

WAY BACK WHEN: LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY
Happenings in the Cookeville area as recorded in the pages of the
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(January 3, 1940) The Cookeville City Commission has intentionally allowed the airport's lease to run out because its location — in a cornfield — did not qualify it for a \$150,000 federal grant needed to build a new facility.

(January 11, 1940) Members of the Putnam County Court vowed to do better and begin collecting past due property taxes after local attorney Worth Bryant blasted the magistrates. He said some long past due taxes are not uncollectible due to the statute of limitations. The magistrates asked County Judge B. C. Huddleston and County Attorney W. K. Crawford to begin filing suites against landowners whose taxes are overdue.

(January 11, 1940) There is no Cookeville Airport this week. The city commission let the lease run out.

It was intentional. The city has been leasing a corn field two miles north of Cookeville for an airport, but there's a move afoot to get a federal grant of up to \$150,000 to build a full-fledged air facility with a first class runway.

But the corn field doesn't qualify for the grant, so the city commission decided to let it go while looking for a better site.

Cookeville has high hopes for its airport. The city lies under the intersection of east-west and north-south air mail routes. "Planes fly over the city at frequent intervals during the day and night," says the newspaper.

Getting them to land and refuel here could not only put Cookeville on a U.S. air mail route, supporters believe, but it might land passenger service too.

(January 18, 1940) The American Legion Auxiliary here plans to host an evening of musical entertainment in the City School auditorium this week. Featured will be Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys. They're the opening act on WSM's Grand Ole Opry now.

(January 26, 1940) Now your family vacation doesn't have to be just a memory, says Webb's Pharmacy. You can film it with a new Bell and Howell personal home movie camera, the Filmo.

Webb's which announced this week that it's selling the new Fimo, says it's reliable. Bell and Howell has been in business 30 years now and has been making home movie cameras for the last 16 years. Come by and try one out, says Webb's.

The Cookeville Sewing and Garden Club celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. New officers are Mrs. H. T. Whitson, president; Mrs. Dillard Massa, vice president; and Mrs. Morrison Lowe, secretary-treasurer.

In this weekly column, Sen. Albert Gore Sr. explains just why it is that most Southern legislators are opposing the proposed Anti-Lynching Act.

Gore says that it's not a case of the South favoring lynching. But Southern legislators say the federal act is a violation of the states' rights.

(January 28, 1940) Two Cookeville boys, both 14, have been sentenced to serve three years in the state reformatory. Cookeville Police Chief X. B. Hayes and patrolman Herman Judd caught them stealing chickens from various homes in the city this week.

(February 1, 1940) Don't be alarmed if you see some odd sights around the RPI campus this week. Twenty-three athletes are undergoing initiation rites for membership in the T Club. They'll be carrying bricks and paddles all day, eating standing up and using knives only, and running from building to building on campus riding stick horses and shouting "Hi-Yo Silver and Away."

(February 8, 1940) Marchbank Drugs is having a Valentine's Day sale. You can have a two-pound box of candy for \$1, Rexall Cold Tablets for a quarter, and a sandwich toaster for \$2.75. Fifty aspirin sell for 29 cents and a tube of Klenzo Dental Cream goes for 39 cents.

(February 15, 1940) Cookeville is getting a new grocery store, Piggly Wiggly. It is opening in the Carlen Building on Broad Street next to Webb Pharmacy. Harry Kenton of Nashville is the manager. Bud Curley, a former Tennessee Tech football star, is his assistant. Lebanon's Bill Goodall is manager of the meat department and Bill Dryman is his assistant. Other clerks include Fowler Judd, Mrs. Charlie Wilson of Cookeville and Mrs. John Puckett of McMinnville. Piggly Wiggly is supplied and owned by the Kroger Company.

Cookeville Police Chief X.B. Haynie announced today that new one-hour parking spaces are being marked off from the Square to Westside as a way to get a handle on the town's parking situation.

Too many drivers are parking every-which-way and staying there as long as they like, Haynie explained. And, he added, the time limits will be enforced.

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Harry Keaton of Nashville is the manager. Bud Curley, former Tennessee Polytech football star, is his assistant. Bill Goodwin of Lebanon runs the meat department and Bill Dryman of Algood is his assistant.

(February 21, 1940) Services were held this week for the man who once was superintendent of the Cookeville city school system, S. L. Gipson. Gipson, 60, died of a sudden illness at his home in Albertsville, Ala., where he was serving as superintendent of city schools.

Gipson came to Cookeville in 1919 as director of the Federal Rehabilitation School for Disabled Veterans here, the school that taught new skills to soldiers disabled in the World War.

When that school closed in 1921, Gipson became the head of the city school system until 1933, when he was named the first administrator here of the Tennessee Emergency Relief Administration, which worked to help people here cope with the Depression. He went to Albertsville in 1935.

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All the film stars Gene Autry, who was here on Jan. 26, 1938, with his horse, Champion; Smiley Burnette, who was here the following year; and Saire and Sallie, a popular WSM Radio "hillbilly gossip team" who were here several times in recent years.

(February 22, 1940) The newspaper says it has learned of the death of S. L. Gipson, 60, the former superintendent of the Cookeville City School. He died this week at his home in Albertsville, Ala. He first came here in 1919 as director of the Federal Rehabilitation School for Disabled World War Veterans. When that school closed here in 1921, he became the City School's superintendent, a position in which he served for 12 years. He was later the first administrator the Tennessee Emergency Relief Administration here and charter member of the Lions Club. He went to Albertsville in 1935.

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(February 29, 1940) The federal WPA program in recent months has spent \$98,180 building 'ward' schools here, 45 percent of the cost of 12 new school buildings.

They included the **Nash Chapel school**, the **Midway school** on the Algood Road, and two new five-room schools in Cookeville.

The WPA also in recent months has renovated the **Monterey school** and built a new auditorium for the Algood school.

(February 29, 1940) Ground was broken this week on **Baxter Seminary's** new Health House, a golden Jubilee project of the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution.

The DAR raised most of the funds to build the new two-story building and its two side wings.

Speaking of DAR....Nancy Grace of Baxter, a Baxter Seminary senior, was named this year's winner of the DAR Award for Good citizenship.

*Putnam County's federal program is wrapping up, says resident engineer C. W. Griscom, who's been here for the past seven months building new schools and renovating existing ones.

The new Nash's Chapel School is the final school being built in the federal project. It's due to be done April 1. In all, the project spent \$98,000 to build 12 new schools here, with the federal government paying 45 percent of that cost.

In the project, two new five-room schools were built in Cookeville, and new schools were also built at Midway on the Algood Road and at Shipley.

Monterey's school was repaired and renovated, Algood School got a brand new gymnasium, and the school at Silver Point was also renovated.

*It's Leap Year and today is the first time since 1912 that the newspaper has published on February 29. The next time will be the year 1968.

(March 7, 1940) In an advertisement, Marchbanks Drugstore says it has just the thing for headaches, Stanback, which only costs a quarter and "won't leave you jittery." It also has Elkay's Moth Fume Crystals and Hasol, a beauty lotion. Or, you can get Sodium Perboarate at Marchbanks for only 68 cents.

It was the largest public gathering of Republicans in the country's history. More than 500 got together on the Square and lambasted FDR's New Deal and revealed in predictions that Thomas E. Dewey will be the nation's next president.

Luke Medley, a Buffalo Valley merchant and member of the Putnam County Quarterly Court, was named chairman of the Putnam GOP.

O.D. Rice was elected party secretary and Alfred Kuykendall became the party's assistant secretary.

*Putnam's "Granny" Dickens – Mrs. Martha Womack Dickens – turned 100 this week, and the event was celebrated at a dinner party with a few friends.

She was born on March 10, 1840, during the presidential administration of Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States. Of the nation's 32 presidents, she's lived while 25 of them were in office.

(March 14, 1940) According to the newspaper, J. P. Romines, principal of the Woodcliff School, has been an educator for the past 50 years. He began teaching in Arkansas in 1890 when log benches and blueback spellers were common in the classroom. He began teaching in Putnam County in 1900. He's now 72 and he's active, alert and still in the classroom.

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Here, children walk in the mud to get to Central High School, which has an enrollment of more than 400 students.

Fowler Clark, the school's principal, says the average daily attendance at Central isn't what it should be because students with wet feet are often sick and miss classes. It's a disgrace going on now for the fifth year, the newspaper declares.

(March 21, 1940) Shorty Douglas, the stableboy for Cookeville's cavalry unit of the Tennessee National Guard, was driving a team of horses and a wagon down West Broad this week when things went awry.

The horses became frightened and bolted. They ran up on the hood of a car parked at the curb owned by Howard Hall, smashing the windshield. Trying to break free of the wreckage, the horses pushed the car back 25 feet along the curb.

Then the car caught on fire. In the back seat during all of this were Mrs. Hall and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Green, of Memphis. The blaze was quickly put out and no one was injured.

*Meanwhile, it's quite a picture, according to the ad for this week's movie at the Princess Theater. It's "weird and wondrous beyond your most daring dreams." It's "big beyond words, dramatic beyond belief." And it's "magnificent beyond compare." It's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," with Charles Laughton as the bellringer. Admission is 30 cents.

(March 28, 1940) It's Dogpatch Days at Central High School. This week it will be the girls asking boys out on dates, escorting them to and from area entertainment spots, footing the bill, opening their doors and

carrying their books. They'll even be helping the boys in and out of their jackets. It's an annual springtime tradition at Central.

*At the courthouse, members of the Putnam County Court have decided to move their monthly meeting back a week due to another tradition.

The officials will meet a week later, they say, so that county officials will have more time to put together their quarterly reports. But, they add, the meeting is also being put off so that the county magistrates can attend the big Mule Day shindig in Columbia.

Meanwhile: At Marchbanks Drugs this week, you can pick up a Klenzo lather brush made from badger hair for only 83 cents. Or you can buy baby laxative for 25 cents a package and a 32-ounce bottle of mile of magnesia for 39 cents. A bottle of Adlerkia will cost you a dollar.

(March 28, 1940) A lot has happened to Putnam County and the nation since the last US Census in 1930. Dust storms and floods have driven many from their homes. Factories have relocated during the Depression, taking workers with them. The Depression made thousands homeless, and many farm families have lost the farm and have gone to live with relatives. The 1940 Census got under way this week here, with 27 workers going door to door with questionnaires that will try to make sense of all the nation's changes. Besides the usual head count, census takers will be asking residents whether they have indoor plumbing, whether they have electricity, and whether the family owns a radio. They'll want to know what your last job was and where you worked it. And they'll be asking if the family has indoor refrigeration for food.

(April 4, 1940) Mayor Gid Lowe today received confirmation from Tennessee National Guard State Adjutant General T. A. Frazier on the selection of a new armory site for Cookeville. The State Armory Commission has selected a 20-acre site owned by Mrs. Lloyd Huddleston, seven-tenths of a mile east of the Cookeville Square on the Monterey Highway. It lies between the highway and the town golf course.

*Four Putnam lawmen were wounded in a shoot out with a "desperado" at his remote mountain hideout this week.

Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet and three deputies set out to track down Reece Smith, an ex-convict described by law enforcement officers as one of the toughest criminals in the country. He was wanted this week for the attempted murder of a Monterey man.

Word was Smith was laying low and making moonshine in a cave house ten miles southwest of Monterey near England Cove. The lawmen made the rugged three-hour hike to the rock shelter and found Smith's belongings and still, but no Smith.

On the way out, he ambushed them from a rock bluff, letting loose with a shotgun and a German Luger automatic pistol. In less than a minute 30 shots were exchanged.

Deputy J. P. Speck was the worst hit, taking 20 shotgun pellets in his side. Deputies Harvey Higgenbotham and Walter Shipley were both hit by pellets in the chin by a single blast. Sheriff Poteet's hand was also hit by pellets. Smith was downed by a .38-caliber slug fired by one of the lawmen.

They dragged Deputy Speck and his wounded suspect out on stretchers made from tow sacks and poles.

(April 5, 1940) Margaret Mitchel's "Gone With the Wind" has opened in the Princess Theater for a five-day run and the house is packed to capacity for every showing.

(April 11, 1940) A book now sitting on a shelf of the Baxter Seminary Library has quite a history behind it. It's called the Emphatic Diaglott and, except for a man who gave his life for his sister, it would now be resting on the lightless bottom of the Atlantic in the wreckage of the Titanic.

Here's the story: The Rev. R.J. Bateman, a Wesleyan minister, was accompanying his sister, a Mrs. Wells of Overleap, Maryland, back to America after she'd visited him at his home in England. Their ocean liner was the Titanic, making its premier voyage.

On a Sunday night, 28 years ago this week, while Bateman was reading the Emphatic Diaglott -- an original Greek translation of the New Testament -- he felt the ship shudder and lurch as it was sliced open by an iceberg. Moments later, he climbed into a lifeboat, looking desperately for his sister.

He spotted her still standing at the rail. He exchanged places with her, giving her his seat on the lifeboat and his book. Then she watched from safely afar as he and 1,516 others went under on the deck of the ship they called unsinkable.

The sister later returned the book to the reverend's wife, a friend of Dr. Harry Upperman, the president of Baxter Seminary. He regularly visited and comforted her in her last months, sitting by her sick bed in Baltimore and reading and talking to her. When she died, the Emphatic Diaglott came to him.

The inscription inside the cover reads, "To Harry Upperman, a gift from Mrs. Bateman as a remembrance of her husband who got up out of a rowboat as the Titanic was sinking and gave his seat to his sister."

The book is going back to Baltimore this week with Dr. Upperman. On the 28th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, he is to preach in a church there and plans to read from the Emphatic Diaglott.

(April 16, 1940) Jere Whitson Hardware invites readers to drop in and look over the new GE refrigerator. It's the one "with conditioned air." It offers "controlled temperatures and humidity, and constant circulation of freshened air" to keep your food fresh longer. And it's at the lowest price in GE history, \$114.75.

(April 18, 1940) The Rev. Honoria Espinoza will be the guest speaker at First Baptist Church here Sunday. The Chilean native is just wrapping up three years of study at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and is stopping here on his war home.

(April 18, 1940) The newspaper says "a wave of banditry" swept the city this week. The Tennessee Highway Patrol has been called in, but the state police and city and county lawmen say they haven't a clue to the identity of the perpetrators.

First came the safecrackings. Safes at the Cookeville Motor Co. and McClain's Grocery were pried open during a mysterious blackout along the city's "White Way," Broad Street. They also tried but couldn't crack Carlen Motor's safe.

Then, Mackie's Grocery and the Cookeville Ice Plant offices were burglarized and cleaned out of cash.

Police say they are "baffled."

*Graduation ceremonies were held this week at Buffalo Valley School. The eight grade graduates were Goodwin Harding, Clara Jared, Laura Randolph, Thomas Christian, Dimple Williams, Henry L. Huddleston and Mai Surran Amonette. Their principal is Mrs. Nellie Sanders Beasley.

(April 25, 1940) The senior class of Central High is producing "Crashing Society," a play about a small-town family trying to penetrate the ranks of "big society." The cast includes Hugh Childress Jr., Anna Marie Carmack, Ernest Terry Jr., Charline Foster, Peggy Martin, W. C. Cooke Jr., Wilburn Johnson, Bill Morgan, Ruth Massa, Hargrave Piepmeier, Betty Phillips and Mattie Lee Goolsby.

(April 25, 1940) Cookeville City School's sixth grade class graduated this week. The class includes John A. Mitchell, Clarice Cummins, Maudine Daniels, Lloyd Gentry, Philip Webb Jr., Charles Judd, Jo Frances Riggs, Betty Sue Johnson and Pamela Lundy.

*An advance crew of 35 men arrived this week to begin building the new Civilian Conservation Corps camp three miles west of Cookeville.

The men from Dresden will be building six barracks, a kitchen and mess hall, a recreation hall, a hospital, officers quarters and offices. The camp will house 300.

*Robley Jobe, a former Tennessee Tech football star, now working for the Soil Conservation Service, is also here contracting with area farmers for projects to be undertaken by the CCC 'enrollees' once the camp is up and going.

(May 2, 1940) The board of directors of the Putnam County Agricultural Fair met in the courthouse this week to begin laying plans for the 1940 Putnam County Fair. They said that after the amount of money paid in premiums had to be reduced last year, they hope to be able to restore them to their former levels this year. The board includes County Judge B. C. Huddleston, president; O. D. Massa, secretary; and county agent H. J. Childress and home demonstration agent Docia Masters, board members.

*Radio listeners here this week can tune in to Ripley's Believe It or Not and hear the story of the mummified hand that has brought unbelievably bad luck to its owners since it was discovered in Egypt 85 years ago.

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The return of good weather means kids will be out playing in Cookeville, and Cookeville police will be out watching closely for speeders.

Cookeville Police Chief X.B. Haynie announced this week that police are launching a vigorous anti-speeding campaign to keep kids safe here.

"We will not tolerate any further violations of the speed law," he said. Go over 30 mph and you'll be fined, he warned.

Elise Rhea of Cookeville was crowned May Queen at Tennessee Polytech this week for the college's annual senior class spring festival.

The day will include volleyball and baseball games, and music by the school glee club. A group of dancers from the Tech Physical Education Department will dance the Maypole Dance just before the festival's climax, the crowning of the May Queen.

(May 15, 1940) Authorities say that if it hadn't been for a faulty water hose, city firefighters probably could have saved the Greenwood building on the southeast corner of the Cookeville Square.

When the firemen arrived, the blaze was small. But as they began hosing it down, the water hose burst and the flames picked up, quickly gutting the building.

*Readers learned of another kind of fire sweeping Europe this week: The Nazi blitzkrieg, or lightning war.

With roads drying out and weather turning favorable, Hitler's armies have rolled over the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Belgium, and are now at France's door.

German airborne troops quickly hopped over those nation's defenses and German armor punched through them seemingly with little effort. French and British troops are now relying on the Maignot line – a massive wall of fortifications – to stop the Germans.

FDR, speaking to Congress this week, said, "These are ominous days," and urged Congress to pass a \$1 billion defense package to prepare America to defend itself.

FDR warned that the U. S. can't afford to fall under the spell of "self-delusion" that Europe did. Modern war means long-range bombers. If the Germans seized air bases in Greenland or the West Indies, that would put America's heartland cities in range of German bombers, FDR warned.

(May 16, 1940) Three bus loads of newspaper and magazine travel riders got the red carpet treatment here this week when they rolled into town on an eight-day "See Tennessee" tour.

Civic leaders were there to greet them on the Cookeville Square. So was the Tech band, which serenaded them. The group then went to look over the Tennessee Tech campus, where the Tech band again serenaded them.

They ended their Cookeville visit at a luncheon at the Shanks Hotel, where the Junior High band serenaded them.

The local reception was arranged by a joint committee of Rotarians and Lions headed by B.H. Piepmeier and Henry Foster.

(May 30, 1940) The best speller in the nation is a Putnam girl, Laurel Kuykendall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kuykendall.

This week in Washington at the National Spelling Bee, it came down to Lauren and a New Jersey girl, who in the 69th round misspelled the word "plantain."

Lauren says she had a lot of help from her father, a former teacher and member of the Putnam Quarterly Court. The 7th District man coached his daughter regularly.

Lauren won the midstate spelling title in 1938 and has gone a little further in competition each year since until she made it to Washington this time.

*Capshaw Elementary Parent-Teacher Association is getting ready for its annual "roundup" of school kids. Throughout the summer, the PTA will be contacting all preschoolers in the city and making sure they have a physical exam before fall when school gets under way.

*Masons from five counties are gathering today at Baxter Seminary. It's the annual St. John's Festival of Masons and a variety of speakers and games are planned.

(May 23, 1940) There was excitement at the Putnam airfield this week when a huge tri-motor passenger plane buzzed in for a landing and rest break.

The plane, flying to Florida from Fort Wayne, Indiana, carried 12 passengers. It had an incredible 75-foot wingspan.

The state is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Southwest Territory, which later became Tennessee. Locally, Dr. Harry Upperman of Baxter Seminary is in charge of the observance festivities.

The first US Congress accepted the land from North Carolina as a gift on May 26, 1790. President George Washington approved the territory.

William Blount was the territorial governor for the six years that the region was a federal territory. In 1796, Tennessee became the nation's first state formed from a federal territory.

(June 6, 1940) A petition is going around town bearing the names of 75 prominent Cookevillians calling for a mass meeting at the Courthouse to consider sending a message to Tennessee's congressional delegation.

Those at the meeting will vote on a resolution calling for Tennessee's legislators in Washington to rush aid, planes and munitions to France which is being overrun by the German Army, and to England, which is fast falling back to the English Channel in the face of Hitler's 'blitzkrieg.'

*In Nashville, the newspaper reports that Gov. Prentice Cooper just got back from a National Defense meeting in Washington and is voicing alarm. Tennessee doesn't have a single anti-aircraft gun, he says. Cooper is calling for anti-aircraft defenses to be placed at all TVA dams in Tennessee in the event that Germany attacks America.

He's also urging the completion of dams under way in the state to power defense plants and the completion of the Natchez Trace Parkway, which will act as a troop transport highway if needed, he said.

(June 12, 1940) There was little rain this spring and a drought was feared, but it has been declared broken this week. Since June 1, more than five inches of rain have been recorded here.

Crops will be late, but at least they will be, say farm agents. Several crops have to be replanted here this year because seeds failed or young plants withered. Now the rains are coming, it appears.

*Stacy Mott and McCoy Shelton were at Volunteer Boys State at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon this week representing Cookeville.

Mott, who was elected 'Commissioner of Institutions' by other boys in the hands-on instruction program in government is there representing the Cookeville Rotary Club. Shelton is representing the Cookeville Lions Club.

One million young men across the country this week were ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to register for the military draft. The war in Europe could cause trouble for the U.S., too, which has taken an isolation stance.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Gene Autry and Smiley Burnett in "Back in the Saddle Again."

(June 13, 1940) At a mass meeting in the Courthouse, residents approved a resolution sent to Tennessee's lawmakers calling for all-out action against a "fifth column" that may be operating for Adolph Hitler in America.

Such a group of saboteurs and propagandists are being credited with softening the resolve of Europeans just prior to their invasion by German stormtroopers, and many wonder if such agents are already at work here.

The resolution says, "Having become fully conscious of the fact that liberty and freedom, justice and truth, religion and humanitarianism, even Western civilization itself are being utterly annihilated by the most ruthless and brutal force that the hellish cunning of a demon in the form of a man can devise," action is essential.

A page one editorial joins the cry. It notes that a bill is pending in Congress to strictly control the activities of communists, aliens and "all kinds of un-Americans."

While it is said to be the most drastic action the country has ever taken to control those within its borders, "This bill cannot be too drastic for us," writes the editor. "It should have been a law many months ago. Go after them, FBI! Let's have no fifth column in this country if the dictators decide to attack us."

(June 20, 1940) The Nashville Banner in an editorial headlined, "Keep your shirt on, Sam," has urged the US to stay out of the war that is breaking out across Europe. Cookeville's newspaper this week responded with an opinion piece headlined, "Take your shirt off, Sam, we're already in this war."

The newspaper said it favors vigorous pursuit of any "fifth columnists" in the country, a beefing up of the Army and Navy and approval of the Hatch Act prohibiting government workers from participation in political causes, and putting all able-bodied men now on welfare rolls to work in the Army or the WPA.

*Also on page one today was a photo of Nazi cavalymen on horseback riding through the Arc De Triumph in Paris after that city fell to the invading Germans.

*A 55-year-old man here this week was slightly injured when his car lost control and crashed in a ditch eight miles south of Cookeville.

A man cutting wood nearby helped extricate the motorist from the wreckage and they left for the hospital in the woodcutter's truck -- which crashed on the way. The truck went up an embankment and then rolled back down -- and over the injured motorist, killing him.

(June 21, 1940) Two boys told Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet a harrowing tale this week.

Fred Bussell, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bussell, and John Cowan, 13, son of John Cowan Jr., said they were working at a gas station late one night here when an ex-convict showed up and asked them to cash a check. They refused and their ordeal began.

The man told them he had a gun hidden in his shirt. He took \$20 from the cash register and ordered them to come with him to the nearby train tracks, where he made them stand square on the rails as a train approached. At the last instant, they leapt out of its path.

They said he then took them to a nearby well and forced them to jump in. They fell 30 feet into four-foot water, where, out of fear, they remained for more than an hour until they thought it was safe to climb out.

Their story set off an uproar and groups of vigilantes were quickly combing the countryside to track down the man. The Tennessee Highway Patrol caught up with him in Lebanon, where he's being held. Authorities say it's unsafe to bring him back to Cookeville.

*Peggy Martin was selected as "Miss Cookeville 1940" this week in the annual pageant held here by the National Talent and Beauty Scouting Corporation. Lucille Hawkins won the junior division title and Mary Matheney, a tap dancer, won the talent title.

(June 27, 1940) Cookeville's Fourth of July celebration is taking shape. A lot of music will be heard on the Courthouse lawn that day.

There'll be 'singing convention' and they have loudspeakers lined up so the folks in the back of the big crowd that's expected can clearly hear the tunes. An old-time fiddler's contest is planned too.

Topping off the festivities will be a concert that evening by popular radio, stage and film hand, "the Golden West Cowboys," featuring Pee Wee King on accordion and Texas Daisy on guitar.

In the hottest part of the day, Cookeville's undefeated baseball team goes up against Nashville's Red Ace team on the field at Central High.

A page one editorial says that if ever there was a time for Cookeville to land a big industry, it's now. War is brewing and that means a buildup of the nation's defense industry.

And the editors believe Cookeville is the right spot with the right ingredients.

Besides ideal geography, the editorial says Cookeville has a large pool of "hundreds of full Anglo-Saxon American citizens who are anxious not only for employment but to render a service to their government."

The editors add, "...and since there are no foreigners in this section, we are convinced that Cookeville is the ideal location."

(July 1, 1940) WHUB, Cookeville's first radio station, goes on the air.

(July 7, 1940) The war in Cookeville should be good for Cookeville, says the newspaper in a page one editorial.

Modern warfare means long-range bombers and aircraft carriers capable of making swift raids on coastal cities, it says. That could cause people and industry left uneasy by the war that's raging in Europe to move inland.

That, combined with the fact that vacation spots are popping up in "spots hereto scarcely known to the general public" could put Cookeville in the driver's seat because Cookeville is one of those such spots, says the newspaper.

Located on a major highway in a scenic area far from the coast, Cookeville seems to have all the ingredients for growth, it concludes.

The Putnam County Quarterly Court this week approved \$500 to go towards the construction of a landing field at the Putnam airport.

That's good news for Tennessee Polytech. It needs the field to train aviation students under a new program it's been approved to operate for the federal Civil Aeronautics Administration. Pilots are needed by the military.

(July 11, 1940) History was made here at 1 a.m. yesterday, July 10, when the voice of Gene Edwards was broadcast over the airways of WHUB, Cookeville's first radio station.

Congratulatory calls began coming in almost immediately, telling station owner Luke Medley and staff that the signal was heard loud and clear as far north as Bowling Green, KY, and as far south as Atlanta.

Joining Edwards, the station's program director, for that first broadcast were Albert Brogdon, leader of Cookeville's band, and Bob Davidson. The chief engineer was Jeff Beasley and Charles Duke ran the transmitter.

The first test went on through the night, sending gospel music, tunes by the Cumberland Mountain Boys and live gospel from Cookeville's Gospel Singers out to radio listeners throughout the Cumberlands until 5:30 a.m.

The station will begin its normal daily broadcasting schedule on July 20, say Medley.

*The Putnam Credit Bureau says that the war in Europe has caused most in the United States to forego trips there this summer. Many are seeing America and Canada instead. And for customers of the Putnam Credit Bureau or any of the other 1,300 credit bureaus it is associated with across the country, expenses can be charged. It's one of the credit bureau's services.

(July 18, 1940) Gov. Prentice Cooper was in the area this week dedicating a new state park -- Cumberland State Park at Crossville.

After the speeches came a luncheon at the park. Then there was a water carnival. The high-level dignitaries joined local folks swimming, paddling and watching a canoeing exhibition. Topping off the day was an old-time fiddlers contest.

The park, built by federal Civilian Conservation Corps workers, has a cluster of overnight cabins, a lodge and a bathhouse and boathouse beside its 30-acre lake.

(July 27, 1940) Readers get a look at Adolph Hitler speaking to Germany's Reichstag this week. The photo was "flashed from Berlin to New York by Radiophon" after being approved by the German censors. It was taken during a speech by Hitler in which he made his "final appeal to reason" to England to make peace with Germany "or face destruction." Hitler asserted that there is nothing but total harmony between Germany and Soviet Russia despite warnings by the English that Russia will be the next nation to face the German blitzkrieg. Hitler says the English are simply trying to "foment discord." He's photographed in a huge room in front of a giant swastika decorated with a massive eagle.

(August 1, 1940) The Civilian Conservation Corps held a sign-up this week here, seeking young men to join the federal agency in building bridges parks and other public facilities. Among those who signed up here were Stanley Anderson and Willis Clyde Sliger of Silver Point, Arthur Birdwell, Joe Brown and Fred Bush of Baxter, Charles Elrod and Raymond Stamps of Monterey, Arvil Rockwell of Brotherton and Paul Neal and Clyde Kilgore of Cookeville.

(August 1, 1940) The newspaper reported this week that Secretary of State Cordell Hull, an Upper Cumberland native, has returned a hero from another foreign trip.

This time he got back from Cuba bearing a document that's been dubbed the "Act of Havana." It was signed by 21 Latin American nations, pledging to stand firm against aggression now plunging Europe into war.

Specifically, the nations agreed to come to one another's aid if invaded, presumably by Germany, and they agreed to stick to an "American way" form of economics rather than be swayed to use Europe's barter system.

Only Argentina opposed the document signed enthusiastically by its neighbors, and it eventually relented and signed it as well.

*The Royal Crown Bottling Company has moved into its new building on the corner of Spring Street and Madison Avenue.

Manager Charles Cox says that the two-story, 49-foot by 99-foot structure will give the company more room to use modern bottling equipment to serve its growing territory.

(August 8, 1940) What does furniture cost in the year 1940? The Lovell Smith Furniture Co. advertises a Kelvinator refrigerator for \$114.75, a studio couch for \$29.50, a dresser for \$16.95, a free-standing kitchen cabinet for \$24.95, a three-piece bedroom suite for \$39.50, a cotton mattress for \$5.95 and an inner-springs mattress for \$16.95.

*J.M. Smith has resigned as president of Tennessee Tech to become an administrator in the Memphis city school system.

He came here two years ago to replace Q.M. Smith, who left to become president of Tennessee Tech's arch-rival, Murfreesboro State Teachers College.

*Cookeville's Tennessee National Guard cavalry unit is simmering on the Sabine River in Texas this week in the most massive peacetime military maneuvers the nation has ever seen.

Maj. W.H. Crawford is the unit's commander and its captain is Milton Acuff, and Eugene Mayberry and Paul Moore are the unit's lieutenants.

(August 13, 1940) In a page-one editorial, the newspaper reminds readers that just 90 days ago, the army of Adolph Hitler punched its way across Belgium and Holland. Alarmed U. S. officials – as well as Many citizens – called for the U. S. to prepare to defend itself. Congress appropriated funds for 4,000 new fighter planes but today, contracts for only 33 have been let.

Why? Because the nation's aircraft industry wants assurance from Uncle Sam that it will receive tax incentives if airplane plants are expanded. Manufacturers don't want to be left holding the bag "if the current war emergency passes," explains the editorial. But the newspaper says that is the sort of naïve reasoning that defeated the French this spring when Hitler fell on the nation, too. The U. S. needs to be ready to defend itself, the newspaper argues.

(August 15, 1940) The German blitzkrieg is in full tilt as stormtroopers, armored columns and airborne troops hopscotch their way around France, and in a page one editorial, the newspaper takes potshots at legislators who say America should stay out of the war this time.

England fears invasion next and the "isolationists" in Congress are opposing the sale of old battleships to England.

The newspaper comments, "Their loss from Congress even by death, would be a Godsend to the country."

*Getting married won't help you avoid the military draft, the newspaper notes this week. And it could land you in an even worse mess than war, it cautions.

"One of the first questions the draft board will ask is, "When were you married?" Don't rush into a hurried tie up thinking it will keep you out and then maybe find out later that you'd have done better to have gone to war than to have married the old battle axe after the war is over.

"If we are still in existence, the courts will be full of divorce cases after the war," the newspaper predicts.

*On the Sabine River in Texas this week, Cookeville's cavalry unit of the Tennessee National Guard was trying to show that soldiers on horseback still have their place in modern wars.

"Blitzkrieg" is the buzzword at the nation's largest peacetime war maneuvers now going on in Texas and motorized units are especially being stressed there this week, units copying tactics the Germans are using to roll across France.

But Cookeville's troopers say cavalry still has its uses. They rode 38 miles over difficult terrain in one day through a driving rain to reach their objective when motorized units got stuck in mud.

(August 22, 1940) The resignation of Tennessee Tech president J.M. Smith 30 days before the start of the fall term has caught everyone by surprise here. He's taking a position in the Memphis city school system. It is said by many here that more progress was made at the school in his two years at the helm than under any previous president. Dean Austin Wheeler Smith is acting president at TTU until state officials name a new president.

*A former county judge here, Joel Whitten Puckett, died at his home in Nashville this week at the age of 84. He taught school here for a few years as a younger man and then studied law in the law offices of Walton Smith and A. W. Boyd.

In 1888, he was named Putnam County Register of Deeds to fill out the unexpired term of M. M. Scarlett. He was reelected in 1890. In 1894, he was elected County Judge, a post he held for eight years.

In 1910, he left Cookeville to practice law in Nashville. He retired from practice five years ago after suffering a stroke that left him paralyzed. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge here and of the Fraternal Order of Red Men. He was also an ardent Democrat.

*Cookeville's American Legion post was one of 14 recognized across the state this week for conducting "Americanism" programs in its hometown.

The programs seek to install patriotism in young people.

*McMurray and Company suffered its second burglary in recent months this week. The city's night patrolman, Phy Gibson, discovered it when he found the back door to the store left standing open by the thieves as they left the store with \$250 in men's clothing.

Police say the burglars got into the store by sawing the bars off the store's second-story window.

The first burglary a few months ago was solved shortly afterwards when a former porter for the store confessed to the theft.

*Albert Brogdan, Cookeville band leader and now radio personality for the town's new radio station, WHUB, reports that the station's first weeks of broadcasting have been a success.

He said that in its first month, the station has aired the talents of musical groups from 16 area counties. A popular feature of the new station is live music and there's been a lot of it.

*A page-one editorial in this week's edition poses this question to readers: Do you know of any other city in Tennessee with 1,000 or more residents that does not have sidewalks leading to its schools? Algood, Monterey, Smithville and Crossville all have fine sidewalks leading to their schools, notes the newspaper.

Here, children walk in the mud to get to Central High School, which has an enrollment of more than 400 students.

Fowler Clark, the school's principal, says the average daily attendance at Central isn't what it should be because students with wet feet are often sick and miss classes. It's a disgrace going on now for the fifth year, the newspaper declares.

(September 12, 1940) War in Europe is on the minds of many here, and this week readers saw a map on page one showing what the U. S. received from Great Britain in exchange for the 50 worn-out battleships the U. S. recently gave to the British. Britain gave the U. S. land for a series of eight new military bases to be built in an arc running from Newfoundland in Canada to British Guiana in South America. The wall of bases will shield the nation's East Coast and help protect approaches to the Panama Canal in the event that the U. S. is drawn into the war with Germany.

(September 12, 1940) O.C. Masters Sr., owner of Masters Radio Service, announced this week that he and other Farnsworth Radio dealers in Tennessee are sponsoring that company's 'television' exhibit at the state fair in Nashville.

The exhibit is costing \$110,000. It will display "modern electrical television equipment." That consists of a 'Farnsworth Dissector,' a television camera and a television receiver. There will be live broadcasting throughout the day.

(September 19, 1940) Cookeville High's Cavaliers began their football season Friday night by trouncing Gordonsville's team 63-0. Coach Huland Draper used nearly every member of the squad during the game. Touchdowns were made by J. C. Smith, Carson Stanton, Perry Rowe Harris and Maxwell Smith. Team captain Charles Billings also carried the ball twice for extra points.

The county's baseball season comes to an end this Sunday afternoon when Cookeville's city team plays Baxter's for the county championship in a doubleheader.

To get to the championship, Cookeville beat Algood 15-0 and Baxter beat Algood 13-6 last week.

*With war looming in Europe, Tennessee, the volunteer state, is already ahead of most states -- except Alabama -- for providing volunteers for the nation's rapidly expanding armed forces.

There will probably be few eligible Tennesseans left when the draft goes into effect, the newspaper surmises.

Meanwhile, there are positions open in Cookeville's unit of the Tennessee National Guard too, thanks to new money provided for new slots. A recruiting station has been set up in the unit's cavalry barn east of Cookeville on Monterey highway.

The Guard unit is currently undergoing major changes. It is about to switch from a horse cavalry unit to a modern artillery unit, trading horses for jeeps and heavy trucks.

(September 25, 1940) For the first time in its history, Tennessee Polytech's first chapel assembly of the year has been broadcast on radio. Cookeville's new station WHUB, carried the assembly live this week.

The show featured all 745 TPI students singing "America," the campus choir singing "Now Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee," and Cumberland Presbyterian minister G.C. McIlwain gave the invocation.

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(September 26, 1940) The senior class at Cookeville's Central High has new officers for the coming year. They are Charles Billings, president; Sara Frances Williams, secretary; Jim Byrne, treasurer; and Donald Mitchell, reporter. Class sponsors are Miss Pauline Hudgens and David Terry.

*Meanwhile, the high school's Chess Club has elected new officers as well. They are Howard Tinsley, president; Luther Mathis, vice-president; Stacy Mott, secretary-treasurer; Jasper Bailey, reporter; and William Glenn Crawford, sergeant-at-arms.

(October 3, 1940) Andrew Johnson McCulley left Cookeville as a young man in 1883 for the sparsely-populated state of Florida. He was back in town this week to visit his brothers, H. D. and J. H. McCulley, the newspaper reported this week.

His father, James H. McCulley, was the first sheriff elected in Putnam County when law and order was restored here following the Civil War. McCulley himself served as a deputy here for a few years before moving to Florida. The family home was one of the first dwelling houses in the city and was situated near the town spring. Since moving to Florida 53 years ago, McCulley has been a farmer and fruit grower in Seminole County.

*What the German traveler had in his car when he was arrested here for drunk driving has the whole town talking nervously.

Walter Bertram, 31, a German living in New York, was pulled over by town constable Dillard Gaw this week. Gaw said the man's car was weaving.

Inside on the seat beside him were a number of passports, several road maps and a picture of America's famed Boulder Dam, which many assume will one day be a target of enemy saboteurs.

But local officials, who grilled Bertram for several hours, eventually became convinced that he was what he appeared to be: a German seeing America while he worked in the US. The man was apparently traveling back from the West Coast to his job at a New York bakery when he was stopped in Cookeville. They let him go.

*With war apparently getting progressively closer, the nation has enacted a selective service law and in Cookeville, a draft board has been selected. Heading the Putnam draft board is Dawson Morgan.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Comedian Jack Benny in "Buck Benny Rides Again," with Andy Devine and Ellen Drew. (September 25, 1940) For the first time in its history, Tennessee Polytech's first chapel assembly of the year has been broadcast on radio. Cookeville's new station WHUB, carried the assembly live this week.

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(October 24, 1940) The Rev. Harold Stephens of First Baptist Church here says a special speaker is planned this week, E. S. Davidson, a "Christian Jew" who will tell residents here "what Christians must do to bring the Jew to our Christ." An overflow crowd is expected.

*Banks her announced new hours this week. They'll open at 8:30 and close at 3 p.m. each week day, and will be closed for an hour at noon each day. This is to comply with new wage and hour laws, bank officials say.

The Tennessee Polytech and 700 other colleges across America have become air schools for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, which wants as many civilians trained as possible to fly in case war breaks out.

Twenty area students have already signed up for the school, which has been assigned two training planes that will be stationed at the Cookeville airport.

Among the students are Davis Beerman, Houston Boyd, Pepper Bruce, J.A. Bullington, H.E.. Collier, H.G. Fowler, James Hendrixson, James Hoffmeister, William Hunter, R.L. Lafferty, James Sadler and William Prentice Warren.

*A special motion picture at the Princess for Halloween: "The killer diller of all horror movies," "Frankenstein." The Princess cautions that the Boris Karloff chiller "is not a film for the weak-hearted."

(October 31, 1940) Col. Harry S. Berry, the state administrator of the federal Works Project Administration, this week summed up what's been done so far in Putnam County by the WPA.

The most important progress: New roads, 706 miles of entirely new "farm-to-market" roads here and 34 miles of roads that have been thoroughly reworked so they are usable again.

Berry said that WPA crews have also constructed 49 new bridges and repaired 23 more that can now be crossed without taking your life in your own hands.

Furthermore, the WPA, over the last decade, had built 2,657 sanitary privies in Putnam County, Berry said.

*Services for W.B. Gentry, 77, were this week. He'd been a Free Will Baptist minister since his ordination in 1877. He preached widely throughout Putnam and the surrounding counties. He died in his sleep at home this week.

(October 10, 1940) A man who stopped by the TPI for lunch Sunday had folks talking this week.

He was E.H. "Boss" Crump, the powerful Memphis mayor known for his far-reaching Tennessee political machine. Crump had been to the UT-Duke football game in Knoxville on Saturday and stopped in at the TPI Cafe for lunch on his way home Sunday.

When he let it be known that it was his first time to stop in Cookeville, he was taken on a tour of the City School and of Tennessee Polytech. He said he was impressed.

Apparently the crowd here was, too.

(October 17, 1940) Nearly 3,000 Putnam men between the ages of 21 and 36 showed up at 25 voting places here this week, not to vote but to register for the new national military draft.

When officials opened the sign-up stations, they found eager crowds waiting.

Senator Albert Gore Sr. wrote in his weekly "Washington News" column this week that there's a feeling in Washington this week that the Japanese may be softening.

Don't believe it, he warned. Many believed German Chancellor Adolph Hitler when he announced he was reining in his storm troopers after Western nations stood by and allowed Germany a corridor to the sea -- through Poland.

US citizens are being warned by the State Department to leave Japan after Congress voted to stop subsidizing wheat shipments to the Orient. Although American wheat was shipped to Chinese ports, much of it was feeding Japanese soldiers.

And America is beefing up its defenses, Gore wrote. Soldiers and sailors are being shifted to the distant island of Hawaii, where they're being stationed at a place called Pearl Harbor.

(November 7, 1940) Festivities are planned to celebrate the completion of the last link of Highway 70 in Tennessee.

The bash -- speeches by dignitaries and a picnic lunch -- will be Sampson's Mineral Well five miles west of Carthage.

The last concrete for the highway was poured late last month between Carthage and Rome. It's now ready for travel.

The highway is expected to boost tourism across the state. The newspaper notes that today, Highway 70 is the most direct and safest way to travel the length of Tennessee.

*Putnam voters favored President Franklin D. Roosevelt over contender Wendell Wilkie two to one this week at the polls. Nationally, the margin was considerably slimmer, the narrowest since 1916, election officials reported

(November 13, 1940) Festivities are being planned to celebrate the completion of the last link of Highway 70, the state's most direct east-west route.

(November 14, 1940) A native son of the Upper Cumberland, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, made a stirring speech in Washington this week introducing FDR, who is in the midst of a re-election campaign.

The newspaper compares Hull's speech to that of Lincoln at Gettysburg, and runs the full text of the speech in this week's edition. Hull said in part, "This election is an emphatic reassertion of the democratic process in a world in which powerful and sinister forces are aligned against the very idea and ideal of popular government." He is referring to Nazi aggression in Europe, which has the world on the brink of war. Many say that this is an extremely critical election year.

*The State Board of Education has ended a long search for a new president for Tennessee Polytech.

The man the board has selected is a Columbia native who maintained a perfect academic record while playing football for the University of Tennessee and went on to graduate school at Oxford, England, as a Rhodes Scholar. He is William Everett Derreyberry. Cookeville's college is in for big changes.

*The Putnam County Selective Service board has received its quota for November. Sixteen young Putnam men will be inducted into the military this month.

Across Tennessee, 472 young men will be drafted this month as the war among Europe's leading nations continues and tension between America and Japan grows worse.

(November 21, 1940) More oratory and ceremonies for Highway 70. This time officials are celebrating the reopening of the route. For the past several months, travelers have shunned the route because of a series of detours between here and Nashville.

During that time, normal traffic was cut as much as 70 percent some weeks, officials say. Now merchants and others, who make much of their living off the traffic, are busy spreading the word that Highway 70 is (again) the best and shortest route across the state.

*Services were held this week for Roll W. King, 80, one of the area's well-known citizens. He died at City Hospital following a stroke.

Raised in the Shipley Community, he moved as a young man to Monterey, where he served as City Recorder for 10 years. King later became a teacher and taught for 30 years.

He was active in the Methodist Church here and was the brother of long-time county official James King.

(November 28, 1940) Putnam farm agent Hugh Childress told the Tech Aggies Club this weeks that the world war now taking shape over in Europe will certainly have an impact on agriculture in the United States, but not the way it did in the World War or in the years that followed.

Childress said that in and after the war, new technology made new farming equipment available. That allowed farmers to work more land. They did. A boom in production followed. Then came the Crash of '29.

During the boom years, an extra 140 million acres of land had gone into production on farms across the nation, some of it land previously with ancient soil on the Great Plains. The Depression left millions of acres idled. Wind blew away and erosion washed away tons of valuable topsoil, much of it from the Plains, creating the "Dust Bowl" there.

Federal programs have worked for the past 10 years to recover from the agricultural catastrophe. Now, federal officials hope to avoid the boom/crash cycle during and after the coming world war, says Childress. New programs are being devised, he said.

(December 24, 1940) Travel between Cookeville and Sparta is expected to be easier next summer. Cookeville officials this week let a contract to pave the Cookeville-Sparta Highway from Cookeville all the way to the Falling Water River bridge.

*Baxter Seminary hopes its friends are in a giving mood this holiday season. The main boiler in the school's academic building has gone out. It's too worn out to simply patch, so the school is looking for a new boiler.

School is out at least through the beginning of next year. Meanwhile, Dr. Harry Upperman is appealing to all friends and graduates of the school to give generously when he and other Baxter Seminary officials come calling for help.

*There was bad news and good news this week from state health officials. The bad news is that Tennessee leads the nation in the number of deaths from tuberculosis.

The good news, they say, is that Tennessee has the nation's lowest death rate from tuberculosis for cattle. The state has, for several years, encouraged farmers to monitor their herds and remove ill cows.

In the last five years, tuberculosis has been cropping up increasingly in the nation's human population.

(December 27, 1940) Sam Denton Poteet, sheriff here from 1936 until this fall, is planning to open a hardware store off the Square with his new partner, Dave Maddux, who's back from a year in Baltimore with the Proctor & Gamble Co.

The two are opening on the site of the old Diamond Service Station, which was badly damaged by fire earlier this year.

Maddux, who attended Central High and Tennessee Polytech, went to the US Naval Academy before going to Baltimore.

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(January 2, 1941) The sale of TB Seals by the American Legion hit an all time high here this year - \$180 raised in Putnam County for tuberculosis research.

American Legion officials say sales of the stamps were boosted by help from five area schools this year: Cookeville City School, the Seventh Street School, Capshaw, Central High and Algood School.

*Readers learned from a map on page one in this week's edition where the Germans are invading this week.

The map shows a Nazi army of 150,000 poised on the border of Bulgaria, apparently ready to invade. Speculation is that the Germans are headed for Greece, the fall of which would open a port on the Mediterranean to the Germans.

As the situation in Europe worsens, Uncle Sam has called to active duty members of the Reserve Officers Corps. Several here are headed for active duty, including Lt. Col. John Mitchell.

(January 9, 1941) There was more news from the war abroad on page one this week. Readers saw a photo from an overseas news service of Australian troops moving behind armored vehicles in an assault on Italian defenses at Bardia, a desert stronghold in Libya. The Italians were routed and 25,000 of them were captured. The desert war is going poorly for Germany's ally.

Closer to home, Baxter Seminary is organizing a "Bundles for Britain" drive. Faculty, students and area residents will produce garments and bandage packages for the English people, whose island nation is under siege by the German navy and air force.

(January 9, 1941) "Every realist knows that the Democratic life as it is at this moment is being assailed in every part of the world, assailed by arms or secret spreading of poisoning propaganda."

So said President Franklin Roosevelt as he told radio listeners in Cookeville and around the country this week that he is going ahead with the sale of warplanes, fighting ships, weapons and munitions to England, which now stands alone against Germany.

In a page one editorial, Cookeville's newspaper applauded the announcement.

*In Baxter, Baxter Seminary President Dr. Harry Upperman this week got a letter that sheds light on what the British are suffering.

It was from Dr. Thomas Tiplady, an English Methodist minister and friend of Upperman's. It described the London Blitz.

"We have been bombed in London every night for the last three months, and almost every day. Some days the warning siren has sounded three times a day," wrote the minister.

Yet, he says, "The behavior of the people is something to wonder at." Morale is high.

"All the men and women are afraid, but no man would have the courage to show fear seeing the women don't show any."

"We know, all of us, that any day or night any of us may be killed by a bomb ..." Despite bomb shelters throughout London, "... we have no real protection from a direct hit."

Baxter Seminary, says Upperman, is collecting a 'bundle' of aid to send to Tiplady's church.

*The Putnam Draft Board this week filled the county's monthly quota -- two -- by calling up Clifford Brewington and Horace Brown for military service. They're being sent to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for training.

*In a page one news photo, Cookeville readers got a look at Australian troops poised for the attack on Italian defenses at Bardia in the Libyan desert. They took 25,000 Italian prisoners in the battle.

(January 13, 1941) A brush fire got out of hand this week and burned down 700 feet of the bridge on Highway 56 over the Cumberland River at Gainesboro. That cut the county in half, and 120 high school students were stranded overnight in Gainesboro. A ferry has been set up for the time being to move traffic back and forth over the Cumberland. Officials say it will cost \$30,000 to \$50,000 to replace the span.

(January 16, 1941) William A. Overton, 74, a farmer, retired school teacher and three-term state senator from Jackson County, died this week in his home nine miles outside of Gainesboro.

Known as "Uncle Billy," he served in the state legislature from 1911-1917. In his years on the Hill he was described as a "watchdog of the state treasury." He sometimes joked that the "A" in his middle name stood for "anti-appropriation."

*Cookeville's American Legion post is sponsoring an "Americanism" contest. The high school student who writes the best essay on "What I Owe America" will win \$100.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Singing cowboy Gene Autry stars in "Carolina Moon." It also features Smiley Burnett, Jimmy Lewis and the Texas Cowboys and June Story.

(January 23, 1941) The bridge over the Cumberland River just north of Gainesboro burned this week, leaving several Jackson Countians looking for another way to get to town. Or out.

Firefighters say it will be days before the massive beams in the wooden span stop smoldering. It's going to cost \$30,000 to \$50,000 to replace the structure.

The fire left 120 Jackson High School students stranded in town. They're spending their nights at the school right now. School officials are looking for alternative routes to and from home for the students.

The only other crossings near Gainesboro are two ferries, Brooks ferry in Clay County and the Ft. Blount ferry a ways north of the burned bridge. The nearest bridge is in Celina.

(January 30, 1941) Cookeville's 200 Tennessee National Guardsmen and their 12 officers will become federal troops on Feb. 24. It's part of the mobilization of 624 Tennessee Guardsmen.

With war breaking out in Europe, the US is beefing up its active military forces. The Cookeville men will train here for a week or so and then ship out to Camp Forrest in Tullahoma.

*The Upper Cumberland Chamber of Commerce went to Washington this week to talk to government officials about hydroelectric dams planned for the area.

They're going to get details on when the dams at Center Hill and Dale Hollow will be built. They're also looking into the chances of getting government defense plants in the area.

*In a page one picture this week, Hailie Selassie, emperor-in-exile of Ethiopia, is seen with British officers training Abyssinian troops. They're getting ready to fight the Italians, who recently overran Selassie's home country.

(February 6, 1941) Cookeville's National Guard unit has for years been a cavalry detachment. Now, it's being activated, turned into an artillery unit, and is in training with regular Army units at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. One of the unit's "die-hard cavalymen," Capt. Milton Acuff, writes in the newspaper this week that most of the men in his unit were a little dubious at first when the Army took away their horses, but now, they're sold on artillery. For one thing, says Acuff, you don't have to spend hours grooming your guns. There's no Sunday watering detail and no heavy packs. And, says Acuff, the modern Army and its long-range guns are pretty impressive. He's seen 10,000-pound guns towed by enormous trucks across ground over which horses would have problems maneuvering, he says. There's something else, he adds. Long-range guns are usually fired from the rear areas, far from direct contact with the enemy.

(February 6, 1941) People say the slaying of Judge John Mitchell's nephew this week near Livingston would not have happened had Putnam County created a General Sessions Court like many other Tennessee Counties are doing under a recent state law.

That law seeks to take away JP's powers to collect fees for writing warrants and would also "rid us of

constables and grifters" as well, says the newspaper in a page one editorial.

Mitchell's 19-year-old nephew had been arrested by a rural constable after being involved in a fistfight. The constable was giving the teen a ride home to Livingston when they met the young man's brothers and an argument broke out. In the heat of the disagreement, the constable drew his gun and fired, killing Mitchell's nephew.

The county court here not only recently rejected the idea of creating a General Sessions Court here, but condemned the law that makes it possible.

Taking judicial powers out of hands of the magistrates and rural constables would "save this county not only the lives and unasked for beatings of our citizens, but thousands of dollars in graft," the newspaper commented.

*First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt this week took a shot at Tennessee lawmakers for failing to repeal the state's poll tax. She's a strong proponent of voting rights and says charging people to vote is unfair.

She laid the blame on the Legislature's lack of action to Gov. Prentice Cooper and Memphis political boss E.H. Crump.

*First Baptist Church is leading plans here to participate in the upcoming World Day of Prayer. Special ceremonies like the one planned here will follow the sun around the globe, beginning in the Fiji Islands and closing at St. Lawrence Island off the coast of Alaska.

(February 10, 1941) Cookeville's cavalry unit of the Tennessee National Guard has been converted from horses to a modern mechanized artillery unit.

(February 12, 1941) An ad in this week's newspaper says you can get "your favorite crystallized hamburger" for a nickel over at Pack's Café. The popular eatery is located at the corner of Spring and Broad.

*And while you're out, you might want to catch a moving picture. Over at the Princess this week they're showing "the wonder picture of all times." It's "The Thief of Bagdad," with Conrad Veidt and Sabu. Coming next week: "Spring Parade," with Deanna Durbin. It's a real treat for Denna Durbin fans because "for the first time in her three-year screen career," the actress will do her "specialty dance" on the silver screen.

(February 14, 1941) Services were held this week in Whitson Funeral Home for R.H. (Dick) Darwin, 41, who suffered a heart attack while staying in the home of friends on Bloomington Springs and who died before medical aid could reach him.

He was a well-known Cookeville businessman, associated with the Jenkins and Darwin stores. His wife, Mary Elizabeth, died about nine years ago.

With war getting closer every day, 13 young Putnam men have volunteered for military service and will load up on the bus this week for a trip to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. for training.

They include Carl Rhoton, Louis Robinson, Clarence Nash, James Oaks, Ernest Cobble, Funice Smith, John Frazier, Dow Stewart, Thomas Bilyeu, Olon Ramsey, Clyde Bussell, William Campbell and Henry Campbell.

Charles Reagan retired this week after 37 years as a mail carrier here.

He began delivering mail in rural route two in 1907, from the Old Cookeville Post Office on the South side of the Square. He covered the route by buggy in the summer and horseback in the winter when the roads turned to mud. His route has grown from 22 miles to 54 in recent years.

Before becoming a mail carrier, he served in the Spanish American War and was in the Philippines for 18 months. He was also a member of the Cookeville Band for several years.

Capt. Milton Acuff, just back from special training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, says that even an old cavalryman like himself is sold on the new modern mechanized army.

Cookeville's cavalry unit of the Tennessee National Guard has just been converted to a mechanized artillery unit, and Acuff went to Iowa to see how it works.

He saw columns of tanks, motorcycles and huge trucks pulling 10,000-pound guns in all kinds of weather and quickly deploying them.

There were no watering details, no long marches on foot and no grooming of horses. Acuff is a believer in the army of the future, he says.

(February 20, 1941) The Upper Cumberland Chamber of Commerce met at the Shanks Hotel this week to hear from a delegation that went to Washington to check on getting a federal defense plant for the region. The coming war is spurring a national defense buildup. The region is looking for jobs.

No decisions have been made in the capital, said the representatives from the six Tennessee and two Kentucky counties.

Meanwhile, the group agreed to push for a new \$500,000 tuberculosis clinic the government is planning. They decided Monterey should be the site, and Luke Medley said the 'Chamber' could use his radio station, WHUB, to promote the cause.

*Another war cropped up again too this week. The newspaper writes about a resolution introduced in Congress by an Illinois senator to name the Army's new training base in Tullahoma -- Camp Forrest -- something else.

The senator reasoned that a US Army facility should not be named for a man, Nathan Bedford Forrest, who was known for "savagery and brutality."

The president of Tennessee's Daughters of the Confederacy disagrees. Strenuously. Mary Forrest Bradley told Congress this week that her grandfather is "revered" here not only because of his military brilliance but because of his patriotism.

She notes that in his last public address to his men, he told them to set aside the Stars and Bars and to follow the American flag instead. She said he told them, "I love Old Glory."

(February 17, 1941) World War veterans have been asked to register for possible home defense duty if the nation goes to war again. So many have turned up so fast that courthouse officials here have had to rush out to get more registration forms.

(February 27, 1941) Students at the junior high did an experiment with 5-cent balloons and a canister of hydrogen this week. They tied penny postcards to the balloons and let them go in five flights, an hour apart.

The first group reached Lawndale, N.C., where residents wrote back. The second made it to Gastonia, N.C., and the third landed in Marshville, N.C. The whereabouts of the rest remain unknown today at press time.

Students stood and watched each flight rise several hundred feet and be whisked away by the high winds. They headed south towards Sparta and, ultimately, each traveled more than 300 miles in a day.

*Veterans of the World War were asked to register this week for possible home defense duty if the nation again goes to war. So many turned up so fast at the courthouse that officials had to rush out and get more

registration forms.

And it wasn't just World War veterans. Several who fought in the Spanish American War came too.

"Such spirit by the comrades of 1898 shows the spark of American patriotism is glowing brightly in these troublous times," wrote the newspaper.

(March 6, 1941) Carthage will be the site for an upcoming 'electric show' sponsored by the Upper Cumberland Membership Cooperative. Dealers for 15 major brands of electrical appliances will be on hand demonstrating the new 1941 model appliances that can make household chores easier for those who have electricity. The show is part of the UCCEMC's annual meeting. There'll be a \$149 electric range as a door prize. Entertainment will be provided by a local band.

(March 12, 1941) Government officials are urging residents to be sure to get Social Security numbers because they have to have one in order to work in the new defense plants springing up across the nation.

(March 14, 1941) A nine-year-old boy, Everett Grider, was burned this week trying to save his father's wagon.

The family rode the wagon to town from their homes four miles south of town and parked it near the town stockyards, leaving Everett there to watch his two young brothers.

An unidentified youth rode by the wagon on a bicycle and tossed in a lit match. Hay in the bottom of the wagon blazed up. The boy snatched out his two brothers, and then tried to save the wagon, badly burning his legs and hands in the process.

He's expected to heal completely. Meanwhile, police chief X.B. Haynie is investigating the fire. He says he's learned that the same wagon was set afire near the same spot three weeks ago.

*Former Cookeville resident Robert E. Lee died this week of a heart attack at his home in Columbus, Miss. He was 66.

He moved to Cookeville as a boy and grew up here, becoming a traveling gravel salesman. He had been living in Mississippi for the past 20 years.

He was the son of Capt. and Mrs. Zeb P. Lee. Needless to say, his father was a Confederate veteran.

(March 20, 1941) Workers who hope to snag one of those new defense plant jobs everyone is talking about are being advised by the government that they'd better get a Social Security number. You can't work without it.

In fact, every worker between the ages of 20 and 70 is supposed to have a Social Security number, although millions haven't gotten around to getting one just yet.

The government says that the numbers are needed by women, too, who, in increasing numbers, are replacing men in factories and offices as the ranks of the military swell.

*Lovell Smith Co. is advertising its big annual spring furniture sale this week. You can pick up a Kelvinator refrigerator for \$119 to \$199. Or buy one of those "silk" lampshades boasting rayon brocade for \$4.95. A three-piece bedroom suite costs \$44.50 and a studio divan in the sale can be had for \$39.50.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes in "Border Legion," and the first installment of the new serial thriller, "King of the Royal Mounted."

(March 27, 1941) Hugh L. Goodpasture, secretary of the Upper Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, and the director of that promotional organization, Fred Pace of Burkesville, Ky., were in Washington this week

trying to convince the National Defense Commission to build a big defense plant in the Upper Cumberland. People here say it would just make good sense because the dams that Washington is talking about building on the Cumberland River would supply plenty of electricity for a defense plant. The two local men also plan to try to sell the idea to Congressmen Albert Gore and Percy Priest, and Senators K.D. McKellar and Tom Stewart, who represent Tennessee and the region.

(April 3, 1941) Cookeville's Boy Scout Troop hiked to Pilot's Knob and back this weekend, led by Scoutmaster R.D. High.

Making the hike were 1st Class scouts Clifford Massa and Jimmy Walker; 2nd Class scouts Reed Maynard, Max Bailey and Robert Childress; and Tenderfoot scouts A.W. Smith and Billy Allison. Guests on the hike were Philip Webb, Billy Stanton, Scotty Dulin and Billy Darwin.

*Fanny Barbour, who recently graduated from Tennessee Polytech, has joined dozens of Cookeville National Guardsmen at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma. She's taken a position as camp dietitian at the U.S. Army training base.

*And Idanelle McMurray this week won Central High School's literacy competition, beating 48 other students with a speech titled, "What Price Success?"

*Cookeville Boy Scout Troop 108 took a short hike Saturday to Pilots Knob. The group included Scoutmaster R.D. High, 1st-Class Scouts Clifford Massa and Jimmy Walker, 2nd-Class Scouts Reed Maynard, Robert Childress and Max Bailey, and Tenderfoot A.W. Smith.

Guests of the Scouts on the hike included Bill Stanton, Ken Bailey, Scotty Dulin, Billy Darwin, James Ray Lynch and Philip Webb.

(April 10, 1941) There's good news from Washington for the Upper Cumberland this week. Wolf Creek Dam, the first of six dams planned for the region, has been recommended to President Roosevelt for funding this year.

Cookeville's Hugh Goodpasture, chairman of the Upper Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, says that the government has recently allocated several billion dollars towards a national defense buildup, which includes hydroelectric dams.

Three of the Upper Cumberland's dams are planned to generate power, Wolf Creek, Dale Hollow and Center Hill.

*"Gone With the Wind," which showed here last summer to big crowds at big prices, is back this week at the Princess Theater, which stresses that prices are more reasonable this time around.

Last summer the price of admission was set by the studios. This week, you can see the Margaret Mitchell saga for 40 cents if you're an adult, and 25 cents if you're a child.

*Also showing at the Princess: Cesar Romero as the Cisco Kid in "Romance on the Rio Grande."

*It's going to be Family Day at Camp Forrest down in Tullahoma Sunday and Major Hubert Crawford this week invited all the friends and family of Putnam men, stationed there with the National Guard, to come on down and see them. And, Crawford added, while they're coming, why not bring chairs, games, rugs, lamps and other items the men can use to fix up a recreation room at the Army Camp. The Cookeville National Guard unit was recently activated and, with training out of the way and more rigorous work still ahead, the young men have time on their hands, Crawford explained.

(April 16, 1941) The federal WPA program has been approved to help build nine new school buildings in

Putnam County: one yet-to-be-named school in southwest Cookeville and Whitson's Chapel, Mt. Herman, Rock Springs, Bohannon, Thomas, Bussell, Buckner, Burgess and Midway.

(April 17, 1941) The annual Father and Son banquet of the Cookeville Minute Man Chapter of the Future Farmers of America brought 200 people to the Central High cafeteria this week for food and oration.

The special guest of honor was J.W.H. Terry, the father of David Terry, the vocational agriculture teacher at Central High. The elder Terry turned 81 this week.

Also present was former Central High student Earl Hyder, who is now vice president of the State FFA.

*The Putnam County Court this week approved \$12,500 in bonds for elementary schools in southwest Cookeville and erect smaller, rural schools for Whitson's Chapel, Bohannon, Thomas, Bussell, Buckner and the Burgess communities.

County officials say they'll be able to stretch their dollars because the labor is being provided by the federal WPA.

*In small articles on the back page this week, the newspaper reported three more suicides here this week. A 21-year-old man, a 61-year-old farmer and an 18-year-old youth took their lives in unrelated cases.

(April 24, 1941) The annual Putnam Farm Tour leaves from the Square this week in a caravan led by agronomy specialist H.E. Hendricks.

The tour is popular because it gives farmers here a chance to take an up-close look at the country's most productive and professionally-run farming operations.

Farms on the tour this year include those of Lee Epperson, Hamilton Wilson, J.W. McLoud, Lewis Hunter Bohannon, Joe Cronk and Asher LaFever.

At least 50 farmers are expected to load up in cars and trucks and make the tour this year.

(May 1, 1941) Services were held this week for William Johnson Burris, 52, who passed away after a long illness. Twenty years ago he came to Cookeville from Jackson County where he'd been a farmer and merchant. He opened the Nehi Bottling Co. here. He ran it until about two years ago when ill health forced him to retire.

(May 5, 1941) Tennessee Tech has marked its 25th anniversary, ceremonies which included the swearing in of a new president, Dr. Everett Derryberry.

(May 8, 1941) Tennessee Polytech is planning a 25th anniversary celebration for June 4, it was announced this week.

Part of that ceremony will include the installation of a new president, Everett Derryberry.

A committee has been created at TPI to plan the festivities. It includes Benton Carlen, J.W. Cox, T.J. Farr, Maurice Haste, J.M. Hatfield, O.K. Holladay, T.W. Kittrell, Gid Lowe, T.L. Passons, Herman Pinkerton, Gladys Sells and Altie Hayes.

The outgoing president of TPI, Austin Smith, will chair the committee.

*Woodford Garage in Monterey is selling the new Pontiac Streamliner Torpedo, a six-cylinder sedan coupe for \$923, according to its ad in this week's edition. White sidewall tires are extra.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Johnny Weismuller in "Tarzan Finds A Son." Later this week: "Lil Abner."

(May 21, 1941) One of the town's most prominent citizens, Circuit Court **Judge O.K. Holladay**, died of a heart attack this week during a visit to the law offices of Worth Bryant. The community is stunned.

Born in 1876 in Putnam's 12th district, Holladay left Cumberland University in 1898 with a law degree and practiced law here for several years in partnership with the late **Judge T.L. Denny**. Holladay's son, **John D. Holladay**, joined the partnership in 1927.

Holladay had served as city recorder, city attorney, and mayor, and he had been an assistant attorney general here for a time. He was also elected state senator in 1907, 1909 and 1911.

While a member of the general assembly, Holladay authored the Tennessee State-wide Prohibition Law, which brought Prohibition to Tennessee.

An educational supporter, he served on the school board, and Holladay was quite active in the Methodist Church here as well.

His funeral at Cookeville City Cemetery this week drew one of the largest crowds ever.

(May 22, 1941) County Clerk, Albert Braddom told drivers here this week that although they've only had to have a driver's license for a very few years under state law, they're now supposed to renew it. It will cost you only \$1 and you won't have to take the exam to get your license renewed. But you will have to take it with you at all times while you're driving, said Braddom.

He indicated that many Tennesseans aren't used to the idea of having an driver's license yet, but he stressed that it's the law.

Meanwhile, showing this week at the Princess: "The Wild Man of Borneo," starring Donald Meek and Bonita Granville. Also showing James Stewart and Paulette Goddard in "Pot 'O God" and a new March of Time feature entitled "Australia at War."

(May 24, 1941) Officials gathered "in the wilderness of the north Cumberland Mountains between Jamestown and Oneida" this week to dedicate a new state park, Pickett State Park.

The keynote speaker for the ceremonies was the region's famed hero of the World War, Alvin C. York.

*Cookeville Junior High has named its three honor students for the year. They are Mary Frances Rhea, Alice Katherine Davidson and Mary Helen Phillips.

They were honored at junior high commencement services this week at the school.

*Showing at the Princess theater this week: James Stewart and Paulette Goddard in "Pot of Gold," Frank Morgan and Billie Burke in "Wild Man of Borneo," and Kenneth Roberts in "Captain Caution."

(May 29, 1941) Cookeville is in the movies this week. A small independent filmmaker in Nashville is in the business of making small promotional shows of area towns, and one about Cookeville is showing this week at the Princess. It shows the sights in Cookeville, like the RPI (now Tennessee Tech) campus, private homes and streets, and it takes the viewer to scenic Monterey for a 'ride-thon.' The camera follows horse riders there to Bee Rock, past the St. Raphael's house and on to Monterey Lake.

(May 29, 1941) Two Cookeville boys, Stacey Mott and McCoy Shelton, were in Lebanon this week attending the American Legion's Boy's State at Castle Heights Military Academy. The 16-year-olds were in the second group from Cookeville to ever attend the event.

*Tennessee Tech had a big week this week. The university celebrated its 25th anniversary and swore in a new president, Dr. Everett Derryberry.

Meanwhile, during the festivities, the college learned that it has been approved by the state to build two new buildings, a \$35,000 Industrial Arts building and a "practice house" for the home economics department.

The Industrial Arts building will be a two-story brick and stone structure to house the college's machine shops and classrooms.

The practice house, a two-story brick building, will be located on the corner of 9th and Dixie.

*At the Princess this week, Fred Allen and Jack Benny star in "Love Thy Neighbor," and Roy Rogers takes to the screen on Saturday in the film, "In Old Cheyenne," which will be accompanied by a Looneytune, a two-reel Three Stooges feature, and the 19th chapter of "King of the Royal Mounted."

(June 1, 1941) Four train cars of US Army troops, members of the 'Hell on Wheels' division, unloaded this week here for tactical maneuvers that will take place over a 600 square-mile area of Middle Tennessee.

(June 5, 1941) The state and federal government yesterday gave Tennessee Tech a present for its 25th birthday - \$100,000 in grants to build a new library.

Gov. Prentice Cooper was the main speaker in the ceremony in which the funds were bestowed. The college's new president, Everett Derryberry, presided over the ceremony.

*Cookeville's Maj. Hubert Crawford has been named assistant provost marshal to Col. R. G. Hunter of the Second Army. Based in Manchester, the office is in charge of traffic control and law enforcement for the thousands of GIs in the Second Army during its war maneuvers in Middle Tennessee.

*At special ceremonies marking Tennessee Polytech's 25th year, Gov. Prentice Cooper this week announced a special birthday present for the college -- a new \$100,000 library.

The governor said the cost of the project will be split by the state of Tennessee and the federal government.

*J.C. Lee of Overton County's Beaver Hill Community, the man known as the creator of the "Buckeye Family," died this week of a heart attack.

The merchant gained national attention by carving a series of life-size figures out of buckeye logs, a "mother," a "father," and a number of "children," all dressed in colorful outfits.

He's whittled them over the year and the word spread. Lee kept a guest register of visitors who came to his store to see the Buckeye Family. At the time of his death, there were signers from nearly every state and several foreign countries.

As his fame spread, he came to be interviewed by 16 national magazines and numerous major newspapers.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Guy Kibbee and Bobs Watson in "Scattergood Pulls the String," and James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr in "Come Live with Me." Later in the week, the Range Busters star in "West of Pinto Basin."

(June 12, 1941) The impending war has snatched the Cookeville airport from oblivion. Presently just a dirt airstrip north of town, it's being surveyed for a \$165,000 project to level and surface the runway, giving the facility a second-class aviation status and making it available for use in training civilian and military pilots.

*There was little rain this spring and a drought was feared, but it has been declared broken this week. Since June 1, more than five inches of rain have been recorded here.

Crops will be late, but at least they will be, say farm agents. Several crops have to be replanted here this year because seeds failed or young plants withered. Now the rains are coming, it appears.

*Stacy Mott and McCoy Shelton were at Volunteer Boys State at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon this week representing Cookeville.

Mott, who was elected 'Commissioner of Institutions' by other boys in the hands-on instruction program in government is there representing the Cookeville Rotary Club. Shelton is representing the Cookeville Lions Club.

One million young men across the country this week were ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to register for the military draft. The war in Europe could cause trouble for the U.S., too, which has taken an isolation stance.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Gene Autry and Smiley Burnett in "Back in the Saddle Again."

(June 12, 1941) One of the nation's most widely read magazines, The Saturday Evening Post, has reversed its position on America's neutrality toward the war in Europe, according to an editorial in this week's edition of the paper. Previously, "the mainstay of conservative isolationism," The Post has come out in favor of U.S. involvement.

If the U.S. is going to supply crippled England with warships and munitions to defend itself against the Nazis, then the U.S. should make a full commitment. "The U.S. must either go forward or back," says the newspaper.

*Gene Autry, Smiley Burnett and Mary Lee are entertaining audiences over at the Princess this week in "Back in the Saddle Again."

*And the Tennessee Central is offering passengers an easier ride on all its day trains. Day trains now come with a "buffet car," which is equipped with large, posh swivel chairs and which serve low-priced meals. Just another service from the railroad with the motto, "The Road of Personal Service."

(June 19, 1941) The Cookeville Airport, a dirt strip just north of town, is being surveyed this week in preparation for a \$165,000 project to level and surface the runway. The facility will thus achieve second-class aviation status, making it useable by mail pilots, commercial flights of all sorts, and military training classes. With war brewing across the world, civilian airports all over the U.S. are being upgraded. The project is being funded with federal, state and county dollars.

(June 23, 1941) Some 200 National Guardsmen in Cookeville's 181st Field Artillery are being called into active duty as the war situation in Europe got hotter this week. They'll be in training next week and will then go to Camp Forest in Tullahoma to join other regular Army units there in preparing for war .

*Meanwhile in the Sudan, Haile Selassie, the emperor in exile of Ethiopia, is training troops with the aid of the British. They're soon be going back into their homeland to try to take it back from the Iranians, who recently invaded that African nation.

(June 26, 1941) Services were held this week for one of Monterey's most prominent citizens, William B. Ray, 81.

He and his father, J.H. Ray, organized the Bank of Monterey 40 years ago.

His wife, Susan Turner Ray, died in 1939, and Ray had been retired from the bank for the last four years when he died here this week.

*Crews tore down a landmark here this week, a sprawling wood frame building that took up the entire block on the north side of Broad just northwest of the Square.

It was the old Jere Whitson Hardware Company. Built in 1892 on the site of another structure that burned, it served for 44 years as a lumber and hardware center with a funeral parlor in the rear.

The wood from the structure was sold to First Baptist Church, which will be used to build another Baptist church on Stevens Street.

The lot is considered one of the most valuable pieces of business real estate in town and it has not been announced by the owners what will be built now on the site.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Tobacco Road," with Gene Tierney and Marjorie Rambeau.

(June 26, 1941) You'd better buy top quality tires for your car or truck now while you still can. That's the advice this week from area tire store owners. At the worst, war is on its way. At the best, the U.S. is building up its defenses.

Either way, the supply of rubber for the U.S. will likely grow short in the coming months, and the military will get the first shot at tires for jeeps and military transport trucks. The U.S. gets 97 percent of the rubber it uses for tires each year from the Far East, dealers note.

That's halfway around the world, and there's a lot of trouble brewing with the Germans and Japan. Should the flow of rubber be stopped at its source today, the U.S. has about a 7-month supply, including what's aboard ship bound for America at the present. So, you'd better buy the best tires you can right away, say dealers. It could be quite a while before you have a chance to buy any more.

(July 3, 1941) The Fourth of July has a special meaning this year as the lights of democracy and freedom go out across Europe, snuffed by Nazi invasions and oppression.

Mayor Gid Lowe said this week that there's a national effort under way to 'rededicate' the Fourth of July and all it stands for.

At 3 p.m. CST across the country, Americans will hear a special radio broadcast. President FDR will speak. Then they'll play the national anthem. Following that will be a concert of patriotic music by the US Marine Corps band. Then everyone can get back to fireworks, cookouts and other traditional ways of celebrating the birth of freedom in the US.

Daylight savings time is going into effect this week because of the growing threat of war. Clocks will be set an hour ahead across Cookeville and the state.

Workers will go to work an hour earlier to take advantage of longer summer days. Stores will also open an hour earlier and close an hour earlier as well.

The idea is to save electricity that is needed by the nation's growing defense industry. Mayor Gid Lowe urged all residents to comply this year.

Lowe also urged everyone to listen to President FDR's radio address this week on the Fourth of July. He's going to speak on civilian defense and is expected to urge Americans to rededicate themselves to the ideals of preserving liberty and self-sacrifice.

*Congressman Albert Gore Sr. said in a speech here this week that the Upper Cumberland region is "in the vanguard of national defense."

He was referring to a series of large hydroelectric dams planned on the Cumberland River that will provide electricity to defense plants that officials hope will locate here if war breaks out with Germany.

The Wolf Creek Dam is the first in the series, and others are planned at Dale Hollow, Center Hill and elsewhere along the river.

(July 10, 1941) The newspaper in an editorial this week urges Putnam County to join other counties in the region and the state that have recently repealed the poll tax. It hinders free elections, says the newspaper. Besides, the \$2 tax isn't usually collected, so there won't be any great loss of revenue, it says.

*He's billed as the world's greatest marksman. Toss a head of cabbage in the air and he'll give you back cole slaw. Throw him an orange and he'll make juice. A. L. Adkins performs other marvels with his rifle too. He's putting on an exhibition here at the county airport. It's sponsored by the Remington Rifle Co. and the Kelanbore munitions company. He uses their wares in his show.

*In last Saturday's Democratic primary here, voters nominated Marion T. Warren as sheriff, Cooper Loftis as circuit court clerk, Alpha Brown as county court clerk, Ruth Morgan Reeves as register, W.L. Swallows as county judge, Keith Crawford as county attorney and Taylor Rhea as trustee.

*A page one editorial urges Putnam County to join 19 other progressive counties in Tennessee to dropping the \$2 poll tax.

It calls the tax, which must be paid before you can vote, "a menace to free government."

*A missionary from the European war zone will speak at Monterey Baptist Church Sunday.

The Rev. W.E. Craighead served for 10 years in the Romanian province of Bessarabia. He'll tell what happened when the Russian Army seized the country, taking advantage of Germany's war with England and France in the West.

(July 17, 1941) The war overseas is threatening the nation's sources of aluminum, and with the distinct possibility that America may be drawn into that conflict, the government has launched a coast-to-coast drive to salvage and recycle aluminum.

In Putnam County, the county extension service, home demonstration clubs, 4-H clubs and school children are being organized to comb the county for scrap aluminum.

And collection bins are being set up on the west side of the Cookeville depot and on the east side of the Putnam Courthouse for citizens to bring the precious metal.

The U.S. has been selling the British airplanes to keep up their battle with the German Luftwaffe, and government officials say the U.S. is about to seriously step up production of aircraft for America's military.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Devil Dogs of the Air," with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien. Also, the 6th chapter of "The Green Hornet Strikes Again."

(July 24, 1941) A dry winter and spring have left the region's lakes and rivers low, so TVA was preparing to call for severe energy conservation measures to make sure defense factories building airplanes and weapons for national defense have enough electricity.

But, we've gotten off the hook because of recent heavy rainfall and daylight savings time. The rains raised the lake levels and daylight saving time has conserved more power than officials estimated it would.

Nonetheless, TVA says to cut power use or rationing may again become a possibility.

Congressman Albert Gore (Sr.) sent the newspaper a clipping this week from the Washington Post, where Silver Point's Christine Sadler is now a feature writer.

Ms. Sadler this week wrote about the mood of her home community during a recent trip home.

She says Washington was a “bee-hive,” with everyone worried about communism and how slow national defense is getting off the ground.

In Silver Point, it was cherry picking time. Kids were out of school and going barefoot, fathers were busy farming, the ones still here. Many have already gone into the military. Why wait for the draft when their country needs them now, she said.

The Republicans in western Putnam County are solidly behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The war brewing on the horizon is bigger than party politics, she said.

There are military camps, hydro-electric dams and aircraft plants going up all across the South as the nation readies for war.

But the big news in Silver Point that week was the new baby in the home of Alfred Gill, she notes. The former postmaster was away on Guard training at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, but he rushed home briefly to see his new child.

People stop whatever they're doing at noon to hear news on the radio. There are few radios not in good operating condition here. The news now is too important.

And, Ms Sadler added, “Everyone is using the term ‘communist’ like they used to say ‘yankee.’”

(July 24, 1941) A busload of Boy Scouts from Nassau County, NY stopped in Cookeville long enough this week to cook lunch and pose for the newspaper's photographer. They are on their way to the Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp in Cimarron, NM. The Scouts were the winners of a free 6,000 mile trip awarded by Newsday, a New York daily newspaper. They collected the most scrap aluminum in their area to win the contest. The metal is going to the national war drive. And the Scouts are going to the Rockies, cooking and camping out along the way.

(July 31, 1941) The newspaper reported this week that the state is looking into the idea of buying the historic hamlet of Rugby near Oneida at the request of the town's present residents, who are alarmed at plans to log the surrounding property.

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(July 31, 1941) Appearing live on stage at the Princess Theater this week: The Rainbow Ranch Girls. Decked out in western costumes, they'll sing, perform comedy skits and dance. After that, theater patrons who stick around can see James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr on the great silver screen in "Ziegfeld Girl."

(August 7, 1941) The State Welfare Commission is planning to see that Tennessee children from poor families get free lunches this school year.

All Putnam school principals have been instructed to come by the Odd Fellows building on the square in Cookeville and pick up forms for the program.

It's up to each principal to decide how many "undernourished" students he or she has and send totals to the state.

The state will soon start shipping commodities to feed the selected children lunch for free.

There are presently 3,700 kids eating lunch in Putnam schools, and the new state program is expected to double that figure this fall.

TTU President Everett Derryberry this week announced two new additions to the Golden Eagle's football coaching staff.

Former Tech football star Raymond "Bull" Brown will be the new freshman coach, and Hooper Eblen, a former pigskin star for the University of Tennessee, will be the new varsity backfield coach.

They'll be working under TTU head football coach R.V. "Putty" Overall.

Showing this week at the Princess: Tex Ritter in "Rolling Home for Texas," and the 7th chapter of the exciting serial thriller, "Mysterious Dr. Satan."

(August 14, 1941) Last week, Albert Hines, a columnist for the Nashville Tennessean, wrote about disappointed young men from the North who expected to be fed country ham and Southern fried chicken at every meal while in military camps in the South.

To make sure they get the right impression about the South and its hospitality, Hines suggested that Southerners should make a point of eating less ham and chicken so the "Yankee" soldiers could get some of the traditional Southern fare, too. This week, the Cookeville newspaper writes with mock seriousness in an editorial that further steps should be taken.

The governor should declare a military emergency and prohibit Southerners from eating country ham or Southern fried chicken more than seven days a week, it says. Send the Yankee troops home "filled with praises" about the South, it suggests.

A lot of young men from across the country, many of them "Yankees," are training here in preparation for the coming war in Europe and the Pacific.

(August 14, 1941) A tongue-in-cheek editorial this week notes that some of the "northern draftees" receiving the training at Camp Forrest Tullahoma say they expected to get plenty of southern fried chicken and country ham when they came to Tennessee but they're complaining that all they're getting is Army chow.

Rather than let them continue to complain about such treatment, the editorial suggests that Gov. Prentice Cooper declare an immediate emergency and restrict the amount of chicken and ham served on Tennessee table so there'll be some left to give the Yankee soldiers.

"Then they can go elsewhere singing the praises of Southern hospitality."

In the latest drive to collect scrap aluminum for the war effort, Tennessee has collected 182,842 pounds of the metal, the newspaper reported today.

Of that, Putnam County collected 690 pounds of castoff aluminum.

At the Princess this week: "The Lady Eye," with Barbara Stawycyk and Henry Fonda.

(August 21, 1941) Among 15 local men inducted into military service this week by the local draft board were Roy Dunn, Willie Matheney, Clyde Walker, James Grogan and Dewey White.

*Want to make a secure investment and show your patriotism too? The U.S. is beefing up its nation's military defenses as rapidly as possible, and is borrowing heavily to do so.

A front page story in this week's edition explains how you can loan Uncle Sam the money to build new ships, war planes and tanks.

Defense stamps range in price from 10 cents to \$5. When you collect \$18.75 in stamps, you can trade them in for a defense bond that will be worth \$25 in 10 years.

Also after 10 years, a \$37.50 bond can be redeemed for \$50 and a \$75 bond bought today will be worth \$100 in 1951.

The article quotes U.S. officials who note that already 1.5 million young men have put their careers, small businesses and possibly their lives on the line to defend their country by signing up for low-paying military duty.

Those who remain behind should support them as much as possible, the newspaper says.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Tall, Dark and Handsome," with Caesar Romero and Virginia Gilmore.

(August 21, 1941) Times are changing in agriculture. TVA this week is putting on a display here of its new "economy trailer thresher," a mobile unit housed on a trailer with rubber tires so it can be transported on paved roads. But it's sturdy enough to get back into the fields and to spots where other threshers can't go. It can be set up in 10 minutes. Its seven-horsepower gas engine can thresh up to 25 bushels of wheat per hour, 30 bushels of soybeans, 90 bushels of oats and 60 bushels of barley. Farmers are urged to drop by and look it over.

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Still too high for you? Okay, what about Postal Savings Stamps. Stamps go for 10 cents, a quarter, 50 cents, a dollar and \$5. You put them in a special album and when you have enough, you exchange the album for a war bond.

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(August 28, 1941) Congressman Albert Gore Sr. was swimming with his daughter on his back in Bloomington Springs Lake Sunday afternoon when he spotted an 11-year-old boy floundering in the middle of the lake. He quickly swam to shore, deposited his daughter, and then went to the youth's rescue, witnesses say.

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(September 4, 1941) Planning on returning to college this fall? Not so fast, say officials of the local draft board. You'd better check to see if your draft status has changed. There are no more blanket deferments being issued, says the board.

Deferments are being given to students who intend to enter fields where there are manpower shortages. But not everyone in those majors will escape the draft. So, you'd better shift gears and check your status before you're shipped out unexpectedly, the board advises.

Federal "revenueurs" were all over town this week posting notices that urged residents to report people who buy unusual amounts of sugar.

The posters from the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue note that moonshine uses massive quantities of sugar. Every 100 pounds of sugar used to make mash represents \$36 in lost federal

tax dollars.

The signs also note that in the last six months in Tennessee, 379 stills were raided, 197,160 gallons of mash were poured out, and 698 moonshiners were arrested.

*The newspaper printed a letter this week to Mrs. J.C. Barnes from her daughter, Mrs. Norman Siglow, who's with her husband and son cruising the Caribbean this summer.

Mrs. Siglow writes from Port of Spain at Trinidad in the British West Indies. She complains of prices. A bowl of corn flakes on the island is 24 cents. Apples sell for 72 cents a dozen. "Terrible," she writes.

The scenery is breathtaking, but the poverty of the islanders is severe, she says. Yet they "take life easy and have a game sense of humor."

Altogether, she says "It takes your breath away and suddenly you realize how far you are away from the good old USA."

(September 11, 1941) A page one editorial this week praised the lack of public drunkenness at the Putnam County Fair last week. We appreciate the orderly and sober conduct that prevailed throughout.

"We did not observe a single person in the crowd or in the grandstands that we thought were drinking to any extent, and there was no appearance of rowdiness that usually follows such occasions," it read.

The crowd's good behavior is attributed in part to Sheriff Marion Warren, who campaigned on a pledge of bringing liquor traffic here to a halt. The newspaper says "you no longer hear of drunken weekend brawls at road houses here, where more liquor is sold than beer."

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The newspaper observes that it has made a difference here. There was 'no appearance of rowdiness' in the grandstands during the Putnam Fair this year, and "We have not heard of the usual drunken weekend brawls at roadhouses or been gardens where more liquor is usually sold than beer," it says.

It also notes there were fewer traffic accidents this year in connection with the annual county fair, another sign that there's less illegal liquor being bought and consumed in Putnam County.

Showing this week at the Princess: "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," with Henry Fonda and Fred MacMurray, and Joan Blondell and Roland Young in "Topper Returns." Also the 14th chapter of "The Green Hornet Stings Again."

(September 18, 1941) Gid Lowe announced this week that he is seeking a second term as Cookeville's mayor. He said he accomplished quite a lot in his first term and wants another shot at it.

In his first three years, Lowe takes credit for seeking that the police cleaned up the town's bootlegging operations and that 16,500 feet of new sidewalk were laid. He helped secure two federal works projects, one to build a new jail and one to build a new city hall.

The city recently bought a new fire truck, he said, and he was the one who put the city street department on a "pay-as-you-go" basis in paving streets here. He'd appreciate your vote and influence, he adds.

(September 25, 1941) There are changes at Tennessee Polytech this year thanks to the federal Works Progress Administration. A 40,000 WPA project has remodeled the administration building, a renovation that includes new paint, new tile floors and a reworked auditorium.

The stage is new, the draperies are new, and there's a cyclorama (painted background) decorating the stage. Meanwhile, the basement of the college's gym is being turned into a headquarters for the music department.

*Meanwhile, a \$115,000 WPA project for the college has been delayed for a while by the war that's taking shape in Europe. The US military is gearing up in case war breaks out. Building supplies are short. So, Washington says a new library for Tennessee Tech will have to wait a while.

(September 25, 1941) The Rural Electrification Association is holding a show next month in Double Springs to show what can be accomplished around the house and the farm with a small portable five or 10 horsepower electric motor.

They'll use it to power a workshop, a planning mill, a grain elevator, a grindstone, and several indoor appliances. The motor comes with a set of removable wheels to roll it from station to station.

*A \$40,000 renovation of the administration building at Tennessee Polytech is well under way. It's being repainted and repaired, floors are being retiled and the auditorium is getting new stage curtains and a new 'cyclorama.'

In other autumn projects on campus, a new road is being built connecting Dixie Avenue with Peachtree on the south side of the campus and the WPA is undertaking the erection of a new \$115,000 library on campus between the Home Economics building and East Hall.

But progress on the new library is lagging because building materials are becoming increasingly hard to find due to the national defense building that's gaining speed across the U.S.

*After being on "fast time" for the last 12 weeks, the city and the rest of the nation are preparing to go off Daylight Savings Time at midnight on Sept. 27.

The new time was another national defense measure.

(October 2, 1941) With war surely on its way across the globe, Cookeville's National Guard unit has been activated along with others throughout the U. S. And in its place, Gov. Prentice Cooper has created one of the state's two Home Defense units here.

The unit would be called out by the governor in the event of trouble, such a labor strike. The Cookeville unit is stationed at Tennessee Tech. Walter Keith Crawford is its captain, and Gov. Cooper has authorized slots for a first lieutenant, five sergeants and seven corporals for the 60-man unit.

There's no pay unless the group is called to active duty. Weapons and uniforms will be issued to the Home Guardsmen.

(October 9, 1941) Imagine yourself steering a battleship or cruising in a PT boat at more than 45 miles an hour. Imagine yourself coming home on leave in a sharp new Navy uniform with tales to tell. That's the picture you're invited to see of yourself in a Navy recruiting ad in this week's edition.

The Navy is getting ready for war and needs more men. Many more men. The ad reminds readers, "Your pay in the Navy is gravy." There's no rent to pay, no food to buy and no doctor or dentists bills when you're in the Navy. Entertainment is even free, it boasts. Sign yourself up now...before Uncle Sam signs you up.

(October 10, 1941) Twenty three more young Putnam men were called into military service by the local draft board this week. Among them were Tom Lee Mackie, Horace Burton Benson, Benton Lee Carr, Noah Simpson Chaffin and William Wrather Johnson.

*A page one story this week described the dramatic build up of the U.S. Navy that's now under way. This week alone, the Navy began construction on six new 27,000 ton 'supercruisers.'

Since January, Navy shipyards have been building 1,968 war vessels and has funds for several more. The nation is rushing to create a 'two ocean' Navy with a fleet in the Pacific just as strong as that in the Atlantic.

Of course, thousands of new crewmen will be needed to man those ships, and Navy recruiters this week were combing Middle Tennessee for volunteers.

*Meanwhile, with so many young men going into the military, the federal WPA announced this week that it will supply farm labor to qualified farmers. Applications are now being taken.

(October 13, 1941) People are still talking about the big football game here last weekend. Central High's squad went up against undefeated Sparta and came away with an 18-0 win.

Meanwhile, the Home Guard began drilling on the campus of Tennessee Polytech this week. Training to act in emergencies while the Tennessee National Guard is away at war, the local unit is one of two in the state. Vanderbilt University is home to the second unit.

In both cases, college students make up a corps of enlisted men, and local men are officers. Here, Keith Crawford is the unit's captain. He says you'll see the unit, Company I of the 2nd Tennessee Infantry, drilling a lot on campus in the days to come.

(October 16, 1941) The movie down at the Princess this Saturday night won't be the usual shoot-em up. It's "Harvest for Tomorrow," a film about farming in New England.

It's being presented by the county extension office in cooperation with the theater to educate the public on the danger of America's vanishing topsoil.

The film which will air for four showings Saturday, tells how topsoil is created, how it's being lost due to poor farming practices and how fertility can be restored to the soil.

*Putnam School Supt. F.R. Adams has been notified by the Internal Revenue Collection Office that all school fundraisers like pie suppers and school plays are subject to the government 'nuisance' tax -- a penny on every 10 cents collected.

The tax also applies to new appliances, auto sales, new construction and, in fact, the sale of 'everything every person uses,' say government officials.

*"Blame it on Hitler," say federal revenue agents The tax revenue is being used in America's rapid and massive military buildup.

(October 23, 1941) Mayor Gid Lowe says Cookeville is getting new modern firefighting equipment — brand new fire engine and up-to-the-minute accessories. The last time the city bought fire equipment was 1925.

*More than 70 horseback riders took part Sunday in the third "Rideathon" organized in the Upper Cumberland by Dr. W.B. Boyd.

Riders from here and several surrounding counties began the day from the Putnam County Fairgrounds and rode to Main Street in Cookeville, where they were joined by the TPI band. They proceeded around the Square and up Cedar to TPI where, on the main quadrangle, they rested their mounts during a patriotic ceremony of music and speeches.

Afterward the procession wended its way to Quinland Lake for a picnic.

In Algood, Dr. Fred Moore and a delegation of the town's residents met the riders with iced tea.

The newspaper comments that horseback riding is fast becoming a national recreational past time again.

Tennessee Polytech is the setting for the first annual Music Festival here. It features the voices and talents of more than 700 elementary school age kids. It's for American Education Week. The festival comes in the form of skits, with the children portraying, in song and oratory, scenes from American history. There's the Frontier Scene, a Colonial minuet, the Plantation Scene and a World War Scene. There'll be Pilgrims and Indians for a Thanksgiving Scene. And the show will end on an upbeat Patriotic Scene. The public is invited.

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Cox became a candidate after more than 100 local citizens convened in the Shanks hotel to decide who they wanted to see run for the post, which also automatically carries the position of mayor.

Cox was their choice. He was 'drafted' for a write-in campaign and today is the city's new mayor.

*The man who holds a world record for playing on more golf courses than anyone else, Ralph Kennedy, this week played his 2,227th course here in Cookeville.

Dr. J.P. Terry, manager of Cookeville's course, said Kennedy commented that the course was "interesting and sporty" and that it is "remarkable" that a town Cookeville's size has such a quality facility.

Kennedy has played golf on every course in Tennessee and on courses in 41 states, in eight of Canada's nine provinces, and in seven foreign lands. He's been playing for the last 31 years.

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(November 6, 1941) TVA in a half-page ad says that Uncle Sam has called for homeowners and businesses to reduce their use of electricity in the Tennessee Valley by 30 percent.

That power is needed by factories in the region that make airplanes, tanks, battleships and munitions, says the ad.

The REA is attempting to sell the idea of electricity to the region's rural residents.

(November 6, 1941) The government is taking steps to conserve America's resources, including electricity. War is coming. An ad in this week's edition from Volunteer Electric explains ways that businesses cannot use electricity under the new federal Limitation Order 16.

They can't light up outdoor signs or displays. They can't use lights inside to highlight displays of items. The story notes that cities can continue to use traffic lights under the order.

*"Bossy the Electrified Cow" is returning to Cookeville this week for another visit. Her appearance coincides with the big Rural Electrification Administration exhibition down at Double Springs.

'Bossy' is a mechanical cow that 'breathes,' swishes its tail, chews its cud, moos and gives milk. She's used to showing off new electric milking machines being promoted by the REA for dairymen who are tired of milking by hand and getting swatted in the face by cow tails. She was a big hit in the 1933 Chicago World's Fair.

The REA exhibition in Double Springs arrived in a big caravan and set up displays in tents and trailers this week.

It's the REA's way of showing people in rural areas the latest in electric farm and household appliances. On display will be electric pumps, feed grinders, bean shellers, grain elevators and more.

Household appliances on display include an electric water heater, electric range and an electric 'room warmer.'

(November 13, 1941) Cold weather made for a smaller than usual crowd at the annual Armistice Day parade this week. As was the custom, the parade formed on Spring Street and marched down past the Shanks Hotel and the depot.

From there it headed up Broad to the Square. There were several bands, and the Home Guard unit led the way with Capt. Keith Crawford out in front.

The parade and the ceremonies that followed were in tribute to the county's war dead from the Great War in 1918, and to the many young men who have in recent months joined America's Armed Forces as the threat of war rises again in Europe.

(November 13, 1941) There's a lot of interest here in the course of the fighting in Europe. The Nazis are gobbling up European countries one by one. And two meetings here this week may see heavy attendance because of Cookeville's growing appetite for war news.

Oscar Stern, a day lecturer who just returned from the "war zone," will speak this week at the First Baptist Church. He's attracted large crowds in other talks detailing what he saw in Europe just days ago.

Meanwhile, the Book Lovers' Club will hear a review by Mrs. Harry Upperman this week. She'll discuss No Other Road to Freedom, the book by war correspondent Leland Stowe. A New York Times review of the book describes it as "the book America has been waiting for. It uses the facts Mr. Stowe learned during 18 months of war. He saw it happen in Norway and Greece." This month he saw his book shoot to the top of the bestseller list.

(November 20, 1941) Albert Gore, in his weekly column, says that the Japanese are on the brink of 'making war moves' on American interests in the Orient. "The situation is tense."

A special envoy has been sent to Washington from Japan to negotiate with the White House. Meanwhile, the Russians are hard-pressed to repel Germany's recent invasion and need help from the US. That will be easier since Congress has just repealed the Neutrality Act, making it possible for the US to aid countries like Russia, says Gore.

*Services were held this week for Mrs. Clementia Reagan Yeargin, 77, the widow of professor Samuel Yeargin. She died in her home this week on South Washington Avenue.

The last living child of prominent pioneers Isaac and Louisa Reagan, she married the professor in 1886, when he was already serving as principal of the Washington Academy.

He held that position until his death on Oct. 23, 1920. By then, he was one of the state's leading educators.

*Friends and family also laid John T. Jernigan to rest this week. Jernigan, 76, died at his home at Double Springs from the paralyzing effects of a stroke he suffered a few months ago.

A widely-known teacher in the Double Springs area, he also served on the county court representing the 11th District for 12 years.

(November 21, 1941) Central High ends its football season Friday at 2 p.m. on the field at TPI in a game against Gordonsville High. A large crowd is expected.

So far this season, Central has won six games, lost two and tied one with Crossville. Its biggest win was 71-0 against Carthage. Its biggest loss, 32-0 against Smithfield.

At halftime Friday, Jean Proffitt will be crowned football queen for the year, and recognition will be given to Central seniors who are playing their last high school game.

They are team captain Hugh Bussell, alternate captains Billy Proffitt, Will Glenn Crawford, Billy Huddleston, Paul Judd, Charles Bullock, Rowe Harris, Wesley Flat and Fred Warren.

(November 27, 1941) The US Office of Production Management has issued new guidelines for the use of electricity in homes. Conservation is being advised because America needs a great amount of electricity to make tanks, warplanes and other weapons for the war that is about to begin.

Federal officials ask homeowners to turn off all radios, lights and appliances that are not in use. Prepare meals in "thrift cookers" when possible and keep refrigerator doors closed so the cool air won't get out. And reset your water heaters to 135-degrees, officials suggest.

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Known as the "daffiest comedy team of the ether waves and the silver screen," the comedy couple's show can be heard on Friday nights at 8, sponsored by Lever Brothers, Inc., the makers of Swan Soap.

*The first countywide music festival was a rousing success here this week.

The musical pageant featured 800 school children, the Tennessee Tech glee club and the college's orchestra. TPI President Everett Derryberry even sang a solo.

For two hours, costumed children took to the stage in a succession of pilgrims, Colonial ladies, sailors, Southern Belles, cowboys, mountaineers, gentlemen of the 'gay nineties' and doughboys and nurses from the World War.

The festival climaxed with the entire cast and the audience as well singing "I Am An American" and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

(December 4, 1941) A year ago today Tennessee began its first drawing for the draft. Four hundred and seventy two young men from Tennessee were selected for military service in a move to boost the nation's military preparedness now that much of the world is at war.

In Putnam County, 93 were selected in the first round a year ago and went to Ft. Oglethorpe for training. Over the last 12 months, Tennessee sent 27,228 young men to the military for service.

Meanwhile, local volunteers for the Red Cross were recognized in the newspaper this week. Among those listed as having donated 100 hours of time to Red Cross defense work were **Mrs. O.K. Holladay**, Mrs. I.C. Marchbanks, Mrs. E.H. Hooper, and Mrs. W. Judd.

Those who have done 200 hours of volunteer work to date include Mrs. O.D. Massa, Miss Tommy McKinley, Mrs. Pennock Moore, Mrs. Henry Carlen, and Miss Dolly Warren.

The work included sewing items of clothing for troops and preparing cloth bandages for the wounded that America hopes it will not have. But three days from now at a place called Pearl Harbor, the nation will need the bandages prepared here and elsewhere across the nation by women volunteers.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "Sergeant York," with Gary Cooper.

(December 5, 1941) It's been a full year since the first draftee from Putnam County went into the military under the nation's new buildup of defenses. In the last 12 months, another 27,228 Tennessee men were called to service.

In all, that makes for a total of 53,765 Tennesseans now serving in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

*It was Tennessee Polytech's biggest crowd ever for Homecoming -- 5,000 fans attended the weekend game between the Golden Eagles and the Murfreesboro Blue Devils and saw the Eagles win 6-0.

Earlier in the day, that same crowd stood by and watched the homecoming parade. Cookeville's Myra Smith was named football sponsor for Homecoming and Algood's Betty Love Moore was elected band sponsor for the event.

*Showing at the Princess this week: "Sergeant York," with Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan.

(December 11, 1941) Speaking on WSM radio in a talk reprinted in the newspaper, University of Tennessee geography instructor Dr. Casper Rappenecker said this week that "grandpa may speak of the harsh winters he grew up through," but the climate today is about the same as it was then. There have been no significant changes in the climate despite older residents who say winter was a more serious thing in their days.

*Twenty-nine soldiers are on duty at Burgess Falls dam and at the city water plant here. They are guarding those facilities. The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in a sneak attack four days ago. Now, the nation waits for more attacks.

(December 18, 1941) Word is trickling in about the handful of Putnam Countians who are in the Pacific War zone following an attack on the nation's war fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii:

Dr. H. H. Taylor, serving in the Army medical corps in Hawaii, has sent a telegram home telling his family he's okay following the devastating air raid on the harbor.

Eugene Huddleston, a sailor in the Navy Band on the battleship Pennsylvania, likewise has wired a message home that he survived the attack.

There's been no word yet from Major Ivan DuBois, who's stationed at Hickman Field and whose home was just two blocks from Pearl Harbor.

And the family of James H. Medlin, who was assigned duty aboard a battleship in the Pacific five months ago also hasn't heard from him since war was declared.

Joe Nelson Scott is safely aboard a battleship somewhere in the Pacific.

Paul Judd, who's served nearly two years with the Coast Guard, was scheduled to get out next June. The war has changed those plans.

Lawrence Lamb's two-year enlistment in the US Army Engineers in Hawaii was up two weeks ago, three days before Pearl Harbor. He's still in the Army today.

And Ed Sanders is serving with an Army unit stationed in Hawaii, a group of island specks on the way two thousand miles from the mainland with the Japanese navy somewhere on the prowl in the Pacific.

*Got any farm machinery that needs repairs? Better order your repair parts now, says the U. S. government. Now that we're at war, the military gets 75 percent of the nation's steel production. For you to get those repair parts, you must turn in a list of what you need to your local defense board. The board passes the list onto the War Department. The War Department then tells civilian manufacturing plants each month when they can stop building tanks, war planes and military parts and switch to farm machinery and other parts for civilians. It could take a while, in other words.

(December 24, 1941) Santa Claus is helping the American war effort this year, according to the newspaper. Page one this week shows a poster being made available to businesses all across the country which depicts Jolly Old St. Nick selling war bonds and stamps. "This year, give a share in America," he says. Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japanese just days ago, and the reality of the U. S. at war is casting a shadow across the Christmas season.

*Meanwhile, the newspaper reminds readers that a subscription to the hometown paper makes a great Christmas gift for those overseas in the war.

(December 25, 1941) This was the first Christmas of the war and several churches are having special midnight services and prayer meetings as the nation anxiously faces what lies ahead.

The newspaper says, "As we face 1942, we are confronted with grave problems that will test our faith and courage. We know not what the future of our country will be, nor of our own lives ...

"We would that all of America and the whole world greet the new year on bended knees in reverence for our God."

Christmas was rushed for many Putnam families as young men, who enlisted immediately after Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese, say their good-byes and prepare to leave for training in the military.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in "Caught in the Draft."

Later in the week, Roy Rogers in "Sheriff of Tombstone," and the 14th chapter of "The White Eagle."

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(January 1, 1942) The Burnett School, a Save the Child Federation demonstration school here, with 66 pupils, got a special present for Christmas from Hollywood. Mrs. Spencer Tracy, wife of the famous film star, sent a number of gifts.

Included were 18 new books for the school library, handicraft materials and educational games for the school as well as small individual gifts for the children.

In return for her generosity, the kids sent a gift to Mrs. Tracy — a box of Tennessee Christmas greens and nuts.

(January 3, 1942) Military officials again this week reminded civilians here who have loved ones serving in the armed forces that loose lips do indeed sink ships.

German U-boats continue to regularly sink cargo and troop ships on the Atlantic coast and German agents and saboteurs are believed to be feeding them information.

The military says not to talk about the location of your loved in the service or to mention to anyone their movements, routes or schedules.

A careless word could cost their lives, say military authorities.

Due to the government's tire rationing program, local grocers this week announced that they will now make just two grocery delivery runs across the city per day rather than driving groceries out every time a customer calls.

The grocers advise residents to call early in the day so your groceries can be loaded on one of the two trucks.

(January 4, 1942) It's Avenge Pearl Harbor Week in Cookeville and across Tennessee. Navy recruiters are having a field day signing up new recruits this week.

At precisely 1:25 p.m. Central War Time tomorrow — the time of day when Japanese warplanes got the American fleet at Pearl Harbor last December — Navy recruiters in Cookeville and across the state will swear hundreds of young men into service.

The ceremonies will be broadcast on radio stations statewide. In Cookeville, WHUB will help spread the word that America is building navy bent on retribution against the Japanese.

(January 5, 1942) Algood now has a civilian defense board to oversee the town's operations in the event of an enemy attack.

On the board are Enloe Speck, air raid warden; Harry McGuigin, head of the town's fire-fighting unit; Orley Warren and Norvelle Matthews, police unit supervisors; Dr. Fred Moore, public utilities chief; Dr. J. A. Butler and Dr. J. T. Moore, medical unit chiefs; and Frazier Harris, head of the board's vital services unit.

In other war news, 82, students at Baxter Seminary have signed up and are eager to help the Red Cross knit socks for the nation's fighting men overseas.

The only snag is that the Red Cross has no yarn right now. Like just about everything else these days, there's a yarn shortage as the nation gears up to go to a wartime footing.

So, the girls at Baxter Seminary are practicing their stitches with what material they have until the Red Cross gets a hold of some yarn.

(January 7, 1942) "We need men who'll put an end to this war," said Marine Corp. Capt. S. F. Drew this week as he arrived in Cookeville from Nashville with a party of recruiters.

They'll be on hand inside the Cookeville Post from 8 a.m. until dark and later if necessary to answer all questions and sign up potential Marines.

The US Navy has already heavily recruited here and dozens of young Putnam men are already serving in other branches of the military as the US gears up for the war against Germany and Japan.

Meanwhile, the Putnam County Quarterly Court this week voted to give the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 to help fund housing for the army of workers and engineers who are expected to make Cookeville their home during the monumental building of Center Hill and Dale Hollow dams.

People here are just now beginning to realize what these projects will mean to the community.

Algood has been selected as the railhead for all equipment and supplies to the Dale Hollow project, 1,000 train cars of materials, including 5 million bags of cement.

Hundreds of men will be employed simply to unload the trains and load the materials on trucks. Thousands in the area will be on the payroll building the dam.

Silver Point is expected to be the railhead for the Center Hill project and a similar impact is anticipated there.

(January 8, 1942) Two Cookeville men, Gaskill Warren and Albert Walker, will be heard this week on the weekly Alvin C. York program broadcast by Knoxville radio station KNOX. The show features a weekly talk by York, a renowned hero of World War One, on progress the US is making in its current war effort.

It also seeks to entertain listeners, with singing from various guests, like Warren and Walker, who are gospel singers. The show originates each week from the York Institute in Jamestown.

(January 10, 1942) Just weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, US military officials are cautioning citizens here and across the nation not to divulge the locations of loved ones overseas because of the threat of foreign spies at work in this country.

(January 13, 1942) You're a teacher and there's an air raid. Quick! What do you do?

A page one article this week told teachers across Putnam County the proper procedure for handling a class full of students if a flight of Japanese or German war planes sails over schools here and the bombs come tumbling down.

First, don't let students leave the school. Quickly get them away from windows and open doorways where they are vulnerable to "high explosive blasts and falling fragments from anti-aircraft shells."

Meanwhile, parents were told that if an air raid hits Putnam County to stay home or at work. Don't get out on the streets to reach your child. The kids are safer at school than you would be on the streets. You could be hurt in a crash with emergency vehicles that will be flying down the streets after an attack. Or you could be injured by the afore-mentioned falling fragments of anti-aircraft shells. Or parts of falling buildings. Or fallen power lines. Best sit tight.

In other war news, Ideal Cleaners told patrons in an ad this week that they will probably soon have to bring their own clothes to the laundry and pick them up as well.

Wartime restrictions forbid the sale of new tires to commercial trucks used to take goods to private households. And the tires are starting to wear thin on the cleaner's delivery truck. They'll have to park it soon if they can't get retreads. America is saving its rubber supply for Army jeeps and trucks and for gas masks.

(January 14, 1942) What should you do with that old car tag when it expires? Don't throw it away, says County Court Clerk Albert Braddom. Turn it in so Uncle Sam can turn it into bullets and bombs to fight the Germans and Japanese.

Braddom reminds readers this week that Gov. Prentice Cooper wants all Tennesseans to turn their old tags into their county court clerk's office as part of the nation's drive to gather up all scrap metals. Every little bit helps, he says.

(January 22, 1942) Sheriff Marion Warren is recovering well today in City Hospital after breaking several ribs and his right hand when he was thrown from the running board of a car he'd stopped.

He and deputy Harvey Higgenbotham had stopped a car two miles west of Cookeville. Warren stepped up on the running board to question the driver, a 19-year-old from Old Hickory.

The driver, who was later charged with drunk driving, suddenly stepped on the gas and the car shot off with the sheriff perched on the running board. The trip ended a short distance away when the car hit a truck and stopped. Warren continued on a ways. But he's doing fine today.

*Got a love one in the fighting overseas? Mum's the word, authorities reminded readers today. If you tell anyone where your soldier or sailor is, it could result in him being bombed or torpedoed. The enemy is listening too, authorities say.

(January 23, 1942) The Putnam Quarterly Court has voted to give the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 to help house an army of workers and engineers here during the construction of Center Hill and Dale Hollow Dams.

(January 28, 1942) A banquet has been held to celebrate the first anniversary of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

(January 29, 1942) You're at your job in the factory when the air raid siren goes off. What do you do? Readers learned the answer to that question this week in the current installment in a series of civil defense stories the newspaper is publishing as the bombs fall in Europe.

Authorities say that during an air raid in Cookeville, factory workers, should stay at their posts until the siren at their factory goes off, and then should proceed to assigned stations and obey their department's air raid warden.

Fires caused by incendiary bombs should be immediately extinguished by whoever is at hand to do so.

Authorities stress, "Keep cool and remember this is a war of production and production must continue" if the war is to be won by America.

Shakespeare lovers will get a treat this week when a traveling troupe of actors puts on "Macbeth" in the Central High auditorium.

The James Hendrickson & Claire Bruce Co. has performed from coast-to-coast and in Canada and Mexico. There are 10 actors in the troupe.

Admission is 25 cents for students and 40 cents for adults.

*Stacy Mott, son of Mrs. J.R. Mott, a senior at Central High, has been elected by the student body to serve as editor of the school annual, the Charger.

A student with high academic standing, Mott represented Central last summer at Volunteer Boys State at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon.

(February 5, 1942) Joan Derryberry is back from Washington where she represented Cookeville women's clubs at the Federated Clubs of America convention. The war overseas was mostly what they talked about.

Mrs. Derryberry told women here that the advice from Washington was for them to start raising chickens to provide eggs for their families and start planning gardens for spring planting. Extra food is needed for the war effort.

The wife of Tennessee Tech's new president also reported that the women heard from New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, who told of plans to repair the city in the event that it undergoes an air attack by the enemy, either the Japanese or the Germans.

And military officials asked the women to take the word back home that America can expect no quick consistent victories in this war. Patience is what is needed, they said.

With the war on and most materials flowing to the nation's war machine, the newspaper notes this week that car and truck tires "have become as scarce as radium."

Many are parking their vehicles for the duration of the war since they can't get new tires, repair parts and very little fuel.

But that can waste valuable tire rubber too, the newspaper reports, citing the newest manual from the U.S. Army Quartermaster's Office, which recommends putting autos up on blocks if they aren't going to be used. It takes the weight off the tires.

And if the vehicles are going to be left outdoors, you should either coat the tires with synthetic rubber or wrap them in heavy burlap to shield them from the damaging rays of the sun, officials recommend.

*Pictured on page one this week were the new officers of Putnam's home guard unit, which will help organize civil defense activities here.

They include Lt. H. F. Carlen, Major W. Keith Crawford, Lt. Maurice Haste, James Seay Brown and C.P. Snelgrove.

(February 12, 1942) The local draft board announce this week that it is open for business. It expects to soon be seeing all the county's men who fall between the ages of 20 and 45. Many didn't wait for that news this week. They've already joined the military and are in training to fight the Japanese and Germans.

Meanwhile, farmers were cautioned this week against making the mistake many of their fathers made in the last world war. Demand for their goods shot up and they bought land and farm equipment to meet it. The market fell when the war ended and many lost their farms to debt.

Agricultural officials advised farmer to not jump in too fast to wartime expansions of their farming operations. Things will return to normal. Some day.

(February 12, 1942) The Putnam Farm Extension Service notes that now is a good time for farmers to consider selling land. Many of the 3,000 farmers being displaced by the creation of Center Hill and Dale Hollow Dams are looking for new fields to plow.

*Speaking at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute this week is the woman some are calling 'the prototype of the New World Order,' Dorothy Beecher Baker.

A popular speaker on the college circuit, she'll speak on "The Pattern for Future Society." She's considered a 'brilliant, charming speaker,' says the newspaper.

(February 19, 1942) The opening of school each day has been moved back to 9 o'clock CWT (That's Central War Time). The change will remain in effect from now until March 13, school officials say.

The county's rural roads are bad enough in good weather, but in winter many are especially difficult to traverse. Buses that serve the county's rural areas would have to get on their routes before 6:30 each morning to get kids to school by 8.

School officials think moving children by bus over treacherous winter roads in the dark is dangerous.

Speaking of schools, teachers here gained an extra duty this week. They're to help operate the government's sugar rationing program.

With the war in Europe and the Pacific, the US is conserving all its resources for the military. Sugar has been rationed and each resident is allowed only 12 ounces of sugar per week. Teachers are to issue rationing coupons to families and are encouraged to look for signs of sugar boarding.

McKellar and Goodpasture Dams? That's what the Cookeville Lions and Rotary Clubs are urging Congress to name the dams under construction at Dale Hollow and Center Hill.

The clubs want to honor the men because they were leaders in the effort to secure funding for the two massive federal projects.

K.D. McKellar is the area's U.S. senator and Hugh Goodpasture is secretary of the Upper Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, which has lobbied tirelessly in Washington and the region since it was learned that money was available for national defense projects.

The hydroelectric generating capabilities planned for both dams could power major defense industries in the region, supporters of the projects say.

*Idanell McMurray, daughter of Cookeville's Mr. and Mrs. S.A. McMurray, is an honor student at Ward-Belmont College in Nashville, the newspaper reported this week.

The college freshman not only made top grades, she's active socially as well.

She was chairman of the committee that organized last week's formal dinner for Valentine's Day.

(February 25, 1942) E. B. Speck, vocational agriculture teacher at Algood High school, has announced that there will be an evening class meeting of the Food for Victory Program this week "for all who are interested in helping their country win the war."

The class learns gardening and home tips for producing more and conserving more so that more materials and food can go to America's troops fighting overseas.

Speck said the class, which has just gotten organized, will meet each Monday night "throughout the duration of the war or until further arrangements are made."

(February 27, 1942) Services were held this week for Parizetta Frances Terry Whitson, widow of Cookeville's Jere Whitson. She would have been 94 next week.

Mrs. Whitson died at her home on Dixie Avenue this week following four weeks of illness.

The daughter of John Terry and Frances America Dowell Terry, her family was one of the first to settle Putnam's Smyrna community. Her grandfather, James Terry, spearheaded the formation of the first Church of Christ in this area.

She married Jere Whitson on his 19th birthday, March 19, 1872, when Cookeville was still a village. Shortly afterwards, they moved to the Jeremiah community where he ran a general store that also served as the community post office.

The couple moved back here 55 years ago, and Whitson opened a hardware store on the Square, quickly becoming prominent in both business and civic affairs. It was Whitson and his wife who gave the land to build Dixie College in 1916, the institution that became Tennessee Tech.

Many of the plans for Cookeville's early growth were developed during dinner parties, organized by Mrs. Whitson in their Dixie Avenue home, the newspaper says in its page one story this week.

Her four children are John H. Whitson, Walter L. Whitson, Thurman Whitson and Mrs. Robert L. Lowe.

(March 5, 1942) For farmers, it will be a "battle against time" to get the crops in this spring and raise them with limited manpower. Most of the nation's young men are in the military now. The US is at war with Germany and Japan.

The UT Extension Service this week gave farmers here and across the state a few tips on how to cope this spring. UT advises that farmers tailor their crop and livestock operations to the smaller work force at hand. It added that women and children can do work previously set aside only for young men.

UT also said that farmers should cut the size of their corn crops, but use the better seeds for higher yields. Forget about tenants, UT suggested. The military has taken most of them too, so the service advises that neighboring farmers swap labor until the young men come home again.

*Dr. Willis Baxter Boyd, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here, put out an appeal for apartments for TVA engineers and their families. Quarters for at least 20 people are needed. They're coming to help build power lines running from Dale Hollow and Center Hill dams. Completion of the dams will be a boon to the area, he predicts.

(March 12, 1942) The county's elementary schools ended their eight-month school year this week. The newspaper printed the list of eight-grade graduates. Among them were, Tillman Heard and Sam Pointer of the Algood school; and Artie Mai Barnes of the Bangham school.

Some of the new graduates include, from Algood School, George Bilyeu, Kenneth Maxwell and Sam Pat Pointer; from Bangham, Cleda Dowell, Christine Terry and Jack Judd; and from Baxter, Nelson Bradford, Ben Bruce and Madge Stanton.

From Bloomington Springs, Ruby Goolsby and Margaret Hunter; from Boma, Richard Anderson, Estel Lowe and George Phillips; and from Burgess, Velma Rice, Mary Alice Loftis and General McCaleb.

From Buffalo Valley, Roberta Alcorn, Frances Carr and Mack Leftwich; from Boiling Springs, Eugene Dunn and Charles Howell; and from Brotherton, Paul Taylor and Melvin Green.

From Bussell, Aline McCaleb, Juanita Hogan and Raymond Montgomery; and from Calfkiller, Anna Lois Milligan, Charles Verble and Bill Tom Whiteaker.

Also, Madge Stanton and Warren Wheeler of Baxter school; Margaret Hunter of the Bloomington Springs school; Richard Anderson of the Boma school; Delmer Lollar of the Ensor school and Ruth Long of the Free Union school.

Also, Charles Chaffin and Geraldine Guinor of the Gentry school; Franklin Huff of the Jared school; Oren Phillips and John E. Reed of Jere Whitson Elementary; and Nell Farley and Junior Conley of the JS Robinson school.

Also Flossie Mae Brewington of the McBroom school; Mildred Randolph of the Meadow Creek school; Carmon Green and John Jesse Drake of Nash's Chapel; Edward Riley of the Rock Springs school; William Howard Stout of the Sadler school and Fred Lemon Farris of the Salem school.

(March 17, 1942) The New York Emblem of Honor Association has awarded Cookeville mother Mrs. Wade Conley its Six Star Emblem because she currently has six sons simultaneously serving in the armed forces presently fighting the Germans and the Japanese.

(March 19, 1942) A page one editorial raves about Eleanor Roosevelt and Washington's many "defense organizations."

The newspaper notes that since the beginning of the war with Germany and Japan, innumerable committees have been created on the national, regional, state, county and local level to coordinate innumerable activities.

And now an army of such organizations has sprung up to organize Americans in their wartime pursuit of recreation like ping-pong, horseshoes, dancing, and 60 other forms of fun.

The newspaper says the nation is top-heavy with frivolous organizations and comments. "It looks like the administration is now running a race with Congress to the utter disgust of the people to see which branch of government can be the biggest fools." Fire them all, the editorial urges.

(March 23, 1942) The War Production Board has advised people to keep their 1942 license plates because, in an effort to conserve sheet metal to use for war machines, no new plates will be made until after the war.

(March 25, 1942) Mrs. Wade Conley of Route 5, Cookeville, has been honored by a New York organization, the Emblem of Honor Association.

She received the organization's Six Star Emblem, which goes to those few mothers across America who have six sons serving in the armed forces simultaneously.

Her soldier sons are Willard Conley, stationed at a Baltimore base; Elbert Conley, serving at Ft. Jackson, S.C.; Arnold Conley, who's at Ft. Kobbe; L.D. Conley, who's serving at an Augusta, Ga. facility; Billey W. Cleghorn and Johnnie M. Cleghorn, both stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

*Better hang onto those 1942 license plates. They'll have to last you for the duration of the war, the War Production Board said this week.

No more plates will be produced until the war is won in order to save the 20,000 tons of sheet metal used each year in license plates.

To show you've paid your fees each year, you'll be issued a 4-inch-square metal tab to attach to your 1942 tags.

(March 26, 1942) Congressman Albert Gore Sr. this week asked the Tennessee Central Railroad to help the

Upper Cumberland land a defense industry. Towns all across America are hoping for a boost from new plants being thrown up to supply the US war machine in Europe and in the Pacific.

Gore has asked the TCR to help him make a case before the federal War Production Board, which plays a decisive role in locating new war plants.

The TCR says it will use its staff to put together a report on the region's manpower pool and other resources.

(April 2, 1942) The newspaper, in a page-one editorial, addresses a controversy that erupted in Washington this week when testimony on Capitol Hill revealed that some defense plants are making huge profits during the nation's war with Europe and Japan. Those profits come at a time when wages have been frozen and hours have gone up.

Argument raged among legislators debating how many hours American men and women should work and at what pay level to help save the nation in wartime. Quick production of massive amounts of war material will be a key to victory for America, experts say.

The newspaper here voiced its opinion this week. First, it urged everyone to cool down. The strain of the war has everyone's tempers already at a boiling point. Pocketbook issues could push everyone too far.

Next, the newspaper says that Americans today really don't care how many hours they have to work, or how much they get paid. They'll do what it takes to win the war. They just don't want to be exploited by their employers on the way to victory.

(April 9, 1942) Tomorrow, 50 young men from Putnam County will ride the train to Nashville to be inducted into the military. They're joining the fight against the Germans and the Japanese. Today, the newspaper published a page-one editorial on sons going away to war.

"Where they will land, nobody knows, but where they go and how long they may stay will be in the minds and in the prayers of their loved ones behind.

"We should not indulge in vain regrets or bemoan the fact that our boys had to go while others were exempted – maybe for good reasons, or maybe not.

"But we should be thankful that we have a boy manly enough to offer his services and maybe his life for a liberty-loving country.

"We should meet the situation like our fore-parents did and so live and so adjust ourselves that we may be here to greet their return and be worthy of their continued love and respect in years to come."

(April 16, 1942) The City School will graduate about 100 children from the sixth grade next week, said principal Lester King today. Here's a look at plans for the 1942 graduation ceremony:

The theme will be "Our Part in National Defense."

Speakers include Bonnie Cate Stone on the Jr. Red Cross; Ethel Barnes Mitchell on buying US war bonds and stamps; Ruby Dell Lacy on saving scrap tin and paper; Billy Cox Robinson on victory gardens; and John Warren on recognition of friendly and enemy aircraft.

The song for the sixth grade graduation will be "Remember Pearl Harbor."

(April 23, 1942) Once, you had to be fit as a Greek Adonis to be accepted for service by the US Army's doctors, says a page one story in this week's edition. No more. There's a war on. Army doctors are now much more agreeable.

But you say you're middle aged? It's OK now. You're overweight? Uncle Sam will 'train' you down to size. Glasses and false teeth? If you need them, the Army's got 'em.

Under the newer, more forgiving system, says the article, Army doctors look you over to see if you have any physical defects crying out for attention. Unless you're completely blind or deaf, the odds are they won't find any.

Under new guidelines, you must be over 5-feet tall and under 6-6. And you must weigh at least 105 pounds.

By the way the average person inducted into the army today is 5-8 and weighs 144. Most of them can see and hear too.

(April 30, 1942) People all over town were measuring their sugar this week before reporting to the nearest elementary school for sugar rationing coupon books. The war effort overseas has put a crimp in the nation's sugar supply. GIs are getting first priority. Everyone else is getting ration books.

The newspaper this week explained how the sugar rationing will work. It goes into full effect next week. No sugar is being sold this week so that all the nation's sugar can be accounted for.

Grad school teachers are in charge of running the program locally. At each school, a family member signs up each member of his household and each gets an allotment of stamps. Each member is allowed to have two pounds of sugar at home at the time of the signup. Coupons are subtracted from the books for amounts over that.

If a person has six pounds of sugar at the sign-up, he's not issued a coupon book until it's all gone.

And, if you live in a boarding house, you're issued coupons in your name, but you're expected to turn them over to the boarding house, which prepares your meals.

(May 7, 1942) A Marine Corps recruiting party will be in Cookeville this week desperately seeking several good men to stop the Japanese advance across the Pacific.

"The Marine Corps needs a large body of men immediately to carry on the war," said Major S. F. Drew in an announcement this week in Nashville.

"Marines are already stationed throughout the world protecting American rights and carrying the war to the enemy, but we need more men we can train to back up these soldiers of the sea, air and the land," he said.

It has only been a few months since Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese, and the Japanese war machine has rolled on since then. It won't be stopped until next month in the Battle of Midway.

*Meanwhile, the newspaper this week noted that 29 more young Putnam Men are due to board the train and go to war on May 12.

It's unusual for the newspaper to publish such a date. With the war on authorities are urging that troop movements be kept quiet.

But when 49 Putnam men left for war a few weeks ago, the newspaper says there was not much of a send-off for them. The newspaper told the date the next bunch is leaving in hopes of a better crowd at the depot.

"Let's give these boys an old-time rousing send-off like they did in the last war," it says.

(May 14, 1942) The war overseas has reached out and touched Americans at home again, this time in the way they shop. If you're going to the store to buy a big item, you probably won't be able to buy it on credit any longer. Uncle Sam has a few new rules.

There's a new list out this week. Items on it cannot be bought with credit. The list, compiled by federal authorities, includes everything from luggage to household appliances to auto parts and tires. You can't buy clothes on credit, and the list goes on.

There are some items you can pay for in installments, but the new rules have shortened the payoff time and raised the payments.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt explained this week in his radio show that the credit restrictions are in place to keep Americans from trying up cash that could be better spent buying U. S. war bonds.

(May 21, 1942) Vincent Whitson, a young artist from Cookeville, has been swamped with congratulations after his work was named "the finest fashion drawing of Detroit" by a panel of America's most renowned illustrators.

His work was favored by panelist Norman Rockwell, Earl Condrey, James Montgomery Flagg, and George Petty.

Whitson graduated from Central High in 1940 and recently married Ina Harris in Cookeville before they moved to Detroit so that he could pursue his art career.

(May 25, 1942) Billy Chapin, son of W. H. Chapin of Putnam County, has been home on leave from the Army Air Corps and he admitted this week that that was him on the cover of a recent issue of Colliers magazine.

He was captured by the magazine's photographer at his station aboard an Army bomber. He's a radio operator and he recently was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. He's waiting for this traveling papers to see where he'll be serving in the war against Germany and Japan.

On a lighter note, readers this week were wooed in an advertisement to come away to the "coolest spot in Dixie," the "birthplace of the Trade Winds." That happy spot "where the Labrador (Arctic) current meets the Gulf Stream." It's also sometimes known as the "Po' Folks Vacation Headquarters." On most maps, it's listed as Daytona Beach, Florida.

Here's the offer: For \$55, you can travel by train for a two-week stay at the Hotel Riviera, which is located somewhere near the beach. It's a 350-room hotel. It has tennis courts, ping pong, an artesian-fed swimming pool with sand beaches, and all its rooms come with an electric fan.

(May 28, 1942) People are sitting around too much on their front porches telling neighbors how they would have kept the Germans from rolling across Europe, says the newspaper in an editorial. They should be spending their time finding ways to save money to buy war bonds, or devoting more time to the community's war effort. Instead of criticizing the US military abroad, they should be "keeping the home front firm," says the writer. "This is a war of survival" for America, he writes.

(June 2, 1942) The first countywide blackout air raid drill was a success this week. Air wardens in Baxter, Monterey, and all points in between reported that the only lights they spotted were the twinkling of lightning bugs.

(June 4, 1942) Sunday June 7 is "Avenge Pearl Harbor Day" and at Navy recruiting stations all across the country special swearing in ceremonies are planned.

Thousands of young men are being sworn into the Navy to contend with the Japanese and the ceremonies are being broadcast on local radio stations all across the country.

The inductions will begin at precisely 1:25 p.m. CST, the moment the first bombs began dropping on Pearl Harbor last December 7.

WHUB will broadcast the ceremonies here and nine "Avengers" are already in line for induction.

They are Charles Calvin, Horace West and Alford Thomas Smith of Monterey; Millard Jared and Horace Denton Hunter of Algood; Stanley Anderson and T. C. Huddleston of Silver Point and Perry Rowe Harris of Cookeville.

(June 11, 1942) Nine Putnam county men are "avengers." They joined the Navy this week during "Avenge Pearl Harbor Week" ceremonies.

In a nationwide recruiting push, thousands of young men were inducted into the Navy at the same hour that Japanese bombs began falling on the US fleet at Pearl Harbor. The ceremonies in each town were broadcast on local radio stations simultaneously.

Local avengers included Horace West and Charles Calvin of Monterey, Millard Jared and Horace Denton of Algood, Alford Thomas Smith and Ulysses Simpson Grant of Monterey, Stanley R. Anderson of Silver Point and Perry Harris of Cookeville.

(June 18, 1942) With the world at war, Cookeville went out of its way this week to make this year's Flag Day one that will long be remembered.

A special ceremony was held this week with the flags of 15 different nations – the U. S. and its friends – displayed on the walls of the Putnam County Courthouse.

Four of the 15 nations have former citizens living in Cookeville, and they were present for the ceremony to remember their former homes.

Mrs. Alice Derryberry represented England. She's the wife of Tennessee Tech's new president.

George Brown, the commander of the local American Legion post, stood in for Norway. He was born on the border of that nation and Sweden.

Arthur Heinrich was Yugoslavia's representative. He's been in Cookeville for less than a month, having fled the conflict in Europe.

Likewise, Czechoslovakia's representative, Mrs. Ernestine Newman, has been in Cookeville and the United States only a short time.

The ceremony this week especially honored Gen. Douglas McArthur, the commander of U. S. forces in the Philippines. His out-numbered troops made a heroic stand against the Japanese in December and only last month were forced to surrender. The general escaped and is now in Australia.

*Cpl. Otto Dillon of Cookeville was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge this week for excellent performance of duty under enemy fire in Korea.

The son of Mrs. Golda Dillon of Cookeville, he has been in the military since 1950 and in Korea since January of this year.

*At the Putnam Drive-In this week, Hollywood looked at war in two films, "Jumping Jacks," starring Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin, and "One Minute to Zero," with Robert Mitchum and Ann Blyth.

(June 25, 1942) The war has created a tire rubber shortage and a drive is on to round up old tires. As part of that drive, children who bring an old tire to the Princess Theater this week will get in free for a Saturday afternoon matinee.

Showing are Hopalong Cassidy in "Stick to Your Guns," a Popeye cartoon and the 10th chapter of "Dick Tracy vs. Crime."

*A page one editorial this week comments on a recent story in the Nashville Tennessean about the upcoming state elections. The politicians can't seem to get anyone to come to their rallies and fish fries.

"We are in this war up to our necks," said the editorial. "Were sending our boys to the front by the thousands and almost every day we hear that one or more Tennesseans are among the casualties.

"Our ships, particularly along the Atlantic coast, are being sent to the bottom of the ocean (by German submarines) on an average of two a day.

"How can you get people to think about anything else but the war and the licking we and our allies have taken until now?"

The editorial says that the newspaper understands that politicians will campaign even in grim times such as these because "that is what they do," but it tells candidates not to raise too much of a fuss if no one pays them any attention.

(July 2, 1942) Ralph Stewart, son of Mrs. Sam Stewart of Cookeville, is home on leave from the military after a recent cold swim in the Atlantic. His ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat.

Stewart had been at a base in Iceland for 11 months and was on his way home on a medium sized merchant marine transport ship with 163 soldiers and sailors.

Seventy-five miles off the coast of Massachusetts, two torpedoes ripped open the ship below the waterline. It sank in three minutes.

The boat was lost too fast for life-boats to be launched and many were still asleep in staterooms at the time. Life rafts were tossed over the side, and GI's and sailors dove for it.

Stewart's shoulder was dislocated in the escape, but he counts himself fortunate. While using a wooden door as a raft, he was nearly sucked down the funnel of the ship's smokestack.

When rescuers arrived 11 hours after the sinking, 81 people were fished from the water. Eighty two went down.

(July 2, 1942) Staff Sgt. Ralph Harris was visiting his mom in Cookeville this week on leave and talked about how he survived a German U-boat attack not long ago.

Returning from 11 months in Iceland, Harris was among 41 soldiers on a freighter crewed by 130 sailors when a German submarine sent two torpedoes into the Merchant Marine vessel's hull on the night shift 75 miles off the cost of Massachusetts.

Many aboard ship were asleep or working below decks. The ship slipped below the waves in less than three minutes. Fore those who made it out, there was no time to lower the lifeboats. Some managed to get life rafts out before the ship went down.

Only 81 survived. Harris was nearly among the lost. He dislocated his shoulder struggling to get to the deck. Then, using a door wrenched loose from the bulkhead as a temporary raft, he saw a sickening sight.

As the ship went under, he and his raft were being sucked towards the ship's smokestack. His horrible slide ended when the funnel descended beneath the waves before it could pull him down too.

The survivors were rescued after 11 hours afloat.

*Local officials reported this week that the recent scrap rubber drive resulted in a total of 385,000 pounds of rubber being assembled at area service stations.

It will be shipped from there by area oil distributors to major collection points like Nashville and will eventually be rendered into jeep tires and other parts desperately needed by the war effort.

*Tennessee is living up to its reputation as the “volunteer state,” says draft officials.

The national military draft this week began its fifth registration session and Putnam County was expected to produce 675 drafters. Only 565 were found.

The same picture emerged across the state and officials say it's because a sizable percentage of the state's men of military age are already serving. They volunteered.

(July 9, 1942) A page one editorial in this week's edition praises politicians across the state for saving their breath – and tire rubber.

After several prominent candidates gave rallies and no one came because of the grimness of the war situation, the candidates, postponed further fish frying and courthouse square stumping for the remainder of the campaign.

The newspaper's editorial said the candidates are “manifesting good judgment in not announcing further speaking dates and further burdening the people with long political speeches and the wear and tear on their rubber tires.”

America's rubber supply has been threatened by the war overseas and tough new orders have come down from Washington restricting the sale of new car and truck tires. Most recently, President FDR said that unless motorists quickly cut tire wear in this country, the government may step in and start seizing civilians' tires.

It's no wonder no one is motoring on down to the square for political rallies, the newspaper concludes. “If driving to political speeches is not non-essential as well as nonsensical then we do not know our onions.”

(July 12, 1942) The Putnam County Fair has been cancelled this year for only the second time since it began in 1894 because the war has people preoccupied with other activities.

(July 16, 1942) There's been a county fair here every summer since 1894. This year, the fair's been canceled. The war has everyone thinking about other things than agriculture and festivities.

The fair board met this week and decided that several factors make this year a bad year to think about having the fair. Shortages are going to affect what's grown and gasoline and tire use restrictions would keep many home, the board decided.

The present agricultural fair started in the county courthouse 20 years ago. Exhibits were displayed inside the courthouse and across the courthouse lawn.

Two or three years later it moved to its present site at Maple and 4th. Prior to the establishment of the present fair, the Cookeville Agricultural Fair operated here annually beginning in 1895, according to the newspaper.

(July 23, 1942) Putnam County's housewives are helping make bombs so GIs can win the war against Japan and Germany. They're saving all their cooking grease and are turning it in regularly to area meat markets.

Uncle Sam collects the grease from the meat markets. From the grease comes glycerin to make explosives.

But not everyone is doing it right. So, the newspaper offered a few tips this week. Housewives were cautioned against letting the grease sit too long and turn rancid. Rancid grease yields less glycerin.

Housewives were told to thoroughly strain all meat particles from the grease and to not turn it in in glass jars or paper containers.

*Meanwhile, showing at the Princess Theater this week: "What's Cooking," starring the Andrew Sisters.

(July 30, 1942) Construction material is short because there's a war on, and military installations are getting most of it. So how is it that Tennessee Tech is about to get a new two-story brick and stone Industrial Arts building?

The college is being used heavily by Uncle Sam to train workers for the nations' defense plants. Some 1,000 people have already received "pre-employment" training for defense plants at Tennessee Tech.

And the new Industrial Arts building will further that effort by offering sheet-metal courses to prepare hundreds of workers to build fighter planes for America' war on Germany and Japan.

Construction on the new building began in 1941 but came to a halt this year when materials ran out. But Uncle Sam has given the college a higher priority ranking, and the materials are on their way now.

(August 4, 1942) Tennessee Tech is about to wrap up its first summer term ever this month, 12 weeks of accelerated training for technical and vocational students needed by the nation to fight a world war.

And all patriotic merchants in town are being urged this week to attend a meeting in the courthouse this week. Experts from the federal OPA, which governs the nation's wartime price regulation system, will be on hand to detail and explain the latest rules.

Meanwhile, a Buffalo Valley man has been awarded a Purple Heart medal. Major Ivan C. Dubois, won the medal for service at Hickman Field last December when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

(August 13, 1942) How important is that scrap metal and other materials that everyone's been collecting and turning in all across the country? It's arming our fighting men overseas.

That's the word in a public service advertisement in this week's edition.

The ad says that metal from one old tractor disc can be turned into 210 semi-automatic light carbines. One old plow can supply the metal for a hundred 75-mm armor-piercing shells. One old car tire can be used to make 12 gas masks and one old shovel will supply the metal for four hand grenades.

Save your junk and save you country, the ad stresses.

(August 20, 1942) The Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation celebrated its third anniversary this week. It opened its doors on Aug. 16, 1939 in Carthage with help from FDR's new Rural Electrification association.

The day it began, it sent power to 2,635 subscribers. Today, the UCEMC has 4,098 customers served along 590 miles of electrical lines.

Electricity not only means lights for rural residents here today, it means electrical machinery and home appliances that are making the lives of thousands easier.

*On the silver screen at the Strand Theater this week: "Dude Cowboy," with Tim Holt. Also showing is the seventh chapter of "Spy Smashers."

(August 21, 1942) Cookeville's Major Sam Epperson is on the "war bond wagon" traveling the country with high military brass and celebrities urging Americans to buy bonds to fuel the nation's war effort.

He's pictured in this week's edition with Kay Kaiser, one of today's most popular swing band leaders and movie stars. Their goal is to sell \$325,000 in war bonds over the coming weeks. Tennessee Polytech continues to enjoy a high rate of success in placing students who attend its National Defense Vocational Training Program.

The course prepares young men and women to work in defense plants, and all 60 who went through the program in July are now working in plants in Ohio, Memphis and Nashville, Alabama, and Maryland, TPI officials report.

In other news from the war, Claire Smartt, Jr. of Cookeville recently completed flight training at Brooks Field, Texas and arrived in Great Britain this week where he's been selected as the chief pilot of a US Army Air Force bomber which will take the war to Germans on the continent.

Hugh Childress, Jr. was home from duty in Memphis this week for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. H. J. Childress. He's serving in Memphis with the headquarters detachment of the Second Army.

(August 27, 1942) The newspaper this week makes a patriotic appeal to readers to go out and round up scrap material for the war effort. It notes that the US military is in a bind because the Japanese have seized territory where America formerly bought 90 percent of its rubber and 85 percent of tin and other precious metals.

"We must win this war. The freedom of each of us, the future of our children, depend on it," says the newspapers.

"There is enough scrap iron and steel – to say nothing of tin, zinc and lead – in the files, gullies, barns and tool sheds of Putnam County to make several tanks and planes, hundreds of guns, bayonets and hand grenades, of all of it is gathered up. And there must be enough old rubber lying around to make dozens of gas masks, sea-plane emergency boats, aircraft tires and pontoons for bridges."

The newspaper urges readers to start taking inventory now of available scrap materials on their property. Details will follow on where and when to take it for collection.

It's the end of summer break at Tennessee Polytech, but the campus is anything but quiet this week. The Civilian Pilot Training Program is continuing without a break, getting pilots ready to enter the military.

Students will return to campus for the fall term on Sept. 14.

(August 27 1942) Preparations are under way to swear in a new group of county officials this week in the Putnam Courthouse. Taking the oath will be County Judge W. L. Swallows, County Court Clerk Alpha Brown, Register of Deeds Mrs. Ruth Reeves, Trustee Taylor Rhea, Circuit Court Clerk Cooper Loftis, Tax Assessor W. S. King and Sheriff M. T. Warren.

(September 3, 1942) Facing a war any unlike any before in history, civilians across the nation are organizing in case war comes to them. In Putnam County this week, the Citizens Service Committee is organizing at Tennessee Polytech.

It will be an umbrella organization with the goal of coordinating the county's civilian response to the war.

Organizers are asking for representatives from a wide range of groups to attend, including TVA, the USDA, the War Savings staff, all town governments here, the Red Cross, civic clubs, the Farm Bureau, professional women's clubs and Boy Scout and Girl Scouts, to name a few.

The newspaper says, "Not only are war combatants in a position to fight, be subjected to dangers and be bombed and shot at, but civilians are subjected to the same dangers and in some respects are as important as our fighting men in uniform."

Meanwhile this week, the nation is rushing full-tilt to build up its Navy after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor last December left America's western coast vulnerable to Japan's navy.

Tennessee in August exceeded its quota of 2,000 volunteers for naval duty. It's goal for September: 2,500 more volunteers.

(September 3, 1942) Driving over 40 mph is unpatriotic and maybe even treasonous. That's the message in a page-one editorial in this week's edition.

America must conserve its tire rubber and gasoline to win the war against Germany and Japan, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt has hinted that strict gasoline rationing is on its way.

Now, Tennessee Gov. Prentice Cooper has ordered the state highway patrol and all city and county law officers across the state to step in and stop cars traveling over 40 mph.

Officers are to turn in the names of those they catch to the State Rationing Board. It'll go against them when they ask the board for permission to get recaps. No new tires are available. Recapped tires are all that keep many cars on the road today during the war emergency. No recaps, no more fast driving.

The page-one editorial notes that many of the cars seen driving at speeds of 50 and 60 mph on the Nashville Highway these days are carrying tags with the "34" prefix – Putnam County cars.

(September 10, 1942) A group of black men this week became the first in Putnam County to be inducted into the military to serve their country in the war against Germany and Japan.

In the group were Charles Buck, Billy Ray Robinson, George Hubert Burgess, A. B. Ray, Rollie Buford Roberts, James McKinley Robinson, Hooper Morgan, Henry Peek and Jesse Haile.

(September 10, 1942) A group of black Putnam Countians were on page one this week in a story detailing their departure for military service for their country in the war with Japan and Germany.

Leaving for the military "were Isaac Carver, Haywood Carr, Brad Holladay, Charles Buck and Billy Ray Bohannon.

They'll be joining the ranks of other black men who recently left here for the military says the newspaper, including George Burgess, A. B. Ray, James Robinson, Hooper Morgan and Henry Peek.

Services were held this week for Putnam Sheriff's jailer Morgan Bilbrey, who was killed in a freak accident involving a truck filled with kerosene.

A Nashville transport truck driver was experiencing mechanical problems while traveling Highway 70 and stopped his rig at a service station on the Cookeville Square for repairs.

After working on it for several hours and leaving chocks under the tires to make sure his vehicle wouldn't roll, he went to eat. It rolled anyway, taking its heavy load of kerosene straight down the hill and through the jail wall, where jailer Bilbrey was seated in the office. He was crushed to death.

Bilbrey was a veteran of two world wars, having served in Europe in WWI and as a sergeant in Cookeville's guard unit when it was activated prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He recently was discharged for medical reasons and took a job as jailer with the Putnam Sheriff's department.

*So many women are working in factories and other jobs, taking the places of men fighting overseas, that Congressman Albert Gore Sr. is working this week to establish a federally aided nursery school program.

(September 17, 1942) America is at war but we're not taking it seriously. That's what a page-one editorial in this week's edition suggests.

"We have not yet become war-minded. We are devoting all our time to business as usual," the editor writes.

American lives have been lost at Pearl Harbor, at Midway, and daily now in the fight for Guadalcanal. The long island-by-island drive across the Pacific towards Japan has begun, and there's talk of an operation in North Africa against Europe's "soft underbelly" as well.

America is about to be fully put to the test. Yet, the editor writes, "Some of us older men who have prospered and lived on the fat of the land have hundreds of dollars invested in the comforts of life and stored up for our children."

But he says people are not doing enough on the home front. They're not buying enough war bonds, making enough bandage kits for the Red Cross or rounding up enough scrap metal and rubber.

"Suppose we lose this war and in the mean time lost most of our boys and even our girls. What would anything we have stored up be worth to us?"

"Think soberly, friends, on the terrible consequences should Hitler and his hellish horde take over our fair land and our mothers and daughters fall into their sinful hands."

If we don't do our all now, the editor writes, what will later generation say about us? They'll think we're worse than the traitors and slackers in the First World War, or the deserters our fathers talked about in the Civil War.

"For 25 years after the Civil War, those old, battle-scarred veterans would hardly speak to, much less associate with, deserters. Our fathers who were lawyers would not defend one of them in court."

The editor concludes, "Get right, brother. Do all you can now or you will regret it all the rest of your miserable life."

(September 17, 1942) With the war effort moving into high gear across the nation, the newspaper this week notes that never before have there been so many employers desperately seeking workers to fill jobs, a dramatic turn-around from just a few years ago.

In fact, the nation's defense factories are looking high and low for skilled workers. The newspaper says that if you have skills it is your patriotic duty to sign up for defense work.

Meanwhile, a scrap rally and "victory mass meeting" is scheduled for next week to mark the end of a countywide drive to collect scrap rubber and metal for the war effort.

Virtually everyone in the county is involved in the drive in some way. Schools are scouring the countryside for scrap material, delivery trucks owned by the Royal Crown, Pepsi and Coca-Cola plants here are being pressed into service to collect the materials and members of the Putnam County Court are heading drives in each of their districts.

The newspaper says the military must have the materials to make more guns, bullets and bombs to use against the Japanese and Germans.

(September 24, 1942) Tennessee Tech plays the Vandy Commodores in Nashville Saturday and a lot of people here are not about to miss the game, war or no war.

They are, however, planning to save gasoline and tire rubber by taking the train. The Tennessee Central is hooking up a line of special rail cars to take fans to the game and back.

It should be a spirited trip down and back. The college's 50-piece band will be on board for traveling music. The band will play a medley of patriotic tunes at halftime, but it's not expected to make its usual march down Broad to the campus this time.

Leading the Golden eagle's lineup will be "Wahoo" Billings as quarterback, Ed Zegarske as wing-back and Wilburn Tucker as tailback.

A. W. Smith, chairman of the Putnam unit of the American Red Cross, reported this week at the agency's annual meeting that the organization has been in the fore-front of efforts hereon the home front to win the war.

Volunteers have completed furnishing a day room at Camp Forrest on Tullahoma where many Putnam men are receiving Army training presently and need a place to relax, read and write letters home.

And Idanell McMurray has been keeping the listening public here abreast of Red Cross activities on WHUB's weekly program, "The Red Cross Hour," he said.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Clifford Massa has taken over the Red Cross sewing program here, directing volunteers who are sewing socks and packing bandage kits for our soldiers overseas.

Rozell Huddleston and Velma Thompson have volunteered to be in charge of the Red Cross sewing room two nights a week.

Showing at the Princess this week: "Woman of the Year," with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

(October 1, 1942) The Junior Army is on the march here and it's taking "prisoners."

The nation's steel mills are starving for metal to feed the American war machine. Adults in each county are gathering up scrap metal to be turned into tanks, battleships, airplanes and bombs.

And boys and girls are acting as scouts, scouring the countryside looking for old bed springs, discarded pipe and appliances that don't work any more. They're the Junior Army.

Organized into units and given rank along military lines, the boys and girls note the coordinates of each item of scrap metal on a map. Adults follow up and take it "prisoner" says the newspaper this week.

"Around the house such stuff is junk, but after it has gone through the steel mills it is bombs for the Nazis and the Japanese," says the article.

Sam Denton Poteet is in charge of the country's adults in the scrap drive and more boys and girls are needed to thoroughly comb the county, he says.

(October 2, 1942) The state legislature has passed the state's first speed limit law, setting 35 mph as the maximum speed in congested areas. State Safety Director Cyrus Bomar has followed up and declared that all roads, streets, highways and lanes in Tennessee are congested, making it illegal to drive faster than 35 mph anywhere in the state.

(October 2, 1942) The boys and girls of Putnam County this week went to war.

Joining the ranks of hundreds of thousands of other kids across the nation, they organized here into Putnam's chapter of the National Junior Army under the leadership of Putnam Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet.

Every school classroom in the country is taking part in the “attack on the worst enemy within our nation’s borders today,” says the newspaper.

That enemy could stop our factories from making guns and ships and tanks and planes,” it explained. The enemy is “starvation of our mills.”

The school children are the answer, says the newspaper. There has already been one major drive across the county for scrap metal and rubber, but the National Junior Army is expected to be better organized for a long-term effort.

School children in each class have been assigned ranks like lieutenant, sergeant, corporal and private, and maps are being distributed of every inch of Putnam Count.

As in the real military, the kids will use the maps to scout the county and seize every piece of scrap material that might be collected and send it to the nation’s defense industries for use against the Germans and the Japanese in the war.

Meanwhile this week, the latest group of Putnam men selected in the draft left for induction into military service.

Among them were Lee Bilbrey, Fred Wilmoth, Ernest Allison, Paul Henry, Arvil Lee, Clyde Holloway, and Estel Bohannon.

Showing this week at the Princess: It’s Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature in “My Gal Sal.”

(October 7, 1942) The US Army holding maneuvers in Middle Tennessee and thousands of young men are being turned loose on towns all across the area on weekends for rest and recreation. This weekend will be Cookeville’s turn.

The military has sent word to city officials that 500 or so troops are being sent here for the weekend because other towns in the maneuvers area are overflowing with GI.

Although some here are dreading the visit, the newspaper, in a page one editorial, suggests that the town make the most of it.

As long as the young men behave themselves, there’s no reason for people here not to invite the GI’s into their homes and churches, says the editorial.

“Dearest to the heart of every mother is her son, and if these boys write home how well they were treated in Cookeville, that our homes were opened to them, it will be remembered by their loved ones and nothing we could do would be better advertisement for out town.”

(October 9, 1942) The Tennessee Legislature has passed the state’s first speed limit law, setting 35 mph as the maximum speed in “congested areas.”

State Safety Director Cyrus Bomar this week declared that all roads, streets, highways and lanes in Tennessee are within “congested areas,” thereby making it illegal to drive anywhere in the state at speeds above 35 mph.

Sgt. Berch Williams has become the first soldier to wire home to his hometown newspaper of his experiences overseas, and the newspaper this week prominently displayed his letter on page one.

Williams, a U.S. Marine since 1938, is from the 8th District and is now in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific.

“I was in the first American land offensive of the war,” he writes.

Sgt. Williams says he would give more details, but military censors would snip them out.

He adds, "If you should want to find out more about me, look up Veres Williams there in town."

The first wave of soldiers participating in the epic Middle Tennessee Maneuvers is expected to be in town this weekend on leave, and the newspaper urges residents this week to make them feel at home.

Some 500 to 600 hundred troops are to be staying in the Armory and at the old CCC Camp west of town.

(October 15, 1942) "Scrap Fever" is sweeping the town and the countryside here this week.

Putnam County is a quarter of the way towards reaching the quota of 2,6 million pounds of scrap metal for the war effort, says the leader of the campaign, Sam Denton Poteet.

Every school in the county is competing to see which can raise the biggest pile of scrap. So far, the Junior High is neck-in-neck with Central.

Meanwhile this week, Gov. Prentice Cooper has declared next Saturday "Transportation Day," a day in which the state urges anyone with a car, truck, wagon, or "sled" to help transport scrap metal tagged in advance by students to their schools for collection.

And School Sup. Frank Adams announced an extra incentive for students here this week. He says the US State Dept. has announced a new program in which schools which collect the most scrap in each state get to select the name for new Liberty ships now being mass produced in the nation's shipyards.

The nation is perilously short of metal for the war effort because former sources of raw material are under the control of Japan.

(October 15, 1942) Two German cannons that found their way over the sea to Cookeville sometime after the First World War with Germany ended in 1918 are being sent back to the fatherland by city officials this week. It was not a friendly gesture.

City officials, exhorted by the nation's war leaders to find scrap metal to feed the nation's steel-hunger defense industry, decided to give up the cannons for the US war effort.

When the Germans get the cannons back from Cookeville, they'll be in the form of tanks, artillery shells, warplanes and steel-jacketed bullets. America is getting whipped up for war.

Meanwhile, the newspaper this week in another page-one editorial said it's time to put aside this foolish arguing about whether Tennessee's fighting men should hold still for being called "Yanks."

Some Southern GIs are being called that when they step off troop ships in England and Europe and they and their folks back home are bristling about it.

Forget it, says the newspaper, it's a misunderstanding and we've more important things to get worked up about. Southern and Northern boys stood side by side against the Germans in WWI and they're doing it again.

"We're counting on our Southern 'Yanks' to be the best damn Yankees the damn Nazis ever had the bad luck to meet. That should be foremost in our minds," writes the newspaper.

(October 22, 1942) Cookeville may have had its first casualty of the war with Japan and Germany. Dr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley received a telegram this week about their son, Raymond Shipley.

Raymond entered the US Navy in 1942 and was sent to officers' training school in Chicago at Northwestern University. He entered active service as a newly-commissioned ensign this past July.

Now work comes that he and his ship are missing in action. There are no further details because of wartime restrictions.

He was home for a short visit early in the summer. He made the rounds about town to see his friends, those who weren't away in the service. Now everyone is waiting for further word on Ensign Shipley.

(October 24, 1942) Cookeville may have had its first casualty of the war.

The US Navy reported this week that ensign Raymond Shipley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Shipley, is missing at sea in the Pacific.

Known as "Gus" by his friends, Shipley was serving aboard the USN Wasp, which went down after being torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

The newspaper writes, "Before this cruel war is over we may naturally expect many sad losses, man reports of tragedies. But it is the first that happens that brings the worst heart pangs."

Meanwhile, area residents are preparing to observe Navy Day at the City School next week. The mothers and fathers of sons serving in the US Navy will be honored, and the audience will see a motion picture of the US Navy in action.

The ceremonies will be broadcast live on WHUB.

Preparing to leave for induction into the military this week were several young Putnam men, including Alfred Hunter, Kenneth Bilyeu, Vestel Sliger, Lillard Short, Elbert Piper, Millard Vaughn, William Smith, Ernest Flatt and J. O. Skimmerhorn.

(October 29, 1942) Tennessee Polytech and Cookeville in general are proud of Robert V. "Shorty" Cross of Tullahoma.

Cross was well-known in Cookeville a few years back when he worked his way through college here at several jobs across town. The young man's bright personality and easy-going ways made him a popular figure about town.

After graduation, he got a high-paying job with Pan-American airlines as an engineer based in Brazil. Then the war broke out. Shortly, because he was overseas when war was declared, could have legally avoided registration for the draft.

But this week, the newspaper notified readers that the young man is in uniform serving his country, having traded a big paycheck for Army pay.

"We are proud to claim him as one of our own," says the newspaper in a page one editorial.

(October 29, 1942) Central High plays its last home game of the season Friday night and it will be the final game in Cookeville for several Central seniors.

They include Billy Allison, Clifford Massa, Jr., Kelly Ensor, Roy Fitzpatrick, Maurice Lamb and Doyle Whitaker. Their dads will be guests of honor for the game, taking special reserved seats on the game's sidelines.

(October 29, 1942) The newspaper, in a page-one editorial, applauds an unusual show of patriotism.

Ten years ago, it says, a “little sawed-off boy” named Robert V. Cross came from Tullahoma to attend college at Tennessee Polytech here. “Shorty” studied engineering, and was widely known about town, as were many of the young students who worked in local stores and boarded in local homes.

“Shorty” graduated in June of 1939 and landed a job as an engineer for Pan American Airlines in Brazil. They pay was good.

Then came the war. And the draft. Cross, under US regulation was exempt because he was working on foreign soil. But loyalty prompted him to give up his enviable job, to return home, and to line up with other volunteers to be sent to the fighting.

“That’s the reason Tennessee Tech and the people of Cookeville who knew him and helped him work his way through years of college are proud of him and appreciate him,” says the editorial writer.

(November 5, 1942) There was news of tragedy and of heroism this week from the war.

First the bad news. The newspaper recently reported that Cookeville may have had its first casualty of the conflict, Raymond Shipley, whose ship was missing at sea.

This week the newspaper reports that Shipley’s vessel, the Wasp, was torpedoed and went down with all hands in the Atlantic. Shipley was well spoken of by the many who remembered him here this week.

The war has produced the city’s first hero too, an aviator, Claire (Junior) Smartt, the pilot of a bomber based in England. This week Smartt was sent on a bombing mission over Lorient, France. Smartt made it back. Parts of plane did too.

The ground crew reported his plane was “shot to pieces.” Seven out of thirteen guns were out of commission. Half of a wing was shredded off by vicious anti-aircraft fire. Nearly every member of this crew was wounded in one way or another.

Smartt reported to his superiors that despite the devastating ground fire and harassment by enemy fighters, he “followed formation” though the vital minutes as his flight approached and passed over his target so that every bomb would find its mark for maximum effect.

(November 5, 1942) The county’s scrap metal drive gained two ironic additions this week – a pair of large cannons that have rested on the courthouse lawn here since 1926.

They were captured by American forces from the German Army in the World War and given to then-Cookevillian W. A. Hensley, who signed them over this week to Sam Denton Poteet, who’s leading the scrap drive for Putnam County.

The cannons, along with tons of other materials collected here, will be melted down and remade into bullets, tanks and airplanes in the war against Germany and Japan.

Rationing is continuing to get worse here.

Federal officials this week unveiled a coffee rationing plan under which every person over the age of 15 will be allotted a pound of coffee every five weeks.

Merchants are encouraged to avoid selling any more to “hoarders.”

And eligibility for those “C” ration coupons for gasoline got tighter this week. They will no longer go to the general public. Only to people who fall into specific categories.

Those include mail carriers, ministers, morticians, delivery men, doctors and veterinarians, farmers (for use transporting crops to market), engineers, and those who work on military bases or defense installations.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Ann Sheridan and Ronald Regan in "Juke Girl."

(November 12, 1942) Another Cookevillian is missing in the war.

The US Navy this week reported that Thurman Lee Young, is officially missing at sea after the USS Wasp was sent to the bottom of the Coral Sea in action against the Japanese on Sept. 15. Thurman one of Putnam County's young men who rushed into the Navy in the aftermath of the bombing of the US fleet at Pearl Harbor, is missing at sea.

The young Silver Point man enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 3, 1941 and had made the rank of 2nd Class Fireman.

Young, 24, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Young of Rt. 3, Silver Point. Cruising the Coral Sea on Sept. 15, the Wasp was hit and sunk by the Japanese.

Things are getting tougher on the homefront, meanwhile.

Next week, all vehicle owners are required to register for gasoline rationing, and part of the process includes registering their tires. No one is allowed to own more than five per vehicle.

Motorists will be required to register the serial number of each tire with officials here.

(November 16, 1942) The county's latest scrap metal drive has gained two ironic contributions — a pair of large cannons that American forces captured from the German Army in World War I. They've decorated the lawn of the Putnam Courthouse since 1926.

(November 19, 1942) Putnam civilian defense leaders this week critiqued the most recent blackout drill here aimed at preparing the population for attack by enemy aircraft.

Leonard Crawford told the newspaper that the latest blackout drill was very nearly 100 percent successful. However, a few businesses left lights on after closing and made no provisions for having the lights extinguished after business hours.

Most others who did not know what the sirens and whistles were blowing for promptly put their lights out when air raid wardens knocked on their doors, said Crawford.

The blackout was preceded by a series of widely publicized signals. First, authorities controlling the city and county electrical supply shut off and on power so that lights in homes and stores blinked five times.

Next, all the fire sirens in Putnam's four towns sounded, as did stream whistles at a number of mills here. It may have confused some residents, officials conceded. They're reassessing the advance warning system.

Meanwhile, homeowners with fireplaces are reminded to bank the coals with ashes when going out so fires won't flare up during surprise drills.

The idea is to show not a single light that might guide enemy aircraft to targets at night, said Crawford.

(November 19, 1942) Tennessee officials have announced that there will be a blackout across the entire state next week to see how prepared civilians are for an enemy air attack. Since Pearl harbor almost a year ago, people have been watching the skies over Tennessee and the nation for the winged silhouettes of Japanese Zeros.

State officials are giving a week's advance notice on the blackout so everyone can get their signals straight. Based on the confusion in past drills, that's a good idea.

In Cookeville, here's what to watch for: Two minutes before the blackout, the power in Cookeville will flicker on and off five times. After that, there'll be a two-minute blast on the fire siren here. Then the town will go dark for 15 minutes.

(November 26, 1942) Colonel W. K. Crawford, Major Maurice Haste, Major Thurman Shipley, Captain Dave Maddux, and Lt. Joe Scott led 119 men in the two local companies of the Tennessee State Guard this week during the area's blackout drill.

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The local Guard units fanned out over town during the blackout to make sure everyone was off the streets and that all lights – which could attract enemy aircraft – were out. They also practiced gathering information about how badly Cookeville was damaged during the enemy 'raid.'

*In other war news here, the Red Cross chapter in Cookeville is knitting sweaters and socks for troops overseas. And classes on how to be an air raid warden are scheduled this week in city hall.

(December 2, 1942) Blackout drills are not going well here, the newspaper indicated this week.

The fear is that German or Japanese aircraft could bomb Cookeville and other area towns as they have cities in Europe, China and the Pacific.

Across America, towns like Cookeville have organized elaborate Civilian Defense organizations with air raid wardens and signals for blackouts, like the surprise drill authorities attempted here this week.

Despite extensive coverage in the newspaper, many residents failed to recognize the "light out" signal – five long blasts of all the city's emergency sirens and factory steam whistles, followed by the power dimming in three quick intervals.

Worse, some wardens themselves failed to hear the signals and did not make their rounds to insure their zones were blacked out.

Civilian defense officials once again explained the procedure in the newspaper. They said another drill will be attempted next week.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Dorothy Lamour and William Holden, along with Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra, in "The Fleet's In." Also, Conrad Veidt and Ann Ayers in "Nazi Agent." Also, Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York."

(December 3, 1942) It is America's second Christmas of the war and a year has passed since Pearl Harbor. The biggest battles still lie ahead and today, a lot of young men from Putnam County are away training for them now.

The newspaper is full of war news. Capt. Gideon Lowe has been promoted to acting director of the supplies division of Camp Butler, NC. He's seeing a mountain of supplies come and go as the military gears up for war.

Sgt. Willis Carter, Jr., is home on leave for a few days from his school at Camp Hood, Texas. He's learning to be part of a tank destroyer unit. Pfc. Burl Phy is on leave too. He's in training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

James Burch Williams is with the US Marine Corp on an island no one here has ever heard of but will hear a lot about shortly – Guadalcanal. The Baxter Seminary graduate joined the Corp in 1938 and served in Cuba, Puerto Rico and San Salvador. The Marines landed on Guadalcanal last August, thrown into the

mountainous jungle to slow down the island-to-island advance of the Japanese. Short of supplies, they are hanging on longer than many had hoped.

Thousands of miles away in Tennessee, snow is falling. At presstime, six inches is laying on the rooftops and fields and as the presses rolled, it was still steadily tumbling down.

(December 10, 1942) James Murphy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy of Cookeville, took part in the largest ceremony of its kind this week, the graduation of 1,100 US Navy officers in New York's Riverside Church.

Cookeville's assistant postmaster before war broke out, young Murphy is one of thousands of new naval officers being produced by the wartime navy, which was caught off guard at Pearl Harbor and is now rushing to rebuild a massive fleet.

Naval facilities in New York are now rivaling the Navy's Annapolis Academy for producing young officers. It is now producing 10,000 new officers a year.

Murphy was home for a week's leave this week before going to his new assignment in Norfolk, VA, as a new ensign.

(December 10, 1942) Apparently not everyone here is sold on the idea of all these blackout drills we've been having. The newspaper this week published a column to work up a little more enthusiasm for the drills.

It compares the blackout drills to fire insurance. You don't expect to have a fire (or a raid by enemy airplanes) but you carry fire insurance and will be glad you did if there ever is a fire. Or an air raid.

And while many ask why enemy aircraft would pick a rural area like Cookeville to blast with bombs and bullets, the columnist says that's not the point. The point is that the night lights of Cookeville could serve as a beacon, a reference pint, for enemy bombers trying to find an industrialized target like Nashville or Knoxville. Better turn out your lights when they tell you to.

*Meanwhile, there's more news of the whereabouts of Putnam's men in the military this week.

Cpl. William T. Templeton is a sergeant with the Seacoast Artillery in the Hawaiian islands.

And the black community here has supplied several men to the nation's military machine. Issac Carver is serving his country at Camp Butler, James Robinson is at Moore field in Mission, Texas, and Haywood Carr is stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

(December 10, 1942) The payment of unemployment benefits dropped to its lowest level in Tennessee this month since 1938 when the federal government created the system.

The newspaper reported this week that for the entire state, only \$295,474 went out in unemployment checks this month. In Putnam County, only \$928 in benefits were issued.

Men who just a few years ago couldn't find work here are now working for Uncle Sam, either in the military fighting the Germans and Japanese or in factories making munitions and equipment for the war effort.

Most women are at work too. Some have defense jobs and many more are busy in volunteer work such as packing bandage kits for the American Red Cross or helping gather scrap metals for the war effort.

*Meanwhile this week, federal officials said it is only a rumor that farmers will have to get a federal permit to slaughter their pigs.

Many resources like tires and gasoline are strictly controlled while America is fighting a world war, but farmers can still freely slaughter and eat their own hogs, officials said.

(December 11, 1942) The University of Tennessee said this week that it plans to offer a new course for military students. It's a Japanese language course.

The war is only a year old, but military officials have asked colleges to begin offering instruction in Japanese to soldiers. They say a knowledge of Japanese will be useful when it comes time to give orders to the defeated.

(December 12, 1942) If you're between the ages of 18 and 37, most people will tell you that it's nearly certain that the draft will get you since the world is at war. But as usual the military has its regulations. It says it is particular about who it takes and when it takes them.

This week's edition carried two stories about the draft, the first assuring 18 and 19-year olds who are in high school that they'll be allowed to graduate first before going away to war.

The second story was a little trickier to follow. It said that you can enlist in the Navy, Coast Guard or Marines only if you are rated 1-A in the draft.

If you aren't 1-A and the Army has turned you down on the first go-around, hang one. The Army could very well call you later. In the meantime, it doesn't want you slipping away into one of the other branches of service.

Readers also learned this week that the University of Tennessee has announced that it will begin teaching a course on speaking Japanese. UT officials say the course is for use by those going into the military who want to know how to give orders to their defeated foes.

(December 22, 1942) Colonel W. K. Crawford, Major Maurice Haste, Major Thurman Shipley, Captain Dave Maddux, and Lt. Joe Scott led 119 men in the two local companies of the Tennessee state Guard this week during the area's blackout drill.

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In other war news here, the Red Cross chapter in Cookeville is knitting sweaters and socks for troops overseas. And classes on how to be an air raid warden are scheduled this week in city hall.

(December 23, 1942) Grim news has come for Christmas this year. The US Navy this week released the latest casualty figures for Dec. 1 through Dec. 15.

Dead in that 15-day period are 393 US sailors, mostly from direct engagements with the enemy. In that period, another 628 navy personnel were wounded and 565 still remain missing at sea.

Seven of those dead were from Tennessee. And 12 of the wounded and 12 of the missing were also from here.

From Cookeville, Walter Hassel Roberts, a chief store keeper, was wounded in that period and a Gainesboro man, Garrett T. Matheney a fireman second class, was also injured in navy engagements.

Showing that the Princess Theater this week: Walt Disney's full-length animated feature, "Dumbo." Later this week, it's "Eagle Squadron" With Robert Stack, Eddie Albert and Nigel Bruce.

(December 24, 1942) One hundred and fifty men, women and children from Putnam County left for sunny Florida this week, but not on a vacation from Tennessee's winter. They went there to work in the fields under a new government program.

They were recruited by Federal Security Director Hugh Goodpasture to work in vegetable fields owned by Pioneer Growers in Bell Glade, Florida for 35 cents an hour. They were unemployed, and the growers were suffering from a labor shortage due to the war, so the government stepped in and helped everyone out.

While the workers are there, they will have room and board, hot showers, free medical treatment and nursery facilities for their children. The ride down and back was also funded by Uncle Sam.

(December 24, 1942) Tobacco growers will have a good Christmas this year. They'll be carrying the proceeds from record tobacco prices to the stores when they do their Christmas shopping.

Agriculture officials told the newspaper this week that, on the average, growers in the region are getting \$54 per 100 pounds. Some are getting up to \$60 per hundredweight at are burley barns.

At the Princess this week; "The Woman They Almost Lynched," with John Lund, Brian Donley and Audrey Totter. Also, a "Spotlight" feature and a cartoon.

(December 31, 1942) Since the attack on Pearl Harbor a year ago, 393 US sailors, Marines or members of the Coast Guard have been killed in the fighting. Another 628 have been wounded and 565 more are declared missing, according to figures released by the military this week.

Closer to home, seven of the dead were from Tennessee. In the Upper Cumberland, Ray Boles of Hilham is listed as missing.

On the wounded list are Walter H. Roberts of Cookeville, Garrett T. Mahaney of Gainesboro and Fred W. Titsworth of McMinnville.

*Meanwhile this week, the newspaper published an interview with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who grew up in these parts. He says that the US war effort is decidedly going forward.

In North Africa, the allies are gaining in Tunisia. Meanwhile, the Marines have hammered the Japanese on Guadalcanal despite a critical lack of supplies and have built an airbase there. From that base, US bombers are hitting Japanese staging areas at Rabaul and New Georgia in the Pacific.

Finally, the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama reports this week that in 1942, five men were lynched across the US, one more than during the previous year.

But mob efforts to lynch another 14 people were halted in time to spare the victims, the institute adds.

(December 31, 1942) The Burnett School, a Save the Child Federation demonstration school here with 66 pupils, got a special present for Christmas from Hollywood. Mrs. Spencer Tracy, wife of the famous film star, sent a number of gifts.

Included were 18 new books for the school library, handicraft materials and educational games for the school as well as small individual gifts for the children.

In return for her generosity, the kids sent a gift to Mrs. Tracy – a box of Tennessee Christmas greens and nuts.

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(January 3, 1943) The Federal War Production Dept. has ordered work halted on Dale Hollow and Center Hill Dams. The building materials are needed elsewhere in the nation's war efforts.

(January 15, 1943) In war news this week: David Dow, the son of John B. Dow, is a Spec. 3rd Class in the US Army and has been assigned to duty in New Orleans, according to a military press release. For now, he's working to move military mail through the system.

Charlie B. Pierce of Rt. 5 Cookeville has graduated from aviation mechanics school at the Amarillo Army Air Field and is awaiting assignment to a base to help keep Flying Fortress bombers running and taking the war to the enemy.

Sgt. Billy Chapin, in the military for the past two years now, is home this week on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapin. When he returns to duty this month, he'll report to a new assignment with a Navy submarine squadron.

And Lt. Murrell Henry, son of B. L. Henry of Rt. 5 Cookeville, has been listed as missing in action in service against the enemy. He is a bomber pilot and has served in the Army Air Force since 1941.

(January 21, 1943) America's armed forces are expanding so rapidly in this, the second year of the war, that there aren't enough books for soldiers to read in their off duty hours at camp.

The USO is asking Cookevillians to pitch in and help. If you've got books of any kind best-sellers, mysteries, westerns, technical journals, anything at all bring it on in and the USO will get them to the troops. It's the 1943 Victory Book Drive.

*Meanwhile, a lot of young people have been hitting the books here and have made it on the latest Cookeville Jr. High honor roll.

Among them are ninth graders Helen Henderson, Charles Judd, and Cordell Sloan; eight graders Mary Lena Anderson, Betty Morgan, Bonnie Lou Scarlett and Ted Darwin; and seventh graders William Wirt, James Lacy, and Lavina Rucker.

(January 22, 1943) The world war continues, and many area men are far from home today.

Vadus Carmack was just promoted to the rank of sergeant. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carmack is stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Encil Hensley, the son of Frank Hensley, reenlisted after Pearl Harbor was bombed. He's currently serving as a mail clerk on a US Navy destroyer.

Pfc. Walter Dietz is here on furlough from Ft. Bragg, N.C. He's serving there with the 82nd Airborne.

Mrs. Willis Hensley got a letter from her son this week, Joel. She couldn't tell much about his situation after Army censors got through with the letter, but he's just gotten off the ship and is "somewhere in North Africa." So is the German Army's crack panzer corp under Gen. Erwin Rommel.

And P.J. Anderson of Gainesboro has just gotten the official word. His son, Phillip, was taken prisoner by the Japanese when the island of Corregidor fell.

(January 22, 1943) There was more news in this week's edition on Putnam servicemen scattered around the globe in the present world war.

William M. Hendrix, son of Mrs. M. D. Hendrix, has been promoted to major with the Second Provisional Bombardier Training Group. With 1,800 of flying time already to his credit, Major Hendrix will be directing training of new pilots and bombardiers at this post.

Lt. Frank Barnes, who has spend the past few days home on furlough, is now heading back to this post at Ft. Benning, Georgia for more training.

Elbert Bilbrey, a Seaman First Class with the Naval Air Corps, has been home on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Bilbrey of the Algood Road and is now en route back to his base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

(January 28, 1943) It's being described as a severe blow to the economic hopes of the Upper Cumberland. Washington this week ordered work halted on Dale Hollow and Center Hill Dams.

Work is to cease on Dale Hollow on March 1 and on Center Hill on April 1 on order of the War Production Board. The materials are needed elsewhere in the nation's war efforts, said Washington.

Some 4,000 workers are already on the payrolls of the two projects and hundreds of more jobs were expected to be created in Algood and at Silver Point, railheads for the massive amounts of materials needed for the two huge dams.

The news also kills hopes that the two dams, once completed, would have allowed the Upper Cumberlands to have attracted major defense plants for the war effort, officials note.

Massive equipment moved overland to the work sites at great cost will now be disassembled and removed until work resumes. Some 700 farmers living in the projected impoundment area of Dale Hollow have already been moved off their land, some forcibly.

A delegation of Upper Cumberland leaders, including H. J. Shanks of Cookeville and Sam Coward of Livingston, went to Washington in December when word of the impending shut-down first reached officials here.

They, along with Congressman Albert Gore and Senator K. D. McKellar appeared before the WPB to appeal the decision and word that the Washington Agency had not changed its mind arrived here this week.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Bela Lugosi and the East Side Kids in "Spooks Run Wild."

(January 29, 1943) The war has dealt a blow to the Upper Cumberland. Building materials needed by the troops here and abroad are running short, so Washington has halted work on construction of the new Dale Hollow and Center Hill dams.

The War Production Board order snuffs out the dream of towns across the region that had hoped to attract defense industry plants. Without the new dams, the area lacks electrical power to serve a major manufacturing facility.

Not only that, but stilling the projects puts 4,000 construction workers out of a job. And people are wondering what will be done with the massive earthmoving equipment and heavy machinery that was moved overland 40 miles from train tracks to the work sites. It costs the government thousands of tax dollars to get the gear there. Will it stay on site, or be moved?

There's also the matter of 700 farmers forced to move off land by the two dam projects. Will they be allowed to plant crops this spring?

(February 4, 1943) The US Second Army is returning to Middle Tennessee, military officials announced this week, and this time there will be more troops training longer over a bigger area than in the previous maneuvers last year.

Last year's war games covered 13 counties and, while Putnam saw troops here on leave on weekends, the county itself was not included in the maneuvers area.

When the next wave of troops begin arriving in March, they'll be ranging over a 3 million-acre, 21 county area, including parts of Putnam county.

Local officials began this week preparing for the "invasion," which could last up to half a year, according to Army spokesmen.

While up to 100,000 troops were preparing to move into the Cookeville area, residents here got word in this week's edition on the activities of Putnam troops serving elsewhere in the far-flung war.

Reporting for duty at the Camp Davis, N.C. coastal artillery installation this week were Joe Kerr and Harry McKinley of Buffalo Valley and Roy Montgomery of Cookeville.

Meanwhile, Lt. Harold Bartlett of the US Marine Corps wrote home this week that he has received three copies of the local newspaper while stationed "some-where in the Pacific" and said, "It's just like receiving one big long letter from home."

(Harry Clay McKinley, b. 21 August 1923 - d. 3 February 1959: Tennessee Sgt. U. S. Army WWII BSM. He is buried in the Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).

And Mrs. C. F. Knox, a Putnam native now living in Nashville, got word this week on her son, Major John Knox, who achieved military fame last October as the pilot of a bomber dubbed "Hellzapoppin," which delivered a load of bombs over Germany.

Mrs. Knox learned this week that the body of Major Knox has been recovered on the coast of North Africa after his plane was reported missing on a bombing mission from England to the war in North Africa.

(February 6, 1943) The newspaper got a letter this week from Mrs. C. F. Knox, who used to live in the Browns Mill community of Putnam County. The last time she wrote, she told about her son, the war hero. This time she told of his death.

In October, Maj. John Max Knox took part in a wild air raid over Germany in the plane he piloted, "Hellzapoppin." A month later he went down.

He was flying from England to North Africa. With his was Gen. Asa Duncan, Chief of Air Staff of the European Theater. For unknown reasons, the Knox's plane crashed in the sea. His body washed ashore last week.

Duncan is still missing, but another pilot through he saw him clinging to a life raft following the mishap, so there's still hope that the general will be found.

(February 8, 1943) With eight more days for the country to reach its goal of \$471,000 in war bonds sold in the fourth annual drive, the total so far is only \$300,000. Officials are pleading with the public to keep up the war effort at home.

By themselves, school children at 7th Street School, Capshaw Elementary and the City School account for \$200,000 of the war bonds sold. The town of Algood raised \$33,000, which is \$1,000 more than its quota in the drive.

Some of Putnam's fighting men being aided by the war bond drive are:

— Pfc. Kenneth G. Whitaker, who is safe in California this week after spending the last year with a Marine paratrooper unit in the fighting in the South Pacific.

— Clyde Cunningham, who this week made a night parachute jump, his fifth and final qualifying jump to earn him his coveted paratroopers wings. The military news release notes that the war's paratroopers are "one of World War II's most feared warriors."

— and Baxter's Hubert R. Maddux, who this week made a tense landing in his Liberator bomber after a bombing run over rail yards in Italy.

After the plane delivered its payload, Maddux, the night officer, discovered that one of the bombs had snagged on a hydraulic line controlling the landing gear. That left the plane not only with high explosives dangling from its undercarriage but unable to lower one of three wheels.

Low on fuel, the bomber reached its home field and the radio tower ordered the crew to bail out. The pilot, Lt. Robert Poore, asked for and got permission to try to land the plane. "I'm riding this one out," he said. Maddux stayed too.

As the rest of the crew jumped, they told the two airmen, "See you in the chow line."

They did. The two men managed to put the bomber down gently on two wheels without jarring the bomb loose.

(February 12, 1943) Jimmy Hayes of Madison lived with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams on 8th Street in Cookeville for four years while he got his degree at Tennessee Polytech. These days he's staying in somewhat more luxurious quarters.

Hayes is sailing the Caribbean in what was a luxury yacht unit the Navy got a hold of it. Now the converted ship is working convoy duty for the Navy, searching the Caribbean for enemy U-boats, which are in turn looking for US transport and troop ships.

(February 16, 1943) The US Second Army has returned to Middle Tennessee with another wave of troops and the training is expected to last longer and cover a larger area than last year's historic maneuvers.

*The Victory Book Campaign is underway, the latest in efforts to win the war through volunteerism on the part of people here on the home front.

The program asks residents to go through their homes and private libraries and donate nooks and magazines to the drive in order to provide quality reading materials to Putnam's fighting men at US bases and in the fighting overseas.

The government's AAA program this growing season will pay extra to farmers as an incentive to boost wartime food production.

The AAA will pay \$15 for every acre of harvested peanuts, 50 cents per bushel of Irish potatoes and 50 cents per bushel of sweet potatoes.

In war news this week: W. C Moore, a Cookeville native now stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, was a teacher in Cumberland County just before the war began. He sent a hearty "best wishes" to all his former students this week through the newspaper.

A former Tennessee Polytechnic Institute student, Jimmy Hayes, is a naval officer serving on convoy duty in the Caribbean this month. He's sailing on what used to be a luxury yacht before the US Navy appropriated it for coastal duty.

He writes that so far, he's taken part on 16 convoys which haven't lost a single ship to German U-boats prowling America's coastal waters.

1st Lt. William H. Bryne has been commissioned in the US Army Medical Corps and has been assigned duties at the San Antonio Aviation Cadets Center in Texas.

Pvt. Walter Wallace, son of Putnam County's Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Wallace, is serving now in the US Army Signal Corps in California and is presently on war maneuvers.

And Pvt. Walter E. Young, husband of the former Miss Adell Thompson of Putnam County, got a special present on his 22nd birthday this week in North Africa.

A .50 caliber machine gunner on an armored convoy, his unit was attacked by a flight of 14 German bombers and fighter planes.

Rather than dive for cover in the hail of bullets and bombs, he stayed at his post – and downed a German fighter plane before the attackers peeled off and fled.

His story was included in this week's issue of Stars and Stripes.

(February 18, 1943) Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN

Note the names of some Buffalo Valley men.

The war is making Cookeville a crowded place these days.

TPI President Everett Derryberry announced this week that 500 US Army Air Force cadets are coming in March and April to ground school training at the college.

They'll be quartered in West Hall, which is part of the new Industrial Arts building. Students now living in West Hall will move this spring into East Hall. Students living in East Hall will be moved into a local hotel, said Derryberry.

But few students are actually expected to be forced off campus, he added. As many as 100 men currently at TPI are expected to be called from reserves to active duty at the end of the semester.

Meanwhile, with more than 150,000 Second Army troops coming to Middle Tennessee April 15, local merchants have been called to a mass meeting by the local rationing board to assess the shortages that the Maneuvers are expected to create.

Many of those troops will be in town every weekend and this is expected to tax foodstuffs already being tightly rationed here.

The merchants are being instructed by the board to bring detailed lists of the items already in short supply on their shelves.

With the mob of soldiers coming to Cookeville, another 75 young local men this week got the word that they'll soon be leaving to enter the nation's armed forces. They've been called up by the draft board.

Among those listed by the board who face induction and training in the next few weeks are John T. Bratton, Odell Huddleston, Lemeul M. Medley, Dow Alcorn, Baskell Carr, Burl Earl Tinch, James T. Palmer, Jasper T. Johnson, Winton Lee Flatt, Oakley A. Sherrell, and Jesse Albert Pullum.

In war news this week, the newspaper reported that John Dyer Carr, a sergeant in the US army for the last year and the son of Mrs. J. M. Carr, is resting in an Australian hospital after being wounded recently in the Battle of New Guinea.

And other Putnam men are scattered practically around the globe, including Virgil Rittenberry, who's stationed in New York, Dillon Wallace, who's based at Miami Beach, Cyril H. Medley, who's at Camp Shelby, MS, Thomas Ammonette, who's "somewhere in England," Maj. Ivan DuBois, who's at Pearl harbor, Robert Neal, who's "somewhere in Australia," Harold Bartlett, who's "somewhere in the South Pacific" with the US Marines and James Isaac Christian, who's in North Africa.

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The cadets are taking a special five-month crash course in math, physics, history, English, geography, and civilian air regulations.

TPI is doubling the staff in its cafeteria to handle the flood of new mouths to feed. The Army is boosting TPI's food stocks.

The cadets will not only attend classes while at TPI. They'll also spend time daily in physical training and military drill.

*Meanwhile this week, Buffalo Valley sent word to the newspaper that several young men from the county's western end are now serving Uncle Sam in the war effort.

J.R. Alcorn is in the military stationed in Detroit, **Luke Denny** is at Ft. Still, Oklahoma, Virgil Rittenberry is in New York, and Othel Uhles, Jr. is at Camp White in Oregon.

Also, Harold Bartlett is, according to military officials, serving "somewhere in the South Pacific;" James Isaac Christian is "somewhere in Africa;" Robert Neal is "somewhere in Australia," and Thomas Ammonette is "somewhere in England."

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(February 26, 1943) With the war on, Cookeville officials said this week that there are a few ordinances they're about to begin enforcing again here, so be forewarned.

Specifically, city officials say they're going to crack down on violations of the city's 1924 ordinance against allowing chickens, ducks, geese and guineas to run loose in the city.

Officials say the birds are eating up folks' victory gardens. With rationing, lots of people are counting on good crops here, so victory gardens are serious business right now.

*At the Princess today: "Wake Island," starring Robert Preston, Brian Donleavy and "hundreds of our boys." The ad notes that "You'll want to see it at least twice."

(February 27, 1943) Because so many people in Cookeville are growing victory gardens for the war effort, city officials have begun enforcing a law to keep chickens, geese, and other fowl from running loose and scratching up freshly planted vegetables. The law was created in 1929 but never seriously enforced until now.

(February 27, 1943) Some 5,000 farmers are expected to converge on Cookeville's City School this week for Farmer's Day activities geared towards telling them about wartime farm production quotas and government agencies available here to help them meet them.

Activities Saturday in the City school include numerous informational booths manned by the staffs of state and federal farm service agencies here.

There will also be speeches and patriotic music performed by the City School Band under the director of Maj. Maurice Haste.

Meanwhile, the City of Cookeville is about to start enforcing a law it created in 1929 but has never enforced. No longer can you let your chickens, geese, turkeys or peacocks run free within the city limits.

The new emphasis on successful Victory Gardens at every home to boost area food supplies during wartime rationing is what convinced town officials to crack down on the birds.

Officials say they're now enforcing the ordinance to avoid complaints that neighbors' fowl are scratching up freshly planted gardens.

Showing at the Princess Theater this week: Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Buck Privates," plus an Our Gang comedy and the second chapter of "The Adventures of Smiling Jack."

(March 4, 1943) It's wartime and the streets of Cookeville are full of soldiers on weekends. Tennessee Polytech is training 500 air cadets for the U.S. Army Air Force and in Middle Tennessee, the Second Army is holding maneuvers. On weekends, they turn the troops loose.

The newspaper printed a page one editorial this week supporting the Cookeville City Commission in its decision to make a few changes to keep a lid on the situation here.

First, the commission is bringing back the 10 p.m. curfew for everyone under the age of 18. Boys and girls don't need to be out after 10 p.m. with the troops, says the newspaper.

Second, the editorial supports a proposal that is raising the eyebrows of some here, a change in city codes to allow Sunday afternoon motion pictures. It will keep the troops off the streets, the newspaper figures.

Finally, the newspaper asks readers to remember their own sons who are in lots of other towns like Cookeville.

"These soldiers of the Second Army may not be any of our own sons but they come from all over the eastern and southern states. They came from just as good of families and are entitled to every consideration of our people," says the newspaper.

(March 4, 1943) Farmers are being urged to promptly fill out and send in permission forms allowing the Second Army to conduct war maneuvers on their land this summer.

Thousands of Second Army troops, tanks, and vehicles will be tearing across Middle Tennessee in the coming months preparing for the real thing against the Germans in Europe.

The newspaper says, "Our soldiers need this training and must have it to be able to cope with Hitler's seasoned legions who are desperately trying to destroy our form of government and enslave the world.

"This section of Tennessee has about the same topography as some of the battle fronts of Europe, with our hills and bluffs and rivers and streams."

The US Army has agreed to pay for all damages to fences, crops, buildings and livestock during the maneuvers.

Lt. John C. Brown, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown of Putnam County, has been killed in a plane crash "somewhere in England" returning in a Liberator bomber from a bombing mission over France and Germany, the newspaper reported this week.

And Mrs. Bennett Huddleston, the former Mary Frances Ferrell, has become the first woman in Cookeville to join the military.

Mrs. Huddleston, who's husband is with the Marines at Guadalcanal, has joined the Navy's WAVES.

(March 9, 1943) Services were held this week for ex-Cookeville Mayor Ezra Davis, who died of pneumonia.

During his nine years in office in the 1930s, more streets were built or paved and more sewer lines were laid than in any previous administration.

*In war news this week, Pvt. Blanton Hudgens sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hudgens, that he's in a hospital in California recovering from war wounds. The Marine was hurt in the battle of Bouganville in the South Pacific.

Robert Ray got a letter from his son, Jeff Dyer Ray. The soldier saw action in North Africa and Sicily and is now stationed "somewhere in Ireland" waiting for the invasion of Europe.

Former resident Mary Beasley writes that she's now a Red Cross nurse tending to wounded troops in India. She says the hospitalized G. I.s really appreciate what the home folks are sending them and waste nothing, knowing the sacrifices their friends and family are making to send them supplies.

Ex-football star Fred Phillips Jr. was lucky to be able to write this week. Now a P-38 fighter pilot, Phillips found himself in a tight spot recently after escorting a flight of bombers over Austria.

He'd just shot down a German fighter plane when his right engine burst into flames. Before he could maneuver to extinguish it, he spotted four German fighters lining up behind him.

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A group of Allied planes then dropped down and chased the Germans away before they could fire on him. He dove, put out the flames on his engine, and coaxed his plane back safely to his base.

*County farm agents are demonstrating the usefulness of a new kind of vine on J. J. Wright's farm this weekend. It's called kudzu, and farming experts are trying to get farmers to use more of it.

The say it is vigorous, fights erosions and can even be used for fodder for your livestock.

(March 12, 1943) The US Office of War Information reminds readers this week of these important dates:

March 1 is the day that rationing under the new point system begins. March 31 is the last day you can use those H-coupons. March 21 is the last day you can use Coffee Stamp No. 25. March 6 was the day that a ceiling went into effect on the price of eggs. And coupon no. 17 is good from now until June 15 to buy a pair of new shoes.

* Major Sam Epperson, a noted veteran of the World War, is back in uniform again, this family reports. He landed his week "somewhere overseas" with combat troops. The Army won't allow the family to say where.

Epperson had retired following the first war, but he was called back up shortly after Pearl Harbor and it appears that he's about to get into the thick of it again.

*Meanwhile, seven Cookeville churches went on record this week as opposing the Cookeville City Commission's plans to allow Sunday afternoon movies here.

The commission says it would be a way to keep the troops off the streets on Sunday afternoon, but the churches say that once the door to Sunday afternoon entertainment is opened, it may never be shut again.

(March 16, 1943) In war news this week:

Mrs. Sam Epperson of Cookeville got word this week that her husband, Maj. Sam Epperson, has arrived safely in England. He was part of a troop ship convoy that dodged German U-boats to get there.

This is the second tour of duty for Maj. Epperson. He also served in the military overseas in WWI. He was called back to active duty immediately after Pearl Harbor.

Lt. Fowler Wright, who's stationed with a tank destroyer battalion in Camp Hood, Texas, was home on leave this week to see his parents, his wife and his daughter.

D. B. Allen, former manager of the Ragland-Potter Co. here, is now stationed at Camp Peery, Ohio.

And a hot issue here this week is whether to relax Cookeville's standards and show motion pictures on Sunday afternoons once thousands of US Second Army troops in Middle Tennessee for maneuvers begin spending their weekends here.

Seven ministers here are actively campaigning against the Sunday movies.

In a joint statement this week, they said, "We want to hold what respect we have for the Sabbath instead of letting it slip down to the level of some other towns which have thrown things wide open on the Holy Day.

“We realize we are going to soon be facing the greatest moral problem Cookeville has ever faced since we are in the maneuvers area,” they said.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: “A Yank at Eaton,” with Mickey Rooney, Ian Hunter and Alan Mowbry.

(March 25, 1943) The ground work is being laid this week in towns like Cookeville all across Middle Tennessee for entertaining troops of the Second Army during its second round of maneuvers here this summer.

The Office of Defense, Health, and Welfare is making contacts in town throughout the midstate areas to insure that recreation committees are being formed and are active planning to make all recreational facilities available as well.

More than 100,000 troops of the Second Army will be turned loose on liberty each weekend once the maneuvers begin.

*Meanwhile, a striking photo of actor Clark Gable as he graduated from the Army Air Force flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Florida ran on the cover of “Movie Show” magazine and in several major metropolitan newspapers this week.

The photo was snapped by Cookeville’s John R. Allison, who’s serving as an aerial photographer at an Army Air Force base in Panama City, Florida and who attended the graduation of one of Hollywood’s hottest stars.

Allison sold the photo to the famous magazine, to numerous newspaper and gave copies to the actor for his private collection.

Allison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Allison of Cookeville.

Meanwhile, the Nashville newspapers have published a series of photos of Allison and Gable. And Allison’s parents have a nice collection now of those photos.

*Showing this week at the Princess: The Ritz Brothers in “Behind the 8 Ball,” and Red Skelton, Ann Southern and Dan Dailey in “Panama Hatties.”

(March 19, 1943) Save those letters, souvenirs and trophies sent home by your loved ones fighting the war overseas, says the Tennessee Historical Commission.

The commission is collecting such items for the future and says that residents who turned over memorabilia from the first world war regularly tell state officials they are grateful they gave the state such items at the close of the war.

“These materials will be invaluable for future historians,” says the commission.

Items donated to the state will be stored in the State Archives.

*Meanwhile, in news from the military: Sgt. Ben Vaden Mason of Cookeville is now with the Signal Air Warning Reporting Command in Alaska and his brother, Sgt. James Vernon Mason is stationed with an ordinance unit at Ft. Jackson, SC.

And Pvt. Carl Bean is serving with the US Army in the North African war zone.

*Three Putnam women of Tennessee Polytechnic have won honors.

“Miss Tech” by the student body, Julia Passons won the race for the title of which residents “voted” for each contestant by buying bonds to fund the war effort, raised a total of \$20,000 in war bonds.

And Nancy Grace has been named the new managing editor of the Tech Oracle, the campus newspaper.

(March 19, 1943) There was more news on Putnam men in the war this week:

Howard Tinsley, who was a Tennessee Polytech student just four weeks ago, is in the army now. He enlisted and is presently training in Miami, Fla.

Sgt. Ben Vaden is in an entirely different sort of place serving his country this week. He's with the Signal Air Warning Reporting Command in Alaska.

And Pfc. Julian Ray White, who has been in the service since a month after Pearl Harbor, is serving somewhere warm, but not as friendly as Miami. He's "somewhere" in the Pacific War Theater, the military reports this week.

*Meanwhile, the Tennessee Historical Commission this week urged servicemen and families of servicemen to look ahead to the end of the war and beyond when the things they are now doing will be history.

The commission urged people to give it letters, maps and other war souvenirs for storage in the state archives for the future when such items will be invaluable to historians and future generations.

The commission notes that such items were collected from veterans of World War I and everyone is glad for it.

(March 23, 1943) Residents and officials here are debating whether to relax Cookeville's standards and show motion pictures on Sunday afternoons as thousands of US Army troops arrive in the area for war maneuvers before being shipped overseas to the war.

(April 1, 1943) Lt. General Ben Lear, commander during the 2nd Army's latest round of war maneuvers in Middle Tennessee, says the exercises are going to be tougher than before. They're trying to simulate real wartime situations because commanders have learned in recent action that troops often lack battlefield discipline needed in a hot fight.

With that in mind, Lear has announced a new set of regulations that civilians need to keep in mind while the maneuvers are going on.

Troops aren't allowed to hitch-hike. They're supposed to be in enemy territory so don't give them a lift. Troops can only drink from approved water supplies they carry with them so don't offer them a drink. Troops are supposed to take pains not to destroy timber or crops. Troops are not allowed to accept food from civilians.

Also military convoys are supposed to pull completely to the side of the road when at rest, so report it if you can't use the road when trucks and tanks are parked. And don't try to visit the troops while they're on maneuvers even if a family member's unit is involved. There's no visitation allowed, says Lear.

(April 3, 1943) With the guns of the 2nd Army about to start opening up across Middle Tennessee this spring, authorities are urging farmers to get those permission forms in so the Army can cross their property – and so farmers can collect for damages to crops, outbuildings and livestock.

Meanwhile, Brigadier General Norman Randolph has issued rules of conduct for troops of the 2nd Army to abide by during the massive maneuvers here.

“Experience in this war has proven that troops in too many cases lack the high state of discipline required for success on the battlefield,” he said.

Under the rules for soldiers, they are not allowed to hitchhike, or drink water from civilian supplies. The Army carries its own water.

They are not allowed to drive nails into trees to post directional or unit signs and they are required to when possible safeguard crops and live-stock. They aren’t allowed to buy food or produce from roadside stands, so civilians are discouraged from those entrepreneurial endeavors.

When moving tanks and transport vehicles on civilian roads, the soldiers are to park on the shoulder when stopped so cars can pass, but military officials also plan to announce where large convoys will be so civilians plan alternate routes.

In news from Putnam’s own soldiers, Capt. Hugh J. Childress, the former county farm agent here, is now serving with the Ferrying Command and was in Las Vegas until recently when he was transferred to a location he says he cannot disclose.

Wherever it is, he writes home that it’s “plenty cold” and men are being given special orders and training to avoid frostbit while working in below-zero conditions.

And James Farley, Jr. of Double Springs, wrote his parents this week from North Africa where he’s just been promoted to sergeant. He writes, “Just a line to let you know I am still kicking.

“We are having lots of fun over here, but when old Hitler butts in we all get made as the devil. He won’t play fair with us, he is always trying to get someone hurt, but one of these mornings he is going to wake up and find Old Glory waving over Berline and then he will wish he had.

“So long. See you when the fun is over.”

(April 14, 1943) Algood High School had graduation this week and Principal Frazier Harris handed out diplomas to:

Adell Anderson, Janice Cross, Lois Covington, Kenneth Harris, Bill Huffine, Rose Judd, Mildred Key, Genima Matthews, W. F. Maxwell, Meekil Oakley, Faye Pate, Mary John Pointer, Ann Ruth Roberson, Mildred Speck, Arnold Swallows, Bettie Jo White, Georgia Lee West, and May Zellie Wood.

*Meanwhile, in news from the war this week, Milton Acuff of Cookeville has been commissioned as a lieutenant colonel in the US Army.

He entered the 109th Cavalry of the Tennessee National Guard in 1927 and was with the 181st Field Artillery, the unit it later became, in 1941 when it was activated and became part of the regular Army.

Acuff now commands the 173rd Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Beale, CA.

Pvt. Willis H. Young is home on leave this week where’s it’s considerably warmer than where he’s been. He’s just back from maneuvers in Wisconsin, where temperatures fell to 46 below zero.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: “Secret Agent of Japan,” with Preston Foster and Lynn Bari.

(April 17, 1943) Civic clubs here have banded together to convince residents to buy war bonds and war stamps to support the US war effort, and they're getting all junior high and senior high students involved in the drive.

Students who sell \$15 or more in bonds or stamps will get a ride in a real US Army jeep, compliments of Col. W. H. Crawford.

It's all part of the local "Stun a Hun, Slap a Jap" campaigns.

*Services held this week for David C. Wilhite, 76, the longtime president of First National Bank here.

Wilhite was diagnosed with heart problems this fall but refused to slow down, friends told the newspaper. He said he'd rather "die in the harness."

His farm on the Algood-Dry Valley road was one of the best in the region. It was well-stocked with horses and cattle. Before he sold the farm recently, he still went there every morning before work and made the rounds and made it back to the bank in time for the daily opening.

The newspaper says, "Cookeville has lost one of its first and finest citizens, best businessmen and a gentleman of the old school."

(April 18, 1943) The Putnam Craft Board has issued its biggest list ever in the history of Putnam County of young men – including several who've just turned 18 or who are married with families – who are to report for military induction.

Among the more than 250 on the latest draft list are Cecil Montgomery, Hubert Huddleston, Robert A. Dedmon, Oliver Rice, Holla Burgess, Joe Morgan, Ray Vaughn, David Lee Farley, McCoy Shelton, J. T. Cates and Billy Mahan.

In news from the war, one of the American Flying Fortress pilots who took part in a massive aerial battle against the German Luftwaffe this weekend over the Sicilian Channel is a Cookeville man, Lt. C. M. Smart.

Lt. Smart is quoted in a news story after the battle as saying, "It's a nice way of celebrating the 40th mission of my Fortress, 'Little Bill.'"

The Axis air force suffered the worst losses in the battle.

Smart and 'Little Bill' were in Life Magazine not long ago too after a Life photographer accompanied him on a bombing run and shot several photos for the article.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Bertha Rockwell has received word from the military that her son, Sgt. Ruben Rockwell, is now listed as a Prisoner of War in the Philippines after that nation fell to the Japanese. The last his mother heard from his was a Christmas card he sent in November of 1942.

(April 24, 1943) More news of Putnam men serving in the military:

Adus Dewey Jernigan of Algood has joined the Marines and he's in boot camp this week in San Diego.

Solon Gentry Jr. was commissioned as an ensign this week in the US Navy reserves after completing his studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Pfc. Jasper N. Bailey Jr. is in radio school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He just graduated from gunnery school in Las Vegas.

And Mr. and Mrs. David Allison of Cookeville learned this week that their son, Pfc. Elrony Allison, is alive, but is being held in a Japanese POW camp. He joined the Army in 1939 and was sent to the Philippines in 1941.

*Back by popular demand at the Princess this week: "To the Shores of Tripoli," with John Payne, Randolph Scott and Maureen O'Hara.

(April 26, 1943) The American Legion this week plans to sponsor a radio program on WHUB by the aviation cadets studying at Tennessee Polytech.

The highlight of the program, in addition to skits and patriotic fare, will be music by the Jive Bombers quartet.

The county's latest war bond drive will kick off this week with a parade down Broad Street by the TPI aviation cadets.

Leading the parade will be children in real Army jeeps. They'll be the winners in a contest to see who can sell the most war stamps, the less expensive version of war bonds. The jeeps, provided by Lt. Col. Hubert Crawford, will be around for rides after the parade, with proceeds going to the bond drive.

There's a mass meeting here for women also this week. They'll be discussing how to go about setting up a chapter of the USO here to entertain troops on weekends when they're on leave from the Middle Tennessee war maneuvers.

(April 28, 1943) The TPI Marching Band put on a major performance this weekend in conjunction with the marching band and members of the 46th College Traiing detachment at TPI.

Major Maurine Haste, TPI's marching band director, was the director of both units for the event. The college band and the Army servicemen at TPI for traiging put on an elaborate show of marching and martial music.

The crown was equally entertained by the antics fo Rusty, the canine mascot of the soldiers, and an unidentified two-year-old boy who cavorted together in the grass in the path of the drum major and "generally got a kick out of life," says the newspaper.

In war news this week: Former Cookeville resident Col. Ben H. Chastaine is a prisoner of war of the Japanese, the newspaper reports. His niece in Washington D. C. heard his name read by war officials in a weekly Tokyo broadcast.

Relatives believed he was last seen by a flight surgeon who fled the Philippines after US Marine assigned to the base in San Diego.

Charles Chaffin of Putnam County may run into him there. He volunteered for Navy duty in 1942 and has now been assigned to the same base working in the Navy hospital.

(April 30, 1943) The job shortage is over. The war industry is booming.

An large ad in this week's paper says ship workers are needed by a major Pacific Northwest Coast shipyard. 48-hour work weeks. Time-and-a-half pay for everything over 40 hours. Advance pay and transportation to

the coast. Very attractive wages. See the US Employment Service war manpower agent at the Shanks Hotel this week.

* Meanwhile, a story says the National Youth Administration is urging youths ages 17-25 to get into its training programs to prepare for jobs in the war industry.

The program is mostly using tools and equipment picked over and discarded by the military. In Middle Tennessee alone in recent months, 14,900 young men and women have had the training and are working on war production lines.

*Speaking of defense factories, Coca-Cola had an ad this week about the "pause that refreshes..."

"Letters from plant managers from coast to coast emphasize that the little moment for an ice cold Coca-Cola means a lot to workers in war plants. A refreshing moment on the sunny side of things..."

(May 6, 1943) Dr. and Mrs. Harry Upperman are preparing to celebrate their 20th year of service as the operators of Baxter Seminary, which is regarded as one of the foremost secondary schools in the South.

When they came here on June 23, 1923, the campus consisted of 12 acres and had about 60 students.

Today the campus owns 300 acres, including a full-scale dairy operation, and has an enrollment of 335.

A big celebration is planned by the community to say thanks to the couple.

*If your draft status is not 1-A or 2-A, good jobs await you in Pacific Northwest shipyards, the newspaper reported this week.

Job applications are being taken by a shipyard agent this week at the Shanks Hotel.

The nation's shipyards are working around the clock building battleships for America's wartime Navy, and ship builders are taking every able-bodied man- and many women – who aren't needed by the military.

Transportation will be provided for those who are accepted.

(May 10, 1943) Mrs. Joe Carr, wife of a Cookeville native, makes history by becoming Tennessee's first female Secretary of State. She was appointed by Gov. Prentice Cooper after her husband left for military service.

(May 14, 1943) What can women do to help their loved ones win the war? Get technical training to build bombs, boats, airplanes and tanks. That's the patriotic word in an article in this week's edition.

While the men are away fighting the war, the women can do their part too, say officials. Trade training classes are available free at Tennessee Polytech. Then they can get busy at area plants welding and riveting the nation's war machine.

Officials say it's urgent. German submarines hiding off the coast along the nation's shipping lanes are sinking our ships faster than we're building them.

(May 15, 1943) In war news:

Virgil Clouse, 19, a Putnam native serving with the US Navy, was featured in a recent Nashville Tennessean wire report talking about his war experiences. He's made the trip by convoy three times to North Africa, where the fighting is now raging, and said that on two of the trips, the convoy's escorts tangled with German submarines.

On his last trip there recently, Clouse says he saw three dogfights between American and German fighter planes and his ship narrowly missed being hit with a bomb.

PFC Jasper D. Lowe of Boma has won his Silver Wings as an aerial gunner and will now be assigned to a bomber crew in combat.

(May 18, 1943) The graves of more than 100 Confederate soldiers and their wives were strewn with flowers this week during annual Confederate Memorial and Decoration Day services at Cookeville Cemetery.

The services also recognized soldiers buried there who fought in the Spanish American War and the World War, now known as World War One, in light of the present global conflict.

*Mrs. Joe C. Carr, wife of Cookeville native Joe Carr, this week made history by becoming Tennessee's first female Secretary of State.

She was appointed by Gov. Prentice Cooper after her husband left recently for military service.

*In other Putnam war news this week:

-- E.V. Hensley, a chief gunners mate at the Navy training school in Norfolk, and his brother, Shural, an instructor at a San Diego Marine base, made the trip home this week for the funeral of their father, Frank.

E.V. was recently recognized by the military for having been in four major battles, including the landing at North Africa, where he earned the Purple Heart.

-- Elbert Bilbrey of Algood, who has been in the US Navy for the past two years, wrote home this week saying he's now stationed in the West Indies.

-- Also serving far from home this week were Mackie Flatt, who writes that he's stationed "somewhere in the South Pacific," and Sgt. Millard Sherrill, who says he's safely landed and is stationed "somewhere in England" waiting for D-day.

(May 19, 1943) Two black women have become Putnam County's first inductees into the wartime Women's Army Corps, the newspaper reported this week.

The two new WACs are Purney D. Strode, daughter of James Clark Strode of Cumminsville and Opal Johnson, daughter of John Johnson of Silver Point.

Ms. Johnson attended Darwin High here for two years and studied for two years at Nashville's A&I College before enlisting to serve her country.

*In other war new this week:

1. Wilburne Hughes, a sailor at Norfolk, VA and his brother, Robert, who's in the Army stationed in California, haven't seen each other since they enlisted. This week in Baxter they both got a big surprise. Both arrived home on leave on the same day, having no idea the other was back anywhere near Tennessee.
2. Major Sam Epperson wrote his uncle, J. N. Cox, the owner of the newspaper, this week telling him a little of his experiences in the war in North Africa. Epperson writes, "As we pass through cities and towns and villages on troop trains, the French and Arabs stop and hold up their right hands towards us, making the 'V' for victory salute...they do it with snap and determination."

(May 25, 1943) The parents of Capt. Beattie Harris Fleenor, Professor and Mrs. Bill Fleenor of Baxter, got a telegram from the War Department this week about the fate of their son.

A pilot of a bomber, Capt. Fleenor is now considered missing in action after he failed to return from a bombing run over a site.

A short time before his last flight, Fleenor was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in action.

*Meanwhile in another theater of the war, Maj. Sam R. Epperson, nephew of Cookeville newspaper publisher and businessman Col., J. N. Cox, wrote his uncle from North Africa, where the English have taken a pounding from German panzer leader Erwin Rommel, "the desert Fox.

Epperson writes that the allies – Americans, British and French – are closing in on Rommel, retaking ground from the Nazis.

He says he's particularly impressed with the zeal of the French soldiers. They have much to fight for, he says. Their country is being run by the Germans and they are in exile until they can win it back. They seem determined to do so shortly, he says.

And everywhere the allies roll, they're being greeted by Arabs flashing the 'V for Victory's sign.

(May 28, 1943) The Associated Press carried an interview with Cookeville's war hero, Capt. Claire M. Smartt, this week when he made it back alive from his 50th air raid over German-held territory in the North African theater of war.

His 50th at the controls of a bomber was on a raid on Sicily that heavily damaged Axis installations and led to the shooting down of 16 enemy fighter planes.

Smartt says, "There must have been 50 enemy fighters around. They were coming in from every direction, coming in and making passes, feinting. I have to thank my expert gunnery crew for keeping them off me."

Smartt already held the Distinguished Air Medal as commander of a bomber squadron under General James Doolittle.

He received his early military training not as an aviator but as a cavalryman in Cookeville under Lt. Col. Will Crawford. He enlisted in the town's guard unit at the age of 15.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope in Road to Morocco.

(May 30, 1943) In news from the war this week:

-- Millard Sherrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sherrill, is missing in action. He served as a tail gunner on a bomber that didn't make it back from a raid over Germany.

He's a 1942 Baxter Seminary graduate and is married to another graduate of that school, Nancy Lyon Sherrill.

-- Max Bailey, son of Mrs. Clarissa Bailey, has passed his entrance exam and has been admitted to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, the school announced this week. He's a Central High graduate.

-- Lt. Victor Hawkins is this week training with his tank destroyer unit in England. They're getting ready for D-Day.

-- John McClellan, who worked at the Shanks Hotel here for seven years before the war, is now with a military police unit serving at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

-- And Sgt. Elbert Brooks of Putnam County is described by an officer in a Dayton, Ohio, newspaper article as one of the best scouts he's ever seen.

Brooks is serving in the South Pacific on New Britain Island, where the Marines have been hunting down and destroying the last Japanese units on the island.

Brooks' 12-man unit has darted in and made repeated landings all around the island to keep the enemy off guard. Once ashore, the unit credits Brooks' tracking abilities with leading them down a tangle of dark jungle trails to the Japanese.

In one recent fight, the Guadalcanal veteran killed a Japanese officer and claimed his ceremonial sword.

(June 10, 1943) The committee in charge of the city's new armed forces service center this week explained about the ID card it requires girls who come to the center to carry.

The center is used for weekend dances and entertainment for troops in the US Second Army, which is in Middle Tennessee on war maneuvers. It's open to the public. In fact, the public is encouraged to participate in welcoming and entertaining the troops.

But single girls have to have cards to get in. And they're closely supervised, the center's officials say. And, although there's been confusion on the matter, no one else is required to have the cards, the officials stressed.

It's worked well the first few weekends the center has opened. Officials said, "There has not been a single unpleasant incident or misconduct and with such an excellent group of officers and men visiting the center each weekend, we do not anticipate any trouble whatsoever."

*In this week's rationing stamp story, readers were told that their coffee stamp no. 25 is good for one pound of coffee from now until June 30 and their shoe stamp no. 17 is good for a pair of shoes through the end of June.

(June 11, 1943) In news of Putnam Countians in the war:

Pvt. Clyde Kilgore, the son of Johnnie Kilgore of Cookeville, is now serving "somewhere in Africa" with the Army.

Mary Frances Huddleston, 20, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrell, is studying to be a Navy radio operator at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

And Billy Buck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Buck, is in a Navy hospital in Noume, New Guinea this week recovering from the removal of his appendix.

He's been with the US Navy in the Pacific for the last 16 months.

(June 16, 1943) With the Second Army taking a breather from its war games for the next two weeks, civic groups here and across Middle Tennessee are facing a quandary.

The groups have been hard-pressed to provide refreshments and recreation for the thousands of soldiers on weekend liberty. Now, for the next two weeks the troops will be in towns like Cookeville every night.

The groups are asking residents to pitch in with cookies, cakes, soft drinks and to volunteer their time to make the troops feel at home here during their extended liberties.

*In other war news this week: Kenneth Dyer, who is serving in the US Navy hospital corps, was home on furlough this week to see his parents. His sister, Gladys Dyer, is taking a few days vacation from her job in Cincinnati to spend time with him here.

Pvt. Bethel Goolsby of Bloomington Springs is also home on furlough after completing his paratroopers school in North Carolina.

And John C. Darwin of Cookeville is in Athens, GA, this week in a preflight course held for the US Navy to train pilots for combat flying.

(June 17, 1943) The government is trying to put a stop to a practice they say could end up sinking US troop ships and killing thousands of GIs. It seems innocent but it could give vital information to enemy agents, officials warn.

It's the round-robin letter, something like the chain letter. Servicemen get a letter from the office or plant where he used to work. It tells him what they've been doing and gives him a list of others who used to work with him who are now in the service.

He adds news of his recent adventures in the service, then mails it on the next serviceman on the list. Eventually the letter ends back up in the office or plant where it started.

Or at least that's the idea. But the government says that sometimes such letters end up in the hands of Nazi agents who use them to track troop movements. That in turn tips off Nazi U-boats lying in wait in shipping and convoy lanes, where they are sending US cargo and troop ships to the bottom with frightening regularity.

If you get such a letter, destroy it, officials say.

Meanwhile this week, O. C. Kirkman, the man who started engineering studies at Tennessee Polytech, died at his home this week in Chattanooga where he has been ill in recent years.

Kirkman came to Cookeville in 1917 and created the engineering department at TPI. During WWI, he helped train troops at the college and took part in a job training/rehabilitation program for troops after the war.

(June 22, 1943) Talbot Thompson, principal of Central High School, recently got a key in the mail. It was to the school's shower room. With it was a note of thanks.

It came from Lt. Maurice Davison of the 5th Armored Division, one of many units on the move through Middle Tennessee on war maneuvers as the nation gears up to fight the Germans and the Japanese.

Lt. Davidson's hot and dirty men got a free shower at the school and appreciated it greatly, said Davidson.

Cookeville Mayor J. N. Cox got a similar letter this week from Major General E. Oliver, whose men in his Victory Division were in town recently and who were 'mightily entertained' at the city's servicemen center.

Wrote the general: "The men, women and children who make up your community are the type of Americans for whom the men in our armed forces are proud to be fighting for. The Division will always remember Cookeville fondly."

(June 23, 1943) Cookeville gave a hero's welcome to its very own hero this week, Capt. Clair M. Smartt, who's home on leave after just completing 50 raids over enemy territory in his Flying Fortress bomber, "Little Bill."

Capt. Smartt, who holds the highest aviation medal for heroism, the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as several other medals, was given a reception in Tennessee Polytech's Memorial Gymnasium attended by numerous officials and scores of residents.

He won his Flying Cross in a raid over Lorient, France in which he lost several pieces of his aircraft to enemy fighter planes and anti-aircraft fire.

Nevertheless, he reported that he “stayed in formation,” and his crew shot down several enemy fighters on their way to and from the target, where the flight of US bombers did severe damage. He then managed to make it back to base with the plane intact and his crew alive.

(July 8, 1943) Capt. Roy H. Sullivan of Cookeville, now a member of the faculty of the US Army Tank Destroyer school at Camp Hood, Texas, has been paid a special tribute this week. He was named an honorary member of the Trinity Rifle Club of Dallas.

His shooting is apparently remarkable. The holder of marksmanship medals in five states, he can perform an array of track shots.

Sullivan is able to shoot ashes from the end of a cigarette, pick off pebbles tossed in the air, split a bullet on a knife blade so that each half pops a balloon on either side of the knife, and put a bullet through the hole in a washer flipped into the air.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford and George Bancroft in “Whistling Dixie.”

(July 8, 1943) There was news from the war this week in the newspaper’s page one With Our Armed Forces column, a collection of snippings and tidbits from letters home and military press releases.

Clarence L. Phillips, widely known here after years of work at Cookeville’s Piggly Wiggly grocery store before the war, is now stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. His wife and daughters are still living at 409 Whitney.

Mrs. J. H. Billingsley got her first letter from her brother, Sgt. Julius R. White, in two years. He says he’s now stationed “somewhere in England” but can’t say where due to wartime censorship. They have another brother, Pvt. Jesse B. White, who’s serving with a medical battalion “somewhere in Burma.”

Possibly no other Putnam soldier has had a wartime experience quite as varied as Pvt. Jeff Dyer. His father, Robert, has been keeping track of him from his letters. The younger Dyer has served in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and England. This week he’s “somewhere in France.”

Pvt. Dyer was driving the second jeep to enter Naples when the allies chased the Germans out. Now in the thick of things in the invasion, Dyer is believed to be pushing on this week with his unit toward Paris.

Pvt. Lawrence Hunter, who took part in the Anzio invasion, is now stationed further inland in Italy.

A photo in the Nashville Banner this week showed Helen W. Spicer, widow of Sgt. James Spicer, at Camp Forrest near Tullahoma. The soldiers erected a sign at the athletic field at the POW camp there. It names the field, “Spicer Field.”

Sgt. Spicer was stationed at Camp Forrest for a year before his amphibious unit went on to maneuvers in Georgia, where he drowned.

Mrs. Villa Smith Cagle of South Jefferson Avenue got word from the War Department this week that her son, Calvin J. Smith is dead. He was killed in action on June 13. He was 19. She has another son, William Howard Cagle. He’s a bomber pilot.

(July 15, 1943) In news from Putnam’s military men, the newspaper reported this week that Sgt. Henry Stamps of Baxter has graduated from aerial gunnery school at Harlingen Field, Texas, and is to report to Sheppard Field, Texas for further training next week.

Lt. Sam Moore of the Paratroop Division at Ft. Benning, GA has spent the week on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algood Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dyer have heard that their son, Pvt. Wallace R. Dyer, has arrived safely at his new post in Alaska, where he will serve as a military policeman.

*Meanwhile, two Cookeville men with prior military experience who are too old to serve the nation in the war with Germany and Japan in the military have won honors in training to serve in the State Guard.

Receiving certificates of merit from Ft. Benning, GA's State Guard school this week were Col. Walter Keith Crawford and Lt. Col. Maurice Haste.

The two learned to protect factories from foreign saboteurs, to read maps, to evacuate cities and defend them against enemy troops and how to detect and detain subversive elements.

*Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Gene Autry and Smiley "Frog" Burnette in "Boots and Saddles."

(July 29, 1943) There was good news this week from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for coffee drinkers. Rationing, which had been in effect since the war began two years ago, is over.

And he sweetened the news by adding that sugar rations will be dramatically increased this month as well.

FDR explained that the US Navy has been successful in cutting losses to German U-boats and more supplies are consistently reaching US shores now.

In other war news:

Pfc. Ralph Mahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mahler, has completed radio operator school in Sioux Falls, SD and has ended a rigorous physical training program required for assignment to combat areas. He is now awaiting assignment to a US Army Air Force bomber crew.

*Floyd Smith, Dave Bullock, Alva Horn and Walter Thompson wrote the newspaper this week from "somewhere in Africa" to say how much they and the other Putnam men stationed near them enjoy reading the Putnam newspaper, even if it does reach them a month late.

*Pee Wee King, Minnie Pearl, Jamup and Honey and the Golden West Cowboys are the featured acts in a tent show coming to Cookeville next week, according to an advertisement in this week's edition.

(August 5, 1943) The Second Army has been holding its massive maneuvers across Middle Tennessee in recent weeks and this week, it was the State Guard's turn to polish its skills.

Local State Guardsmen, led by Walter Keith Crawford and Maurice Haste, camped at the Cookeville Armory this week and received training in bayonets and tear gas use.

They ended the week with a regimental parade Sunday and a troop review on the courthouse lawn by the governor.

The State Guard is responsible for keeping order and evacuating the public in the event of an enemy attack on Cookeville.

*In the news from Putnam's fighting men, Phillip Anderson's parents in Putnam County hadn't heard word of him since Oct. 1941 when Corregidor fell in the Philippines and his Army unit there was captured by the Japanese.

This week the Andersons received word from Phillip that he is alive and in good health in a prisoner-of-war camp in Yokahama, Japan.

(August 12, 1943) There'll be no squirrel season here this year, the newspaper announces. Authorities don't want hunters loose in the woods firing weapons as the US Army maneuvers in Middle Tennessee. Squirrel hunting has been banned in Putnam and 25 other Middle Tennessee counties.

*More news from Putnam's fighting men in the war.

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(Sept. 2, 1943) Congressman Albert Gore, Sr., is working to establish a federally-aided nursery school program for Cookeville's working mothers. Because of the war, many of today's moms are in factories and other jobs, taking the place of men in the fighting overseas.

A committee was set up this week here to apply for the federal War Public Service program.

Twenty-five working moms at the Cookeville Shirt company this week said they were definitely interested in the idea.

There's a new pledge campaign under way this week that seeks to get residents to take an oath and display stickers showing they are fighting black market profiteering here.

Those who join the campaign agree to only to buy rationed commodities with ration coupons and to only pay government-set prices for them. The newspaper explains that the campaign fights inflation, which it says is created when there are "more people with money to buy than there are goods to sell." Inflation is an ally of the Germans and the Japanese, it notes.

"The war must be won on the home front," it concludes.

(Sept. 16, 1943) A page one editorial praises the attitude displayed in a recent full-page ad in the Tennessean by Cain-Sloan, Nashville's only locally-owned department store.

The store said that despite tensions from the war and despite rationing, customers will never hear the store's employees tell them, "If you don't like it, you can go someplace else," or "You'll have to take what you can get."

The store says its customers are what have turned it from a tiny shop into a major department store, and it promises to continue to be courteous and accommodating.

The newspaper says Cookeville stores should take heed. "We regret to note that some of our best business houses, shops and restaurants have a tendency towards indifference and discourtesy towards customers.

"This war is not going to last forever and if we are still in business when it's over, we will need customers, and don't you believe those who are now neglected and mistreated will not remember it in the future."

The newspaper notes also and takes to task merchants who are charging servicemen stationed in the area twice the normal rate for some goods, like soft drinks. The area is deluged with GIs in the Second Army's Middle Tennessee war maneuvers.

The newspaper notes that the soldiers are "citizens just like us" doing their duty for little pay and offering up their lives in the process.

Meanwhile, in news from Putnam servicemen overseas, folks back home heard this week from Pvt. Edwin E. Sanders, who enlisted in 1940, and hasn't been home since. He's currently stationed "somewhere in Australia."

And Herman G. Hensley wrote his wife this week telling her, "I am well. Don't worry about me. I like ship life and have been ashore twice collecting souvenirs." Hensley is at sea "somewhere in the Pacific."

And the Methodist congregation in the Shipley community got mail this week from one of its members, Lt. J. Loyd Knight, who is "somewhere in the Pacific."

Knight writes, "I wouldn't mind seeing the hills of my homeland again ... We have a chaplain with us who is doing a marvelous work. I go to church every Sunday and read at least a chapter in the Bible most every single day. It helps one in this kind of place."

(Sept. 18, 1943) The high school football season got off to a roaring start this week here as the Cookeville Cavaliers beat Gordonsville 63 to nothing.

Among those taking the ball across the line to score were Bob Bryne, Carson Stanton, Perry Rowe Harris and team captain Charles Billings.

The team goes on to play Celina this week. Celina has already lost its first two non-conference games.

*There'll be a Wendell Wilkie for President rally here on the Cookeville Square Saturday organized by the local Wilkie Club. Wilkie, who is running against President Franklin D. Roosevelt, won't be here, but G.S. Ridley of Nashville will be on hand to speak.

*Showing at the Princess this week: Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes in "Days of Jesse James." Later in the week, it's John Hall as "Kit Carson."

(November 1943) In news from the world war: Pvt. Fred Turner of Rt. 1, Cookeville has just completed in a fighter plane maintenance school with the Army Air Force Technical Training command in Chanute, Illinois.

Pvt. Grover King's troop ship has successfully dodged German submarines and arrived safely in England, which he says in a letter home to relatives this week is a "beautiful country."

And Putnam County's Jack Waldrip, a US Marine, is serving "somewhere in the Pacific," according to a letter his mother received this week in Cookeville. He graduated from Central High here last May.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: "So Proudly We Hail," with Claudette Colbert and Veronica Lake.

(November 11, 1943) Belton Gibson, now serving in a U.S. Navy hospital unit in New Zealand, couldn't give his dad, Phy Gibson, his usual birthday present, so he wrote him a letter instead. His father was so proud of it that he gave it to the newspaper to publish in its weekly page one "Armed Forces" column.

"Thanks for being the kind, the considerate and the understanding dad you've always been to me," wrote the sailor.

Like many young men away from home for the first time, he is beginning to see things differently, he says. "There have been times when I thought I was right and you were wrong, but later I would learn that I was the one who was wrong.

"I want to thank you for being the sober, religious type of father which is hard to find nowadays ..."

He says that unlike many of his peers, he has stuck to his upbringing and father's example and still has never tasted beer or liquor — but has had a little wine. "People here serve it quite often with meals," he explains.

Young Gibson continues, "When a boy stays home for a number of years, his mother and father just seem to fit in with everyday life around him. But it's different when they are far from home and have time to think."

He tells his mother and father he loves them, wishes his dad a happy birthday, and concludes, "May God bless you, be with you and bring me safely home in the near future when the wars are over and peace reigns over the world."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull is back from overseas, returning to Washington this week a world hero.

The Upper Cumberland native has orchestrated the signing of a pact between America, Russia, England and France in which the powers agree to stand together against Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

It marks a complete turnabout from America's earlier isolation from world affairs. The newspaper, in a page one editorial, hails Hull as "the man of the hour."

(November 18, 1943) Fifty more young Putnam men climbed aboard the train on a chilly November day at the Cookeville Depot this week and shipped out to the war.

Among those leaving for induction into the nation's wartime military were Bernice Burgess, Arlin Troubaugh, Henry Bullock, Oliver Rice and Robert Leffew.

Also there were Ambrus Flatt, Earl Farley, Lawrence Harville, Clarence Massa, Holland Eads, Amos Jackson, Charles Carr, Billy Scott, Thomas Webb and Charles Lamb.

Other Putnam men are already serving in the military and the newspaper this week in its page one "Armed Forces" column told a little of their whereabouts.

Sgt. Mac Rogers is “somewhere in England.” Sgt. Earl Shipley is “somewhere in Ireland.” Frank Key has just graduated from bomber pilot school in Texas and Robert Parrott, Jr., is on a destroyer “somewhere in the Pacific.”

Meanwhile, Sgt. Jim Hunter Bohannon is winding up a 20-day furlough here at home He’s just spent six months “somewhere in England.” Before that, he spent 10 months “somewhere in North Africa.”

The Golden Eagles beat Sewanee this week 12-0. R.C. Higgens of Nashville darted through holes in the Sewanee line to make both of Tech’s scoring dashed.

(November 25, 1943) Jeff Ray Dyer wrote his father, Robert, this week from “somewhere in Italy,” where the allies are slowly — and at great cost — pushing the German army up the Italian peninsula.

Dyer tells his father, “You shouldn’t worry so much about me. I am healthy, happy, and seeing things I probably never would have seen if it had not been for Hitler.”

The GI says he’s seen the ancient ruined city of Pompeii and nearby Mt. Vesuvius. The Jeep he was driving was the second to enter a certain, unnamed (because of Army censors) Italian town where cheering Italians lined the streets to greet their liberators.

With his letter, he sent his dad a watch left behind by a retreating German soldier.

(December 6, 1943) Christmas is approaching and the war goes on.

Cpl. Lloyd G. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Ford of Baxter, has now been in the service for 2 1/2 years, the last year of which he’s been on foreign soil. He’s now with combat troops in Sicily.

Cpl. James W. Carr, son of Mrs. Mattie Carr, is a pre-aviation cadet this week at Kessler Field in Biloxi, Miss.

Gaskell Warren has returned to Camp Selby in Hattiesburg, Miss., after a 15-day furlough here. His wife went with him this time and she plans to try to find work near the base.

Mrs. Cynthia Brown of Cookeville this week got a letter from her son, Pfc. Campbell J. Brown. He’s in Australia and says it’s a warm and beautiful country.

Pfc. Wrather Johnson is on a train bound for Colorado this week where he’ll receive more military training.

And Cpl. Norman Steele, son of Mrs. Vesta Steele of Baxter, has left California where he spent the past year. He’s now “somewhere in the South Pacific,” according to the military.

(December 23, 1943) In Cookeville’s third Christmas of the war, the newspaper in its weekly “Armed Forces” column tells of the whereabouts of local residents.

Joe E. Raby is training to be a sailor at Crest Lakes, Ill.

Howard Tinsley is at an airfield in Decatur, Ala., learning to be an airman.

Cpl. Charles Gentry is “somewhere in the South Pacific” with U.S. forces.

Mrs. Hallie J. Travis got a letter from her son, Lt. Bennett J. Travis. He’s with the U.S. Army Air Corps “somewhere south of the equator.”

Major Gid Lowe is coming home for Christmas from Camp Butler, N.C.

Lt. Margaret Denton, sister of Mrs. Sam Denton Poteet, is a nurse in England this week.

A recent graduate of Tennessee Tech, Lt. James Hayes, sent word back that he's serving this week "somewhere in Italy."

Mrs. Willie Curtis Wright Partin got word this week about her husband, Lt. James Clint Partin, who's also been serving "somewhere in Italy."

Partin, who married his wife while studying at Tennessee Tech in September of 1941, has been in the military for two years now. He's in the infantry and has been working under Gen. Matt Clark. He was at Salerno, and his unit was the first to enter Naples.

This week the War Department telegraphed his wife that he has been killed in the fighting "somewhere in Italy."

(December 27, 1943) While the fighting in Italy and elsewhere around the world continued for our troops this week, another sort of battle was being waged in Putnam County. Schools officials were forced to close schools here for yet another week in an effort to slow down the spread of the flu.

Down in Carthage, Congressman Albert Gore Sr. marked his 36th birthday this week by standing in the ranks with several other Smith County men as they were sworn into the U.S. military. His wife, Pauline, will run his congressional office for the duration of the war.

Cookeville's Community Service Center, which serves GIs on weekend leaves during the massive Tennessee war maneuvers, saw its biggest day to date this week on Christmas Day.

Unable to make it home for the holidays, and facing the prospect of shipping out soon for the war overseas, the young men poured into the service center here and in other similar Middle Tennessee towns.

Cookeville's center on Christmas Day provided cheer for 4,500 soldiers. It served up 2,400 cups of coffee, 74 homemade cakes, 100 pounds of turkey and distributed 1,500 Christmas gifts.

Cpl. Ernest Jenkins of Cookeville probably wasn't at the service center this weekend. He's training in Middle Tennessee's maneuvers, and he spent the weekend with his family here.

Pvt. James L. McDonald spent a hot holiday. He's training at an Army Air Force base in Miami, Fla. this Christmas.

And Ensign Arthur Piepmeier of Cookeville wasn't able to make it home for the holidays either. He's stationed at a Navy base in San Jose, Calif. His wife joined him there for Christmas this year.

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(January 1, 1944) Hundreds of GIs training in Middle Tennessee with the Second Army's maneuvers are in Cookeville this week because they didn't receive furloughs to go home for Christmas.

(January 14, 1944) Planning a rail trip this week? Think twice, the government is urging. You could cost a soldier headed home on furlough his seat.

Hundreds of soldiers training in the war maneuvers with the Second Army in Middle Tennessee didn't get to go home for Christmas, but they've been given a short furlough this week. And they're rushing to catch the train.

"The civilian who travels unnecessarily may cost a soldier many hours of his furlough time," said a military press release published this week.

Meanwhile, there was also word about Putnam's soldiers serving in the war this week:

Sgt. Ralph Patton and Pvt. H.J. Phillips have arrived with their units "somewhere in England."

And Lattie Edward "Buddie" Barnes of Cookeville is now out of the service and plans to live in California. He's been honorably discharged for wounds he received in the fighting in the South Pacific on Jan. 14, 1943.

After recuperating in a military hospital in San Francisco, he and his wife were here recently to visit her sister, Mrs. S.P. Adams. Now they're back at their new home on the West Coast.

(January 24, 1944) Country music star Roy Acuff says he's running for governor, and the newspaper this week in a page-one editorial says the established political machine had better watch out. Acuff is a fiddler, and fiddlers have a certain way with the public.

"In our 50 years in politics, we have never known one of these fiddlers to be defeated for any office if they were at all qualified," warns the editorial.

Bob Taylor was a fiddler. He ran to represent Tennessee's First District. He won. "He did it by walking across the district fiddling and speaking at every crossroad and schoolhouse." And he later went on to become a three-term governor of Tennessee.

His brother Alf, who was successful in Tennessee politics, had even more going for him. "He was a fiddler and a fox hunter."

A fiddler and a flour salesman known as "Pass the Biscuit Papa" O'Daniel won the governorship in Texas six years ago without the help of a fat campaign chest. He just fiddled and passed the hat around - all the way to the governor's office.

The list goes on. Happy Chandler, one of those fiddlers, won the governor's race in Kentucky a while back and in Louisiana, a fiddler named Davis became governor.

The editorial says they all beat the old-time regulars and their machines because they were well-traveled, had their ears to the ground, and knew the people.

So the paper warns the state's mainline politicians to watch out for "these boys of the road."

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(March 2, 1944) Schools here are deeply involved in the war effort, the newspaper noted this week.

Of the 5,000 boys of draft age now enrolled in Tennessee schools, more than 3,000 of them are taking special pre-military classes that teach them the basics of Army life. They're also taking special fitness classes.

Since 1940, the state's schools have trained 80,000 students to work in war plants through specialized vocational courses and another 60,000 have been trained in special agriculture classes designed to ready them to operate heavy farm machinery needed for bigger wartime crops.

Girls are also receiving special home economics training, learning how to raise Victory Gardens, how to conserve items in short supply and how to prepare tasty meals with a few bare essentials.

*In war news this week, Mr. and Mrs. Clennie Wilmoth got word that their son, Pvt. Clifton Wilmoth, is "somewhere in Italy" and is doing well despite intensive fighting there.

James Copeland tells his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland, in a letter this week that he's safely arrived "somewhere in England." In his fourth year in the Army, he's a paratrooper waiting for the invasion of Europe.

And Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore heard from their son this week, Sgt. W. C. Moore. He writes that he's "somewhere in New Guinea."

(March 14, 1944) The historic — and massive — Tennessee war maneuvers are over. Troops that trained here are en route to Europe in the buildup before D-Day.

(March 16, 1944) The Pan-Am Oil Co. ran an ad in this week's edition looking ahead like many are these days to the end of the world war.

It speaks of an ambitious project the Pan-American Highway, which it says will make cruising on down to Peru a breeze - "when the war is over." For the time being, gasoline is being rationed and people aren't doing much cruising to anywhere.

"Motor on down to Peru - when the war is over. After the war you'll get in Pan Am products, the very best benefits of war-born development," benefits like better fuel and better cars to burn it in. After the war is over"

*The commander of the 517th Parachute Regiment sent thanks this week to Cookeville for the good time the town showed his men when they recently bivouacked here during maneuvers in Middle Tennessee.

The troop center threw a dance party, and the town turned out to wish the boys well. They're going overseas soon.

*In other war news this week:

In mail to home, Robert C. Martin says he left the West Coast this month with the U. S. Marines. He couldn't say where he was going. He doesn't know.

Major Sam Epperson who served in France during the First World War and who has already served in the battle for North Africa in this war, left the West Coast this week as well. He had a little better idea of where he's going, "somewhere in New Guinea."

Willard Wright is already "somewhere in New Guinea" this week and in a letter to his folks here he writes that the food is good and he's in no immediate danger, but says he misses home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rockwell got bad news this week in a telegram. Their son, Fred Max Rockwell, is missing in action in the Pacific. He's a machinist mate on a Navy patrol plane that went out on a mission and never came back.

(March 23, 1944) The Army maneuvers are over, says the general in charge of the historic military operation that for the last year or so has sent thousands of troops, tanks and other military vehicles rambling

over the countryside in 21 Middle Tennessee counties, including Putnam. The Army announced that 5,000 military engineers are now being moved into the area to repair roads and bridges "as best as they can."

In Cookeville, a decision was made to keep the USO center open. It's been busy on weekends entertaining hundreds of troops, but there are still hundreds of aviation cadets at Tennessee Polytech and area teens have gotten used to hanging out at the center on weekends. An Illinois soldier, Pvt. Vernon Zavitz, wrote to say thanks to the women here who worked on Red Cross packages that his unit received this week aboard a troop ship bound for New Zealand. "In the boat coming over I received one of those apron holders with the toilet articles in it and believe me, it was just what I needed," writes Zavitz. "A lot of the boys probably will not write, but on behalf of all of them I will thank you for them and myself."

In other war news this week, letters arrived to kinfolk here from Cpl. Joe L. Quarles, Sgt. Robert Paul Judd, and Maj. A.L. Campbell, all Putnam County men. They say they've arrived safely "somewhere in England" for the big military buildup there. And Horace Scarlett is home on leave this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Scarlett of the Smithville Road. Horace, a seaman, was wounded in action in the Atlantic and also took part in the recent Italian campaign.

(March 30, 1944) In the early days of the war, the military was not seeking men with families, but as America's war effort grows, the military says it needs fathers too.

Leaving for induction into the US Navy this week was Putnam's first group of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. Among them were Robert Whiteaker, James Davis, Willie Walter Dixon, Frank Adams, Frank Bartlett, Virgle Stout, Hestle Henry, R. L. Lester, Willard Scarlett, John Bula Candler and Frank Padgett.

In other wars news this week:

Sgt. Willie G. Gentry has won the new Combat Infantry Badge for action he was in the South Pacific campaign on the island of Bougainville. He also took part in the New Georgia campaign.

Major Sam Epperson wrote home this week to tell his family that he is now serving "somewhere in Alaska."

The wife of Maine combat pilot Lt. Frank Just Jr. got a telegram from the military this week informing her that her husband, who was widely known here while studying at Tennessee Tech, is missing in action. His plane failed to return after a mission in the South Pacific.

And Mrs. Pearl Brogdan was told by the Army this week that her son, Pvt. Herbert Brogdan, 30, died in fighting in North Africa on December 16. The military offered no details.

(April 4, 1944) It was an evening of coral music at Tennessee Polytech. It was the Spring Concert of the Tech College Chorus and the Aviation Student Glee Club this week, under the direction of Miss Contance Ohlinger. The airmen demonstrated that they not only know airplanes, but music as well.

*Under new military regulations, young men who were fathers before the Pearl Harbor attack are now being accepted in the military for the war effort. This week 35 more from Cookeville left on the train for induction.

Among them are Samuel Bullock, Issac Flatt, Haskell Davis, Johnnie Grasty, Virgil Flatt, Floyd Adams and Nathan Burgess.

*In letters from the nation's far-flung theaters of war, Putnam's soldiers wrote home this week.

Joe Anderson wrote that he's completed aerial gunnery school at Kingsman Army Air Field in Arizona. He's got his Silver Wings now and will ship out soon.

Capt. Alex Shipley wrote about an elegant weekend he and five other officers spent with Lady Metcalf at her country estate near England. He's an officer in the U. S. Medical Corps.

Mrs. Robert G. Warren got a cablegram from her husband this week telling her he's arrived safely and is now "somewhere in England" serving with his military police unit.

Fred Turner's wife also got a telegram stating that he's landed safely and is now serving "somewhere in Italy."

And James Buckner wrote his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Buckner of Monterey, on his feeling about coal and steel strikes that are being called across the nation as union leader fight wartime price and wage controls.

Buckner, serving in the South Pacific, says he's seen Marines and sailors "die by the hundreds because of a lack of equipment." He says the feeling among the troops is "we wish the people at home would stop letting us down." He says they also wish that colorful labor leader John L. Lewis "was right here with us."

(April 13, 1944) The 8th grade class of Monterey is getting ready to present "Crashing Society," a play under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Crawford.

The cast includes Adam Dunnigan as the husband; James C. Allen; Elise Dunnigan as the wife; Wilodean Vaden as their daughter; Geraldine Johnson as their other daughter; Lena Whittaker as the tutor; Jimmy Owens as a New York society leader; and Joan Parker as a reporter.

*Cookeville's restaurants are among 3,254 in Middle and East Tennessee that will be visited by federal inspectors this week to make sure they're sticking to the OPA wartime price restrictions.

*In letters from servicemen this week:

-- Charles Gentry is serving in a malarial control unit in the Southwest Pacific and has been promoted to first sergeant.

-- Vernon Huddleston and V.L. Hensley's relatives learned that they've both safely landed and are now stationed "somewhere in England."

-- Also among the "rough and ready" troops "somewhere in England" waiting for D-Day is Sgt. Sam L. Judd of Silver Point.

-- Alvin Lee of Cookeville is in an Army engineering unit that's building quarters to house troops in the massive buildup in England.

-- Two Putnam 17-year-olds, Robert Lee King and Hubert Franklin Brown, enlisted in the US Navy this week.

-- And the parents of Pfc. Mason Wall of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. James Wall, received a military telegram this week informing them that their 19-year-old son is listed as missing in action in the fighting in Italy.

(April 20, 1944) In war news this week: - Pcf. Jeff Ray wrote to his father, Robert Ray, saying that after serving in combat hot spots like North Africa, Sicily and Italy, he's now enjoying good weather and good quarters in the English countryside. He says he's got "nothing to kick about."

Frank Wallace May, 18, the son of the Rev. H. J. May of Double Springs, is the Navy's V-12 school at Iowa State College. When he's through there, he'll go to midshipmen school and will afterwards be commissioned as an ensign in the US Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Gentry got mail this week from their son, Cpl. Charles Gentry, telling them he's now in advanced radio school in the Pacific. Before the war he was employed at the Cedar Hill Dam.

John T. "Jack" Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore of Algood, has completed Army air school at Riddle Field in Clewiston, FL, and is on a 15-day leave before reporting for transport duty at Nashville's Berry Field.

*Showing this week at the Princess: "Dangerous Blondes," starring Evelyn Keyes and Ann Savage. Later this week, Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray star in "Above Suspicion."

(April 27, 1944) Farmers for the last year or so have been urged by the government to grow all they can to feed the US Army war machine. Now, they're told not to overdo it.

War officials, seeing light at the end of the tunnel as the Allies press Germany and Japan on several fronts, reminded farmers of what happened after the First World War ended and the demand for material went bust. Many farmers went under.

So, the government is advising farmers to make plans now for cutting back when the war ends.

Meanwhile, women and children who don't live on farms were encouraged to help America's farmers win the war by filling in for workers now carrying weapons in the fight overseas.

Farm labor is short in strawberry fields, truck farms and cotton fields due to the war.

*In news from the war front this week, readers learned that Fred Ray Medlin, who's been serving in Italy, has been captured by the Germans and is now a prisoner of war.

*Holbert Allen, who's also been in the fighting in Italy, is now listed by the military as missing in action. The last time that Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen heard from their son was in a January 4 letter. He wrote that he'd just enjoyed a big Christmas dinner with the troops in North Africa.

*At the Princess Theater this week: "Hoosier Holiday," the film that features radio favorites like George Hay ("The Solemn Old Judge of WSM Radio"), the Hoosier Hotshots and the Great Gilderstern. Also showing is the 9th chapter of "Secret Service in Darkest Africa."

(May 4, 1944) There'll be an air show over the city this week and there's a twist -- the pilot doing all the looping, swooping and barrel-rolling in Cookeville's skies will be a woman.

The U.S. Army's Women's Air Corps, the WACS, are recruiting. While a woman pilot is showing off her aviation skills above, WAC recruiters will be describing the action by loudspeaker at Marchbanks Drugs, where they'll also be standing by to sign up eligible women.

To qualify for the WACS, a woman must be between the ages of 20 and 50 and have a background in typing, stenography, teletyping or other technical skills.

*In other war news this week:

-- Lt. Warren White is reported missing in action after his plane failed to make it back from an air raid over Germany.

-- Eugene Huddleston, a musician with the U.S. Navy Band for the past six years, writes that he and his shipmates have been in four major sea battles since the war began: Pearl Harbor, Midway, Coral Sea and Attu.

-- Lt. Jarvis Knight wrote this week that he's currently serving with an air unit that drops supplies to the troops in the South Pacific.

The campaign area is bigger than the U.S., but there are no roads and what trails there are are usually ankle-deep in mud. Troops must be supplied from the air if they are to keep up their drive against the Japanese.

Jarvis' unit recently dropped food and munitions to Gen. Douglas Mac Arthur's troops when they made a surprise raid on the Japanese in New Guinea at Cape Gloucester.

(May 11, 1944) Twenty six more young Cookevillians this week were inducted and went off to the war.

Among them were Herman Pierce, Grady Mac Lemons, Dewey Wilmoth, George Whittaker, James Stamps, Hallie Honeycutt, Oakley Gaw, Franklin Scarlett and Cordell Elrod.

*In letters home from the war this week:

Lt. Smith Herbert Bracey of the U. S. Navy has been in the South Pacific since January, but he's home on shore leave to see his wife, daughter and mother this week.

Pvt. Clifford Caruthers is now "somewhere in England," he writes. He's a military photographer.

*An ad for Nashville's WSM radio station urges readers to be sure and tune in "when the invasion comes."

"Follow what may be the greatest military operation in history through the far-flung facilities of WSM, the mid South's most powerful clear channel radio station.

You'll be in the first wave as General Eisenhower's men cross the channel. Portable equipment will send you actual battle sounds as they occur."

No one knows when or where it will come, but everyone here and around the world is waiting for the Allies' invasion of Europe to begin.

(May 25, 1944) With most young men off to war, Tennessee Tech had graduation ceremonies this week for its smallest graduating class ever -- 70.

-- **Baxter Seminary graduated nearly 40, including Mahilda Anderson, Joe Lee Anderson, Robert McIntyre Jr., Walter Warren Shanks and Mattie Jane Mires.**

-- Sixty six graduated at Cookeville's Central High, including Billy Mattson and Evelyn Flatt, who won athletic medals; Mary Frances Rhea, who won the commercial medal; and Herman Pinkerton Jr., who won the DAR's American History medal.

-- And Cookeville Jr. High graduated 95 students, including Mary Lena Anderson, Bobby Wilhite, Louise Grimes, Ethel Barnes Mitchell and Lillian Vinson.

In war news this week:

-- Leonard Austin Cooper's parents learned this week that he is listed as "killed in action" somewhere in New Guinea."

-- Lt. Warren White's relatives received word that he is on the "missing in action" list and is believed to be a prisoner in the hands of the Germans.

-- And Pvt. Rubin Cumby of Cookeville was one who stepped forward when the 5th Army asked for volunteers to take out a German observation post that was directing enemy fire onto his unit in Italy.

Cumby, according to the military, and his small patrol managed to creep forward under fire and eliminate the five Germans at the post.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby, have two other sons in the war: Cpl. Harry Cumby, who's served in North Africa and Sicily, and is now in England; and Pvt. James Cumby, who's stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

(June 8, 1944) The invasion of Europe has begun.

And while Allied troops are storming the beaches at Normandy and dropping from the air behind German lines, the 5th annual war bond drive is also in high gear back home.

A story in this week's edition says, "The invasion is on! The long-expected storming of Hitler's European fortress has been accomplished by our soldiers, sailors, Marines and air force, with many of them making the supreme sacrifice.

"What are we doing? Are we going to back them up with every war bond we possible can buy?" asks the story.

Baxter Seminary's president, Harry Upperman, was aboard a train when he heard the news about D-Day. On a white envelope he penciled the text to a prayer:

"We pray now for the speedy coming of a righteous, permanent peace through victory over the sinister forces and sinful lusts of evil-minded men who seek to enslave us and to reduce all freedom by peoples and nations to serfdom..."

*Meanwhile, in news from the war:

--W. C. Moore, "somewhere in New Guinea," writes that he's enjoying getting his weekly newspaper from home.

"I enjoyed the Herald in civilian life but here I find it more riveting than the most stirring chapters of 'Gone with the Wind' or 'Tale of Two Cities.'

"The mysterious glamour of the jungle is replaced by the gripping paragraphs which brings to life the memories of old friends from Cookeville to Algood, from Monterey to Buffalo Valley."

He adds, "This is indeed a small world. I just ran across a New York boy who was once arrested in Cookeville."

--J. R. Alcorn of Buffalo Valley is a member of a P-47 fighter group recently commended by the legendary airman, Lt. Glen. James Doolittle, for "extraordinary heroism" recently when the fighter pilots rescued troops who were coming under "vicious and persistent" attacks from a larger number of German fighter planes.

(June 11, 1944) The war continues at a high pitch:

-- Word arrived this week that Sgt. Alva Horn of Putnam County has been killed in the fighting "somewhere in Italy."

-- Also killed in action was Pfc. Leonard Austin Cooper, who was serving with an anti-aircraft unit "somewhere in New Guinea."

-- The nephew of Mrs. Benton Terry, Capt. John Dickerson of Brownsville, a frequent visitor to Cookeville, is listed as missing in action after his warplane failed to return from a mission over Austria.

-- Sgt. Willis Thurlow Walker of Cookeville has been wounded in action in Italy. Last fall he won the Bronze Star for heroism leading a scouting patrol behind enemy lines to obtain vital intelligence for his superiors.

-- And at home, Mrs. Mattie Massa is heading the Russian Relief Drive here and says that Russians left homeless and starving by the German invasion of their country badly need clothing to prepare for the upcoming bitter winter.

*Dr. T.A. Gaskill, a well-known druggist in Algood for many years, has died at the age of 70 in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He came to Algood from Maury County about the same time that the railroad was laid there, at the turn of the century. Dr. Gaskill was first employed by the Epperson Co. in Rickman and soon afterward opened his own drug store in Algood.

(June 15, 1944) + The Allies's invasion of Europe continues at full frenzy this week, and word from Putnam men overseas continues to come in:

-- Sgt. Franklin Q. Dyer is serving with an engineering unit in Burma, where he's been since December.

-- Mrs. Cecil Chaffin is back in town from California, where she visited her husband before he shipped out with the Navy. He's now "somewhere in the Pacific."

Chaffin has another brother serving "somewhere in the Pacific," and a third serving "somewhere in Egypt."

-- 1st Lt. Charles Nunally of Baxter has just received his Distinguished Flying Cross after completing 50 missions over enemy territory in Europe as the pilot of a Marauder.

-- Marine private John Monroe Harris has just graduated from infantry school in San Francisco where he learned all about the use of the bayonet and knife in jungle warfare.

-- And Sgt. Henry Stamps of Baxter is home visiting relatives after a brush with death that has many in the military calling him a hero.

He's a crewman aboard a B-17 bomber that was coming in for a landing at Drew Field in Tampa, Fla. when something went wrong. The plane suddenly plunged three blocks from the airstrip.

It ripped the tops off trees, tore down electric lines, and the big bomber's wing then sliced through the roofs of two vacant houses before it plowed into another home and ground to a stop.

Flames spilled out of the wreckage.

The crew, wading through fire and debris, made it out, helping each other and the occupants of the house. There is talk now of medals for heroism.

(June 29, 1944) The last trace of an old Cookeville landmark is now gone.

Back in 1855 when Putnam County was created and the tract of Cookeville, the county seat, was laid out, a large ash tree stood on one corner of the tract. Years past and Broad Street was laid beside the tree.

Then they raised the grade of Broad Street several years ago and the tree died. The weathered trunk got smaller over the seasons as wind and termites trimmed it down. This week they pulled up the stump too and filled in the hole, leaving no trace.

(June 29, 1944) Dr. Paul Emerson, a Presbyterian minister in Sparta whose articles on rural living and rural preaching have been widely published, died of a heart attack at his White County home. He'd just returned from giving a lecture at State College on Orangeberg, SC.

A graduate of Vanderbilt School of Religion, he's hoped to become a missionary to South America, but poor health landed him in White County in 1914 while he recuperated. He stayed ever since.

There was little war news printed this week. The newspaper apologized. Wartime supply problems left the newspaper with only enough print to publish a four-page edition. Maybe more news will get in next week, the editor's say.

Among the brief notes about Cookeville soldiers and their whereabouts were: John Mort is home with his family for two weeks. He's presently stationed at Ft. McClellan, AL.

Major Sam Epperson sent home a poem he picked up in a church bulletin at his base in Alaska entitled "A Young Man's Prayer."

And Pvt. Charles Allen of Cookeville is in Italy right now. He's helping rebuild cities in Sicily and on the mainland that were methodically devastated by the Germans as they retreated from the Allies.

(July 3, 1944) A Gainesboro man, Staff Sgt. Bob Brown, was awarded the Silver Star for heroism this week in the invasion of Saipan.

Serving with the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division, Brown's platoon was stopped in its advance on Saipan by a strongly entrenched Japanese position. Alone and under intense fire, he crawled within 10 feet of the position and destroyed it with grenades.

Moments later, the Japanese counterattacked Brown with a machine gun squad of five soldiers. He rose to one knee and picked off the entire squad as it charged him.

Four days later, his unit was threatened by enemy tanks. Brown left safe cover and, under sniper fire, found friendly tanks and led them back to repel the enemy armor.

Brown received the Silver Star this week from Maj. Gen. George W. Griner, commanding general of the famed 27th Infantry Division.

(July 10, 1944) The pace of the war continues to pick up and so has news from Putnam's soldiers overseas:

-- Pvt. Jeff Dyer Ray's father got another letter from him this week. He's back in England for a rest break after taking part in the invasion of France on D-Day. Young Ray writes, "I'm as good as new now," but he adds, "I don't like France. I saw plenty there." Ray said he ran into a Cookeville soldier in the fighting, Lt. Will O. Terry.

-- Pfc. Reuben Cumby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby and a decorated soldier, after taking part in a patrol of volunteers who wiped out a German artillery observation post recently, has been killed in the fighting in Italy, the War Department reported this week.

-- Pfc. Henry J. Phillips of Algood has been killed in action in France.

-- And Pfc. Sherwin Robinson of Cookeville has died in the fighting there as well, the War Department says in a telegram. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robinson, have another son in the war. He's been taken prisoner by the Germans in Italy.

(July 12, 1944) The U. S. Employment Service, a government agency, advertises that workers are badly needed in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant in Akron, Ohio, to produce heavy-duty tires for U. S.

military trucks over-seas. "The war moves on rubber," says the ad. No experience is necessary because you'll be trained on the job if you sign up. And since the war is about over and many are thinking about it, the ad notes that the plant offers opportunities for steady work after the war.

(July 13, 1944) Another 45 young men from Putnam County went off to war this week, climbing aboard the train and heading off for induction proceedings.

Among them were Edgar Maxwell, Leo Anderson, Reed Buckner, Sam Floyd, Herman Taylor, Ray Way, William Maxwell, Claude Dunn and Fred Presley, Jr.

Among those already serving in the military are:

Billy Buck, who's been in the US Navy since October 1940 and who was just promoted to chief petty officer with the Air Ferry Command at Terminal Island, California.

And Julian Driver of Monterey, who's just been commended for gallantry in action. Driver, an anti-aircraft gunner aboard the US Ezra Meeker, stuck to his guns during the Sicilian invasion and kept on shooting despite a rain of bullets and bombs from German fighters. His unit is credited with shooting down at least one of those aircraft.

Showing this week at the Strand Theater: Charles Starrett "Cowboys in the Clouds." Also, the 10th chapter of "Captain America."

(July 18, 1944) The Allied invasion of Europe is almost six weeks old now, and news continues to reach home about the fate of Putnam men who are pushing back the Germans along with thousands of other American, British and Free French troops.

Pvt. Claudia Flatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Flatt of Cookeville, has been seriously injured in action "somewhere in France."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDaniel were told by the War Department that their son, Pfc, Millard H. "Bud" McDaniel, is also listed among the missing in France.

Lt. Frank Richmond has been wounded in combat in Italy. He's been in the fighting for a year, serving in North Africa, Sicily and now on the Italian peninsula.

The War Department notified Adelle Thompson Young this week that her husband Pfc. Walter Young, Jr., has been killed in the fighting in Italy. IN the military for several years, he was with General Matt Clark's 5th Army when it took Rome and held the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He is survived by his wife and a baby daughter, Sharon Ann, who he never saw.

(July 20, 1944) With the war on, the nation is running low on paper. Vast amounts of it is being sent overseas wrapped around food to protect it for our troops. Here on the homefront, officials are urging civilians to use what paper they have wisely.

Among other conservation measures, authorities are urging housewives to save their paper sacks from the grocery and to take them back with them next time to the store for reuse.

Civilians are also being advised to bring waste paper to collection centers where it will be recycled.

Sam K. Neal, 36, a former Herald reporter in the '30s and now editor of the Carthage Courier, is shipping off to the war this week.

The Smith County native wrote readers of the Courier, "After seeing many another boy from Smith County go to Army, Navy or Marines, I am going myself this week."

He's been accepted by the US Navy. Filling in for him in his absence will be Claire Elliot, who's a civilian again after having served a stint with the US Army Air Force.

Leaders of the Tennessee National War fund say it has been difficult, but materials from home are finally reaching Tennessee soldiers being held captive in Japanese POW camps.

And they say that now that channels have been opened, more packages are desperately needed to boost the morale of Tennessee's captured GIs.

At the same time, word is reaching home of the whereabouts of area fighting men who in recent weeks have been listed by the military as Missing in Action.

Col. W.M. Hendrix of Cookeville, the pilot of a B-24 bomber missing since May, after an air raid over Austria, is now believed to be in a German POW camp.

Jim Wall of Sparta learned his son, Mason, is also a German POW in an odd way. He was contacted by a New Jersey woman who heard a broadcast from Wall's POW camp on her short-wave radio.

She passed on this message broadcast by the younger Wall, "Dear Dad, I am a prisoner of war in Germany. Just a line to let you know I am alive and in good health."

There was other war news this week as well:

Sgt. Bruce Bean of the Army Air Corps, who has been stationed in Northern Ireland, is now listed as Missing in Action after a mission over Germany.

And Sgt. Ralph Bullington of Putnam County, an active member of the Cookeville Church of Christ and a 1935 graduate of Central High, has been killed in the fighting in France, says the military.

(August 3, 1944) The pace of the war is picking up as America and its allies have the Germans and Japanese retreating on two fronts. And sad news of Putnam servicemen overseas is coming home faster too.

-- Mr. and Mrs. Rich Lee were told by the War Department that their son, Cpl. Ralph Lee, has been wounded in the fierce US Marine Corps invasion of Saipan.

-- Pfc. Cordell Huddleston of Cookeville was also in the invasion of that Pacific stronghold -- he came through the battle without a scratch, he said in a letter home.

-- Mrs. Davis Mayberry of Rt. 3, Cookeville, has learned that her son, Robert J. Mayberry, has been wounded in action in the fighting in France. He's been on foreign soil only two months.

-- Mrs. Elizabeth Brown has been informed by the War Department that her son, John Dow Brown, has died in an overseas hospital. He was with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces in the Philippines when they were overrun by the Japanese in the early days of the war. Now, he's died in the POW hospital.

-- Pfc. Hollis Jernigan, 21, of Monterey, has been killed in action in the battle of France, the War Department reports.

-- Sgt. Alvin C. Wheeler, who volunteered for the military four years ago and who was last home last summer when his unit took part in the Tennessee Maneuvers, has been killed in France.

-- Pvt. Carson Vaughn of Brotherton is a prisoner of war in Germany.

*The drought had already damaged some farm crops and victory gardens beyond repair when the rains finally came this week.

Heavy downpours were reported across the county and the state, the first substantial rain the area has had since May 6.

Wind came with the storms and flattened corn here and there across Putnam County.

But farm officials say the new moisture in the soil may help when it comes time soon to plant the season's second crops.

Lightning that came with the storms knocked Mrs. Hop Reagan and her daughter to their living room floor on Hickory Avenue in Cookeville.

A bolt hit the house, fried wiring throughout the structure, and knocked out all the fuses in the home. The mother and daughter were not injured.

*More news this week from the war:

-- Pvt. James Smith Maddux, a paratrooper missing since his unit dropped behind German lines to pave the way for troops on the beach at D-Day, has been found. He's a prisoner of war of the Germans.

-- Pvt. Eugene W. Roberts of Boma has been killed in action in France. He married the former Dorothy Brown last year when he took part in the Tennessee Maneuvers.

-- Cpl. Hugh Lee Smith of the Hilham Road has also been killed in the fighting in France. Hospitalized after taking part in the Sicilian campaign, Smith recuperated just in time to take part in the invasion of France. He was last home last fall.

-- The War Department reported this week that Alton Allison of Cookeville has been taken prisoner by the Germans on the Italian front.

-- And Marine Pvt. General J. McCaleb has been killed in the fighting in the Pacific, the War Department says.

(August 24, 1944) Central High is looking forward to a good football and basketball season this year with its new coach. He's Eddie Watson of Celina, who coached those teams at his Clay County school on to impressive records and is expected to do so here.

Coach Watson is a Tennessee Polytech graduate who has not only coached but has also been principal of the Clay County High School for a number of years.

*More news from the war:

-- James Grimsley of Putnam County has been assigned by the US Navy to work aboard a sub chaser in the South Pacific.

-- Pfc. Buford Clark's parents say he has landed safely in England. Upon arrival, he learned that his brother, Pvt. John Clark, a paratrooper in the Normandy invasion, died there in battle.

Another local man had misfortune in the invasion too. James Way of Monterey, a paratrooper, was taken prisoner by the Germans.

Pvt. Gene Bussell of Camp Maxey, TX, has spent a 16-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Bussell of Cookeville. Pvt. Bussell has been in the service since July, 1943. He was stationed at Camp Hann, CA, until his recent transfer to his present station. Before entering the service, Pvt. and Mrs. Bussell made their home in Detroit, MI, where he was employed in defense work. He has his own hillbilly bands over radio stations WHUB and KRLD, Dallas, TX.

And Cookeville's Ben Draper is in a hospital in Burma this week recovering from malaria. He caught it while fighting in the jungles with the famous raider unit, Merrill's Marauders.

(August 31, 1944) Services were held this week for Dr. S.D. Denton of Buffalo Valley, the doctor for that community, the rest of the county's "lower end," and for parts of Smith and DeKalb County for more than four generations.

Denton was born in White County in 1859 and graduated from medical school at the University of Nashville, after which he came to Buffalo Valley, where he was a country doctor for the rest of his life.

Putnam Election Commission Chairman Walter Keith Crawford his week reminded readers that applications for Putnam men who are in the war overseas, but want to vote in the upcoming election must be turned in by next week.

In most cases, relatives still at home will take care of the paperwork for their soldier or sailor relatives.

*The Presbyterian church (USA) here has lost its pastor. The Rev. James R. Beard, who has served here for the past three years, has left to become chaplain for an engineering unit serving in the war in Europe.

*And in news from the war this week:

-- Pfc. Walter Dietz is back in England for a breather. A member of an airborne unit, he's seen action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and most recently, in the invasion of France at D-Day.

-- The newspaper got a nice letter this week from Adolph P. Colesante, a West Virginian who said there are several Putnam men in his unit in New Guinea.

"They have proven to be outstanding soldiers. I know of no better way to pay tribute to these men than through their home county paper," writes Colesante. He says he hopes to visit Cookeville one day. His letter is signed, "A Constant Reader."

-- Sgt. Everett B. Dyer Jr. of Cookeville is also serving in the jungles of New Guinea, which is the subject of a letter home this week.

Dyer has been there two weeks and writes, "I've spent 14 days in the jungle with five other men, a hammock, a machete, a can opener and a very vivid imagination. The night noises are out of this world.

"Here we have much mud. Gobs and gobs of nothing but mud. I understand now why the Army has a minimum height regulations. A person under five feet in a place like this would never be able to see over the top of the mud."

"And the bugs are big, too. We cornered a young mosquito in a foxhole one night and thrashed about four pounds of feathers off him before he escaped."

There's rain, too, says Dyer. "The weather is sort of crowded. One shower doesn't have time to make its exit before another one enters."

(September 7, 1944) The newspaper reminds readers that it's against the law to publish or print the names of soldiers if you list their unit and their specific location. That could give enemy spies clues to the movement of our armed forces against the Axis powers, clues that could leave a loved one dead.

Apparently, the newspaper, which prints an "In Our Armed Forces" column on page one each week, has been having problems with readers telling the newspaper too much about their sons' and husbands' whereabouts.

The newspaper also reminds readers that military authorities are discouraging people from trying to establish "pen pal" relationships with troops overseas. Some 'pen pals' of US troops have turned out to be spies...

*Meanwhile, from the "In Our Armed Forces" column, readers learned that:

-- Lt. Bennett Jared Travis of the US Army Air Corps has been decorated for meritorious service over enemy territory.

Flying in the Pacific this year, his plane has dropped supplies and transported troops over areas continuously patrolled by enemy fighter planes. He's often landed on fields scant miles away from enemy bases. Travis volunteered for such service while he was a student at Tennessee Polytech.

-- Pvt. William Arvel Holloway has been seriously wounded in the fighting in France on July 28. He's now being treated in a hospital in England.

-- Pfc. Willis H. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Young of North Jefferson Avenue, wears a Purple Heart medal now after also being wounded in France. He's been gone for some time serving in a medical unit that was stationed in Ireland and England in the months prior to the Normandy Invasion.

-- Lawrence Grimes is home on leave after a harrowing time in the invasion. A Navy gunner assigned to a merchant ship that ferried troops and supplies across the English Channel during the invasion, he came under fire when high-altitude Nazi bombers spotted his ship.

It was on the second crossing and bombs fell as close as 150 yards off the ship's side. Shrapnel sprayed the deck and some were wounded. But Grimes and his men stuck to their guns and shot down at least one of the enemy bombers.

-- The new British wife of Cookeville's Harvey Kuykendall is believed to be enroute to America where she will live with her husband's mother here while he's away in the fighting.

She's the former Barbara Alice Heath. They met while she served in the women's branch of the British Army. They were married last year and she's bringing their five-month-old son with them aboard the ship.

-- Sgt. Waymon E. Bohannon has also been wounded serving with a medical unit in France.

-- And Pvt. Charles Lemon Stringer has been injured with the Marines in the battle for Saipan.

-- Pvt. Charles Mitchell wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, this week to say that his unit has been pulled back from the fighting in France for a short breather. The day his unit touched shore, it was rushed to the front of the invasion.

Yet he assures his parents, "Things are not nearly as bad as you would think here on the front. We've hardly lost any men ... "

(September 14, 1944) The world war is still being furiously fought, but victory in Europe is expected shortly.

The Cookeville City Commission this week endorsed a call by the State Adjutant General for all Tennesseans to go to the nearest church the minute they hear that Germany has surrendered and offer up prayers of thanksgiving.

*In a related matter, all of Cookeville beer distributors have announced they they've agreed that no beer will be sold in town on Victory in Europe Day.

*And in news from Putnam men in the military:

-- Sgt. Robert Judd has been awarded the Silver Star for heroism in a special ceremony by the 6th Armored Division's commander, Maj. Gen. Robert Grow. The event was written up in the military newspaper, Stars and Stripes.

Judd's unit was stopped short in its advance in Europe by a wall of 10 German machine gun emplacements. Judd, crossing an open field alone amid machine-gun fire and mortar shells, silenced two of the "nests" with grenades.

His dash drew fire from the other eight emplacements as well, distracting the enemy gunners long enough for others in his platoon to advance and knock out the enemy positions.

-- Pfc. Ardie Rockwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roll Rockwell of Brotherton, has been killed in the fighting in the Pacific. Another son, Pvt. Oley Rockwell, has been moved from a military hospital in Italy, where he was wounded in May, to an Army hospital in Virginia.

The Rockwells have another son serving in the Army who is now stationed in England.

-- Mrs. Adelle Thompson Young has received the Presidential Citation for her husband, Walter E. Young, for heroism that cost him his life in Italy.

-- James D. Crowley has been promoted to the rank of captain in the US Army. He's serving at the Army Transport Command Center in Wilmington, Delaware.

-- C.P. Snelgrove has reported to duty in New York City after spending the last two weeks here at home with his wife and young son, Jimmy. He was on the faculty at Tennessee Tech when war broke out.

-- Pvt. Ezell Carr has been wounded in the fighting in Europe and is now hospitalized in England. His brother, Olen, is presently serving in New Guinea.

--Pfc. Cordell Huddleston has also been wounded, according to the War Department. He's with the US Marines in the Pacific.

(September 24, 1944) The county's baseball season comes to an end this Sunday afternoon when Cookeville's city team plays Baxter's for the county championship in a doubleheader.

To get to the championship, Cookeville beat Algood 15-0 and Baxter beat Algood 13-6 last week.

*With war looming in Europe, Tennessee, the volunteer state, is already ahead of most states -- except Alabama -- for providing volunteers for the nation's rapidly expanding armed forces.

There will probably be few eligible Tennesseans left when the draft goes into effect, the newspaper surmises.

Meanwhile, there are positions open in Cookeville's unit of the Tennessee National Guard too, thanks to new money provided for new slots. A recruiting station has been set up in the unit's cavalry barn east of Cookeville on Monterey highway.

The Guard unit is currently undergoing major changes. It is about to switch from a horse cavalry unit to a modern artillery unit, trading horses for jeeps and heavy trucks.

(September 24, 1944) When Tennessee Tech opened its doors this week for registration, 175 freshmen showed up, boosting the college's enrollment to 300. Dorms are full and officials are looking for rooms in off-campus homes to house the students.

Many of those new freshmen are ex-GIs who have met their military obligations in service in the war overseas and who are attending college on the GI Bill.

+ Meanwhile, in news from the war:

-- Walter Lee Thompson of the 2nd Armored Division is home after 21 months away on foreign soil. He served in England, North Africa and Sicily before an auto accident injured him and resulted in a medical discharge. He's home now with his parents.

-- Pvt. Cecil Allen is now in a military hospital in England after being wounded in the fighting in France.

-- Lt. Frank Harris was buried this week in Algood Cemetery. He was killed in an air crash while serving in the Army Air Corps.

-- Mrs. Clure Coffelt got word from her husband this week that he's safely arrived in New Guinea. He says conditions there are not as bad as everyone is saying.

-- David Neal has won the Combat Infantry Badge for action he saw against the Japanese on the Pacific Island of Bougainville, where the Army and Marines are hacking out the jungle to set up a key airfield.

--Walter Warren Shanks of Buffalo Valley is presently serving in Jacksonville, Fla., after volunteering for service with the Navy Air Corps.

(Sept. 28, 1944) Dr. T.K. Sisk, principal of the Cookeville City School from 1907 until 1929, died in a Meridian, Miss. hospital this week at the age of 66.

A Kentucky native who graduated from Vanderbilt University, Sisk was also active here in the Methodist Church, serving as its Sunday School superintendent for a number of years.

After leaving Cookeville, he became the dean of the State Teachers College in Livingston, Ala.

In news from the war this week:

-- Rupert B. Maxwell of Brotherton said he never expected the wild kind of flying he's been doing lately when he was in Army Air Corp flight school.

The pilot of a Thunderbolt fighter-bomber, his squadron has worked since D-Day serving as an aerial escort for columns of armor and ground troops punching their way into German positions.

He's doing what he says is the most dangerous kind of flying -- low-level strafing and bombing runs that expose him to intensive anti-aircraft fire.

He tells in a letter home this week of flying so low under the clouds that he couldn't bomb two monstrous German Tiger tanks. He set them afire with his guns in a strafing run instead. He's also been called in on strikes against enemy gun emplacements to clear the way for the advance.

-- Charles Mitchell, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell of Route 5, Cookeville, has been reported missing in action in the fighting in Belgium.

-- Also missing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. White of Alpin, Reuben White. His Merchant Marine ship disappeared off the nation's southern coast in a hurricane.

-- Sgt. Comar Carmack has won the Silver Star for gallantry in action after taking part in a daring patrol that silently crept and crawled six miles behind enemy lines and made it back with vital information on enemy emplacements and positioning.

Carmack's patrol penetrated German lines in France and at times were close enough in the night to touch enemy soldiers in the heavily infested area. The Germans had fallen back and all around them in their journey, enemy soldiers were digging in to make another stand.

-- Pfc. Clifton Wilmoth is recuperating from wounds he received in France. He's now in a military hospital in Italy.

-- Lt. Fowler Wright also got a Purple Heart after being wounded in the fighting in France. He's resting in a hospital in England this week.

-- And fighter pilot Lt. Fred Phillips Jr. is home on leave this week, returning from the war an aviation hero.

His crack 15th Air Force unit just completed its 53rd mission over the enemy in Italy. Prior to that, he shot down Germans over Austria, Germany and Yugoslavia.

He holds the Silver Star and a presidential citation, among other medals.

(October 5, 1944) The world war continues:

-- Pfc. J.P. Haney of Brotherton was killed in the fighting in France this month, his family learned this week. He went overseas in March, was wounded in both July and August, but recovered and quickly went back to the front both times.

-- Sgt. Arnold Hall Turney, a US Army Air Corps gunner, is a prisoner of the Germans after his bomber was shot down recently over Austria.

-- Pfc. Thurman Braddom of Monterey has been identified as belonging to the famous "Merrill's Marauders," a unit that recently boosted morale with an incredible feat in the jungles of Burma. The unit marched 700 miles behind Japanese lines to devastate a Japanese stronghold of Myitkyina before fading away into the bush again.

-- V.O. Maggart Jr. is back in the California sun after spending 10 months aboard a submarine in the hot Pacific war zone.

-- Pvt. Clarence O. Jones of Brotherton has won the Bronze Star for heroism in Italy. As his 85th "Custer Division" was advancing, Jones went ahead of his squad, advancing on a German "pillbox" emplacement and coming under intensive fire. Meanwhile, an automatic rifleman was able to get close enough to the pillbox to silence the Germans inside.

-- Estel Ramsey is in a Long Island hospital recovering from injuries after his battleship was shelled near Cherbourg, France. The ship took two hits. Luckily, one of them was a dud.

-- Lt. Athel Gill, 34, is missing after his C-47 military transport plane crashed on Mt. McKinley. Rescue parties have as of yet been unable to reach the crash sight, but low-flying aircraft report no signs of life at the scene. The Silver Point native was a coach at Smyrna High School just before the war.

-- Eugene Duke is on leave seeing his mother, Florilla Ditty of Baxter. He served on the ill-fated aircraft carrier, the Lexington, which went down in the Battle of the Coral Sea early in the war.

And Pvt. Haston Thompson is on furlough at his home in Baxter after being released from the hospital, where he was treated for wounds after being machine-gunned by the enemy in Italy.

(October 12, 1944) The Shipley Community was the first in the county to reach its quota in the latest War Fund drive, says county chairman Fowler Clark.

That community's drive was supervised by Shipley School principal Eva West and carried out by teachers and students of the school, who combed the community for pledges to support the war effort by giving to the fund.

*In news from the war this week:

-- Pfc. Joe Reeder has been killed in action in the fighting in France as his 60th Infantry Division and other allied units pressed back the Germans. He left the U.S. and arrived in England last April.

-- Pvt. Garland Wilmoth is back with his unit of the 79th Infantry Division after being out of the fighting with wounds since July 6. He's been in a military hospital in England.

-- Pfc. Holmes Cordell Huddleston is at an Oakland, California, hospital after being wounded in the South Pacific serving with the U.S. Marines as they hop from island to island driving the Japanese back.

-- Zollie Meadows has been promoted to corporal. He's a fire-fighter at a B-17 Flying Fortress base in England. His job is to put out burning bombers or keep badly damaged ones from catching fire as they touch down after bombing runs over enemy territory.

-- Pfc. Robert Floyd Maddux has been wounded in the fighting in France serving with the 2nd Infantry.

-- And Luther Mathis is home on leave. He's with the U.S. Navy. His ship has been part of nine major sea battles.

(October 19, 1944) Services were held here this week for Joe H. Jared, 83, who passed away at his home in Buffalo Valley.

An influential farmer and businessman, Jared was one of several leaders here responsible for the creating of Dixie College, the forerunner of Tennessee Polytech.

*Popular radio personality Col. Jack Major, "The Kentucky Colonel," will speak at TPI this week to tell area residents of the exploits of America's fighting men in the Pacific.

Col. Major has a daily radio show on CBS radio.

*And in war news this week:

-- Pvt. Dave Jackson of the Sand Springs community is missing in action in the fighting in France. He has a wife and two children here.

-- Sgt. Ernest L. Bank has been killed in action on the Italian front, where arrived in March.

-- Lt. Raymond McCaskey, the pilot of a Liberator bomber in Europe, has failed to return from a mission and was listed this week as missing in action.

-- Bernice Stanton is back in the states after 25 missions in a B-17 Flying Fortress as a waist gunner.

-- Cpl. Raymond Terry is serving as an armorer with at B-24 bomber unit that is this week pounding the enemy from the skies over Germany, Austria, Italy and the Balkins.

-- And Lloyd Knight's task force group in New Guinea has received a special commendation from Gen. Douglas MacArthur for the skill and courage it displayed in meeting and beating the Japanese in the jungles. Knight is the son of Mrs. Thurman Knight of Cookeville. His wife and baby are currently living in Detroit.

*And in Algood this week, Crusoe Buck, a former slave, turned 100 this week. Businessmen in the community bought him a large birthday cake to help him celebrate. (Oct. 19, 1944)

(October 26, 1944) Women in Putnam County's unit of the American Red Cross have just sent off their latest shipment of field dressing packages overseas -- 100,800 of the kits.

The latest round of bandage-packing involved 273 volunteers working untold hours. Among those who accounted for 3,000 of the kits alone were Mrs. J.J. Scott, Mrs. John W. Whitson, Mrs. O.K. Holladay and Mrs. Frank Shirley.

Another group has been recognized for making 1,000 of the kits each: Mrs. Sam Pendergrass, Mrs. Fred Terry, Mrs. Benton Carlen and Mrs. Fred Moore.

*In news from the war, where those kits are being put to use:

-- Sgt. R.H. Huddleston wrote him this week that he and his brother, Cpl. John Huddleston, ran into each other "somewhere in France" on Oct. 8, and "spent a night together never to be forgotten."

The two brothers are both serving under Gen. George Patton in armored units. Both hit France just after D-Day and haven't slowed down since -- until this week's chance reunion, when they took a few hours off together.

They have two other brothers in the service, Pfc. William Huddleston, who's with the Marines in the Pacific, and Pvt. Kenneth Huddleston, who's also serving in the Pacific Theater.

-- Pvt. Virgle C. Morgan was a member of a mine-sweeping patrol pinned down twice in an afternoon by German machine gun and mortar fire on the Italian front.

He and nine other members of his anti-tank company of the 88th Infantry were saved both times by infantry units which outflanked the enemy barriers. The patrol spent the whole day advancing three quarters of a mile.

(November 7, 1944) In a recent presidential campaign ad, Thomas Dewey described his opponent, FDR, as being "a tired old man." An ad for FDR this week questions whether being 62 years old is an issue.

It asks whether the US should also discard its ally, Russian leader Joseph Stalin, who's 65. Should we cut ties with England because its Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, is 65? Or should the military sack Admiral "Bull" Halsey, 62, or General Douglas MacArthur, 64, or General George C. Marshall, 64?

Dewey's campaign theme is "Bring the Boys Back Home."

+ In news from the 'boys' overseas:

-- Fanny Barbour Whitlow has received word on her husband, Sgt. Alton F. Whitlow, a college graduate student when the war broke out. He has been killed in the fighting in France.

-- So has Talmadge Sutton, who perished in a major naval engagement in the Pacific. The Monterey native, before the war, worked for the Tennessee Central Railroad and, at one point, was ticket clerk at the Monterey depot.

-- Robert Mayberry, who was wounded in action in France a few months back, has recovered and is back in the fighting, which by now has moved onto German soil.

-- Sgt. Alvin Ford Moore of Cookeville has been decorated for bravery in action in France. The ceremony was broadcast on network radio across America.

*Marine 1st Lt. James Williams of Baxter has survived the battle of Peleliu in the Pacific and says it made his stint on Guadalcanal look like "a vacation."

His company was the first to reach a key enemy airfield on the Pacific island, the latest in a series of bloody stepping stones the Marines stormed on their drive to Japan.

Across the airfield atop a coral ridge, the Japanese were dug into positions so tough that they withstood a brutal pounding by 600-pound bombs.

Williams, who took over the company after its commander was wounded, says 50 percent of the unit was killed or wounded in an 1,100-yard drive crossing the open field. They then proceeded to take the ridge from the Japanese, who were in a network of caves honeycombing the mountain.

Williams survived the melee unwounded. But he says he's written his girlfriend for another snapshot. The photo of her he kept in his field pack was shredded by shrapnel. (Nov. 7, 1944).

(November 2, 1944) With the war apparently in its final months, the government is determined to avoid the runaway inflation and economic chaos that the nation went through after the First World War.

War Price and Rationing Boards in each county across the state have been directed to meet this week to discuss stepped up price monitoring and to map strategy for the coming months.

Meanwhile, with many young men anxious to get into the fighting before it's over, the US Marines announced this week that they are now accepting 17-year-olds for military service.

However, the Marines stress that if you sign up now, you're in the service for the full four-year tour, no matter how quickly the war is over.

+ In news from the final months of the war:

-- It's been officially confirmed now. 1st Lt. Raymond McCaskey, who was listed as missing in action last week when his Liberator bomber failed to come back from a mission, is dead.

-- So is Putnam's Pvt. John H. Grant, who made it from the beaches of Normandy onto German soil before falling.

-- Pfc. Hugh Hudson is dead as well, killed fighting with his infantry unit on the mountainous Italian front.

-- Bruce Allen of Rt. 3, Cookeville, stood on the top of one of those Italian peaks this week after his unit in the US 5th Army fought a brutal eight-hour engagement to pierce the German's 'Gothic Line.'

-- 1st Lt. James Austin of Baxter won a Bronze Star while fighting with a tank destroyer unit in Europe. He wrote home this week that his unit has been hitting the enemy so hard so often for so long that he's been too busy to change clothes for the last two months.

(November 16, 1944) The Putnam County Post-War Planning Committee is getting ready to send out questionnaires this week to get a better handle on the job picture for GIs, sailors, airmen and Marines who come back home when the war is over -- which most believe will be soon.

Businesses, manufacturers and farmers are being asked how many jobs they can offer returning troops.

*The USDA reports that for yet another year, the American farmer has increased crop production without substantially increasing the number of acres under cultivation.

The war has forced farmers to become more efficient. The crop increases came during wartime shortages when gasoline, fertilizer and repair parts were severely limited.

Some of the increased production, says the USDA, came when farmers shifted from cotton and wheat to more intensive crops to feed hungry troops and hungry Americans at home.

*In news from the war:

-- William Cooper Loftis, a Central High honor graduate called to service while studying mechanical engineering at Tennessee Polytech, is dead. The 20-year-old, who had been serving in a military police unit when more troops were needed at the front, was killed in the fighting in Belgium.

-- Pfc. Joe Elmer Leftwich is alive and well "somewhere in Holland" after being listed as missing in action for three days when the chaos of war swept his unit across the line into Germany, where he was cut off from his companions.

Leftwich says he lived for three days on two slices of black bread, not knowing from one moment to the next if he would be discovered and killed by the Germans. Now back in friendly territory, he says he's seen all of Germany that he wants to for quite a while.

-- Pvt. Edwin Sanders is home on furlough with his mother, Mrs. E.H. Sanders of 301 Willow Avenue. Sanders was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese, and later saw the enemy much closer up when his unit was in constant contact with Japanese soldiers for one and a half months in the Dutch East Indies.

-- Pvt. James L. McDonald was asked by the Tampa Tribune what he'd do if he had 24 years to spend at home.

McDonald said he'd spend the whole time talking to his parents and his two sisters. "We'd have so much to talk about that we would never get everything said in such a short time."

He added that he wouldn't mind it if his mother would fix a big chicken or country ham dinner while he was there.

(November 23, 1944) Methodists in the area are being exhorted to give and give generously in a drive to raise \$25 million to help Europe rebuild and to help clothe and feed survivors of the war while that's being done.

The Methodist Church says it is also working to urge world leaders to work together better in the future to avoid further fighting.

*Everett Derryberry, chairman of the Veterans Service Committee here, has called a meeting of all service clubs, women's groups and county officials to begin making plans for the end of the war.

Derryberry says there'll be a wave of young men coming home from the fighting and when it hits, the county needs to be ready to help the veterans find jobs, get an education, and otherwise readjust to civilian life.

*Meanwhile, in news from the war:

-- Charles Mitchell was reported missing in action earlier this month. Now, the military says it has confirmed that he is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. He was among the Allied troops who recently retook Paris.

-- Pfc. Harlan Allen has been wounded in the fighting in Germany. He's been in the thick of it since D-Day, fighting across France and now into the enemy's homeland.

-- Pfc. Burl Brown has been wounded for a second time, and this one was serious, says the military. He was hurt earlier this year in France.

-- Navy Lt. James Murphy is home on leave, back in Cookeville for the first time in more than a year. He's been in the Pacific and was part of the massive fleet that took the Marines to bloody Saipan and Peleliu.

-- Pvt. Jeff Ray Dyer, overseas for the last two years, has been in Africa and Europe and now writes that he's been pulled back to England for a breather.

-- Cpl. Ernest Terry is in England too. He wrote his parents this week that military censors won't let him say where he's at, but he said he received a 24-hour pass and he spent it seeing the sights in an "interesting" unnamed big English city.

(November 28, 1944) Services were held this week for John B. Goodpasture, 80, a lifelong resident of Cookeville. He's been ill these past two years.

Goodpasture's father, Dr. J.M. Goodpasture, moved here from Hilham when Cookeville was established in 1854. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church here.

+ With the war apparently in its last stages, post-war inflation is now on the minds of many, including local grocers, who have formed a committee to comply with new federal regulations.

The new rules set price ceilings on various goods, like meat and produce. They require grocers to post a list of the ceilings in easy view of customers.

A local anti-inflation drive committee of grocers will be paying visits this week to explain the new rules to all grocery men here.

+ The Athletic Council at Tennessee Polytech decided this week that with the war about over, it's time to begin planning for football again next fall.

TPI hasn't had an official football team in two years. Most young men are gone. But TPI and a few other state colleges have managed to put together teams for a few games during the war.

However, now the council gave the green light this week for the college to begin recruiting again at area high schools.

And Raymond "Bull" Brown, who's been away at UT getting further schooling, is expected to return to help P.V. Putty Overall put together a team for the fall.

+ In news from the war:

-- Sgt. Fred C. Wilmoth, formerly of Cookeville, has been wounded -- again -- in the fighting in France. His father, Andy Wilmoth, now lives in Barberton, Ohio.

-- Sgt. Jasper Bailey Jr. is back in town this week wearing a chest full of air medals. He's just completed his 50th mission in a Flying Fortress bomber over enemy territory in Italy, Germany, Austria, France, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. He's here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Bailey.

-- Kenneth Pinkerton has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroism in action "somewhere in France," but details were unavailable this week.

-- Sgt. Robert Judd has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. He's a squad leader in a unit that saw action in the South Pacific on Guadalcanal and on Bougainville at the bloody battle to take Hill 260.

-- Haskell Grogan Jr. was wounded in the battle for France this week.

-- Pfc. Arbie Lee Bussell, who left the US three months ago, is recuperating in an English hospital from wounds he received in combat in Germany. His wife and three-month old son, who was born while Bussell was in port getting ready to sail, live on Whitson Street.

(November 30, 1944) Tennessee Tech football coach "Putty" Overall says that TTU is planning a regular football season for next fall for the first time in two years. Due to the war, most colleges suspended regular games and TTU has fielded only a few "informal" games each season during the war. But now that the end of the conflict is in sight, TTU is again able to recruit in area high schools.

Overall said that he hopes to have a squad of 30 players by next fall. The new season will have at least six or seven games that will count for the record, he said.

(December 7, 1944) A drive is underway to push telephone service into rural areas across the nation once the war is over, which could be any day now.

Telephone companies from sprawling AT&T on down to small ones like Cookeville's Southern Continental Telephone Co. are talking about a new era just over the horizon.

The process has slowly been under way for years. Since 1935, the nation's phone companies gained 500,000 new customers in rural areas.

In 1940, telephone laboratories were experimenting with the use of high-frequency current for better service outside of cities but the war halted those tests.

Now, new experiments are being done on the use of microwave radio systems and other innovations for carrying the human voice more crisply to distant points.

*Meanwhile, the war goes on:

-- Services were held this week for Lt. Raymond McCaskey, who was killed in a crash recently in the Liberator bomber he flew while on route from Allied territory to a base in England.

-- Pvt. Garland T. Wilmoth is also dead. The Smith Chapel native was killed in combat in France.

-- According to a telegram received here by Issac Smith from the War Department, his son, Pvt. Charles (Bill) Smith is now a prisoner of the Germany Army in Europe.

-- Cookeville's Houston Cherry is serving with an elite welding unit that shuttles back and forth across the vast Pacific Theater of the war repairing downed warplanes and salvaging parts.

-- Burl Tinch, on patrol in the jungles of a Pacific Island recently, was treated to a curious sort of Christmas caroling. The natives in a village saw them coming and greeted them with a 22-piece "bamboo band," Tinch writes. The natives marched back and forth with a Dutch flag flying, playing several tunes for the soldiers. Tinch said he thinks he recognized "Silent Night."

-- Cookeville's Gaskell Warren says the troops in Europe are preparing mentally for the end of the war, and are wondering what will happen next.

A member of a military police unit that landed at Utah Beach in Normandy and moved hundreds of miles across France with the fighting, Warren says everyone is anxious to go home, but at the same time, "We all want to stay until it is over.

At Germany's defeat, we wonder if we'll go home, remain in the army of occupation, or go on to the Pacific," he writes.

Nevertheless, "Our morale is still high. The road is still long and rough, but some day we will be back and we all will feel proud that we have done our part to bring the world to peace again.

"May victory bells ring soon." (Dec. 7, 1944)

(December 13, 1944) The American Legion has unveiled plans for a building to memorialize Putnam's war dead and to house veterans' service offices as well. A fund drive for the building will get under way shortly. The building will likely be placed on Spring Street.

(December 14, 1944) Tennessee Polytech's Dean A.W. Smith, chairman of the county's 6th War Loan Drive, says Putnam County has only raised 50 percent of its \$428,000 quota and sales continued to slide this week.

He cites a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower urging all Americans to get involved in the drive to achieve "final victory" in the war with Germany and Japan.

Gen. Eisenhower says "your sons, brothers, husbands and friends are counting on you."

+ Meanwhile, the American Legion this week unveiled plans for a veterans memorial and meeting hall for Cookeville. The fund drive will begin soon.

The veterans said that after the First World War, there was a sore need for a place for veterans to get together with others who'd been through what they'd been through to discuss their problems and concerns.

The new building will serve as a memorial for Putnam's latest war dead and will house veterans' service offices as well.

+ In news this week from the war:

-- Pfc. Jesse J. Bowman is listed as missing in action in the fighting in France.

-- Pfc. Beecher B. Milligan is also missing in France, says the military.

-- Pvt. Arnold B. West is in a Memphis military hospital this week after being transported there from a hospital in England. He was seriously wounded earlier this year in the battle for Europe.

-- Lt. Col. Charles Parrott, formerly of Monterey, has been killed in action commanding a squadron of bombers known as "Parrott's Polecats." His plane was downed over Belgium by enemy fire. The holder of several air medals, he'd recently written home that he'd flown so many missions that he'd "lost count."

-- Sgt. Charles Stout has been wounded in action in the fighting in Germany.

-- The paths of Brice Anderson and his brother, Larry, crossed this month for the first time in two years. They'd last been together at a base in New Jersey waiting to be shipped out.

Larry was with the Gen. Matt Clark's 5th Army in Sicily and the brutal fight up the Italian peninsula. Brice landed at Normandy and was in the fight across Europe into Germany. Larry's unit was transferred to France this month and when Brice heard about it, the two arranged to meet "somewhere in France."

-- Zollie Meadows is a non-combatant in England but he risks his life every day. He's an engineer at a B-17 base and is on alert 24-hours-a-day when the bombers come back shot up, in pieces, and sometimes in flames. Meadows helps put the fires out and pull crewmen from their planes.

-- Ralph Mahler, a radio operator aboard a C-40 transport plane, is credited with saving the life of his crew recently. His pilot got hopelessly lost over North Africa and Mahler pinpointed their location by radioing

various bases and calculating their bearings.

-- The former Miss Mildred Stone of Baxter, now the wife of Sgt. George Yancy, got a curious gift from her husband recently, a giant Nazi flag. It was flying over a town in France when Yancy's unit took the town and the sergeant tore it down.

(December 21, 1944) The US War Department this week announced a new procedure for notifying relatives of war casualties.

In order to get more details to loved ones more quickly, they'll not only get a telegram from the government, but a letter from the soldier's commanding officer or unit chaplain will be air-mailed from the field.

*In news from the war this week:

-- Pfc. Charles Russell Maxwell has been killed in the fighting in France serving with an anti-tank unit.

-- Pfc. Holmes Cordell Huddleston is home on furlough with his parents this week, Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell Huddleston of Rt. 5, Cookeville. He was wearing a Purple Heart for wounds he received in the Marine landing and fight for the Pacific Island of Tinian.

-- Sgt. Raymond D. Johnson has been killed in action in Germany. He had been wounded earlier in the war and had won medals for gallantry in action.

-- Lt. Margaret Denton of Algood has a certificate of merit this week for her service with an evacuation hospital now set up in Holland.

The traveling hospital hit the beaches at Normandy not far behind the front, braving German shells and bombs. It followed Allied forces across France and into Holland, patching up soldiers after such historic battles as St. Lo, Falaise Gap, Albert Canal and Aachen.

-- Pfc. Charlie L. Stringer, of Monterey, has been decorated for courage in action in the marine invasion of Saipan. His unit met the heaviest resistance in the invasion and overcame it with severe losses. Just two week's later, Stringer's unit hit the beach again, this time in the amphibious assault on Tinian.

(December 28, 1944) Capshaw School's annual "White Christmas" school program had a different twist this year. Several patriotic songs were woven into the program's 'fairy-land theme.'

+ Meanwhile, the City School had a pageant called "The Dawn of Peace" and featured students in costumes representing various nations.

Bertha Nell Dockery and Bobby Sue Fox were the USA. Barbara Bailey was Great Britain, Ann Woodall was Russia and Dorothy DuBois represented Norway. Rosemary Pedigo was Belgium and Louise Bell was China.

There were other figures too. A WWI 'doughboy' soldier was portrayed by Andrew Blake. Jean Stamps was 'Peace,' and Joe Mahler was a bugle boy, Nan Choate was the Statue of Liberty.

+ Meanwhile, peace still hasn't dawned in Europe or the Pacific where Putnam's soldiers, sailors and airmen are spending another wartime Christmas.

-- Cpt. Perry Rowe Harris, the radio operator on a B-25 bomber, has been killed in the Battle of Leyte in the Philippines, the military reports.

-- And Lt. Fred Phillips Jr., the pilot of a P-38 Lightning fighter plane, has perished in a crash in Italy. He was home on furlough here in August and his unit reports that although he could have taken a non-combat

assignment upon his return, he opted for combat again because "the job wasn't finished."

-- In Germany this week, Pfc. Oscar Verble of Monterey has died of wounds he received in the fighting. He was a 1940 graduate of Monterey High School.

-- Cpt. William Clay Farris wrote this week from the Philippines that he's getting plenty of good food but not nearly enough sleep. Enemy aircraft keep coming over his position strafing and bombing American troops.

He adds, however, that while "their planes keep coming over, very few go back." He's serving in an anti-aircraft that's responsible for that.

-- Lt. Franklin Norton, 23, of Double Springs, has been assigned to an air base in Miami after returning from 31 rough missions over targets in Europe piloting a B-24 Liberator bomber.

-- And Pfc. Earl E. Steel gave his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Steel of Monterey, good news this week from 'somewhere in the Pacific.'

In the early days of the war, he served in the Philippines with Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright's forces, which were surrounded by the Japanese on Corregidor. After an incredible stand, Corregidor fell to overwhelming numbers and Steel and the survivors were marched to POW camps.

During his three years of captivity, his parents heard the stories of brutal treatment of US soldiers in those camps, but only heard from Steel himself twice indirectly through the Red Cross.

He telephoned them this week. This Christmas, he's with U.S. forces again, enjoying freedom for the holidays. He's escaped.

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(January 4, 1945) The Red Cross is desperately seeking to fill numerous positions in its organization overseas as American forces are locked in fierce fighting in the Pacific and in Europe. "The lack of overseas personnel has reached a critical point," say Red Cross officials. Needed are field directors, club directors with experience running large hotels, accountants, hospital aides and secretaries.

(January 11, 1945) The Cookeville Board of Commissioners this week passed on third and final reading an ordinance outlawing the retail or wholesale sale of beer within 2,000 feet of a school, church or other public meeting place.

The ordinance was proposed by the new mayor, D.S. Mahler. Also on the commission are W.B. Carlen and Henry N. Foster.

(January 18, 1945) Cookeville's Jared Maddux was sworn in this week as State Comptroller. The Cookeville native began his career as a teacher and most recently has been a practicing attorney in Elizabethton.

(January 25, 1945) Dr. J. L. Meadows, the dean of students at Tennessee Tech, talked to the Cookeville Business and Professional Women this week about job opportunities for women now that the war is coming to a close. In the post-war world, he predicts plenty of jobs for women as teachers and stenographers. As the war effort winds down, there will probably be increasingly fewer jobs in industry for women, he adds.

(February 1, 1945) What's airing on WHUB radio this week? "The Kate Smith Show," "America in the Air," "CBS World News," and "Ozzy and Harriet." Don't touch that dial.

(February 9, 1945) "Sunny Brook Lily Maid," a dairy cow, owned by Roger Manning, produced more butterfat in October than any other cow in Tennessee, according to state farming officials. Manning operates Sunny Brook Dairy Farm here.

(February 10, 1945) The US Soil Conservation Service is urging farmer here and across the South to fight erosion by planting Japanese kudzu. Many take the advice.

(February 15, 1945) Entertainer Bob Hope tells readers in a public service ad that the Red Cross badly needs blood to help GIs hurt in the fighting overseas. Hope has been on the "fox hole circuit" with the USO entertaining troops for the past two years in places like North Africa, Sicily, Great Britain, Panama and Alaska. He says that in 1944, the Red Cross collected and distributed five million pints of blood to wounded American troops. More is needed now, he says.

(February 22, 1945) Gov. Jim McCord was the chief speaker at the joint banquet of the Cookeville Lions and Rotary Clubs this week on the campus of Tennessee Polytech. He spoke on "The Brotherhood of Man" to an audience of about 250 persons. A special ovation went to W. J. Julian, an ensign in the U. S. Navy who is home from the war on "survivor's leave.": His ship was disabled in the heavy fighting in the Pacific in the landing on Leyte. The ship returned to the U. S. for repairs. Julian, a musician, played the violin for the audience.

(March 1, 1945) What's on WHUB this week? The newspaper carries the radio listings for the week, and this week, families will be gathered around to hear shows like "OPA News," "Jungle Jim," "Sundown Serenade," "Front Page," "Soldiers of the Press" and "Front Page Drama."

(March 8, 1945) A recruiting ad for the U. S. Women's Army Corps notes that for every GI killed in the fighting in Europe or the Pacific Islands, four more are wounded. Some of the wounded are not getting adequate care due to a severe shortage of nurses. And 1,000 wounded GIs are returning to the U. S. every day. "Never in history was a woman's job so clearly defined, so urgent, so needed," says the ad.

(March 15, 1945) Area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts are all eager to earn the new Eisenhower Medal. Each can earn it by collecting 1,000 pounds of scrap paper for the war effort.

To help them and your country, officials recommend that you have a trash can just for wrappers and paper trash, that you bundle and tie all newspapers and magazines in 18-inch stacks, and by saving all cardboard boxes and brown paper bags in separate stacks.

(March 22, 1945) Hurbert Robertson got a letter this week from his son, Perry. Perry had turned 1 year old, and his letter to his dad told of the birthday cake his grandmother made. He was too young to blow out the candle by himself. "Mommy and I miss you very much," the letter concluded.

The elder Robertson was in Luxembourg, Belgium, this week on a five-day leave. He's a corporal in Gen. George Patton's Third Army, which in the final spring of the war was paused briefly this week in its roll across Europe in pursuit of fleeing Germans.

(March 29, 1945) Radio listeners this week can hear the Morton Downey variety show. Downey, a Connecticut born tenor, recently got back from two years overseas entertaining the GIs. His show includes singing, skits and mail from his fans. He's heard each week on 4,000 stations in the U. S.

*Staff sergeant Lyman A. Freeman, of Cookeville, has just returned from 26 months of foreign service. He's been stationed in Iran and served on a long supply line to Russia. He saw Bethlehem and Jerusalem while he was there. He's on a 30-day leave now.

*Meanwhile, M.C. Huffine, chairman of the Putnam County chapter of the United National Clothing Collection Campaign says that shoes, clothes and bedding are sorely needed by the more than 300,000 in Europe left without them after five years of German occupation.

(April 5, 1945) With the war ending, the Committee for Economic Development here is conducting a survey to find out how many jobs will be available here when the GIs begin returning home. Printed forms will be passed out all over town for merchants and other employers to fill out and send back into the local panel.

*An ad in this week's edition features two men talking. One says, "Seriously, Chuck, we may not get new cars for two or three years after V-Day." He tells his friend he's relieved to have Gulf products in his car because they'll keep the engine from undergoing undue wear and tear and give it "a darn good chance of holding out" until new cars are available to the public.

(April 12, 1945) War Fund Administrator Marvin Jones says there's been some confusion over the status of the nation's food supplies lately. Here's the real picture, he says: In 1943, U. S. farmers produced 32 percent more than this country or any other had ever turned out before. The next year they topped that by 5 percent more. The goal is higher still this year.

The U. S. has the best fed military in the world and Russia says it could not have beaten back the Germans had it not been for American food. And today, U. S. citizens are eating more food per capita than before the war. Got the picture?

(April 19, 1945) On WHUB radio this week, you can "attack and attack and attack again" as you listen to "first Line," the CBS radio show that tells true stories about the Navy, Coast Guard, Naval Air Corps, and the Merchant Marines.

"You'll feel enormous pride and wonder" hearing about the deeds of our fighting men in combat against the Japanese and Germans," promises the ad in this week's edition.

You can also hear stories about unsung heroes in "Service to the Front," true stories told by the War Department about the men who keep supplies and equipment moving to the men in the front lines.

It's "the story that involves a pint of blood, so necessary to save the life of a wounded man, the particular kind of bomb needed for a desperate mission, the heroism shown by a group of men determined to get their supplies through at any cost." Tune in this week on WHUB.

(April 26, 1945) The Domestic Egg Products company in Nashville advertises that it is looking for 25 young women (under the age of 28) for employment. The work week will be 5 ½ days. Each day is 8 ½ hours and the jobs boast "good salary and steady employment." The work? Breaking eggs.

(May 3, 1945) Putnam County and other counties in Tennessee were told this week by the state that state schools funds will be cut off unless they begin enforcing school attendance laws. Each school year in Tennessee, 100,000 children of school age fail to enroll. And of the 600,000 who are enrolled, an average of 114,000 are absent each day. Only one half of those enrolled finish the 8th grade and only a fifth graduate from high school. According to a recent National Education Association survey of 7,400 workers from all walks of life, your level of education makes a big difference in your paycheck, says the newspaper. Those who finished elementary school only averaged about \$1,400 a year in earnings while those who completed high school made \$2,100 on the average. And those who graduated from college earned about \$4,200 annually. It pays to stay in school, officials stress.

*At the Princess this week, "Rainbow Island", "Tiger Fangs", "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay", "Dark Mountain" and "The Very Thought of You."

(May 10, 1945) Chester Dyer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dyer, is back in Cookeville after more than a year overseas fighting in the war. He participated in the invasion of France and his company was one of the first into Germany. It then became caught in the massive German counter-offensive known as the Battle of the Bulge and joined those retreating into Belgium.

In the Huertigen Forest, Dyer's company was among those cut off by the Germans. In the fighting that followed, he won the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. His company was back 100 miles into Germany and across the Rhine when he got his orders to take a 45-day furlough that brought him home. Earlier, Dyer received his basic training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. His father trained there, too, in World War I.

(May 17, 1945) Lightning stuck the flagpole on top of the Federal Building on Broad here this week and blasted it to bits. Shattered pieces of the pole were found for 150 feet in all directions of the building. The building itself was unharmed.

*With summer coming on, Miss Clara Starnes, librarian for the Clara Cox Epperson Memorial Library on Dixie Avenue, announced new hours for the facility this week. It will be open from 1 until 5 p.m. each weekday until autumn.

(May 24, 1945) The 7th Army's amphibious 3rd Division has made more spectacular river crossings in recent days, but one this week resulted in enemy soil and enemy prisoners being taken. Cookeville's Robert E. Copeland was on patrol when he spotted four Germans on the other side of the Main River. The Germans wanted to surrender - but not badly enough to swim across. Copeland and a friend used a row boat to go and get them.

(May 24, 1945) While the war overseas is about through, it's no time to stop taking care of your wool garments, says Ideal Cleaners in a prominent ad in this week's newspaper. The shortage of wool, as well as of other items, isn't likely to let up soon, the ad suggests. So, why not take cautions when putting your wool garments away for the summer? You can get cedarized moth-proof bags at Ideal.

(May 29, 1945) WHUB this week advertised the popular Songs by the Morton Downey Show in a large ad in the newspaper. This week, the variety show looks at "just plain folks," people like singer Leah Ray, who is pictured knitting a pair of socks "for some lucky American soldier overseas." In real life the singer has actually knitted dozens of items for GIs, the ad notes. Also pictures are Downey himself, who has just returned from two years overseas entertaining America's fighting men, and David Ross, the announcer for the show. Ross has the distinction of being known as the "man with the most perfect diction" on network radio today.

(June 4, 1945) More than 30 members of the Cookeville Golf Club took part in last Sunday's "Guess Your Score" golf tournament. Jean Whitson, who's been away attending Belmont College, was back and played in the tournament. Her brother, Jere, played, too. And Clyde Vaughn, who just got back from overseas fighting in the war, competed in the golf match, too. So did Everett Derryberry, L. A. Allen, Dero Brown and Henry Foster. Next Sunday the club is planning a "Blind Bogey" match.

(June 13, 1945) The newspaper urges readers to get hustling selling war bonds in the nation's seventh bond drive. There's a new incentive. The Willys-Overland Co., the auto maker that produces the popular Jeep that is being driven by thousands of GIs in fighting overseas, has produced a number of kits for miniature Jeeps.

They're made of wood, cardboard and plastic and are a foot long when assembled. GIs recovering from war wounds in military hospitals are assembling the tiny Jeeps for the bond drive. The top-selling town in each district will receive one of the Jeeps.

The Treasury Department is suggesting that one can be awarded to the youth in the winning town who did the most to sell war bonds.

So far in the nation's seventh war bond sale, Putnam County has lagged. With only 16 days left in the drive, only about \$10,000 in bonds of the \$326,000 goal have been sold.

(June 21, 1945) Walter Dietz writes home what he did in the days before and after the surrender of Germany in the world war that just ceased.

“It was a long, hard job ended, no more dodging German 88s. You see, we had made the Elbe River crossing and in less than two days had driven the Boche back over 50 miles. I won’t even forget that dreadful day. For 50 miles, the road was jammed with civilians and surrendered German soldiers. Sometimes I would have to take to the ditch to get by them. It reminded me of the war the Germans treated the Dutch and the Belgians when they invaded Holland and Belgium.”

Dietz and his fellow GIs soon afterwards came across a concentration camp where bodies of the dead were “stacked up like cordwood.” The American authorities rounded up doctors, lawyers and others from the town next to the death camp and forced them to dig graves for the dead. Then, the entire town was turned out to witness the mass funeral. Dietz said, “I feel no mercy whatsoever for the German people.”

(June 24, 1945) American House, a Cookeville factory with 65 employees, has sent prefabricated homes to England to help the nation rebuild after the war.

(June 28, 1945) The Germans have surrendered but the war against Japan continues, and this week the newspaper ran a public service advertisement urging residents here to help “Beat the Japs” by collecting scrap paper, magazines and cardboard boxes. Give the Junior Chamber of Commerce people a call, or the State Guard and they’ll come by and collect it if you’ve stacked the paper in neat bundles and tied it. It’s needed for the war effort.

(July 5, 1945) Do you still have B-6 or C-6 gasoline rationing coupons? They aren’t valid anymore, according to wartime authorities, and you need to turn them in for books of valid coupons. In the same announcement, officials note that July 10 is the deadline for service station owners to turn the coupons they collected from customers over to gasoline distributors, and July 20 is the deadline for distributors to deposit coupons with federal authorities in their rationing accounts. Got it straight?

(July 19, 1945) Mayor D. S. Mahler has issued the city’s annual call for residents to cut weeds and clean up their property. All trash should be carried on down to the dump located on the southern edge of town just off the new Sparta Highway. The dump is situated just below the rock quarry.

(July 21, 1945) Lt. Col. Hubert Crawford of Putnam County was in charge of escorting Allie commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a triumphant return to his Kansas home after he led the allies to victory against the Germans.

Eisenhower gave Crawford a photo with the inscription, “With appreciation for efficient and devoted service.”

(July 26, 1945) Young men are thinking about what they want to do for a living now that the war is winding down quickly. Many will take up farming like their fathers. And those who wore the uniform for Uncle Sam will get preferential treatment when it comes to being able to buy farm machinery and replacement parts that are scarce due to the war effort. Each country’s Triple A Commission has been authorized by the government to issue “preference certificates” to returning GIs giving them the first shot at purchasing farm machinery whenever it rolls off assembly lines. The food they will produce is badly needed here and in war-ravaged Europe as well.

(August 2, 1945) Sgt. James Elrod of Baxter, a radio operator on a B-29 bomber, has participated in the US’s first low-level bombing raid on Japan’s capital, Tokyo.

The catfish were hot and the speeches were colorful at the annual Putnam Farm Bureau fish fry Saturday night. Some 600 people heard Gov. Jim McCord speak. Before the gathering, he was escorted on a tour of the C. K. Darwin farm here by a local delegation that included W. K. Crawford, H. J. Shanks, Everett Derryberry and County Judge W. C. Swallows.

(Aug. 9, 1945) With the war over and defense factories laying off thousands, many men are looking for work. An ad placed in this week’s edition by the Watkins Co. is looking for men who are ready to settle down and who can “speak the farmer’s language.”

The company is seeking salesman, men with a car who “ready want a good steady income.” It’s one of several ads in this week’s edition trying to get the attention of men returning home from the war overseas.

(August 16, 1945) Japan surrendered this week. The war’s end came with Charles E. Burch, of Algood, still serving aboard the USS Mobile.

Not long ago the light cruiser ducked a dozen kamakaze planes and dodged torpedoes and mines and suicide boats to move in close to the shore of Okinawa where the ship’s guns blasted more than 350 shore targets during the invasion of that island in the Japanese chain.

*Dr. Willis Baxter Boyd, well-known as an educator here, died this week at his new home in Humboldt. He moved there just a few months ago to serve as secretary to the Humboldt Chamber of Commerce. Born and reared near Pikeville, he was educated at Burritt College near Spencer and later attended the University of Chicago. He became an elementary school teacher and then the president of Mount Vale College in Celina. He resigned that post to become president of Dixie College (TTU’s predecessor) in 1911.

Later he served as the dean of Milligan College in East Tennessee. He is also remembered here for his publication of a pictorial history called “March of Progress in the Upper Cumerland.”

(August 23, 1945) Highway 70 from Cookeville to Nashville is open again following repairs to damage created by tanks and other heavy vehicles using it during the recent U. S. Army maneuvers across Middle Tennessee.

Meanwhile, this week, Ralph Wirt of Cookeville received word that his nephew, Capt. Charles Wirt, 25, was decorated for bravery in Bavaria during the Rhine crossing. Wirt already holds the Silver and Bronze Stars. This week, he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross as well.

(August 30, 1945) Services were held this week for Willie F. Judd, 62, who died in his home in Orlando, Fla., after suffering a heart attack. Born and raised in Putnam County, Mr. Judd serves as postmaster in Baxter during the presidential administrations of William Howard Taft and Warren G. Harding. He had lived in Orlando for the past several years and served as police chief of that town for some time. He was still a city employee at the time of his death. Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery near Baxter.

(September 6, 1945) The Rev. Tom Moore has resigned as pastor of the Church of God on South Jefferson Avenue here to become pastor of a church in Elizabethton. When he came here last October, the church had 13 members and no permanent meeting place. Now it has 30 members meeting each Sunday in a new 40 x 60 foot block building on South Jefferson. He also had a weekly radio show featuring 15 and 30 minute talks.

(September 13, 1945) A two-page advertisement seeks to wind up the local campaign here to raise funds for a memorial building for returning veterans from WWII — and for those who won’t be coming home.

The ad lists the names of some 2,000 residents here who have given \$10 to \$1,400 in the campaign. “Only \$20,000 to go,” the ad reminds readers.

The Greenwood Home and Auto Supply Store at 203 West Broad is having a “September sale” this week. It’s featuring prices like 39 cents for a nine-inch steel skillet, 22 cents for a first aid kit, \$1.29 for a locking gas tank cap, \$2.09 a gallon for Wall Tone house paint and \$5.49 for a men’s leisure jacket.

(September 20, 1945) The American Red Cross asked volunteers this week to drop by the surgical dressing room on the campus of Tennessee Tech and pick up any personal belongings they might have left there. There’ll be no more dressing packages made now that the war is over. The Red Cross is turning the room back over to the college for more academic use than it has seen lately.

*The new 1945 telephone directory is being distributed this week, according to the Southern Continental Telephone Co. Phone company officials added that they’d like everyone to use the phone book rather than simply telling the operator the name of the person they’d like to speak with. It’d made things easier for the operator, they said.

(September 27, 1945) An advertisement in this week's edition invites readers to take a fall moonlight excursion trip on the paddleboat Idlewild. It leaves Carthage this Saturday night at 8:30 and returns to dock there at 11:45. Entertainment will be provided by George Brown and his Band of Renown. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 35 cents for children.

*And at the Princess this week, "Code of the Prairie," with Smiley (Frog) Burnette and Sunset Carson.

(October 4, 1945) What's on WHUB this week? "Those Websters," featuring Mother and Dad Webster and Billy and Liz and Jeep. "Meet the great all-American family in a house that might be yours," says an ad. There's also "Request performances." It's the show in which the famous Masquers Club of Hollywood perform your favorite tunes. "Report to the Nation" is another favorite on this week. It "supplies answers to some of the most interesting questions of the day."

(October 11, 1945) Things are beginning to get back to normal now that the war overseas is over. For example, S. J. Weaver ran an ad in this week's edition proclaiming in large type that he's "out of the Army and again selling Royal typewriters." He not only sells them, but he fixes them, too. He'll be in Cookeville once a week like he was before the war. He can be reached at the Herald building, he says.

(October 18, 1945) Mrs. W. J. Holladay received what is believed to be the longest long-distance phone call ever made to Cookeville to date this week when her son called from Brisbane, Australia. Lt. Charles Holladay's call reached his mother at 9 p.m. here. It was 1:30 p.m. the next afternoon there. He's been on foreign duty for the past six months and is in the Philippines this week.

(October 25, 1945) The war is over but there are still debts to be paid, big ones. So, Uncle Sam has launched the "American Great Victory Bond Drive," which starts Oct. 29, according to a full-page ad paid for by several patriotic local merchants. The ad says, "It's your chance to pay back the men who fought and won the war for you." The latest drive comes after more than seven other war bond drives during the war.

(November 1, 1945) The PTA urges the county school board to put up a fence around the playground at the City School. The playground, situated between the city's two most heavily used streets, Spring and Broad, is dangerous when kids play ball and the ball bounces into the street. Which it often does.

The PTA said the situation is getting worse. Now that the war is over, there are suddenly many more cars on city streets.

(November 8, 1945) The honor roll for the second month of school at the Cookeville City School has been released. Here are a few of those who made the grade: Third graders Geraldine Owens, Charles Edward Bryant, Faye Gentry and Wanda Rose Livesay; fourth graders Buddy Chaffin, Ann Greenwood, Douglas Pippin and Sue Ragland; fifth graders Walter Derryberry, Harold Dale, Edward Lacy and Allison Ensor; and sixth graders Wilma Rockwell, Albert Johnson, Dickie Pitman and Jimmy Terry.

(November 15, 1945) The Capshaw office building on the southwest corner of the Square was destroyed by fire this week. Lost were the law offices of E.A. Langford, A.B. McKay and W. Keith Crawford. Also gone today is the office of Melvin C. Huffin, Putnam County's Veteran's Advisor. The roof of the adjacent building, the Bean's Shoe Shop, was also damaged. Total damage was set at \$8,000 to \$10,000.

*Armistice Day has long been celebrated here with a parade of veterans marching from downtown to the Square. The newspaper makes the point in this week's edition that, this year, veterans of two world wars marched. The war in Europe is over and many are home again in time for the annual remembrance.

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Pippin and Sue Ragland; fifth graders Walter Derryberry, Harold Dale, Edward Lacy and Allison Ensor; and sixth graders Wilma Rockwell, Albert Johnson, Dickie Pitman and Jimmy Terry.

(November 21, 1945) City officials think they're unsafe so they've gone and passed an ordinance outlawing fireworks in the city. You can't sell them. You can't own them. You can't shoot them off. If you do, under a new city ordinance passed this week by the city commission, you'll be fined \$25 for each offense.

(November 29, 1945) The State Division of Forestry this week presented a plan to County Judge W. L. Swallows for an "intensive" forest fire control system for Putnam County. Presently 122,726 of the country's 261, 120 acres of land are forested. When fire breaks out, it's usually up to the owner of the land and his neighbors to put it out. The country loses a lot of valuable timber that way, state officials say. So, they're proposing that the county help the state create three special mobile fire-fighting units. Each will consist of a small crew in a truck equipped with various tools to fight fires. The new system would also include the construction of two new fire towers in Putnam county, which presently is only served by one fire tower located on the Overton-Putnam County line.

The fire towers would communicate by telephone. That means new phone lines must be strung too, and the mobile crews would be busy laying and maintaining phone lines when they aren't out fighting forest fires. Most of those fires occur during five critical months in the fall and spring each year.

The new system, which the state would mostly fund, would cost the county \$2,000 annually. The county judge told the state this week that he'd pass the plan on to the county court for discussion.

(December 6, 1945) The posh touring car that until recently belonged to German Field-Marshal Hermann Goering was snowbound in Cookeville for two days this week. It came here as part of a Victory Bond drive fundraiser — and couldn't leave after rain turned to snow.

The snow and drizzle prevented anyone from posing for the camera from behind the wheel of the car. It fell into American hands during a pitched battle as Goering was preparing to flee. A squad of American paratroopers came across the car after it had been started to warm up and had been left unattended.

They drove it off.

(December 13, 1945) Hot off the press: "The History of World War II," a one-volume account of the war available Westside Drug Store here for \$5.50 a copy. It is an 1,100 page book with more than 200 action photos and lots of maps. Supplies are limited.

*John A Elmore of Cookeville can probably tell you a thing or two about the war. He's back from serving as a shipfitter on the USS PGM-30, a motor gunboat credited with setting a record. It destroyed 19 enemy mines in a 10-hour period. Earlier, it took part in island invasions, sending accurate shell fire into the mounds of caves held by enemy snipers.

*Also honorably discharged this week were Lt. Clarence H. Cameron, who served two years in the Pacific, Cpl. Clayton Brown, who spent 28 months overseas, and many, many others who are headed home this week.

*The Division of Aeronautics Education of the State Department of Education has approved "flight scholarships" for 11 Cookeville High students. They pay for flight training at the Putnam Airport given by Lillard Smith of Mid State Flight Service. The training is offered by the state in the belief that "a better job must be done in promoting safety for the air age than was done with our teenagers in the automobile age," says a press release from the state.

The scholarship winners are Donald Sloan, Mary Fay Storie, Edward Huddleston, James Marcom Anderson, Hilda Ferrill, James W. Bilyeu, Charles W. Taylor, Paul Burgess, Philip Webb, Emogene Billings and Ernestine Hudgens.

(December 20, 1945) Finis A. Bryant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant of Cookeville, is on his way home from the war. His parents just received a letter describing a recent trip he took. The sailor was in the first Navy truck convoy to travel the entire length of the famed Stilwell Road, an 1,800-mile route that twists and turns across Burma and India. He's been stationed in that area for several months and now the convoy was attempted after enemy strongholds along the way were at last cleared.

*A glance at this week's classifieds: "Position wanted: By a refined lady. Experience in bookkeeping, making the payroll and typing. Can take some dictation."

Bob Lowe over on Washington Avenue placed this classified: \$5 reward for finding a Bedlington terrier pup lost since Nov. 28. He is 7-months-old, color soft, blue-grey, has long legs, long tail, head and body resemble a sheep, in very friendly."

Also: "Lost fountain pen, lower part, Shaeffer life-time, blue, Finder notify V. R. Williams."

There was this item: "Wanted: Man and wife to work in hotel. Meals and room furnished. Sidwell Hotel."

And there was this one: "Wanted: Woman for light home work, \$10 a week. Sundays off."

(December 27, 1945) The Cookeville Jaycees are backing the idea of making Carthage, Tennessee, the headquarters of the new United Nations building because Carthage is the hometown of US Secretary of State Cordell Hull, called the author of the UN.

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(January 3, 1946) "Greatly inflated land prices" are discouraging many returning GIs from going into careers in agriculture the way their fathers did, says University of Tennessee agriculture planning specialist Frank J. Walrath.

But they shouldn't give up altogether on the idea of working in agriculture, he added in a story in this week's edition. There are a variety of jobs in the field that are open to enterprising young men who aren't able to buy land, such as jobs servicing farm equipment or marketing and transporting farm products.

Walrath advises young men back from the war to explore all their options when getting ready to use the GI bill for college.

(January 6, 1946) Six young men from Monterey enlisted in the military this week. They are Dick Milligan, Bob Black, Van Nickens, Paul E. Vaden, Gerald Whittaker and Hershel Whittaker. Some of them may be joining other U. S. troops in Korea where this week UN forces solidified defenses against the massive Chinese army, which is expected to make a push south soon. Most U. S. action there this week was limited to air strikes against communist positions.

(January 7, 1946) TPI has purchased 50 mobile homes paid for by funds allotted by Congress for families of veterans going to school on the GI Bill. The college and Cookeville itself had been flooded by GIs back from the war and entering college.

They're home from the war for Christmas: Clifford Caruthers, son of S. B. and the late Mrs. Caruthers, who was honorably discharged from service this week, after serving three years in the fighting in Europe; Odell Allison, home after three years in the military; Belton Gibson, home from the war after many months in the Navy, including duty in New Zealand; and Asia Fox, home from two years in Europe. It is the first Christmas following the end of what is now being called World War II.

(January 10, 1946) Six Jackson County residents drowned this week after heavy rains swelled Jennings Creek and washed a number of houses away during the night as residents slept.

*Showing at the Strand this week, "Fighting Bill Carson," with Buster Crabbe and Al St. John. Also showing, the fourth chapter of "Federal Operator No. 99."

(January 10, 1946) Floodwaters surged in Jackson County's Jennings Creek community this week and washed away two houses, taking the lives of six people in two families.

*The war is over and, in news from Putnam servicemen:

-- Thomas R. Stout is one of 1,200 Navy veterans aboard the USS Tazewell steaming back to the U.S. this week for discharge.

-- Cpt. Shirley V. Stamps is home in Brotherton after three years away in the military. He has two Bronze Stars and a collection of other medals for his part in the liberation of the Philippines.

-- William Moore of Whitson Street is home, too. He holds a Bronze Star, A Liberation of the Philippines campaign medallion, and several others too.

-- Joe Dyer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lex Dyer, was honorably discharged at Indian Town Gap, Penn., recently and has made it back home to his wife and children on Pearl Street in Cookeville.

-- Cpl. Silas Anderson Jr. is going the other direction. He wrote home this week from Munich, where he's serving in the Allied Army of Occupation in Germany.

-- And Pvt. Joe Bailey Cobbs, a former TTU student who graduated in 1944, and went into the service, wrote friends here this week that he's in the Army of Occupation and has arrived in France.

(January 15, 1946) Former Monterey Mayor Virgil C. Allison died this week after suffering heart failure at this home on Pearl Street in Monterey. He was 53.

The Putnam native earned his law degree in 1916 and served during the First World War in the 5th Anti-Aircraft Group in Europe. He sailed from France for home on Christmas Day of 1918 and arrived in the US a month later.

After the conflict, he practiced law in Monterey, and later in Cookeville, until the time of his death. In addition to a term as Monterey mayor, Allison also served on the Putnam County Court and the Monterey School Board.

(January 15, 1946) The city has lost another police chief. This week, John V. Minor, chief here for the past year, told the City Commission that he is resigning. He's going to become a car salesman.

*This week at the Princess: "Guns and Guitars," with Gene Autry and his sidekick, "Frog." Also showing, the second chapter of "The Monster and the Ape."

(January 17, 1946) Central High released its honor roll this week. Among the freshmen who made it on the list were Loama Dupree, Jean Stamps, Mary Frances Crawford, Joe Mahler and Billy Wilhite.

Sophomores included Mary Jane O'Dell, Ethel Barnes Mitchell, Charles Ben Cowan, Ann Wall and Lavenia Rucker.

Among juniors on the list were Gene Mayberry, Danny Mattson, Julia Sliger, Genira Jo Chambers, Martha Carver and Amy Matheny.

And seniors on the list included Bob Lowe, Clarice Cummins, Reva McHenry, Ruth Thomas, Emogene Mahler and Philip Carlen Webb.

*Capt. Glen L. Nichols of Algood has been made a "Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II" by decree of the Prince Regent of Belgium.

Nichols was commander of a transportation company last year in the key Allied port of Antwerp. For a time, it was the only port for supplying the sprawling Allied war machine in its drive on Germany.

Nichols' unit is credited with keeping supplies moving swiftly from ship to shore despite regular, desperate air attacks and bombardment by German V-bombs, early missiles that packed a massive wallop when they struck.

(January 20, 1946) A former resident of Cookeville has returned to head the police force. He's Lewis K. Morgan, a 25-year veteran of police work in Old Hickory and Madison in Davison County. For those of you who recall, he's the son of the late Campbell Morgan who was known through the Upper Cumberland as a fearless, honest officer of the law. Morgan is married to the daughter of the Rev. Pete Bilyeu.

(January 21, 1946) Putnam's farmers did an excellent job growing extra foodstuffs during the war to help keep the nation and its troops fed, officials say. Now there's a major new push under way. It's time to rebuild the county's depleted land.

It's called the Putnam Prosperity Plan and it's talked about a lot this week in stories under big headlines. The plan has also recently been the subject of articles in farm journals and trade publications like Farmer's Digest.

The plan picks up where other major government farm programs left off at the start of the war. It urges farmers to use modern farming techniques and soil conservation practices. And many farmers are jumping in and using the new methods.

(January 24, 1946) During the war, farmers here and across the nation were pressed to wring as much as they could out of the land to feed the war machine. Now, farmers are attending a series of workshops across the country to learn how to restore the soil's fertility.

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(January 31, 1946) A. C. Campbell was head of Tennessee Polytech's Business Administration Department in the fall of 1940 when he went away to serve in the war. Lt. Col. Campbell and his wife returned to Cookeville for a visit this week.

She's been staying with her mother in South Carolina while he's been in a series of European countries with the U. S. Army's General Staff Corps

As the Allies advanced, Campbell was in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway and, finally, in Germany.

As he visited old friends here this week, he wore on his uniform a combat star and a ribbon signifying he took part in the fight to stop the German counter-offensive known as the Battle of the Bulge.

The American Legion is strongly encouraging Congress to pass a large-scale package of legislation that would aid veterans, especially those disabled in the world war that just ended.

The legislation would create aid and pensions for vets, guarantee them the right to reclaim their former jobs, give them Social Security credit for money earned in the military, and restrict immigration to keep aliens from competing with them for jobs in the US.

*In veteran's news:

-- William O'Neal, now serving in Manila, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He's been in the service since 1941. His wife and daughter live on Freeze Street here.

-- Billy Stanton, in the Army since 1941, has been honorably discharged. He saw several major engagements in the Pacific.

-- Ken Bailey has also been honorably discharged after three years in the military. In the drive across Europe, he saw action in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, including the recent Battle of the Rhine.

*The country's oldest justice of the peace is dead. W.M. Watson, a member of the Putnam County Court for the past several years, died this week at his home in Monterey. He's also been a city judge and a tax collector on the mountain.

(February 2, 1946) Reports indicate Putnam County lost 16 percent of its population during the war years,

but some other Upper Cumberland counties lost as much as 23 percent. Many young men and women have left for work in Detroit, Toledo or California and others who left to fight in the war relocated after coming back.

*Most young children here have never seen a county fair. There hasn't been one in Putnam County in five years because of the war in Europe. But the war is over and plans are in the works for the county's first post-war agricultural fair and carnival midway.

O. D. Massa, W. J. Huddleston and H. J. Childress, officers in the Putnam County Fair Association, were down in Nashville this week meeting with the state fair association, which is helping county fairs all across the state get going again.

The association officials have scheduled the fair for September 16-21 and say it will include a full slate of agricultural exhibits, competitions and other activities.

*Miss Frances Amonette, the telegraph operator over at Cookeville's Western Union office, was robbed at gunpoint this week by a man she described to police as having long hair and a greasy face. As soon as he left, she reported the crime to Sheriff Harvey Higgenbotham, who along with the FBI is seeking the man today. The man got \$400 from the office.

(February 4, 1946) The honor roll for Cookeville City School is out for the 5th month of school. Here are some of those who made the list.

Third graders Wanda Rose Livesay, Mary Elizabeth Cronk, and Jerry Proffitt; fourth graders Huge Birdwell, Barbara Webb, and Betty Sue Ragland; fifth graders Peggy Fitzpatrick Karen Kimmel, Dale Williams, and Walter Derryberry.

Sixth graders Ruth Boyd, Paul Fox, Mildred McCulley, Jessie Lee Hamilton, and Elmer Langford; seventh graders Betty Mann, Billie Jo Brown, Betty Saylor and James Burnett; and eighth graders Bill DuBois, Ann Howze, Marie Braswell and Betty Sue Bullock.

(February 7, 1946) The war is over and it's time to start thinking about what comes next, says a page-one editorial in this week's edition.

During the war, Putnam County lost 16 percent of its population. Some went into the military, but many of those left behind by servicemen didn't stay behind either. They moved away to defense plant jobs in the North. The end of the war has for the time being reversed the outgoing tide, says the newspaper. Most everyone's returned home.

But will the young people be satisfied here? Or will they leave again? The newspaper urges readers to urge officials here to find ways to create new jobs to keep those who went away and returned. The forestry and agriculture industries in the area are promising. Cookeville could do well servicing farmers and forests. Maybe a canning factory could be opened here as well. And tourism shouldn't be overlooked either, says the editorial writer. Cookeville is in an enviable location smack between two of the region's hottest tourist spots, Dale Hollow Lake and Center Hill Lake. Why not build restaurants, hotels and gift shops to capture some of those tourism dollars, the newspaper suggests

(February 7, 1946) City School principal Henry Ferrell and City School Supt. Lester King are launching a drive to build a chain link fence around the playground at the City School.

It lies between the city's two major streets, Spring and Broad, and the chance of a child chasing a ball off the playground into the path of a car is too high, officials say.

They say enclosing the playground would give kids a safe place to play in the summer too.

*While the rest of the country is trying to get back to normal now that the war is over, farmers are still

under a strain. A page one story this week said they still need to take pains to protect tractor tires. New ones remain scarce.

Farmers here and across the country pushed production levels to all time highs during the war despite shortages in repair parts and materials. They had a massive war machine to feed.

Now, they're being asked to keep it up to help feed millions of refugees in Europe whose countries still lie in shambles.

The newspaper urged farmers here to jack up tractors sitting idle this winter and wrap their tires in old sacks to save the rubber.

*A full page ad by the American Iron and Steel Industries was also aimed at farmers this week. It explained that metal repair parts for their farm vehicles may be about to become even more scarce thanks to labor problems.

The steelworkers' union, in the interest of the war effort, made few demands on industry officials while the war was on, but now, are pushing hard for pay jumps that factory owners say are extreme.

The ad says that if strikes break out, farmers will have to nurse their tractors along through another spring with few repair parts.

(February 11, 1946) By ship and by plane, Putnam Countians are headed back to America this week from distant outposts, victors in the global war. Some are returning here. Others are just stopping in to say goodbye.

Cpl. Lee Cordell Daniels of Cookeville was here this week with his wife. He's moving on later this month to a new assignment at a post in Washington state.

Fowler G. Stanton has been discharged from the US Navy and is home in Baxter.

Howard Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gentry, is back visiting his parents this week. He was wearing three Bronze Star medals for action he saw as a crew member of an Army Air Force warplane in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He's moving on to Dayton, Ohio, with his wife. He's got a job waiting there.

And Cpl. Swep M. Rodgers of Algood will be here soon. He was one of 1,514 Army veterans aboard the SS Goucher Victory, which sailed from Yokahoma, Japan, on Jan. 22. He set foot on dry land again – Seattle – on Feb. 5, he's headed home today.

(February 16, 1946) The war is over and Putnam native Arthur J. Dreiling, a 1st Lt. in the US Army, got to Nashville this week after two years of fighting in the Pacific. His wife, the former Miss Virginia Claire Bruner, met him in Nashville. With her was someone Dreiling had never seen before, their two-year-old daughter.

Pfc. Rupert Nash is still away from home. He's resting on the island of Kyusho with the 32nd "Red Arrow" infantry division. The island is the final step in a bloody chain of islands of the division took during the war.

And Mrs. Halie J. Travis of Putnam County this week made the long trip to the Fourth Service Command Headquarters in Nashville. In a brief ceremony there, she was given an air medal with three oak clusters. Her son, Capt. Bennett J. Travis, won the combat honors for "courage and devotion" to duty in air action in the southwest Pacific. He died in such action on June 19th, 1945.

(February 19, 1946) The war is over and it's time to bring Putnam's people back home and find ways to keep them here, says the newspaper in the page one editorial.

During the war, 16 percent of the county's population left, some to war and some to defense factories in Ohio, Chicago, Detroit and California.

With the end of hostilities and enlistments up, at least the young men are coming home -- but are there jobs to keep them here?

The newspaper suggests that county leaders look to improve agriculture and forestry job offerings, which in turn will send cash to local merchants on pay day. Tourism is also a possibility with completion near for those two new dams, Center Hill and Dale Hollow.

In news from Putnam servicemen:

-- Mrs. Hallie Travis made the trip to Nashville this week to the headquarters of the Fourth Service Command to attend a special ceremony for her son, Capt. Bennett Travis, who couldn't be there.

He was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for his service as a fighter pilot in the South Pacific. He went down in the last summer of the war and was never heard from again.

Algood Vaden is now serving at Ft. Bragg, N.C., a little closer to home than Europe, where he was a paratrooper during the recent war.

Hubert Johnson has been promoted to lieutenant colonel. A reserve officer called to active duty in 1942, he served as an intelligence officer. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and was liberated in May of 1945.

He lost a brother, Thurman Johnson, in the fighting in Germany in 1944, and has another brother, John T. Johnson, who served in the Marines and who is now back working at his father's business in Baxter.

(February 25, 1946) Lost something around the house? Curious about your future or the future of your love life? Wondering whether to embark on that business venture that, at least on the surface, looks so lucrative? You'd better not make a move until you consult Madam Meria, according to an ad in this week's edition. She can look into the future. For a fee, she'll tell you what she sees there. You can find her in the house trailer at the corner of First and Cedar. The ad suggest, "Don't fail to see this lady before it's too late."

*Meanwhile, the honor roll for the fourth six-week period was released at Central High this week. Making it were freshmen Jean Stamps and Gleen Harold Ramsey; sophomores Caroline Lowe and Lavenia Ruckner; juniors Gene Mayberry and Genira Jo Chambers; and **senior Bonnie Dietz** and Sammie Hart.

*Now that the war is over, many Putnam County men are going about the business of getting on with their lives. A meeting in the courthouse this week can help them. There'll be talks by experts in several fields. Topics will include "Advising Veterans on Securing Loans," "the Facts in Regard to Surplus Government property," "The Veteran's Priority on Housing," and "Educational Benefits Due Veterans."

(February 25, 1946) With the war over, wage freezes have been lifted by the government and at least some workers here are getting long overdue pay hikes.

The Cookeville Shirt Co. announced a plan this week under which workers will get a 20 percent raise and a paid vacation.

Plant Supt. T.P. Glenn says that skilled operators will now make up to 75 cents an hour. He'll announce full details of the vacation plan later.

"Do not fear industrial growth," a page one editorial urges. It's now the hope of the region, it says.

Resources and a pool of skilled workers are necessary to attract industries for jobs that will keep Putnam

Countians here, it says.

The area has plentiful timber, and with the war over, skilled workers are drifting back from war plants elsewhere in the nation where they learned metal fabricating skills building warplanes and tanks.

It will take new industry to "keep a great part of the city's residents gainfully employed," it writes.

(February 26, 1946) Young men coming back from the war are trying to get into the swing of civilian life, and a meeting has been called for all veterans at the Courthouse this week to help them.

There'll be experts on hand to tell the vets how to get loans and jobs and to detail special educational opportunities and privileges available to vets.

Several hundred are expected at the meeting.

*In news from Putnam's veterans:

-- Arthur Dreiling, who has served for the last two years in the war in the South Pacific, is home with his wife, the former Virginia Claire Bruner. She's the daughter of Tennessee Polytech professor Dr. C.V. Bruner. They'll be living in Nashville.

-- Pfc. Rupert Nash has arrived in Kyush, Japan, with the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division. He joined the unit in March of 1945.

-- Doyle Garrison is home on leave after seeing service in Europe. He's stationed at Ft. Knox, where he's living with his wife until his discharge.

-- Jack Bratton, who's been in the military for the last three years, is in Algood this week with his wife, visiting her parents. She's the former Felica Burch.

-- Morgan Mayberry of Cookeville is on his way home today after serving for 22 months in the Pacific during which time he saw action in New Guinea, Leyte, Mindanao and Cebu in the Philippines.

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(March 5, 1946) With the war over and most of the troops back home, the city is in full swing again and there was a public service ad in this week's edition signed by Mayor D. H. Mahler, Police Chief L. K. Morgan and City Judge F. E. Harris. They reminded everyone that traffic laws are still in effect here and they will be enforced.

The three officials reminded readers that it is unlawful to double park in the city business district, and that it is against city law to make a U-turn on city streets.

(March 6, 1941) Dozens of Cookeville men left in a convoy this week for Camp Forest in Tullahoma where, for the next year, they will be trained in the art of war by the U.S. Army. They are members of

Cookeville's Tennessee National Guard unit, the 181st Field Artillery.

Among them were County Farm Agent Hugh Childress, William Crawford, Fred Burton, Malcolm Qualls, Charles Anderson, Alfred Gill, William O. Terry and Albert Robertson.

*The UT Agricultural Extension Service announced this week that it is again taking applications for its popular cotton mattress program.

Families who meet the guidelines can pick up their cotton mattresses later this spring at a variety of sites scattered about the county.

Under the program, a qualified family of five will be given three new cotton mattresses. A family of three would get two new ones.

(March 7, 1946) The Cookeville American Legion unit this week went to bat for the area's returning war veterans, who can't find good housing and can hardly afford it if they come across it.

Rental rates have leapt here in recent months and little new housing has been built because during the war, most building supplies went into the war effort.

Meanwhile, returning veterans and their families are coming to Cookeville in droves to attend college under the GI Bill.

The Legion warned this week that if residents with rental property don't restrain themselves, the organization will call for an investigation by the rent division of the Federal Office of Price Administration.

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(March 11, 1946) The National Association of Manufactures ran a large public service advertisement in this week's edition telling readers why many shelves here are still relatively bare of goods even though the war with Germany and Japan is over.

The association blames government price controls for shortages. It says that during the war, there weren't enough materials and labor for plants to serve both the military and the rest of the country. To keep the cost of scarce civilian commodities from sky-rocketing, Uncle Sam imposed price controls.

Now the war has ended but price controls have not. Manufacturers are unwilling to continue turning out products at a loss, so, while materials are available to factories once again, finished goods are not making it to consumers, the association explained.

The solution, the association tells readers, is to contact your legislators and urge them to end price controls.

(March 14, 1946) Hugh Smith Hargis, 72, the president of Citizens Bank, died this week at his home on Broad Street, after a short heart ailment.

He suffered the same problem two years ago but recovered and returned to work. He was back at his desk last week when it flared up again and he was taken to his home, where he died a short time later.

Born in Granville in 1874, he came to Cookeville in 1906 with his new wife, Vallie. He became a traveling salesman and later, in 1914, opened Citizens Bank. He's been its president ever since.

*William H. Woodfield, the Imperial Potentate of the North American Shriners, passed through town this week and local Shriners threw together a quick luncheon at the TPI Cafe in his honor.

Among local Shriners present were Sam Bartlett, Dero Brown, Campbell Lee, Carmel Brown, Hubert Crawford, O.C. Masters, W.T. Sewell, Dewey Ramsey and Comer Cannon.

(March 28, 1946) Capt. Galen T. Bartmus, commander of the Army Recruiting Office in Cookeville, has won the Distinguished Flying Cross for action in Europe, where he served in the Army Air Corps for two years. The pilot of an A-20 bomber, his craft came under intensive ground fire on a bombing run in a mission to destroy a German staging area. His bomber was shot up severely but he held it in tight formation with the other bombers in his flight throughout the run. It was a success officials say, and Bartmus displayed "brilliant leadership."

(April 4, 1946) The Cookeville Jaycees this week voted to spend \$500 on improvements to Cookeville City Cemetery.

The funds will be spent to remove old damaged trees, plant new trees and other landscaping, and to re-rock the gravel drive that runs through the cemetery.

*Coming to the Putnam Fairgrounds this week: The Grand Ol' Opry's road show.

It features Bill Monroe, Kirk McGee and the Boys from Tennessee, Lester Flatt and the Singing Hills, Josephus, the "Mirthquake of Fun," Little Sally Ann, "The Kentucky Songbird," and "The Southland's Most Famous Banjo Artist," Earl Scruggs.

*W.E. Webster, county manager of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's emergency food program, says there are a number of ways that housewives here can help feed Europe's hungry, the thousands left starving by the ravages of the war. He said they should concentrate on cutting down on the use and waste of bread and flour, of sugar, and of cooking oil.

His office is standing by with booklets and advice. He reminded readers that there's no limit to the amount of food that Europe needs from America.

(April 10, 1946) TPI President Everett Derryberry has announced an \$80,000 contract to build a hexagonal dorm complex at the corner of 9th Street and Dixie Avenue to help ease the housing crunch caused by the influx of WWII vets coming to school on the GI Bill. It will be called Dixie Courts.

*The Southern Continental Telephone Co. lets readers know it has a problem. Its long-distance toll lines are being swamped each day from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. World War II scattered Putnam Countians all over the globe. They learned to use the telephone to stay in touch. And they're still using it now that the war is over and they're back in the United States. It won't be long before Southern Continental will have to upgrade its system. In the meantime, it advised its customers to avoid peak calling periods to talk to faraway family and friends.

(April 11, 1946) Everyone wants things to get back to normal now that the war is over, and "normal" means football, even if it is only spring. Everyone is looking forward to Tennessee Tech football again this fall, the first team the college has fielded since the war.

And there'll be a preview this Friday night in a "purple and gold" scrimmage. The 65 young men who've turned out will play each other and it's likely to be a spirited game since Coach "Putty" Overall will likely base his first round of cuts on how well the candidates perform Friday night.

Several Cookeville men are trying out for the first post-war team, including Charles "Wahoo" Billings, a star on Tech's last team in 1942 who's returned from the war a hero.

Also hitting the turf again are several standouts from Central High's pre-war team, including Cliff Massa, Hugh Bussell, Philip Webb, Hugh Billingsley, Billy Huddleston, Carson Stanton, Will Crawford and Mark

Harris.

*Cookeville's Cecil Hensley was presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action this week for doing his part to take out three German pillboxes on the feared Siegfried Line in Germany on April 15, 1945.

He got the award in a military hospital bed in Utah, where he's still recuperating from wounds he got a year ago.

(April 18, 1946) A new honor roll was released at Central High this week. Making the grade for the last six weeks were: Seniors John A. Mitchell, Clarice Cummins, Bonnie Dietz, Philip Carlen Webb and Jimmie Judd; juniors Mary Lena Anderson, Robert Webb, Bonnie Lou Scarlett and **Jack Loftis**; sophomores Caroline Lowe, Lavenia Rucker, Bonnie Kate Stone and Christine Pedigo; and freshmen Mary Frances Crawford, Dorothy Beatrice Cowan, Kathleen Burris, Richard Winningham and Rosemary Pedigo.

*Military honors have caught up with another Cookeville man who's back from the war and discharged from the service now.

Former Army Sgt. Robert E. Delaney, who's now attending college in Chicago, has been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry under fire for supervising the construction of a reinforced pontoon bridge at Bleckede, Germany, on April 30, 1945, while under heavy enemy fire.

Delaney landed at Normandy on D-Day and was with the allied advance through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany itself.

He was here this week visiting his wife, the former Beulah Allison, at their Jefferson Street home when he got the news.

They're still coming back from the war. Mr. and Mrs. Birch Lamb got a letter from their son, Charles, this week. The US Marines took part in the landing on Okinawa last Easter.

He went on to China when the hostilities ceased and was stationed there until mid-March. He's now sailing for home on a troop ship.

And Sgt. Clarence Barlett, the son of Mrs. E. H. McCaleb, is home with an honorable discharge this week after service overseas. So is Ernest Terry Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Terry of 1st Street. He served in the US Army for three years, during which he saw combat in Europe with an anti-aircraft unit.

Also on his way home this week with an honorable discharge is William B. Carlen Jr., who served for three years with an Army Engineers Photography and Topography unit. Part of that service was in Manila and elsewhere in the Philippines.

(April 23, 1946) They'll be the first group of high school students in four years to graduate in peacetime. What's on their minds? Here's what the four honor students will talk about during this weekend's commencement ceremonies.

John Alex Mitchell will speak on "Specific Steps Towards World Peace."

Bob Lowe will talk about "World Government."

"Music as a Means of Unifying Mankind" is the topic of Clarice Cummin's talk and Helen Henderson will talk on "Education and an Enduring Peace."

(April 24, 1946) Central High School, which this week learned it has been admitted into the prestigious Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, is holding graduation services next week, and with the world just climbing out of a catastrophic war, it is not surprising that the theme of commencement

talks is "world peace."

John A. Mitchell will speak on "world government." Clarice Cummins' talk is on "Music as a Means of Unifying Mankind." And Helen Henderson will speak on "Education and an Enduring Peace."

Meanwhile, Baxter Seminary is preparing to graduate a class of 50 seniors and Gov. Jim Nance McCord will be on hand to give the commencement address.

While the governor is in town, he will also speak to a large gathering of the FFA here.

*Tennessee Polytech officials announced this week that eight new men's dormitories will be completed in time for fall quarter.

The \$80,000 hexagonal shaped dorm complex is being rushed up in order to meet the demand created by the end of World War II and the GI bill, two factors that are flooding college campuses with returning soldiers, sailors and airmen.

The dorm complex will be built on the corner of Dixie and Ninth Street. It will be a one-story wooden building. The usual stone and bricks the college builds with remain unavailable because of the military demand and the rebuilding of Europe.

(April 29, 1946) The nation's soldiers are back from the war with money in their pockets, and to protect them, the government this week begins a national rent control program.

Residents who have apartments, rooms in their homes, trailers, rental houses and tourist cottages cannot charge rates higher than they were in July of last year.

The move was instituted after several GIs complained to Congress that rents were skyrocketing as they returned from the war overseas.

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D.C. Brown of Baxter was in the rear of the truck and saw the machine begin to roll. He chased it. Brown was able to grab the tongue of the machine and aim it towards Madison Street to keep it from gaining speed and rolling further down Spring.

Nevertheless, it smashed into Pete Holloway's brand new 1946 car, the one he waited so long to buy after the war put a stop to auto production for several years.

Then the machine caromed off the edge of Boyd's Appliances and smacked into Dr. Lex Dyer's dental office.

U.H. Hall, an employee of Boyd's, snatched a customer off the sidewalk from the path of the machine. Mattie Whitson, Dr. Dyer's secretary, says she leapt from her desk just before the machine smashed into the wall opposite her and came into the lobby of the office.

(May 1, 1946) There were changes at the newspaper this week. E. C. Warner has sold his half interest in the town's newspaper to Wendell C. Gentry and M. Beasley Thompson. Thompson, a veteran, comes here from five years of work at the Nashville Tennessean where he's worked as general assignment reporter, night editor and state editor. He's to be the editor of the newspaper here. He's the son-in-law of Beecher Gentry, who owns the other half-interest in the newspaper and who is the father of Wendell.

Wendell is going to be plant manager. He was publisher of the Sparta Expositor for two years before going on to work as a linotype operator in Nashville. He came back here to help his dad put out a newspaper during the manpower shortage created by the war.

(May 1, 1946) Several 'unsung heroes' of the world war are to be recognized by the American Red Cross this week in ceremonies at the Putnam Courthouse.

The Red Cross is honoring 175 Putnam Countians who, since Dec. 7, 1941, gave 200 hours or more of volunteer work packing battlefield first aid kits, working in blood drives and collecting supplies.

+ The Algood High chapter of the Future Farmers of America has won the four-county Highland Rim trophy for excellence.

Officers for the Algood chapter include Winburn Ray, secretary; John Covington, president; J.B. Robbins, reporter; Kenneth Maxwell, treasurer; and Aaron Paul Thompson, vice president.

E.B. Speck is the chapter's advisor and Frazier Harris is principal of Algood High.

+ A weekend fishing trip at Dale Hollow Lake took a tragic turn for State Senator Robert Bilbrey. His brother, Tom Bilbrey, 37, of Cookeville, drowned after falling out of the boat cranking the motor.

The fishing group included State Senator Jim Lumley and Postmaster Charlie Stone of Woodbury, Keith Bohannon of Cookeville and two Nashville businessmen.

The late Bilbrey was only a 'fair' swimmer and was 'subject to cramps,' said his brother. He was a prominent Cookeville businessman and civic leader.

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(May 7, 1946) Some people these days are "Doubting Thomases," questioning what good donating clothing to the American Red Cross really does for the people of Europe. This week readers were presented a letter in this week's edition from the head of the American Red Cross in Holland, a nation devastated by the war. J.J. Werner wrote, "During all the time we have been receiving relief goods from all parts of the world, we have never seen the likes of what we have received from America." He and the Dutch "were dumbfounded by the overwhelming sight" of an abundance of quality clothing sent from the U.S. In all, one million garments were sent from places like Cookeville to dress the Dutch.

*Meanwhile this week, Dean Austin Wheeler Smith, head of the Putnam unit of the American Red Cross, gave out certificates to 175 residents here this week who gave more than 200 hours of their time to Red Cross work during the recent war years. He also handed out medals to 30 others whose efforts went beyond that. From Dec. 7, 1941 until April 1, 1946, the Red Cross here has aided 7,790 veterans and their families and has loaned them \$8,219.

(May 9, 1946) Cookeville held ceremonies this week celebrating the first anniversary of peace in Europe, V-E Day.

Judge John A. Mitchell was the principal speaker. Wesley Flatt was the master of ceremonies and music was courtesy of the Cookeville Military Band. The event was planned by the American Legion and the

VFW.

*Does giving to the Red Cross relief program for Europe really matter? Yes, say Red Cross officials here who this week held a celebration to honor dozens who volunteered hundreds of hours of work during the war years.

During that ceremony here, a letter was read from J.J. Werner, head of the Red Cross effort in the Netherlands. He thanked America for its 'princely' contribution to war victims there — one million garments and pairs of shoes.

And it's not only the quantity of what America gave that impressed him. The quality was outstanding too, said Werner.

"During all the time that we have been handling relief goods, we have never seen the like of them," he wrote.

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*John Porter Stults of Monterey left for the war in Europe a single man. He's back this week with a wife and a 13-month old child.

His bride is the former Miss Josephine Dawson of Leek, England, a small town near London.

When Stults and his new family reached America, the first thing he did, he said, was to buy her a new pair of shoes. Rationing still going on in England made that impossible, he said.

(May 16, 1946) Hundreds of thousands of ex-soldiers are home now and are using the GI Bill not only to go to school, but in other ways as well, as Congress broadens that program.

It was announced this week that the GI Bill can also be used by former soldiers for flying lessons, and the Putnam Airport has been certified as an official training center.

Airport officials this week said they hope the new status will boost the airport's chances of getting part of a recent \$500 million federal airport appropriation for expansion of the Putnam Airport's runway.

*E.E. Garrison, a UT marketing professor, spoke here this week on the "strategic role" that advertising can play in helping the nation reach high levels of production and employment now that the war is over.

Garrison noted that advertising played a vital role in the war effort. Public service ads exhorted citizens on the home front to conserve precious metals and other commodities needed in the war effort. They sold millions of dollars in war bonds to finance the war too.

Now, advertising must "lubricate the channels of distribution" to insure that existing companies don't suffer from a post-war economic slump and that new companies are created.

*The newspaper announced this week that June 2 is Confederate Memorial Day. There'll be a gathering in Cookeville City Cemetery to place flowers on the graves of the more than 100 Confederate soldiers and their wives buried here.

*They're holding the annual Confederate Memorial and Decoration Day over at Cookeville Cemetery this Sunday. The graves of more than 100 Confederate soldiers and their wives will be specially decorated for the remembrance.

Earlier this week a ceremony was held for veterans of a more recent war. Criminal Court Judge John Mitchell lead the ceremony. He's a veteran of the First World War as well as the war just ended, World War II. Also taking part in the ceremony were Wrath Johnson and Joe Conry Jr.

Conry read Longfellow's poem, "The Day is Done." The Cookeville Military Band ended the observance with "Taps." Many of the young men present have not been back from Europe and the Pacific very long. Some from here are still there serving in the occupation armies. Some won't be back at all. This week's was the first observance here for them.

(May 19, 1946) With the war over, people are going to be seeing a lot of new things resulting from wartime research. A full-page ad in this week's edition tells of the new Safeway Fly Ribbon, "A sensational new fly killer" that contains 50 percent DDT.

"Never before have such profound changes takes place in the chemical industry as in the war years just past," says the ad.

Now there are new techniques, new materials and new equipment. And there's a new way to fight pests. Safeway Fly Ribbon leaves a DDT film that is effective against flies and pests for several months.

The ad suggests it be used in restaurants, stores, dairies, hospitals, food processing plants and in your home. You can pick one up at Fields Products Co. in Baxter.

(May 23, 1946) A hungry world is a dangerous world, say supporters of the Wheatless and Meatless Friday campaign which will be held here and across the nation for the next three months.

World War II is over and everyone is tired of fighting. But members of the national American Famine Committee say the widespread devastation left in the wake of the war and the starvation that is looming could cause desperate people to fight again.

So the national committee, and county committees like the ones here chaired by Walter Keith Crawford, are asking everyone to eat no wheat products and no meat each Friday for the next three months.

In Putnam County alone, the Putnam Famine Committee estimates that that would allow 40 tons of wheat that would have been eaten here to instead be sent to Europe to feed the starving.

Across Putnam County and the nation this week, famine workers are going door to door asking people to sign pledge cards agreeing to participate in the humanitarian campaign.

*Mayor D.S. Mahler and the other two members of the Cookeville City Commission are looking at the idea of killing two birds with one stone: Combining a new city hospital with a memorial to veterans of the war.

The city commission began the process this week of buying the Gregory property at Hickory, Oak and 4th for a new city hospital to replace the overcrowded Howard Hospital, which has a rated capacity for 10 patients but which often has as many as 35 at a time.

Meanwhile, Mayor Mahler says he's been approached by veterans raising funds to build a veterans' memorial here who think it might be a good idea to pool their funds with the city and build a veterans' memorial hospital.

The commission is looking into the idea this week.

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(May 30, 1946) The war is over, but millions in Europe are starving due to the war's widespread devastation. In churches here this Sunday, they'll be passing out pledge cards asking that people agree not to eat meat or wheat products one day a week so those foodstuffs can be sent overseas. Canned food drives are also under way here.

(May 30, 1946) If you were injured in the war that just ended and you're still being treated, the Veterans Administration says that in some cases you'll be allowed to go to your private physician rather than to the VA hospital. It will mean more red tape for doctors, but it will be considerably more convenient for vets.

*Mr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips Sr., of Monterey, had all four sons together this week at their home for the first time in seven long years. They were away in the war. Now, they're home. They are Art, the only one to be wounded, and Lloyd, Ben Jr. and Ray. Ray came home wearing a Silver Star. He helped sink a Japanese ship at Midway Island.

(June 4, 1946) They say it's one of the worst fires in Cookeville's history, a blaze that totally destroyed the Tennessee Handle Co. mill early today. The loss is placed at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The plant, which had 130 on its payroll was not insured, says owner A. G. Maxwell, Sr. The cause of the fire is unknown, but investigators say it spread so quickly because of the buildup of oil and dust on the building's roof.

(June 13, 1946) Teenage boys will have something to do these hot summer afternoons now that they've formed an eight-team Upper Cumberland Baseball League. They're playing a 14-game schedule, beginning this week. The league is composed of teams from Cookeville, Baxter, Crossville, Gordonsville, Jamestown, Sparta, Eastland and Albany, Ky. Eddie Watson of Cookeville is president of the Upper Cumberland Baseball League. Jamestown's Porter Conaster is its vice president and Lawson Williams of Cookeville is its secretary/treasurer. Cookeville plays Sparta this week.

(June 16, 1946) Four barber shops in town, in a large ad in this week's edition, announce price hikes. The Place Barber Shop, the Ideal Barber Shop, the Dixie Barber Shop and Grimes Barber Shop say their new rates are as follows: hair cuts, 60 cents; shaves, 40 cents; plain massages, 60 cents, Bonicella massages, \$1; regular shampoos, 60 cents, Fitch shampoos 75 cents, and Glover or hot oil shampoos, \$1. Prices are going up because the cost of supplies are rising, they say.

(June 20, 1946) A recently discharged Navy enlisted man, J.H. (Jimmy) Reneau Jr., of Celina, this week formally announced his candidacy for senator for the 10th District, which covers Putnam, Clay, Overton, Jackson, Pickett and Fentress counties. The father of three says he will work to improve benefits for veterans if elected, something a lot of young men who are back from the war want to hear.

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(June 27, 1946) The Putnam school system has 30 openings for elementary teachers -- and only eight qualified applicants. School Supt. Oliver Bohannon says it looks like many schools here will have to open in the fall without a full staff of qualified instructors.

He's blaming low teacher pay here for the dilemma. That, plus many former male teachers, who have become soldiers and fought overseas, don't want to resume their profession now that the war is over.

There were 35 men teaching in the system before the war. Now, there are only 12. And the teacher shortage is not limited to those hard-to-reach rural schools in the outlying areas. There are unfilled slots right here in town, where there are surfaced roads, he said.

Bohannon added that Putnam County is better off than many other rural counties. Tennessee Tech's education department supplies the county with many good teachers each year.

(June 27, 1946) School Supt. Oliver Bohannon said this week that county schools will need 30 more teachers when the school year begins this fall, but only eight have applied for the positions.

The problem, he says, is low pay. That and the world war. Only 12 of the 36 men who taught here in schools before the war have chosen to return to teaching, said Bohannon.

Schools will have to use uncertified teachers to fill the gap, he said.

And the shortage is not limited to small rural schools, says Bohannon.

Schools within two miles of Cookeville on good hard-surface roads are also having problems attracting teachers, he said.

(July 1, 1946) Dr. Fred Terry, Putnam County's health officer, has condemned the way the city handles its garbage.

The city dump, which is located about 200 yards off the Sparta Highway just south of town, is unsanitary, says Terry. Flies and mosquitoes breed there. Rodents have overrun the place the grounds are littered with the bodies and bones of dead animals.

He suggests the city buy a garbage incinerator, an idea that the Cookeville Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) has gotten behind.

(July 4, 1946) The U.S. Soil Conservation Service is urging farmers to make the land more productive.

SCS field agents will help farmers design drainage plans so wetlands can be turned into hayfields and pastures, they say.

In cases where wetlands cannot be drained, the SCS suggests that farmers look into the possibility of trapping muskrats in the winter and catching frogs in the summer for sale to the growing frog leg market.

*There will be no Fourth of July festivities in Cookeville this year. This list was released this week.

On it were the names of the 103 Putnam men killed in action in World War II. With the war over, officials have finally compiled the final list, checked it for accuracy and made it public.

This newspaper notes that in World War I no Putnam County men were killed in action. Some, away serving in the military, did die of accidents and disease, however.

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(July 10, 1946) There's been a lot of talk about wrongdoing at the polls and stolen elections. Now someone's doing something about it. Ex-GIs are being urged by the American Legion here and across the state to step forward and volunteer for a different sort of patrol. This time they're being asked to monitor

the upcoming election and keep it clean. The GIs stress that their only air is to make sure that each candidate gets a fair vote count.

(July 11, 1946) A former Cookeville boy has become a celebrity in Los Angeles.

Ten-year-old Jack Broshear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Broshear of L.A., was this week picked by the Screen Children's Guild of Arts from a field of 700 contestants to win the title of "Mr. Los Angeles Jr." in a ceremony in the famed Hollywood Bowl.

Last year, the former Cookevillian was named "Model Boy" in similar competition.

*In recent years, Tennessee has garnered national attention after allegations of widespread election fraud and corruption. Veterans just home from the war overseas plan to do something about that.

Cookeville's American Legion post, joining other posts across the state, is fielding teams of poll watchers in the upcoming election to watch for signs of voting irregularity.

The Legion pledges to be entirely impartial. The vets just want to be sure that elections are kept honest, they say.

*At the Princess this week: "Lost Weekend," with Ray Milland and Jane Wyman. Later in the week it's Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Utopia."

(July 18, 1946) Children return to school next week for another eight-month school year, but it may be their last.

The Tennessee Education Association is apparently about to convince the state legislature that students need more than eight months of school a year to succeed in life, the newspaper reported this week.

Putnam School Superintendent Oliver Bohannon said this week that 25 states have already gone to a nine-month school year and he supports the idea of a longer school year.

It would allow schools to teach more and would leave eighth grade graduates better prepared to make a decent living, he said.

*WHUB is celebrating its 6th year in operation with a 'jamboree' in the City School Auditorium featuring all the local musical groups you've heard on the air on the Cookeville station.

Entertainment for the two-hour show will be provided by Jimmy Brown and his Santa Fe Pals, Mason Parham and the Cumberland Mountain Boys, **Gene Bussell and his Playboys**, the Dixie Drifters and others.

*Cookeville is returning to its normal rhythms now that the war is over.

And with fall just a few months away, plans are being made for the first college football season here since the war began. While Tennessee Tech officials are working to put together a winning football squad, Professor Maurice Haste told the newspaper this week that he needs musicians for the college's marching band. He hopes to field a 50-piece band, but only has 22 students committed at the present.

Prior to the war, the Tennessee Tech band was a popular attraction at the annual Tech-Vandy game and at the Cotton Carnival parade in Memphis. Can anyone play the tuba? There's still time to sign up.

(July 25, 1946) Seven children in the Cookeville area have been bitten in recent days by rabid dogs.

Police Chief L. K. Morgan told pet owners through the newspaper this week that they'd better keep up their dogs for the next 30 days. Any caught loose are likely to be shot. There has been a stray dog believed to

be rabid running loose in the city, and it has bitten several children, he says. It has bitten other dogs too. Police are trying to find the rabid animal.

Center Hill Dam, where construction was brought to an abrupt halt in 1943 by the war, is under way again. And many who live in what will soon be a lake are getting ready to say their goodbyes.

Family graveyards are being relocated, and a number of reunions and final gatherings are being scheduled. Many living in the lake impoundment zone come from families that first settled this region in the early 1800s.

One of the biggest families affected is that of John and Rhonda Puckett, a Revolutionary war soldier who settled at Center Hill in 1802 with a land grant from the new government.

The first big reunion of several is planned for August at the Second Creek school in DeKalb County. It's a pioneer place of worship later used as a schoolhouse.

(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 25 July 1946) A. L. Neely, Former Cookevillian, Dies:

Relatives here have been notified of the death of A. L. Neely, former Cookeville dry goods merchant, who had made his home in Columbus, OH, for the past five years. While here his store was located where the Woodbine Store now is. Mr. Neeley had been ill for several months.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Della Morgan Neeley, two sons, Dohmer Neeley, of Indianapolis, IN; six sisters, Mrs. Tom Carlock, Livingston, Mrs. Jim Meyers and Mrs. Jim Bullock, both of Hilham, Mrs. James Tayes of Windle, Mrs. Benton Stanton and Mrs. Bill Davison, both of Nashville.

(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 25 July 1946)

(Jessie Shaw Harris, b. 1 October 1867, Jackson Co., TN – d. 18 July 1946, Jackson Co., TN, md on the 20th of January 1889, Jackson Co., TN to **Sarah Elizabeth (Gipson) Harris**, b. 16 May 1871 – d. 26 April 1962, d/o **Tobias Gipson & Christina Rector**. Jessie Shaw Harris, s/o **Skimmerhorn & Jane Harris** (1842-1919). Note: Jessie & Elizabeth have a newer double marker in the middle of the two old single markers the only difference is Elizabeth has a different birth date).



Funeral Services held Friday for Jesse Harris:

Funeral services for Jess Harris, 78, Jackson County farmer who lived on Route 3, Cookeville, were conducted at the Byers Cemetery, Friday afternoon by the Rev. Addison McCaleb.

(Pictured: Jessie S. & Sarah E. (Gipson) Harris).

Mr. Harris died at his home Thursday afternoon after a long illness.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sarah Gibson Harris; four sons, Benton Harris, of Rickman, Russ Harris of Algood, Willie Harris of Murfreesboro, and Hooper Harris of Route 3, Cookeville; and four daughters, Mrs. Fannie Stewart and Mrs. Ollie Allen both of Route 3, Gainesboro, Mrs. Cora Moore and Mrs. Willie Lock, Cookeville routes.

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When the newspaper visited the 16-patient hospital, it found 32 patients registered and several more arriving.

There were seven patients in the second floor hallway, several still on ambulance gurneys. There were 13 newborn babies there, as well as three more on their way as mother-to-be were in the delivery room giving birth.

Meanwhile, mother of the newborns had been immediately sent home to recover. The hospital was out of bed space.

And relatives of everyone in the hospital were milling around on the lawn outside the hospital on Spring Street. They were "approaching the boiling point," the newspaper observed.

(August 8, 1946) Despite the scarcity of materials, Cookeville businesses are recovering from the war this week. There are expansions of existing businesses and new ones opening up.

Bill Terry Motors has opened on the Square, and Kemper Martin's new Buick dealership is also opening in a remodeled garage a block off the Square on the Sparta Highway, the newspaper noted this week.

Terry's new business, by the way, is offering a new invention developed during the war. It's called a "Roto-tiller." It's good for small plowing jobs around the yard or farm, says Terry.

Coming to Cookeville this week, Mrs. Tom Mix and the 'Congress of Cowboys.'

They're coming with the Bradley and Benson Circus along with wirewalkers, fire-eaters acrobats, and wild animals, all under a 3,000 seat Big Top tent.

(August 15, 1946) The coal rush is on in Monterey.

A Pennsylvania firm has bought mineral rights to several thousand acres northeast of Monterey and has begun making an entrance to a six-foot thick vein of prime 'black gold' lying 100 feet beneath the surface.

Three crews are working 8-hour shifts on the first shaft near the Clarkrange Road. Ultimately, the company says it can employ 700 once it gets tracks laid to the site.

Some 100 miners are already bringing out 700 to 800 truckloads of coal there a day and the company is working to convince the railroad to lay tracks to their property too.

They say they can employ up to 200 miners.

(August 15, 1946) Former Monterey Mayor Virgil C. Allison died this week after suffering heart failure at his home on Pearl Street in Monterey. He was 53.

(August 22, 1946) The Cookeville City Commission voted this week to award a \$90,000 contract to the Jim Hickman Construction Co. of Harriman to build a 30-foot-long, 20-foot-high dam on the Falling Water

River to impound a lake from which the city will get its drinking water.

W.B. Carlen, Commissioner of Utilities, says the dam will hold 168 million gallons of water, a four-month supply.

The city's water treatment plant currently draws water for purification out of the Falling Water River, but dry spells sometimes lower the river to levels that concern city officials.

*Scientists from Oak Ridge, who gave the world the atom bomb that ended the war, will speak at a conference at Tennessee Tech next week.

Some of the talk topics include "Can There Be A Monopoly on Atomic Energy?" "Is There A Defense Against Atomic Weapons?" "The Atom Bomb and the World Situation," and "Plans for International Control."

Also during the conference, the Oak Ridge scientists will show a motion picture documenting the recent atomic tests in the Bikini Islands.

(August 22, 1946) "Now that the war is over and conditions warrant, we are preparing to undertake a more vigorous development of our upper country section." That's the word this week from Rutledge Smith, a former newspaperman here who is now assistant to the president of the Tennessee Central Railroad. His letter, making the above statement, comes to confirm reports that a coal boom is underway in Monterey and that the railroad could help further that boom. Two mining companies in the Monterey area plan to step up production if the railroad will lay spur lines to their mines. And the word from Smith is encouraging. Some 800 new jobs could be created if the new tracks go down.

*The Bradley and Benson Circus is coming to town with clowns, acrobats, lions and tigers, and Mrs. Tom Mix. The wife of the cowboy matinee idol is bringing her Congress of Cowboys and Cowgirls from California to put on a trick riding and shooting performance in addition to the usual circus fare. Make plans now.

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(August 26, 1946) Tennessee Tech's enrollment has skyrocketed to 1,500 students, and 300 more are on a waiting list for admittance. The GIs are back from the war and many of them are using the GI bill to fund college. School opening has been pushed back to Sept. 30 so they can all be processed and so housing can be provided. Tech's new dormitory complex, which will house 660, is expected to be finished by the end of September. With it, the college can house a total of 1,200 students on campus. Before the war, Tech had campus housing for only about 170. In order to accommodate the flood of students, the first class of the day will begin this fall at 8 a.m. and the last will get out at 6 p.m. Professors will work in shifts.

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*Everyone knows City Hospital is overcrowded, but this week an ambulance attendant tipped the newspaper off that the situation is particularly bad.

When the newspaper visited the 16-patient hospital, it found 32 patients registered and several more arriving.

There were seven patients in the second floor hallway and several still on ambulance gurneys. There were 13 newborn babies there as well as three more on their way as mothers-to-be were in the delivery room giving birth.

Meanwhile, mothers of the other newborns had been immediately sent home to recover. The hospital was out of bed space.

And relatives of everyone in the hospital were milling around on the lawn outside the hospital on Spring Street. They were "approaching the boiling point," the newspaper observed.

(September 5, 1946) It was the first county fair here in five years, and the reporter writing about it says the hot dog he had on the post-war midway was the best he's had in, well, five years.

Wartime conditions cancelled the annual county fair here since 1941, and there still aren't as many exhibit entries this year as there were before the war. Farm labor and materials are all short, even though peace was declared a year ago.

But the quality of the exhibits is as good as ever. The reporter says there are still good beef cattle being shown by Henry Bohannon and John Judd of Rt. 5, Cookeville, and L.P. Smith of Silver Point.

That hot dog? It was "excellent," says the reporter, except that it cost 20 cents. In 1941, it was a nickel.

*Putnam School Supt. Oliver Bohannon is worried this week, he says. Enrollment at most Putnam schools is climbing, but he's losing teachers.

He says they're resigning positions in Putnam schools to take better paying jobs elsewhere.

(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 5 September 1946):

Shirt Factory Resumes Operations Monday:

Washington Manufacturing Company's Cookeville shirt plant will resume operation Monday after two weeks of idleness because of a shortage of piece goods, it was announced today by T. P. Glenn, Manager.

At full production, five days a week, the plant employs approximately 225 persons with a payroll of more than \$17,000 monthly, according to Glenn. For several weeks before the shut-down, the plant ran only three days a week and employed 207 persons.

Glenn said the plant would resume work on a five-day basis and would make approximately 450 dozen men's work shirts daily.

The shortage of material was a result of piece goods manufacturers holding their product until the Office of Price Administration made an investigation and granted a new ceiling price, Glenn said.

(September 12, 1946) There's been a lot of talk here for some time about the unreliability of the city's electrical system. Power surges and low power are frequent problems.

This week, state engineers who looked over the city's power generation plant at Burgess Falls said it should have been replaced 10 years ago. It's not keeping up with the demand here.

*Miss Oriole Wisner, an educational and psychology teacher at Tennessee Tech, will speak to the Cookeville Business and Professional Women's Club this week on the topic, "Can Women Hold the Line on Jobs?"

Now that the war is over, women are concerned that areas of employment opened to them during the war, when male labor was short, are now being closed once again.

(September 15, 1946) People have been complaining off and on for some time now about the city's electric service. Electrical motors have been dragging and burning out and light bulbs don't seem to be as bright as they should be.

This week the newspaper reported that an electrical engineer at the high school here tested the voltage on city lines and found it lacking. It should have registered a steady 110 volts. Instead, it wavered between 85 and 90 volts. City officials quickly responded, saying they'd take steps to remedy the situation.

(September 18, 1946) Last week the newspaper wrote about the city's electric plant, reporting that tests had found it to be generating an erratic level of power that was burning out electric motors and light bulbs here. This week, city officials are asking residents here to conserve power until the city can fix its "wobbly" power generation system.

If the power demand is not temporarily lessened, some plants here might have to cease daytime production and work at night instead because they say their machinery isn't working properly. And the newspaper suggest, "Our wives should give daddy a chance to bring home the bacon by turning off as many electric devices in the daytime as possible since commercial machines can hardly run."

(September 26, 1946) The Putnam Beer Board began its first day of hearings yesterday on petitions to shut down five taverns.

A huge crowd turned out to hear hundreds of witnesses testify in the cases. One of the taverns is "socially immoral," testified a local minister, because children have to walk past it on the way to school and it is often the scene of drunken behavior by patrons in the parking lot.

The tavern's lawyer, in rebuttal, questioned the patriotism of the minister during the war that just ended, and the minister, in response, characterized the lawyer as a "sot."

A big crowd was expected again today.

*A mistrial was declared this week in the case of a Monterey cafe owner with charged with killing a 76-year-old customer.

Testimony in the trial showed that the elderly man "playfully" pulled his money back at the cash register while paying for a sandwich and hit the restaurateur over the head with a chair.

Then he pulled a gun on the shop owner, who brushed it aside and punched him in the face. The elderly man reeled backwards and struck his head on a concrete wall. He died hours later in a hospital from the results of a brain hemorrhage.

*A columnist for the newspaper said this week that after years of complaining that big city newspapers in the midstate don't give enough coverage to Tennessee Tech football, sports fans here now say they may have given a little too much coverage on this week's game.

Tech played Eastern Kentucky, their first match since 1941, when the call to war took the nation's ball players and most of its other young men and put collegiate football on hold for five seasons.

Nashville's newspapers gave a 'deluge' of pre-game coverage, says the columnist, making much of the fact that while TTU's team had several battle-hardened ex-GIs on its squad, Eastern Kentucky has 24 vets.

Eastern Kentucky won 13-0.

That was also the score the last time the two teams played at the start of the war.

(October 3, 1946) A record number of freshmen has come to Tennessee Tech this year – 800. Total enrollment is 1,500, an all-time high. There are lines everywhere, and the college's facilities, as well as those of the entire city, are strained.

Restaurants here are always full. There's nowhere to park on or near campus. The armory and the shoe factory have been converted to sleeping quarters for hundreds of college students awaiting space in the college's new apartments, which are nearing completion on campus.

Colleges across the nation are experiencing a similar situation, GIs are home from the war and are using the GI Bill to go to college.

(October 3, 1946) State Commissioner of Employment Security W.O. Hake said this week that Putnam County still has 650 war veterans on the unemployment rolls collecting what is popularly known as "rocking chair" checks.

He says jobs are out there and advised them to "strike out on your own" and find them.

*Meanwhile, Tennessee Tech is busting at the seams with new freshmen, many of them vets going to college on the GI bill.

There are lines in front of every building entrance on campus as the new students begin enrolling this week. The TTU cafeteria line looks more like an army chow line, the newspaper reported.

And housing is short. The college is housing 100 students in the armory here and another 400 in the old shoe factory building in makeshift dorms.

New apartments the college is building to ease some of the overflow won't be open for another three or four weeks, says president Everett Derryberery.

Another sign of the crunch is the number of cars parked on the main quadrangle at Tech. It used to be that

only 10 or so cars belonging to college professors were parked there. Today, there are so many cars parked every which way on the main quad that it looks more like a major sporting event, say observers.

(October 8, 1946) Tennessee Tech has a dance orchestra again for the first time since the war, and it now has 12 members. It played for the first time this week at the freshman mixer. It's being widely promoted by the college's president, Everett Derryberry. The orchestra is under the direction of Algood Vaden and Maurice Haste.

(October 10, 1946) The Thomas community hopes to take the county's Improvement Award this year with what it's calling its "Lum and Abner" firefighting system. The program is headquartered at the Chester Thomas store, where residents meet to discuss firefighting improvements and where the alarm will be sounded if a building in the community catches on fire.

Meanwhile, the residents have just about completed their plans to place a barrel of water and a ladder at every barn and building in the community.

*For the first time since the war, Tennessee Polytech has a dance orchestra -- 12 musicians, including faculty and students -- under the direction of Algood Vaden and Maurice Haste of the Tech Music Department.

The orchestra already played at a freshmen mixer this week and is available for college dances and parties.

*Work resumed this week on the erection of several needed temporary dormitories on campus following a strike by workers of the Henry C. Beck Co.

The contractor's builders walked off the job in protest of 65-cent an-hour wages they'd received through the duration of the war when wage freezes were in effect.

They returned when the company agreed to raise their wages by a dime an hour.

College officials breathed a sign of relief when the workers returned because a wave of war veterans coming to college on the GI bill has swamped housing both on campus and off.

*Showing at the Princess Theater this week; "California Gold Rush," with Wild Bill Elliot and "Little Bear."

Also, "The Dark Corner," with Lucille Ball, William Bendix and Eddie Heywood and His Orchestra.

(October 17, 1946) The Putnam County Court this week enraged veterans by going back on a promise to support a \$100,000 bond issuance to build a veterans memorial building to honor Putnam's war dead.

The movement to build the veteran's building began two years ago before the war was even over when a committee of concerned citizens approached the county court with the idea, and a committee was formed to look into it.

The committee had received \$33,000 in contributions from patriotic citizens to go towards the building when it went before the county court in April and got a promise to issue the bonds to build the center.

But this week, Monterey magistrate W.T. Ray said he thinks there ought to be four smaller veterans buildings, one in each of Putnam's four towns.

When it came to a vote, the bonds failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote from the court, and for now, the movement is dead in the water.

*Services were held this week for Peter Young Jared, 80, a prominent local Democrat and circuit court judge here for two terms.

He was the son of Moses A. Jared, a pioneer citizen here. He served as judge here in the 1906-1910 and the 1914-1918 terms. He died in St. Thomas hospital this week following a brief illness.

(October 24, 1946) Putnam County veterans of the big war are exercising their political muscles this week, announcing plans to form a league of veterans to attempt to put ex-GIs, sailors and airmen in every courthouse office in the next election.

The new league's officers include Ray Maynard, president, Ed Hash, vice president, and Beasley Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

The local unit is modeled after one recently created in Athens, Tenn., to watch out for veterans' interests at election time.

*Also in politics this week, Putnam Democratic Party chairman Fred Roberson called a mass meeting for Democrats there for later in the week.

Roberson says Democrats need to find more ways to get people out to vote.

He says voter apathy is becoming a widespread problem here and across the nation.

(October 31, 1946) Deputies from Overton County and Tennessee Highway Patrol trooper N.B. Matheny have captured the biggest moonshine still ever raided by lawmen in this area -- a 1,000 gallon still.

They found the massive apparatus in Overton County's 2nd District near the Putnam County line.

It was being taken apart in preparation to be moved to another site when the deputies arrived, they said.

*The honor roll is out for the first six weeks at Central High. Making the list were 47 of the school's 450 students.

Among them were freshmen Rebba Broyles, Peggy Coakley, Billie Dean Smith and Jennings Bryan DuBois; sophomores Mary Frances Crawford, Glenn Ramsey and Sara Medley; juniors Bonnie Kate Stone, Mary Jane O'Dell, Norman Gresham and Hilda Carlisle; and seniors Gene Mayberry, Daniel Mattson, Robert Webb and George W. Bussell.

(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 31 October 1946):

1000 Gallon Still Seized in Overton:

Overton County officers and N. B. Matheny of the State highway patrol yesterday captured one of the largest "moonshine" rigs ever to operate in this section.

The officers reported that preparations were being made to move the 1,000 gallon copper liquor still when they found it in the Second District of Overton County, not far from the Putnam County line.

Overton County Sheriff Jimmy Moore led the search for the still. Other officers on the raid were Deputies Johnny Moore and Pennock Dickerson.

(November 3, 1946) Tennessee Tech hopes to benefit from the surplus of federal goods left over from the war effort. It plans to use military surplus material to turn a classroom building on the main quad into a student center.

The center will feature a bookstore, a sandwich bar, a soda fountain and recreational lounge. The material is coming from Camp Forrest in Tullahoma.

(November 12, 1946) The driver of a Kern's Bakery bread truck had just started down Highway 70 on Bullock Mountain into Dry Valley one day this past week when he tapped his brakes – and found he had none.

Farther down the grade, the driver of a tractor trailer truck looked in his rear-view mirror and saw the other vehicle roaring down the hill toward him. He sped up to 75 mph and was still rammed hard enough to sent both vehicles careening off the highway.

THP Sgt. A. C. Jared reports that the big rig's plunge off the road was slowed when it clipped a series of telephone poles. The driver of the larger truck was treated and released at the hospital here.

The bread truck flew a hundred yards off the other side of the road and was practically demolished. Its driver is in critical condition in a Knoxville hospital.

(November 7, 1946) Cookeville is still feeling the effects of the war's end and the return of the veterans.

The VFW this week launched a survey headed by Hubert Crawford to gauge the severity of the housing crisis here and to explore ways of solving it.

With the return of Putnam veterans and a huge wave of vets going to Tennessee Polytech on the GI bill, every available room in town is filled.

Meanwhile this week, the American Legion praised TPI President Everett Derryberry for the way he handled the housing crunch this fall.

Besides securing trailers for temporary housing, the college has built temporary dorms and taken numerous other steps to find quarters for veterans and their families.

Derryberry was commended in TPI's daily morning chapel services by Thomas Passons, director of Veterans Training in the State Department of Education and the State Commander of the American Legion.

*Meanwhile, the federal Price Control Board in Cookeville has closed. For the past five years it has monitored rationing and the pricing of numerous goods and, most recently, rental rates.

While the federal office has been shut down, rationing remains in effect for some items, like sugar. If you have questions now, you'll have to contact the federal OPA office in Nashville.

(November 14, 1946) It happened just after the shift change when men working on building Center Hill Dam were still bunched up near their vehicles, getting ready to go to their posts at the massive project.

A charge of dynamite, emplaced by the last shift, went off accidentally, sending a volley of rocks and debris into the workers.

A Lancaster, Tenn., man lost his leg in the blast, and Fred Todd of Double Springs received serious head injuries.

Five other Putnam men were also treated for injuries and released. They are T.C. Florida of Silver Point, James D. Ragsdale of Cookeville, Thomas B. Neal of Cookeville, Dillard Stewart of Silver Point and Hugh Fike of Baxter.

The shower of rocks also severely peppered 20 vehicles near the men.

*Bill Terry and Clarence Stewart are authorized dealers for the new Kaiser automobile that is being talked about so much these days. They gave a reporter for the newspaper a test drive this week.

He reported that the car is surprisingly heavy -- 3,300 pounds -- but that it has a large enough engine to

accelerate well and that it handles curves smoothly. It's a winner, the reporter declares.

"It's here to stay, regardless of how hard some industrial leaders may fight the Kaiser."

(November 21, 1946) It's going to be the brightest Thanksgiving since before the war. The young men are home and out of uniform and schools and churches across the county are planning special services and activities.

WHUB is planning to broadcast a special CBS radio program on Thanksgiving Day with Don Ameche as master of ceremonies to "a galaxy of radio and movie stars."

*Meanwhile, Tennessee Polytech is having its first full-scale Homecoming weekend since the war, with a full slate of dances, pep rallies, bonfires and other 'collegiate shenanigans.'

Coach Putty Overall's Golden Eagles will play Middle Tennessee, which is coached this year by a former pupil of Overall's, Wink Midgett.

Twin Oaks and Nash's Chapel were neck and neck in the county's popular Community Improvement contest earlier this week when the team of judges visited a farmhouse in Twin Oaks. It was a house divided. The husband was supporting his community in the competition, but the wife, a teacher at Nash's Chapel, was rooting for that community.

When the husband brought the judges from his barn to the house, he found it had been locked from the inside by his wife to keep the judges from completing their inspection. And she refused to budge. What she didn't know was that the judges had already gone through the house when they first arrived. Later in the week, Twin Oaks won the award for the year.

(November 25, 1946) It's considered one of the football games to be sure to see in Tennessee each year, the Tennessee tech – Middle Tennessee state College game. And although Tech is generally believed to be the underdog this year, the newspaper picks the Eagles to win.

The newspaper argues that the Eagles met one of the strongest lines in the nation earlier this season when Tech played Vandy and the Eagles were able to gain 60 yards on the ground and 39 in the air, more than Auburn or Florida State were able to achieve this season in bouts with the Commodores.

On the downside, however, the newspaper notes that Tech has lost to injury the gridiron talents of "Scatback" Buster Reed. Nevertheless, it ought to be a game worth watching.

(December 11, 1946) Chamber of Commerce President Ed Hooper told readers about a letter the Chamber got this week from a serviceman who found Cookeville to be a friendly sort of place.

Sgt. Frank J. Morris of El Pasco, Texas, traveled through Cookeville a short while ago with his family in a trailer. It's hard these days to find tourist trailer parks, so he stopped at Howard and Harold Bradley's Pure Oil Station on Highway 70 to ask about a place to stay here.

Both the Bradley brothers are veterans of the world war that just ended and they say they have a soft spot in their hearts for GIs. They let the Morris family park their trailer at the filling station and stay overnight for free.

Sgt. Morris, in a letter of thanks he wrote to the chamber this week, said his family received similar hospitality wherever they went during their stay here. Cookeville is just about the friendliest town they passed through, in fact, said Morris.

(November 28, 1946) The Harris Brothers VFW Post 5023 had planned to hold a 'Hillbilly Jamboree' this week, featuring "Ernest Tubb" and other stars from "The Grand Ole Opry," but court action brought the show to a halt.

Powerful WSM radio, which has held the copyright to the Grand Ole Opry since 1925, filed an injunction and the court stopped the show.

The newspaper reports that it had printed advertisements for the show, thinking it was from THE Grand Ole Opry, but then was told to send bills to an agent in Lexington.

Country western fans can still hear some tunes despite the cancellation of the 'opry' here this week. The Princess Theater is showing "Singing on the Trail," the latest singing cowboy opry, starring The Hoosier Hotshots and "Big Boy" Williams.

(December 6, 1946) The talk of the town this week is the announcement by Golden Eagle's head football coach P.V. "Putty" Overall that after a quarter of a century of molding the town's winning college team, he's retiring.

A page one editorial on the decision said, "Tennessee Tech will never be the same without his presence."

*Veterans who are back from the war and active in politics say they will closely watch who the Putnam County Court elects to fill three recent vacancies on the county legislative body.

Magistrates Chester Patton of the 20th District (Baxter) and Hershel Montgomery of the 2nd District (Cookeville) resigned recently, and F.N. Bullington of the 18th District (Bloomington Springs) died.

The big question on the minds of veterans is, how do prospective appointees stand on the question of the war memorial building the veterans want to build, but which the court killed recently.

Veterans had taken the initiative and began to raise funds for a veterans memorial here when they asked the county court for help. The court got sidetracked by magistrates from Monterey and Baxter who argued that if the county helped fund a project in Cookeville, it should fund ones in their towns too.

Instead, the entire issue was dropped by the court and veterans are eager to see it revived.

(December 17, 1946) Retiring TTU football coach P. V. Overall was given a surprise banquet by the Lions Club this week. As a token of the town's appreciation for his years coaching successful TTU teams, he was given a silver tray. The football team got together and gave Overall a gift too, a desk set and a cigarette lighter.

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(December 23, 1946) Back in 1895, her foster father, Robert H. Wills, took out an insurance policy with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. The Alexandria, Tennessee farmer paid the policy up in full five years later, and that was the last the insurance company heard from Wills.

This year, the company discovered the policy as it updated its files. It began searching for Wills and found that Mrs. Brown was his last living relative. So, Santa came early on Rt. 5 here.

(December 24, 1946) With the war over, some materials are once again becoming available for peacetime use. And some are not.

Tennessee Tech got approval from the Federal Works Agency to begin work on three new buildings on campus this week.

TTU is beginning a long-needed student center on campus, a new gymnasium and a farm workshop facility.

*The massive federal bureaucracy created to guide the war effort on the home front is slowly being disassembled. This week the newspaper tells readers that the OPA is closing the office here that regulated the purchase of sugar. If you need more sugar ration books, you need to write to OPA office in Nashville. But the OPA is still staffing its rent control office. That office will still require regular reports from any home, hotel or tourist court that rents lodging by the day or night.

Meanwhile, the newspaper announced this week that there will be no edition next week. The nation is still in a severe newsprint shortage and there's simply no paper available for publishing.

Showing this week at the Princess Theater: Will Bill Ellito and 'Little Beaver' in "Sun Valley Cyclone," plus tenth chapter of the WWII cliffhanger, "Jungle Raiders."

And at the Strand this week, it's "Blazing The Western Trail" and the second chapter of the serial, "Chick Carter, Detective."

(December 25, 1946) In a year-end review, the newspaper this week said that in its evaluation, the year's top story here was the movement to build a new hospital in Cookeville.

It started in May with the city's purchase of the Gregory property on Oak Street for a new 50 bed facility.

A local group challenged that purchase in court and the court ruled that the city's voters must approve the purchase and plans to build the hospital. That vote is yet to come.

Another big story here was the teacher shortage. This fall, there were 39 teaching positions open. Only eight applications were turned in.

The newspaper, which notes that Tennessee is 41st out of the nation's 48 states in teachers' salaries, suspects that low pay here is the problem.

*Many Putnam families were reunited this week for Christmas for the first time since the war.

-- Among them were Lt. Billy Mattson, who's home from Germany on terminal leave from the military. He served in the war and for the last year, in the army of occupation.

-- W.C. Davis, Jr. spent his first Christmas home in three years. He's been on foreign soil that long.

-- William Anderson, who's in the U.S. Maritime Service, sailed home from duty in Paris for the holidays.

And several college students were back in Cookeville for Christmas. Myrtle Conry was home from college in Ames, Iowa. Martha Pennebaker was back with her family on a break from classes in Lexington, Ky.

And back for the holidays from UT-Knoxville were Philip Carlen Webb, Thomas Gentry, Jean Breeding, Philip Hutcheson, Howard Horn and Willard Stinson.

(December 28, 1946) "Greatly inflated land prices" are discouraging many returning GIs from going into careers in agriculture the way their fathers did, says University of Tennessee agriculture planning specialist Frank J. Walrath.

But they shouldn't give up altogether on the idea of working in agriculture, he added in a story in this week's edition. There are a variety of jobs in the field that are open to enterprising young men who aren't able to buy land, such as jobs servicing farm equipment or marketing and transporting farm products.

Walrath advises young men back from the war to explore all their options when getting ready to use the GI bill for college.

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(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN: 16 January 1947): Falling Water Dam Work Order Given; To Begin Soon:

The work order which will begin construction on the Falling Water Dam was given the J. M. Hickman Construction Company of Harriman January 11, according to Harold Oaks, city clerk.

According to reliable sources, necessary clearing work will begin at the dam site Monday. No employment office has been set up, however.

The contract calls for a dam 20 feet high and 300 feet long, and will cost the city \$98,935.

The structure will impound 168 million gallons of water, or enough to last four months including Cookeville's anticipated growth 25 years from now. Cookeville now uses approximately 15 million gallons monthly.

The full improvement program of the Cookeville water system will cost in the neighborhood of \$365,000 which has been approved by the Federal Works Agency. Other improvements will include the building of an intake and filter tank inside the city.

Hickman stated at the time the contract was awarded that his crew could complete the dam in 90 working days.

(January 30, 1947) With voters set to decide whether the county will contribute \$100,000 for a war memorial building here in a few weeks, the newspaper this week looked at the history of the effort here.

It reports that the American Legion got the idea of a memorial building, honoring veterans of all wars here, as the Germans were in retreat across Europe, but before the cataclysmic Battle of the Bulge.

The Legion aimed at collecting \$40,000 in donations and in six months had raised half that. The idea expanded into a \$140,000 project as many here said they wanted a public meeting hall and offices in the memorial structure.

The Putnam County Court debated the question of issuing \$100,000 in bonds for the project just last month, but magistrates from Monterey and Baxter argued for smaller buildings in each of the county's towns rather than one central memorial.

Finally, the justices of the peace decided to put the issue before the public, and the vote is set for a few weeks from now.

*Putnam County has the distinction of having the youngest and oldest members in the Al Menah Shriners Temple in Nashville.

Both Will Glenn Crawford, 21, and W.W. Judd, 72, were admitted into that Masonic organization this month.

Crawford, the son of Col. and Mrs. Hubert Crawford, has been doing his mason work since returning from

the war.

Judd, a railroad man, has been a Shriner for 25 years and recently made the move to join the Nashville temple.

(February 6, 1947) Veterans are expected to pack the courthouse this week to hear a speech by former governor Gordon Browning, who's just back from serving in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

His topic: The Possibility of Germany Becoming a Democratic and Peace-Loving Nation."

The ex-governor, a veteran of the First World War, rejoined immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor and served in Europe.

*Services were held this week for Mrs. Charles Kuykendall, 53, the wife of a widely-known timber dealer here. Algood Methodist Church was the site of the services.

*Showing this week at the Princess: Van Johnson and Lucille Ball in "Easy to Wed."

(February 12, 1947) TPI president Everett Derryberry announced today that the Federal Works Administration has approved the release of enough materials for the college to build a new student union.

Although the war has been over for some time, many materials are still being rationed as the nation shifts to a peacetime economy and is engaged in the massive rebuilding of Europe.

TPI has been cleared to build an 8,000 square foot structure using a prefabricated structure that will be made and shipped from Tullahoma. Once here, it will be covered with wire asbestos shingles like other recent additions at the college.

It will house a bookstore, soda fountain, sandwich bar, post office and recreation hall.

*Leonard Pennario, a young acclaimed pianist, will perform at TPI this week. Pennario said in a recent interview that he values the three Bronze Stars he won for heroism during the war as much as his talent and reputation.

He won the medals for heroic performances with the USO on stages from London to Calcutta, performing for the troops in conditions ranging from bitter cold to sweltering heat.

(February 13, 1947) Materials are still scarce for much of the nation because of the war, but Tennessee Tech has locked into an advantageous pipeline of supplies and equipment thanks to TTU's Leonard Crawford and his War Assets Committee.

The committee is able to get hard-to-find items for free or at huge discounts because hundreds of fledgling military aviators received part of their training at TTU. The war is over but the college still has it government ties.

Besides outright 'donations' to the college from government surpluses, Uncle Sam gives the college a 40 percent discount on material and equipment from its Army warehouses, and, in special cases where Tech can show "justification of need," there's a 95 percent discount.

*The old shoe factory in west Cookeville is closed and civic leaders have debated in recent weeks how to see that the building doesn't sit empty, but is used by someone to provide jobs here.

This week it was announced that four Cookeville men -- W.L. Whitson, John H. Whitson, Robert Lowe and Benton Carlen -- have bought the old shoe factory and say they will set rent attractively low to entice industrial prospects.

"They deserve sincere commendation for bringing it back under local control," writes the newspaper in a page one editorial.

It goes on to say that the ball is now in the court of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club to go out and find a "desirable industry" to rent the facility.

(March 13, 1947) The temperance movement is growing across the nation and this week, one of its more prominent leaders is speaking here.

Dr. George Little, a Presbyterian minister from Canada, is on a tour of Middle Tennessee telling audiences that alcohol is hurting America's health, morals and economy.

He and others in the movement are strong proponents of rehabilitation programs for alcoholics.

*Voters said no this week to a veterans memorial building. In a referendum, they voted 2,496 for and 2,955 against the county's contributing towards the project.

Veterans who have worked for months to build a memorial to those who served their country in the recent war and in all past wars say they are still going ahead in their fund drive.

Immediately after the vote results were announced, 15 Cookeville businessmen got together and gave the veterans another \$10,000 for the memorial building.

*Services were held this week for John B. Payne, 85, a pioneer citizen and resident of Cookeville for more than 50 years.

He died after a brief illness at his home in Buffalo Valley this week.

Payne was a retired farmer and businessman.

(March 20, 1947) Services were held this week for former Putnam Register of Deeds W. Monroe Bush, 68, who died at his home near Baxter this week after a short illness.

A farmer most of his life, Bush served in public office here from 1938 until 1942.

+ School ended this week here, and Putnam's 50 schools graduated a total of 463 8th graders. Graduation ceremonies were held in several schools this week.

(March 27, 1947) Springtime in Putnam County? Not hardly. Winds of up to 80 miles an hour slashed across the county one day this week, ripping the roofs off two veterans' apartment buildings on the campus of TPI and snatching away the awning from the Campus Grill. The mercury plunged from 80 degrees to below freezing within 24 hours after the winds came.

(May 2, 1947) Repairs to the Putnam County Fairgrounds have hit a snag due to a continuing nail shortage created by WWII.

(June 3, 1947) Fire has destroyed Cookeville's Tennessee Handle Co. and injured an employee who attempted to battle the blaze. Damage has been estimated between \$75,000 and \$100,000 and the factory's 135 workers are left jobless.

(June 5, 1947: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Former Resident Returns Here to Make Home:

Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Wilhite, former Putnam and Cumberland county residents, have returned to Cookeville and bought the Dixie Sweet Shoppe, it was announced this week, after spending 27 years in Akron, OH,

Wilhite for the past 16 years has been probation officer for the Akron Juvenile court, and to keep down the need for such a court here, he is planning on catering to the school age boys and girls in his business. He is a brother of John H. and Nonda Wilhite, Cookeville, and the son of Mrs. Flora Wilhite and the late Lige Wilhite.

Parents of three children, two daughters and a son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhite are members of the Methodist church. Their oldest daughter, Madeline, is married and lives in Akron. The other daughter, Betty Anne, is attending Akron College preparatory to enrolling in the nurse training course at a large hospital there, and the son, Guy Edward, 16, is here.

The Wilhites are making their home in an apartment at 200 Dixie Avenue.

(July 10, 1947) Construction has resumed on Center Hill Dam and residents whose land will soon be lake bottom are saying their goodbyes to their homes and neighbors in a series of large community reunions.

(July 17, 1947) Cookeville is hosting a meeting of the Tennessee Tourist Development Association at the TPI Cafe this week. Officials say there's no other region in the South that has as much tourism potential as Cookeville and the Upper Cumberland.

Nearby, there's Fall Creek Falls Park, Cumberland State Park, Standing Stone State Park, the Catoosa Game Reserve, the Red Boiling Springs resort, Monterey Lake, Dale Hollow Lake, and soon, there'll be Center Hill Lake. Tourists last year in Tennessee spent \$300 million.

(July 24, 1947) A campaign is under way to build a new hospital in Cookeville, which has outgrown its severely overcrowded 16-bed facility on Spring Street.

(July 24, 1947 - Putnam County Herald, Cookeville TN) Guy M. Wilhite, native Putnam countian who recently returned here after being connected with juvenile Court in Akron, OH, has accepted the chairmanship of the Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross, it was announced this week.

Wilhite, who operates the Dixie Sweet Shoppe on Dixie Avenue, succeeds M. B. Thompson.

Having been interested and close-connected with the many social warfare organizations of a large city Wilhite is well qualified for the Red Cross post, and possesses a great quality for this type of work. He will be installed as chapter chairman at the meeting of the board of directors, July 29 at Whitson's Funeral Home.

(August 2, 1947) A group of scientists from Oak Ridge held a meeting here this week to answer the public's questions and concerns about atomic bombs.

(August 10, 1947) The Cookeville Planning Commission has recommended traffic signals at several key intersections, including Spring and Dixie, Broad and Dixie and the four corners of the Cookeville Square.

(August 21, 1947) The Celina Jaycees want to show off their new lake, so they're sponsoring the first annual Dale Hollow Outboard Motorboat Regatta. Jaycee officials say that several nationally-known speedboat racers have expressed interest.

There'll be eight 5-mile heats and admission is 50 cents.

(August 25, 1947) The Cookeville City Commission has voted to award a \$90,000 contract to build a 30-foot long, 20-foot high dam on the Falling Water River to impound a lake east of town from which the city will get its drinking water.

(August 28, 1947) The Cookeville Planning Commission said this week that it's time for the city to put up a few traffic signals. It recommended that red lights be placed at several key intersections that now have stop signs, like Spring and Dixie, Broad and Dixie, the four intersections on the Square and Broad and Cedar.

It could help many drivers here avoid accidents, the commission said.

(September 18, 1947) Funeral services were held this week for veteran teacher **James Knox Polk Romines**, 79, who died of an extended illness. He retired three years ago when a broken hip forced him to end his 53-year career.

He served one term on the county school board and one term on the county road commission as well.

Known as "the professor," he was born in Arkansas in 1890 and moved to Putnam County in 1943. He served for a time as principal of Monterey High and, at the time of his retirement, was a teacher at the Woodclift school.

(September 18, 1947) The deadline is this week for former residents of the Center Hill area to buy buildings they once owned from the government. The federal government, in clearing the way for the impoundment of Center Hill Lake, condemned property and farm buildings and purchased them from the owners back before the war.

Now, many of the buildings can be moved and are being sold before the lake itself is actually created. Uncle Sam is giving the previous owners the first shot at buying the buildings before the sale is opened up to the general public.

(September 25, 1947) There are new hours — again — for free use of the town's parking meters. Now they don't have to be "fed" if you park in front of one on Wednesday afternoons or at night, announces Mayor D.S. Mahler.

(October 10, 1947) The first of Putnam's war dead was returned for reburial

In an emotional ceremony attended by many local veterans, the body of Navy Lt. Millard DeBerry of Bloomington Springs was laid to final rest there.

Previously, you had to pay the meters except for evenings after 9 p.m.

(October 24, 1947) The Putnam County Court has enraged veterans by going back on a promise to support a \$100,000 bond issue to build a veterans' memorial building to honor Putnam's war dead.

(November 10, 1947) The local Price Control Board has officially closed here, marking the end of wartime rationing for the county's residents.

(November 28, 1947) Cookeville Mayor D. S. Mahler says that police are going to start getting serious about ticketing motorists who follow fire trucks. They're blocking the fire scene and are getting in the way of firemen, he said.

(December 10, 1947) Golden Eagle head football coach P.V. (Putty) Overall has retired after 25 year at TPI.

From figures in this week, it appears spring enrollment at the college will top 1,500.

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(February 19, 1948) Julia Wills Her Body to County Rats with a Big Laugh:

Julia has willed her body to the rodents of Putnam County that have caused her most grief.

Julia has served her purpose upon this earth. She was born without a highly touted pedigree, and she entertained little or no hope for posterity. Julia is a mule.

And, Julia heard about the concerted plan to rid Putnam County of rats – come March 11 – so she asked that she be allowed to give her all. Her offer was immediately accepted, and County Agent Hugh Childress, who is mobilizing forces for all-out war on the rats, has made plans to grind Julia's meat into a sausage and mix poison with it.

Childress says this action seemed to give Julia great delight as she recalled all those times she has eaten rat-damaged corn. The conversation with Julia ended in her giving the rats a big "mule laugh."

Every civic club in Putnam County has promised to solicit the cooperation of every family in the eradication programs. Interested persons should see Childress about the distribution of Julia and the poison, and it is almost imperative that every family be interested since rats will move from one home to another when a few of their mates have died before them. Such action may be the reason they are called rats.

(May 10, 1948) Walter Keith Crawford has organized Putnam's three-month long 'Wheatless and Meatless' Friday to conserve food to be sent to starving Europeans in the wake of the war.

(May 27, 1948) Gene (Nubbin) Cobb, the son of William and Sally Cobb, of Putnam County, was known in his vaudeville days as "Honey Gal." Now the comedian is the emcee for Renfro Valley Shows' traveling troupe. It includes singers, a one-armed banjo player, a trick fiddler, and dancers. The show opens at a car lot here next week.

(1 July 1948: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN)

Mrs. Herman Swallows Winner in County Cotton Dress Contest:

Mrs. Herman Swallows of Banham placed first in the Putnam County Home Demonstration Club cotton dress contest, it was announced at the annual club picnic held last Saturday.

Mrs. Swallows competed with other women in the organization who had previously won contest in their own community.

Other winners were Mrs. Earl Bullock, Bohannon; Mrs. Robett Cormick, Dry Valley; Mrs. Charles Bullock, Salem; Mrs. R. H. Rockwell, Whitson's Chapel; Mrs. Leo Warren, Twin Oak; Mrs. N. C. Thomas, Silver Point; Mrs. C. o. Gentry, Holladay; **Mrs. T. J. Denny, Buffalo Valley**; Mrs. Waymon Franklin, Burgess; Mrs. Carl Nash, Nash Chapel; and Mrs. J. T. Dunavin, Baxter.

Prizes for the winners were donated by Cookeville merchants.

Miss Kendall, home demonstration agent, was in charge of the meeting. Appearing on the program were Miss Mary Stanfield, district home demonstration agent from Chattanooga, and Miss Elizabeth Moreland from the University of Tennessee Extension Service, Knoxville.

(October 2, 1948) W.T. Sewel has opened the State Theater in Baxter, and the first movie shown in the 375-seat facility is Abbott and Costello's "The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap."

(18 November 1948: **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**)

Sheriff Pierce Captures Underground Still:

Sheriff Charlie Pierce captured his first "wildcat" still Tuesday and arrested Eddie Hall, farmer on Burnett Mountain in the Fourth district, in connection.

The sheriff said it was a 38 gallon copper rig, set up under ground for a run. Pierce also said he destroyed about 50 gallons of mash.

Hall made bond and was released until trial.

Sheriff Pierce said the whiskey making apparatus was in dugout about 80 feet from Hall's house, and that he had it well camouflaged by a tin covering that had leaves over it.

(November 28, 1946) It's considered one of the football games to be sure to be seen in Tennessee each year, the Tennessee Tech — Middle Tennessee State College game.

And although Tech is generally believed to be the underdog this year, the newspaper picks the Eagles to win.

The newspaper argues that the Eagles met one of the strongest lines in the nation earlier this season when Tech played Vandy and the Eagles were able to gain 60 yards on the ground and 39 in the air, more than Auburn or Florida State were able to achieve this season in bouts with the Commodores.

On the downside, however, the newspaper notes that Tech has lost to injury the gridiron talents of "Scatback" Buster Reed.

Nevertheless, it ought to be a game worth watching.

(December 19, 1948) A UT chemical engineering instructor says in an article that atomic energy doesn't have to be used solely for massive destruction. It is being put to other use in peacetime. It may someday be used to turn waste from wood products into food, he says. In the closing days of World War II, the Germans made technological leaps in the production of synthetic sugar from wood waste. But that process is not economically feasible in peacetime, says the instructor. Now, at the State Atomic Research Center in Knoxville, radioactivity is being used to trace chemicals in the synthetic sugar process in the search for a better way to do it.

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(January 4, 1949) Center Hill Lake is being created as the waters of the Caney Fork River rise behind the new dam there.

(Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 6 January 1949): MRS. LOFTIS ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY REGISTER: Mrs. Allie Judd Loftis announces her candidacy for the office of County Register, of Putnam County subject to the Democratic Primary Election of 1949. Statement will follow later.

(January 16, 1949) Tennessee Central Railroad officials have announced they are discontinuing two passenger trains that also carry mail from Harriman to Nashville, and Putnam Postmaster P.F. Moore says he's certain truck service will soon be implemented to keep the mail flowing.

(27 January 1949: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN)

Methodists Begin Expansion Program: Workmen this week are preparing to move the old Methodist parsonage building located at the corner of Brand and Dixie Avenue at the rear of the church which has been used for many years as an educational building, to a new location about two blocks South on Dixie Avenue.

The building is being moved to make way for the first unit of a projected three-story educational plant, construction of which is scheduled to begin in the early spring. Present plans call for the new structure to be completed the latter part of this year. The building program which ultimately will result in a complete new church plant, plans to care for a total of 1,500 people.

The parsonage building will continue to be used by the church for educational purposes at the location until the new plant is completed.

(February 4, 1949) Louis Johnson, Cookeville Commissioners of Finance and Taxation, threw the switch this week on the first section of the city's "White Way," a series of 46 street lights running from the intersection of Spring and Broad in west Cookeville up to the Square.

(March 11, 1949) The Tennessee Central has purchased six new diesel locomotives from the American Locomotive Co. in Schenectady, N.Y. and is putting them to use to haul freight from Harriman. The age of steam is coming to an end.

(May 1, 1949) The US Army Corps of Engineers has announced that it has leased two sites, one at Hurricane Dock and another at Cove Hollow, for commercial docks on the new Center Hill Lake.

(May 12, 1949) Cookeville Police Chief Hubert Crawford says the city has begun enforcing a city ban on outhouses inside the city limits.

(14 July 1949: Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN) Mrs. V. D. Williams Purchases Milligan-Henry Motor Co.

Mrs. Virris Dowell Williams who for the past 12 years has been connected with Williams Department Store here, has this week announced the purchase of the interests of H. L. Milligan and A. S. Henry in the Milligan & Henry Motor Company, Chrysler and Plymouth dealers in Monterey.

The business will continue to be operated under the management of H. L. Milligan, who founded the firm in 1944.

The new name of the business will be Milligan-Williams Motor Company.

(7 July 1949: **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**) Hundred-Year-Old Sale Bill Marks Century of Progress???

A century of progress? 1849-1949? Read the following "old sale bill," first published in 1849 by the Anderson News in Anderson, KY, and draw your own conclusion.

It was submitted by a Putnam Countian, J. M. Stamps, whose brother-in-law found it in an old trunk at his home in Newcastle, IN. It appeared as follows:

"Having sold my farm and am leaving for 'Oregon Territory' by ox team, will offer on March 1, 1849, all ox teams except two teams; Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry; two milk cows; one gray mare and colt; one pair of oxen and yoke; one baby yoke, two ox carts; one iron plow with wood mole board; 800 feet of poplar weather boards; 1,500 10-foot fence rails; one 60-gallon soap kettle; 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber; 10 gallons of maple syrup; two spinning wheels; 30 pounds of tallow; one large loom made by Jerry Wilson; 300 hoop poles; 100 split hoops; 100 empty barrels; one 32-gallon barrel of Johnson-Miller whiskey seven years old; 20-gallons of apple brandy; one 40-gallon copper still; oak tan leather; one dozen reel hooks; two handle hooks; three scythes and cradles; one dozen wooden pitchforks; one-half interest in tan yard; one 32-calibre rifle; bullet mold and powder horn; rifle made by Ben Miller; 50 gallons of soft soap; hams, bacon and lard; 40 gallons of sorghum molasses; six head of fox hounds, all soft moulder except one.

“At the same time I will sell my six Negro slaves – two men, 35 and 50 years old; two boys, mullato wenches 10 and 30 years old. Will sell all together to the same party as will not separate them.

“Terms of sale, cash in hand or not to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnell as security.

“My home is two miles south of Versailles, KY, on McCoon’s ferry pike. Sale will begin at 8 a.m. Plenty to eat and drink.”

Signed, J. L. Moss

Most remarkable about the old bill is the clear distinction between useful possession then and the goods that might be offered for sale today. Recognition of Negro rights of equality mark the greatest humanitarian advancement in the century of progress.

(25 August 1949: **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**) Cookeville To Have A Second Church of God:

Cookeville is to have a second Church of God. The new church building will be located on Priffitt Street, on a lot recently purchased for this purpose. This congregation, which includes the group which has for the past several years been worshipping at the Judd Cemetery building, has paid for the lot, and work on the new building will start at once.

This group is a different branch of the denomination which has there new church building located at the corner of Willow and Eighth Streets.

(8 September 1949: **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**) New Men’s Store to Open Here Thursday:

The Grand Opening of Cullen’s Men’s Apparel Store, located in the Shanks Hotel Building at the corner of Cedar and Broad, will be Thursday, Sept. 8, it was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cullen, owners and operators.

(17 November 1949: **Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN**): Fowler Julian Named New JP at Boma: Fowler Julian defeated his two opponents in the race for Justice of the Peace for the Seventeenth (Boma) District, in the special election held there Saturday, November 12. He received 139 of the 218 votes cast. His opponents were E. P. Carr and Bethel Jared.

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