

Eagles frequently are accused of carrying off large children, but tests have shown that a golden eagle could fly only 14 yards when tossed from a height carrying an eight-pound weight.

Wood-Wastes Of Industry Provide Plastic Material

CONCORD, N. H. (UP). — The Granite State may start an "ersatz" business.

University of New Hampshire engineering research laboratory workers have developed a plastic material made from wood-waste products. The only thing holding up production is money for necessary machinery.

The plastic is said to be more durable and resistant to shock than wood-waste and could replace materials essential in national defense manufacturing.

The 1941 legislature appropriated \$2,500 for research but said no state money could be spent until private interests match the state's contribution.

A possible source of contributions are wood manufacturers who are directly concerned because the plastic is manufactured from sawdust, slash and other by-products of lumbering operations that formerly were a total loss.

Italy Calling New Military Classes

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 22 (AP). — A Rome dispatch to the newspaper *Basler Nachrichten* said that Italy is calling new military classes, including nationals living abroad and university students.



Major H. W. Shawhan and Lieutenant Edmund Stone (at the wheel) are pictured giving one of Uncle Sam's famed "jeeps" a real workout over rough terrain in London Heights. In top picture the jeep is taken over a high embankment and in other photo the officers at a fast clip take the bantam machine through a wooded area.

Reporter Learns Army Jeep Really Can 'Jive on a Dime'

By SOL PADLIBSKY

At least one Charleston reporter is convinced Uncle Sam's "jeeps" can jive on a dime or do anything else claimed by army men for the bantam field cars.

The "convincer" was a compilation of his office such information as a jeep weighs 2,000 pounds, has 50 horsepower, can pull two local army recruiting sergeants over some of the meanest terrain in South Hills.

Major H. W. Shawhan, chief of the state recruiting district, is a theory is for the classroom and practical run. He wasn't satisfied demonstrations are the only means with supplying a newsman as of actually proving the mettle of

Uncle Sam's fighting equipment, remarked the major.

Before you could say Howitzer, Messerschmidt or Aeroceora, Major Shawhan "reserved" for the skeptical reporter a front seat in a jeep attached to the recruiting station.

He ordered two of his sergeants to take the reporter "for a ride." With a turn of the switch, the jeep was sailing along Capitol street and toward South Hills.

The bantam buggy shot up the hill—and so did the newsman's pulse. The driver took the jeep around the curves with the ease of a bicycle.

In no time the mighty midjet neared the "testing grounds." Without warning, the chauffeur-sergeant swerved the jeep from the highway onto a wooded section and started climbing a 75 per cent grade without a hitch. Once or twice, the bantam coughed slightly but made the crest in good order.

The newsman's skepticism of the jeep's build-up in newspapers, magazines and newsreels evaporated. He got chesty, for now he was a "jeep expert."

Several hours later, Major Shawhan with his side, Lieutenant Edmund Stone, who can handle the jeep like a kiddie car, really gave the bantam "the works."

As two photographers and the reporter looked on, they jumped the jeep over embankments and drove it at a fast clip through clumps of trees and tough terrain, such as the thousands of other jeeps are called upon to travel over, even in the Pacific war zones.

After the grueling tests, the radiator was as cool as a cucumber.

Major Shawhan explained that the local station acquired the jeep because two soldiers went A. W. O. L. The lads "hopped" the bantam machine from their camp and

were taken into custody in Fayette county about two weeks ago. Since then, the jeep has been the headquarters pet.

"It's one of the best single pieces of existing at the recruiting headquarters," remarked Major Shawhan. "Hundreds of persons daily stop to look it over and many of them come into my offices to get more detailed information."

Post Offices May Serve as Shelters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP). — Use of post office buildings as air-raid shelters by the general public, provided the buildings are adequate to withstand severe bombing, was authorized by Postmaster-General Frank C. Walker.

The authorization was contained in a comprehensive list of wartime instructions to be followed by all postal employees. The decision as to the adequacy of individual post office buildings as shelters was left to local defense councils. The postmasters were instructed to consult such councils and to be guided by their decisions.

Five Die as Fire Destroys Home

BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 22 (AP). — Five persons, including an infant, burned to death yesterday as fire razed a three-room frame bungalow in which they were sleeping.

Coroner James J. Tomes listed the dead as: Frank Kortman, 21; Iona Kortman, 19, his wife; Janet Lee Kortman, 10 weeks, their daughter; Leon Hopkins, 17, a state ward living with the Kortmans; Phyllis Giberson, 12, Mrs. Kortman's sister, who was visiting them.

President's Wife Sees Bomb Threat

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP). — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt predicted last night that the enemy would attempt a bombing raid on some United States city with a view of slowing industry and breaking civilian morale.

She urged that all people keep on the alert and prepare for an attack. Mrs. Roosevelt declared that it was part of the attacker's tactics to wreck as many workers' homes as possible in order to slow production.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP). — President Roosevelt sent to the

senate for confirmation the nomination of Peter J. Grassclose to be postmaster at Hemphill, McDowell county, W. Va.

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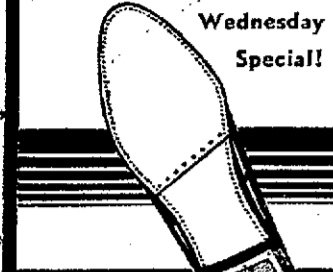
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