I can change his whole attitude," Turner promised. "He'll become so air-minded it will be a great thing for the state."

A survey of army and navy air forces showed around 1,000,000 were interested in postwar occupations employment in aviation is around 300,000, of whom 185,000 work for aircraft manufacturers, 55,000 for the scheduled airlines, 10,000 for the federal government, 20,000 for airports, and the rest in a variety of

## Quote of the Week

"Farmers of the Great Plains are flying by the thousands. They would be flying by the tens of thousands if planes were available at the right price and for their special needs." -Wall Street Journal.



ON THE BIAS . . . The PT-19, with the new cross wind landing gear, lands on the bias at the Hagerstown, Md., municipal airport. The development is under the guidance of John Giesse of the CAA. The PT-19 was built by Fairchild.

Urges Utah Airport The Parowan (Utah) Times received a telegram from Lt. Simon Benson who is in Berlin, Germany,

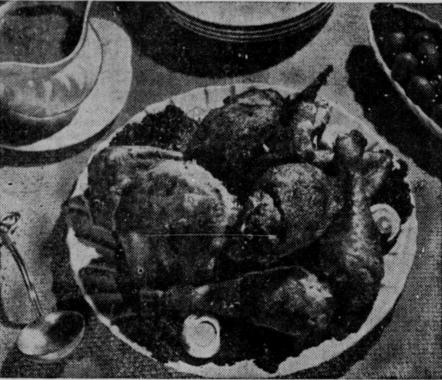
urging his home town to build an

airport. Benson expects to return

to Parowan soon.

Lyle Nelson, witness in a trial at Jordon, Mont., involving alleged illegal branding, testified he spotted misbranded animals from his plane while flying 10 to 15 feet over the cattle at a speed of only 35 to 45 miles an hour.





First Choice for a Picnic-Fried Chicken (See Recipes Below)

#### Eat Outdoors!

The time has come to take the picnic baskets out to the shady glen or under the old oak tree in the back yard and let the outdoors spread its inimitable seasoning to savory-cooked foods. Why not plan to eat out-

doors at least once a week this Eating out doors will get Mother out of the sweltering kitchen for at

least two hours; it will give Dad time to contemplate the beauties of nature; and it will give youngsters a chance to catch up on out-ofdoors secrets. Outdoor eating is spoiled if there's

too much fuss connected with it, so Many people have asked: "If a plan everything as simply as poshelicopter's engine konks out, can sible. The family will enjoy nibthe craft be landed?" The question ling on a chicken leg with their was answered recently at Dayton, fingers much more than trying to Ohio, when an AAF helicopter carve a piece of pot roast for every dropped from 9,000 feet without bite they take. If they don't want damage to the graft or injury to the to wrestle with salads take along whole fruits like oranges and torotation, or free-wheeling of the matoes, pears or grapes, or such rotor blades, allowed the pilot, Capt. | things as carrot sticks and celery Irvin C. Steiner of Wright Field, to hearts and let them get their vita-

If it's pie or cake for dessert they like, bake and leave in its pan, as it's easy enough to place that in a box and slice as it's needed on the

Here's an unusual way of preparing potato salad that's both flavorful and easy to make. If you are having a light supper, you won't need extra meat:

Hot Potato-Sausage Salad.

(Serves 6) 1 pound sausage links 6 medium-sized potatoes

1/4 cup minced onion ¼ cup vinegar

3 tablespoons water 2 teaspoons sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt

Pare potatoes and cook. Drain related to flying. Present direct and cut in 1/2-inch squares. Place sausage links in skillet and add a small amount of water. Cover and steam for 5 minutes. Drain off remaining water and cook sausage over low heat, turning to brown evenly. Remove links from pan. Add onion to drippings and brown. Add vinegar, water, sugar and salt. Stir and cook about 10 minutes. Pour over potatoes. Top with sausage links.

## Lynn Says:

Sandwiches for Summer: Nut bread tastes mighty good when spread with orange marmalade, currant jelly and a grated rind of lemon mixed with cream cheese.

Or mix chopped, cooked fruits with cream cheese and spread on date bread.

Date paste or mixed dried fruits ground into a paste and mixed with cottage cheese offer a taste treat on raisin brown bread.

Cut peeled cucumber very fine, mix with mayonnaise and give it a dash of onion juice and spread on thin slices of white bread.

You'll also like these combinations: cottage cheese with grated carrots, apple butter with raisins and chopped nuts; cream cheese with finely ground, hard-cooked egg and minced green pepper.

Cottage cheese mixed with ripe olives or green stuffed olives gives an attractive color to pinwheel sandwiches. Sweet salad desserts are excel-

lent for strictly feminine luncheons. Diced canned cling peaches plus assorted fruits, frozen in gelatin-thickened whipped cream, are tops.

For enjoyable eating, include shiny black olives in your picnic lunches. To keep them shiny and to prevent shriveling, roll them in a few drops of olive oil or salad oil and wrap them in wax paper.

## Lynn Chambers' Menus

Outdoor Menu Fried Chicken Potato Salad Carrot Sticks

Whole Ripe Tomatoes Bran Bread and Butter ·Hot Milk Cake Beverage \*Recipe given

Fried Chicken. Cut chicken into serving pieces. Chicken may be dipped in seasoned flour, corn meal

and flour, cracker crumbs or flour. If a heavier coating is desired, dip in egg, beaten slightly, then in

flour coating. Use heavy skillet and have 3 to 4 inches of fat in it. Fry chicken on both sides until golden brown. When browned, turn fire down very low and allow chicken to cook until tender-from 30 to 60 minutes depending upon size of the pieces and age of chicken. Or, if desired, finish cooking in a moderate (350°) oven.

If you prefer your chicken in a loaf, bake it and when ready to serve your picnic lunch, slice it from the loaf for sandwiches, or serve with tossed salad:

## Chicken Loaf.

(Serves 8 to 10) 4 to 5 pound chicken, cut in pieces

I small carrot 1 small onion

2 stalks celery

1 clove

peppercorns

teaspoon salt

2 cups bread crumbs 1 cup cooked rice

11/2 teaspoons salt

2 tablespoons chopped pimiento

3 cups chicken broth, milk or both mixed 5 eggs, beaten

Place chicken in large kettle and

add carrot, onion, cloves, pepper-

corns and salt. Cover with cold water and simmer until tender, about 2 hours. Strain chicken stock and let chicken cool. Combine diced

chicken with remaining ingredients. Add more seasoning if desired. Place in a deep loaf pan and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for one hour or until firm.

A good salad to take in a wellchilled bowl to the picnic grounds is this one that is light but chewy and rich in vitamins: Tonic Salad.

(Serves 6.) 2 cups cabbage, sliced fine 1 cup grated carrot 1 cup chopped tart apple

1 small onion, minced Moisten all ingredients with a little salad dressing. Salt, if desired, and serve cold.

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

A delicate yellow cake that is made in a square pan is another easily transported item. Ice this with a little orange powdered sugar icing or a chocolate frosting:

\*Hot Milk Cake. 2 egg whites, beaten stiff 2 egg yolks, beaten light 1 cup sugar

1 cup flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 14 cup hot milk 1 tablespoon butter, melted

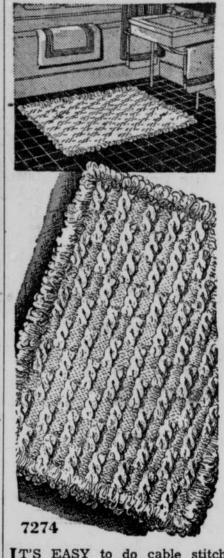
Add yolks to egg whites, then blend sugar in slowly. Fold in flour which has been sifted with baking powder, then lastly add the butter. Bake in a square pan in a moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes. When cool, ice with:

> Chocolate Frosting. 2 squares chocolate 1 tablespoon butter 1/2 cup rich milk

Powdered sugar Melt chocolate with milk and butter. Add enough powdered sugar until frosting is of a spreading consistency. Flavor with vanilla. This

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