







# New Era

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# Nova Doba



AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

## Membership Campaign Tops 1,000 Mark! New Goal of 1,500 Sought!

The Pre-Convention Membership Campaign has topped the 1,000 goal set for this campaign. Now the Supreme Secretary hopes that by the end of the campaign we will be able to top a 1,500 quota of new members. It can be done! Each member should strive to enroll new members within the next three weeks so they may be credited to this campaign.

Besides the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to enlarge the AFU fraternal family when you enroll a new member, you are also entitled to a cash award when the new member has paid six months dues. Special cash awards will also be presented to those who enroll the highest number of new members.

Let's all get down to work and follow the example of those who have already earned the convention honor badge. Although the campaign was designated for Supreme Officers and delegates, every member should help their delegate total up the 10 points needed to be eligible for the convention honor badge. Two points are credited for every adult member enrolled and one point for every new juvenile member.

Some lodges are still passive in this campaign. Others have made truly wonderful progress in enrolling new members. There are always neighbors and friends who may be told of all the various benefits to be derived by belonging to the American Fraternal Union. Let's tell them about it and sign them up in our organization which has been serving its members for 46 years. An AFU policy means help in time of a person's greatest need. The sick benefit fund has proved time and again to be of greatest help when misfortune comes. The death benefit fund has a policy to fit every individual's need. Members don't wait. Contact your prospective members now and explain to them all the benefits the AFU has to offer to its members. Let's all help put the Pre-Convention Membership Campaign over the top! By our united efforts it can be done and we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have helped some person to a better, more secure future and at the same time have secured the future and progress of the American Fraternal Union.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God asks no man whether he will accept life. That is not the choice. You must take it. The only choice is to live!

—H. W. Beecher

### CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

Reported by Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary

**ATTENTION!** The Pre-Convention Membership Campaign will conclude July 25th and applications for membership must be in the Supreme Office at the latest July 31st. (Not July 25th as was reported erroneously last week in the Nova Doba).

Last week the following qualified for the convention honor badge: Philip Fister, president and delegate of Lodge No. 25, Eveleth, Minn.; Supreme Trustee Frank Vranichar and Supreme Secretary Anton Zbasnik.

Among the supreme officers, 16 have qualified for convention honor badge thus far, the other four will, I hope, qualify before the campaign concludes; two of them are at this time still in doubt. Among the delegates there are many who need only a few more points, that is why it is recommendable that they get down to work so they won't be disappointed in the end. There are also some delegates who have not sent any applications for membership. There is still time for them for many winning have reached their quota in one week when they get down to work and this can also be done by others.

IT TAKES ABOUT 2 POUNDS OF USED FATS TO HELP MAKE THE INGREDIENTS OF ONE INCENDIARY BOMB

### Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in the following departments. They are as follows:

**For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;**  
**For Plan "D" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 2.50 award;**  
**For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;**  
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**For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;**  
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**For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.**

**Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:**  
**For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$10.00 award; for Plan "JE" for \$25.00 award; for Plan "JF" for \$50.00 award; for Plan "JG" for \$100.00 award; for Plan "JH" for \$250.00 award; for Plan "JI" for \$500.00 award; for Plan "JJ" for \$1,000.00 award; for Plan "JK" for \$2,000.00 award; for Plan "JL" for \$5,000.00 award.**

Members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

### BRIEFS

The second edition of the English-Slovene Dictionary has just been released by its author, Dr. F. J. Kern. The dictionary has been revised and sells for \$5.00. Orders may be sent directly to Dr. F. J. Kern, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The dictionary is beautifully bound in red and is self-pronouncing.

Frank E. Vranichar, First Supreme Trustee, has the distinction of having enrolled a new juvenile member who was born recently sporting a brand new tooth. She is baby Carol Lee Ferry of 1029 N. Nickory St., Joliet, Ill. The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferry. The father was recently discharged from the army after three years of service. The mother's maiden name was Leona Cernetich.

This week the Nova Doba staff was pleasantly surprised by a visit from Mrs. Turk and her son, Tommy, of Conemaugh, Pa. Tommy Turk is well known to our readers as the author of the column, "A Bit O' N That." Tommy and his mother were on their way to Ann Arbor, Mich. where Tommy is scheduled to play with Bill Layton and his orchestra for 10 weeks. This is the same orchestra which was at one time known as Bill Sawyer's orchestra and in which Tommy's brother, Rob played before leaving for the armed forces.

We shall miss your column, Tommy, but we wish you much luck and success in your new position. Tommy expects to enroll in the University of Michigan there next fall.

### Did You Know That

Only one flag may be flown above the Stars and Stripes in the U. S. Navy and that is the Church Pennant, a dark blue cross on a white background.

The author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which has been slightly revised, was Francis Bellamy, who was born in Mount Morris, N. Y. in 1855. He died in 1931.

The custom of lowering the flag to half-mast or half-staff comes from the old time naval and military practice of "Striking the Colors" in time of war as a sign of submission. It is known that as early as 1627 the flying of the flag at half-mast was a sign of mourning and this has been continued to the present day.

When the National Flag is worn out, dispose of it with due reverence. According to an approved custom, the Union is first cut from the flag; then the two pieces, which no longer form a flag, are cremated.

### V-MAIL

Washington—V-Mail during the month of March broke all previous monthly records when the Army Postal Service handled 61,252,856 individual letters of this type, the War Department announced. Of this record number of V-Mail letters, 30,991,269 were dispatched from the United States, while 30,261,587 were received from American troops in the several overseas theaters.

## American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



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## Attention Delegates!

All delegates to the 17th regular AFU convention who wish the local Convention Preparations Committee to reserve lodgings and board for them during their stay in Rock Springs, Wyo., are kindly asked to send their names, and addresses to: "Mrs. Fannie Jenko, 1118 Clark St., Rock Springs, Wyo." Upon receiving your names I shall send each delegate who writes, a card to be filled out which will express the wishes of the delegate in this respect. We shall then do our best to fulfill your desires. — Thank you.

Frances Jenko

### Inside the Axis

#### THE "SECRET" OF THE "SECRET WEAPON"

A recent cartoon in the Stockholm Nya Dagligt Allehanda, entitled "The Puzzle of the Secret Weapon," showed Adolf Hitler deep in conversation with Reich Marshall Hermann Goering on the subject of Germany's robot bomber.

"Rocket-driven bombs have existed before," Hitler was represented as saying. "Can we really continue to call this weapon secret?"

"Naturally," Goering replied. "Its secrecy lies in the fact that no one, not even we, knows where it will hit."

—Office of War Information

### Flies Die for Science

Executing 15,000 flies every day, then raising more flies to kill is a routine job in the insecticide laboratory of the Hercules Powder Company. In a chamber designed for the biological and chemical experiments scientists are testing Thanite, a toxic agent specified by the U. S. Army for fly sprays.

Thanite is a super-killer developed by Hercules chemists from turpentine and pine oil. Its discovery greatly relieved the critical shortage of raw materials used in manufacturing insecticides. Imports of both pyrethrin and rotenone, essential ingredients for most insecticides, were restricted by the war.

The Army specified Thanite for its sprays because of its killing power, safety to humans and livestock, and economy.

### Missing in Action



T/Sgt. Otto M. Kaushep

T/Sgt. Otto M. Kaushep, son of Mrs. Josephine Kaushep, 6023 Bonna Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, has been missing in action since May 11, 1944 when he failed to return from a bombing mission over France. Sgt. Kaushep was formerly of Johnstown, Pa. and was well known among his brother members of Lodge No. 36, AFU of Conemaugh, Pa.

Entering the Army Air Force in January, 1942, Otto received his basic training in Miami, Florida. He graduated from the radio school at Scott Field, Ill. and received his "silver wings" at Loredo, Texas. Before leaving the United States for overseas duty, he was located with a Liberator Bomber crew at Alamogordo, N. Mexico. Sgt. Kaushep was stationed in England and was a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber. He was cited with the Air Medal and two oak leaf clusters.

Before entering the service, Otto was employed by the Curtis Wright Company of New York. In Johnstown, Pa. he was employed by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company. Otto was always very active in Slovene social affairs.

Sgt. Kaushep has four sisters, Mary, Rose, Betty and Tina. He also has a brother, August.

"We hope his family soon receives the good news telling of his safety."

### DOGS FOR BLIND VETS

Legislation authorizing provision of trained dogs for blinded veterans of this war was approved by the House this week and sent to the Senate.

The bill, H. R. 4519, authorizes \$1,000,000 for purchase of the dogs, an amount which, it was testified on the House floor, would provide about 1,000 animals at \$1,000 each, a number expected to be sufficient to meet all anticipated needs.

—Pathfinder

### Lodge 170, AFU to Hold Important Meeting July 19th

Chicago, Ill. — All members of Lodge No. 170, AFU are hereby notified that our next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19th in the usual place, at 8 p. m. promptly. I ask all members to positively attend this next meeting. The discussion will deal mainly with our By-Laws and if anyone thinks certain changes should be made he or she should state their recommendations at the next meeting. All suggestions which will be approved at this meeting will be reported to the convention committee on by-laws by our delegate with the hope that they will be accepted and brought into our new By-laws which will be in force for the next four years. It is too late to criticize after the convention.

Further I ask you to give more attention to enrolling new members. The membership campaign is still in progress and will close July 31st and it is the duty of us all to work for the progress of our lodge and our American Fraternal Union.

Usually our lodge has always been very active in every campaign and it would be nice if we could keep up this record and this year too, we should see to it that our delegate takes with her a goodly number of points.

Again I ask that you bring some prospective delegates to our next meeting. In conclusion I send my regards to all members of our American Fraternal Union.

Agnes Jurecic, Sec'y Lodge No. 170, AFU Chicago, Ill.

### "RECK RATIONS"

Tests by 18 volunteers who spend four days on life rafts under simulated tropical conditions gave the Navy and Merchant Marine new "reck rations" more palatable, less weighty.

Developed by a group of natural scientists, the candy-type rations weigh a third of a pound, contain sucrose and citric acid to provide fruity proteins and promote flow of saliva under duress; corn syrup and a butterscotch-like compound to give butterfat.

The new ration, designed to save space, is expected to replace the present 12-ounce "abandon ship" issue of biscuit, malted milk tablets, pemmican and chocolate.

### Out Enumclaw Way

By Mary G. Balint

Once again the grim reaper stalked through our midst and picked for his victim another loyal member of our AFU, Brother John Millarich.

Brother John Millarich, who was only 54 years of age, passed away at home after a long illness on June 21.

He was born in the village of Strzisce, near Sevnica, Slovenia, in Yugoslavia and came to America in the year of 1921. He first settled in Helper, Utah and several years later made his way into Washington and with his family made Enumclaw his permanent home.

Brother Millarich was a member of Lodge No. 162, AFU and Lodge No. 738 SNPJ. Surviving are his wife, Angela; one son, Johnnie; two daughters, Angelina Hill and Anne; and one brother, Martin Millarich of Helper, Utah. Funeral services were held from the Enumclaw Funeral home and interment was in the Enumclaw Evergreen Cemetery.

Our departed brother was widely known and he has left many friends who mourn his passing. The funeral chapel was banked with flowers and the many, many friends who came to pay a last tribute to our departed member were evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the entire community. Although his voice has been stilled forever, his cheery smile and gay laughter will live on in our memories.

To the bereaved family, Lodge No. 162 extends heartfelt sympathies and may you forever rest in peace, Brother John Millarich.

No one knows when and where the "Grim Reaper" will strike next and fraternal insurance plays a great part whenever and wherever a victim falls. There are some people who may scoff at the idea of paying monthly assessments for fraternal protection and then fate has to take a hand to point out the necessity for fraternal life insurance.

Right now our American Fraternal Union is carrying on a campaign for new members. Right now we want to enroll you into our ranks. We offer you sound protection and financial security. We want to prepare you for whatever fate has in store for you. Do not put it off, tomorrow may be too late. Join our AFU now and be prepared!

Indeed, I was amazed to read in the last campaign report that Brother Klemencic of Cheswick, Pa. had rolled up 50 points to take the lead in the Convention membership campaign. That will be hard to beat and anyone aspiring to be the top winner will really have to dig in and work to surpass his record. You know your reporter would be the happiest delegate at the convention if first honors would go to a Washington delegate. Won't someone please come to the rescue? Just a reminder: Enumclaw AFUers are still planning that surprise for the delegate that will represent the Washington lodge at Rock Springs who enrolls the largest number of new members!

I was pleasantly surprised to receive an unexpected letter (Continued on page 4)



HOMEMADE FUDGE on the Isle of Capri, peacetime paradise for tourists, is a wartime treat for American soldiers and Red Cross girls. Cooks, (l. to r.), are Sgt. Howard Atwell, Colvin, Pa.; Sgt. Sterling Holloway, Hollywood; and T/Sgt. Clyde Decker, Bennington, Neb.

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## OUT ENUMCLAW WAY

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from Mary Puz, delegate of Lodge No. 176 of Tacoma. She says she hopes to make the honor roll any day now and we certainly wish her lots of luck. I notice too, that she is the new secretary of that lodge. Nice work, Mary, and I hope you received my letter, the address was incomplete as I had misplaced your letter.

Surprises have been coming thick and fast. I was surprised to see that Agnes Segota will represent the Roslyn lodge along with its president George Smoyer. And I was very happy to hear from you, Agnes. And now I hope you, too, will qualify for the convention honor badge. The necessary points have already been acquired by your lodge, that I know, but I hope you can manage to acquire the required amount of points. We wish you luck.

Mr. and Mrs. John Omana received a letter recently from their son, Cpl. John Omana, Jr., saying that three bronze stars were added to his campaign ribbon for taking part in three major battles of Tunisia, Sicily and in the Italian campaign and that he also received a good conduct medal. The Omana's only other son is also in the service and all are members of the American Fraternal Union.

Your reporter is on a ten day vacation leave so we're cutting

this short to get away early on a fishing trip. Next week I hope I can tell you about the big ones that didn't get away!

## NO BASKET MAKERS

Basket-weaving and similar occupations to provide mental relief for convalescent war veterans may be on the way out. Success of tests at the Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., will provide the final decision.

Instead of making baskets or dolls, as veterans are doing in many military hospitals, those in the new Birmingham hospital, some of them bedridden, help to fabricate parts for the famous "Black Widow" plane.

Northrop Aircraft, builder of the night fighter, is cooperating with the Army in this vocational therapy experiment. A sheet-metal and machine-shop school, equipped with the finest tools, has been set up on the grounds and is attended by veterans who are able to leave their beds. There they learn about plane part fabrication, get trainee wages, will be paid full civilian wages when they complete their courses.

—Pathfinder

A civilian was trying to dodge military service. "I'm afraid my nearsightedness will prevent me from doing any actual fighting," he said. The officer replied, "That's all right, old chap. We've got special trenches for the short-sighted ones—right up close to the enemy—you can't miss seeing him."

## More Facts About Wyoming

By A. J. T.

The state of Wyoming is a typical western state because of its many diversities. It has high mountains, forests and large rivers, well kept fields and sandy plains with their patches of wild grass. The majority of the delegates to the 17th regular convention will travel to Rock Springs, Wyo. across the southern part of the state where you see very little of the mountains and fertile lands. The Union Pacific railroad runs across the southern part of the state of Wyoming. Along this railroad line, or not very far from it, are the majority of Slovene settlements in this state. Generally speaking, our delegates will see few of the beautiful and truly cultivated places; the most beautiful areas will remain far away up in the northern part of this huge state. The Slovene communities, including Rock Springs, sprang up in the southern part of the state in areas where there are coal mines. Among the most important minerals in the state of Wyoming are coal and oil. Other minerals include gold, silver, copper and natural gases. Sheep raising is wide-spread in this state and some cattle raising is also to be found here. The most important agricultural products are sugar beets, potatoes, corn, wheat, barley and hay. The climate is generally dry and healthy. For successful agriculture irrigation is largely needed, however, in some areas there is enough rainfall so that some products can thrive without scientific irrigation.

If it were not war time, undoubtedly many delegates would visit the Yellowstone National Park which spans the southwestern corner of the state of Wyoming.

A small part of this park extends into the neighboring states of Montana and Idaho, although the greatest portion of it is in Wyoming. This is a huge park which contains 3,426 square miles, much larger than our eastern state of Delaware, which has only 2,370 square miles. The Yellowstone National Park is almost once more as large as the second largest national park in the United States, the Glacier National Park. The Yellowstone National Park lies approximately 8,000 feet above sea level and is surrounded by mountain ranges which in many places are as high as 11,000 to 12,000 feet high. The winters are bitter cold and the summers short. Nine-tenth of the park is covered with forests, mostly coniferous trees. On the larger and smaller plains among the forests you find many wells of pure spring water, mineral water, hot springs and hot mud holes around which the geysers erupt, in regular or irregular intervals, high into the air.

Yellowstone National Park is the largest reservation of wild animals in the United States. There you see large herds of deer, buffalo, elk and antelope which graze freely. There is also a large number of moose and wild mountain sheep, the latter may be seen only in winter for in the summer they stay high up in the mountains. The number of bears, black and brown, grows larger every year. Of course it is unlawful to shoot any of these animals. The Pumas or mountain lions, which are dangerous to men and wild animals, are killed by park authorities. There are also many varieties of birds in the

Buy, Buy Bonds — Bye, Bye Axis.



## Juvenile Voices

### ELY REVIEW

By Margaret M. Startz

Pvt. John Shega has received the Fifth Army Commemorative Medal of the entrance of Allied armies into Naples on Oct. 1, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shega and has been overseas for 18 months.

Mrs. Ann Stoll, school nurse, who has been in charge of the Red Cross home nursing courses here, is taking a short course at the University of St. Louis in methods of teaching home nursing.

Nurse Cadet Rose Ann Majerle of the Hibbing General Hospital and her sister Mamie Majerle of Cleveland, Ohio are both visiting their mother, Mrs. Ann Majerle.

Mrs. Mary E. Hunt has enlisted in the Army Nurse's Corps and has been commissioned a second lieutenant. She is stationed at Camp White, Oregon and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stonich of Ely, who now have four children in the service.

On July 4th, my mother and I were invited to visit at the cabin owned by my aunt, Mrs. Joseph Grahek at White Iron. We had a wonderful time. While there we met Mr. Joe Klum, his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Oberstar of Eveleth, Minn.

Mrs. Steve Grahek is confined in the St. Mary's Hospital for a month where she underwent an operation. We are happy to know that finally she is recovering. Her sons in the service were called home. Teddy is on his way home now and her daughter Mary is home while Albert arrived last week.

Most of these animals are usually harmless and unafraid since no one bothers them. In the pure mountain waters there are many beautiful fish which the tourists are allowed to catch.

There are at least 70 eruptive geysers in the park which erupt hot water or mud into the air. Among the most celebrated individual geysers is the Giant, which at somewhat uncertain intervals throws up a column of hot water over 200 feet high, and maintains it for over an hour. Then there is the Old Faithful which every 65 minutes spurts a column of hot water 125 feet high. New geysers occasionally burst forth, while others become extinct.

The park is under the sole jurisdiction of the Federal government and is administered by the Secretary of the Interior. All private commercial enterprises are excluded. Only some hotels and transportation companies have licenses to operate in the park, however, all these firms are under strong government control. The region was first explored in 1870 and two years later was proclaimed as a national park, so that natural beauty and its wonders will be preserved for future generations.

Due to war time conditions, this year very few tourists visit the park. The majority of hotels there are closed and transportation across the park is very limited. Because of these conditions the delegates to the 17th regular AFU convention will also have to give up the thought of visiting this wonderful national park which is regrettable for perhaps they may never again have the opportunity of coming so near to the park again. This may also be classified among the sacrifices of war.

## AFU SPECIAL

By Pfc. Steve Babich

Dear AFU Friends: I am back again with more news. One Saturday morning Lt. Bell came in early and told us we would have no school that day and since the next day was Sunday we could leave camp as long as we would be back on Monday morning at 6 a. m. Anyone living within 200 miles of the school could go home for a visit. The boys were all very happy except five of us who lived about 600 miles from home. We then made up our minds that we would go to visit Peoria, Ill. Our problem then was: How to get there? All five of us got together and made a bet that the one to get there first would not have to buy his own dinner. There was Joe from Pittsburgh, Bill from Cleveland, Babich from Struthers, Bosby from Texas and Mike from New York. Bosby and I made up our minds to get there first. We took the bus from the camp and went to Lewistown, Ill. From there on the fun began.

We started to hitch hike. My pal laughed when I mentioned we would bum rides. I stuck my thumb out and along came an old truck. He stopped and picked us up. He drove us 15 miles down the road and let us off. There wasn't a house to be seen and the road looked long and forsaken. But we had made up our minds to beat the others to Peoria so we started to walk. While we were walking a car came along with the others in it and Mike said, "Boy you boys will look good buying our dinners." They passed us up.

I then stuck out my thumb again and along came another car. The driver picked us up; this time it also was a truck. We told the driver what we were trying to do and he stepped out the gas and we passed up Mike and Joe and Bill. Soon we had to get out of the truck about 20 miles down the road. We were picked up next by a good car. We had traveled about 15 miles down the road when the tire blew out. Well, there was nothing else to do but get out and help repair it. Along came the other boys who hollered at us, "You're doing a good job fixing that tire." We finally got it fixed and started on our way again.

We finally got to Peoria and beat the rest of the boys in. We first looked for a place to eat and ended up at the Reiss Place. Boy, we certainly ate! The others had to pay our bill of \$3.50 but they took it like real sports. We then decided to look for a place to sleep. We found it through the USO center there. Then we began looking around for a dance. We found a dance hall on a roof. It cost us 50 cents. We truly had a good time there. When we returned to the hotel we made merry and really kept everybody in the hotel-up that night. Next morning we started back to camp and got there at 5:30 p. m. We certainly did a lot of talking about that trip when we got back.

I'm out here at Camp Ellis now but I have not forgotten how kind the people in Seattle, Wash., especially our AFU families, were to me while I was there. I want to thank Mrs. Puz and Mr. and Mrs. Perich and Alice and also Mary G. Balint.

Until my next letter, so long to all you members.

Pfc. Steve Babich  
326th Army Postal Unit  
Camp Ellis, Ill.

Originality is nothing more than a fresh viewpoint.

## WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

No villains on the screen ever received as many jeers or hoots as did four persons who alighted from a train in Washington's Union Station one day recently. The reason was for this reception was the German uniforms they were wearing—at first it was thought the guarded men were wearing fake uniforms. However, once the crowd learned they were honest-to-goodness Nazis they couldn't jeer enough. One of the men even had the Iron Cross decorating his uniform. The group was probably on the way to a prison camp. Even the few minutes they spent in the station must have been too long for them considering the welcome they got.

When a Washingtonian gave a house-warming party recently he really hit upon a brilliant idea. The first thing his guests espied upon entering his new home was a patriotically bedecked table—at the head sat a representative of Uncle Sam—a bond seller. Over \$51,000 in Bonds were sold that evening.

Since D-Day lines of people at blood donation centers in Washington, D. C. are getting to be almost as good as the other much-talked about lines in the city. It's the same story for Bonds here. You know many people who really can donate blood just keep "putting it off." Well, if they'd only remember that the soldiers fighting for them overseas can't "put off" their jobs until tomorrow, I'm sure they'd scurry down to a center right away.

This is Washington: The other evening as I was walking with a newcomer to Washington, just a few blocks from my home, I turned and said, "Look, Cathy, there's the Swiss Legation, and the embassies of Spain, Portugal, Lithuania, Poland, Cuba, Mexico and the Netherland." She was impressed. A little later I noticed a Spanish friend walking up the street; he bowed low upon being introduced to Cathy.

"Goodness, you meet a lot of interesting people here!" she said to me.

"Well, maybe when I'm here a little longer—" (She was still impressed.)

Later that evening at home I went out on the front porch. Cathy was busy talking to somebody. "Who was that?" I asked a little later.

"The former vice-consul to Japan," she replied. "Doesn't one meet interesting people in Washington?"

The other day when it was sweltering in the city I received a card from a friend in Conn. "It's so nice here at the beach," she said. The other day when I was just getting ready for standing in a famous Washington line for dinner I looked at the postcard of a friend spending the day in Mexico. "You should see the nice T-bone steak I just had for dinner," she wrote. Now, I ask you readers, how can people be so cruel?

## HOSPITAL SETS UP "BANK" FOR EYES

An "eye bank" said to be the first in the United States and possibly in the world, has been established recently at the New York Hospital to store human corneas for use in treating certain types of blindness.

On announcing the opening of the "bank" officials of the hospital and the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital said that corneas would be collected from living donors and those who ar-



Spend Your Vacation at Home.

Stay around home for vacation this year. Rationing train and bus travel is not expected. But the Army will need Pullmans to transport wounded from east coast ports to hospitals and will confiscate them when, and as, needed. Bosses should work out plans for "vacations near home" with employees.

## Used Car Ceilings:

Ceiling prices on all used passenger cars have been established by OPA effective July 10th. They apply both to dealers and private individuals. Administrator Bowles, who declared prices have risen 30% in two and a half years.

The ceilings, fixed at the end of last January for 23 models of passenger cars made from 1937 to 1942, means a reduction of about 10% from current prices. Separate price schedules are set up for three geographical regions: 1. all states east of the Mississippi River; 2. Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona, and 3. all other states.

## Reduction in Price of Fur

Alaska seal coats and jackets and Alaska fox scarves should be cheaper next Christmas. OPA has announced reduction in maximum prices for pelts, with the result that made of them should drop in price to about what they were in the fall of 1942. For example, the top price of matara brown skins at the wholesale fur-tions was \$45. In March, the top auction price was \$60. The top price of November was \$53.50. But the price of OPA's new ceiling, is again



with the growing demand for the military services for made of reprocessed paper average that must be used during the year is 550 million a month. So save every used and waste paper put it to your rag man or it to your favorite agency.

## Salvage Pledges:

WPB is setting up a salvage committee in Washington. Workers may sign pledges in their homes: "Every can will be properly used and disposed of; all will be saved and turned to the butcher; all waste will be saved, segregated, set out for collection, will be salvaged."

range to have them immediately after death. A hospital spokesman now is possible to store corneas six days before used.



