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Frosen Hem

WPB Catches the Skirt Just Below the Knee

Since it had to come, the average male citizen would be ungrateful not to give the War Production Board credit for "freezing the existing silhouette" in en's clothes at a fairly advantag-level. If the order had come a few weeks later, the Society Department in forms us, skirt hems might have been wens us, skirt hems might have been owen above the knees. And the femi-me knee, although interesting, is sel-was beautiful. As it was, though, WPB iswed this knotty problem by clamping with on the skirt just as it was brush-g the bottom of the knee cap.

on the obttom of the knee cap.
On the other hand, had war come upon us back in 1988, WPB, or its equivalent, might have caught the hem when it hung about midway between ankle and knee, and frozen it there. That would have been regretiable from an assisthetic point of view. The skirt ending, abruptly at mid-tible just doesn't look right; better for it to fall to the ankle,

Whether it was by accident or by apwhether it was by accident or by application of wise judgment, WPB timed
its action just right. Now, if the Government will keep a watchful eye on
women's skirts for a decade or so after
the war, perhaps the nation will be
spared another flapper era when the
waittine fails to meet the hem somewhere about the thigh.

Absurdity

The Services Turn Down a Lad Who's Too Big and Strong

Imagine, if you can, the Navy and the Marines turning down a good strong bough lad, former Golden Glove champion, & feet 1% Inches tall, well built, in prime condition and the right age. It seems absurd, and yet turn him down they did, both branches of the service. He weighs 261 pounds, and so is over wight.

weight.

His name is Charles David McNelll.

His farm Lumberton. He will be 21
this month, He has tried repeatedly to
sign up but as often has been told that
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there is nothing doing. Regulations, you see.

Regulations take it for granted that a man who weighs 261 pounds is a victim of obesity, a huge pudgy fellow who couldn't cart himself around, much less a full pack. The recruiters, of course, can see that he is a splendid specimen, a potential Jap-killer extraordinary, but the regulations asy. Beside, they wouldn't have a uniform big enough for him, and aithough he has offered to buy his own, that too is probably against regulations.

For the man's own emotions, frustration must be only partially descriptive. And as for his case, it's a commentary not without great significance.

Hitler's army would have grabbed him even if he had to be outfitted in one of Hermann Goering's old suits. Hirohito would have reached out for him though three ordinary uniforms had to be sewed together for his covering. And Duce—Duce would have made him a welcoming speech in some convenient plazza. But the U. S. turns him down, taking instead some spindly little fellow whose measurements are within the regulations.

Salesman

Sir Stafford Goes to India With a Promise and a Prayer

With a Promise and a Prayer

Sir Stafford Crippe, Britains' man of
the hour' goes to India to sell the satives on a promise, a simple, evanescent
promise. He must convince leaders of
both the Hindu and Modem factions
that Britain will make good on her
pledge to grant India dominion status—
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ence now. They are skeptical about promises.

Perhaps they remember the Palestine promises of the last war, when the Britan Government actually promised complete control of the Holy Land to (1) the Arabis and (2) the Jewish Zionists, is a result of trying to fulfil both piedments of the Palestine has been added to the Holy Land to the Near Land Control of the Palestine and Land and Discovery of the Moslems want less than the Palestine and the well be on the Hookeur for the first and of the Incomplete faith.

In favor of Sir Bisafford, it may be

said that he is an honorable man and a life-long advocate of Indian Independence. He spoke out for India long before anyone foresaw the present emergency. The Indians are likely to remember that Sir Stafford, although bidding for India's support in the war, is sincere in whatever he offers.

These personal qualities will give Sir Stafford an early advantage, but whether he succeeds or falls depends largely on how far the British Government is willing to go toward independence none. Britain must do more than promise. She must act immediately—and in face of the Hindu-Moslem enigma promise. She must act immediately-and in face of the Hindu-Moslem enigmato show good faith. Upon the extent and the wisdom of her action hangs the balance in world power. Sir Stafford may very well be carrying the future of all free peoples in his briefcase.

Land Of Roc

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Arrows on the latest news maps point to a big, fat island off the African East-Coast. If the Japa are able to biuff their way into steaming Madagascar (as they talked their way lino teaming Madagascar (as they talked their way lino French Indo-China) they will have taken more than a big, fat island. They will have the one last base they need to close the Indian Ocean to our shipping and open it to theirs.

All the more airming is the fact that the same Vichy France that opened the back door to Singapore to the Japa is also the proprietor and sole owner of Madagascar. Vichy has been an easy mark more than once—and Jap agents are already reporting to be negotiating for bases in Madagascar. In the days of Sinbad the Sallor, no Jap would have dared approach Madagascar, in the days of Sinbad the Sallor, no Jap would have dared approach Madagascar, in the days of Sinbad the Sallor, no Jap would have dared approach Madagascar, results in dictable of matching up a man and carrying him away. The legend was probably inspired by the siant birds that once really lived on Madagascar. Fossils indicate that there were "roes" and that they laid eggs measuring twelve by nine inches—larger than those of any other known bird.

Marco Polo heard about Madagascar in the Thirteenth Century. The Arabs had visited it several centuries before. In 1506 the Portuguese landed there and named the Island Saint Lorenzo. It was a hundred years later that the Prench began their under the saint Lorenzo. It was a hundred years later that the Prench began their under the proper in 1810 and, after restoring order among his own people, begun collaborating with the French.

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Greenland, New Guinea. Batfin Land, and
Borneo). At present there are somewhat
less than 4,000,000 Malagasy, most of
whom are poor farmers, farm workers or
mine workers. Their status has improved
a little since the Island was the center of
a flourishing slave trade, but most of
them still live in hovels, eat rice, and
war three yards of cloth called a lamba.
Even on the highest Madagascan
mountain pask (9,000 feet) there is never
any snow The Japs will find little there
or remind them of Full. Nor will they
be interested in the measer mineral resources. A few thousand tons of graphite
would be about all they could hope for.
Madagascar's appeal to link is trategle
position—smack athwart Britain's
mountain-he-form lifeline to India. If,
by hook or crook, the Japs can grab it,
the Indian Ocean becomes a Nipponese
pond.

A Col Kernan complains that we are fishing an "administrative war." Thus if we so down to defeat, it will be as true armethalr soldiers, caught up on our paper work.

The larger haif of the distillers' wares is to be diverted to the victory effort, and well it might. The Jap never lived who, could stand up to some of the bourbon blends,

Our war communiques include buile-tins from the "Philippines theater," where the MacArthur Co. has been put-ting on a popular show now in the thir-teenth week.

Handled With Care

By Paul Mallon

STOCKS DIP AT TAX PROSPECTS TAX PROSPECTS
Drooping of the stock market, in
the face of this tax threat, again
raises a fine question of Government publicity emphasis and public
of the stock market would have
been considered a bad sign. Public confidence was supposed to follow the market.

Not so now. Most administration, authorities discredit the
on public opinion on the ground
that stocks are narrowly held.
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on public opinion on the ground that stocks are narrowly held. That may be, but the Government is also relying on sheer particular, unatimulated by any direct personal interest, to sponsor many other ways (crowding of little business, prices, rationing sugar, tires, labor's priorities). Abandoning the old profit metive for stimulating of the utmost tire for stimulating the form the same full spur. Is personal incentive being binnted? In the form the form of the for

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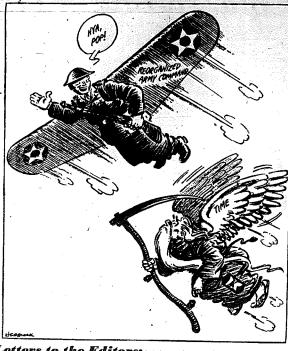
tions, but agreement has not been early. In the property of th

Side Glances

"She says she's wearing those red cotton stockings for national defense, but I know it's just to call attention to her legs."

Catching Up

-By Herblock



Letters to the Editors:

Clapper's African Trip

Not only is Raymond Clapper a writer who insists on thinking for himself. He is as well one who it is necessary to his work to see for himself. He is as well one who it is necessary to his work to see for himself.

In doing his Washington column it has been his practice for years, as a Presidential or other national to trive of himself, and the proposed of the seen of the issue, while his sources of information in Washington are except thinking about the candidate work the world command them, the military and except the seen of the seen. While his sources of information in Washington are except the seen of the seen while his sources of information in Washington are except the seen of the seen

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Life magazine declared them 'one

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Editors, The News:

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fiel interprete y su mas resuello
—MICUEL ANOEL CAMPA.
Presidente, Sociedad Colombista,
Panamerfona,
Hadana, Cuba.

"The World's Doom"

Editors, THE NEWS:

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The world delibrately seals its own
doom,
when its tax-rum State schools profor GOD. For aught they teach,
there is no GOD.
And Death puts man's whole being
"neath the sod.
Hence, men now alay men to the
cannon's boom.

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Humanity preying upon its kind,
The urge of Hell's hate crassly
obeying,
Sicked on by Science's late ways of
slaying;
Leaving aged parents with hearts
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And their sons' widows and orphans bereft;
Because, in State Schools, GOD is
not enshrined.
On this chaos, there is no setting

Sun, And when one side, for a while, shall have won, Civil wars will start their barbarous run,
Even as they raged, brother 'gainst brother.

When Nations stopped before 'gainst each other; each other;
To start up again some twenty years

Outstripping the old one in viru-Humanity preying upon its kind,
Because, in State Schools, GOD is
not enshrined.

—L. A. TATUM.
Laurinburg.

(Note: The composer of these lines, L. A. Tatum, once sponsored a petition literated primarily against the State University whose title was i'll Hesevei's Name, Covernor Save Our State From Further Predatory Acts by These So-Called Modern Educators. Against Things of the precision might be inferentiag.—Editors, The News.)

Rifle & Pistol Club Liked Write-Ups

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Editors, The News:

On behalf of the Charlotte Rifle

& Pistol Club I wish to extend our
appreciation of the write-ups given
our retent Second Annual Indoor
Tournament. This appreciation is
a shared by all the members of
the Rifle Club.

- EDWARD P. BETZ,

Vice President, Charlotte Rifle &
Pistol Club.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

If you do not grow in grace you will certainly deteriorate: Add to your faith obtus, and to obtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience Godiness.—If Peter 1.5, 6.

Volunteer Land Corps

By Dorothy Thompson

DISPATCHES from Washington and clewhere are calling attention to a new crisis that is going to confront the nation in the Spring, and on the home front.



All over the country there is a serious shortage of agricultural lab or. Boys from the farms have been dratted; high wages in armanent plants have dragged with the granty for tit the Department of Agricultural is crying for increased production of high protein foods, such as milk, chose, and eggs—products that can be dried, shipped, and stored, stored against the end of the wag when the whole world end of the wag when the whole world end of the war when the whole world will want our products. SELF-STARTED SERVICE

SELF-STARTED SERVICE
TO THE SOIL
A group of young men are doing something about it. Again, they are self-started. They arred sent out by the Government: they are young men who love America and want to serve her. There's a philosophy about America in their minds and hearts. Long before this war began, they were thinking, in Dartmouth and Harvard, about the future of the country. They believed that war or no war universal service for the nation, as a definite part of every young man's education ought to be established; service to the soil of America; service to the samed forces; service wherever it was needed.

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ervice wherever it was needed.

So, a few months age, they founded the Volunteer Land Cerps, for
the purpose of helping set the farmers. They had made some tentative surveys and knew this would
be a tough Summer en the land.
Instead of trying to start a nationwide merement, they decided to de
a job in a limited area, just to show
it could be done, and, working in a
small area to do it right.
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They chose the neighboring states of They chose the neighboring states of Vermont and New Hampshire, got in touch with the farm agencies there, and found that masses of farmers were willing to take college and high school students, even if not trained, provided they came with no illusions and in the right spirit.

right spirit.

THEY GET ROOM, BOARD

AND \$21 A MONTH

Then they went to universities and high schools, appealing to the following classes of young men: those below draft age; those rejected for minor physical disqualifications; those registered but not yet called. They offered these young men jobs—as private splidiers of the land, at private soldiers' wages, \$21 a month and board and room. Cliris heard about it, and offered to join. Farmers said they'd take gifts, too, so the Volumer-Land Corps, of agricultural 'privates' got started.

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FARM WORK IS GOOD

FARM WORK IS GOOD PRE-MILITARY TRAINING Hard work from dawn to dusk on the American land seems to them excellent pre-military training anyhow. They revive the old-fashioned American word of "help", instead of "employee." They know that in the old days farmers depended chiefly on their own sons and daughters for farm work. So they offer themselves as foster sons and daughters for farm work. So they offer themselves as foster sons and daughters for farm work. So they offer themselves as foster sons and daughters for farm work, who can present a medical certificate, who knows that he isn't enlisting for a Summer vacation but for Summer toll, is eligible.

in bind to summer toil, is eligible. They're had a remarkable reponse from precisely that 'grivileged' youth that is supposed to be soft'—the youth that is accustomed to Summer vacations in reserving the who have been quite easily persuaded that they might as well pitch in with a pitchferk instead of with a golf sitck. They have scouts in Verment and New Hampshire doing the ground work, and seeling to it that the ocrys will get into decent homes—'we mean the homes of decent people, not-homes with bathrooms, necessality.'

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They have been operating on a shoe string as far as money is concerned, but they've made up for that lack by devotion and enthusiams. And they have already evolved a pattern of organisation, an integration of free initiative with local government agencies, and local community leaders. They don't hold any copyright on their plans. Any groups that want the binspirits can have them. But they want to make a lingle demonstration this Summer in a single area to prove that Any groups the man and the control of the provided and the string of the lack of the control of the single area to prove that Any groups the single area to prove that a single area to prove that and all cereds are ready and willing to help do the hard, dirly work for America, and for our allies.

Visitin' Around

Piggy Went Back Home (Gold Hill Hear) Stathly New Arrysol to Fresh Piece Arry of Gold Still, who bought a Piec Arry of Gold Still, who bought a pie off a passing truth, says that it jumped out of his pan within a few hours after purchased, and he hase't seen or heard of it Since.