



Neila Hart is taking over where her brother, Robert Sterling, left off. An actor, he left the movies to enlist in the Air Forces. Neila got a long-term Hollywood contract to keep up the family tradition.

#### ALABAMA

Four persons were killed and 50 injured in Hackleburg by a tornado that did \$500,000 damage in the north Alabama area. Dean Wyatt W. Hale of Birmingham-Southern College committed suicide with a pistol on the campus. Forest fires swept 1,000 acres of mountain lands in Jackson and Madison Counties. Brig. Gen. Ben M. Smith, Selective Service director, said war-plant strikers would be reclassified for the draft.

#### ARIZONA

At Phoenix, bees short-circuited electric wires and held up Southern Pacific trains; Gov. Osborn paroled 23 state prisoners; 500 lettuce packing-shed workers struck for more pay. U. S. Public Health officials reported syphilis cases had increased 800 percent in the Flagstaff area in recent months. Willcox stores are closing Wednesday afternoons to allow garden work.

#### CALIFORNIA

Attempting to escape from Alcatraz, one prisoner was killed and three were captured. Fire destroyed 28,000 used automobile tires stored in a building at Sacramento. Mrs. O. E. Palmerton's four children perished when their ranch home burned near Lancaster. At Corona, Mayor Dan Huckins resigned and Councilman W. Murle Colbern succeeded him. Los Angeles County will get 139 of the 688 new fire engines assigned to the state by the Office of Civilian Defense. At Los Angeles, Mrs. Margaret Ludwig, 39, was held on suspicion of the murder of her husband, Arlando, 45, in a trailer.

#### COLORADO

At Golden, William Wymer, 16-year-old Denver boy, admitted shoving Donald J. Mattas, 8, and Milo Flindt, 11, off a 175-foot cliff to their deaths after charging them 10 cents each to climb up. Jack Fowler, Denver civil air patrol pilot, was injured in an emergency landing near Trinidad. Spring rains helped wheat and grazing land.

#### GEORGIA

At Albany, Clyde F. Ross of Muskegon, Mich., confessed he killed Leopold Crine, who had given Ross a lift in his car; Ross, an admitted deserter from the Michigan State Troopers, wore an Army uniform. At Atlanta, Lily Pons bought the first War Bond in Fulton County's Second War Loan campaign. Charles J. Christian, 42, of Hapeville, operator of the Club Savoy on the old Macon Highway, and his brother-in-law, R. L. Brannan, were wounded in an unexplained shooting at the club. J. C. Archer and Ralph Roughton are running for mayor at Sandersville.

#### IDAHO

The Boise River, swollen by flood waters from More's Creek, overflowed highways north of Boise. John W. Meadows, 83-year-old convicted murderer who served 26 years in the Idaho State Prison before being pardoned, was accused of shooting Jack Wilson, 29, at the latter's farm. Boise will celebrate its eighth annual Straw Hat Day May 15 but no queen will be selected. Roger D. Barker, 19, of Filer, is charged with sending extortion notes to movie stars and will be tried in Los Angeles. At Idaho Falls, David R. Clark, 62, former manager of the Iona Sperry grain elevator, was found guilty of forgery.

#### ILLINOIS

At Springfield, Mayor John Kapp began a fourth term; City Commissioner Harry Eielson kept a campaign promise by distributing \$1,280 in dimes to all grammar school pupils. At Chicago, Edmund P. Mayer charged his wife Helen with tangling up \$1,500 worth of fishing tackle in his sporting goods store during a fit of anger. Elizabeth citizens voted a tax for a free public library. Because of wartime material shortages Rock Island reconditioned a 28-year-old fire truck. Births in the state last year numbered 154,048—the most in Illinois history.

#### INDIANA

Scores of autos in Perry and Posey Counties were stranded in mud when Ohio River flood waters receded. Frank Pierce, former mayor of Mitchell, got a 60-day sentence for drunken driving. Gov. Schricker rejected a proposal to buy the \$80,000 Trimble home in Indianapolis for the governor's mansion. Ration card holders who cuss Tell City ration clerks will be prosecuted. Seymour school children must wear identification tags. The bodies of Billy Stevens and Billy Long, both 9, were recovered from Fall Creek at Indianapolis. The Driftwood golf course near Columbus is now a cornfield. A \$30,000 fire swept the *Daily Times* plant at Sullivan.

#### IOWA

The Iowa-Nebraska banks of the Missouri River were threatened with their worst flood since 1881; lowlands were evacuated. The fiftieth Legislature adjourned; a 50-percent cut in state income tax was one of 313 measures passed. George R. Murphy became mayor of Dubuque. Harland E. Sprinkle was named police chief of Iowa City. C. Doyle Jones chief of Ottumwa. Leonard Huseman, 27-year-old farmer, was held in connection with the fatal shooting of Sheriff Cecil M. Crawford of Page County. At Woodward, James Noland drowned in an abandoned gravel pit.

#### LOUISIANA

Ex-Gov. Earl K. Long, brother of the late Huey Long, announced his candidacy for governor. Philip J. Liuzza, New Orleans securities broker, was found guilty of defrauding customers of \$100,000 and received a 7-year sentence. Lake Charles may get a 1,560-foot steel highway bridge. Eighteen persons were injured when a bus crashed into a tree while en route to New Orleans. Fire destroyed the 100-year-old home of J. W. Noblett in Denham Springs. Died: at New Orleans; William Oswald, 89, who left the Red Cross \$150,000.

**This disastrous wreck was the result of a collision between a Union Railway locomotive and a Big Four passenger train at a crossing in Indianapolis. Three trainmen were killed, a fourth injured.**



#### MAINE

The Legislature's temperance committee endorsed the manufacture and sale of wine made from Maine apples. Old Orchard was the first town in the nation to meet its Second War Loan quota. Percy Rogers, mail clerk, wounded Mrs. Abbie Porter, 31, in a Westbrook beauty parlor, then killed himself. Frank L. Littlefield of Bethel was named deputy U. S. marshal. At Portland, thieves broke into a jewelry store, took items valued at \$800. Sheriff Rex V. Bridges of Androscoggin County is retiring. Died at Belfast: Miss Sue M. Partridge, 83, member of the Belfast *Republican-Journal* staff for 62 years.

#### MARYLAND

At Baltimore, Mayor Howard W. Jackson won the Democratic nomination for a fifth term; William Leequins took 30 cents from a blind musi-

## NEWS from Home

cian, got two days in jail for each penny taken. At Leonardtown, potato planting was delayed because Negro farm hands said it coincided with the "dark of the moon," a bad luck time. Police, dressed as shipyard workers, raided a crap game on the Broadway-Fairfield ferry. James Gillis was beaten to death in his general store at Plane No. 4 near Frederick. Died: John Justin, 105, Baltimore's oldest resident.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

At Boston, Barnett Welansky, 48, owner of the Coconut Grove night club in which 491 persons burned to death, was sentenced to 12 to 15 years of hard labor after being convicted of manslaughter. Edward F. Dow, 13, of Newburyport was charged with killing Miss Lydia S. Cook, 72, with a hammer. At Waltham, 44 Watertown women war workers were fined \$1 apiece for thumbing rides. At Harvard University, uniformed students outnumbered civilians 2 to 1. Springfield police arrested 23 men for operating a lottery racket. Lawrence policemen were granted one day off in six. North Adams reported an April snow of 6 inches in the Berkshires, and an all-time winter record of 145½ inches.

#### MICHIGAN

At Detroit, Max Stephan was sentenced to be hanged for treason for aiding an escaped German prisoner, then was granted a stay of execution by the U. S. Supreme Court; 18 men, including a substitute teacher at Denby High School, were arrested in a raid on a party on Warwick Road; Roy C. Smith, a General Motors engineer, announced his candidacy for mayor. At Port Huron, an Arabian stallion valued at \$1,000 was killed after throwing its rider, Joseph Bannister, and plunging its head through an automobile window.



**MINNESOTA**

After the Twin Cities had long argued over which ought to have an ore-barge terminal, the OPA announced there would be no ore-barge traffic on the Mississippi. Sixty-four counties have established bureaus to help obtain farm labor. When L. M. Kennedy thought his truck afire, he sped eight miles to the fire station in Breckinridge, there found only some burlap sacks on the truck were aflame.

**MISSOURI**

Gov. Donnell signed a bill which requires a three-day wait between application for a marriage license and the wedding. At St. Louis, Republican A. P. Kaufmann was elected president of the Board of Aldermen as the GOP carried eight of 15 wards. At Jefferson City, Democrat Jesse Owens was elected for a third term as

## A Round-Up of the Week Back in the States

mayor. Republicans carried Poplar Bluff. The Tech Club boarding house at the School of Mines, Rolla, burned. Manganese deposits in Shannon County, untouched for a century, are being tapped for steel foundries.

**MONTANA**

Four Missoula residents were killed in a plane crash at Warm Springs: Edward Kaiser and his sons, Raymond and Roy, and Lois Anderson. Melting snow flooded state highways and railroad bridges. Sawdust-filled hams, hung for display purposes, fooled meat-hungry patrons of Butte markets. Milk went up to 14 cents a quart in Great Falls. The Montana State rifle team won the Hearst trophy in a competition for ROTC marksmen of the Ninth Service Command. Fire destroyed the Methodist parsonage at McAllister.

**NEW JERSEY**

Camden's police captain, Edward Carroll, will stand trial for perjury. Woodburn Miller, convicted of killing Jean Bush, his 14-year-old sweetheart, near Browns Mills, got 25 to 30 years. The Picatinny Arsenal at Dover fired 200 employees for absenteeism. At Red Bank, the Board of Education voted against reinstating Nathan Wagner, conscientious objector, as a public school teacher. Died: At East Orange, Dr. Frank B. Lane, 83, "country doctor" in the Oranges.

**NEVADA**

At Reno, the LDS Church claimed one of the largest gardens in western Nevada—30 acres subleased from the university farm on the Carson Highway. Mills in nearby Lassen County, Calif., plan to cut more than 300 million feet of lumber this season. Reno and Las Vegas suffered an egg and poultry shortage.

**NEW YORK**

Couples marrying in New York now can get their licenses from any city and town clerk in the state; heretofore, the license had to be obtained in the home town of the bride-to-be. In New York City, women began work as trainmen on the Long Island Railroad and were replacing men in subway change booths. At New City, Edward C. Dormann, former Rockland County sheriff, got three to six years on a numbers racket charge. The Erie County Fair was canceled. At Buffalo, Miss Elsie K. Smith became the city's first woman bus driver; fire did \$100,000 damage at the Bison Lumber Co.; mothers demanded reopening of School 30, closed on economy grounds.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

At Oxford, Francis Finch, store manager, was charged with stealing gasoline ration books from the rationing board. Mrs. Polly Ann Hartis, 100, works her own garden in Mecklenburg. Fire destroyed stores and homes valued at \$60,000 in Bayboro. More than 100 head of livestock burned to death in dairy barns of Joe H. Robinson near Charlotte. Depositors began collecting from the closed Bank of Black Mountain.

**OHIO**

At Cleveland, 1,150 workers of the American Ship Building Co. ended a four-day strike. A fire in Salem's industrial section caused \$200,000 damage, destroyed 60 automobiles. At Cincinnati, Miss Bliss Harris of WLW became the city's first woman radio announcer; the Rev. R. Dale LeCount of College Hill Presbyterian Church resigned to become pastor of the Sixth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.; the City Council was undecided between eastern and central war time.

**OKLAHOMA**

Five persons were injured and 25 houses demolished by a tornado at Poteau. Mary Keys, one of the famous Keys quadruplets, left her teaching job at Edmond to become an Army hostess. Forty-two women have been qualified to drive Oklahoma busses and street cars. Three men were killed and eight injured in a mine explosion near Henryetta.

**OREGON**

Carl Francis, mayor of Dayton and a state legislator, joined the Marines. A sun lamp was used at the Portland zoo to restore pep to lazy monkeys. The post office at Foss was discontinued after Postmaster Helen Knudson resigned. Fishermen were baffled by a 4,000-pound sea beast washed ashore near Ilwaco.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

At Philadelphia, fire destroyed the main building of the Philadelphia Cricket Club and an old brewery on 17th Street near Montgomery Avenue the same day. Sections of Fairmount Park will be plowed into gardens. The principal of the Manchester High School near York sported a "shiner" after a fight with some of his pupils. At Pittsburgh, Early Perry, 17, was quoted by police as confessing he choked to death Theresa Williams, 4, because she laughed at him. John P. Breck, 26, of Olean, N. Y., was killed by an explosion of rejected detonators at the munitions plant at Elred near Bradford.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

At Sioux Falls, Roy J. Wolff, 37-year-old bank teller, died from gunshot wounds believed to be self-inflicted; St. Joseph's Cathedral, damaged by fire, is being redecorated. At Mobridge, Mrs. Walter Hettick of McLaughlin gave birth to a boy just 24 hours before her mother, Mrs. Sam Biederstadt, entered the same hospital and gave birth to a girl. Fleeing flood waters near Mobridge, Mrs. Harry Dame took just two things—the family cat and a pound of coffee.

**TENNESSEE**

Bradley Currey, Chattanooga banker, and his son Hal were bitten by a rabid fox on Lookout Mountain. Chattanooga Central High School won the state basketball championship, defeating Friendsville, 48-30. Nashville and Chattanooga will be off bounds for overnight passes during the mid-Tennessee maneuvers. At Nashville, soap sales jumped 25 times normal on a rumor that rationing would be imposed; Mayor Thomas Cummings is running for re-election against Ben West, assistant attorney general.

**TEXAS**

President Pat Neff of Baylor University missed a train connection at Bremond, thumbed a ride to Waco. Cow rustling in the panhandle is the worst in years; county officials blame the black market in meat. Henderson business houses agreed to close early to speed garden work. Bexar County housewives awaited auction of 188 sewing machines formerly used by WPA. A Dallas jury awarded Mrs. Nina Mullenix \$800 for damage to her hair from a 25-cent permanent wave. Fannin County opened its new \$100,000 jail without an inmate.

**VERMONT**

At Rutland, Edward I. Earle, veteran city fireman, joined the Navy; Thomas M. Quigley was appointed U. S. commissioner, succeeding Robert J. Alpert, who was inducted into the Army. The State Guard was reorganized on a battalion rather than a regimental basis. The Vermont Education Association reported 176 members in the armed services.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

The State Supreme Court will review the case of Mrs. Naomi C. Baker of Berkeley County who sued Dr. N. B. Hendrix, Martinsburg, for \$50,000, charging he failed to remove a sponge following an appendectomy in 1935. The Preston Country Club has turned 3½ acres of its golf course into a garden. Dick Bailey dropped a nickel into a Charleston parking meter and the coin box dropped out. L. K. Auten of Clarksburg, manager of the Maxon Construction Co., was killed when his car struck a freight train at Point Pleasant.

**WYOMING**

At Cheyenne, movies of the games in which Wyoming University won the national basketball championship were shown; 225 additional dwelling units were being provided for war workers. Near Jackson, 16 crippled elk were killed and used as fish food at the state hatcheries. Rock Springs police began confiscation of all slot machines on orders of Mayor T. H. Roe. E. A. Davidson, 70, frozen to death in northern Colorado, was buried in Laramie.

*Mrs. Emma Van Coutren of Parkchester, N. Y., is proud mother of six sons and three daughters in armed forces.*

*Russian freighter was driven by a storm onto the rocks of America's North Pacific coast. U. S. Coast Guardsmen rescued 54 crew members, including eight women.*



# POST CHANGE

This Post Exchange, like YANK itself, is wide open to you. Send your cartoons and stories to: The Post Exchange, YANK, The Army Weekly, U.S.A.

If your contribution misses the mark for any reason, you will receive YANK's special de luxe rejection slip that will inspire a more creative mood.



## Freely's Law

It is with pardonable pride, I trust, that at last I am able to announce to the armed services, and others, a simple solution to an age-old problem that has vexed humanity since the invention of the bed.

The problem, briefly stated, is: If a soldier is awakened from a sound sleep by a specific warning of nature, when is it safe for him to ignore this warning, turn over and go back to sleep?

A simple analysis of the problem reveals that there are two basic and conflicting forces present. The first we shall call "urgency," or that physiological force that impels a man to heed nature's summons. The second may be termed "resistance," which is opposed to "urgency" and may be defined as that physiological force which causes a man to seek rest and sleep.

Urgency and resistance, moreover, are affected and modified by two other forces, namely: 1. Distance. 2. Atmospheric Temperature.

An arbitrary unit for the measurement of urgency has been universally adopted and termed the "freely," in honor of the discoverer of Freely's Law. The symbol for the freely is "f." The freely may be defined as that amount of urgency force generated by one bottle of beer consumed within two hours of retiring.

With these factors in mind Freely's Law may be stated as follows: "Resistance is directly proportional to the sum of urgency and distance, and inversely proportional to atmospheric temperature."

The law may be stated as a simple equation:

Let  $f$  equal urgency measured in freelies.

Let  $r$  equal resistance measured in time.

Let  $d$  represent distance measured in feet.

Let  $t$  represent temperature measured on the centigrade scale.

$$\text{Thus: } r = \frac{f + d}{t}$$

For purposes of illustration to aid the student in solving this problem for himself when occasion demands we shall apply Freely's Law to a typical example: Pvt. Q drinks six bottles of beer at the PX shortly before retiring and awakes at 2 A.M. with an uncomfortable feeling of great urgency. He has also been on KP 16 hours during the day, so that his resistance or desire to sleep is very strong.

He hangs his thermometer out of his barracks window and obtains a reading of 10 below zero, Fahrenheit. This he quickly converts to the centigrade scale by the formula:  $c = 5/9 (F - 32)$  or  $-23$  degrees C.

From previous experience he knows distance  $d$  is 500 feet.

$$\text{Thus again: } r = \frac{f + d}{t}$$

Converting the symbols to their numerical equivalents he now has:

$$r = \frac{f + d}{t} = \frac{6 + 500}{-23} = \frac{506}{-23} = -22$$

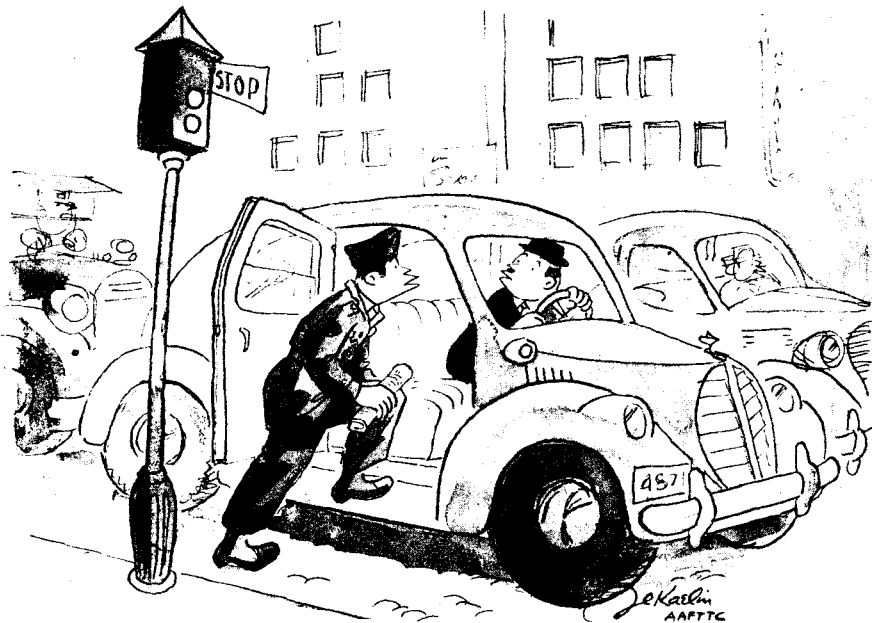
Therefore  $r$  equals 22 minutes or the time that will elapse before Pvt. Q will have reached saturation point.

In this case, however, unfortunately for Pvt. Q, he overlooked one vital factor, the time element necessary for the calculations.

As he had only 22 minutes from the time he began working on the problem and as 23 minutes have already elapsed, we must assume that the experiment was unsuccessful in his case.

—Pfc. KENNETH D. HOLLAND

Truax Field, Wis.



"Thanks mister. I'm Pvt. Beegle. I've been at Camp Callan for 10 months. I like the Army okay. It looks like a long war. No, I don't think we'll get bombed. I'm in favor of cargo planes, and I'm going as far as Fourth and Western."

—Sgt. Al. Kaelin, Tobyanna (Pa.) Army Air Base

## MISSING IN ACTION

Dear Bill, I packed your things tonight

Just as you'd want me to; I'm sure your folks will hold them dear,

They seem a part of you.

Your wrist watch and your fountain pen,

The picture of Marie, Your diary filled with hopes and dreams

That now can never be.

The playing cards that tell of nights

That we two once did share; You've cashed your chips, and I must play

A lonesome solitaire.

I never was a man of prayer,

It seemed a waste of time, But now, alone, I wish to kneel In humbleness sublime.

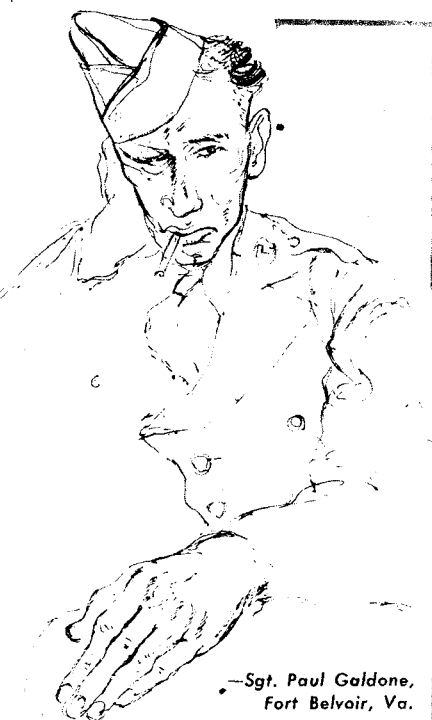
"Oh Lord, who knew him more than I,

Wherever he may rest, Take him where the fallen dwell, A life in quiet blest.

"Let him know that the fight goes on—

Our bunch moves up today; We'll carry on till our turn comes, He's shown us all the way.

"Where'er he lies in endless sleep Beneath the forest vines, I'd raise a cross, and on its face



—Sgt. Paul Galdone, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Let history add these lines:

"Some have died that the rest might live, Since early time began; There rests before you one who was

A soldier and a man."

—S/Sgt. TOM PULLIAM

Somewhere in New Guinea

## THE ROM's LAMENT

(To the tune of "The Man on the Flying Trapeze")

Oh, once I was happy, but now I'm a wreck,

I put in four months at a Radio Tech

And waded through snow from my toes to my neck.

Give ear while an ROM speaks:

REFRAIN:

Oh, I fly through the air in a B-24, It's loaded with looys and sergeants galore.

They've all got their ratings, and they'll soon get some more,

But I'm just a plain PFC.

I sit and I sit in my radio shack, The pilot's in front and the gunner's in back,

But who dodges bullets when the Zeros attack?

And yet I'm a plain PFC.

Now they told me: "My boy, you're quite lucky,

"You're learning a valuable trade. "You should be a sergeant in no time at all,"

But oh what an error they made!

REFRAIN:

Oh, I fly through the air in a B-17, The pilot is 20, the gunner's 19,

And I'm 26, but whenever I'm seen I'm still just a plain PFC.

Oh, one day I know, at some not-distant date

A bullet will up through my third vertebrae,

And when I report at that heavenly gate

I'll still be a plain PFC.

—Pvt. DUDLEY M. SHOEMAKER

Sioux Falls (S. Dak.) Army Air Base



"No, it wasn't an accident. She meant it."

—Ron Bennet S1c, Tongue Point, Oreg.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

### Tee-Total Winners

Two contestants hit the stratosphere with scores of 362 in the Mar. 19 Tee-Total Contest. (See diagram at left.) A YANK Puzzle Kit is being sent to each winner: Pfc. Homer L. Calkins, Westover Field, Chicopee Falls, Mass., and Pfc. Chas. Pearson, Fort Thomas, Ky.

A puzzle kit also goes to S/Sgt. T. E. Veltor Jr., Gunter Field, Ala., for his clever descriptive Golf-Log submission: CAMP. 1. DAMP 2. DAWN 3. DAWN 4. DOWN 5. TOWN.

A contest appears in each issue of YANK. Get into the competition, and grab your share of the prizes.

### CHECKER STRATEGY

White moves 23 to 19. Black king jumps 16 to 23. (Of course the other jump would mean a cinch draw for White.) White moves 8 to 3 and crows. Black's only logical course now is to move his king to one of the 3 available squares. White king moves 3 to 7. Black must jump 14 to 23. White king jumps 7 to 14 to 5 . . . and the draw is apparent.

GI Checker Problem: 15-11, 9-14, 7-3, 14-17, 11-8, 4-11, 30-26, 21-30, 3-8, 30-23, 8-13 drawn.

### WORD STAGGERS

1. Raided. 2. Brandy. 3. Burden. 4. Armada. 5. Ragged. 6. Arcade. 7. Pardon. 8. Greedy. 9. Remind.

### DOUBLE-PUZZLE

CUP plus KANGAROO plus DAGGER minus ROOK minus RUG minus EGG minus P = CANADA.

