









# New Era

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of the  
American Fraternal Union.

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



## After the American Fraternal Union Convention

The 17th regular convention of the American Fraternal Union, which opened on August 17th in Rock Springs, Wyo., concluded August 21st. It completed its work in four weeks, the delegates having Sunday in between free.

The convention numbered 152 members. Much preliminary work was done by convention committees which met between convention sessions and during the evening hours. This was done so the convention was able to conclude its duties in four days, as was intended and recommended.

The next convention, that is, the 18th regular convention, will be held in Ely, Minn., the birthplace of our organization, so it will be able to appropriately celebrate its 50th anniversary which falls in that year, that is, 1948.

The most important decision of the convention was undoubtedly the decision to pay full death benefits for our deceased servicemen-members. For this purpose a special fund was organized to which a hundred thousand dollars from the surplus from the death benefit fund will be transferred and into which all members of the adult department will pay 10 cents monthly until the end of the war and continue to pay until such time as the death benefits of all deceased servicemen-members will be paid. The special assessment of 10 cents goes into effect on Sept. 1, 1944. The payment of death benefits for deceased servicemen-members in full is effective for those who are up until now as well as those who may die in the future.

In regard to the payment of sick benefits, the convention approved certain changes for the better, especially for the part-time members. Also certain changes for the better were approved in regard to the payment of operation benefits. The details will be published in the official convention minutes.

The delegation approved of all steps and decisions which the Supreme Board made in regard to the Slovene Section of Yugoslav Relief Committee, the Slovenian American National Council and the Liberation Front in Yugoslavia in general. Certain delegates and Supreme Officers had difficulties in regard to their trips, due to the overburdened railroads during the war.

The welcome and service tendered the delegates in the home community of Rock Springs, pleased the delegation in general, at least that is what we gathered from what we heard. There is no doubt that the greater majority of the delegates carried away beautiful memories of Rock Springs.

It is understood that the decisions of the convention will not please all the members in all cases since this is impossible, however, it seems that the delegation of the 17th regular convention pleased the majority and that in general it did its work just as well or better than any other precious convention in half the time.

There are some changes, but not many, in the Supreme Board and Supreme Judiciary Committee. Following are listed members of the new Supreme Board and Supreme Judiciary Committee, who will take office or continue in office on January 1, 1945:

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AMPHIBIOUS JEEP serves as an all-purpose moving van for Red Cross workers preparing to leave Naples, Italy, to establish another Red Cross club in the field. GI's go along to help set up the installation.

## Pvt. Frank Vicio Killed in Action

Lloydell, Pa. — On July 3, 1944 we received the sad news from the War Department that our beloved son and brother, Pvt. Frank Vicio, was killed on a battlefield in Italy on June 1st. The deceased was born Jan. 24, 1923 in Lloydell, Pa. He was called to serve in the U. S. Army on Feb. 23, 1944 and was sent to Camp Swift, Texas. From there he was sent to Italy where he participated in battle, was slightly injured and decorated for bravery with the Purple Heart award. He was recuperating in a hospital in Italy for three weeks after which he was again sent to the front, where he lost his young life on June 1, 1944. The deceased was a member of Lodge No. 35, AFU of Lloydell, Pa.

Dear son and brother; may you rest in peace in the land where you are buried. We shall keep you in our lasting memory for the rest of our days.

John and Mary Vicio, parents, Lloydell, Pa.; Pvt. John Vicio, Camp Swift, Texas, and Andy Vicio, Lloydell, Pa., brothers; Josephine Vicio, New York, Jennie Wadsworth, Baltimore, Md., Molly LoPresty, Akron, Ohio, and Agnes Vicio, Lloydell, Pa., sisters.

## PROFESSOR TURNS FRUIT INTO CANDY

A former college professor has developed a new process for converting fruit into candy through a dehydration process. The process was worked out by Dr. Frank O. Kreaeger, former professor at Washington State College and the University of Louisiana. Unlike most dried fruits, those produced by the new method retain the flavor of fresh fruit. This is accomplished, Dr. Kreaeger explained, by reversing the usual process of drying.

The fruit is subjected to a high temperature early in the dehydration process, immediately after the fresh fruit has been immersed in a sugar-glucose solution. The temperature is gradually decreased as the fruit dries.

### Private Stock

An old battered sergeant, retiring after 30 years in the Regular Army, decided that the best way to pass his fading years was to buy a saloon in San Diego.

He bought an old tavern, boarded it up and began to paint and redecorate it. After a week had passed, residents of the area gathered outside and knocked on the door.

"When are you going to open up?" their spokesman asked. "We'd like to patronize your place."

"Open up!" the old soldier bellowed. "I'll never open up. I bought this place for myself."

They were dancing at the USO service club. He then took her out on the porch and whispered in her ear, "Darling, I love you. I may not be rich like Sgt. Brown. I may not have a car like Sgt. Brown or spend money like he does. But I would do anything in the world for you."

She put her arms around his neck and gently whispered, "Darling, introduce me to Sgt. Brown."

## American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



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## Invitation To All Slav Conventions

To all Slav organizations, societies, churches, trade unions and individuals comes an invitation to attend the Second National Convention of the American Slav Congress in Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 23rd and 24th.

This Congress of American Slavs representing all the Slav national groups had its first nation-wide gathering in Detroit, Michigan on April 25th and 26th, 1942. The 3000 delegates who attended that conference united for the purpose of finding a way to best support the United States in winning this war, and also to help one another to become better citizens of this great country of ours. Since then the National Committee and all its active members and sponsors have been successfully carrying out all their aims and have decided it was about time again to come together and make plans for the future. Surely an organization such as this demands the loyal support of all the Slovenes in the U. S. Elect delegates now to represent your organization at the coming convention. Accommodations for out of town delegates are being made so all you have to worry about is getting here.

Let's show our Slav friends that the Slovenes are right on top by having the greatest number of delegates at the conference and show the nation we are behind it to the end.

Rose Fabec,  
Lodge No. 12, AFU  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A "mousery" is the unusual business that is putting money into the pockets of Albert Jurack in the village of Packwaukee, Wis. Each week 1,000 to 1,500 white mice are shipped to pharmaceutical laboratories all over the United States.



"AMBROSE IS LITERAL-MINDED—HE READ IN THE PAPERS THAT THE CAR SHARING GOAL IS 34 PEOPLE PER CAR!"

## News of Collinwood Boosters

Trying to set up a write-up with a hangover, due to the fact of attending a well known member of Betsy Ross Lodge's wedding celebration, is some work. It was Pvt. Frank "Blackie" Krall, a well known AFU member who was married to Frances Zupancic. Some of the AFU members attending the ceremony were Tony Strazisar, Tony Laurich and wife, Alice, Dave Zipkin and wife, Mollie, John Laurich and wife of the Collinwood Boosters and from the Betsy Ross Lodge were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Krall, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lunka, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kovitch, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pirc, Ikey Kocin and others whose names I can't recall off hand. Also present were a few members of Lodge No. 103, AFU.

Blackie Krall's furlough was up on August 17th. His bride will leave to stay with him at camp for a few months. He will be stationed at Coral Gables, Florida. We all hope Blackie and his wife can return home soon to settle down and enjoy their married life.

The AFU members wish Blackie and his wife a long, happy life of married bliss.

Home on furlough recently were John "Trosky" Urbancic and Rudy "Farmer" Agnich. Trosky now has the stripes of Staff Sergeant. Keep it up, John, the Boosters are proud of you. Also home on furlough was Morris Debenak who also attended Blackie's wedding. I must mention that the secretary of the Boosters, Miss Mary Laurich, also enjoyed a good time at the wedding.

In closing I wish to again remind Elsie Desmond that we're still waiting for that write-up she promised us. So Elsie, I promised to match a write-up with you, meaning that every article you send I'll match one with it. Until later this is so long.

John Laurich  
Lodge No. 188, AFU  
Cleveland, Ohio

## REMOVING PARTICLE IN EYE NO JOB FOR AMATEURS

One out of every ten eye accidents can be blamed on attempts of amateurs to remove a particle lodged in the eye. More than half of the people forced to wear artificial eyes were victims of accidents, it was revealed in a survey on artificial eye wearers recently completed in nine major cities by Paul Gougelman, artificial eye manufacturer, in cooperation with the Greater Chicago Safety Council.

Flying chips of wood caused 15% of all eye injuries. Falls around the home, and careless use of scissors, wire, nails and hammers accounted for a large number. On-the-job accidents, where pieces of steel entered the eyeball, accounted for one out of every seven eye injuries. The number of eye accidents in industry, however, is sharply declining with the use of modern safety devices such as goggles, safety masks and helmets.

A kindness loses its grace by being noised abroad. Who desires it to be remembered should forget it.

## Office of the Supreme Secretary AFU

### NOTICE OF THE CREATION OF A "SPECIAL WAR FUND" AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE SAME

The Seventeenth Regular Convention of the American Fraternal Union, held in the City of Rock Springs, State of Wyoming, August 17th to August 21st, 1944, approved the following:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS our beloved country finds itself unavoidably engaged in a devastating world-wide war; and WHEREAS millions of our citizens of military age are risking their lives in foreign fields of battle to preserve the liberties of those of us who remain at home; and WHEREAS 2153 of our American soldiers are members of the American Fraternal Union holding certificates of life insurance in the Union; and WHEREAS such certificates necessarily, for sound and safe practice, have excluded the heavy risk that is involved in military service as provided in Section 273-A of the By-laws; and WHEREAS the By-laws provide that the amount payable out of the Mortuary Fund of the Union in event of death resulting from military, naval, or air service in time of war shall be limited to the amount of the reserve on such certificate; and WHEREAS it is the desire of every loyal member of our Union that every death that may occur among our soldier-members shall be recognized by us as a valid claim for the full amount stated in the certificate; and WHEREAS it is estimated that the additional amount required to make payment of the full face amount under such certificates could be provided by a very small extra assessment on all our loyal members; and WHEREAS notices have already been received of the death of 22 of our soldier-members;

RESOLVED that a special fund to be called the "Special War Fund" be created and maintained by the levy of a special assessment of 10 cents per month per member, payable at the same time and together with the regular monthly rate due under each member's certificate, commencing with the month of September, 1944; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special assessments be levied to be payable monthly so long as the war lasts and until all claims for war deaths have been paid in full; provided that when all known claims for war deaths have been paid in full, including any unpaid balances of the face amounts of the certificates already settled under the limitation of Section 273-A, the amount remaining in said "Special War Fund," if any, shall be transferred to the Mortuary Fund; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial sum in the amount of \$100,000.00 be transferred from the surplus now contained in the Mortuary Fund to the said "Special War Fund" so established under this Resolution.

Pursuant to the provisions of said Resolution there is hereby levied an assessment of Ten (10) cents per month for the "Special War Fund," commencing with the month of September 1944, upon all members of the Adult Department of the American Fraternal Union, including all new members to be admitted into said Adult Department on and after said date, and for such period as provided in said Resolution. The assessment for the "Special War Fund" must be paid at the same time and together with all other regular assessments.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE 17th REGULAR CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION  
ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

## Gowanda, N. Y. Lodges to Join in Making Picnic Plans

The Valley Rifle Club of Gowanda and the Pathfinders of the AFU, a group made up of the daughters and sons of the members of the parent lodge, St. Joseph's, of the AFU, will collaborate in an outing to be held at Mentley's grove Sunday, September 3 from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Peter Batchen will act as general chairman. Co-chairmen are as follows:

Refreshment tickets — Chas. Langless, Philip Paicic.

Entrance tickets and Publicity — Mrs. Charles J. Sternisha, Jr.

Bar — Louis Sladich.

Game tickets — Leonard Miller.

Pop stand — Leo Carpus.

Refreshment stand — Ted Stitzel.

Games — Harold Hopkins, Elizabeth Batchen, Louis Andolsek.

This affair will be the last of the season.

Plans were made to make this the best picnic of the season. Contests will be held for the children in the afternoon with Ed. Wickham, Louis Klancer and Charles Sternisha in charge. Early in the day a softball game will be held.

Louis Andolsek disclosed that some of the boys at the

Tannery are feuding just like the Hatfields and the McCoy's. It seems two rival teams called Vic's All Stars and Klucik's Pastors sprang into being some weeks before the Tannery outing. Came the day and the game, Vic's All Stars limped away from the field, gnashing their combined teeth while Klucik's Pastors strutted about covered with glory. Just one more chance, that's all the vanquished ask. Sunday, September 3 at 2 p. m. they're going to get it. Both teams are practicing nightly. Klucik's Pastors claims they will paste the All Stars for keeps this time. But Vic's boys are out for blood. This looks like a very interesting sports event.

Mrs. Chas. Sternisha Jr.  
Gowanda, N. Y.

They tell the one about the street-car conductor. "Fare," he said to a lovely lady. "You're not bad yourself," she replied. Needless to say the gal rode free.

Officer to WAVE: No, no, Miss Quackenbush, when someone approaches your sentry post you are to say "Halt! Who goes there?" — not "Stop or I'll scream!"

# AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

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## A FATHER TO HIS SON

Dear Son:  
I wish I had the power to write  
The thoughts wedged in my heart  
tonight  
As I sit watching that small star  
And wondering how and where you are.  
You know, Son, it's a funny thing  
How close a war can always bring  
A family, who for years with pride  
Has kept emotion deep inside.  
I'm sorry that when you were small  
I let reserve build up that wall.  
I told you real men never cried,  
And it was Moms, who always dried  
Your tears, and smoothed the hurt  
away  
So that you soon went back to play.  
But, Son, deep down within my heart  
I longed to have some little part  
In drying that small tear-stained face  
But we were men—men don't embrace.  
Now suddenly, I find my son  
A full grown man, with childhood done.  
Tonight you're far across the sea  
And waging war for men like me.  
Well somehow pride and what is right  
Just doesn't seem to go tonight.  
I find my eyes won't stay quite dry;  
I find that sometimes men do cry.  
And if we stood here face to face  
I'm 'traid we'd find men do embrace  
Son, dads are quite a funny lot  
And if I've failed you in some spot  
It's not because I loved you less,  
It's just this cussed manliness.  
But if I had the power to write  
The thoughts wedged in my heart  
tonight  
The words would ring out loud and true  
I'm proud, my boy, so proud of you  
—Author unknown.

## IS YOUR TRAVEL NECESSARY?



"YOU CAN'T TELL WHEN YOU'LL HAVE TO GET HOME UNDER YOUR OWN POWER THESE DAYS!"

## WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

I have just finished reading a story about our fair capital—a city which appears to be "first" among cities in the hearts of writers. Of course as I expected, the inevitable Lincoln Memorial was mentioned somewhere in the story—I still have to see one in which the building doesn't figure. And then, we can't forget the fair heroine in the picture arrives in the capital she promptly (very promptly, mind you) gets a job as secretary to an admiral or other official of important rank. Another thing, while we're on the subject—Washington Monument is sure to turn up in the movie. No matter what building the hero or heroine work in, just outside the window is Washington monument—so majestic. It just pops up everywhere. But, back to writers. I can readily see how they find plenty of material for stories in Washington. All in all, it's an interesting city where one can see just about everything. For instance, take these:

**Capital Close-Ups:** Two Mexican "glamour girls" working a victory garden back of the Mexican embassy—curious sight-seers eyeing the White House at closer range now that barriers have been taken away—two little colored boys driving past the Capitol in a weatherbeaten cart. With their precious cargo of watermelons they seem as carefree as the breeze—A group of people in an old-fashioned coach drawn by two horses going down a busy street, amidst the clatter and clangs of streetcars—a woman walking a downtown street dressed in something closely resembling a long South Sea Islands sarong—two Spanish fellows going past this reporter's house strumming guitars and singing in Spanish.

A friend of mine bought a can of pipe tobacco for her husband overseas—for some reason she was unable to send it. Therefore she tried to dispose of it. The first person she noticed was the colored maid at her home. She asked the maid if she knew of anyone who would like it. "Personally," joked my friend, "I like to chew." "Ma'am," answered Lulu in all seriousness, "so do I." My friend left, minus a can of tobacco.

A locket made from the windshield of a bomber—a bracelet made from some captured Jap equipment—those are the kind of accessories "Miss Washington" is wearing these days. And

some are very pretty too—like the locket my cousin, Cpl. Ralph Grahek made out of an Australian coin. I imagine many of you readers have some souvenir made by a friend in the service.

**Look Before You Leap:** The other day in a streetcar in Washington a man in civilian clothes offered a lady his seat. The woman gave him an indignant look. "I wouldn't accept a seat from a 4-F," she said. "My son is fighting in France." The fellow turned around to show an empty sleeve. "While he's there," he said, "ask him to look for my arm."

When Jennifer Jones, star of the movie "Song of Bernadette" arrived in town this month she helped down at the blood donation center. Guess what happened? You're right—blood donations soared. How are you doing with blood donations in your home town? Are you doing your share right now—or waiting for Jennifer Jones to come along. Let's hope it's the first!

Approximately 40,000 Army nurses have become officers of the Army of the United States, acquiring full military status for the first time since the Army Nurse Corps was founded in 1901 by an Act of Congress.



"He insists on 100 octane!"

## Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:  
The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:  
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;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;  
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 \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JE" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JF" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JG" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.  
All 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.

## Juvenile Voices

ELY REVIEW

By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn. — We have had two storms here of late and we have altogether too much rain. However, it is nice and cool again which is really a relief after the hot spell we just had.

Again we have sad news to report about our servicemen. Two are dead and two missing. The dead are Pvt. Isaac R. Maki, 35, killed in France and 1st Lieut. Mathew Banks, 28, killed in Italy. Lieut. Banks held the position of athletic coach in the Ely Junior College before he entered the service on April 9, 1941. Banks has been a member of the first U. S. contingent of troops to land in Ireland in January, 1942. Eight months later he was sent back to the states to enter Officer's Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. In April of 1944 he landed in North Africa and subsequently reached the Italian front.

Missing are Pvt. Edward J. Kotzin, 26, who has been reported missing since June 6th over France and Sgt. Joseph A. Meshe, 19, who has been missing since July 26th, also in France. I wish to extend my most heartfelt sympathy to the families of the dead servicemen and to the other two families. I hope they shall soon learn that the boys are safe.

Mrs. Mary Rom has attended the V.F.W. convention at Virginia as a delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Golenko of Chicago, Ill., entertained on August 11th at a dinner party given at Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grahek's cabin at White Iron. The Golenkos had as guests many Ely people and also the AFU Supreme Auditing Committee who were there at that time. My mother was also a guest and she told me they all had a wonderful time. Mr. and Mrs. Golenko, I was told by many people, are very charming and friendly. On August 13th I met Mr. and Mrs. Golenko at a dinner and I readily saw why people liked them so. They are very sociable and friendly.

My brother, Pvt. Fred Startz, came home on furlough August 10th and will stay until August 19th. He was put into a new company and now his new address is: Pvt. Fred J. Startz, 37326999, Co. L, 409th Inf., APO 470, Camp Howze, Texas. It is so nice to have my brother home again only the time for parting comes around too soon. Away they go and then again there is an empty chair, an empty house, but we must carry on until they come home again.

I was surprised and happy to receive a very nice letter recently from Miss Marie Vranichar of Joliet, Ill., daughter of the AFU Supreme Trustee, F. E. Vranichar. Marie is 14 years old. I met her three years ago here in Ely at the last juvenile convention. She is a lovely person to know. My brother met her dad just lately at the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Golenko at my aunt's cabin and they had a very interesting conversation. I was told that Marie is looking forward to visiting Ely next summer.

So long, folks, we'll be seeing each other in the paper again next week.

## A LAUGH ON NORMANDY FRONT

There's grim tragedy, but there are also laughs connected with the Allied landings in Normandy.

Pfc. Troy W. Hodges, of Cogdell, Ga., one of the wounded just flown back from the front, tells of seeing a wounded unarmed Yank hurrying back toward the dressing station. Two Jerries were following him. The American began to run. So did the Jerries. Finally, the Jerries caught up with the American, pulled out their handkerchiefs and waved them at the Yank. They didn't mean any harm. One was a Pole and one a Russian, forced into the German army and they just wanted to surrender!



## Uncle Sam's Corner

### Maple Sugar Production:

Just why you're having so much trouble finding maple syrup for your hot cakes, waffles, biscuits or waffles was explained by the New England Council. Maple sugar production in 1944 fell 1,000,000 lbs. under the previous year's output. Number of trees tapped was 9% under the 1943 figure.

### Clothes Budget Cut:

Medium and low-priced cotton garments which virtually disappeared from retail stores a year ago are due for a comeback under WPB's order directing 200,000,000 yards of cotton textiles yearly into that channel.

This action is expected stimulate production of dresses, blouses, pajamas, night gowns, handkerchiefs, baby clothes, underwear, and cheaper men's shirts.

### No Shine Nor Wrinkles in Post-War Suits:

When G. I. Joe returns civilian clothes he is going to have a couple of surprises awaiting him. The suit he buys after the war will never shine, no matter how long he wears it. It won't wrinkle after a long ride, or in a suit case. All are application of research in chemical treatment of fibers announced recently by the Monsanto Chemical Co. Monsanto says shiny serge, wrinkle-proof suits, will creases and other developments are all possible because of newly discovered techniques of treating the surface or the heart of fibers without in any way changing the feel or texture of material. Right now these processes are being applied to materials, but Monsanto says they can all be expected in civilian goods, shortly after the ends.

### RATIONING CHART:

**Sugar**  
Sugar stamps No. 30, No. 31 and No. 32 are valid indefinitely for five pounds of sugar.  
Sugar stamp No. 40 is valid for five pounds of sugar through February 28, 1945.  
**Meats, Fats**  
Red stamps A8 through A5, B5, C5 and D5 are now valid indefinitely.  
**Processed Fruits and Vegetables**  
Blue stamps A8 through A5 and A5 through F5 are valid indefinitely.  
**Gasoline**  
In the 17 States of the eastern shortage area, A-11 coupons remain valid through September 8. In States outside eastern area, A-12 coupons remain valid through September 21.  
**Fuel Oil**  
Period 4 and 5 coupons remain valid in all areas through September 30. New period coupons are now valid in all areas.  
**Shoes**  
Airplane stamps No. 21, 22 in Book Three are valid indefinitely.  
Jane: My boy friend is coming for water for two or three days at a time.  
Joan: How come?  
Jane: No, he's a sailor.

## AFU Yank, Pfc. Bob Macek Tells Story of His Trip to Rock Springs, Wyo.

Pfc. Bob Macek, member of Lodge No. 99, AFU of Moon Run, Pa., has the following interesting story to tell of how he managed to see his dad, who was delegate to this convention, while on a three-day pass.

"When I got the news from home about my dad being an AFU delegate I thought I'd try and get a three-day pass and go to Rock Springs, Wyo. to meet him by surprise. I heard from home in a letter saying he was leaving home on Aug. 13th and was to be in Rock Springs some time on the 15th.

"I obtained the pass and was supposed to start out Monday night. I was scheduled to work on Sunday night but since there wasn't much work I was given permission to get off about 11 o'clock Sunday night. I went to town and boarded the 2:30 a. m. train out to Denver, Colo. I was in Denver the same morning at 9:50. To my surprise who do I meet but the AFU Supreme Officers. I went up to them and said hello. None of them knew me for it has been nine years since I last saw them. That was back in 1935 when I was juvenile delegate to the SSCU convention in Ely, Minn. However, when I told them my name they recognized me but were so surprised for since that time I must have grown twice the size for then I was only about 12 years old. I was very glad to see them and they looked just the same as they did nine years ago.

"Some of the delegates I met at the Union Station in Denver, Colo. were Mr. J. N. Rogelj, Mr. Anton Zbasnik, Anton Terbovec, Frank Kress, Louis Champa, Andrew Milavec, Matt Anzlec, John Kumse, Frank Okoren and also Mrs. Champa. I also met many others but I can't remember all the names. And, oh yes, Barbara Metesha of Ely, Minn.

"From the station we got a ride to Globeville, to the Slovenian Club. The group was to have dinner at the Slovenian Garden run by Mike Popvich. I was invited to eat dinner with them and we had a good home-cooked Slovene dinner. I appreciated it very much and felt honored to be eating with them.

"After dinner we took a few pictures together, with Mr. Zbasnik's camera. The group took the 5:10 train out of Denver to Rock Springs. I was going to go with them, but they told me that the Pittsburgh delegates would be in on the 9:45 train the following morning, Tuesday, Aug. 15 and so I thought it would be best if I

stayed and welcomed my dad and the Pittsburgh delegates.

"I went back to Globeville to Mike's place where I met Steve Mauser. We had a few glasses of beer and he took me to his home where I met his family. We spent an enjoyable time with them. Then we went back to Mike's who invited me to stay overnight at his home. Next morning Mr. Mauser picked me up with his car and we went to the station to welcome the Pittsburgh delegates and to bring them back to the Slovenian Gardens.

"The train came in at 9:45 and the delegates got off and all were there except my dad and a few others around Pittsburgh. I met Dr. and Mrs. Arch and the rest of the delegates. Dr. Arch informed me that my dad took an earlier train out of Chicago and went from Chicago to Cheyenne, Wyo. and from there to Rock Springs. He told me that my dad would be in Cheyenne about 1 o'clock or so. It was then already 11 o'clock. I tried to get a bus out but it would take too long so when I found it was only 103 miles from Denver, I thought it would be best to hitch-hike to Cheyenne. I got a ride on the highway from a Slovene fellow who was at the Slovenian Gardens and no sooner he let me out of his car I got another ride. I was picked up by four different drivers and was in Cheyenne about 25 minutes after 1 o'clock. I went to the station and got on the train about three minutes before it pulled out. The train was a half-hour late and I certainly was lucky that it was otherwise I would have had to wait until 5 o'clock.

"I was on the train three hours before I could get permission from the conductor and the Military Police to look through the train for my dad. After looking through about four or five cars I found him sitting looking out of the window and a little sleepy. I touched him on the shoulder and said, "Hello." He certainly was happy and surprised to see me for he never expected me to meet him, nor did the family at home. He couldn't believe it was me. It was about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon that I met him. We just sat and talked all the way. It was a lucky break the way I met him on the train; it surprised both dad and I.

"We arrived in Rock Springs about 9:10 in the evening. We were taken to the Slovenian Hall. Both dad and I obtained a place to stay at a nice Slovenian home on 713 Euclid Ave.

She drank to the Army,  
She drank to the Navy,  
And once more for Victory—  
Hang the expense.  
They later found Mabel  
Down under the table  
All out  
For National Defense!

I can't remember the name of the family but we had a very nice room. We then visited Tom's place, a Slovenian beer garden and there we met more delegates and had a grand time.

"Wednesday morning we arose early and then sent cards home and to everyone we could think of. After lunch we met more delegates and stopped at Martin's place (run by Martin Mehle and Val Marcina). While there I met Tony Orel who is from Imperial, Pa. I also met Joe Demsher from Presto, Pa. We sat around and talked some more.

"After supper we all met again at Martin's place and had a good time. I asked one of the Slovenian fellows to bring his accordion around and asked Martin Mehle if it was all right to do so. He said it was and we had a few polkas. It wasn't long before the delegates and I were on the floor dancing the good old polkas. We had a grand time. It certainly was good to hear, sing and dance Slovenian again. I danced with Mrs. Champa and enjoyed it. The Slovenian girls there are very sociable and I must repeat that I'll never forget the good time I had in Rock Springs. All of the delegates were there and I hated to leave when the time came to say goodbye to my dad and our friends. My dad and Mr. Kress of Pittsburgh went to the station to see me off. I took the 1:32 train out on Thursday morning, Aug. 17th. I had a wonderful time and I hope to see them again, perhaps at the next AFU convention.

"I rode all morning and was in Cheyenne at 8:30 a. m. from where I got a ride to Denver, Colo. I went back to Globeville to see Mike and then said goodbye. I took my train back to Kansas and was lucky to get a ride back to camp with an army car. I arrived there after midnight. I was a little late but got it all fixed up when I told them what happened.

"I'm back in army life again after my trip which I'll never forget. I wasn't able to get home to see my folks but I was lucky enough to get to see my dad and my friends. I hope we'll meet again sometime and see them well and happy."

One of the AFU members from Moon Run, Pa., Pfc. Robert L. Macek 875th Bomb. Sq. (U. H.) AAF, Great Bend, Kansas

Central European News

Agree on Terms of Cooperation in Fighting Common Foe

Washington. — An agreement has been signed between the royal Yugoslav government and the National Liberation Committee of Marshal Josip Tito, the BBC said in a broadcast on August 21 and reported to OWI.

Declaration by Dr. Subasich

Head of the Yugoslav government concerning this agreement was recently broadcast by FREE JUGOSLAVIA radio reads, as reported to OWI, follows:

The royal government recognize its formation as the expression of the peoples' will in the struggle against the enemy and at the same time as a step for the correction of mistakes made in the past, which had been hindering the relationship between our great and ourselves.

Throughout its work, the government will bear these in mind and will continue to adhere to the agreement on the liberated territory of Yugoslavia on July 16, 1944, signed by the president of the government, Mr. Ivan Subasich and the president of the National Committee of Liberation of Yugoslavia, Marshal Josip Tito.

The royal government consider it its first duty to honor the wishes of those who have been in the struggle against the enemy. At the same time the royal government pays tribute to the resistance of the nation, whose supreme expression is the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia, which made and preserved valuable democratic achievements in three years of its struggle.

The government recognizes the temporary government set up by the anti-Fascist council of the National Committee of Liberation of Yugoslavia as necessary for the preservation of internal peace and order and the people's help to the National Liberation Army.

How about a ride to the lake? (Illustration of a man and a woman talking)

Need a uniform to be a Yank? (Illustration of a soldier)

What a duck is as free as the breeze: his son is not overseas! (Illustration of a duck)

tion army, until a single representative body of the country is formed. The government considers that that which the enemy and his collaborators have done in our country is a serious crime, which must be punished accordingly.

"We condemn all those who have openly or secretly collaborated with the enemy on the soil of our country, because they have committed the most serious crime against the nation and all that it considers holy. They will be handed over to the peoples' judgment as traitors.

"The royal government, as the legitimate representative of the peoples of Yugoslavia, has two kinds of duties: one is the resolute joining in the waging of the war and the achievement of common military objects; and the other refers to the carrying-out of those tasks which will enable our state community to become a worthy factor in the guarantee of future peace. Therefore the royal government will strive that the Yugoslav policy of war and peace might develop in accordance with the policy of our great Allies and the United Nations.

"This government will particularly strive to gather and unite all the democratic forces of the country with the object of getting liberation from the enemy and his collaborators. The government calls upon our whole nation to unite in one fighting front under the leadership of Marshal Tito, so that he might achieve victory over the enemy as soon as possible, and begin peaceful and fruitful work on the reconstruction of the country.

"The government will concentrate all its powers on the construction of internal peace in the future democratic and federative Yugoslavia organized by the free will of the Yugoslav nations. The government will do everything to organize supplies for the country as well as all that is necessary for the post war reconstruction of the country in accordance, and in collaboration with, the corresponding institutions and organizations of the United Nations. The government will strive so that in accordance with the aims of the war all those territories in which our people live and which so far had not been a component part of Yugoslavia, might be freed and incorporated, and that complete national independence and sovereignty might be guaranteed to this Yugoslavia.

"The royal government considers that all other questions of internal policy must now be put aside and that all Yugoslav citizens must devote themselves to disciplined work for the good of the country and victory over the enemy, in complete agreement with our Allies, particularly Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union."

—Office of War Information.

CELLOPHANE GOES TO WAR

Cellophane has gone to war. That's why you can't get it on your cigarettes, shirts and other things now. The principal war job of cellophane is to protect our fighting men should the enemy resort to gas. It goes into cape-like gas protective covers, several of which are issued to each man and woman overseas. Each cover requires enough cellophane to wrap 1,450 packs of cigarettes.

The garment is not a gas mask substitute but it is designed to prevent the fine spray of blistering gases, such as mustard, from the skin, clothing and equipment.

News of AFU Yanks

While your editor was vacationing in Pennsylvania, the mailman left a heap of letters, among them the following ones from AFU Yanks.

Jake "Woody" Oberza, SC 3/c writes from Italy: "It has been quite some time since I last wrote. I have been getting the Nova Doba regularly. We have been kept pretty busy lately. We have been moving from one place to another, never staying longer than one month at one place. We live in pup tents and as you all know only two fellows live in a pup tent and the ground is your bed. Every time we got settled down, orders would come for us to pack up and move on. It's been pretty hard trying to keep up with answering our mail. I hope to be home soon now that the invasion is under way.

"I hope you keep on sending the Nova Doba for there are a lot of interesting things to read in it and we also find out where our old friends are at. Thanks again for sending me the paper."

Pfc. Joseph Drenik writes: "I would like the Nova Doba to be sent to my new address. I am in good health and hope everyone back home is the same. Give my best regards to all the readers of the Nova Doba. I may write an article again soon for your paper. Thanks again."

Cpl. Louis C. Verch informs us that he recently spent a vacation in Scotland. He writes: "I guess it's high time I wrote again. May this letter find you all in the best of health. I am fine and the weather at present is fairly good out here in Iceland.

"I just came back from a thirty-day furlough which I spent in Glasgow, Scotland. I had a very nice time. The people are very friendly there and show much respect for the Yanks. The rationing situation in Scotland is plenty tough but the people seem to manage all right.

"I am now driving a jeep for an officer but this won't last very long. This battalion has changed so much in the last month that everything is in an uproar. I hope I'll be shipped

out somewhere soon. We are getting recruit training out here after two years of service in the army. This seems funny to us out here. Well, this is the army! This is all for this time."

Pfc. Steve Babich wrote as follows: "Hello AFU members: It's good to get letters from old friends back home and know what they are doing. I just received a letter that told me that my friend, Miss Alice Pericin is recuperating in the hospital. We all wish you lots of luck, Alice and hope you'll be home soon. Well folks, this will be my last letter for a while for I don't know where I'll be sent from here. It was swell of you to publish my letters and I also wish to thank all the members who wrote to me. In conclusion I am sending you a few jokes. Hope you like them."

A civilian hitch-hiker displayed this sign on his suitcase, "If you don't pick me up, I'll vote for him again."

A placard in the window of a Seattle restaurant reads, "Waitress wanted! Will marry, if necessary."

A drunk, armed with a nickel, entered an automat. He stopped in front of the one marked "Ham Sandwich." He dropped in a nickel and got a sandwich. He dropped in more nickels until he collected 20 ham sandwiches. Someone suggested that he had enough. "What," said the drunk, "I should quit now just when I've got a winning streak?"

A jittery woman, whose husband was about to be reclassified for induction into the army, fainted when her young son came home from school and announced, "Mamma, I just was put into I-A!!!"

Do you have all the protection that you need in case of illness or death? If not, enroll now in the American Fraternal Union and be assured of help in times of emergency.

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.



"THANKS FOR HELPING OUT THIS SUMMER. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR SCHOOLING."

Combat Men Give Tip-Off On Most Acceptable Gifts

Atlantic City, N. J. — Candy and smokes are the gifts most appreciated by men overseas, inquiry of enlisted men and officers who have seen combat action in every corner of the globe and now here at AAFRS No. 1 awaiting new air force assignments, reveals.

In Africa it's chocolates, because they are so hard to get, and they keep well, especially during the fall and winter months.

Southwest Pacific—Chocolates, properly wrapped so they won't get stale or deteriorate. Magazine subscription and hometown papers.

Italy—All kinds of edibles, provided they're not perishable.

New Guinea—Cigars and all kinds of smokes.

England—Socks, handkerchiefs, shirts, civilian shoes, cigarette lighters and flints, and pictures of their girls and wives.

France—Anything.

Hawaii—Salami or some smoked cheese. Army supplies everything else.

Here's a good hint: Don't send razor blades or soap or chewing gum. Post Exchanges all over the world are well stocked with these items.

—Army Times

Did You Know That

Since the start of the war, thousands of wounded Americans have been evacuated from battle zones by air. In long-range transport planes such as the Liberator Express, no wounded American fighter is more than 60 hours' flying time from the finest hospital in the U. S. A.

British railroads ran more than 25,000 special military trains over their lines in the two months before D-Day.

The number of Americans killed in the first two weeks of the invasion was 3,082 according to the Army Times.

It is our obligation to back the Liberation forces by investing in War Bonds to the extent of our ability.

The Army's M-Dogs, post graduates of the K-9 Dogs, are saving lives on the battlefield by locating enemy mines and booby traps which have defied the best mechanical detectors. The dogs work on a six foot leash and signal their handler when within one to four yards of a death trap. Mines are then removed or deactivated and the cleared areas marked.

The dogs are especially trained in locating non-metallic mines, which mechanical detectors miss, how to operate over all kinds of terrain in any weather, and never to advance over any mine or trap.

It's nothing new for Americans to contribute for war defense. In the Museum of the City of New York there hangs an order of the Provincial Congress, dated June 29, 1776. It reads: "All leaden weights and lead from windows taken to turn into bullets for the use of the army in defending New York City and the Colony." Lead and other metal plaques from tombstones in Northern New Jersey were seized for similar purposes.

George Washington's coach was made in England and it was deep cream in color and furnished with Venetian blinds.

"I shall have to put you fellows in the same room," said the host.

"That's all right," the guests replied.

"Well, I think," said the host, "you'll have a comfortable night. It's a featherbed."

At two o'clock in the morning one of the guests awoke his companion.

"Change places with me, Dick," he groaned. "It's my turn to lie on the feather."

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

NO HURRY!

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. — After a typical evening in Carrabelle, Fla., the small town located in the Camp Gordon Johnston reservation, Pvt. Hoague of a Harbor Craft Company, opened the door of a parked taxi and sat down. He'd had his night so he waited for the driver to take him back to camp.

Pvt. Hoague fell asleep and still no driver appeared. Three hours later an inquisitive M. P. was shaking him and saying: "What are you doing here?"

"I'm taking this taxi back to camp," said the Private, sleepily.

"Well that's a helluva way to get back there," the M. P. retorted, "This taxi hasn't any wheels!"

DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje s 4. strani)

Enumelaw, Wash. — Iz naše nasebine se redko kdo oglasi. Z izjemo naše tajnice, sestre Mary Balint. Ona pa je občasno, ko to pišem, odsotna. Odsšla je namreč kot delegatkinja na 17. redno konvencijo ABZ v Rock Springs, Wyo. Seveda vsi težko čakamo njenega povratka, da nam bo povedala, kako je konvencija poslovala. Upamo, da se je vse povoljno uredilo in v zadovoljstvo članstva. Seveda, to je težavna reč, saj pregovor pravi, da še Bog ne more vsem ustreči. Tako gotovo tudi delegati niso mogli vsem ustreči. Upam pa, da so ustregli vsaj večini.

Ob času konvencije ABZ v Rock Springsu, so pa naša tri tukajšnja slovenska društva priredila skupno domačo zabavo v korist društvenih blagajn. Na tej zabavi je Albert Richter zelo uspešno prodajal košarice na dražbi. Košarice so bile lepe od zunaj in še lepše znotraj; iz marsikatere je gledalo kokošje stegno ali kaj podobnega. Dražba teh košaric je prinesla lepe vsote v društvene blagajne, poleg tega pa je vzbujala tudi mnogo smeha. Hvala lepa rojakinjam, ki so prinesla košarice, in vsem, ki so na en ali drugi način pripomogli, da je bila prireditel uspeh, tako z ozirom na zabavo kot na finance. Še posebej naj bo izražena iskrena zahvala za poset rojakom in rojakinjam iz drugih nasebin; njihova žrtev je toliko večja, če pomislimo, kako dragocen je candanes gasolin. Kadar bodo oni priredili kaj sličnega, jim lomo skušalji po možnosti vrniti.

Vreme imamo zadosti lepo in teko so se rentonska društva odločila, da so priredila piknik, katerega se je udeležilo tudi precej tukajšnih Slovencev. Bila je dobra zabava in tudi slovenske pesmi so se glasile. Poleg tega so se srečali znanci in prijatelji, kateri se morda niso videli že več let. Ob takih prilikah ljudje vsaj začasno pozabijo skrb, ki jim teži srca pri misli na njihove drage, kateri so raztreseni po raznih frontah sveta. Razume se, da smo imeli v mislih tudi konvencijo ABZ ter ji želeli dobrih zaključkov, da bi mogli v bodoče še z večjim navdušenjem agitirati za nove člane.

Sobrat urednik, ki se je gotovo utrujen vrnil s konvencije, se bo morda namrdnil, češ, na, tako sem truden in toliko zastalega dela je pred menoj, pa me ravno zdaj še z dopisi nadlegujejo! Pa upam, da bo že potrpel, saj je vajen. (Oh, zure! Op. ured.) Pozdrav vsem članom. (Dalle na 8. strani)

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PIPE DREAM cartoon by OWI-M-109. A man says, 'WELL, I GUESS THE WAR IS ABOUT OVER... WE CAN TAKE IT EASY NOW....' while a large bomb labeled 'OVER-OPTIMISM' is about to explode on him.

