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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

AGRICULTURAL MUSING
We have acquired new respect for the lowly broccoli.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 10, 1892

Three cheerleaders a tiger for the winner; abuse to the losers; Many American politicians.

The party which cheers last always claims the bravest; cheer too loud on the first try.

Thursday evening of last week at 6 o'clock, the citizens of our village were startled by a fire which started at the new fire bell.

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 16, 1917
Most everybody knows where the Presbyterian Tabernacle is.

The 17th annual meeting of the Oakland County Federation convened.

The Rowboat Incident
A minor story told about Ralph concerns his assignment to cover a reunion.

5 YEARS AGO Nov. 11, 1937
Phil Carey, Baldwin senior and captain of the Birmingham Maroon.

Classification, Nov. 6, 1942
William G. Pierce, 1-A; Wesley H. Broughton, 1-A;

What Code Means
The following is a list of the following: 1-A: passed last physical exam.

Home on Furlough
The Selective Service board here is reporting the cases of all men who were married since the discharge of the draft law on Sept. 16, 1940.

Home on Furlough
The Southern Oklahoma Naval Aviation squadron is going to test its wings.

Visits Here
Staff Sgt. Jim Cummings, who has been assigned to the new anti-aircraft battery at Camp Hulon, Texas.

Enlist in Navy
The Detroit Navy recruiting office has been advised by the Birmingham aviation command.

Wavell Picks Six Best Generals

Gen. Archibald P. Wavell, who won fame by his great campaign in North Africa.

Surveying the field the British general, after eliminating some names because his "knowledge of their character and exploits is so sterling."

Hannibal, Scipio, Alexander, Caesar, Belisarius, Frederick, Cromwell, Marlborough, Napoleon, Wellington, Lee, Moltke, Eoch and Ludendorff.

Among those eliminated, for one reason or another but deserving of consideration, one finds the names of Gustavus Adolphus, James Wolfe, Gen. Blakeney, Lord Roberts, General Buller, Gen. Buller, Gen. Buller.

Where in the company, he adds, Hannibal and Scipio "must find places" although he does not "have enough detailed knowledge to determine their exact standing."

Of Lee he writes: "Lee, the outstanding military hero of the American Civil War, was a fine strategist and tactician, great in adversity, and possibly the best belated and most attractive character of a great military leader."

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 16, 1917
During September, Lend-Lease goods valued at \$43,000,000 were furnished to the Allies.

While no information is available as to the countries which received September shipments, a recent statement showed that thirty-five per cent of the goods delivered during the summer went to the United Kingdom.

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 16, 1917
The Editor is pleased to place before his readers the editorial staff of the paper.

NEWS FROM MEN IN SERVICE
"Red" McBride, formerly of Hawaii, but now a cadet at the California State College.

DON'T BE BACKWARD!
Some folks who are backward will deny them "forward" if they phone in an item for this column.

HOME ON FURLOUGH
Blaise Fox, of Hoover, is a member of the Marine Corps.

DATES
A large group of officers will report on Nov. 15, 1942, at the 15th for their local physical examination.

AVIATION SQUADRON CALLED
The Southern Oklahoma Naval Aviation squadron is going to test its wings.

STARTS BASIC TRAINING
Aviation Cadet Donald G. Pountier has completed his pre-flight training at Santa Ana, Calif., and has been assigned to the 119th Reconnaissance Squadron.

"Fat" Goering

Hermann Goering, Nazi No. 2, furmishes the people of Occupied Countries with the inside tip-off as to where they stand.

Goering warns that "if there is hunger, it will be, in no event, in Germany."

Of course, Goering's policy does not mean that Germans will be plenty to eat.

Another, it is something of a feeble utterance by one of the chiefs of Hitler's New Order.

Turn in Cosmetic Containers
The so-called "cosmetics" of the nation are now being urged to give up their cosmetics.

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People's Column

The Economist is pleased to receive comments from its readers.

'Uncle Joe' Gives Labor's Viewpoint

Editor, The Economist: I see by the election returns that I got my face properly slapped for making you in your New Deal tractors.

Get to the bottom of these things before you write them up and you will find that there are two sides to every coin.

As for holding up the war effort, I see that you are again against the manufacturers for trouble-making.

It's things like that that's holding up the war effort, going along with an occasional labor dispute.

Well, I'll spend the next two years in the same manner that you're spending ten years crying on my fellow Democrats.

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Have You Met . . .
Your new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril S. Maxwell, of 482 Townsend.

Auto Terminals Suggested Again
Editor, The Economist: Five days a week from Monday through Friday, I drive from Birmingham to Woodward in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Schou, who are living at 505 Southfield Road, Michigan Home Company.

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