

Merry-Go-Round Davis Working Day And Night

By DREW PEARSON
WASHINGTON—When you sift down all the hullabaloo about Elmer Davis and his Office of War Information, the only valid criticism you can make against the drawing boarder is that he is working too hard. The last two weeks when he went on the air, he was so exhausted he had a stand-by alongside ready to take up his script if he collapsed.

Davis works far into the night to read all that his voluminous office produces, sees almost everyone who wants to see him.
But given a tough situation, basically he has done a good job. Seminars like Montana's Wheeler and Nevada's McCarran, whose acid digestive systems are always poisoning their political outlook, make a wry face at Davis. But Wheeler and McCarran are always demanding more facts and inside facts that Davis has been fighting their battle in keeping the American public informed.

Most of Davis's fight is getting news, squeezing it out of Government bureaus which don't want to give, making the Army and Navy release facts which show up their mistakes, moving with Currier Jeters because his estimates on U. S. forces are too rosy.

When Davis stepped down from his well-paying radio job to correlate Government information, everyone envied him his job, thought he had a softie. But the job of digging news, accurate news, unpleasant news out of the Government is not soft. And it is not popular.

Davis is a good newsman. Being such, he is not popular. Being in some quarters.
Note: Davis did his best to raise the story on bombing Tokyo long ago. Several times he urged the White House that the American public should know the facts earlier, when the Japs released

a picture of U. S. fliers supposedly captured in the Tokyo raid, Davis wanted to point out the truth, namely that these were naval fliers, not aviators. They had been captured in a naval battle. This explanation was broadcast to foreign countries by OWI, but Davis, through no fault of his, was not permitted to tell folks at home.

ARMY POLITICS
Politics is played every day on Capitol Hill, frequently with a smile. But Army politics is a grim and serious business. Take the mysterious tug-of-war going on back-stage regarding the new Surgeon General of the U. S. Army.

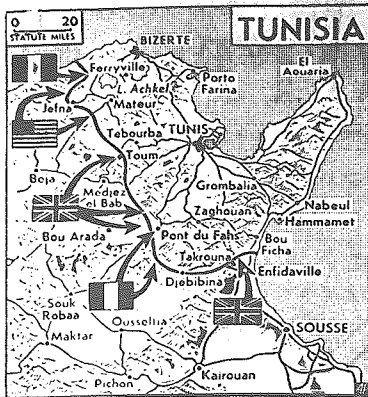
General George Marshall, Chief of Staff, had selected as the new Surgeon General, brilliant, popular Brig.-Gen. Albert W. Kenner, who did an outstanding job as chief doctor for U. S. forces in the tough North African campaign. Marshall ordered Kenner to return to Washington under orders so secret he was not to report to Medical Corps headquarters. Knowing how Army politics operates, Marshall did not want news of the appointment to leak out, and induce rival candidates to get busy.

However, the news did leak out and Army politicos started lobbying. Most powerful lobbyist was venerable Maj.-Gen. Merrille W. Ireland, Surgeon General of the Army during the World War. Another was Colonel William L. Keller, head doctor at Walter Reed Hospital. Both are retired, so it is permissible for them to pull wires in a way active officers couldn't. They got their views to the White House against General Kenner.

Instead, General Ireland and Colonel Keller backed Brig.-Gen. Norman Kirk, a bone specialist, who had an interesting record in the days when he was up for promotion from Lieutenant to captain. Another doctor popular with the Medical Corps is Brig.-Gen. George Tall.

The wire-pulling over this coveted medical post extended to General E. B. Somerrell and the Deputy Secretary of War Patterson. One point some people made against General Kenner was that he is a Catholic. Some members of his family are, but he isn't. But why a Catholic can't be a good doctor is hard to understand.

However, just before the President was about to leave on his Mexican trip, and was in a hurry, the Kirk appointment was put on his desk. General Kenner is going to the Pacific like the good soldier that he is.



ALLIES THREATEN TUNIS GATEWAYS — Allied drives (black arrows) along the Tunisian front (black line) threatened Mateur, Tebourba and Pont du Fahs — all gateways to the Tunis-Bizerte area. French troops in the north were within six miles of Lake Achkel; U. S. forces were about ten miles southwest of Mateur; British moored Tebourba; and both British and French troops menaced Pont du Fahs, with one French force pounding at the outskirts of the city.

What Do You Know About The Flying Fortresses?

'AIR FORCE' Contest

A waist gun barks its deadly tattoo across the Jap-filled skies!
Answer These Questions In Space Below Or Write Answers Legibly On Separate Paper and Attach To This Contest:
1 Are all 4-motored bombers Flying Fortresses?
2 What type of plane brought General MacArthur from the Philippines to Australia?
3 What big airplane on a photographic mission in the Pacific shot down six Jap planes?
4 Name the first American Air Force heavy plane to see action in the Orient.

Watch For Tomorrow's Exciting Contest!

How would you like to win a War Bond or one of ten pairs of passes to the Carolina Theatre?
Everybody knows about a Flying Fortress and what it does to help our boys victors to the United States. But what do you know about the Flying Fortress? If you know enough, you may be a lucky winner of the Charlotte News-Carolina Theatre contest.
The judges will be officers of the U. S. Army Air Corps. Mr. Morris Reed, head of your entry to Lt. Mark W. Orr, Public Relations Officer, Morris Field, Charlotte. The rules of the contest, staged in cooperation with "Air Force", the great air motion picture, starting Sunday at the Carolina Theatre for one week, today, and for the next three days.

The Charlotte News will publish a score for "Air Force". With these scores each day will appear questions testing your knowledge of the Flying Fortress. Answer each question in the space above. Write your name and address on the back of the contest card. You will have all fifteen questions answered, and a lucky winner of the contest will not more than 200 words, pertinent facts about the Flying Fortress. What is its other name, the day and what is its size power? How high and fast can it fly? How is it controlled and what is its fire power? What does its crew consist of and what are the duties of crew members? Describe other details about the Flying Fortress, its bomb and any other interesting facts you can recall, briefly.

Nurse Recovers From Blood Infection, Common in Wounds

PHILADELPHIA.—Ten days ago a pretty blonde student nurse lying in Philadelphia's Habernann Hospital from a deadly blood stream infection — staphylococcus aureus septicemia—a common aftermath of bacterioid wounds with a mortality rate estimated by some specialists as high as 80 per cent.
Today the girl is well.
Her quick recovery—credited by members of the hospital staff to

revisions of a well established medical procedure—may, a hospital spokesman said, point the way to a saving of the lives of many wounded soldiers who otherwise would be considered beyond hope.
The case and three others identified with it were reported last night by Dr. Miley, chief director of the hospital's ultraviolet blood irradiation clinic and clinical professor of pharmacology at Habernann Medical College, at an annual meeting of the American Medical Association.
Dr. Miley said the clinic in all four cases used a standard blood irradiation method known as the Knott Technique, first published three years ago. The only new aspect in the cases, Mr. Miley said, was that no sulfa drugs were used beforehand and no blood transfusions were given.
It has been commonly recognized by doctors that sulfa drugs may have certain harmful effects. Dr. Miley said, adding that he could not explain definitely why the omission of sulfa drugs and transfusions was significant. He said, however, that seven other patients of the clinic, given the blood irradiation therapy after having sulfa drugs and transfusions, had died.
In the Knott Technique, a predetermined amount of blood is withdrawn from the body and chemically treated to prevent clotting. Then it is subjected to high intensity ultra violet rays and returned to the veins. The rays themselves do not destroy the infecting bacteria, but they raise the natural resistance of the body

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Schools in County Have Graduations

1942-43 Term Comes To Close

Graduation exercises were held last night in several high schools in the Mecklenburg County system, bringing the 1942-43 school term to a close. All schools closed yesterday afternoon until next fall. There were 435 high school graduates this year.

Professor E. A. Beatty of Davidson College was the principal speaker at graduation exercises held last night at Cornelius High School. Colonel J. A. McAndrew, stationed at Davidson College, presented an American flag to the school on behalf of the local American Legion post.

The Legion awarded citizenship medals to two primary school pupils, John Block and Peggy Neal Maxwell, and J. D. Vance of the Charlotte Citizen Club presented the club's citizenship medals to Otis Gray, member of the senior class. The valedictory address was made by Betty Jean Deaton.

The Rev. J. W. Grier was principal speaker at Davidson High School last night, and the Civitan citizenship medal was awarded to Fleming. Gladys Potts was valedictorian.

The senior class at Hunterville High School staged their play last night. The Civitan citizenship medal was presented to Mrs. Smith by Neil Ransom of the Charlotte Civitan Club.

Well High School last night. Sois Alexander was given the Citizenship medal, which was presented by Charles F. Abernethy.

At Reynolds High School Principal W. D. Loy presented diplomas to the graduates. Sarah Sloan was valedictorian. The Civitan citizenship medal was awarded to H. S. Strawn. Jane McDowell was valedictorian and Elsie Howie was salutatorian.

Van Every Funeral Held

Services Conducted For Prominent Citizen

Funeral services for Salem Augustus Van Every, religious, civic and business leader of Charlotte, were held this morning at 11 o'clock at his home, 2620 Avondale Ave. J. Gottlieb, reader for the service, was given the eulogy. Interment was in the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. Van Every died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home. Apparently in good health, he was taken to a hospital at about 6 o'clock and died almost immediately. He was 59 years old.

President and general manager of Lance, Inc., Mr. Van Every had seen the business under his leadership grow from a small beginning to a large establishment, manufacturing peanut products and confections and distributing them over a wide area. He was the first reader in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Charlotte, the church he helped organize and build on E. Morehead St.

Surviving Mr. Van Every are his wife, who was Miss Mary Lance of Charlotte before her marriage; six sons, William Hamilton Van Every of Charlotte, Lieut.-Comdr. S. A. Philip Lance Jr. of the U. S. Navy, and Lieutenants David Henning Van Every of the U. S. Army, Stephen Heywood Van Every of Charlotte, and Van Every of McCallie School, and six grandchildren.

Beer Law To Be Enforced

Severs Warns Dealers in County

The new State beer law will be enforced strictly, warned County Police Chief Henry C. Severs today, after he called special attention to the provision in the law which outlaws the sale of beer after 11:30 P. M. and before 7 A. M.
Chief Severs said he issued the warning before giving orders to his men because he believed some small beer dealers might be violating the law through ignorance or misunderstanding and he did not want to impose unnecessary hardships.

The new law, enacted by the 1934 General Assembly, also gives boards of county commissioners authority to outlaw sales of beer from 11:30 P. M. Saturday until 7 A. M. Monday. However, no proposal to increase the restriction has been made in Mecklenburg County.

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