

A VISIT TO SANTA CLAUS

By Geoff Hayes



"AND NOW," SAID OLD SANTA, "SUPPOSE THAT WE GO INTO MY TOY SHOP. YOU'LL LIKE THAT I KNOW."

WHEN HE OPENED THE DOOR, THERE 'ROSE A GREAT DIN--JUNE AND TED HELD THEIR EARS AND FOLLOWED HIM IN.

AND SOON THEY DISCOVERED THE CAUSE OF THE NOISE--TWAS HUNDREDS OF BROWNIES ALL WORKING ON TOYS.

"THIS," EXPLAINED SANTA, "IS MY HOBBY HORSE BRANCH. I'VE WEE COWBOY GNOMES TO TAKE CARE OF THE RANCH."

Proposes New "Blast Engine" For Airplanes

Army Officials Deny Tests Made of Motor At Wright Field, Ohio

New York, Dec. 11 (UP)—E. B. Myers, 50-year-old New York inventor, said today he was perfecting a "blast engine" for airplanes which, he claimed, would give the United States absolute world air supremacy, possibly within a year. The engine, which operates on principles superficially similar to but essentially different from rocket power, has been tested by United States army air corps at Wright Field, Dayton, O., and it theoretical performance has been computed by Dr. Alexander Klemin, professor of aeronautical engineering at the Guggenheim school of aeronautics, New York university.

Seeks Further Tests. The army, Myers said, has ordered a new model of the engine for further tests at Wright field. The inventor, a research and development engineer, said his engine in its present phase would produce times of heavily loaded bombers and in adding life-saving bursts of speed to maneuvering fighter craft in combat.

Computations submitted to the army by Dr. Klemin and made public today indicate that use of the motor to assist in takeoffs would permit increases of bomb loads up to 85 per cent.

For speed bursts in flight, Myers' engine would increase the top speed of pursuit planes by 200 miles an hour or more, the computations indicated.

Almost Killed By Engine. Myers, who has been working on his power plant for four years and almost killed by it two years ago, calls it a "jet impulse reaction aircraft engine."

Its power is derived from the intermittent detonation of two mixed liquid fuels, carbon disulfide and nitrous oxide. Unlike rocket engines, however, Myers' plant does not involve continuous burning of the fuel but, instead, cyclical explosions regulated by a valve. That difference, he said, plus the method of combustion, makes his engine entirely safe whereas rockets, which are "completely uncontrolled," are dangerous and inefficient.

Washington, Dec. 11 (UP)—The army air corps said today that there had been correspondence between testing officers at Wright field, Dayton, O., and E. B. Myers, New York inventor, who developed a "blast engine."

An air corps spokesman said that Myers had been requested to send information on the engine to Wright field and that state of the engine had been considered. He added that war department files showed no indication that the engine now was being tested at Wright field and that it was not listed on scheduled testing projects.

Dayton, O., Dec. 11 (UP)—Army officers at Wright field today asserted that a "blast engine" described in New York by E. B. Myers, inventor, "has never been tested at Wright field."

A preliminary check of correspondence at the power plant laboratory at Wright field failed to reveal any correspondence with Myers on the subject, a spokesman at the army's chief experimental plane field said.

Myers had said the engine had undergone tests at Wright field.

Extension Workers Hear Dr. Frank L. Eversull

Much planning and thinking will be necessary for North Dakota to take its place in the defense program, Dr. Frank L. Eversull told the annual conference of extension workers in Fargo Tuesday. Other speakers were Miss Grace De Lona and Mrs. Florence P. Day. The conference lasts until Saturday.

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Victory Expected By August 1941 Average Nazi Retains Confidence

Editor's Note: Following is the first of several dispatches by members of the United Press staff in Berlin giving close-up views of various aspects of war time life in Germany, particularly as they affect daily life of the average German.

By FREDERICK C. OEHRSNER. Berlin, Dec. 11 (UP)—The average Nazi still is confident that Germany will be able to beat Great Britain to her knees and the most popular "outsider limit" for victory is now frequently given as next August 1.

Not all Nazis who are convinced of eventual victory will bet on the date. Some lost their "victory by October" bets this year. But for this average party worker it is just a question of time.

This attitude is due largely to official claims that after more than

15 months of war the German armed forces are not even "breathing hard."

Convinced that the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact has effectively blocked United States entry into the war, the average German does not see how Britain, even with United States assistance, can reach parity with Germany, let alone be able to take the offensive in the spring.

The war has worked hardships, but Germans generally are living as well today as they were a year ago and certainly will be better off this winter than the people of neighboring countries like Poland, Belgium and France.

There is a shortage of fruit and fresh vegetables but German food rations thus far have not been reduced.

Clothing rations have been increased from 100 to 150 points, but

the increase balances out because some items now require more points. Of some articles, like overcoats and wool stockings, there are adequate supplies.

Even more automobiles than a year ago rumble through Berlin streets, indicating there is no current gasoline shortage. The huge stores of fuel taken from Norway, France, Holland and elsewhere have made this possible.

One of the tragic incongruities of the war is that very little real hatred of the enemy exists here. There obviously are some five eaters, but I have yet to hear a high command communique cheered or applauded. The average German detests air raids, but he openly admires the skill and daring of British pilots who have to fly 10 times as far to reach their targets as do the Germans.

Have You Met--

One-Minute Interviews With Centur Avenue Pedestrians.

Carl Hegland stopped long enough while making his regular purchases at Moorhead stores this morning to praise local shopkeepers for their courtesy and fair dealing.

A farmer near Glyndon, Mr. Hegland does all his trading in Moorhead because of the wide variety of goods from which to choose and because "it seems you can always do better in price."

He has lived on his farm near Glyndon the past 13 years, is married, has no children.

School Districts Pare Net Debt By \$2,035,955

School districts in North Dakota cut the total net indebtedness by \$2,035,955 the past fiscal year, it was revealed by the North Dakota Taxpayers association. Reduction in expenditures and greater receipts were said responsible.

Two Volunteers Join Army. Pittsburgh — John and James Houpt have become the first two volunteers for one year of service under the selective service act in Allegheny county, and probably in

Army Induction Program Runs 50,000-Men Behind

Washington, Dec. 11 (UP)—The program for induction of national guardsmen and selective service men into the army is behind schedule and may be 50,000 men behind by January, informed officials said today.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, it was said, plans to issue a new schedule and explain the delays soon—probably at his Thursday press conference. On October 17 he made public an induction schedule, charging then that whatever delays had occurred in construction of needed army cantonments were caused by the delay of congress in passing necessary legislation.

War department officials contended that induction would be completed on schedule in June. They said delays would be confined to the early part of the year.

First units of the guard were inducted on September 16. They numbered 65,000. Another 33,000 were inducted on October 15. Plans had called for induction of 34,000 guardsmen between November 18 and 25 and 128,000 between January 3 and 19.

On November 22 the war department announced that the induction of the 35th division, composed of

Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri guardsmen, had been deferred until December 23. The 56th cavalry brigade of Texas, now at Ft. Bliss, was the only unit inducted November 18—in the period which had been scheduled to absorb 34,000 men.

It had been planned to induct 30,000 selective service men in November. Actually 20,000 were inducted. The December call for 60,000 men was postponed with the explanation that it was to permit the men to have the holidays at home.

The revised schedule calls for the induction of 160,000 trainees in January, 10,000 more than had been scheduled for that month. This, however, would leave the schedule 50,000 men behind as compared with the October 17 timetable.

Officials believe that the plan to have an army of 1,400,000 men by June 30 can be carried out, providing shortages of building material or labor do not develop.

Something First In Draft. Ludlow, Vt.—Walter E. Surething was the first man in Windsor county inducted under the Selective Service act.

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22 Counties In Stamp Plan Spend \$123,056

The 22 North Dakota counties under the surplus commodities food stamp plan turned in a total of \$123,056.50 in stamps during November, it was announced today by Phil Sundry, Fargo representative of the surplus commodities corporation.

This amount indicated 60 per cent participation, he said.

High Schools In Dakota Offer Vocational Classes

North Dakota high schools are organizing courses under the national defense program in co-operation

with the state board for vocational education.

Schools may offer any or all of four courses, operation, care and repair of tractors, trucks and automobiles; metal work; woodworking and elementary electricity.

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