

SERGT. BOLGER MENDS WOUNDS ON FORTRESSES

Busy With Ground Crew in England, He Sees Wounds Inflicted on Bombers By Hurling Flak

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An Eighth AAF Bomber Command, England — Over twenty times in the past few months, Sgt. John J. Bolger, Jr., of Auburn, N. Y., and other members of a ground crew, have seen Eighth AAF Flying Fortresses on combat missions over Nazi Europe. Only twice have they watched, waited, and then felt the deep despair of men who have lost friends and Fortresses in the sky and bullet torn skies over Europe.

More times than they like to tell, they have seen their big bombers land punctured with flak holes from nose to tail. Once their ship came back with over 300 assorted flak holes after running a barrage over a vitally important target. In other battles two gas tanks have been pierced, a horizontal stabilizer has been badly mangled, communication wires have been cut, and one rudder cable severed. Altogether their ships have been hit by nearly 400 pieces of hurtling flak. But not a crew member has been injured by this flak.

The men, all graduates of AAF technical schools in the States, had worked as bomber mechanics on the line on various fields in the States, and were made into a hard-working crew when they reached this Eighth AAF heavy bomber base. Besides Sgt. Bolger, the crew includes: T/Sgt. Alfred C. Peterson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, crew chief; Sgt. Leonard L. Dube, of Lawrence, Mass.; Sgt. Merrill J. Cagné, of Montpelier, Vt.; and Sgt. Jim A. Giovenone, of Tampa, Fla. The Auburn mechanic is the assistant crew chief.

Knowing all too well the risks these big bombers take while plowing through the flak and lighter infested skies above the

Talks, Song, Piano Program by Morning Musicals Wednesday

The Morning Musicals will present a program of Polish and Czechoslovakian music at 10 o'clock Wednesday at the Cayuga Museum. Mrs. Frank Smith and

Nazi targets, these mechanics work day and night, repairing and replacing, checking and inspecting.

More than 25 control cables must be tested for proper operation, dozens of instruments and lines to them must be checked; and magnets, batteries, tires, struts, bomb bay doors, hydraulic units, spark plugs, and oxygen systems must be inspected. Oil and gas strainers must be drained and cleaned, life rafts examined, and the ship cleaned inside and outside.

Many times these men have worked all through a raw, cold English night making final repairs and adjustments prior to a combat flight the next day. Actually their work is never done. And because at least one man must be with the Fortress all of the time the crew has a test near the bomber's hardstand out on the field. From salvaged lumber of bomb crates they have built a floor and sides for the shelter. They have put in an electric light, army cots, and tool chests, and are now scouting around for a stove.

For these ground mechanics the most trying part of their job comes while the white-starred bomber is in the air over Nazi Europe. It is then that they "sweat out" the return of the Fortress for the ten men in that ship are their friends and the ship is much more to them than just any war plane—it is the Fortress, "Suzanne."

Sergeant John J. Bolger, Jr., 21 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bolger of 10 Mattie Street, Auburn, N. Y. He and his wife, Mrs. Josephine Bolger of 21 Sherwood Street have a son born October 16, 1943. Sergeant Bolger is a graduate of basic air mechanics school at Sheppard Field, Texas, and the Consolidated Aircraft School at San Diego, Calif.

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To Lecture at Wells
Doctor Ben D. Wood, chairman of the Bureau of Collegiate Educational Research, Columbia College, New York, will speak in the chapel of Wells College on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:30 p. m. The subject of Doctor Wood's lecture will be "Geography of the Air Age." The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides. The lecture on January 12 will be the fifth in the current Lecture Series at Wells College. All lectures are open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the door. At 8 p. m. on the same date, Doctor Wood will meet with the Wells College faculty in the Art Exhibit Room to discuss "Mental Measurements."

Mrs. Gertrude I. Dixon have arranged the program. Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gonnell will be the guest artist and he will be accompanied by Joseph B. Tallmadge. The program follows:

Polish and Czech Composers and their Music — Mrs. David Crossley Contralto
"The Maiden's Wish" — Chopin
Gertrude I. Dixon, accompanied by Selma Nelson

Current Events — Mrs. Marjory Brown
"Natura in Bm" — Faderewski
"Behraro in C Minor" — Chopin
Gertrude Johnson

Baritone — Mrs. Marjory Brown
"Song of an Exile" — Václav Dvůrnek
"Dedication" — Dr. Frank Gonnell
"Prologue and Consolation" — Joseph B. Tallmadge

Morning Musicals Ensemble
"The Scherzino" — Caschioslovakian Folk Songs
Arranged by Deems Taylor
"Waters of the Nile" — F. Liszt
Director — Margaret Wyckoff; accompanist — Selma Nelson

Members of the Ensemble: Jane Bellman, Eve Dougherty, Grace Gonnell, Betty Trice, Edith Lewis, Martha Schumaker, Grace Ricker, Anne Kirkpatrick, Carolee Jackson, Gertrude I. Dixon, Margaret Patrick.

FESTIVE NIGHT FOR KIWANIS

Club to Honor Past Presidents, Install 1944 Slate — Address By Past International President

Auburn Kiwanis are looking forward to one of the most historic events in the 25-year history of the club when Past Presidents Night will be observed at 7 p. m. Thursday in Hotel Osborne. The occasion will also honor retiring 1943 officers and the 1944 slate which goes into office Thursday night. Past presidents of Kiwanis, who are active in the organization include, Lithgow Osborne, Anthony J. Laurer, Augustus B. Haefner, Ralph B. Inman, Wallace P. Beardsley, Frederick H. Langham, Walter A. Perkins, James B. Herbert, Andrew A. Montebello, William M. Granger, Paul W. Myers, Benjamin J. Hutchings and William D. Ganey.

Charter members of the active membership include Thomas A. Hislop, Prof. E. E. Keast, Arthur J. Laner, Dr. A. J. Tuxill and Percival H. Williams. The printed program also honors the late Dr. Elmer E. Purington, president of Kiwanis in 1925 and New York district governor in 1922.

Main address will be delivered by first International President George Hixson of Rochester, N. Y., who will also install the 1944 slate. Lieut. Gov. Ralph Stanton of Rome will also deliver a brief address. The program includes: "America," Pledge to the Flag; invocation, Rabbi Abraham Feldblin; songs of Kiwanis, led by Capt. Cecil Hodgson; vocal selections, Dr. L. Gonnell, "Ring Out Wild Bells," Gonnell, "Consolation," Yankov Drina; selections by entertainers from Sampson Naval Station; greetings, Lieut. Gov. Ralph Stanton; address, George Hixson, Rochester; installation of 1944 officers by Past International President Hixson; presentation of Past President's Button to William D. Ganey; presentation of gavel to Robert J. Beatty, 1944 president; "God Bless America."

Officers of Kiwanis for 1944 include: President, Robert J. Beatty; vice president, W. Jay Ellis and Secretary, Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Philbrook. Board members include Edward Ward, Frederick Roberts, William Dunning, Richard Walker, Dr. Frank L. Gonnell, William V. Graney, Paul W. Myers, Gerald Saperstein, Verne Barber and Dr. A. J. Tuxill, honorary member of the Board.

Music will be presented during the evening by Joseph B. Tallmadge, pianist, and Adolf Huss, violinist. Assistant District Attorney Saperstein, retiring vice president of Auburn Kiwanis, will preside in the absence of the retiring president, William D. Ganey, who is in a palliative in Auburn City Hospital.

Mrs. Mary G. Walsh
Miss Mary G. Walsh of 79 Seymour Street, a resident of this city for many years, died this morning at her home as the result of a heart attack. Born in Syracuse, a daughter of the late Edward and Mary Walsh, she came to Auburn as a small child. She was a communicant of Holy Family Church and a member of the Rosary and Singular Society of that parish.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Michael Hennessy of San Antonio, Florida; Mrs. Frank A. McMahon, Miss Helen Walsh and Miss Alice Walsh of Auburn; a brother, Edward J. Walsh of Auburn. Funeral services will be held at the home, 79 Seymour Street, at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning with further services at 3 o'clock in Holy Family Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

EXPERT ON POLLS IS INDUSTRIAL CLUB SPEAKER

Gallup Editor Tells How They Are Conducted—Sees Post-War Line-up Against Isolationism

How sentiment of the American people on a given subject is sampled by popular polls that have predicted, usually with surprising accuracy, the outcome of almost every difference of opinion, from battling beauty contests to nation building, was explained to members of the Industrial Club at their monthly dinner meeting on Monday evening by William A. Lydgate of New York, editor of the Gallup Poll. The industrialists met in the spacious Spanish Room of the Osborne Hotel and enjoyed an excellent turkey dinner before the program opened.

Mr. Lydgate, a former newspaper man and for some time on the staff of Time and Fortune magazines, had as his subject "Public Opinion on the Post-War World."

But, before getting to that topic, Mr. Lydgate, introduced by Myron E. Howes, manager of the Daytime League Plant in this city, gave his hearers an idea of how polls are taken and of the tendencies shown by some recent samples of American public opinion.

"When you, the people, think your governments in or out of office—it makes or breaks heroes—it establishes national and international policies," Mr. Lydgate told the Industrial Club members.

"Accuracy in polling public opinion does not depend upon the number of persons polled. The question is not, how extensive, but how representative is the group polled."

By way of illustrating the fallacy of basing polls on numbers, Lydgate cited the unfortunate results of the Literary Digest poll on the presidential election held in 1936 when that magazine predicted the election of the Republican candidate. As a matter of fact, Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected by an impressive majority.

The Literary Digest based its polls on a considerable list of names selected from among people having telephones or automobiles. On that basis, it appeared to the takers of the Literary Digest poll that Landon, Republican candidate, would be elected to the presidency.

"But, it happened that one-third of the families in this country had neither motor cars nor telephones and among this one-third were many ardent supporters of President Roosevelt and the New Deal. This element had been overlooked by those who directed the Digest Poll," Mr. Lydgate stated.

In making their tests of popular opinion, the Gallup Polls, Fortune Polls, and others that have had much success in "biting the nail on the head," have rejected the numbers method, selecting instead a cross-section of opinion that includes city people, village folks, country residents, those in various walks of life, men and women. By this method, it has been found possible to obtain "with reasonable accuracy" a line on the probable result of any contest to be decided by popular choice.

Like Sampling a Pie
"Taking a popular poll is a good deal like sampling a pie. You have to take a little of the top layer, a little of the middle and a little of the crust to know how the pie really tastes," Mr. Lydgate remarked.

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FUNERAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR FRANK MAYWALT

Funeral services, largely attended, were held this morning for Frank A. Maywalt, former well known Five Corners barber, who died early on New Year's morning from injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile in York Street on the night of December 21, while he was on his way to work as a guard at the plant of the Spark Plug company.

Services were held at his home, 25 Catlin Street, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, and were followed by services at 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church. At the church, Rev. Alfred Herr sang a high Mass of requiem. Serving at the Mass was Raymond Kenney, who is a student at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, pastor of Holy Family Church, was in the sanctuary.

A large delegation of Auburn Spark Plug Company employees attended the church services in a body and acted as an honorary escort. So many and large were the floral offerings that extra cars were used to convey them to the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery, where committal services were conducted by Dean Conway, assisted by Father Herr. Bearers were William Klasek, Gordon Wiley, Roland Headd, Edward Hayden, Raymond Donovan and Francis Maywalt. There were many Mass cards. The church was well filled with friends and relatives of the deceased. The Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted services at the home on Monday evening.

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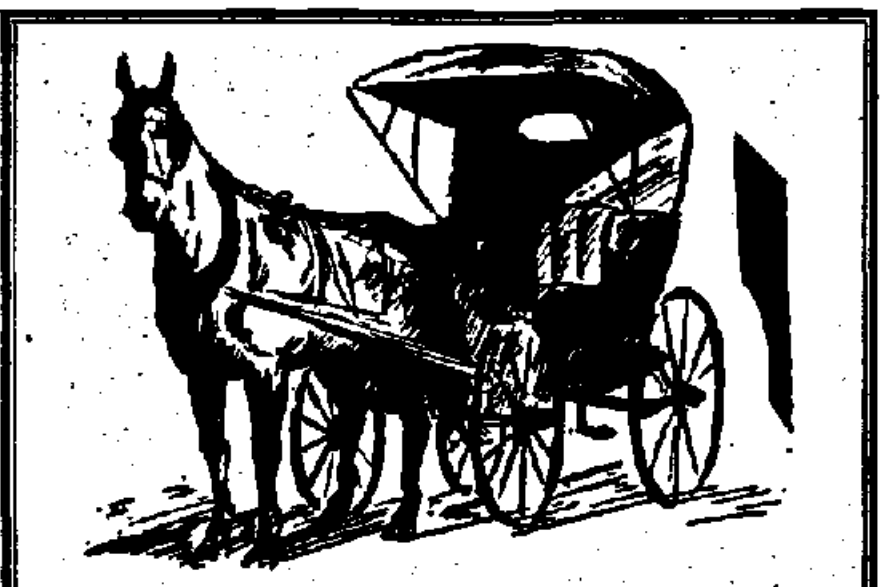
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