

Army Air Force 'Prisoners of War' Exposition at Orchard & Wilhelm

OMAHA, Neb., April 26.—The Army Air Forces Prisoners of War Exposition is co-sponsored by the Army Air Forces and the YMCA. The show, which features more than 800 articles made by Americans in German POW camps opens on the Fifth Floor of the Orchard & Wilhelm Company, on Monday, April 29, and runs thru Saturday, May 4th.

The purpose of the exposition is two fold: First, to stimulate interest in the returning veteran and to point out to the local employers the vast sea of employment possibilities to be found in the returning veterans, using the concrete proof of the display to show the ingenuity, resourcefulness, courage and patience of the returning serviceman; second, to show appreciation to the YMCA and the Red Cross for the life saving work they did for American prisoners in Germany.

The show was conceived in Stalag Luft I by Col. C. Ross Green-

ing, who turned his hobby of painting into a scheme for warding off mental boredom among the POWs. His art classes stimulated interest, and resulted in an art exhibit in the camp mess hall. The show created a desire in Col. Greening to bring home samples of the prisoner's work so that the public could visualize how American prisoners kept up their morale and passed their time.

The articles on exhibit were gathered during the last year of the war, and were flown out in B-17s. The exhibit is divided into the following sections:

Models such as airplanes, ships, etc., Sculpture—soap, clay, wax, shellac; About 50 wood plaques, 100 paintings, water colors, pastels, oils, etc.; A typical 16 man room—an exact replica of a room in Stalag Luft I, with all original furnishings. An escape museum, including the amazing devices made and used under threat of severe penalty.

Numerous unclassified articles, such as a violin made in camp, and which has been played by leading concert artists in this country. Only experts can tell it from an instrument made by professional. The violin was made by Capt. Claire Cline, who is not a professional instrument maker nor a craftsman. His material included bed boards from his own bunk, the leg of a camp stool, small pieces of plywood from Reg Cross boxes, and glue scrapped from un-

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derneath the tables in the Mess Hall. His tools were a broken razor blade, a broken knife, broken bits of glass, and shoe polish for the finish.

Col. Greening, the 'daddy' of the show was one of the original Tokyo Doolittle Raiders. He invented the 20c bomb used on that raid. He was first taken prisoner in July, 1943, after he had been shot down over Naples. Later he escaped and lived with the guerrilla fighters, and then was recaptured March 23, 1944. He was sent to Stalag Luft I, where he conceived the show.

MORE ABOUT THE EXHIBITS
Of all the exhibits, those grouped as craft products point up the apparently inexhaustible quality of Yank ingenuity. Included among them is a 12 way mouse-trap made out of dried milk cans. The snare, which is a Chinese maze of tin corridors and circular cells, offers a rodent a final chance for freedom, provided it makes the right choice at six different sets of openings.

If a mouse makes a bad guess along the way it faces punishment, bludgeoning, or solitary confinement. Another trap, now adorned with seven swastikas to mark the number of victims, is constructed of cardboard, tin and rubber bands.

Other barbed wire products include two cameras, one made from a dried milk can and the other of cardboard and postcards; dried milk mixer, weather vane, model tunnel, homemade soft balls, needle-point work, model Ford V 8 engine, chess set out from a broom handle, compasses, dolls, miniature buildings, slide rules, clocks which keep accurate time, cracker grinders, household utensils, computer, drills, pantograph, bucksaw, and a garden scene sketched in colored thread.

Bulkier objects of the craft division are the turbo-supercharged stoves and ovens. Manufactured from tin cans these highly efficient household appliances played a great part in helping the prisoners stretch the limited rations supplied them by the Germans.

Another highlight is the American flag fashioned from a German sheet. It was first flown on May 1, 1945, as the Germans fled Stalag Luft I.

The show include an art exhibit and a model airplane show. The work done in prison camps was made possible mainly through material made available by the YMCA, while some were daubed with dyes improvised by the POW. The plane models are mainly min-

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atures of planes the prisoners piloted or crewed until they were shot down out of the air.

Other phases of the show include an expose of techniques the Germans used to spread propaganda in the prison camps; a display of photographs taken in the compounds and an actual replica of a prison barracks room.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN By MYRTLE GOODLOW

Juvenile Delinquency is one of today's greatest problems. Youngsters of high school age to children of eight are committing crimes to numerous to state. Social workers and those interested in child welfare are putting forth every effort and giving their time.

Trying to curb the wayward youth in crime. But those who are parents only in name who cruelly neglect their daughter or son.

Just to have what they call fun Fun for which they shall dearly pay.

Some future day not far away Is there a more pathetic sight Than an uncared for child Roaming the streets like an animal wild.

From early morning till late at night Some mothers go partying and spend the money their husbands earn.

And the fact that makes us weep Children at home without a bite to eat And necessary clothing and shoes for their feet.

These mothers too are having fun But the day will come When they shall weep and reap and the price they pay will not be cheap.

Many mothers are working and earning good pay And feel that their children — in their way They too have a day when the money they earn will bring a sad return.

In heartaches and memories that will distress them Because they failed to do their best For their children's interest and happiness.

Many children are never sent to Sunday School Where they could learn the golden rule And the teachings and life of Christ.

Which would teach them wrong from right Many mothers have failed on the job Motherhood one of the greatest blessings of God.

Which should have been the greatest in life for them To bring up their children to be worthwhile women and men Their future life will be sorrow and regrets.

Because they failed to correct their children's wayward steps

The Week

By H. W. Smith

Jackie Robinson, one of the star Negro players of ball with the Montreal, Canada club of Brooklyn Dodgers, featured in the game at Jersey City, N. J. on April 12 by hitting 3 singles and laying 2 swell bunts and in the knocking a home run with two men on. The crowd in the stands were so enthused that he was overcrowded by autograph seekers for some time after the game.

Joe Louis has let his beard grow out but is going to shave before the big fight in June.

Farmers of Rock Island, Ill., are buying light army tanks for \$100 each. They will use them for pulling stumps.

Barbara Joan ... ward, age 11 years, died in an Omaha hospital Saturday April 20 from a fatal burn which resulted from her starting a fire in the kitchen stove with tractor fuel.

20 year old girl burglar was arrested in Seattle, Washington, Friday, April 19, she lived in the woods three weeks and told the deputy sheriff she would rather sleep on the ground than sleep in the jail cots. She formerly lived in Nebraska.

Twins were born 3 days apart at Port Angeles, Washington to a Russian woman. The first died on sudden notice. The second was reported by doctors to have a good chance to live.

A 17 year old boy was found asleep in a stolen cab Saturday morning, April 20 at 25th and N Streets, So. Omaha.

President Truman has signed the bill against the Federal Absentee voting.

A Navy pilot was killed just after taking off from the Norfolk, Va. airport April 18.

President Truman left Washington on Monday morning April 22 on the aircraft carrier Roosevelt to visit the maneuvers off the Virginia Capes.

Former Post Master General James Farley says he will not be a candidate for Gov. of NY in the next election.

St. Paul, Minn., retail meat dealers have planned a two weeks strike from April 15 to 29.

A US sailor of Cincinnati Ohio admitted the killing of the mother of his buddy on the same ship.

Part In Fisk Drama



MISS GLORIA DEMBY of Clarksburg, W. Va., junior at Fisk University, who will take the part of Toinette Lachaud in "Wanga Doll", special Stagecrafters' presentation Saturday April 27, at 2:30 pm. in the Little Theatre, for the Fisk 17th Annual Festival of Music and Art, April 27-27th.

The Waiter's Column

By H. W. Smith

The boys on wheels on the RRs are topping the service.

Waiters at the Hill Hotel on the job with good service at all times. Regis Hotel and White Horse Inn waiters very much on the go at all times.

Fontenelle Hotel waiters with Mr. Gerald McKinley, Mr. George I. Iton, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. Reed, the regular church attendant, are on the up and go.

Are you a member of the NAACP?

M. Ward, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. Commodore and the Capt. from the Lone Star State and the waiters at the OAC are on the front line on service.

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