

THE AMERICAN HOUSE  
By Virginia Chase

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BENJAMIN and Jay dashed down over the rocks of the gully. Right down over the front of the hill. We followed them, slipping, sliding, crawling through brambles. By the time we got to the foot they had turned the survey and were ready to drive off. "Wait! Wait!" They pulled us aboard. We sat there on the back seat, Julia and I, clinging to the arms, while Nellie raced toward the village. The sky had a glow in it now. We were beginning to smell smoke. The ladder—the only one we had—was way up in the haymow, I remembered. "Maybe we oughter have told the rest," Jay said, breaking the silence. "They'll have seen it by this time," Benjamin answered. "I want to get the horses out." We could see little flames now, not so red, high up, where the roof would be. Then the outline of the house itself, dimly, through the smoke and growing darkness. "It's that chimney where we set the stove to," Jay said. As we dashed into the yard, we heard a horse kicking. "That's Lady," Benjamin shouted. He got out and headed for the stable. "You girls go tell Miss Trewocky to spread the word," Jay told us as he started to unhitch Nellie. MISS TREWOCKY was the village telephone operator. We rushed across the street and rattled at her door. She pecked out from behind a curtain and saw the blaze. We heard her at the switchboard. "Fire! Fire! The village's burning!" We looked back. Major and

filled in the gaps of the bucket line. "Faster! Steadier!" The flames were hot and noisy. You had to raise your voice to be heard above them. Sparks were flying. "Children around front," my father shouted. "The chimney's swaying." We went reluctantly. The village was brightly lit. People were taking furniture out of their own houses. On almost every roof was a man with a bucket and a broom. Storekeepers were packing their wares. Mr. Sawyer had covered his steps with barrels and boxes. Mr. Orcutt was loading carcasses on a jigger. Through the window of Mr. Tapley's store you could see his clerks frantically filling hampers with clothing, shoes, bolts of material. Mr. Tapley himself was sitting on the steps of the Town Hall, leisurely smoking a cigar. "Quite a sight, eh, young ladies?" he said, seeing us. The front wall was still untouched, yet through the upper windows we could see the flames creeping closer. "Mama! Oh, Mama!" My mother, Sue, and Mrs. Guphill were hurrying by, dusty and out of breath. "Where's your father?" "We'll show you." We were glad of a chance to get into the yard again. The bucket line had broken. Even my father had given up hope. "It's too late," he was shouting. "It's going fast. Before we could reach him Jay passed us, coming up from the kitchen. He was black with soot, and his eyes were running. "How did it start?" my mother asked him. "In that old chimney," he called over his shoulder. "Twas soaked with kerosene." "Oh," my mother said. She understood now. That chimney had an opening in Mr. Cutter's room. She remembered the shining copper plate. (To Be Continued)

Tito Withdraws Troops from Disputed Area

Withdraws 20,000 Yugoslav Troops From Austrian Carinthia and Seek Agreement

LONDON.—(AP)—Marshal Tito withdrew all 20,000 Yugoslav troops from Austrian Carinthia today and expressed willingness to come to an agreement with the western allies on the occupation of disputed Venezia Giulia province in northeast Italy. At the same time, however, Tito expressed his "indignation and surprise," over Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander's allegation that Yugoslavia's attitude in the Venezia Giulia dispute was "all too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan." "I declare that Yugoslavia is ready to cooperate and come to an agreement on a basis which will not be insulting or humiliating to Yugoslavia as an ally," Tito said. Tito's reply to Alexander, supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean, was carried by the Soviet Tass agency from Belgrade as the United States and Britain engaged in new discussions looking toward a solution of the deadlock. The next step may be an Anglo-American attempt to gain Moscow's support for the western allies' insistence that the Yugoslavs quit northeast Italy. James L. Roper, United Press correspondent, reported from Trieste that the situation in that city, center of the Venezia Giulia dispute, remained "extremely tense." An American battalion which had been sent to Trieste to present a United Allied front withdrew and rejoined the remainder of the 91st division in the Gorizia sector to avoid supply problems in the event of hostilities, Roper said. British and New Zealand forces remained in Trieste, along with an even greater number of Yugoslav troops. Some 1,300 of Tito's troops paraded through Trieste with 3 American-made light tanks, three British-made armored cars, a German-made light tank, 11 German guns and two light anti-tank guns in a show of strength yesterday. Only 1200 civilians watched the parade and they showed a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, Roper said. He estimated there were 65,000 Yugoslav troops in Venezia Giulia. "Some 20,000 other Yugoslav troops were withdrawing from Austrian Carinthia, though Yugoslav sources cautioned that this did not mean they were giving up their claim to the territory at the peace table. The withdrawal was to be completed tonight."

Meat Supplies of the Nation Are Shrinking

All Over the Nation Comes Reports of the Food Situation Growing Worse Through Black Markets

Carving knives lay idle in kitchen drawers throughout the U.S. today as meat dealers reported black market operations cutting deeper into dwindling meat and poultry supplies. Lines lengthened before the corner butcher shop. And most housewives considered themselves lucky to obtain meat of any kind—or poultry, the next best substitute. About the only beneficiaries of the current meat shortage are the nation's butchers, suddenly supplied with an unprecedented amount of leisure. Many are quitting work after an average four-hour day. There is simply no meat to sell. In Chicago, the meat packing center, office of price administration officials estimate that supplies have dropped 59 per cent in the past six months. Most markets have adopted a practice of opening only two or three days a week, while others close as soon as the day's supply is exhausted. Almost to a man, the butchers blame the black market. "A retailer can get all the meat he wants if he has a high-income clientele and will pay the price," one butcher complained bitterly. In New York, half the butcher shops are closed and showcases in the others are empty despite an enforced ban on meat sales. Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia last night called upon government officials to inaugurate the rationing of poultry, and to adopt universally N. Y.'s meatless Tuesday and Friday. He also proposed that restaurants and hotels be required to collect ration points from patrons for meat servings. The war food administration has held out little hope for increased meat, poultry and egg supplies in the number one population center. It points out, however, that "fish are coming into the market at a rate of 1,000,000 (m) a day, 200,000 above the normal supply." Philadelphia newspapers quote Arthur E. Dennis, attorney for several meat industry groups, as saying that the city's meat supply is at its lowest ebb since the Civil War. San Francisco's market shelves invariably are empty by noon. Not only do delegates to the United Nations conference find few steaks on the menu, but they are more apt to dine on fish, which is plentiful, or lamb, available in small amounts. Poultry along the west coast is as scarce as prime meat cuts and many dealers have complained they are unable to buy fowl except at black market prices. Despite increased supplies, fish prices, too, are soaring. In the nation's seafood capital of New Orleans, catfish is reported selling at approximately 65 cents a pound, dealers who formerly paid \$1.90 a "bag" for oysters now must pay \$3.50. Detroit office of price administration officials term the city's meat supply "the lowest of all time." They are considering licensing meat slaughterers in an effort to curb black market activities. Retail meat merchants association president Martin Bonkovich opined that "There's no such thing as poultry in Detroit."

Four More Are In List of Accused War Criminals

Lord Haw Haw Among Those Cited for Their Operations with the Germans

By W. H. Higginbotham, (AP) Staff Correspondent. LONDON, (AP)—At least four more accused war criminals, one of them the self-styled original "Lord Haw Haw", were held by the allies today. A fifth, Major Maria Carita, chief of Italian S. S. was slain by American 5th army troops in a mountain hideout in northern Italy. His 29-year-old mistress was wounded in the brief gun battle. In Moscow, the soviet press called on the western allies to arrest and try immediately members of the Goebbels government and the German general staff. Any further delay may lead to real chaos in Europe and perhaps a third World War, the soviet said. European dispatches said the latest batch of accused war criminals rounded up by the allies were: Norman Baillie-Stewart—former British officer who had been working for the German propaganda minister and foreign office for five years. He said he had made the original Lord Haw Haw broadcasts from Germany. He was captured by American troops in an Alpine village in Austria. Ferdinand de Brinon—former Vichyite ambassador to Paris. He was captured by allied troops in Germany and was returned to Paris for trial. Dr. Bernard Menetrel—former personal physician and collaborator with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain. He was captured with de Brinon and was also returned to Paris for trial. Haj Amin el Hussein—exiled grand mufti of Jerusalem, wanted for anti Jewish activities. He and his secretary were arrested in Germany and will be handed over to British authorities.

Eagle

Mrs. Emma Judkins was able to return home last Saturday afternoon. She was accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Paul Judkins. Sunday evening her daughter, Mrs. Milla Anderson of Bridgeport, Connecticut arrived in Nebraska and will be here with her for a time. Miss Phyllis Rudolph, who teaches at Council Bluffs, Iowa spent the week end with home folks and also attended the Baccalaureate service for the Senior Class of which her sister, Miss Fae Ellen Rudolph, is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Oberle and family of Omaha spent last Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Oberle. Mrs. Carrie Trimble and Miss Merna Stradley spent last Sunday with relatives in Palmyra. Mr. and Mrs. Harry West of Lincoln spent last Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scattergood. Mrs. Castle Tyson is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frohlich and Betty Jo. Mr. Tyson, the brother of Mrs. Frohlich is in the service. G. H. Palmer returned home Monday morning after having spent a week at Steelville, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri where he attended the funeral services for his mother on Wednesday and memorial services held on Sunday for a nephew, who lost his life while serving his country. Attend Spring Musical at Auburn Mr. and Mrs. George Trunkembolz were the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shumaker and son last Friday evening. They also enjoyed attending the "May Fete" presented at the Auburn high school auditorium. Their grandson, Lennie Shumaker was chosen from the students of his school for the solo for their part of the program. He sang "The Penny Serenade" and was joined by the entire group in the choruses. Eagle Boys Meet in Germany Word has been received from Captain Clyde S. West Jr. by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde West that he is now stationed in Germany. He also told of a meeting with a former school pal. After arriving at the place assigned in Germany he went to the Ordnance headquarters where he was to work. While conversing with others in the office S. Sgt. William Jack greeted him. It was a surprise meeting and one that brought great pleasure to both boys. They had a fine visit, an exchange of news from the home front and enjoyed looking at pictures together. Camp Creek Club Mrs. John Fischer entertained the Camp Creek Club at her home last Friday. A report was given on the accomplishments of the project meetings by the leaders of the year. Mrs. Ervin Schuelke and Mrs. George Winkler were welcomed as new members. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess. George Mayer Passes Away George Mayer passed away Friday May 11, 1945, at his home near Walton at the age of 58 years. He had been in ill health for sometime. He was married to Helen Marie Spahnle December 6, 1911. Mr. Mayer lived in Lancaster county all his life where he had farmed since a young man. He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Walton. He is survived by his wife, Helen Marie; two sons, Sergeant Melvin, with the U. S. Army overseas and Merrill of Lincoln; a daughter, Lucille of Lincoln; brother, Albert, Prairie Home, and two sisters, Mrs. Ray Merriman and Mrs. Julia Dodrill both of Lincoln. Funeral services were held at 3 P. M. Monday at Roper and Sons Chapel with Rev. Esbriie officiating. Mrs. Frank Darling was the hostess.

at the organ. Miss Donna Belle Judkins and Miss Carolyn Konhove sang "Abide With Me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The following neighbors and friends served as pallbearers: Arthur Walberg, Otto Kettelhut, Sherman Henriksen, John Ronhove, Clarence Hornby and Floyd Siekman. Borial was in Wyuka Cemetery. O. E. S. Kensington Mrs. Bert Muenchau entertained the ladies of the O. E. S. Kensington at her home last Thursday afternoon. The guests were Mrs. Ivan Caddy, Mrs. Fred Rudolph, Mrs. Harry Fischer and Mrs. Dallas Fifer, who became a member. A social afternoon was enjoyed together and a lovely lunch was served at the close of the afternoon. Oryll Lee Fischer Honored Oryll Lee Fischer was honored at two parties prior to his induction into the navy. The class of '44 of the Eagle high school surprised him on Friday evening April 27th. All of the members of the class were present except Eldon Crandell and Merle McWilliams who both were inducted into the navy during the summer following their graduation. On the following Tuesday evening the members of the Methodist choir gathered at his home and spent an enjoyable evening with him. Cpl. Lloyd Schuelke an Aviation Engineer is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific. He entered the service in the fall of 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schuelke of Eagle. David Cantley left the first of this week after enjoying a furlough with home folks. He is a Military Police and is stationed in Washington. Organized soil conservation districts cover the entire farming areas of four states—Alabama, Delaware, South Carolina and Rhode Island. Insure With Loris B. Long Tel. 250 or 337W We Will Help You in Your Sorrow A beautiful service in your church of our choice will please you, and your confidence in us will put you at ease. WE SERVE ALL FAITHS CALDWELL MORTUARY 702 Ave. "B" Phone 15 PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA AMBULANCE SERVICE Enlisting Help Of Dairy Farmers The American Dairy Association of Nebraska is asking the farmers of Cass County to donate one cent per pound on Butter Fat sold between June 1st and June 15th to keep butter before the public and to fight the Margarine Manufacturers to prevent further inroads on Butter which will hurt every dairy farmer after the war. This is your fight as well as that of the creameries of Nebraska and is purely on a voluntary basis. Help the American Dairy Association to protect your future interests. PLATTSMOUTH CREAMERY "Home of CASCO Butter"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

THE FEMALE PRAYING MANTIS EATS HER MATE WHILE ON THE HONEYMOON!  
ON A MOONLIGHT NIGHT THE AVERAGE PERSON CAN SEE LESS THAN 300 STARS!  
NEXT: When horseshoes brought good luck.

British May Hold General Election

LONDON.—(AP)—London morning newspapers predicted today that the Churchill coalition cabinet will be dissolved soon, possibly this week, and that a general election will be held in July. Swift political developments unfolded after Prime Minister Churchill suggested to the Labor Party that the coalition cabinet be kept until victory over Japan, or that an election in July be held. Deputy Prime Minister Attlee carried Churchill's proposal to the Labor Party convention, which opened at Blackpool today. His proposal to maintain the coalition cabinet was given a cold reception. Attlee called an urgent meeting of the party's national executive committee, which turned down the Churchill plan. Today it was to be carried to the rank-and-file delegates for a vote in a secret session. Most observers believed the cabinet proposal again would be rejected. However, such labor party leaders as Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin and Minister of Food Hugh Dalton favored the Churchill proposal. But many delegates were angered by what they considered an "ultimatum" tone in Churchill's suggestion. About 100 gallons of water daily is required for a city dweller, the Texas State Board of Water Engineers, has computed.

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President Honors Young In Tribute

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman today presented the Medal of Honor to Tech. Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey in a ceremony of tribute before Congress to the growing list of heroes who have served their country "beyond the call of duty." The 24-year-old soldier from Lucedale, Mississippi, was the 233rd serviceman and 109 infantryman in this war to be awarded the nation's highest military honor. He was the first, however, to receive it directly from the president in the presence of both houses of congress and the country's highest military and civil leaders. Mr. Truman, seeing in the ceremony a symbol of the nation's power and courage, noted that "it finds us striking a devastating blow in the Pacific" where "we are preparing to strike them later in overwhelming force." Lindsey's great deeds, performed against superior enemy forces in Germany last November, stemmed square from his own, personal courage, the president said. It's decision came from his own heart! A flash of nobility which we like to think is a part of every American, Mr. Truman said. The ceremony took place in a hushed House chamber. Seated on the front row to the left of the speaker's rostrum were the hero's closest relatives—his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake L. Lindsey, and his sister, Mrs. Pauline Smith, all of Lucedale. Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church occurred the marriage of Otis Alvin Turner and Shirley Halterman, both of Pacific Junction, Iowa. The marriage lines were read by Rev. T. Porter Bennett, the pastor of the church. The double ring ceremony was used in the nuptials. The attendants were Miss Wilma McDonald and James Stolz, also of Pacific Junction. Mrs. Delta Turner, mother of the groom, was also here for the wedding service. Learns of Death of Brothers Tom Pappas of Council Bluffs was here Sunday to visit with his cousin, George Conis and family for a few hours. Mr. Pappas has just recently received word from his old home in Greece telling of the fact that of six brothers there is only one living. They passed away during the German occupation of Greece when hundreds of thousands were killed outright or were victims of starvation.

Iowa Parties Are Wedded Saturday

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CITED FOR CONTEMPT — Albert Deutsch, reporter for the newspaper PM, is pictured after he was cited for contempt of Congress by the House Veterans Committee following his refusal to name Veterans Administration Staff members who gave him information for a series of articles which criticized veterans hospitals and care of veteran patients. (NEA Telephoto.)

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