

Citizens Send Defense Fund Gifts to U.S.

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Hundreds of Americans from all walks of life have a vital interest in establishing a "defense fund" to which they can contribute their dimes and dollars, Treasury records reveal.

For the last year, a steady stream of voluntary donations to aid in speeding the defense program have been pouring into the Treasury. At present, the total is slightly more than \$9,000. Yet the Government says that an act of congress would be necessary before " earmarked" contributions could be accepted.

Until then, all voluntary defense donations go into the so-called General Fund, from which all the bills of the United States are paid.

Influenza and pneumonia combined cause 10.2 percent of all deaths among Negroes, according to the census, while they were responsible for only 7.1 percent of all deaths among whites.

Rise In Divorce, Marriages Seen As Result of Defense

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (U.P.)—Divorces, marriages, business conditions and even far-sighted planning will see decided increases as a result of America's preparations for national defense. That's the prediction made in Salt Lake City by Dr. Edward C. Lindeman, author and lecturer, of New York.

"Divorces and marriages, always an indication of social structure, are bound to increase in these days of tension," said the social expert.

"Family tension is bound to grow when men are being called into service. Husband and wife become irritable and drift inevitably into divorce courts.

"At the same time, young people, feeling they were meant for each other, get married. Mistakes are often the result."

About economic problems, Lindeman said, "regardless of whether we have to fight or not, the United States is on a war economy basis for the next five

NYA DOING VITAL DEFENSE JOB AT THE SACRAMENTO ARMY AIR DEPOT



California Youth Enthusiastic Over NYA Job Preparation Program.

Over 175 NYA Workers from all over California are living in a Resident Project at Grant Union High School and working in the vast shops at the U. S. Army Air Depot in North Sacramento. All Army airplane repair work for the Western States is done at this depot. While doing regular productive work on Army planes these boys are gaining invaluable work experience for private industry. Colonel Fred C. Nelson, Commandant of the Air Depot, Robert Wayne Burns, NYA State Administrator, and William Rutherford, Principal of Grant Union High School are all most enthusiastic about their cooperative project. Congressman Frank Buck has been very helpful in developing the project.

At left above NYA boys are shown checking the tail assembly of an Army Bomber before a flight test; at right Paul Piper NYA youth, and senior mechanic J. L. Stone are shown placing a cylinder in a Pratt-Whitney 1830 motor which is used most frequently in pursuit planes; center left, Frank McKinney is learning the proper use of a cutting torch; center right, John O'Connor is making an adjustment on a machine lathe; lower left Walter Barton operating drill press; lower right Marvin Langston learns aluminum welding.

Racketeers Preying on Churches, Beauticians, Housewives Exposed

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A salesman, representing what appears to be a bogus firm in a southern city, has been collecting deposits from churches for souvenir postal cards. Inquiry by the Bureau, according to Bauer, reveals that there is no company. Explaining how the racket works, the Bureau reveals that the salesman induces a pastor to give him an order for postal cards of the church.

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Railroad East Only Lifeline For Turks Now

ISTANBUL, (U.P.)—A lifeline for Turkey to the outer world, particularly America, while shipping through the Mediterranean remains hazardous, is the railway through Syria and Iraq to Basra, which was opened to traffic only last July.

Although single-tracked and handicapped by a narrow gage between Bagdad and Basra it has enabled the Turks to export a large part of their tobacco crop and to import manufactured goods from American and British ships reaching the safe waters of the Persian Gulf.

While the line is the most suitable for high-priced and light merchandise, there are plans to import American buses for the Istanbul and American tobacco companies have been sending out 10 carloads of tobacco daily over the route.

Some estimate of the amount of freight now reaching and leaving Turkey monthly by the Basra railroad are as low as 2,000 tons, but negotiations are in progress between Turkish, Syrian and Iraq governments to reduce delays at the frontiers and increase freight to at least 10,000 tons each way monthly. Turkey provides 50 percent of the rolling stock and Syria and Iraq 25 per cent each.

Business men estimate that but for prevailing high war-risk insurance rates the Basra route would be 12 per cent more expensive than shipping through the Mediterranean.

Town Cracks Down On Dogs Severely

HADDONFIELD, N. J. (U.P.)—The city council has passed a new ordinance which provides that any dog which bites a person while the animal is off its owner's property shall be seized and executed at the pound. The "vicious dog ordinance" provides also a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail for any person attempting to interfere with police when they seek to catch the dog.

Student Keeps Flock Of Ducks At College

DURHAM, N. H. (U.P.)—Mary had a little lamb but a flock of 38 laying ducks accompany Brownlee McKee to school. She enrolled for a two-year agricultural course at the University of New Hampshire only after school officials agreed to house her ducks. She brought them from her Canaan home about 40 miles away.

It's much less costly to run an ad, than to be out rentals.

Man, 80, Holds Church Record

BROOKVILLE, Pa. (U.P.)—The four-mile walk 80-year-old E. A. Wadding takes each Sunday is more than so much exercise—it keeps intact his 25-year perfect record for Sunday school attendance.

Through snow, cold, rain and sunshine since Jan. 1915, Wadding has trudged four miles to and from St. Matthews Lutheran Church at nearby Ramsaytown, never missing a Sunday, and piling up more than 5,000 shoe-leather miles.

Flier Surveys Steam Engine For Aircraft

ST. PAUL, Minn. (U.P.)—Capt. H. B. Rueschenberg is working on plans for a silent, steam-powered airplane which he believes will solve many problems facing the army air corps.

In disclosing his plans, he explained that steam airplanes would "be fast, economical, noiseless, and so easy to manufacture that 50,000 planes a year would be easy."

Rueschenberg, a veteran flier for Northwest Airlines, is preparing to make a model and test it soon, and believes the ships may be introduced successfully before the war ends.

"The shortage of fuel in Europe should be an important factor in modern development of this type of engine and making it popular with the public," Rueschenberg said. He added that in his plane small burners would generate the steam and that present fuel loads of planes could be cut down.

The death rate of babies under a year old has declined in Germany from 20 percent at the beginning of the century to 4 percent.

Both the Eagle, first daily newspaper in Brooklyn, and the New York Tribune, started by Horace Greeley, began publication 100 years ago.

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Steel Exhibit Has National Defense Theme

"Defense Moves Forward with Steel" will be the theme of the United States Steel Corporation subsidiaries' exhibit at the Fourth Western Metals Congress to be held May 19-23 in the Biltmore Hotel and Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles. The exhibit will show how U. S. Steel keys into the national defense structure, with particular emphasis on the use of steel products in the aviation industry.

The theme center of the exhibit will consist of a set of giant gears turning to symbolize the production machinery of steel. Flanking this display on the left will be a stainless steel airplane wing set vertically to the exhibit floor. To the right a stainless steel plane fuselage will be placed in a similar position.

Other items of interest in the exhibit will include a full-sized airplane motor showing the various types of steel used in its many parts and a large display of finished steel products as supplied to the aviation industry.

A technicolor motion picture entitled "Steel—Man's Servant" will be shown visitors. This motion picture explains the manufacture of steel from mines to finished product.

Subsidiaries of United States Steel Corporation participating in the joint exhibit include Columbia Steel, Carnegie-Illinois Steel, National Tube, and Cyclone Fence Division of American Steel & Wire Company.

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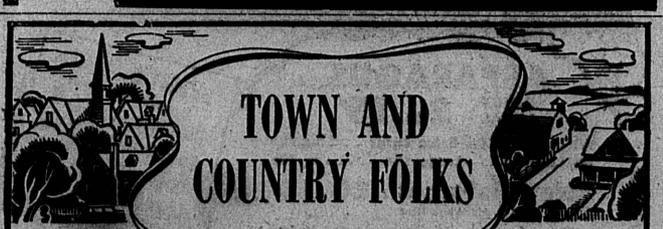
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