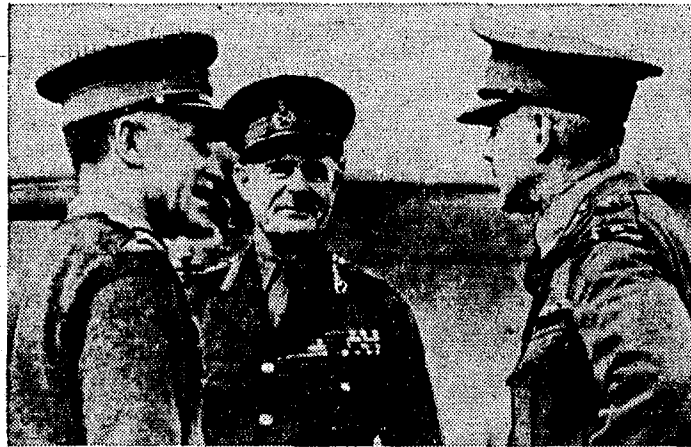


WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

New Violence in Nazi Aerial Blitz Aimed to Cripple British Shipping; Destroyer 'Lanes' Across Atlantic Urged to Replace Hard-Hit Convoys

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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Hailed by some experts as one of the really great military exploits of all time has been the sweep of the British forces against the Italians in Africa. Shown here with two of his aides is the British commanding general, Sir Archibald Wavell, (center). General O'Connor of the British forces is shown at left and Australia's General Mackay at right. Real test of Wavell's military genius would come if his troops should clash with Hitler's in the Balkans.

AERIAL: Blitz Grows

Nazi Germany brought out its heaviest air blitzkrieg, perhaps as a "workup" of an invasion attempt, and the results were not too happy, as far as the British defense was concerned.

The first three days of the main attack were directed at London, Liverpool and Bristol, and while the damage was heavy, and casualties correspondingly high, British aerial leaders were jubilant over the fact that 30 German attackers were shot down, and gave the credit to the night-fighting air arm, the anti-aircraft batteries, and a "new weapon."

This latter, it was later explained, consisted of some sort of anti-aircraft shell which contained coils of wire, which uncoiling when the shell exploded with lethal effect on enemy planes.

However, later news was not so favorable. The opening attack was followed by another terrific blast at Bristol, one at Glasgow and a third at Hull.

The first two cities, in a single night, reported around 1,000 casualties, and the blast at Hull was reported to have been even more severe. The British apparently figured that they might as well abandon any attempt to disguise the towns attacked, at least in news dispatches.

At first they would simply designate the town as "a northeast town" or a "town in the Midlands" or a "southeast town," and then, within minutes, the German releases would be out with the name of the city, and what observers reported from there.

This British reticence continued up to and including all the attacks except that on Hull. In this case, the morning dispatches said "a southeastern port town," but the afternoon papers were able to carry the story under a direct Hull date-line.

It was apparent that Hitler's airmen were not trying day attacks, being satisfied with heavy night bombings in large force.

One after another they were trying to knock various British provincial cities out of the picture. Charts were being printed showing it was costing Hitler an estimated \$43,000 to kill each civilian slain in air-bombing.

Britain published her losses since the start of the war at 25,000.

The ominous character of the raids on Bristol, Glasgow and Hull were that although the German raiders came over in large numbers, judging by the weight of bombs dropped, in two nights the total British claims of bombers shot down was exactly two.

Prior to this attack, British commentators had been proudly saying an estimated 3 per cent of the bombers were being shot down, and that if this figure could be raised to 10, then the German air force could not stand the strain.

Those observers who saw in the heavy blitz from the air a prelude to an invasion attempt, while they were numerous, ranged all the way from "any day" advocates to one high Japanese official, who, at 10,000-mile distance, blandly announced that the "Germans would land on British soil in a matter of hours."

Hull, Glasgow and Bristol, the hardest hit towns, are not noteworthy as being invasion-resistant centers but are rather famous as general shipping centers.

The first is the central ship-building point, the second is a great center for shipping to and from the United States, and Hull is where most of the sailors are trained.

There seemed more weight, at the moment, to the argument that the heavy air bombing of such centers was aimed at Britain's general ocean life-lines, and not as a set-up for the landing of troops.

CONVOY: Or Lanes?

Britain was sticking to the convoy system, while American shipping experts suggested abandoning it, and substituting the "lane protection" system, which seemed full of typical Yankee ingenuity.

The Great Circle route, about 2,000 miles long, according to this project, was to be patrolled with at least 50 destroyers, each of them given 50 miles to patrol 10 times a day.

That would mean that every 2.4 hours a destroyer would pass any given spot in the lane, and with a constant lookout, should be able to spot enemy submarines.

The plan would be putting 40 destroyers on the lane, with 10 allowed to be in port refueling and getting supplies.

Advantages were these—not only a better lookout and more warship strength for protection purposes, but a much more efficient use of ships. For under the convoy system, if 40 ships are gathered together, the speed of the fastest is the speed of the slowest.

The proposed Traffic Lane Plan would permit the faster vessels to move at top speed from one side of the Atlantic to the other, permitting them to take many more loads, in the long run. They would sail from destroyer to destroyer, and it would be the latter's duty to keep the lane clear of enemy raiders.

And the present great hazard, of lumping 40 or 50 slow-moving vessels together for a mass target, would be removed.

Plan Debated

As an interesting background for this very question of convoys, and how they ought to be conducted, Washington debated the statement of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, chief advocate of the lease-lend bill, urging that the U. S. provide guards for convoys.

The President, conferring with the press, dismissed the question, saying there had been some reports to that effect, but that he had paid no attention to them.

However, in view of the Committee's action, it was believed that the President was more interested than he was willing to admit. British authorities, also, it was learned, were expecting the United States to do something along this line.

It was recalled that the British naval leaders had said that they had men enough on hand to man the entire U. S. navy, if necessary, and this was taken to mean that Britain was prepared for a "lease-lend" of more naval vessels.

There were two possible plans being discussed:

1. The transfer of more destroyers and possibly cruisers to Britain so they could be assigned to convoy service.

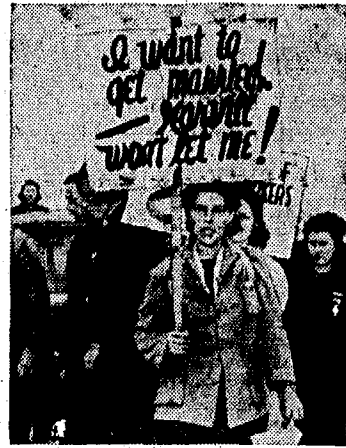
2. An extension of the neutrality zone further into the North Atlantic to keep the Nazi warships away further, and/or to permit U. S. naval vessels to patrol those areas and release the British ships for the more distant patrol duty.

ETHIOPIA: Nearing Fall

The "battle of Ethiopia" in which the Italians, as they did in Albania, started out with successes and ended up with reverses, seemed about in its final phases, with a British victory, if not certain, at least extremely likely.

This again was a reversal of early war predictions by the British themselves, who had warned the English public that it could expect no success whatever in the general African campaign.

STRIKES: Hold Attention



Here are some of the pickets which surrounded the Harvill Aircraft Die Casting corporation plant early in the labor dispute there.

Two strikes, one big in volume and the other involving only 423 men, but holding a vast menace to plane building, held the attention of those in charge of production management.

The big strike was at the \$5,900,000 construction project at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, huge testing ground for army airplanes. The strikers were refusing to negotiate, saying "we'll go back to work as soon as they chase those other fellows, (non-union members) off."

This was a strike of the A. F. of L. building trades unions of Dayton. It seemed, to the public, a picayune matter. The work of thousands was being held up by 400 A. F. of L. men, who objected because an electrical subcontractor put 4 C.I.O. men to work.

The contract of the electrical-subcontractor was held up, and the men went back to work. The contract finally was reinstated, and out went the men again. There was talk at this point of the government taking over.

The other strike was that of the Harvill manufacturing company, an organization headed by a 42-year-old former soda jerker who invented a process for casting airplane parts from aluminum and magnesium, light metals.

Harvill's plant, employing only 423, makes parts for practically every big plane manufacturer on the Pacific coast, including such giants as Boeing and Lockheed, Douglas and Vultee, Vega and North American.

The men were asking raises from 50 to 75 cents an hour, and the strike, according to Harvill himself, was threatening plane factory shut-downs that would throw 60,000 out of work and would jeopardize the construction of thousands of warplanes.

This the workers denied, saying that the factory was well ahead of the needs of the other plants. Here, too, the government and the defense administration were looking with an anxious eye, wondering how far to go to break the walkout.

TURKEY: Green Light?

The Bulgar-Greek front continued to teeter on the brink of war, and observers were interested to hear through "grapevine" channels that Soviet Russia had given Turkey the "green light" to go ahead and defy Germany.

Whether this was wishful thinking or not, many of those on the scene considered it was sound politics and even sounder diplomacy.

They harked back to the old statement, which has been held to since the beginning of the war, that Russia's long-range policy would be that of a "fisher in troubled waters," that she would egg on the weaker party against the stronger, particularly where this suited Russia's convenience, and then step in for her own personal grab.

They pointed to the Polish experience, and the Rumanian outcome as proof of this contention.

Just as Yugoslavia was tottering and about to be forced to sign a Nazi pact after showing plainly that her sympathies were on the other side, and just as the British had landed 300,000 men in Macedonia and Thrace, and were said to have more on the way, and just as Turkey was debating whether or not to "toss in with England," came the dispatches about Russia's attitude.

Russia was soundly placed in this position. The Soviet is friendly with the Bulgars, also with Yugoslavia, both by race and general sympathy, and especially with Bulgaria because of her location on the Black sea.

Russia had picked up half of Poland, a huge slice of Rumania, and was sitting with her legions ready to grab off the Black sea coast of Rumania if the slightest chance offered.

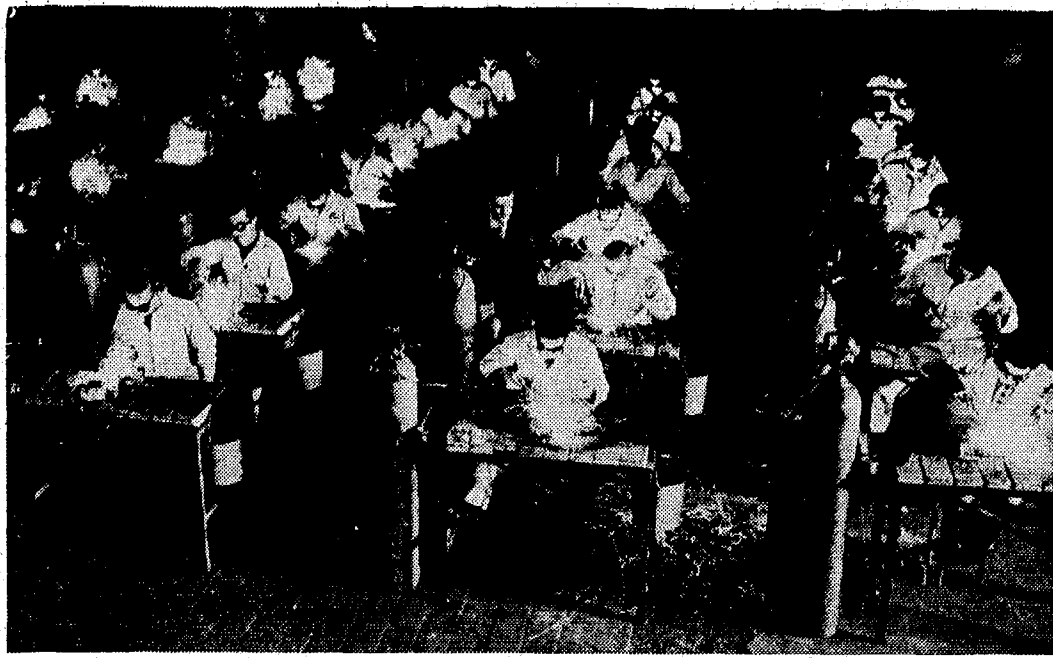
RAIL WRECKS: Two

The death list was not large, but the number of injured extremely heavy in two railroad wrecks within one day of each other.

Near Pittsburgh a crack flier was purposely derailed, crashed into the Ohio river, with four dead and scores hurt.

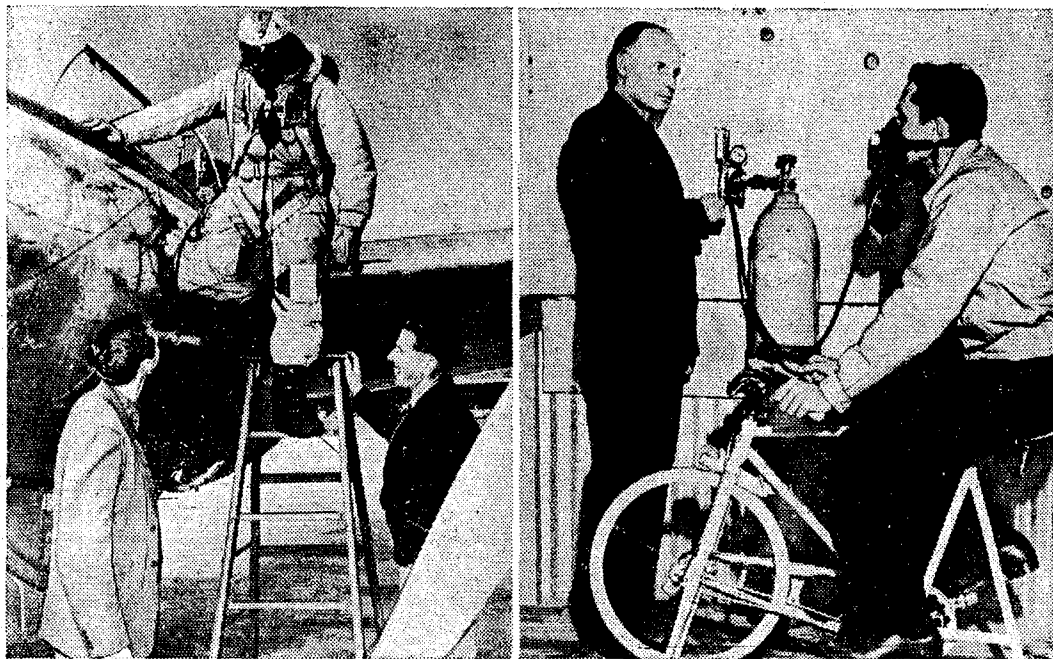
Near Ravenna, Ohio, a commuting train, loaded with hundreds of workers bound for a government arsenal, backed out onto a cross over and was cut in two by a freight train.

Training U. S. Aviation Mechanics



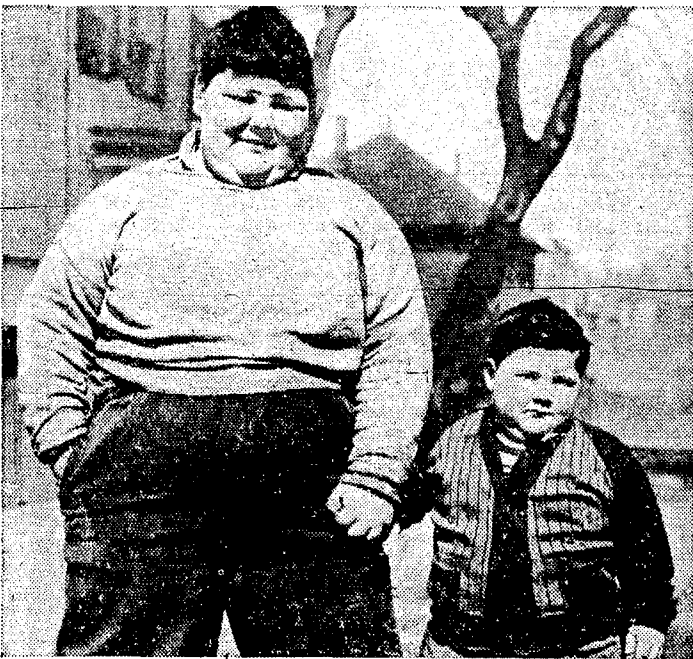
An impressive view of one of the "class rooms" at the Academy of Aeronautics, LaGuardia airport, New York, showing some of the students of aviation mechanics at work in a mass welding session. The school is training civilians and army men. About 300 enlisted men will take the course.

After Record Sub-Stratosphere Flight



Left: Milo Burcham, famous test pilot for Lockheed, climbing out of P-38 at Burbank, Calif., after he had given the pursuit plane speed and altitude tests in the sub-stratosphere. Right: Chief test pilot Marshall Heald turns on the oxygen as Burcham starts pedaling a bicycle for 30 minutes to "supercharge" himself for his flight high above ground. While pedaling he breathes only pure oxygen.

Brothers—Total Weight, 375 Pounds!



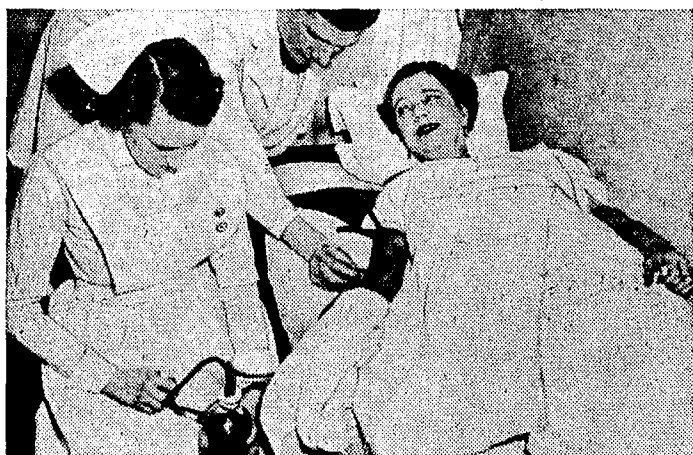
Nine-year-old Joseph Randazza of Gloucester, Mass., is shown (left) with his younger brother, Sammy, who is three. These are America's stoutest boys. Joe weighs 290 pounds, and Sammy 85. Joe gained 110 pounds in the last 14 months. The pair, 375 pounds strong, are out for a morning stroll.

To London



Thomas D. Campbell, famed wheat expert from Montana, before leaving the Transatlantic air terminal in New York, on a secret mission to London. Thomas was an adviser to the government of Soviet Russia on the first five-year plan.

Royal Blood for Britain



Her majesty, the Ranee of Sarawak, who is the only white Ranee in the world, is pictured here at the Presbyterian hospital in New York city. She is giving her blood for the blood-bank which will be drawn upon by Great Britain from time to time. Attending the Ranee are nurse Miss M. Clark and Dr. Earl Taylor.

Fled Norway



Standing on stern of their little fishing boat, in New York, are these refugees from Norway. The 63-foot ship fled on June 9 with 25 refugees. Seventeen joined the British army.

Local Happenings

Robert and Thomas Joynt were East Jordan visitors over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shay of Flint were East Jordan visitors last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malpass are visiting relatives and friends in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crowell returned home last week after a visit of several weeks in Melbourne, Fla.

Frank Crowell (Jr) was week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Crowell from his studies at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gregory and family of Flint were week end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gregory.

Marcella Muma spent the week end from her studies at C. S. T. C., Mt. Pleasant with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Muma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weiler and children and Mrs. Percy Weiler returned to Pontiac Tuesday after spending a few days in East Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cronin and Gale Brintnall of Traverse City were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brintnall.

Clarence Healey and Mrs. Curtis Brace left Monday, for a visit with their sister Mrs. T. B. King and family, at Grundy Center, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Muma and daughter, Mary Lynn of Pontiac were week end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Muma.

The Wednesday Evening Circle of the Presbyterian Aid will meet with Mrs. Roy Raymer, with Mrs. Alex Sinclair and Mrs. Maynard Harrison April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. L. LaLonde returned home from Detroit latter part of last week and are occupying their cottage on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan.

The East Jordan Study Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. A. J. Hite (Hite Apartments) with Mrs. Ole Hegerberg and Mrs. Lester Walcott assisting Tuesday evening April 1.

Kathryn Kitsman, East Jordan, was the recipient of two high honors at Albion college this week. She was elected president of the local chapter of the Delta Gamma sorority on Monday evening, and on Thursday evening was "tapped" by Chevron, women's honorary society, as its vice-president. Miss Kitsman is a junior at Albion, where she is also a member of the Student council. — From Publicity Dep't of above College.

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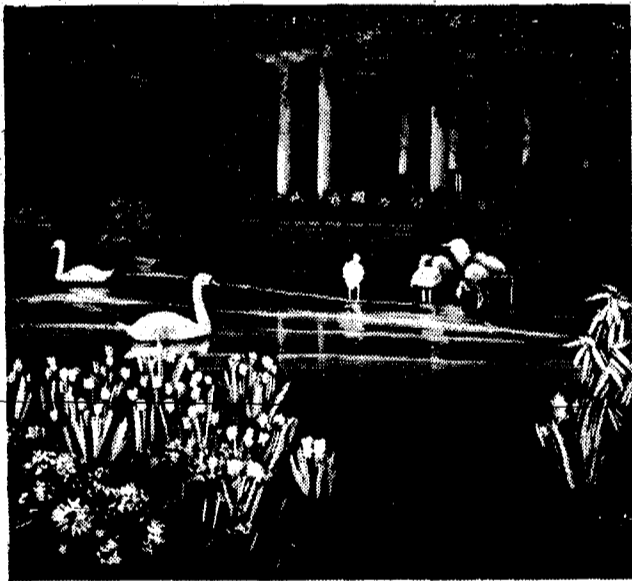
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Funeral Services For Charles A. Richner This Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services for Charles A. Richner, who passed away Wednesday, will be held at his late home this Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Burial will be at Kingsley.

James Weller left Thursday for a year's training in the army.

Dorothy Clark of Boyne City visited East Jordan friends last Friday.

Mrs. Nettie Huggard is visiting friends and relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Alida Hutton of Boyne City visited East Jordan relatives last Friday.

Earl J. Riethmeier of Detroit was week end guest at the A. G. Roger's home.

Gabriel Thomas was a Flint business visitor the latter part of last week.

Miss Louise Keeler and Miss Agnes Larsen spent the week end in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bishaw were Grand Rapids business visitors last Thursday.

Irene Brintnall is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brintnall, from her studies at M. S. C. East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Powell and daughter of Bellaire were Sunday guests of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Maddock.

Mrs. Isaac Flora, Mrs. Charles Murphy and Mrs. Clyde Warner returned Saturday from a weeks visit with friends and relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Daugherty of Three Rivers were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walden.

Knights of Pythias, South Lake Lodge 180 will have second Rank work at Castle Hill Wednesday Evening April 2, followed by a smelt supper for the members.

Archie McArthur, Clifford Derenzy and Dewaine Bunker leave this Friday for Fairport, Ohio, to help outfit, and later sail for the season on the Str. W. P. Palmer.

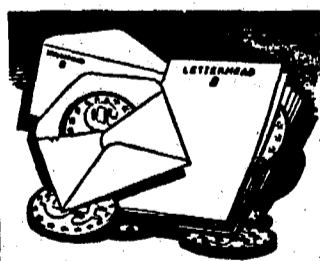
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hite will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary this coming Sunday, March 30th. They plan to have an "open house" that afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00.

Harold Hayner who has been a patient at Lockwood hospital Petoskey has been dismissed from the hospital and is convalescing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayner.

Benjamin Bustard leaves this Friday for Milwaukee where he again ships aboard the Str. Filbert for the season on the Great Lakes. Clifford Gibbard has been notified to report on April 5th.

Mrs. Fred Vogel returned home last Friday after spending the week with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Vogel at Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Vogel accompanied her home returning to Wayne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ranney attended the Capping exercises at Munson hospital, Traverse City, Wednesday evening. Jane Ellen Vance and Beatrice Ranney were among the class of eighteen girls, who have finished their six months probationary training and are selected to take the three years course in Munson School of Nursing.



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Al Pincombe of Saginaw was a guest Monday of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Maddock.

William Siegler was taken to Lockwood hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sloop a son, Richard Eldon, Thursday March 20.

Barney Milstein and son Jimmie also Harry Simmons were week end visitors in Bay City.

Otto Kaley suffered a fracture of his right arm Tuesday morning while working in his barn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Bulow and family of Charlevoix were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Benson.

Louis Young and son Howard spent the week end from their work in Flint at their home in East Jordan.

SMELT ARE RUNNING UP THE JORDAN!

Miss Jean Sherman of Toronto, Canada is guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherman.

George Rogers spent the week end from his work in Petoskey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courier of Charlevoix were Sunday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Emma Courier.

Harvey Harrington spent the week end from his work at Manistee with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harrington.

Robert Sloop, student at M. S. C., East Lansing is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sloop.

Gerald Derenzy leaves next Monday for Chicago where he will ship as third mate on the Str. Houghton for the season.

Notice — A pre-Easter supper will be held at the Methodist Church, Wednesday evening April 2. Price 35c. adv.

Maida Kemp returned home Wednesday from Lockwood hospital where she recently underwent an appendectomy.

Richard Saxton is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saxton from his studies at M. S. C. East Lansing.

HOW NAZIS USE "HOMELY WOMEN" FOR SPIES

Pretty women spies nearly always got into trouble, so the Nazis are giving undercover jobs to unattractive women. Read . . . in The American Weekly with the March 30 issue of the Detroit Sunday Times . . . how a homely housewife's arrest by the British revealed this radical departure in spying. Be sure to get The Detroit-Sunday Times this week and every week.

Educator Suggests Cure For Chronic Thumb-Sucker

CHICAGO. — Parents would do more for their thumb-sucking offspring by seeking a psychological substitute for the habit. That is the belief of Dr. George W. Teuscher, assistant professor of child dentistry at Northwestern university.

In studying 173 children with the habit, he found that all but three suffered from deformities of the lips, jaws and teeth, he reported in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

The easiest solution for parents is to prevent formation of the habit, but where thumb-sucking is already being practiced, mechanical contrivances sometimes are effective in checking it.

Dr. Teuscher would prefer, however, that parents study the individual child to determine the best "psychological formula" for correction, even though this approach frequently involves parent education in child development.

Old South Meeting House In Boston Is Endangered

BOSTON. — The English death-watch beetle recently came close to wrecking the old South Meeting house in Boston, famous in Revolutionary days. The beetle is so named because it makes the ticking noise heard in old churches during all-night wakes. Dr. Donald M. Muirhead of Duxbury, Mass., said it came to this country in Colonial days, probably in furniture and timber. It was found three years ago in the blockwood floor of the meeting house. Hypodermic needle sprays in each hole, followed by creosoting of the exterior, probably have safeguarded the timber for the future, according to Dr. Muirhead.

Woman's Little Black Bag Found to Contain \$496


OTTUMWA, IOWA. — For many years Mrs. Jennie Six would go nowhere without her little black bag. It was the town mystery. What was in the little black bag? But no one knew until she died. It contained \$496. Mrs. Six had lived at the poorhouse for some time and the bag was her main interest in life. The money was given to the poor fund after her death.

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