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LATEST NEWS—CARTOON

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New Year's Eve
Starting 12 o'clock Midnight
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MATINEE MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send a note of the boys' activities and service on a card about the country, are hungry for news of their friends in the address of a newly-placed indicated box of interest.

Sgt. G. Snell Paints Pretty Girls On Sides Of His B-24 Liberator

15TH AAF in Italy—For relaxation during the hours when he is not flying, Sgt. Glenn L. Snell, Birmingham, Mich., paints beautiful girls on the sides of his heavy bombardment group's B-24 Liberator bombers. From his paintings fellow crew members receive the inspiration for the names of their planes such as the "Vulgar Virgin," "Paper Doll," "Miss-U-Always," "Sweet Sue," etc.

Sgt. Snell, whose wife lives at 474 Square Lake road, with their small daughter, Sharon, Gall, is a tall gunner on a big 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber. He has recently chalked up his 17th combat mission against highly strategic enemy targets in southern Germany, northern Italy, Austria and the Balkans.

Prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces in February, 1943, the gunner was employed by the T. R. Bush Co. in Royal Oak, Mich.

For his combat achievements he has been awarded the air medal with one oak leaf cluster and is authorized to wear the European ribbon with two campaign stars.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Snell, live at 2245 16 Mile road, Birmingham, Mich.

Pvt. Charles R. Griffin has received the Purple Heart for an injury he received in action in Eastern France Nov. 16. The citation was sent to his mother, Mrs. Frances H. Griffin, 1520 Webster. Mrs. Griffin has six boys in the service. Five of them are overseas.

LT. Ray E. Schauer, formerly connected with the Schauer-Tool & Die Company of Birmingham, and now with the U. S. Army Air Corps, has returned to Lincoln, Neb., after having spent a holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Schauer of LaSalle boulevard, Detroit. He recently received his commission on Nov. 20.

TRAINING IN ENGLAND—
AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England, former Flight Officer Robert L. Drum, 19, of Birmingham, Mich., is now in England with the unit. The group is undergoing a pre-combat training period of 10 days in preparation for combat action as a navigator in the Army's new Flying Fortresses in bombing attacks on Germany's military and industrial targets. A six-month apprentice for the Murray Corporation of America, Detroit, before entering the Army in May, 1943, P/O Drum received his navigator's wings at San Marcos, Texas, in July, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Welcome L. Drum, of Route 2, Birmingham.

Cpl. R. Harvey Sends Thanks For His Gifts

December 11
Italy

Dear Messrs. Paul and George Averill—

Your package arrived a few days ago and it certainly is a treat to be remembered by you, even though I worked for the Eccentric for such a short time. Also, as this time I want to thank you for the steady flow of papers that have followed me since I was in Italy and France. I look forward to the receipt as much as I do to a letter, because by your paper I can enjoy the home town news and from the "shearloads" and the "bits" of the other fellows from home.

Sincerely,
CPL. DICK HARVEY.

Editor's Note: Thirty Christmas boxes were sent to former employees of the Eccentric who are serving their country. Nineteen of them were overseas and 11 went to camps in this country.

Pvt. Theodore Stevens, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stevens, Sr., of 528 Vinewood, came from Camp Hood, Texas, for the holiday season at home. He has been in training in Texas with an infantry regiment and at the end of his furlough will report at a camp in California for advance training.

Returns To Duty

John B. Kuhlman

John B. Kuhlman, seaman first class, has just returned to duty after a leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Kuhlman, 1008 Haynes, following eight months of sea duty with the Atlantic fleet.

He wears two campaign stars for major engagements, one being the Normandy invasion. The part his ship played in the invasion was well described by Earnest Hemingway in his story, "Voyage to Victory," which appeared in Kuhlman's magazine on July 22. Seaman Kuhlman is now aboard a transport serving as a member of the crew of a landing craft.

Graduating from Baldwin high school in June, 1942, he worked at Pontiac Motor for a few months and then joined the navy. He took his boat training at Great Lakes and was sent to Key West for eight months. He went to sea last February after special training at Little Creek, Va.

Pfc. Frederic Vici Is Now with Carrier Unit In European Waters

A U. S. TROOP CARRIER FORCE, BARR, European Theatre of Operations, Private Frederic Vici, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vici, 67 Westmont avenue, Birmingham, Mich., is now serving in this theatre as a draftsman of a U. S. troop carrier unit, which was recently awarded the Presidential Citation.

The award, one of the highest given for military achievement, was made to Private Vici's unit for its "immense contribution to the success of the greatest amphibious operation in history," the D-Day invasion of France, commanded by Colonel Frank A. Mawhood of St. Paul, Minn. His group also dropped the first paratroops and landed the first gliders in the invasion of southern France, and the Holland offensive.

Formerly a part of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, Private Vici's unit is now a part of the U. S. Troop Carrier Force, headed by Major General Paul L. Williams and is the major air component of the First Allied Airborne Army.

Private Vici is a graduate of Baldwin high school, class of '41, and attended the University before entering the service in February, 1943. He is a veteran of thirteen months overseas duty.

(More Men in Service in Sec. 1)

Here the Mutual Network Feature

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAY IT BE YOUR BEST YEAR

When all is said and done the greatest quest of human beings is for happiness. Our wish for you in 1945 is for more happiness—more than you have ever known before, whether that happiness be in gainful occupation or the attainment of some long desired goal.

Thank you for having remembered us so generously during the past year.

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Happy NEW YEAR

1945

HOPE

It was hope that sent the Spanish galleons plowing through uncharted seas... hope that kept them on their course until they sailed between the Virginia capes. It is hope that "springs eternal in the human breast," hope that gives us New Year its magnificent spirit and the will to do.

Hopes are stronger than wishes. We hope for you in 1945 the fulfillment of all you plan for today, the best twelve-month that Father Time has ever meted out to you. And for right now, the happiest of New Years.

Happy New Year

The year 1944 will soon be history. We are happy to say that we formed many new friendships during this eventful year, and strengthened many old ones.

To all of our friends, both new and old, we extend most cordial New Year wishes.

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A Glorious Holiday Bill with "Our Best Wishes"

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Starting at 12:01 with Appropriate NEW YEAR Welcome

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