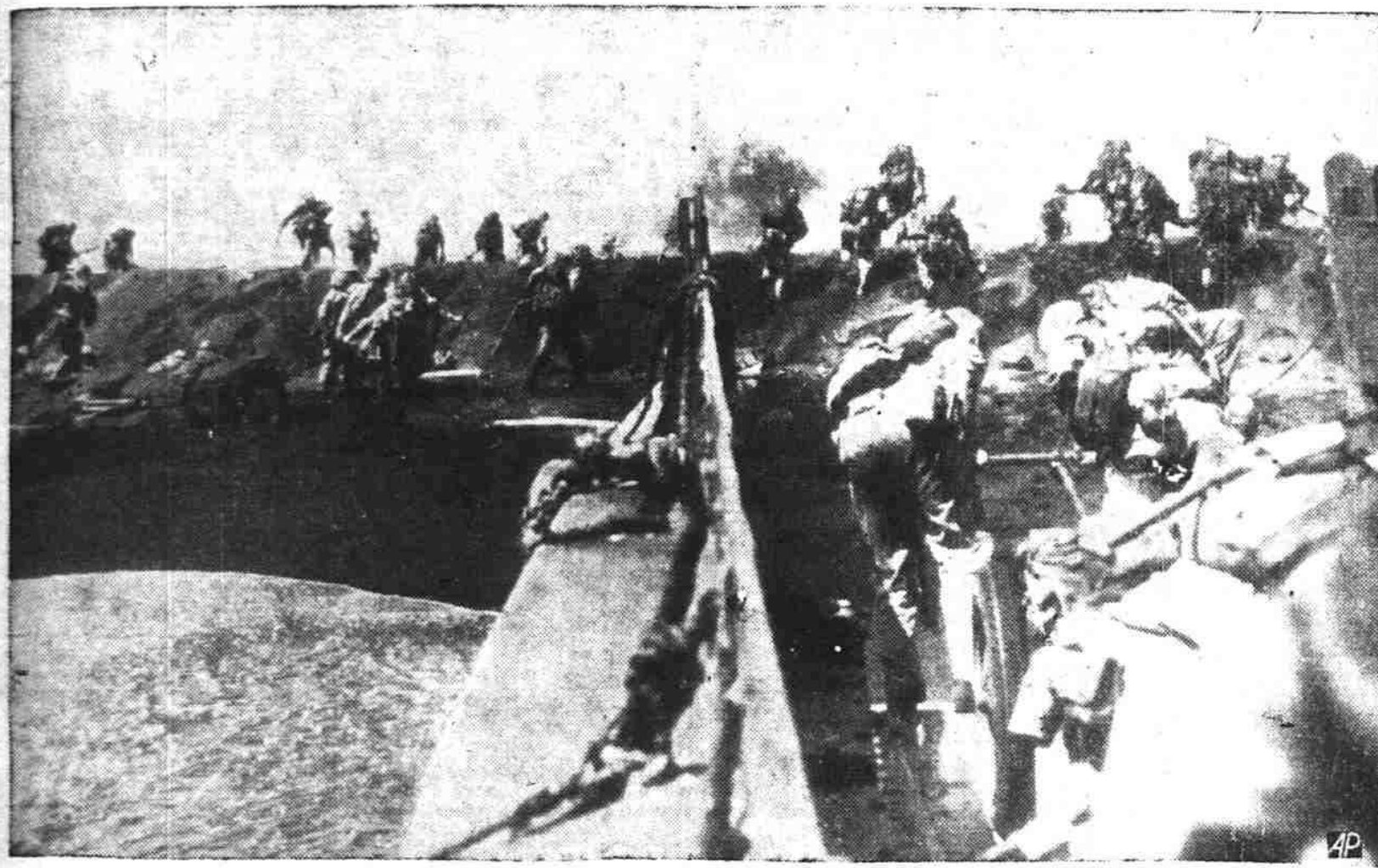


## Americans Speed Across Rhine Valley



**FOURTH MARINES HIT IWO JIMA BEACH**—Fourth Marines dash from landing craft, dragging equipment, while others "go over the top" of sand dunes as they hit the beach of Iwo Jima, Volcano islands, Feb. 19. Smoke of

artillery or mortar fire in background. Photo by AP Photographer Joe Rosenthal on assignment with the wartime still picture pool. (AP Wirephoto).

## Tokyo Under Heaviest Blast Sunday; Iwo Job Half-Done

**By LEONARD MILLIMAN**  
Associated Press War Editor

Snow-covered Tokyo underwent its heaviest bombardment of the war Sunday from perhaps 1,000 carrier planes and 200 Superforts while 750 miles to the south, American marines reached the halfway mark in their job of conquering the airbase island of Iwo.

The last two Japanese strongholds in Manila were shelled by U. S. artillery today—an aftermath to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Sunday communique that troops of "the 14th corps overwhelmed the enemy's final positions in South Manila and completed the destruction of the trapped garrison."

Tokyo radio admitted the Japanese fleet was keeping out of the way of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's powerful Fifth fleet carrier forces which moved back into Nippon's home waters to resume devastating attacks on airfields, war industry and military installations. Sunday morning attacks by car-

rier planes, reported by Tokyo to first number 1,600 and later as 600, were followed in the afternoon by Marianas-based bombers. Their bombs and incendiaries came down with a falling snow. All B-29s returned from this attack and side raids on other cities which one pilot said must have left all Japan ablaze.

### Despite Wartime Crisis—

## Mine Workers May Strike

## John L. Lewis Gives Warning Of Wage Riff

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers policy committee served notice today of the possibility of a bituminous coal strike in 30 days.

The bituminous contract expires March 31 and negotiations with the operators began Thursday. The policy committee gathered today to formulate demands for a new contract. The strike notice was the first action of the meeting.

## Stettinius Faces Opposing Views

**By NORMAN CARIGNAN**  
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26 (AP)—Two opposing views on how far the United States should go in helping Latin America to industrialize confronted U. S. Secretary of State Stettinius as he returns to the inter-American conference today.

Stettinius spent the weekend in Mexico City resting from his long trip to the Crimea conference and a busy week here. Today he will preside over a regular meeting of the American delegation, where the extent of the U. S. economic program to foster Latin American industries and raise the standard of living may be resolved.

The American economic section is divided roughly between those who favor an immediate intensive program of assistance and those supporting a limited, gradual industrialization with U. S. aid while emphasis is laid on developing European markets.

Assistant Secretaries of State Nelson Rockefeller and William Clayton lead the first group. The second group is led by some U. S. government officials and businessmen who stress rebuilding the wrecked industries of Europe. The split in opinion developed a number of months ago in Washington when Rockefeller began to draw up the American economic program for presentation to this conference. It came to a head within the past few days when the economic section of the delegation got together to decide on the final draft of the U. S. resolutions.

These proposals have been delayed in presentation to the conference apparently because the delegation could not come to a final agreement. Assistant Secretary Clayton, meanwhile, is scheduled to deliver a speech tomorrow on the U. S. economic program for Latin America before a joint session of two conference committees.

### No Confused Issue

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 26 (AP)—A motorist called before City Judge Karl V. King on charges of speeding and failure to have a driver's license admitted he might have been going a little fast, but said he had a good reason for not having his license.

He presented as proof a letter from the state tax commission saying he had been denied a driver's license since 1942 because of traffic law violations.

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It was reported in conference circles that several Latin American republics intend to recognize Russia before the United Nations conference in San Francisco, believing that this would place them in a better position to demand more representation on the world security council.

Other Red army forces battling southwest of Koenigsberg, imperiled East Prussian capital, seized six more towns, while farther to the north heavy German counterattacks on the Samland peninsula were repulsed, Moscow said.

The Nazis fought desperately in the Samland area in an effort to keep open a corridor between Koenigsberg and Pillau, Baltic escape port 25 miles west of the East Prussian capital.

German broadcasts, meanwhile, said Russian bridgeheads across the Neisse river had been crushed southeast of Berlin, where the Russians for several days have been exploding furious artillery attacks in the Guben-Forst-Cottbus triangle.

## White Russians Reach Hammerstein In Drive

### New Thrust Is 51-Miles From Vital Baltic Sea

**By RICHARD KASISCHKE**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Marshal Constantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army, scoring a deep new penetration in the drive toward the Baltic, has reached the area of Hammerstein, 51 miles from the sea, a German military spokesman said today.

The armored thrust threatened to cut in two a 225-mile-long coastal corridor the Germans hold from below Stettin to Elbing, in East Prussia. Hammerstein is 11 miles southeast of Neustettin.

At the western end of the corridor, the Russians also forced the Germans to retreat northward from captured Arnswalde to a line along the Inna river, the Berlin spokesman said in a broadcast.

The Inna runs through Starogard and Reetz, 19 to 40 miles east of Stettin, Neustettin, important communications center in northeastern Pomerania, is about 90 miles east and slightly north of Stettin.

The reaching of the Hammerstein area by the Russians would represent a 10-mile gain from Brkenfeld, whose capture the Russians announced last night. The stronghold of Preussich-Friedland also fell in the Soviet drive, Moscow said.

Berlin said that more than 50,000 men were thrown into the new Soviet assault, spearheads of which already have struck to within 60 miles of the Baltic coast and have overrun a 10-mile stretch of the Berlin-Danzig highway.

The drive, launched in the area southwest of Chojnice, gained seven miles yesterday through lake-studded terrain, topped the town of Bischofswalde, three miles north of the super highway, and at the same time knifed across a section of the Berlin-Stettin-Danzig highway.

A Berlin broadcast said Nazi reserves were being rushed into the sector, 110 miles northeast of Stettin, Baltic port for Berlin, and a late Russian communique said 3,000 Germans were left on the battlefield, suggesting that a grand scale battle was in progress.

## Huge Air Attack Strikes Berlin

**By HENRY B. JAMESON**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (AP)—In the biggest air attack ever made on Berlin, more than 1,200 American heavy bombers dropped 3,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs into the heart of the city during the noon hour today.

More than 500,000 small incendiary bombs were showered upon the refugee-crowded capital, with three railway stations—Schlesischer, Alexanderplatz and Berlin North—as the main targets. All three are within two miles of the air ministry building in the middle of the city.

For the first time the bombers, with an escort of 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, flew to the capital in a straight line across Germany, boldly daring the German air force to fight.

The incendiaries were fired from "Molotov breadbaskets" that break open in the descent and shower the ground in clusters of hundreds.

On the way home the American bombers passed a force of RAF Lancasters and Mustangs going out to bomb the synthetic oil plant at Dortmund again.

Today's was the 37th major attack—the 16th by the Eighth Air Force—on Berlin. It was under- gone altogether well over 200 raids in this war.

The first announcement by U. S. strategic air force headquarters said the attack was directed against railway targets and most of the bombs were dropped through clouds.

The bomber fleet exceeded by approximately 200 planes the size of the assault on Berlin Feb. 3.

## Near Cologne, Great Arsenal Of Vital Nazi Ruhr

PARIS, Feb. 26 (AP)—Two American armies sped five miles across the Rhine valley today in tanks and on foot to within 13 miles of Cologne and within six miles of the great Ruhr arsenal and its border city of Muenchen Gladbach.

Sweeping up 25 or more towns, the American Ninth and First armies closed within three miles of the Ertf river—a water barrier before the sprawling Rhine metropolis of Cologne—and moved within 19 miles southwest of Duesseldorf, administrative center of the Ruhr.

The assault front broadened to 40 miles and was strengthened continuously by the infusion of streams of tanks, self-propelled guns and fresh manpower.

Some 60 miles below the Cologne plain battle, the American Third army in a swift seven-mile sprint reached the Nims river near Bitburg and outflanked the ancient fortress city of Trier.

The main thrust of the American First army applied heavier pressure on the Ruhr from the north.

The Ninth army in advances of three to five miles threw a tight cordon on three sides of the bustling communications center of Erkelenz.

Advance Ninth army elements approached Kaulhausen, six miles from Muenchen Gladbach and ten miles northeast of their starting point at Linnich. Kaulhausen is east of Erkelenz and within easy artillery range of that section of the Ruhr industrial district which slopes over west of the Rhine.

The nearest approach was beyond the villages of Morchenich, Golzheim, Gierleinen and Rommelshelm, all captured in night attacks. First army troops fought into Frauwallushheim and beyond Drove.

East of Juelich, Ninth army troops reached Titz. Elsewhere, the American infantrymen were advancing as rapidly as they could walk, against only sporadic resistance. The Germans, however, were spotted rushing troops to ward imminently imperiled Cologne, Germany's Fifth largest city, which lies on the west bank of the Rhine.



**VETERANS OF SANTO TOMAS**—They're free at last, but the appearance of Lee Rogers (left), 68, retired Cavite navy yard employe, and John C. Todd, 63, a miner, bears witness to the rigors of their life in the Japanese internment camp at Santo Tomas University, Manila. Rogers' weight dropped from 145 pounds to 90 during his captivity, and Todd's from 178 to 102. (AP Wirephoto).

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 26 (AP)—"The gum worked all right, but couldn't you use something not so sticky?"

That's what a woman passenger said, according to a commercial airline hostess, after taking literally the words "for the ears" with which the hostess distributed chewing gum on a flight to San Antonio, Tex.

The Paraguayan Assistant Foreign Minister Mario Ferrario said in an interview that subjects like that of Argentina should be tackled fearlessly.

At one time, Big Spring had the maximum of 25 per cent—meaning, broadly, an insurance rate 25 per cent less than the state wide basic or norm. Then the compress fire threw the ration between premiums and losses all out of kilter, and a 15 per cent debit, or penalty, was imposed.

But for the past five years, the city's loss-premium ration has steadily grown better. Over that period, premiums amounted to \$402,494 against losses of \$184,935.28, or a loss ratio of 0.459.

The Longview blaze, which was of undetermined origin destroyed the machine shop of the Lebus Rotary Tool Works here yesterday. Insuring loss estimated at \$200,000.









RITZ Starts Tues. Hollywood Canteen 62-Star Show! Advertisement listing various Hollywood stars and the show's location at the Ritz.

RITZ Ending Today QUEEN Ending Today Advertisement for the Queen show starting at the Ritz.

Gary COOPER Ingrid BERGMAN FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS Advertisement for the movie 'For Whom the Bell Tolls' featuring Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman.

Life Was RAW in the Klondike! Men were men, dames were dames and both were darn glad of it! Advertisement for the movie 'Life Was Raw in the Klondike!' featuring Jack London's Alaska.

Plus "Metro News" and "Odor Kitteny Able" Shows Start: 1:00, 3:53, 6:35 and 9:28 p. m.

Ackerly Soldiers Home On Furlough ACKERLY, Feb. 26 — Cpl. John L. Rudersal, Jr., and Pvt. Leona Rudersal are spending their furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rudersal, Ackerly.

Relief At Last For Your Cough CREOMULSION relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

STATE Last Times Today HENRY ALDRICH Plays Cupid Advertisement for a cartoon western featurette.

Record Set Here With Full Jail Big Spring set a record last week-end by having 40 persons in jail at one time. Two were released on the order to appear in city court Monday, but 38 were kept in jail.

Red Cross Offices Opened At Service Co. The Red Cross headquarters for the annual roll call drive opened Monday at 1 p. m. at the offices of Southern Empire Service. Mrs. Albert Fisher was in charge of the headquarters Monday.

Livestock FORT WORTH, Feb. 26 (AP) — Cattle 2,500; calves 1,500; active, fully steady; good and choice steers and yearlings 14.00-16.00; two loads steers at top figure; common to medium steers and yearlings 10.00-13.75; medium to good beef cows 10.00-12.50; good and choice fat calves 13.50-14.00; common to medium calves 9.00-13.00; stocker calves and yearlings 10.00-13.50; stocker cows 10.50 down.

LYRIC Ending Today THE MYSTERY OF THE POTTERY MURDERS! THE PEARL OF DEATH with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce Advertisement for a movie at the Lyric.

Plus "Pathe News" and "Nautical But Nice" Radio Program

- Monday Evening 5:00 Terry & The Pirates. 5:15 TSN NEWS. 5:30 Tom Mix. 5:45 Music For Swing. 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr. 6:15 Raymond Gram Swing. 6:30 Dance Time. 6:45 Community Soap Box. 7:00 Evening Melodies. 7:15 Sports Cast. 7:30 Blind Date. 8:00 Gabriel Heatter. 8:15 Real Stories, From Real Life. 8:30 Music For Worship. 9:00 Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians. 9:30 Ed Wynn. 10:00 Radio News Reel. 10:45 Report From Washington. 10:55 Sign Off. Tuesday Morning 6:30 Musical Clock. 7:00 Martin Agronsky. 7:15 Bandwagon. 7:30 News. 7:45 Between the Lines. 8:00 News Summary. 8:05 Breakfast Club. 9:00 My True Story. 9:25 Aunt Jemima. 9:30 Sunny Side of the Street. 9:45 Songs by Bing Crosby. 10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood. 10:30 Gil Martyn—News. 10:45 Radio Bible Class. 11:00 Glamor Manor. 11:30 Amos R. Wood. 11:35 Farm & Homemakers. Tuesday Afternoon 12:00 Luncheon Dance Varieties. 12:30 News. 12:45 Homer Rodeheaver. 1:00 Cedric Foster. 1:15 Mystery Chef. 1:30 Ladies, Be Seated. 2:00 Morten Downey. 2:15 True Detective Mysteries. 2:30 The Listening Post. 2:45 Gems of Melody. 3:00 Views of the News. 3:15 Johnson Family. 3:30 Reports from Abroad. 3:45 International News Events. 4:00 Bandwagon. 4:15 Dick Tracy. 4:30 International News Events. 4:45 Hop Harrigan. Tuesday Evening 5:00 Terry & The Pirates. 5:15 TSN News. 5:30 Tom Mix. 5:45 Music For Swing. 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr. 6:15 Raymond Gram Swing. 6:30 Evening Melodies. 6:45 Community Soapbox. 7:00 Frank Singiser & The News. 7:15 Sports Cast. 7:30 Khaki Music Hall. 8:00 Gabriel Heatter. 8:15 Real Stories, From Real Life. 8:30 American Forum of the Air. 9:15 War News Analyst. 9:30 One Man's Family. 10:00 Radio Newsreel. 10:15 Report from Washington. 10:30 Sign Off.

Weather Forecast Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Cloudy and freezing rain this afternoon. Cloudy and continued cold tonight, lowest temperatures 20-26. Tuesday considerable cloudiness, not quite so cold. WEST TEXAS: Cloudy, rain in Del Rio-Eagle Pass area, freezing rain east of the Pecos river this afternoon; cloudy, colder in El Paso area, Big Bend country, and Del Rio-Eagle Pass area, lowest temperatures 20-28 Panhandle and South Plains and 26-30 elsewhere except 30-35 in the Rio Grande Valley tonight; Tuesday considerable cloudiness, not quite so cold in Panhandle and South Plains.

TEMPERATURES City Max. Min. Amarillo 78 27 Big Spring 50 18 Chicago 53 23 Denver 53 23 El Paso 71 42 Fort Worth 75 32 Galveston 70 63 New York 48 32 St. Louis 64 22 Sunset Monday, 7:41 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday 8:17 a. m. The first sulphuric acid was believed to have been made some 12 centuries ago by Arab chemists.

Top Blood Herefords On Block Here Saturday During First Annual Show

Fifty-four fine bred Herefords, carrying many of the top blood lines of America today, will go on the block here Saturday with the first annual sale of the Howard County Hereford Breeders Association. Catalogued are 43 bulls and 11 females by 16 consignors, little more than half of the members of the breeders association organized only last summer.

Public Records Marriage Licenses Robert L. Norton and Maxine Elizabeth Cooper, both of Jackson, Mich. Harland L. Gooten and Jean Steiner, both of Wisconsin. Andre A. Ardand, New Britton, Conn., and Patsy Ruth Rosson, Big Spring. Edward Chavarria, Big Spring, and Josephine Renteria, Nebraska. Warranty Deeds Lillie A. Read to A. S. Darby; lots 5, 6, subdivision A, block 15, lots 3, 4, subdivision C, block 26, lots 3, 4, subdivision D, Fairview Heights; \$1,588. Big Spring Housing Corp. to C. W. Rogers, lot 3, block 2, Park Hill; \$4,350. Ida Mae McDonald to Emma Hurley, lot 12, block 60, original; \$8,000.

Ration Roundup

By The Associated Press Meats, Fats Etc. — Book four red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31. Stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2. Next series — E2 through J2 — will be validated March 4 and be good through June 30. Processed Foods — Book four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 through B2 through March 31. Stamps C2 through G2 good through April 29. Stamps H2 through M2 good through June 2. Next series — N 2 through S2 — will be validated March 1 and be good through June 30. Sugar — Book four stamp 34 good for five pounds through Feb. 29. Stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp scheduled to be validated May 1. Shoes — Book three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any. Gasoline — 14-A coupons good everywhere for four gallons through March 21. B-5, C-5, B-6 and C-6 coupons good everywhere for five gallons.

Safety Council Meet At Settles Tonight

The Big Spring Safety Council, with new officers in charge for their first session, will meet at 7:30 p. m. today on the Settles mezzanine. Burl Haynie, new president and long a leader in local safety work, will preside. He indicated the program for the first month or two will center largely around organization. One of the early objectives of the council is the organization and sponsorship of an advanced safety engineering class.

BRONCHIAL IRRITATIONS — of children quickly soothed by Penetro — Grandma's old-time mutton suet idea developed by modern science into a counter-irritant, vaporizing saline for quick relief. 25c. Double size 35c.

Need a LAXATIVE? Black-Draught is usually prompt, usually thorough, 3-Always economical, 25 to 40 doses only 25c. Get BLACK-DRAUGHT

Orch. Wed. & Sat. Nites BOB and JOHNNY two fine entertainers every night DANCING PALM ROOM at Settles Hotel mezzanine floor Open Every Evening 8 to 12 We Sell Beer by the Case. Afternoon—open from 2 to 7; no cover charge in afternoon. Beer and Wine Served Soldiers Welcome

Site Of 4-H Sale Changed To Ring

Locale for the sale for the eighth annual 4-H club live stock show has been changed, it was announced here Monday. Instead of holding the sale at the Howard County Warehouse, site for the show, the trading will be done at the Big Spring Livestock Commission Co. ring. A. L. Cooper, owner, has offered facilities of the sale, which means that the boys can draw their checks immediately from the company and have easy access to scales, pens, etc. E. A. Tennis, veteran auctioneer, will handle the bidding for the club animals.

HAYNIE FILES CHARGES Four persons found it is safer to drive according to regulations on state highways following filing of charges during the weekend by Burl Haynie, state highway patrolman. One paid a fine for improper license plates, two for having no brakes and one for having no operator's license.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL City firemen answered a call Sunday at 8:30 p. m. to 608 E. 15th street when a garage belonging to E. F. Tatum caught fire. There was no damage, and firemen found no cause for the fire.

St. Joseph ASPIRIN WORLD'S LARGEST SELLER AT 10¢

CAT'S PAW Non-Slip Rubber Heels & Soles AT ALL GOOD SHOE REPAIRERS

Describing The Tokyo Task Force

By BOB GEIGER ABOARD ADMIRAL MITSCHER'S FLAGSHIP OF THE SPECIAL TOKYO TASK FORCE, Feb. 12 (Delayed) (AP)—Adm. Marc A. Mitscher was standing on his flag bridge above the flight deck watching planes of his flagship land. "The Japanese have a superstition about these Grumman," he said. "They don't like them."

A Vital Message To Men Who Feel Old Why not regain the vim and vitality you once enjoyed? If life apparently has lost its zest, you again may be able to enjoy life as you did in your youth. If added years have slowed down your vim, vitality and youthful pleasures, here is a simple method that may change your whole outlook on life.

WHY BE FAT? Get slimmer without exercise WHY BE FAT? You may lose pounds and have a more slender, graceful figure, without exercising. No laxatives. No drugs. With this AYDS plan you don't cut out any meals, starches, potatoes, meats or butter, you simply cut them down. It's easier when you enjoy delicious vitamin fortified AYDS before meals. Absolutely harmless. Try a large size box of AYDS, 30-day supply only \$2.50. Money back on the very first box if you don't get results. Please

CROSSED FINGER DRIVERS are headed for trouble! Thousands of car owners are crossed-finger drivers... often neglecting their cars... gambling daily that nothing will happen. Yet most of us are driving middle-aged or older cars. These cars naturally need regular and thorough check-ups to avoid trouble. If you own a Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto or Chrysler automobile, see the man who really KNOWS YOUR CAR... the dealer who handles that make. Talk it over with him. Here's why— Your dealer has equipment and tools designed especially to test and adjust your car. He has the right parts... and trained mechanics who can spot trouble often before it happens. Don't drive with your fingers crossed. Phone your dealer. Make an appointment to ready your car for trouble-free Spring and Summer driving.