TODAY AND TOMORROW

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peal our cases to higher courts.

If we belong to a labor union which is not playing fair with its members, we can persuade the members to get together and oust the union leaders.

If we know of cases of favoritism by ration boards, we can spread the stories all over town and soon force the resignation of the guilty members.

There is plenty we can do to wipe out injustices when we can prove them. But, because of our own imperfections, we must guard against the growing parctice of fighting injustice by making unjust charges ourselves.

WAAC PLANS TO HAVE 150,000 ENLISTED BY 1944

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, which has now passed its first six months of activity, had its origin in military necessity, but its roots go far back into the history of this nation — to the tradition of all patriotic American women taking their share of responsibility for the welfare of the country, in war and in peace.

The law authorizing the WAACs was passed by Congress, May 14, 1942. In that law it was set forth that the WAAC was the only women's organization authorized to serve with the army, exclusive of the Army Nurse Corps.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby was appointed dierctor of the organization by the Secretary of War on May 15. From then on the organization has continued to grow. At the present time the number in the organization, including officers and auxiliaries trained, in training and in reserve, is more than 10,000.

By January, 1944, the full strength of 150,000 is expected to be reached according to Director Hobby.

Through the study of the experiences of the British and Canadian women's service organizations, many of the difficulties which would have been faced by the WAAC have been by-passed.

In little more than two months after the appointment of Director Hobby, the first WAAC training center was opened with a four-weeks' basic training course for auxiliaries and a two months' training course for officer candidates. The training took place at Fort Des Moines, a former calvary post which was completely remodeled and renovated.

Classes there were designed to orient and indoctrinate women in military procedure, customs and courtesies, regulations, discipline and routine. In addition, officers candidates and auxiliaries learned military sanitation, map reading, defense against air and chemical attack among many other things. Close order drill and physical training were given to both officer candidates and auxiliaries.

The first group of 360 auxiliaries completed their basic training the second week in August. A few weeks later the first officer candidate class of 436 women was graduated and commissioned as Third Officers.

Steadily, class after class of auxiliaries and WAAC officers have been trained and graduated into duties to relieve soldiers and officers for active front-line duty.

Many of those who completed their training were sent to various other forts and camps throughout the nation where they were given further training in specialized work such as mess administration.

Late in October the second WAAC training center was opened at daytona Beach, Fla. About this time the President approved the bill which equalized the rate of pay of the WAAC with that of the army besides establishing seven grades for enrolled members comparable to those for enlisted men.

Said Director Hobby concerning the 150,000 scheduled WAAC army by January, 1944: "This is still only a beginning . . . we are planning additional jobs, more specialist schools and, if necessary, other tarining centers."

FURTHER DECLINE IN SUPPLY OF FUEL OIL

Further declines in the nation's supply of fuel oils were reported by the American Petroleum Institute, aithough the drains last week were lighter than those of the previous week.

Light fuel oil stores shank 869,000 barrels in the week ended Dec. 12, to a total of 47,794,000. Heavy industrial fuel oil declined 434,000 barrels to 74,785,000. A year ago supplies of light oil were 53,507,000 barrels and of heavy oil 94,386,000 barrels.

Gasoline stocks recovered a part of the previous week's loss, rising 1,688,000 barrels to a total of 77,622,000 on Dec. 12.

Refineries operated at 78.2 per cent of capacity against 78.3 per cent the previous week, indicating a crude run to stills averaging 3,744,000 barrels daily compared with 3,760,000 barrels the previous week. Gasoline production was up slightly at 11,261,000 barrels compared with 11,165,000 the week before.

Crude oil production averaged 3,881,150 barrels daily, an increase of 46,900 barels and compared with 4,109,550 a year earlier.

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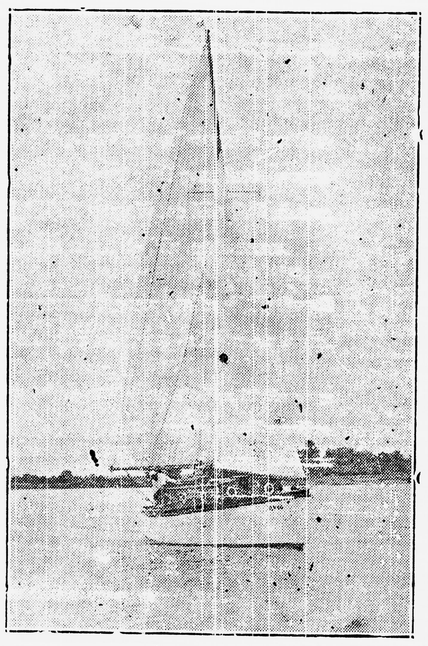

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Today railroads are delivering 110,000,000 tons of freight a month, the greatest tonnage in their history.

Three times as many troops moved in the first 10 months as in the same period of the last war—8,000,000.

Shipyards break all records! And railroads helped by delivering materials on time.

"Pinch hitting" for oil tankers, railroads are rushing to the East about 800,000 barrels of oil daily.

To keep industry going and homes warm, the railroads have hauled 1,600,000 tons of coal a day.

Yet despite their war load, the railroads are doing their best to meet essential home needs.

One question still remains unanswered. How could the railroads do so much with so little? In the "lean" years they replaced the old with new. So, when war came, the railroads were ready to do their share . . . and, "keep 'em rolling!"

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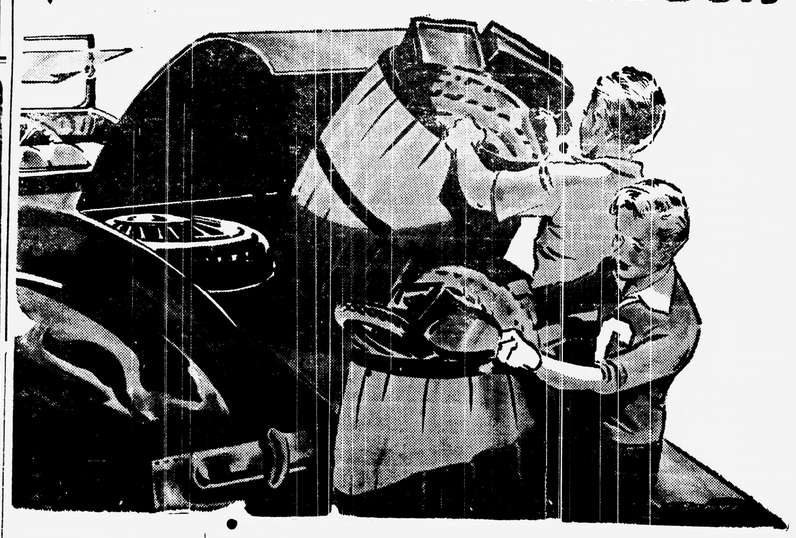

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