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Russians Close Harbor Of Nikolaev

Troops Liquidate Trapped Germans In South Ukraine

Just A Sample, Jerry—

Cassino Devastated By Massed Bombing

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 15 (AP)—Allied air power devastated Cassino today with history's greatest concentrated bombing attack, and Allied ground forces immediately charged in to drive the Germans from the rubble of the fortress town.

British and American artillery smashed out in a heavy barrage after the morning-long bombing stopped. Cassino, on a main highway to Rome, is 75 miles southeast of that capital, and some 60 miles east of the Anzio invasion beachhead.

infantry was flung into battle. Allied troops who had been holding about one-third of the city were withdrawn quietly during the night to give the bombers a free hand.

Never before has such a weight of high explosive bombs been poured on so small an area in so short a time. In intensity the raid eclipsed any ever inflicted on Germany.

The Allied fliers hitting Cassino turned against the Germans one of the Luftwaffe's own most frightening psychological weapons—whistling devices attached to as many bombs as possible—to see how the enemy stood up under his own type of "screamers."

The Red army troops are liquidating several trapped Nazi divisions in the southern Ukraine, the Russians said today, and in a smash along the Black Sea coast have closed the harbor of Nikolaev, leaving Odessa as the only large port in southern Russia still available to the Germans.

House Group Reopens Draft Investigation

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Threatening legislation to ban all but physical deferments for men between 18 and 26, Chairman May today reopened the house military committee's investigation of draft deferment policies.



Announcing a meeting of a special sub-committee headed by Rep. Costello (D-Calif.), May said the group was concerned about "the efforts of War Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt and War Production Board Chairman Donald Nelson to persuade the president to bring about the deferment of non-fathers and the induction of fathers."

Conviction Of Doctor Newton Is Remanded

AUSTIN, March 15 (AP)—The conviction and seven-year sentence assessed Dr. Frank R. Newton of Cameron for the May 21, 1942, attempt on the life of Dr. Roy Hunt of Littlefield was reversed and remanded today by the court of criminal appeals.



Texans Rest Between Missions—Four Texans deep in the heart of England exchange talk at a Marauder bomber base, where they're with the Ninth Air Force.

Heavy Bombers Smash German Military Goals

LONDON, March 15 (AP)—U. S. heavy bombers in "medium sized forces" smashed at military targets in central Germany today, under strong fighter escort, strategic air force headquarters announced.

N. Hamp. Names Con. Delegates

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 15 (AP)—New Hampshire voters, first in the nation to select national convention delegates, chose a republican-slate indicating a 4-3 leaning toward Wendell Willkie, and an unopposed democratic slate pledged to a fourth term for President Roosevelt, incomplete returns indicated today.

Finns Decide To Continue At War With Russians

STOCKHOLM, March 15 (AP)—The Finnish Parliament decided today to continue at war with Soviet Russia, rejecting Russia's final terms of armistice, "according to reliable information available here tonight."

Proposals Listed For Juvenile Work

Action by at least two local governmental units concerning the juvenile problem appeared considerably brighter Tuesday with an announcement by James T. Brooks that Howard county was willing to invest in the employment of a juvenile officer, and the record by city commissioners Tuesday evening favoring the hiring of a combination juvenile and VD worker and cooperation on the financing of a recreation and vocation program.

Three Announce For Commission

W. S. Satterwhite, W. L. Cook and G. H. Hayward had filed with the city secretary Wednesday as candidates to succeed themselves as members of the city commission.

Thorp Transferred To County Jail

Claude Thorp, charged in Howard county court with aggravated assault, was transferred to Howard county jail by members of the sheriff's department following his trial on a car theft charge Tuesday afternoon at Odessa.

Living Cost Is No Higher Now

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles told congress today there had been no increase in the American living cost level for the last 11 months and that if the present price control act is extended without substantial change "inflation during the war will be prevented."

Birth Of Quintuplets In Buenos Aires Kept Secret By The Father

BUENOS AIRES, March 15 (AP)—Quintuplets were born eight months ago in a Buenos Aires suburb to a well-to-do rancher and his 42-year-old Italian wife, who kept the event secret to avoid public excitement such as attended the birth of the famous Dionne children, Buenos Aires papers said today.

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Tire Panel Issues 170 Certificates

Another busy day was chalked off by the tire panel of the Howard county ration board Tuesday with issuance of certificates for 170 tires and tubes of all classes.

Patrons Of Hotel Frightened By Gun

The entire sixth floor of a hotel was vacated, but hastily, at 2:30 a. m. Wednesday when five charges of buckshot went crashing through a door.

Red Cross Has Taken In \$17,800

Total reported in the Howard-Glasscock counties Red Cross drive was \$17,800. A. V. Karcher, general war fund chairman, announced early Wednesday afternoon.

Wit, Seriousness Present At Hearing

Wit was present with seriousness Tuesday in Howard county courtroom, where hearings on OPA charges were conducted.

65 Jap Planes Are Bagged In Wewak Fighting

By RICHARD C. BERGHOLF Associated Press War Editor A daring sweep of South Pacific seas failed to stir up a single Japanese ship or combat plane, an American cruiser-destroyer task force reported today, but Allied fliers found good hunting at Wewak, New Guinea, where they bagged possibly 65 enemy planes during a three-day 300-ton assault.

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Operating In An Icebox

Army's Mountain Doctors Practice For World's Toughest Practice

By ROBERT E. GEIGER
AP Features Writer

CAMP HALE, Colo. — Imagine your family doctor as a rugged mountain man in Arctic parka and on skis!

If he is young, has a sound constitution and is a good physician or surgeon that may be exactly where he is today.

At Camp Hale, near snow covered peaks of the Rocky mountains from whose blizzards even hardy mountain trappers shied, fighting men are taught to battle under Alpine conditions. Mountain medical men are trained to



Hard Going—

Mountain doctor's rounds are mostly up or down. Here Capt. Alfred B. Sundquist rappels down cliff.



Soft Going—Lt. Col. H. L. Berman, division surgeon, and Maj. Ward I. Gregg trek along Pimarigan trail in their air-conditioned laboratory. Gregg once fought his way 40 miles over Continental Divide to reach a "crashed pilot."

go right beside them. Go Where He Goes "If you are going to care for a mountain soldier you have to be able to go where the soldier goes," says Lt. Col. H. L. Berman, formerly of Peoria, Ill., the division surgeon.

So the army cast an eye over America's baby specialists, the general village practitioners, the skin specialists and the more experienced hospital interns as well as the famous physicians and surgeons. The hardy ones were brought together in a medical outfit capable of going where the going is most difficult.

These men have been trained in all the tricks of mountain climbing and Indian lore. They can ski. They have lived for days in sleeping bags or ice houses on winter maneuvers in the Colorado Rockies with five feet of snow on the ground and the thermometer at 40 below.

stock in trade," says Col. Berman. "A mountain soldier wants lots of rope. If you give a mountain medical man just a little rope he'll hang himself; but give him plenty and he'll be happy."

In mountain medicine a doctor has to do the most with the least. Mountain battlefields are isolated and inaccessible. Wounded men have to be moved from the front, down cliffs to trails leading to field stations.

Pimarigan mountain, jutting 12,500 feet into a blizzard, is a huge air-conditioned school room for the mountain medical men.

It's 30 below on their practice battleground. One plays injured. The litter bearers, weaponless, crawl across the snow to him.

They carry him on the first stage of the long trip to a field station. On the side of Pimarigan is a straight cliff. They rig an aerial train of rope. Carefully they slide the soldier, in his litter, over the face of the cliff, lower him gently.

At the bottom mules are waiting. The wounded man's ride in the caoilet, is jerky and rough, timed to the mule's cadence.

Finally they reach a smoother spot where a toboggan can be used. The litter bearers, on skis, drag the toboggan to a trail. In a jeep, the man reaches a field station where doctors are waiting with bottled plasma, medicines and warmth.

It's a rugged life, but most of the doctors love it. They say it's healthy! "Our feet and ropes are our big

Hard Way The Best. In this age of the airplane it would seem simple to land on the top of a mountain to rescue wounded men.

However the airplane and helicopter haven't proved, at this date, as satisfactory or sure as mules and men for this work.

"Our feet and ropes are our big

MacArthur Said To Be Ideal Candidate

DALLAS, March 15 (AP)—Col. W. E. Talbot of Brownsville, a former Dallas resident who was on the staff of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in World War I, says MacArthur is an ideal candidate for president and a distinct possibility for the republican nomination to break a Wilkie-Dewey deadlock.

The present situation in the republican party is much similar to that of 1920 when Warren Harding was chosen as a compromise candidate, said Talbot, who was once the republican nominee for governor and has been president of the Texas department of the Rainbow Division Veterans association since it was organized in 1919.

"Most of the Rainbow veterans who served under MacArthur are for him, of course, but MacArthur's popularity reaches into all ranks and all sections of the country," said Talbot.

"Gen. MacArthur is not a candidate for any office. He is imbued with one purpose, to return to the Philippines and deliver his people from Japanese bondage. If he runs for president, it will be because he is drafted."

Middle American culture flourished for 2,000 years before the coming of white men, archaeologists believe.

It's No Lark To Walk Around On A Dark Ship -- The Navy Knows How

By JOHN A. MOROSO, 3RD (Substituting for Hal Boyle)

WITH THE ATLANTIC FLEET, (AP)—On entering the Navy there are many tricks for a landlubber to learn if he wants to make life more comfortable and less dangerous.

Take the darkness when the ship is blacked out. Not a light outside and most of the inside is dark with the exception of a few dim red or blue lights that help very little.

Men going off watches and those relieving them move like cats. They have to climb ladders, walk around guns and stanchions, creep through narrow spaces.

When it is rough the ship rolls and pitches. One slip and you might go over the side or fall several decks.

The Navy requires its recruits to get thoroughly acquainted with their new home. They learn to go over each part of the vessel blindfolded. The whereabouts of all escape scuttles (round, watertight exits) must be known in

case the ship is torpedoed.

When climbing the metal ladders the men stamp their feet loudly to warn others of their approach. They are told not to get careless while wearing a helmet because it absorbs a bump. Some get used to this, then get bad bumps when unprotected.

Another trick when making your way in the dark is to keep your hands down. If you don't you might run into a shipmate and poke your fingers into his eyes or mouth.

Like any large community, the Navy has its wayward. They are the bad boys who are sent to Portsmouth naval prison. This ship has

35 graduates from Portsmouth, and some are just as hard to handle as they were before going to the brig. In a few cases they prefer jail to sailing in combat zones. Navy people say proper punishment of the bad is handicapped by a lenient congress and by the home folks writing their congressmen about the treatment received by their boys.

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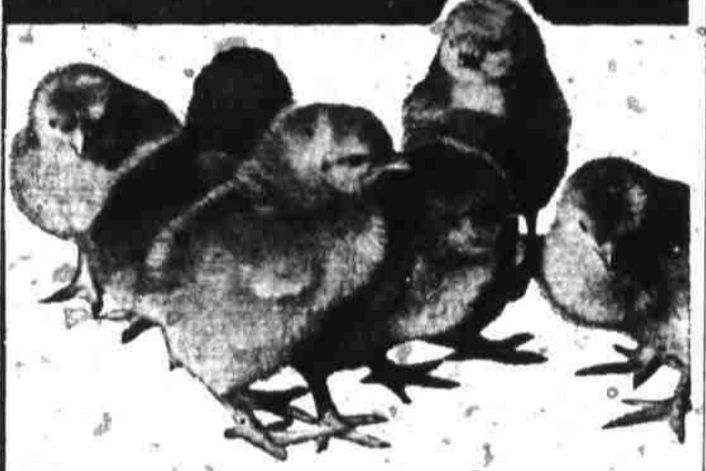
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Pulpwood Prices Have Increased

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The Office of Price Administration has increased pulpwood ceiling prices in the southeastern and central areas of the country.

In Arkansas, Texas and that part of Louisiana west of the Mississippi pulpwood ceilings were increased \$1.10 a cord. The new ceilings, FOB freight cars or barges, are \$8.35 a cord for pine and \$8.80 a cord for southern hardwood. The ceilings include dealer's commissions.

The action was taken, OPA said, "to facilitate the program of the War Production Board in procuring vitally needed pulpwood."

Producers' pulpwood ceilings were raised 80 cents a cord in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana east of the Mississippi river. The dealer allowance in that area was boosted 25 cents a cord, from 50 to 75 cents. New ceilings for producers were \$7.60 for rough pine, \$8.10 for rough hardwood, \$10.80 for peeled hardwood FOB cars, and \$8.00 for pine, FOB barges.

Fighting Tunesters

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, (AP) (Delayed) — The marines who went into the Gilberts singing "Tarawa Boon Dee-A" have a rival for the worst pun on a song. Marines in the Solomons, according to Staff Sergeant William S. Frank, of Washington, D. C., a marine combat correspondent, are singing "After Rabaul is Over."

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DENVER (AP) — A wife whispered to the income tax collector: "My husband didn't state enough income when he filed our joint tax return."

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FIRE UNDAUNTS MOTHER TOLEDO, O.—While recovering from severe burns suffered one week previously in a blaze from which she rescued one of her four children, Mrs. Glenna Yarger gave birth to a healthy, seven-pound boy. Both are doing "fine" at Toledo Hospital.

HEALTH QUIZ

Do you have poor digestion? YES NO
Do you feel headachy after eating?
Do you get sour or upset easily?
Do you feel tired—listless?

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What It Means—

The Tightening Blockade Of Europe

By NED NORDNESS

WASHINGTON — Inclusion of the Bay of Biscay, off northern Spain, within the Allied Atlantic sea and air blockade is not just a gesture. It has drawn even tighter the net which separates Nazi Germany from much-needed war materials.

The blockade was slapped against Germany as soon as war was declared in 1939. The British Department of Economic Warfare says Germany's normal seaborne imports were cut in the following proportions:

Rubber, nearly 100 per cent; tungsten, 90 per cent; oil, 80 per cent; tin, 75 per cent; natural phosphate fertilizers, 95 per cent; copper, 75 per cent; cotton, 98 per cent; wool, 95 per cent.

Germany took over a few coun-

tries and obtained some vital supplies and more were added in trade with such neutrals as Sweden, Turkey and Spain—but not nearly enough.

What does a close blockade mean to a country already heavily dependent upon assets supplies?

It means the Nazi High Command would coldly sacrifice thousands of soldiers on the eastern front, to take desperately-needed manganese and other mines in the east Ukraine. The Germans risked thousands more in an attempt to hold these mines, but they lost.

It means the Hitler group will even risk what is left of its war fleet to convoy cargo ships to European shores. Germany did this last December in an attempt to

get one merchantman through the Bay of Biscay. One-third of the Nazi destroyer force was sent out. Three destroyers were sunk, and so was the cargo ship, by alert Allied forces.

It means that for every mile the German lines are shortened the Germans are that much farther away from needed materials. It is believed that one reason Russia of late has been putting pressure on Finland to get out of the conflict is because the Reds want to watch the Gulf of Bothnia and stop further sea shipments of Swedish iron ore to Germany.

As the Nazi lines are pulled in, the Axis must depend more and more upon lone wolf operations of blockade runners. For that reason the British guard closely guards those European ports fronting the Atlantic where solo shipping may enter or depart.

One ship attempt to dart into the Bay of Biscay with rubber and in from Japanese-occupied territories. Adverse weather is their ally; fog, blizzards and rainstorms are welcomed. Often they hide under Allied flags.

Most are trapped in the blockade net. Many are apprehended and sunk far from Europe because the Allies maintain an alert on ports and sea lanes all over the world. Hitler has many ships at home bases waiting to make a break to sea. These are systematically bombed.

The Allies also have gone in for buying in neutral countries commodities wanted by Germany. Whether or not the Allies need the goods is immaterial. At least they don't wind up in Hitler's war plants.

The sea blockade has proven a potent weapon of warfare before. Napoleon was defeated largely because of it. Kaiser Wilhelm couldn't buck it. Hitler, too, is falling before it.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"This is March 15, men—we'll face East for one minute in tribute to the suffering taxpayers at home have had to endure!"

Nurses Aides May Have Civil Service

DALLAS, March 15 (AP)—Red Cross nurses aides may now be employed by the war department on full-time civil service status, says Col. W. Lee Hart, Eighth service command surgeon.

Col. Hart said an agreement had been reached with Red Cross officials to release aides in 18 states from Illinois to Texas from a promise to accept no remuneration for hospital assistance so they may be employed to care for wounded soldiers in 30 army general and station hospitals in the southwest. Recruiting of nurses aides has begun at command headquarters.

Hereford Auction Has Good Average

FORT WORTH, March 15 (AP)—The Texas Hereford association's criterion auction sale of 50 animals brought an average of \$773 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

Thirty bulls averaged \$817 and 20 females averaged \$708.

Top bull of yesterday's sale and also the top animal, was Plus Blanchard 10th, consigned by Combs & Worley, Pampa, that sold on a bid of \$9,000 to the A-Bar-A Ranch of Medina.

Top female, an addition to the list, was a heifer bred by Harrisdale Farms, Fort Worth, and sold on a bid of \$2,475 to Albert Noe of Jackson, Tenn.

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Progress In 1943	
ASSETS	
December 31, 1942	December 31, 1943
\$32,854,466.67	\$43,215,159.51
13,473,817.65	12,478,790.79
3,351,267.69	3,394,648.47
16,485,555.79	15,271,149.61
1,500,000.00	1,470,000.00
1,055,068.22	752,912.00
2,229,537.00	3,168,279.94
2,069,777.23	3,865,282.45
139,382.00	167,368.00
571,285.92	553,251.88
18,203.12	12,663.37
14,880,140.90	13,839,236.96
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LIABILITIES	
December 31, 1942	December 31, 1943
\$77,316,137.35	\$85,602,697.77
1,704,770.91	2,413,510.11
658,063.93	922,535.08
\$79,678,972.19	\$88,938,742.98
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Big Spring Gets Fewer Serious OPA Orders

Fewer serious orders were issued in OPA hearings in Big Spring than in many other places in which hearings have been conducted, Harry Hall, regional OPA hearing commissioner of Dallas, said following close of the hearings Tuesday afternoon in Howard county courtroom.

In the hearings in Big Spring, seven cases were dismissed and seven orders suspending filling station operators from business for certain periods were issued. Effective dates of all except two of the suspension orders were stayed on condition of compliance with regulations, however. In those two, dates were set for portions of suspension periods.

Hall emphasized his willingness to issue suspension orders when believed warranted.

"I have no more compunction about issuing a dismissal where facts indicate that is the proper disposition to be made," he said. "If it is found an individual has demonstrated by his actions that he cannot and will not handle rationed commodities in accordance with the regulations so that the public welfare is served, that individual's allocation of rationed commodities should be withheld for the duration of rationing," he said.

Hall, an attorney at Edinburg before joining the OPA staff, is accountable only to the hearing commissioner in Washington, who is accountable only to Chester Bowles, OPA administrator.

Several operators appearing in hearings in Big Spring complimented the hearing commissioner as being fair in his hearings.

Hall presented further views on rationing regulations Tuesday afternoon. "I don't think the average individual realizes why most of the regulations are necessary, or the necessity of complying with them," he said. "When you see how the various rationing programs operate on a country-wide basis, it's easy to see why the regulations operate and why the different provisions were made."

"I think if the individual did see, we would get better compliance with the regulations than we have at times in the past," he said.

To Speak

The Rev. Ted Vassar, returned missionary, will be guest speaker at the Thursday evening service of the South Plains Sectional Spring convention of the West Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God which is being held at the First Assembly of God church. The Rev. Vassar spent five years in South India and Ceylon and his talk Thursday evening will deal with the people of India, the customs, religion and missionary activities there.

Girl Scout Meet Begins Today

Glowing reports were heard today as the annual meeting of the West Texas Girl Scout district was launched at the Settles hotel.

A large number of representatives from communities throughout the area were on hand for the meeting and witnessed a flag drill, presented by members of the troops directed by Mrs. C. S. Edmonds and Mrs. Albert M. Fisher, and to join in singing of the national anthem at the outset of the program.

Mrs. Gretchen Kidd, West Texas field advisor, welcomed guests and Shine Phillips of the local finance committee, reported that the troops were in good financial condition.

Mrs. Clark Matthews of Sweetwater, chairman of the West Texas district, presided over the meeting and introduced Miss Edith Sinnott, director of the Cactus region which includes Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Miss Sinnott stated that five years ago there were 16,000 Scouts in this region and that today there are 45,000. "The Girl Scouts are one of the largest organizations in the world with over 850,000 members. In speaking of plans for greater expansion she stated that membership is expected to reach the million mark, and when this happens, we will really have an all-out celebration," she stated.

She pointed out that World War I gave Scouts their start and that through depression times, when there was a great need for such an organization and through the second World War, that membership has increased by leaps and bounds. "The thing of which I am proudest in the accomplishments of the Scouts is the fact that the Girl Scout organization fed 10,000 Chinese families last year. Chinese Girl Scouts received and distributed the food among the destitute," she concluded.

Mrs. Kidd directed committee reports which were given and first was presented by Dr. W. T. Walton of the Abilene district, who reported that the Girl Scout constitution was adopted in that district in January and that now they have a total membership of 388 girls in troops with 41 leaders and 24 troops.

Mrs. Warren N. Edson, local commissioner, reported that plans of the council are to spend \$1,400 on Girl Scouting this year, and that through the help of the finance committee and others Girl Scouting in Big Spring is off to a good start this year with 375 girls enrolled with 85 not registered. There are eight intermediate groups, one senior scout troop, one wing scout and a troop of hospital aides which has just been organized.

Judge C. M. Sparkman, reporting for the Garden City area stated that 40 girls were members of the Girl Scouts in that vicinity and Mrs. J. D. Dyer, Lamesa representative, reported 146 Girl Scouts in that town. Plans for the year are to increase membership to 250.

A luncheon was held at noon and the afternoon session was to include committee meetings, demonstrations by scouts, and an informal tea in the ballroom at 3 o'clock.

Guest speaker of the session was Dr. W. Truett Walton of Harding-Simmons University, who was to bring the keynote speech of the party on the subject, "The Value of Work With Youth in This Period."

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Considerable cloudiness Wednesday afternoon and night; partly cloudy Thursday; much cooler Wednesday night and Thursday.

WEST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness, showers in Del Rio-Eagle Pass area this afternoon and tonight; freezing rain in the Panhandle this afternoon; considerably cooler in El Paso area; Big Bend, country, Pecos Valley and East of the Pecos River tonight and Thursday; partly cloudy Thursday.

Temperatures

City	Max.	Min.
Amarillo	70	26
Abilene	78	61
BIG SPRING	82	67
Chicago	44	37
Denver	22	18
El Paso	75	49
Fort Worth	73	66
Galveston	72	65
New York	49	38

WLB Rejects Labor Demands

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The War Labor Board today rejected American Federation of Labor demands for a higher wage ceiling.

In a three-way blow at organized labor's drive for liberalization of the wage stabilization formula, the board refused to approve the AFL petition requesting President Roosevelt "to modify realistically" the Little Steel formula, rejected a proposal to hold a public hearing on that petition, and turned down a third suggestion that it conduct a general hearing on wage stabilization for the purpose of providing congress with information on the subject.

The AFL petition had been before the board since Feb. 9, it was discussed on that date and again one day last week, but did not come to a vote until today.

The AFL and CIO members stood together in supporting the three motions, but received no support from WLB's industry and public members.

March Bond Sales Are Below Quota

A check with bond issuing agencies Wednesday morning revealed a total of \$21,739 in bond sales for March, representing only about 21 per cent of the March quota.

With the time half gone at noon Thursday, the county lacks \$81,261 if it is to meet its quota of \$103,000 this month.

Issuing agencies in the city are the postoffice, State National bank, First National bank, Caden refinery, First Federal Savings and Loan association, Ritz theater, Big Spring National Farm Loan association and Firestone.

It is believed that malaria infection may cause from two to fifteen relapses of the disease.

Cocoa was used for currency and commerce in the Aztec Empire.

Here 'n There

Fire did minor damage to an awning over the Kid Shop front on 123 1/2 Lock of E. 3rd street Tuesday at 7:45 p. m. Firemen said the blaze originated from a cigarette carelessly flipped into the folded awning.

Jack Jordan, operator of the Humble station at 421 E. 3rd, reported to police Tuesday that his station has been burglarized. He listed four used tires and seven or eight used tubes and a few gasoline ration coupons as missing.

"Uncle Bud" Russell, agent for the Texas Prison system, was in Big Spring Tuesday to transfer two men from Howard county jail to the state penitentiary at Huntsville. The men are Jose Gomez, who received a two-year penitentiary sentence recently on a charge of selling marijuana and who had a five-year suspended sentence on a charge of aiding prisoners to escape, which was revoked; and A. L. Kennard, who received a one-year sentence on a driving when intoxicated charge.

Charlie N. Sullivan, newly appointed acting district rent attorney of the Lubbock OPA district, will remain in Lubbock through Saturday, the Big Spring area office reported Wednesday morning. He went to Lubbock this week to assist in organization of the Lubbock area rent office, which opened March 1. Sullivan will continue as director-attorney of the Big Spring office until his successor here is appointed.

Jim F. Crenshaw, constable, returned to Big Spring Tuesday following a trip during which Crenshaw attended to business in Dallas and his wife visited her sister at Whitt.

Applications now may be accepted for February dairy feed payments, the AAA office announced Wednesday morning after receiving notice from the state office to issue payments.

A Big Spring man pleaded guilty to a charge of permitting an employe to work without a health card Wednesday morning in the court of Walter Greig, justice of peace. He was fined \$5 and costs. A man and his wife charged with working without health cards were fined \$10 and costs each Tuesday in justice court.

Marine Succumbs In Post Hospital

Private First Class Raymond C. Thomas, 28, of the United States Marine corps died Tuesday afternoon in the Big Spring Bombardier school hospital.

Thomas whose home is Luzerne, Pa., was taken ill while passing through Big Spring about six weeks ago.

Remains will be shipped to Plymouth, Pa., for burial pending arrival of Marine officials, according to Nalley funeral home who has charge.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. R. C. Thomas and a brother, John Thomas, who is in the navy.

He was a member of the First Methodist church.

Several County Men Are Reclassified

Several Howard county men were reclassified in a meeting of the selective service board Tuesday afternoon.

The men and their new classifications are:

- 1-A—Dillmon T. Jackson, father.
- 1-A (H)—Robert E. L. Phillips.
- 4-F—Walter D. Carnett, Alvis C. Ingram, Charlie Perry and John E. Marsh.
- 1-C (Enl)—Robert L. Cobb.
- 2-C—Edward K. Morgan and Manuel T. Puga.

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Assemblies of God Plan Convention

A two day South Plains Sectional spring convention of the West Texas District Council of the Assemblies of God will be held in Big Spring at the First Assembly of God church with the first service scheduled Thursday morning at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. H. Paul Holdridge of Plainview, district superintendent, will bring the message and will be in charge of all services.

Around 200 church workers are expected to be here for the bi-annual meeting and highlight of the Thursday evening program will be a talk by the Rev. Ted Vassar, returned missionary.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Knott Club Will Conduct Food Sale

The Knott Home Demonstration club will conduct a food sale from 10 to 12 o'clock Saturday morning in the home demonstration office, Miss Reba Merle Boyles, home demonstration agent, said Wednesday morning.

Various food items, mostly home-made cakes and pies, will be sold and proceeds will be used in work of the club.

Members of the committee in charge of the food sale are Mrs. E. O. Sanders, Mrs. Paul Adams and Mrs. H. B. Pettus.

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