

The British Government has just published a new parliamentary bil providing for the defense of Britain against future air warfare and atombomb attacks-although it is described as merely a "precautionary eneasure" and the introduction spe-elfically states that it has no present

No doubt is left that in the even of another war the entire civilian population will be involved in some form of civil defense, so that it is just as well for as many of the public as possible to get acquainted with the subject.

Peace-time civil defense organixation is to be on a voluntary basis, Volunteers will have to take their training and service seriously and will be liable to fines of up to five pounds for unjustified absenteeism. Four colleges are to be established for the purpose of training. instructors for defense against new forms of attack. Meanwhile there will be built up fast mobile columns of the professional air-defense system, which will operate with vol-

untary defenders. There is to be no extravagant spending on civil defense. As in the case of other British rearmament, the cost will be built to Britain's capacity to pay without

The bill is somewhat vague and will probably be under heavy attack because of this when it comes before Parliament, most likely early in the New Year. But in spite of what the opposition critics will say. It must be realized that it is almost impossible to be definite regarding defense measures against atomic warfare. In fact the Government, defending the bill, may very well quote some of Winston Churchill's civil-defense experts in World War Il, who contend that there can be no reasonably effective

Russia Recent United States naval maneuvers, in which a few submarines of the "Schnorkel" type thoroughly smashed-theoretically-a strong fleet of surface ships has where Russia stands in the matter

f under-water craft. Latest data in this regard comes from "Jane's Fighting Ships," long recognized as the real authority on the world's navies. A recently published edition of this work states that Russia has about 250 subs in commission with possibly 100 others under construction

Upon the collapse of German resistance in the last war the Soviets got a number of submarines of the new type together with prefabvicated parts, building facilities, and expert personnel. This type of sub is of a streamlined variety, capable of doi g 16 knots

signers were working on another type, capable of underwater speed brawn and staying power aren't all of around 26 knots; but it is doubtful if the Russians secured more of dough, as well, the expense of than partially perfected plans of

But although the Russians undoubtedly possess a most formidable U-boat fleet the question is would they be able to use it to advantage. Highly trained crews stuffed with compressed flannelare of the utmost importance, and expert opinion differs regarding the bility of Russian personnel to adapt itself to the intricacies of

Then, there is the matter of bases. In leaving and returning to their through lanes closely guarded by enemy craft, and unless such bases are advantageously located heavy losses are bound to result, Russia does not possess bases that would further a real underwater offenexits narrow and could be closely patrolled, while Vladivostock in Pacific and Murman in the Arctic are plagued with ice for

Greece Some idea of the situation in Greece may be gained through figures just made available by the ment. These deal specifically with the executions and other punishments meted out during almost four years of warfare against the Communist guerrillas - and were requested by the United States Government to counter Red propaganda alleging wholesale and

arbitrary executions in Greece. Legal action has been taken against 35,244 persons, and much larger numbers have been released without formal legal action ,after being screened and questioned.

Of the 35,244 a total of 1951 are

reported to have been executed.

Another 2,738 are in prison under capital sentences. Another 4,560 have been sentenced to prison. 19,681 are in detention camps. This may not be-as the Reds allege - exactly "wholesale." But from where I sit, it doesn't look



Old-Timers Doubt It—Looking up at a picture of his Dad hanging in Maple Leaf Gardens is Norman Schriner, 16 years old, six-footer who has come east for "seasoning" with the Toronto Marlboros. He'll have to be pretty good to make fans forget his father, as hundreds of thousands will remember Dave (Sweeney) Schriner as one of the cleverest and trickiest of them all.

SPORTS &

If it was the \$64 question, and the genial quizmaster asked you whether, in your opinion, there were more or fewer than a hundred thousand tennis courts in the world, chances are you would answer "more, many more" or words to that effect. If so, all you'd get would be a package of bubble gum, or whatever the sponsor's product was. According to those who should know the tennis courts throughout the world number less than one hundred, with almost half of them-43 to be exact -being located in Great Britain.

For tennis a vastly different game from lawn-tennis-which is probably the pastime you would have been thinking about when you answered. Court tennis, to give it the full title, is a game that is understood by few and played by even fewer, to quote one commentator. It is the grand-daddy of such diversions as racquets, squash, lawn tennis, pelota and even, some claim, of handball-although some of our Irish friends would probably be prepared to argue the latter claim to the

"A weak head and a strong back" a middle or inside wing in football; tip is that Pierre is in very keen condition, trained to the minute, so the "Schnorkel" or breathing appar- but there are those who say that the muscular effort required to play court tennis is greater than that needed for any other game, football and hockey included. And speed,

playing tennis confining it almost entirely to the wealthy.

The constant activity and the wielding of the extra-heavy racquet -the ball is an iron-hard affair means that it is a sport for the strongest. The ball goes whizzing over the net, stretched across the middle of the court, then comes flashing off the surrounding walls to be driven into hazards bearing such names the dedans, the grille and the galleries. (That ball, by the way, is liable to knock out an eye If you forget to duck quickly enough.)

Best known of all champs, in all probability, was Jay Gould, whose old man had made so much money in railroads and one thing or and other that the kid could devote all his time to the sport. After ruling the amateur tennis world for several years, Gould challenged for

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both titles from 1895 to 1902. Dear is a professional-and coaches at the famous Queens Club in London. His side-bet and about \$1000 of his expenses are being provided by a number of London sportsmen. But even if he should win, the honor will probably cost him money, as he will forfeit all his coaching fees during the two months the trip will take.

Etchesbaster, the present champyears. Ordinarily this would be enough to tilt the scales in the Englishman's favor; but the stable the best advice we can give you is to get all your Christmas presents bought-and paid for-before be ting your bundle on either one of

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Young Susan would be happy if her favourite doll received a gay and dress with panties to match. Rompers for the boy-doll, with a ut little tam. Even a little winter "jacket," made from an old quilt, bound with tape, will keep the puppy warm on cold days. Ideas for Knitting, Too WANTED TO BUY

If you prefer knitting to sewing, little sweater suits with caps to atch, may be quickly made up. Children love them. When the wardrobe is ready, it is a pretty idea to pack them all in foll's trunk, though an attractive box much beribboned and decorated th seals, which may surround the doll's name, is quite satisfactory. Very small boys welcome sweaters in gay color, while those a the older are pleased with mittens that have original designs. Homeade stuffed toys, animals preferred, are also acceptable to small boys. Here is another idea that I have put into practice for several years. thes of gingham, calico, and other material left over from the family roing are put aside in the drawer that might be marked "Gifts," but

sn't, as that might excite curiosity. When a suitable opportunity presents itself, I cut out Bunny raba, placid dogs, and demure kittens. In odd moments I embroider a these cutouts the features of the respective animals. Then I stitch bem up on the sewing machine, leaving an opening in each one, so hat they may be stuffed to the right proportions.

From time to time I put into the animals all the clippings from the busehold sewing, plus flimsy underwear, no longer fit to wear, frag-Sents of handerkerchiefs, and flimsy window draperies. It means a tof work with the scissors but that can be painless if you do not to do it at one stroke.

Ready for Small Friends Before long, the little gifts are all in readiness for delivery to such friend as I care to remember at the festive season. Soft suddly that may be taken to bed are always the delight of the little total never seem to have too many of them.

The resourceful French have a proverb that was often quoted to tai I grew up: "Take what you have and you will never want." tit to the test during the long years of the war and found the value. spect to continue its practice for some time.

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Then, when we sit down later to write our friend we wonder what it was we meant to tell her, or at least we are not sure we have remembered all the items. It simplifies the whole business

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in and most of the outdoor work | -every once in a while to make opes addressed to those to whom done for the season, a lot of my little memos of the news and the readers will be doing a bit of hunting-and far too many users of when they first come to our attenguns, whether it be a rifle, a shotgun or a pistol, fail to realize that they have dangerous weapons in their hands, and that one second's carelessness may mean a bad accident, or even a fatality. So here goes for some of the things every gun user should know.

Makes The Kid Cry-And Like It-The ancient office of Town Crier is still staunchly main-

tained in the Old Country, in spite of such modern innovations as radio, television and loud-

speaker trucks. Here Richard May, present title-holder among the English town-criers, is

seen coaching his young son how to "proclaim' announce and advertise".

. . . . Many tragedies occur when hunters are getting through fences.

Many tragedies occur when one of those "oldtimers" put it where it belongs. That's in the Many tragedies occur when The gun should be put through the

account be pointed at anything you do not want to kill. Except when actually shooting it should be kept "safety." It is an easy matter to pull the hammer back, or slip the slide forward, just before sighting

A smart hunter always knows exactly where he is shooting. Using field glasses, as many big hunters do, is an excellent plan as targets are thus brought up close enough for proper identi-fication. Many a man has fired at something he was not certain about, and regretted doing so for the bal-

. . . Countless hunting 's occur to shoot in any small craft it is apt to capsize with the result a bad ducking-or something worse. . . .

A man who owns both a 12 and 30-gauge gun should be everlast-ingly on the lookout to see that the shells do not become mixed. A 20-gauge shell will slip some distance down the barrel of a 12gauge gun, turning the weapon into highly explosive dangerous,

From now on, with the crops all rel-from the safe end, of course sure it isn't clogged. Beware of using modern smoke-less powder shells in old guns having twist steel or Damascus bar-rrels. It's teribly dagnerous and doing so is an invitation to disaster. Those guns were O.K. in the days of black powder and lighter ammunition—but not with plode at any time-so if you own

fence and placed on the ground before you climb through or over.

Never rest a firearm against a post, a car fender etc. It may fall down and discharge.

I don't need to tell you that any firearm will give better service if kept clean and properly oiled.

When the season is finished guns rack over the mantel. Leave it

should have a good going over. Having guns checked by a gunsmith during the "off" season ha saved many a life. A loaded gun should never, on any acount, be carried in an auto-mobile. Shooting from a car is not

only illegal in most places, it's highly dangerous too. Always be careful not to sho at any smooth or hard surace. The shot may glance off and hurt some-

Summing it up the best of all safety devices is plain commo sense. The man with a gun should never forget that he has a killer in his hands-and should keep that in boats. When a man stands up gun, and its proper use, uppermos in his mind every minute. And remember that it's far better to missout on knocking off a deer, duck, pheasant or rabbit than have an accident. Human life is far too precious to risk for any sort of game. So, those of you who hunt, good hunting—which means SAFE hunting.

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With the Movie and Radio Folks

Amos 'n' Andy. Just why I really don't know--except, perhaps, when you get used to tuning in a certain program at a certain time, it's hard to get used to a switch. Same thing happened in the case of Ozzie ways one of my favorites; but when weekday. I never could remember

to listen. Anyway, one Sunday evening recently I got quite a shock-of the pleasurable sort — when those familiar voices came pouring out of the radio. And they're as good as ever—which means just about tops will invariably be present a healthy -although it did seem rather queer to hear the sound of applause from

Back in the days of their 15minute programs - the days when | catch from the corner of your eye movie theaters would darken their screens and turn on their radios because they knew folks preferred Amos, 'n' Andy to any film—the pop right during that pregnant boys wouldn't allow even their pro-ducer, or Bill Hay their announcer, next speech. And sure enough, it to be present in the studio when they were doing their stuff: And for my part the lack of applause made things far more real. (Remade things far more real. (Remember when the whole continent was on pins and needles over whether Ruby Taylor was going to

But when Amos 'n' Andy decided | the toils of the law under suspicion to expand their show into a half-hour affair they had to agree to all of being imposters. As they pleaded their innocence and spoke of their the "fixin's"—other people on the show, an orchestra instead of the audience began to cry loudly and show, an orchestra instead of the organ moaning that old theme of theirs, (what was it, now? Oh, millions of listeners." yes, "The Perfect Song.") and ar audience all prepared to laugh and clap at the wave of an M.C.'s hand. . . .

It seems to be working out O.K. -that is judging by the couple of shows I've already caught - and probably will, so long as they stick strictly to comedy. But I doubt if they'll ever be able to create the dramatic suspense of those two incidents I just mentioned, so long as the presence of the audience in the studio doesn't let the air audience forget that it's only acting, not real

studio audiences to the proper pitch of enthusiasm at most programs.

By the way they say those radio Master of Ceremonies are having a tough time raising those same

gloom on their faces, and "sit on their hands" as the stage actors phrase it. The reason is that they're only at such shows because they couldn't get tickets for some quis-show, where they would have a chance of getting a washing-machine, or some such, for freemachine, or some such, for free.

Staats Coatsworth, a radio actor of some years experience, has some interesting things to say about that same matter of studio audiences.
"How can a handful of well-meancontingent of the younger element known for its devotion to bubble gum. There is nothing more dis-tressing, when you're trying to concentrate on your part, than to

"Then, too, there is the diaper die, or if Amos would manage to beat that murder rap?)

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an aging couple whose childless marriage was the main stem of the plot. Somehow they had gotten into

"It seems incredible," he writes again, "bût I have seen folks bring portable radios to a broadcast. can understand the fascination tuning in on the broadcast they're watching; but I'll never comprehand the maliciousness that prompts some of them to tune in on anothe program—and loudly!

Which will have to be all for this week, folks, and thanks to Staats Coatsworth for the assist.

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