

# GENERAL GAVIN TO LEAD DIVISION IN VICTORY PARADE

### Army's Youngest Major General To March with 82nd Airborne Division

BY WILLIAM GLOVER  
New York (AP)—"Slim Jim" Gavin, who will lead the Army's victory parade up Fifth Avenue tomorrow, is a Brooklyn-born Irishman who turned out to be one of the toughest soldiers of World War II.

He wears the two stars of a major general—the youngest in the Army—but he'll be traveling with his men, carbines in hand, took his chances as the paratrooper of the All-American division hacked to pieces Hitler's pet combat force, the First SS Panzer Division.

Gavin is one of those quiet-spoken fellows that a lot of people overlooked when the spotlight was picking on ready-made heroes. But they'll not forget him in Brooklyn, or in Mt. Carmel, Pa., where his family moved when he was a youngster.

"Slim Jim"—he's 6 feet and weighs 155—never had a day of high school, yet managed to pass the stiff West Point entrance exams, and move from 149th in a class of 150 plebes to the upper third of the class at graduation in 1929.

Up From Ranks.  
Young Gavin was just past 16 when grammar school ended for him in 1923. He added two years to his age so that he could get into the Army (he thinks soldiers are the salt of the earth, politicians the sand) and was wearing a corporals' chevrons before he started shaving.

When entrance exams for the military academy were scheduled in 1925, Gavin took a healthy Irish slant on it, figured he had nothing to lose, and made it by a hair.

At West Point, Gavin took as his model a soldier of another generation who also had to sweat in order to stay at the academy, Stonewall Jackson. Today Gavin thinks still in terms of Jackson, says he would have been a smart user of airborne troops.

"Slim Jim" went in for boxing and track. He won honors for field resourcefulness, and the editors of his class yearbook stressed his qualities of leadership.

Gavin then made a subaltern's rounds with old regiments, including two years with the 57th (Philippine Scouts) in the islands, with enough schooling in between times to keep from losing touch with the academic, including the Fort Benning Infantry School in 1932.

In August, 1940, he went back to West Point as a professor in tactics. That same year the pioneering work was being done at Fort Benning that led to the eventual creation of the paratroops, and Gavin didn't rest until he was transferred to the new organization in 1941. After attending the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he was given command of the 505th Parachute Infantry in 1942.

The next year it went overseas as part of the 82nd Airborne Division under Maj. Gen. Matthew Ridgway. In February, 1944, Gavin became assistant division commander and the following August became commander.

Combat Leader.  
He made all of the division's four major jumps, including the first combat parachute jump in Sicily,



TELEPHONE WORKERS JOIN STRIKE—Members of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers leave the American Telephone and Telegraph building in New York City to join the other locals in their strike throughout the nation. W. D. Barry, president of Local 96, announced at union headquarters that the strike was "one hundred per cent effective" among the 1,000 members of the union employed in 38 telephone buildings throughout New York City's five boroughs.

then the ones at Salerno, Normandy and Nijmegen, Holland. Following that the divisions work in the latter area. Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey, British Second Army commander, said: "I'm proud to be commanding general of the greatest division in the world today."

Gavin's fellow officers say he is as soft-spoken as a romantic Romeo under a June moon. He gets results from his men because they'd feel like he's if they let him down.

His military hates are the fellow who uses noise and trumpeted importance to cover shortcomings and the one who answers every query for aid with: "Well, son, that's your problem."

He has five rows of ribbons of his own, including the Distinguished Service Cross, but he'd rather talk about all the medals and citations won by his men.

His hobbies are handball, tennis and hunting on horseback. He has made a number of pack trips across the border in Mexico.

Gavin is married and has one daughter, Barbara.

When Gavin is asked why he chose the paratroops as a career, he declares:

"The answer to the continued tendency to stabilize warfare and the unimaginative practice of dealing in canned tactics and strategy is airborne tactics on a huge scale. Here ability, technique, discipline, skill and efficiency, all the traditional attributes of military attainment, can be coupled with mobility and striking power that will gain a decision anywhere. Our national security, a continental bugaboo, is a cinch to maintain with a thoroughly trained airborne striking force. It is the perfect 'design for conquest'."

Elephant Tokens.  
These unusual tokens of which several are real rare, are little known. It is thought that they were struck for use of the Carolina Co. and the New England Token by the New England Co. and the London Token by the London Co. These companies were organized to trade in the colonies.

1694 elephant half penny, full sized elephant on obv, Rx legend God Preserve Carolina and the Lord Proprietors, 1694. These coins are of copper, are thick and about half dollar size.

1694 half penny, same as above, only word spelled proprietors. The above two are worth, respectively, \$50 and \$100 in good condition.

1694 half penny obv same elephant, Rx legend A God Preserve New England, 1694. This one is very rare, being worth up to \$500.

The London Token, assumed to be coined in 1694 (no date thereon) has crest on Rx with legend London: God Preserve. Of all of these elephant tokens, this one is the commonest, being worth only around \$3.50.

Another little known token is the rare New York in America token. Some think the token is of Dutch origin for use here, although the legend is in English. There is no date thereon, but it is thought to date to 1700. The obverse has a small facing eagle with spread wings, legend New York in America, Rx shows clump of trees in center, one figure on each side. This token is very rare, being the first associated with New York history. It is worth around \$50.

New Jersey is credited with the St. Patrick half penny, coined for Ireland in 1681 by Mark Newby.

On this coin we find no date, an Ecclesiastical group on one side, the other shows kneeling crowned figure in robes playing harp, large crown above legend "Florent Rex". The farthing of this series has the same Rx, but shows a bishop standing, with small church in background on obv, with legend Quiescat Plebs. This farthing is known to have been struck in silver and gold also and of course are extremely rare in these metals.

In bronze, these coins are just scarce, being worth between \$2 and \$3 each.

FAVOR GROSS SALARY.  
Chicago (UP)—Most states pay institutional employees a cash salary and provide maintenance as well, but more and more are favoring the payment of a gross salary, with payroll deductions for maintenance, according to a survey by the Council of State Governments.

# OTHMAN MAKES SENTIMENTAL TRIP TO FORMER BEAT

### Clomunist Finds ICC Building Same Quaint Little Place

BY FRIDERICK C. OTHMAN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington (UP)—It was raining outside. The telephones were quiet for minutes at a time. No press conferences. No Congress. Nothing.

It was my chance to make a sentimental journey of about three blocks to the Interstate Commerce Commission, where I covered the news many a long year ago. Mostly it was financial page copy, but usually there were a few nuggets, too.

The railroad engineers in Hawaii once presented a petition, bound in blue and tied with red ribbons, praying the commission to order installation of softer seats in engine cabs. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers wrote me plaintively, saying my dispatch about the tender anatomies of the membership wasn't fair. The Brotherhood said how would I feel bouncing on a board all day and all night in a steam engine?

Little railroads with big names always were going bankrupt. One line in New Hampshire asked for permission to abandon itself because its one locomotive had bumped a cow and was a total wreck. So was the cow, the brief continued, and its owner was threatening to sue. The I. C. C. was a wonderful place.

I am happy to report that it even smells the same, giving off a pleasant aroma of furniture polish, ink, and roast beef from the restaurant in the cellar. Dignified commissioners are still hearing the same complicated arguments about freight rates in the paneled chambers with the blue leather chairs.

The same courteous attendants are there to take the overcoats of lawyers and reporters and to give them pencils when they've forgotten their own. For a while I listened to an elegant argument about the cost of shipping syrup in carload lots from Indianapolis.

It seemed like old times when I got around to the docket; the I. C. C. still was in there pitching. With no further ado, I'll tell you about David C. Blintz, the Houston, Tex., banker, his brother, Chester, and their scheme to buy some boats from the Navy and put them to work hauling stuff, now that we don't need 'em for killing enemies.

Leonard Way, the ice examiner, had listened to more than fifty witnesses, and here was his report on the Blintz's plans to buy some LCs, known more formally as landing craft (tank) for moving freight on the gulf intracoastal waterway between Mobile, Ala., and Brownsville, Tex.

Examiner Way reported that Baker Blintz was worth \$1,300,000 and that his brother was a shipping man of long experience as well as an Army officer in charge of several European ports during the war. He said they were responsible financially and morally.

He told how they planned to buy the boats at around \$185,000 each, and use them to haul loaded trailers, which would roll off the ramps that once unloaded vehicles of war. He listed the protests of the railroads and other boat operators. He said the Blintz's were aware that their warships might cause dangerous waves in the canal if they traveled too fast. He said he thought they had a good idea and

suggested that the commissioners give them a go-ahead order as soon as they were ready to haul freight.

So be it. If all goes well, the Navy sells some surplus boats and Texas gets a new industry. I guess it wasn't a dull day at all; just looked that way at first.



THOMAS F. STRANG

# BLUME AUXILIARY TO JOIN CLOTHING DRIVE

A report on Christmas packages sent to servicemen in hospitals was made by Mrs. Helena Kehn Wednesday night at a meeting of Leo H. Blume Auxiliary, V. F. W., at 5 Third Street.

The auxiliary voted to participate in the local clothing collection campaign for the United Nations and requested that anyone with clothing to donate leave it at the room on Monday afternoon.

Nine new members were received. Mrs. Diana Jacoback, Mrs. Mary Shanahan, Mrs. Helen Marro, Mrs. Elizabeth Carp, Miss Alice Wagar, Mrs. Mary Manny, Miss Rose Mary Liss, Miss Rita Gordon and Mrs. Fanny Gorman.

The auxiliary voted to organize a new bugle and drum corps under the direction of Miss Anna B. McHale. Mrs. Julia Paskewich, president, was in charge. The next meeting will be Wednesday night, Jan. 23.

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# PLAN FUNERAL OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICER MONDAY

### Thomas F. Strang Dies in Hospital After Short Illness

Thomas F. Strang, retired Troy policeman, died yesterday afternoon at the Troy Hospital, where he was admitted Thursday, Jan. 3. Mr. Strang was appointed to the police department on April 7, 1900, and retired in 1938. He was born in the South End and resided there until 12 years ago when he moved to 29 Brunswick Road. He attended St. Francis de Sales Church and was a member of the Holy Name Society and the Troy Police Benevolent and Protective Association.

Survivors include his widow, formerly Helen F. Forbes; a son, Thomas J. Strang; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Connolly; three brothers, Lawrence A. James, F. and Joseph L. Strang, and three grandchildren, Virginia A. Strang, Joseph Forbes Connolly and Thomas S. Connolly. Mr. Strang was a brother of the late John Strang, Troy fireman.

The funeral will be held Monday at 9 a.m. from the residence and from St. Mary's Church, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

# STATE LEADS ALL IN HIGHWAY PLANS

### \$73,319,000 Worth of Work Projected

BY JIM MUNN  
Washington (AP)—New York leads all states in projected spending for postwar highway construction. Already, the public roads administration reports, the Empire State has completed plans for \$73,319,000 worth of construction with \$296,154,000 under consideration.

To assist in the construction, the state will have available from the \$1,500,000,000 federal-aid highway system, \$38,882,018—the first of three apportionments under the system.

New York, to share in the program, must match federal funds dollar-for-dollar. The money will be used for farm-to-market roads and in towns of more than 5,000 population.

Of New York's initial federal allotment of \$38,882,018, a total of \$1,840,121 is reserved for regular federal-aid (U. S. numbered highways), \$4,275,826 for secondary or feeder roads and \$18,776,073 for urban highways.

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CHAR. COBURN ALSO GINNY SIMMS  
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Medy Lamarr & Geo. Brent & Paul Lukas  
"MY GAL LOVES MUSIC"  
Bob Crosby and Grace McDonald  
CARTOON

TONIGHT  
**STATE**  
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**The Coin And Stamp Corner**  
By CHARLES F. FRENCH

**CLUB MEETS.**  
Several excerpts from the book "Hidden Hunger," were read by Mrs. Floyd Ives at a meeting of the Current Events Club held yesterday at the home of Mrs. John Snyder, 48 Fourth Street. Mrs. William Noller, president, presided.

**46 MORE DISCHARGED.**  
Selective Service Board 330 this week classed a group of 87 men as 1C (discharged). One man was transferred from 1A to 2A, and another was put into 1A from no previous classification.

**STRAND WATERVLIET**  
TONIGHT AND SATURDAY  
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