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Reds Roll On To End Siege Of Leningrad

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army forces on the Leningrad and Volkhov fronts in Northern Russia sprang forward Wednesday in a new offensive calculated to end the German siege of Leningrad, second city of the Soviet Union.

Two neighboring army groups, it was disclosed, launched simultaneous assaults several days ago to break through strong German defense lines and are now developing their drives on a large scale. (Previous German broadcasts indicated the new Russian attacks began last Friday.)

The fact that the launching of the offensive could be announced was taken here to mean that it is proceeding successfully.

Russian troops on the Leningrad front began their push south of the suburban town of Oranienbaum. The town lies on the shores of the Baltic just south of the island naval base of Kronstadt and has been in Russian hands since the siege began 17 months ago.

At the same time Red Army forces on the Volkhov front attacked north of Novgorod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad between Lake Ilmen and the Baltic.

Dual Threat At Arc

The twin operations appeared to have been planned jointly to break the German semi-circle around Leningrad, under constant threat of enemy bombardment.

The blockade of Leningrad was broken a year ago by a Red Army thrust through the fortress town of Schlessburg, which opened a narrow corridor to the east. The Germans, however, dug in close to the western and southern sides of the city, constructing an elaborate system of fortifications.

Berlin broadcasts acknowledged reverses on both fronts and said the Russians were continuing their attacks with waves of tanks and strong infantry forces.

Capture 40 Towns

The double offensive added to the difficulties of the Germans in North Russia, already sorely harassed by another Soviet drive north of Novosokolniki toward the rear of their positions south of Leningrad.

A Russian war bulletin said that these troops, part of Gen. Ivan Bagramian's First Baltic Army, Tuesday captured 40 more towns. Strong enemy counterattacks were thrown back with heavy losses, the Soviet communication said.

Front dispatches reported continued gains in the Western Ukraine despite unseasonable rain and mud. Here Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army increased its threat to the key communications center of Rovno, 110 miles south of Pinsk.

State Legion Asks Special Session Call

HOUSTON (AP)—State Commander Sam D. Forman disclosed Wednesday that the American Legion of Texas has requested Gov. Coke Stevenson to call a special legislative session to repeal the poll tax as applied to servicemen.

Congressional district and division representatives of the state's 40,000 Legionnaires have forwarded a letter to Stevenson asking him to "exercise your privilege of office and call the special session that these great fighting men may be permitted to vote without payment of a poll tax."

Another Earthquake Rocks Stricken City

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The stricken city of San Juan Tuesday night experienced its tenth minor earthquake since a major tremor leveled virtually all its buildings and killed more than 1,500 persons during the weekend.

The new shock came just as President Gen. Pedro Ramirez, addressing survivors and broadcasting to the nation from a square amid the ruins, called for a minute's silence in respect for the dead.

The quake cut the wires connecting the microphone and caused some confusion, but Ramirez was one of the first to ask for order and he then completed his address.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

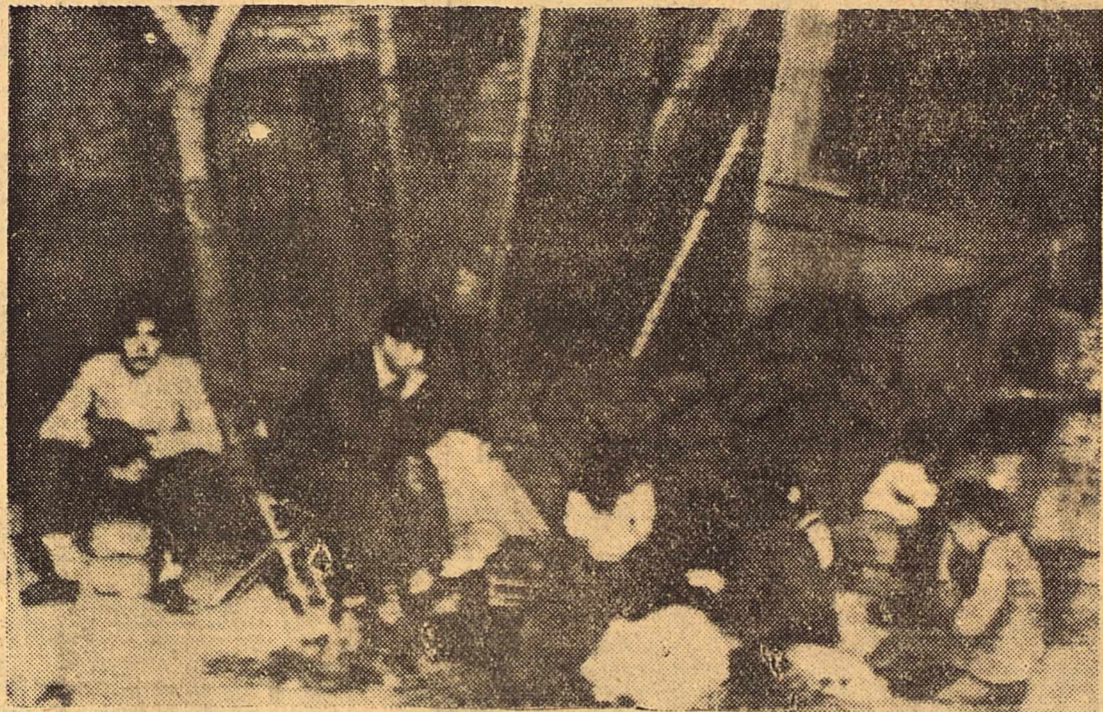
ITALY—British cross Garigliano River at three points.

RUSSIA—Reds launch offensives on Leningrad.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—American "bushmasters" advance 1,000 yards on Arawe.

Fifth Reaches Appian Way By Crossing River In Battle

Earthquake Victims Homeless



Youthful victims of San Juan, Argentina, earthquake sit dejectedly amid ruins of former homes. Ninety per cent of the city's buildings were either destroyed or damaged by the quake. (Radiophoto from Buenos Aires—from NEA)

Knife-Armed Indians Slice Up Jap Lines By Jungle Stealth

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA (AP)—Knife-wielding American Indians of 20 tribes, backed by tanks and bombing planes, are stalking Japanese in the tropical jungles of New Britain.

Proud of their ability to thread through dense growth, these skilled tribesmen of Arizona and New Mexico ended a stalemate Sunday at invaded Arawe on the southwest coast by breaking through main enemy defenses to such depth that field guns were captured.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported the success Wednesday. Each equipped with several knives as well as pistol and rifle, these Indians, forming part of the 15th

Regiment of "Bushmasters," penetrated 1,000 yards through enemy lines while the Japanese still were groggy from an 87-ton air bombardment.

The "Bushmasters," whose ability to transmit secret communications in tribal tongues should prove baffling to the Nipponese, were sent to Panama during the early days of the war to become the first American troops trained in jungle tactics.

Reinforce Texans Last April, they left the Canal Zone and on June 30 first appeared in the Southwest Pacific war zone. Unopposed, they occupied Kirivina Island in the Trobriand group off the southeastern tip of New Guinea. It was from there they moved in to reinforce the Texas dismount-

ed cavalrymen who opened the invasion of New Britain at Arawe last Dec. 15.

The advance moved the American lines back to within 1,000 yards of Utingalu village and rendered easier the dispersal of supplies and troops. The invading Texans now man breach positions in the sector.

On Northeastern New Guinea, up the coast beyond invasion-menaced Madang, supply dumps and anti-aircraft positions at Hansa Bay were attacked with 120 tons of explosives by Liberators and Mitchells, escorted by Thunderbolts.

Other Liberators flying 600 miles northwest of Darwin, Australia, set fire to a 9,000-ton enemy cargo vessel at the former Dutch naval base of Ambon on the island of Ambon.

'Pineapple' Puckett Slain By Japs—But He Got 75 Of Them

BOUGAINVILLE (AP)—"Pineapple" Puckett is dead, cut down by a hidden Jap machine gunner. He was fatally wounded while directing aid to a fallen companion.

"Pineapple" Puckett was Marine Platoon Sergeant Clarence D. Puckett, 23, of Detroit, a great, confident lad, six feet, three inches tall, with arms like young oak trees. He wore two .45 pistols, carried any shoulder weapon he could find, and as many grenades as he could pack.

He won his nickname nearly a month ago when his grenade tossing was credited largely by officers and men of his platoon with decimating a strong Jap force attempting a dangerous flanking movement against Marine forces in newly-won positions.

That day "Pineapple" hurled 33 grenades in human mortar fashion and when the battle was over, they counted 75 Jap dead.

"Pineapple" was with a squad inching forward against strong Jap positions when he got it.

Soldier Sentenced For Attacking Girl

HOUSTON (AP)—Pvt. First Class Lonnie E. Cortez, lone serviceman among the 13 youths accused of attacking a 13-year-old Houston girl, has been found guilty of statutory rape by an Army general court martial, the Camp Wallace public relations officer announced Wednesday.

The sentence approved by the reviewing authority provides for dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement at hard labor for five years.

MEXICO CITY MAY GET GAS LINE TO TAMPICO MEXICO CITY (AP)—The government oil industry announced study of plans to construct a gas main from Tampico to Mexico City. The project, estimated to cost \$5,000,000, will pipe gas now being "uselessly" burned at oil fields near Tampico.

U.S. Returns Rail System To Operators

By JACKSON S. ELLIOTT

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's rail transportation system was back in the hands of private operators Wednesday but Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) warned that it still faces a critical manpower problem.

President Roosevelt announced settlement of the wage dispute, with raises all around, late Tuesday, and War Secretary Stimson thereupon ordered the seized railroads returned to their owners, effective at midnight.

The roads, once threatened by labor disputes of the 350,000 members of five operating unions and of 1,100,000 non-operating workers, including shopmen, clerks and others, were taken over by the government on Dec. 27, three days before a strike-call deadline.

The settlement and some earlier agreements, which labor and management sources estimated would cost the roads approximately \$350,000,000 annually, plus retroactive pay awards, provide generally for increases of nine cents an hour to the operating workers and increases of from nine to 11 cents for the non-ops.

Complete plans as announced Wednesday by Charles L. Klapproth, War Bond chairman, include an "Invasion Breakfast" at Hotel Scharbauer at 7 a. m. Thursday; a special radio program from Midland Army Air Field and KRLH Wednesday night; a stage play to be presented by the bombardier college and Midland Civic Theater with War Bond purchasers admitted free, and addresses at organization meetings throughout the campaign.

The Yucca Theater will give tickets to a movie premiere, "Guadalcanal Diary," to bond purchasers who apply for them at the time of purchase. Lively surprise entertainment is promised for the radio program, which will spark the fuse of patriotic fervor. Lt. Robert Wistrand, public relations officer of the Midland Army Air Field, where the feature will originate, said it would be highlighted with fun and drama, and music by a newly organized 17-piece orchestra. The program will go on the air at 8:15.

Enthusiastic help of the bombardier college was promised Midland by Col. John P. Kenny, commanding officer of the field.

The city's army of volunteer workers and members of the general sales committee will plunge into the drive immediately after the breakfast session. Solicitation of oil companies already has started. The campaign opened nationally Tuesday.

Apco Locates 8 Tests Southwest Of Fullerton

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation has made locations for eight tests to be drilled in the east half of section 1, block A-48, T&E survey, in Northwest Andrews County, and southwest of production in the Fullerton field.

Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Cella A. McCrea and others, to be 660 feet from the north and east lines of the section, will be first of the eight wells.

Arrow Drilling Company has the contract, and work is to start shortly. This exploration will be approximately three-quarters of a mile southwest of the nearest producer.

To Drill One At A Time Each of the locations will be on 49-acre drilling blocks, and it is reported, will be drilled one at a time.

19 More For Westbrook Coltex Refining Company has announced locations for 19 more developments in the Westbrook area of Northwest Mitchell County. Each of these will drill to the regular Westbrook pay around 3,100 feet, in the basal Permian.

The Coltex tests are practically all in the proven limits of the field, one of the first oil fields discovered in West Texas, and which was considered, by many, to have been fully developed, and about ready for marking off, when Coltex revived the drilling program in that area about a year ago. A large number of new producers already have been completed, and the operator plans to continue the development.

McCandless Gets More Granite Bryce McCandless No. 1-10 Atlantic, section 10, block 141, T&E survey, wildcat development in Pecos County, southeast of the Apco-Warner field, recovered one foot of granite on a core from 4,865-78 feet.

A Schlumberger survey was run late Tuesday. It is unofficially reported the project will be abandoned and plugged.

Barnes To Test Hunt Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Barnes, another Pecos wildcat in the Ellenburger, is preparing to treat with acid through the perforations at 4,340-4,390 feet. After shooting the pipe in that zone the hole was swabbed dry. (Continued on Page 5)

Wins 3 Bridgeheads Under Intense Fire

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—British troops of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, advancing under intense mortar and machine-gun fire, have crossed the lower Garigliano River at three points converging on the ancient Appian Way, for centuries the main coastal highway to Rome.

The attack was launched Monday night, Allied headquarters announced Wednesday, and all three bridgeheads were secured despite violent enemy resistance which included a rain of fire on the river itself.

The first crossing was made near Suio, a village seven miles inland from the Tyrrhenian Coast and located on a hill 600 yards beyond the headquarters. Heavy fighting still is in progress there.

The second bridgehead was established along the railroad running from Capua to Rome, four miles from the coast.

The third was at Argento, almost on the coast itself, where the Germans countered with a tank attack in a desperate but futile effort to drive the British back across the river.

Fierce Fighting Is Reported The announcement said Canadian troops on the Eighth Army front were engaged in "fierce fighting."

Naval action continued in the Adriatic during the last week, the communique said, destroyers shelling Rovigno on the Istrian Peninsula, Durazzo in Albania and Drenovik, Vala and Korcula on the Dalmatian Coast.

An American coastal force attacked lighters off Spezia, without damage to themselves, while British units torpedored a small ship in Sumatran Harbor of Brac Island.

In the air, escorted heavy bombers blasted key communications targets in Tuscany Province Tuesday.

Targets included rail yards at Pisa, Pistoia, Poggibonsi, Pontedera and Certaldo. The airfield at Pistoia also was hit. American Mitchells and Spitfires scored 15 bombhits on a 3,000-ton merchant vessel off Leghorn, leaving it sinking.

Harriman Waits Red Reply To U. S. Note

MOSCOW (AP)—U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman waited Wednesday a reply from the Russian government to Washington's expression of willingness to try to negotiate its difficulties with the Polish government in exile in London.

Americans Blast North Burma Japs NEW DELHI (AP)—A strong force of American heavy and medium bombers pounded a Japanese troop camp at Kyaukseaw, north-west of Fanchi, in Northern Burma Monday with nearly 20 tons of bombs, blanketing the entire area. Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced.

Col. Hobby, Leader Of WACs, In Africa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—Col. Ozzie Gulp Hobby, commander of the WACs, has arrived here for a tour of the North African theater.

War Bulletins

LONDON (AP)—The German high command declared Wednesday several Allied divisions had launched a strong attack in Italy "east of the Gulf of Gaeta," with fighting still in full swing on this approach to Rome.

NEW YORK (AP)—The London radio said Wednesday "there are signs the Germans are regrouping their badly-mauled Panzer divisions in the South Ukraine bulge in preparation for another desperate attempt to hold the line of the Bug River and retain control of the great trunk railway running down to Odessa."

LONDON (AP)—The Royal Air Force has dropped 400 times more bombs on Germany so far this year than the German air force has dropped on Britain, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told Commons Wednesday.

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons Wednesday that the British ambassador to Madrid, Sir Samuel Hoare, had been instructed to make "further strong representations to the Spanish government" over the fact that a number of Spanish volunteers still were fighting for the Nazis on the Russian front.

Labor Draft Faces Fight In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)

The administration's bid for civilian labor conscription powers was carried before a largely-unresponsive Congress Wednesday by the Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson. Stimson, who will be followed Tuesday and several members of the Senate committee, was accorded a hearing by the Senate Military Committee, which is sitting on the Austin-Wadsworth national service bill and showing no inclination to get up.

A House committee pigeon-holed the legislation indefinitely Tuesday and several members of the Senate committee were outspokenly critical of it, despite President Roosevelt's assertion that it was needed to assure full war production.

One of the critics, Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) declared Stimson and Knox were trying to "Prussianize" the people.

"Why must the President listen to these military reactionaries in the conduct of civilian affairs?" Johnson demanded in a radio speech.

Says Boys Don't Want It Stimson will Secretary Stimson and Secretary Knox start fighting the war and stop trying to "Prussianize" the American people? They say the boys in the fox holes demand.

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Survey Requested On Demands For West Texas Oil

AUSTIN (AP)—The Railroad Commission at its monthly state-wide oil proration hearing Wednesday was asked to make a survey to determine actual demand for West Texas oil to fix an amount allowable for West Texas fields on a yardstick basis.

The request came from Nelson Jones, representing Humble Oil Company, who said his company was reducing its February nominations for West Texas crude by 10,500 barrels daily because of lessened demand from the War Emergency Pipe Line Corporation.

Nominations Increase Total nominations of purchasers for February were 2,096,972 barrels daily, a net increase of 6,789 daily over January. The certification of demand from the petroleum administrator for war calls for Texas production of 2,018,000 barrels daily of all petroleum liquids next month.

Humble Company also announced it was reducing February nominations for Hawkins field 7,000 barrels daily and for Talco field 2,500 daily because of transportation shortages.

Mills County Exceeds Bond Quota First Day

FORT WORTH (AP)—Mills is the first county in the Fort Worth region to go "over the top" on its Fourth War Loan drive. Its quota was \$180,000.

Earl T. Fairman, county chairman with headquarters in Goldthwaite, reported a total sale of \$180,000 the opening day of the campaign.

Most Legislators Want Special Session

AUSTIN (AP)—A clear majority of members of the legislature Wednesday had expressed themselves as favoring an immediate special session to facilitate soldier voting.

Gov. Coke Stevenson has not receded from his stand that a constitutional amendment to waive poll taxes for soldiers can not be submitted at a special session of the legislature.

WEATHER Little temperature change.

Slavs Battle Wildly To Hold Nazi Motor Division In Mountain Trap

LONDON (AP)—Yugoslav Partisans have trapped a German motorized division of 400 vehicles near Lipovac in Western Bosnia and wild fighting now is progressing through rugged hill country against the encircled Nazis and a second division rushed to its assistance.

The Nazi relief expedition, Tito's broadcast communique said, broke through Partisan lines toward Jaje, Tito's former headquarters, 30 miles south of Banja Luka on the Vrbas River. Bitter fighting ensued and the issue apparently was still in doubt at the time the bulletin was issued.

Meanwhile units of the 3rd Yugoslav Corps were reported pushing the Germans back in Eastern Bosnia.

Continued fighting in Southern Herzegovina was reported. In Lika Province in Croatia the Germans were still attacking in an attempt to breach Yugoslav lines guarding liberated territory.

War Secretary Sir James Grigg Tuesday told the House of Commons that the Yugoslav Partisans have tied down at least 125,000 German troops, and said the German drive which began in Croatia late in December was "a failure."

All possible aid was being supplied to the Partisans, he added.

SENATE MAY ACT ON TAX BILL PROMPTLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Majority Leader Barkley expressed hope of completing Senate action Wednesday on the \$2,275,000,000 tax bill, including controversial proposals to revise the war contracts renegotiation law.

Midland Poll Tax Sales Are Lagging

Midland County's poll tax sales were lagging badly Wednesday, a check of records in the county tax collector's office revealed.

Only 1,905 Midland citizens have purchased poll taxes. In 1943, an off-election year, 2,268 poll tax receipts were issued and in 1941, an election year, the total was 3,177.

Midland Jaycees are urging all citizens to pay poll taxes this month.

British Air Experts Praise New Mustang

LONDON (AP)—British air experts joined Wednesday in paying tribute to the Eighth Air Force's sensational new long-range Mustang (P-51B) fighters, which were disclosed to have destroyed or damaged 87 German planes against a loss of six in their first 15 missions.

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Hear, the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. —Psalm 17:1.

Ticket Scalpers

One New York business man considered it essential to obtain tickets for an important client to the current Broadway hit show, in a hurry. He found them, with a scalper, for \$100 for the pair. A price of \$50 for two \$5.50 seats to the most popular plays has become quite common, in spite of laws that limit the legal premium for any ticket to a markup of 83 cents.

When ticket scalping is mentioned the average person thinks of this and, because he seldom visits New York anyway, remains very much unconcerned. But ticket scalping today has spread to a new field where, unless it is curbed, it can do great harm.

With trains jammed away beyond capacity, black marketers are buying up the few tickets available to the general public and are reselling them at premiums at least as high as \$20 above ticket-window prices.

The situation has become so bad that the Office of Defense Transportation and the FBI are co-operating in investigations which the railroads are conducting through both their regular agencies and special squads of outside private detectives.

The government, particularly the Army and Navy, are using approximately half the available travel space. At least half of the remaining space, according to travel agents, is reserved in block form by industrial firms to be sure that they have accommodations available in case of need.

Both government agencies and industrial firms, at the last minute, release the space they are not going to use. Representatives of the scalpers are waiting to grab it. If you or we need to travel, we must either hang around the ticket windows for hours, at a time, waiting for cancellations, or else pay the scalpers' premium.

This has been unpleasant in the past. It is going to be serious in the future, because the government is going to be using a larger proportion of the available space for some time to come. There will be less accommodations for civilians, less provisions for soldiers and sailors going home on furlough or leave, less space for relatives going to camp to visit their men in service.

The tighter space gets, the more onerous will become the tribute wrung by the black marketers from the traveling public, unless railroads and government agencies find some way to control their undesirable activities.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Wise Course

To those who doubt that we do progress politically and socially we commend the Anti-Saloon League. In World War I that organization put over prohibition. Four million ex-servicemen felt aggrieved, which no doubt contributed materially to the wave of organized lawlessness that resulted.

Now George W. Crabbe, superintendent, opposes any attempt to repeat that error. "The servicemen," he says, "would feel that something had been put over on them." While he favors national prohibition, "there is no use trying to force this on people. Public sentiment must be the controlling influence."

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Ship A Day

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation promised a ship a day for 1943 and produced 380 vessels, which exceeds the promise. And this statement demonstrates how careful one should be with statistics because, on its face, it is grossly unfair to Bethlehem.

More than two-thirds of the output was in naval craft, including battleships, each equivalent to 40 Liberties; combat aircraft carriers, each equivalent to 29 Liberties; heavy cruisers, each equivalent to 18 Liberties. The entire year's production was the equivalent of more than 1000 Liberty ships. Nor does this include the reconditioning of 7000 vessels.

Hats off to an enormous job magnificently done, a promise more than kept.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Do It Early

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is making 1943 income tax forms available early, and hopes that taxpayers will get to work on them right away. Otherwise there is going to be a gosh-awful rush toward the end.

Through no fault of the bureau—remember that—but because Congress let the Treasury bedevil the originally simple, straight-forward tax simplification proposal, the forms this year are going to be something to cause prolonged nightmares for everybody fortunate enough to require a return.

It won't get easier if put off. It will get harder, as the pressure of time hangs heavy. If you don't want to send in your balance due right away, at least prepare the return at once, and get that off your mind.

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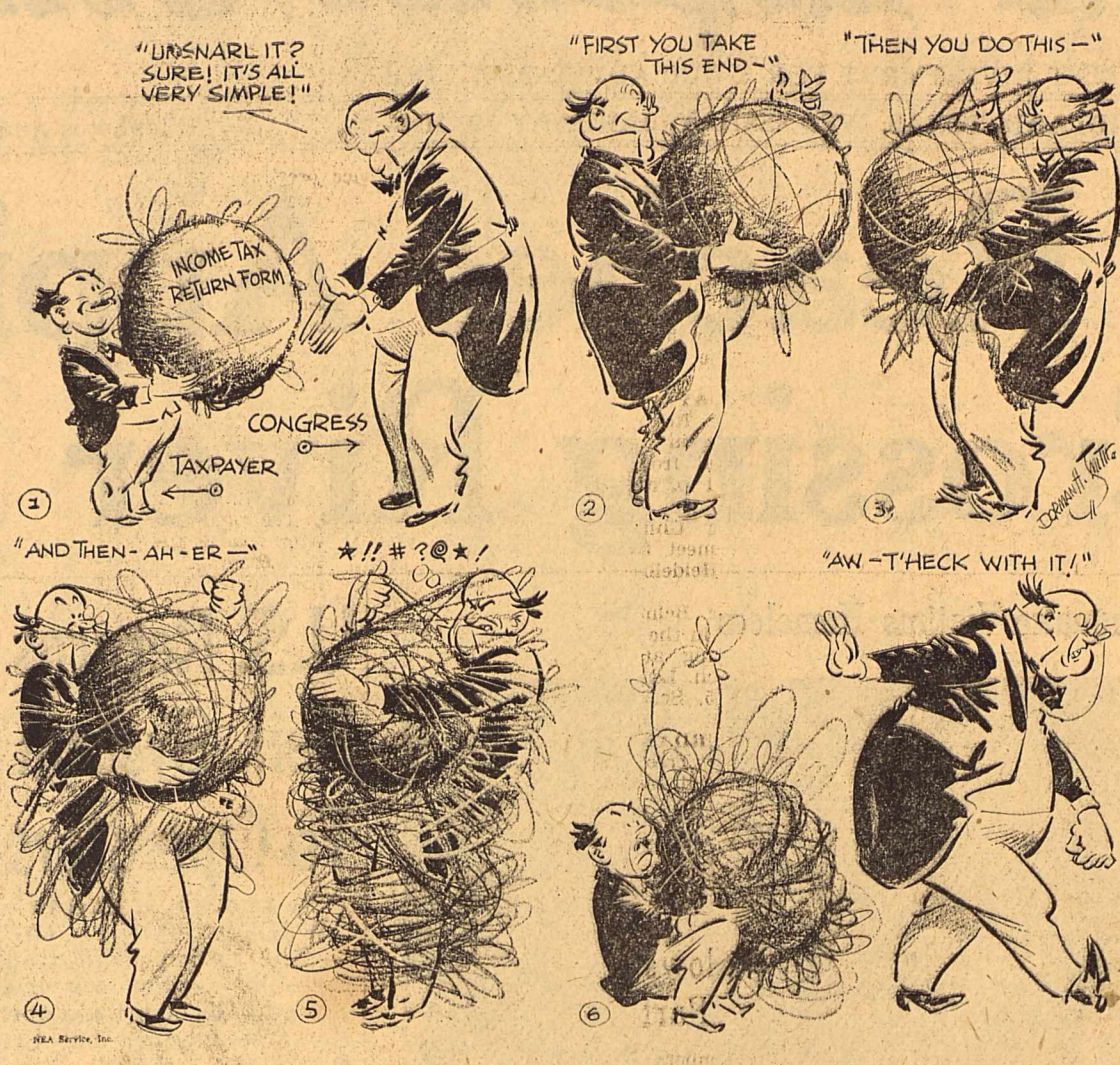
The difference between Rip Van Winkle and some folks is that Rip woke up.

Tooting your own horn is a fine method of keeping people dodging out of your way.

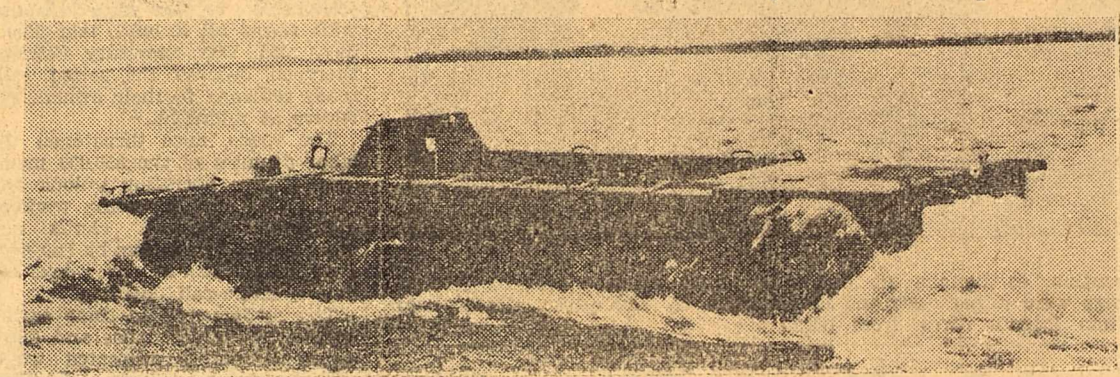
Most auto wrecks are caused by people who don't realize the value of a four-letter word meaning to cause to cease.

An archeologist has dug up a prehistoric egg 14 inches long. You can't eat it, and it won't hatch, but it's a fine object of contemplation.

The Way It Will Probably Work Out



"Water Buffalo" — America's New Amphibious Weapon



America's toast to Tojo—the "Water Buffalo," loaded with our fighters, charges through open sea and surf, over craggy beaches, through sand and swamps, blazing trails through jungles. It's a cannon-packing monitor, very unpopular with Mr. Jap.

LOS ANGELES—Engineers of the Peerless Pump division, Food Machinery Corporation, have literally beaten their pumps into "Water Buffalo" amphibian tanks and have done it so successfully that these water-land vehicles are now playing a major part in the war.

This was revealed by Vernon Edler, vice president of Food Machinery Corporation, in charge of the Peerless Pump division, Los Angeles, where the tanks were designed and became a reality.

"When the government approached Food Machinery Corporation to help develop a tank that would be effective on land or water, we put out best engineers to work," said Edler. "These men had previously been working on the Peerless agricultural and industrial pumps generally in use throughout the world."

The engineers, used to dealing with mechanical problems, not only created the vehicle wanted by the government, but created a machine that could be quickly built and quickly repaired. Parts were cast, milled and machined in the corporation's various plants located in California, Texas, Illinois, Ohio,

Michigan and Florida. The parts were rushed to divisions of the corporation at Riverside and San Jose, Calif., and to Lakeland, Fla., where they are assembled. The assembling plants also made parts to supplement the flow from other divisions.

The tanks were an immediate success, taking part in campaigns from Guadalcanal up to the present. They won commendation from the Navy Bureau of Ships and from individual Marines that drive them.

In a recent telegram to the "men and women of Food Machinery," Rear Admiral E. L. Cochrane, chief of the Bureau of Ships, stated the tanks carried out their assigned tasks with great success at Tarawa.

The admiral added in part: "Major Gen. Julian C. Smith and most of his staff were picked up by an amphibian after their own boat had been destroyed and were taken into the landing to lead the Marines on shore."

"Without landing craft of all types our forces would be unable to establish the beach heads which are the stepping stones leading to Berlin and Tokyo."

Since arrival of Admiral Coch-

rane's telegram, announcement had been made from Washington that the tanks will receive No. 1 priority for manpower and materials. This undoubtedly means a greater effort toward increasing production.

But in spite of all this emphasis on tank production, Edler said that the Peerless Pump division is going ahead rapidly with its production of pumps for the armed forces.

"Beach heads and other territory won would be useless if there was no water for our soldiers," Edler said. "We are providing the pumps that get them the water."

In a never ending stream, the pumps are flowing into Africa, Asia, and the war areas of the South Pacific where they are being installed in hastily drilled wells.

"In normal times," said the Food Machinery executive, "fifty per cent of our Peerless Pump division volume goes to agricultural and irrigation projects; the remainder—the heavy duty, high powered units—to public utility and industrial service."

"Now, however, practically our entire output is at the disposal of the government for war projects, drydocks, and other immediate needs."

D. F. Abbott Owns South Side Grocery

A center of courtesy is the South Side Grocery, 419 South Main Street, which is operated by D. F. Abbott. He purchased the store a year and a half ago. A recent story erroneously said it was owned by W. M. Wilkinson.

Abbott's store has a complete line of standard groceries and is well known for its fine meats. The South Side Grocery also carries notions, drugs, vegetables, seeds, and cold drinks.

It is one of Midland's most handy shopping centers.

Fear War Boat Curtailment In Foundry Strike

SEATTLE—(AP)—Idleness of 10,000 Washington and Oregon workers in a strike of foundrymen Wednesday drew the concern of shipbuilding officials who expressed fear that the construction of tank-landing ships and other vitally-needed sea craft may soon be curtailed.

Some 6,000 members of the AFL Molders and Foundry Workers' Union struck Tuesday in protest against what their leaders termed an unfair wage award by the regional War Labor Board, and by their action about 4,000 additional workers remained off their jobs rather than pass picket lines. Seventy-nine foundries were affected.

Union leaders said a telegraphed appeal from the National War Labor Board that the walkout "must be ended immediately" would be disregarded.

Appeal To Green
"Unless concessions are made by somebody," said H. W. Sprague, chairman of the Pacific Northwest negotiating committee for the union, "the strike will proceed."

The National WLB also appealed to AFL President William Green and the AFL Executive Council, now in session at Miami, to intercede in support of labor's "no strike pledge." The board said the back-to-work order had the support of Henry Stevenson of Cincinnati, the union's international president.

A threat to the production of Boeing bombers was dispelled by the union's agreement to permit aeronautical workers pass picket lines at the foundry which turns out wing spars.

The principal union grievance was the regional WLB's refusal to grant an 8-cent hourly wage increase to the journeymen \$1.20 scale, although increases of 1 1/2 to 7 cents were allowed in lower brackets.

Banker Sells Papers As Newsboy Buys Bond

NEW YORK—(AP)—Wall Streeters looked with surprise when they saw Guy Emerson, vice president of the Bankers Trust Company, hawking newspapers from a stand near his bank.

He explained to passersby that he had volunteered to take over operation of the news stand while its proprietor went into the bank to buy a War Bond.

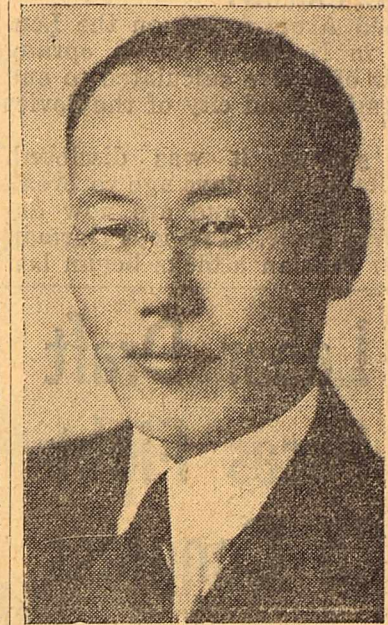
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THE BOOK STALL

Dr. No-Yong Park Will Open Rotary Institute Monday

Dr. No-Yong Park of Kirksville, Mo., will address the Midland Rotary Club's Institute of International Understanding in the Midland High School auditorium Monday evening.

"Contributors To A New World Order" will be the subject of his address, Roy McKee, Rotary Club president, announced.

"Contributors To A New World Order" is the theme of the institute, which will bring four outstanding speakers to the city. The other speakers will be David Cushman Coyle of Washington, Jan. 31; Wayne Hanson of Oak Park, Ill., Feb. 7, and Dr. Albert Parry of Chicago.



Dr. No-Yong Park

Dr. Park was born and raised in Manchuria, studied in China and Japan, and afterwards received his western education in Europe and America, especially at Harvard University, where he was awarded the degree of Ph. D. He served as a lecturer on Far Eastern relations for the University of Minnesota.

While in college, he won numerous essay and oratorical contests, including the international essay contest, open to all foreign students in American colleges, the Harris political science prize, given to the students of the leading universities in the Middle West, and the Pillsbury oratorical contest at the University of Minnesota.

For a decade he has been engaged in interpreting Far Eastern history and life to America, having written and lectured extensively in this field.

The yellow race is multiplying five or six times as fast as the white, according to a world survey of population growth.

Police Eat Thieves' Dinner, Recover Loot

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Three policemen set to solve a clothing store burglary, found \$10,000 worth of a \$15,000 stock in a residence. Although the occupants had fled, they left a meal cooking on the stove which the officers ate while they awaited arrival of a truck.

British Denial Of Rumors Broadcast By Moscow Radio

LONDON—(AP)—British newspapers, which Tuesday expressed high indignation over Pravda's publication of a rumor of British-German peace talks, appeared placated Wednesday by the Moscow radio's broadcast of the official British denial.

At the same time, Moscow dispatches said Britons and Americans in the Soviet capital also expressed relief at the broadcast, which went to the whole nation and was transmitted to the Russian press.

The London Daily Mail, which had called the Communist Party organ's account "an insult to the British people," headlined its story Tuesday: "Peace lie is now dead." The News Chronicle said the Germans were spreading peace talk rumors. "Hoping to gain respite."

In broadcasting Britain's denial, the Moscow radio also gave the first inkling of an explanation for the Pravda story by quoting a London Sunday Times dispatch of Jan. 16 from Ankara which said the Nazis were fishing for terms.

German propaganda broadcasts, meanwhile, harped on the theme that the Pravda story was intended by Moscow to draw a renewed British and American pledge of allegiance toward Russia "regardless of how the Polish question is being solved by the Soviets."

German officials denied that Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop had been in contact with the Allies, according to a Nazi-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau dispatch quoted by Reuters.

DIG FIRE IN TAMPICO
TAMPICO, MEXICO—(AP)—A fire covering three city blocks destroyed more than 40 homes and several warehouses Tuesday leaving many persons injured and causing damage estimated at \$50,000.

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THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The information bulletin of the Soviet embassy in Washington makes the blunt and grim assertion that "having staked all on the fate of Hitlerite Germany, Finland now stands on the brink of catastrophe."

New Mustang Can Outdo Any Nazi Fighting Plane

A U. S. MUSTANG BASE IN ENGLAND—(AP)—In their first 15 missions the sensational new, long-range Mustang (P-51B) fighters, which can outdo any known German interceptor in combat, have destroyed or damaged 87 Nazi planes against a loss of six and given the United States Air Force assurance of protection for heavy bombers almost anywhere over Germany.

Although their presence in the European theater was announced only last week, the Mustangs have been operating inconspicuously since Dec. 1 and have scored 41 confirmed victories over enemy planes, 13 probables and 30 damaged.

The Mustang has a combat radius of 450 miles with a speed of more than 400 MPH (actual speed not disclosed) and is capable of operating with precision at an altitude of 35,000 feet. It has four 50-cal. machine guns.

Sailor In War Zone Wouldn't Mind Arrest

SAN PEDRO, CALIF.—(AP)—When Don Finch failed to appear in court on an illegal parking charge, police got a bench warrant and wrote that if he didn't come in within five days, they'd come and get him.

Finch replied: "I'll gladly pay the fine if you'll come and get me."

He's a sailor somewhere in the South Pacific.

in the Leningrad area, you turn away with the feeling that the above quotation is the epitaph of Finland's hope of achieving victory by linking her fortunes with those of Hitlerdom. That catastrophe is certain, there is no doubt, that it may be near, is quite possible.

This is the sixth day of the Red offensive on the Leningrad front, and from the Germans' own admission their line in this strategic sector has been cut in at least two places and is rocking like a ship in a hurricane. This great assault extends along a front of some 250 miles, from the neighborhood of Leningrad southward to the Nevel sector. Berlin claims the Russians are employing a quarter million men, and that the attack is growing in intensity.

The Russians are shooting for the stars. Their objective is to force a general German withdrawal from this northern sector. This would mean the complete raising of the siege of Leningrad—the famous old St. Petersburg of czarist days, which became the birthplace of Bolshevism and is one of the cherished spots of Communism. It would mean Hitler's evacuation of the Baltic states, with the consequent threat to the entire Nazi line in Russia.

And achievement of these objectives would automatically knock Finland out of the war, compelling her to accept Moscow's terms. That's the penalty of picking the wrong horse.

James L. Bielby Receives Promotion

James L. Bielby, son of Mrs. Ada Bielby of Midland, has been promoted from corporal to technician fourth grade at the Engineer Unit Training Center at Camp Claiborne, La.

STAFF SGT. W. M. HESTER GETS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
Staff Sgt. William M. Hester of Midland has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" at Midland Army Air Field.

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Society

Mrs. D. R. Carter To Serve On B. & P. W. Nominating Group

Mrs. D. R. Carter of Midland was elected a member of the nominating committee to select state officers for the Business and Professional Women's Clubs organization in Texas. She was elected at a district board of directors meeting in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Clifton of Abilene, district director, presided at the session.

Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas addressed the meeting. Delegates from Midland included Mrs. Iva Noyes and Miss Fannie Bess Taylor.

Mrs. Carter, a member of the Midland club, is district legislative chairman and is a past district president.

The clubs went on record Sunday, at the request of Judge Hughes, as favoring the drafting of women for war work.

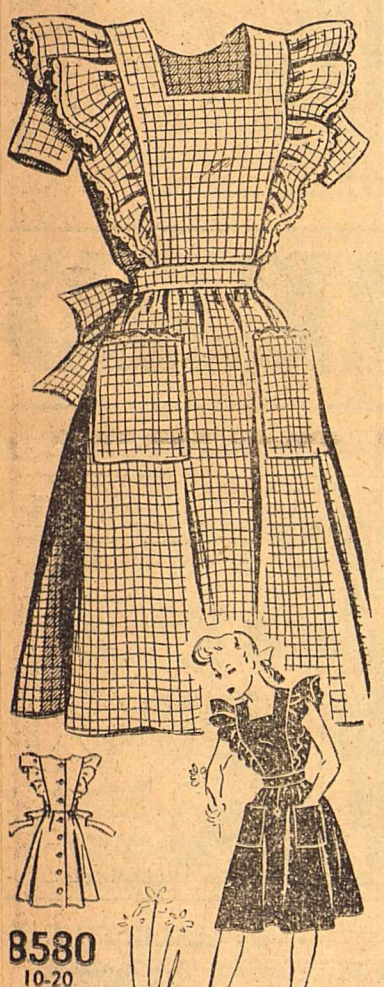
Red Cross Workers Busy At Courthouse

Mrs. M. C. Ulmer was supervisor Tuesday morning when Red Cross workers met in the surgical dressing rooms at the courthouse.

Workers included Mrs. W. L. Feibon Jr., Mrs. C. A. Mix, Mrs. E. T. Corbett, Mrs. W. B. Hartrider, Mrs. Joe V. Birdwell, and Mrs. Barney Graf. Packers for the morning dressings were Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. M. Sterne.

Mrs. P. R. Pattison was supervisor for the afternoon session. Workers included Mrs. R. A. Dorna, Mrs. E. E. Lindebold, Mrs. E. M. Funkhouser, Mrs. Fred Hammond, Mrs. George McGerr, Mrs. A. Clevenger, Mrs. W. B. Hunter, Mrs. Waller Smith and Mrs. J. Hollis Roberts.

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We all are aware that one of the by-products of this war is a serious shortage of medical care for the civilian population. This situation is made more acute by changed living conditions and the emotional strain upon the nation. The shortage of doctors and nurses must be met, if civilian America is to be prepared for any emergency that might arise. Epidemics have accompanied wars throughout history, but with the right kind of preparation and sufficient nursing care there is every reason that our nation will be spared the epidemics suffered after World War I.

Women of Midland should feel this offer of the Red Cross home nursing course a privilege and there are competent registered nurses ready to teach classes, both morning and afternoon classes. A free nursery for your children will be furnished. Enroll now for one of these classes. Full information may be obtained by calling Mrs. J. M. Haygood, chairman, at phone No. 1121.

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Mrs. Fred Wycoff Is Hostess To Circle

Mrs. Fred Wycoff was hostess to the Lockett Circle of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union Monday afternoon in her home.

Mrs. Bob Preston and Mrs. Wycoff were mission study lesson leaders.

Members attending were Mrs. Charles Warren, Mrs. G. G. Hazel, Mrs. W. H. Spaulding, Mrs. M. D. Cox, Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Preston.

The next meeting of the club will be at 2 p. m. Monday with Mrs. Preston.

More Den Mothers Are Needed For Cub Scouts

Volunteer den mothers were called for Tuesday afternoon when the North Elementary P-T.A. met at the school. Enthusiasm for the cubbing program sponsored by the organization has enrolled a greater number of Scouts than there are den mothers, Mrs. L. W. Leggett announced.

Mrs. C. M. Dunagan spoke on "Freedom of Normal Homes" and Mrs. Vernon Yearby spoke on "Freedom of Worship."

Spanish recordings will be bought by the group for use in conversational language classes and a permanent book shelf will be purchased.

Prizes were voted for rooms having the largest paid up membership in P-T.A., and for the room having the most parents present at meetings.

Miss Holt and Miss Guess' rooms were awarded prizes at the Tuesday session.

About 30 members were present for the meeting.

Meeting Is Held By Trinity Church Women

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church met in the church Monday. Mrs. W. T. Hoey and Mrs. Kenneth Smith discussed the preparation of the altar for Holy Communion.

Nineteen members attended. Two guests, Mrs. Lewis Finch and Mrs. P. J. Lehnard, also were present. A business meeting followed at the home of N. B. Larsh.

Paul V. McNutt To Broadcast Address

"Jobs for Veterans" will be the subject of a radio address by Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, over the Mutual network at 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

He will discuss placement and vocational rehabilitation.

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Frank Sinatra Has New Son



Someone new for Frank Sinatra to croon to—his son, Frank Jr., in Mrs. Sinatra's arms in a Jersey City, N. J. hospital the day after birth. (NEA Telephoto.)

Industrial Relations Counselor Is Keeper Of More Than 100,000 Secrets

Mary Jackson is the keeper of 100,000 secrets. As administrative assistant to the head of industrial relations for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, she trains and heads a staff of more than 100 women counselors. Their job is to show 40,000 women factory workers in nine plants how to mix jobs, matrimony, children, housework and family problems without external or internal combustion.

Doing that job they have forever ruined the legend that women cannot keep a secret. For they hear—and keep—the secrets of 40,000 women and don't spill one.

The work these women are doing opens a whole new field of professional service for women after the war, says Mrs. Jackson. "Industry is beginning to realize some things about women workers, which point to large employment of women in peace time. Counseling has been used successfully by department stores for some time. But industry did not turn to it until the war forced widespread employment of women. Then something had to be done to help women solve the many personal problems don't meet at all.

"Often those problems look like little things. But they can play havoc with a woman's efficiency, and so with the efficiency of her department. A housewife, who is used to washing her breakfast dishes any time before noon, finds it hard to adjust herself to rigid routine. She needs to be taught self-discipline and self-control.

"The foreman complains that a certain waitress is always sitting down on the job. Actually she is suffering from fatigue because she is tall and her broom is too short—something which the foreman did not have time to notice.

"A man and his girl friend work facing each other, while his wife's back is turned as another machine. The smile and look which pass between the man and his girl one day while the counselor is on the floor reveal the situation to her. She says nothing to the people concerned. But the foreman soon transfers the girl to another department.

"There are a lot of personal home problems to be considered too. Mrs. Smith is worried because she cannot get time to go to the hairdresser and her husband complains about the appearance of her hair. Mrs. Brown

British soldiers can take courses in 82 subjects, including astronomy, Hindustani, business methods, drama, and banking.

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Sugar: Stamp No. 30, in Book IV, good for five pounds through March 31. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16, Book I, already expired but if unused, may be used in making application to the local board for sugar certificate.

Meats and Fats: Book III, R, S, T and U good through Jan. 29.

Processed Foods: Book IV, green stamps D, E and F expire Jan. 20. Stamps G, H and J expire Feb. 20.

Shoes: Book I, stamp No. 18, and Book III, stamp one with airplane picture, are each valid for one pair indefinitely.

Gasoline: A coupons, three gallons each with No. 9 coupon expiring Jan. 21. In B-2 and C-2 books valid on Dec. 1, the coupons nationally have a value of five gallons each. Other B and C coupons, including B-1 and C-1, still outstanding will retain their two-gallon value. R and T, five gallons each; D one and one-half gallon each; and E, one gallon each.

Coming Events

THURSDAY
The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the courthouse will open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Mrs. Ray Howard will review "Taps For Private Tussie" when the Twentieth Century Club is hostess to the Federated Clubs at 3 p. m. in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel.

FRIDAY
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The Children's Service League will meet in the league rooms at Old Heidelberg Inn at 2 p. m.

The Belmont Bible Class will meet in the Scharbauer Educational Building at the First Methodist Church. Lesson study will be chapter 15, Second Samuel.

SATURDAY
The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will play in the Watson Studio at 9 a. m.

The "Hell from Heaven Swingers" will play for a dance at the Officers Club that begins at 9 p. m.

Fellowship Bidden To Party At Church
Members of Christian Youth Fellowship will be guests of the Rev. John E. Pickering, pastor, in recreation rooms of the Christian Church Friday evening. The party is scheduled for 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock.

Blanket invitation to the party was given at a meeting of the Fellowship Sunday evening. The meeting centered upon "Pills, Test Tubes and Religion." It was arranged by Mary Fern Bray and conducted in the form of a "broadcast" with Dorothy Sue Wright as announcer.

Jack Howell reported on missionary work in the building of a hospital at Agua Caliente, Mexico. Arthur Rounds outlined efforts to improve conditions in the leper colony at Asuncion, Paraguay. Dorothy Lynn Butler told of native nurses' services in the Belgian Congo. Piano selections were played by Betty Pickering.

The subject for next Sunday's meeting is "Father Didn't Do It That Way."

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Phil Rhorer Heads Junior Department Methodist Church

Phil Rhorer was elected president of the Junior Department of the First Methodist Church when the department held its regular meeting Sunday evening. Other officers elected were Peggy Whitson, vice president; Arliss Ann Klebold, secretary; Lois Block, treasurer; Betty Wilson, reporter.

Special scriptures and music were heard on the program and sentence prayers were led by Gene Clement.

Betty Wilson and Peggy Lou Whitson sang "I Would Be True" to close the program.

Sunday School Class Members In Meeting

Winsome Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Brodnax. Five members and the teacher, Mrs. W. H. Measures, attended.

Mrs. Virginia Bishop, president, conducted the business session. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bishop at 2 p. m. Feb. 7.

Hiya, Palestine!



Talent-hungry Hollywood might look to the Middle East, judging by this photo of a comely British WAAF serving there. She's from Palestine.

Arizona was nicknamed the Valentine State because it was admitted to the Union Feb. 14, 1912.

Mrs. J. L. Daugherty Heads Lucky 13 Club

The Lucky 13 Club met in the home of Mrs. W. M. Cole Tuesday afternoon and elected officers. Mrs. J. L. Daugherty was chosen president, Mrs. H. S. Collings secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. J. C. Hudman, reporter.

Committee chairmen were appointed. The Red Cross chairman for the ensuing year will be Mrs. J. T. Walker and the benevolence chairman will be Mrs. Houston Sikes.

Other members attending the meeting were Mrs. S. P. Hall, Mrs. James Shepard, Mrs. B. M. Hays, Mrs. H. S. Cummings, Mrs. J. H. Daugherty, Mrs. J. E. Walker, Mrs. Sikes, Mrs. Ellis Conner and Mrs. Hudman.

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Gideon Planish

by Sinclair Lewis

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THE STORY: Gideon Planish gives up his position as Dean of Kinnikinnick College to accept the editorship of Rural Adult Education. He accepts commercial lecture engagements to augment his salary, which is not always forthcoming.

DR. PLANISH said, "I learned a whole lot more about the writing racket from Bruce Barton than I ever did from Walter Pater."

He proved it in what became the most beloved feature of Rural Adult Education: his witty column called "Cornpone and Popcorn." In this appeared his essay "Mental Elbow Grease," and this little masterpiece was to be more quoted than any other foam from his pen. It began:

"As the Swede fellow says, the saws and chisels in your tool chest won't yump up into your hand. And the books on your shelves aren't going to crawl down and get inside your brain."

This pastecio was reprinted by little treadmill magazines and trade journals all over the country, and from these lifted as a filler by some hundreds of newspapers. Occasionally they even gave credit to Dr. Planish, and he began to receive letters about it addressed to him in care of everything from the Salt Lake City Manna to the Alabama Department of Education.

One of the warmest letters was from the Rev. James Severance Kitto, S. T. D., pastor of the Abner Jones Christian Church of Evanston, Ill., and president of the famous Heskett Rural School Foundation of Chicago.

A. J. Joslin had lunched with Dr. Kitto in Chicago, and reported that he was a learned but hearty fellow, who felt that the Kremlin was plotting against rural church work in Nebraska, Missouri, and portions of Southern Illinois. But this interested Dr. Planish less than Joslin's tip that the paid executives of the Heskett Rural School Foundation—known to all professional good-doers as the H.R.S.F.—weren't cashing in adequately on the large funds of the Foundation. Dr. Kitto had taken Mr. Joslin to the Foundation offices, and they had found no one there except the managing secretary, a spinster named Bernardine Nimrock, and two stenographers, who weren't so much as sending out red and green circulars to supply the far-flung wastebaskets

of our broad land with information about the beauties of rural education.

All this Dr. Planish recalled when there came from Dr. James Severance Kitto the letter praising his essay, and inviting him to accept a National Directorship in the H.R.S.F. and to attend its Annual Midsummer Conference.

Dr. Planish accepted, and had his own Conference, with Peony.

HER father made a dozen trips a year to Chicago, and on the next one he looked up certain things, and wrote to the Doctor: "I went in the Heskett place and got acquainted, and I even took the virtuous Bunny Nimrock, the secy, out to lunch. I didn't know I was so much of a beau, your father-in-law, the little devil, I had her quite flustered."

"I think you ought to let her alone, the poor gal thinks she is doing a good job and getting city folks to take country schools seriously and trying to do a little amateur lobbying with State Legislators, but if you want her job, go to it, she does not look so hot and I imagine you could expand it into a pretty well-paying proposition. I found, as you asked, that the fellow to honey up to, besides Reverend Kitto, is another preacher, Rev. Christian Stern of New York City, a slick politician who is in all the uplift rackets and will certainly be in Chi for the conference."

"I also went out to the North Shore and sponged supper off my cousin Lucy and got to meet Reverend Kitto himself by accident on purpose and what shd we get to talking about but you. Got Kitto so het up he is ready to give you the keys of the city, if you want to go there, I don't know why, personally wd much prefer Fairbault or even Northfield or Winona."

"The Nimrock woman gets only \$2200 but sure that ed be jacked up to \$4500 by the right second-story worker. Don't be too hard on Bunny Nimrock, try and get her a pension, she is OK, likes checkers and cats same as I do."

"Yr. aft father, "W. Jackson."

BEFORE the annual conference of the Heskett Foundation, Dr. Planish had learned everything about it except why it existed at all.

In the business, the term "Foundation" usually means an institution which is entirely supported by a trust fund established by a philanthropist (meaning a man with more money than he can spend on houses and pearls) and which does not solicit donations, but somewhat coldly picks out worthy persons or enterprises to which it does the giving. Occasionally, organizations call themselves Foundations without the benefit of large enough or oily enough trust funds, and send out begging letters like any League or Committee.

But the Heskett Foundation was mixed. It had the trust fund, but it also urged the pious or the guilty of mind to become Sustaining Members at \$100 a year, or even Founding Members, at \$1000 flat.

But more mixed were its accomplishments. Neither Dr. Kitto, the president, nor Dr. Christian Stern, the chairman of the board, got anything more than carfare and glory, and that was all right with Dr. Planish, but he was sorry to find that the Foundation was not more devoted to guaranteeing a worthy living for the managing secretary, who was a regular employee.

The Foundation had been known to give blackboards to a school in Kansas, two motion-picture films to a teachers' college in Dakota, and a collection of Turkish stamps to a Hawaiian institute for pineapple growers, but the pattern for these benefactions seemed to exist only in the head of Miss Bernardine Nimrock.

Well, he said to his wife, Peony, he'd change all that. Under his direction, the Foundation might not make more gifts, but they'd be brighter and a lot more talked-about.

On the hot evening before they set off for Chicago, the Planishes sat late in their flat, the Doctor in saffron pajamas open on his chubby chest, Peony in mules and a wisp of nightgown.

"Aren't you excited, Gidjums?" "Oh, I guess so, but—Same time. We don't always want to go on shifting and changing. I've got pretty fond of Des Moines and the bunch here."

"Big tiny. I know how you feel I want to be settled down, too. But first we got to make New York. You'll be boss of the Boy Scout or the Red Cross or some real big philanthropy in another five ten years, and then we'll get house out in some lovely suburb with elm trees and a stone wall around it. We can't stop now, with that ahead of us, can we? It wouldn't be fair to young Carrie!"

"Maybe not—maybe not." "And wait till you see the new red velvet opera cape I got today! It'll knock Chicago's eyes out!"

(To Be Continued)

YOU TOO CAN TAKE A RAP AT MISTER JAP!!

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Card players throughout the country this year will be holding card parties in their homes, lodge halls, churches and clubs for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Suppose you go down six or seven tricks, as the dealer did on today's hand—what's the difference, so long as the money goes to so good a cause.

None	Q J 9	None	K Q J 10
A 9 8 5 4	A 10 3	7 4 2	8 5
8 3	A K 7 4 2	10 9 5	3 2
	A K 3		10 6 5
			J 6
Duplicate—N-S vs			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♣
3♣	Pass	3♦	Double
3 N.T.	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5♦	Pass
7 N.T.	Double	Pass	Pass
Opening—A-A. 19			

The confusion on this hand was the result of a misunderstanding by North of the convention they were using. They had agreed to play Blackwood, but North was not sufficiently familiar with the bid. When South bid four no trump, North should have responded five clubs showing no aces. But North decided that the void in spades was as good as the spade ace and bid five diamonds showing one ace. Now South, believing that the ace of spades was in the North hand, and that he could practically count 13 tricks from the bidding, jumped to seven no trump.

West cashed the ace of spades, East put on a big one, and as a result, East and West ran off the first six tricks, setting North and South, who were vulnerable, 1700 points. But, as I said, if the money goes to charity, what's the difference?

HOLD EVERYTHING



"Aw, quit worrying about that new international police force!"

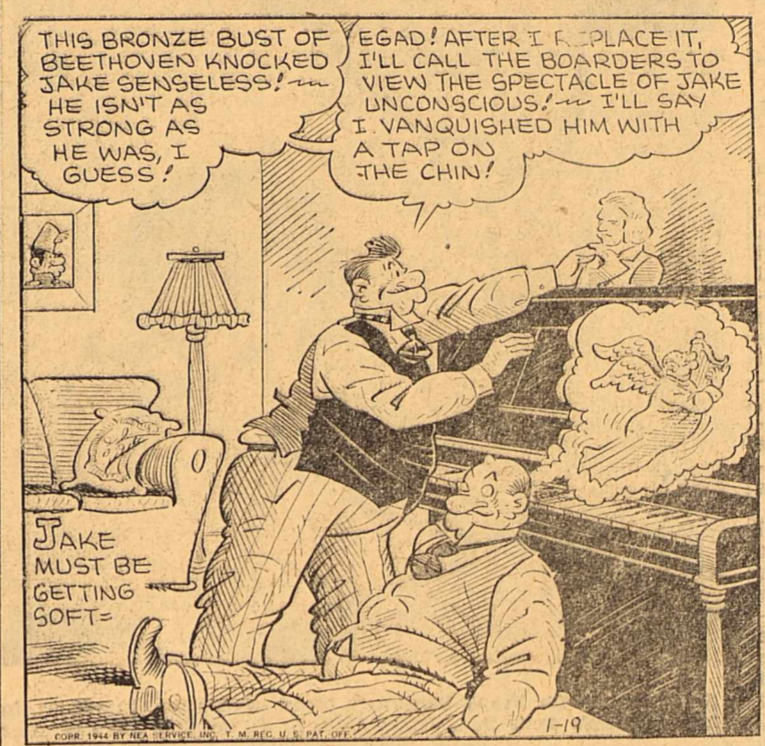
Scientists In Good Neighbor Journey

BERKELEY, CALIF.—(AP)—Furthuring the good neighbor policy by means of interchange of scientific ideas is the purpose of a 20,000 mile trip undertaken by two University of California scientists, Dr. Sumner C. Brooks, professor of Zoology, and his wife, Dr. Matilda M. Brooks, research associate in biology. They will tour the leading university centers of South America.

Letter Writing Class Puts Fun In Tasks

WEST ORANGE, N. J.—(AP)—Letter-writing used to be a monotonous subject for students in West Orange High School, but English Teacher John H. Fuller has discovered how to make it popular. The formula, he says, is to encourage students to write to their friends in the armed forces.

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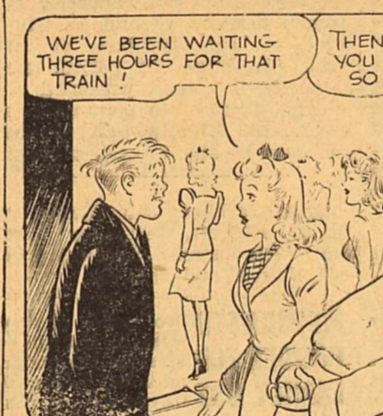
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

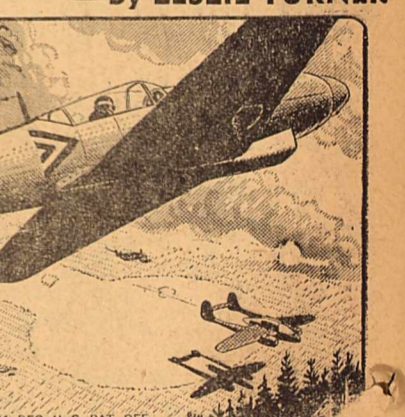
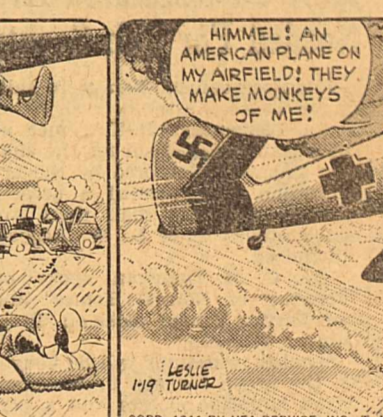
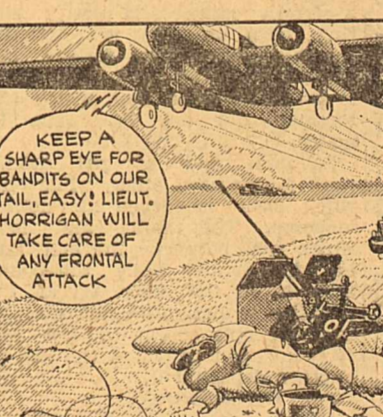
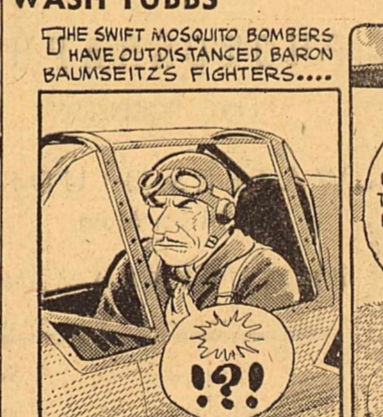


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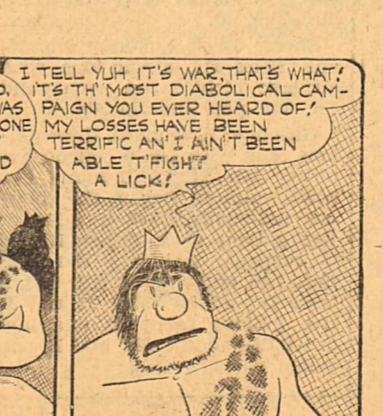
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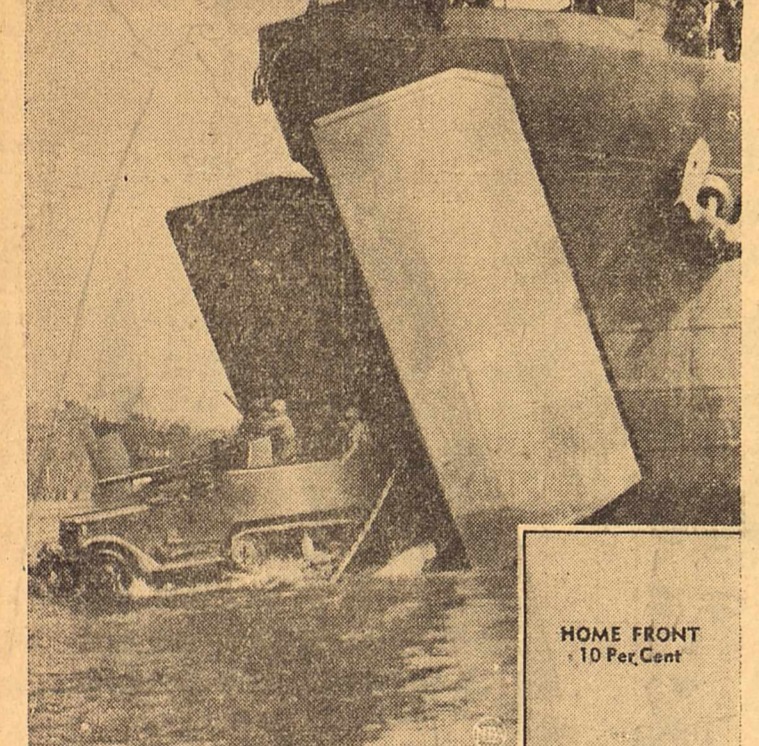
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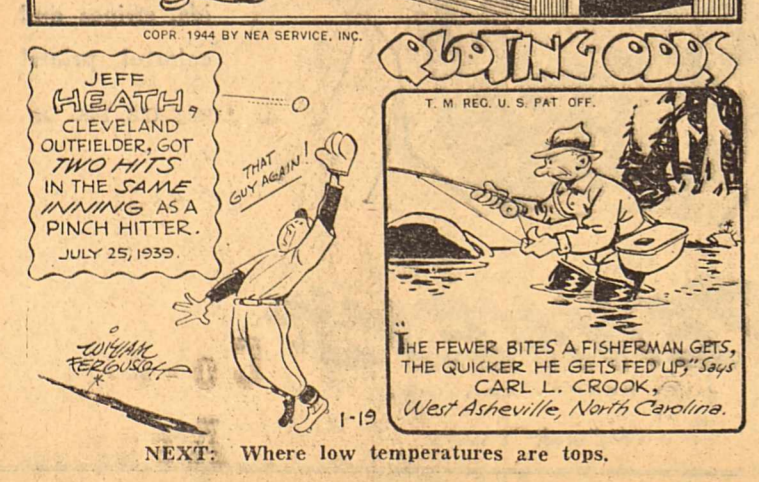
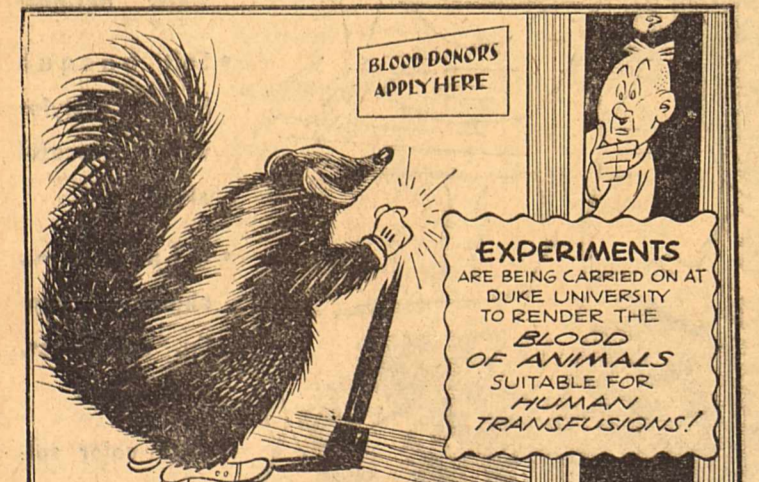


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90 Per Cent of \$99,769,236,900* Budget Is Earmarked for Battle

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

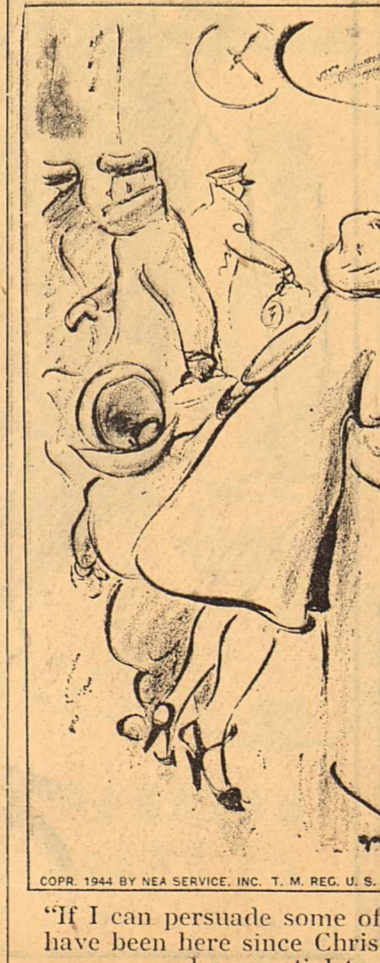


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The Oil Pusher By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

NEW WASSON GAS PLANT TO HANDLE 50,000,000 CFB
Shell Oil Company and Coltex Corporation are reported preparing to construct a second gasoline absorption plant in the Wasson pool of Southeast Yoakum County.

SEMIMOLE PLANT WILL BE 20,000,000 CFB UNIT
Capacity of the new gasoline plant to be erected in the Semimole area of Gaines County by Phillips Petroleum Company will be about 20,000,000 cubic feet daily.

REFINERIES DESIRE MORE BASIN CRUDE
A committee representing Midwestern and Eastern refineries, short of crude, has been in Washington attempting to get approval of a "subsidy" to help pay the extra cost of moving oil from the Atlantic landing rack in Midland to their plants.

ANDERSON TO DESCRIBE LATIN-AMERICAN NATIONS
L. H. Anderson, Midland accountant, who has traveled extensively along the Pacific coast of Central and South America, will describe those Latin-American countries at the semi-monthly meeting of the

Farms for Sale 63
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FOR COUNTY CLERK SUSIE G. NOBLE (Re-election)
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U. S. Bombers Plow Up Rails In North Italy



By LYNN HEINZERLING
U. S. 15TH AIR FORCE BOMBERS based in Italy carried on the campaign to paralyze communications north of Rome by smashing at tree railway lines leading from Florence to the west coast. Tuesday and again met no interference from German planes.

Targets for the bombs of 15th Air Force were reported to be railroad yards at Pisa, Pistoia, Poggibonsi, Pontedera and Certaldo at the airfield at Pistoia.

The objectives were reported to be covered with bomb bursts. Liberators were assigned to the railroad yards at Pisa and returning crewmen said flames were spilling up from several buildings believed to have been warehouses when they left.

Preliminary reports of the Pistoia raid said a locomotive shed was destroyed and rolling stock and repair buildings in the yards were hit. The nearby airfield at Pistoia was hit. Bomb bursts were observed very near an assembly plant at the airfield.

Smash New Airframe
The yards at Poggibonsi, Pontedera and Certaldo were likewise covered with bombs, crewmen said, and warehouses and freight cars near the railroad bridge at Pontedera were reported badly beaten up.

Mitchells of the 12th Air Force joined in the attack on German communications with a raid against a viaduct and rail targets at Terni. Hits were scored on the Terni railroad yards.

P-40 Warhawks meanwhile made it difficult for the Germans in Yugoslavia with attacks on shipping and railroads.

A photo interpreter said Wednesday pictures taken after Sunday's raid on the Messerschmitt plant at Klagenfurt in Southern Austria showed ten direct hits in the factory area.

The first airplane fatality occurred on September 1938, at Fort Myer, Virginia, when Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge crashed with his plane while testing Orville Wright's planes for the Army.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(P)—Looks as if round two of that battle of the minor league convention would be a baseball's post-war planning committee meets next month.

Judge W. G. Bramham, the minor league boss, didn't spare anyone's feelings in his "suggestions"—least of all the chain operators.

And as the first reply, President Shag Shaughnessy of the International League pointed out that local ownership of minor league clubs may be the ideal situation, but only such smart baseball men as Earl Mann, Mike Kelley, Jack Dunn and Charley Graham have made it work.

The chain system has its faults, but it does provide the best "baseball brains" for the little clubs.

Brakes Needed?

Another Bramham warning is against "irresponsible" promotion which might lead to starting a lot of ball clubs which wouldn't last.

That may be just another way of saying that the National Association's promotion setup is good enough to do the job without major league interference.

Of course, the first job will be to get the leagues going again to take care of players returning from the war, but there's also the little task of promoting interest in baseball in general, and that's where the majors should, and do, take the lead.

Unanswered Question

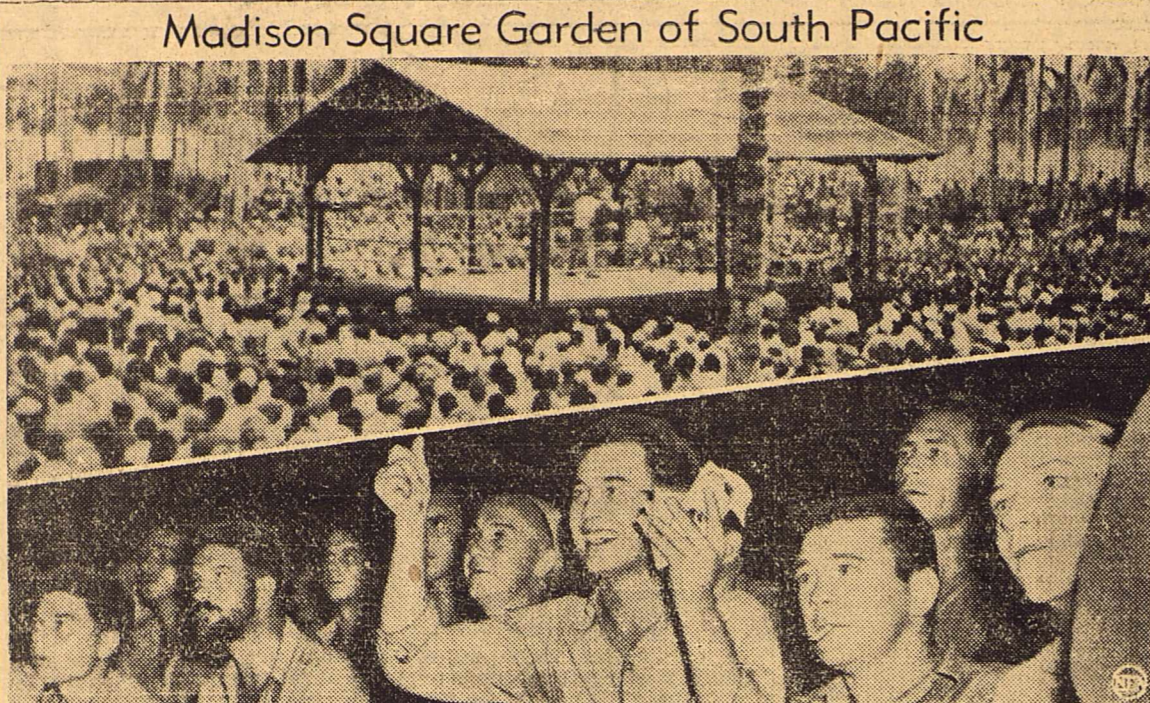
An airline points out that after the war it will be able to provide overnight transportation from the major league cities to Los Angeles and San Francisco, in case the circuits want to spread out to the West Coast.

Does that mean baseball will be a fly by night business?

BASKETBALL COMING BACK TO WEST TEXAS COLLEGE

CANYON, TEXAS—(P)—Basketball is coming back to West Texas State College, which formerly boasted one of the tallest teams in the world.

D. A. Shirley, member of the college's athletic council, said the college would have a team on the floor in 1944. Shirley said efforts also would be made to bring back football.



Some 7500 service men and natives crowd about outdoor ring somewhere in South Pacific to watch Reveille—the dog that wormed her way into the hearts of thousands to become a symbol of fighting spirit.

Taps To Sound For Reveille, Mascot Of Texas Aggie Teams

COLLEGE STATION—(P)—Aggieband says goodbye Wednesday to Reveille—the dog that wormed her way into the hearts of thousands to become a symbol of fighting spirit.

The little black and white mascot of Texas A. and M., termed "more than an animal; she is a tradition" by President F. C. Bolton, died of old age Tuesday in the veterinary hospital.

The Aggie band will play "The Spirit of Aggieland" and "Silver Taps" Wednesday afternoon when they bury her in the center of Kyle Field, where the dog loved to cavort during half-time drills at football games.

Reveille's collar will be placed in a case and a plaque will be affixed to the entrance of the stadium.

Not long ago the cadets contributed funds to have her portrait done in oil.

Basketball Scores

Rice 52, Ellington Field Officers 44.

Willie Hoppe Ahead In Billiard Contest

DETROIT—(P)—The cross-country three-cushion billiards match between Willie Hoppe, world's champion from New York, and Walker Cochran of San Francisco, went into its third day here Wednesday with Hoppe holding a 122-point lead in the 2,150-point match.

Midland High B Team Defeats Junior High

Midland High School's B team defeated Junior High School 35 to 13 in a basketball game Tuesday afternoon.

LeRoy Hall with eight points was high scorer for the B team. Wilbur Yeager got six points.

Martin Morren scored 11 of the Junior High points.

Marshall Outclasses Bolden In 10 Rounds

CLEVELAND—(P)—Lloyd Marshall believes there's no place like home—especially when you're fighting.

The Californian returned to his native Cleveland Tuesday night to point out an easy 10-round decision over Nate Bolden of Chicago in what Matchmaker Larry Atkins billed as a duration light heavyweight title bout.

The win was Lloyd's fourth in five Cleveland appearances and it earned him a March engagement with Joliet Jake Lamotta, the roughhousing Bronx middleweight.

Odessa Is President Of Cattlemen's Group

Hence Barrow of Odessa was named president of the Cattlemen's Protective Association at its meeting in Odessa recently. Other officials chosen for the ensuing year are E. H. Barron of Midland, secretary and treasurer, and Aldredge Estes, also of Midland, inspector.

Directors are H. G. Bedford, Midland; Eliseon Tom, Andrews; M. A. Thornberry, Andrews; Sam Huh, Odessa; George Glass, Midland; A. G. Bohannon, Midland; George Rathiff, Midland; J. E. Parker, Odessa; John M. Gist, Midland; Arnold Scharbauer, Midland; Judge A. H. Denison, Odessa, and Judge Charley Roberts of Andrews.

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One-Man Air Force Whips 30 Planes During Sky Battle As 'Just My Duty'

LONDON—(P)—Maj. James H. Howard of St. Louis, a former "Flying Tiger" who outfought 30 Nazi fighters in a flaming half-hour over Ochesersleben last Tuesday to protect a formation of Flying Fortresses, was hailed by his Mustang pilot-mates Wednesday as a "one-man air force," but he merely said facetiously, "I just seen what looked like my duty and I done it."

The 30-year-old, six-foot-four

U. S. Returns

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chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, said the military draft and the lure of higher wages in war industry are thinning personnel ranks to dangerous levels.

Warnings of Trouble

"If something isn't done to relieve this situation," the Montana said, "we are in for serious trouble."

Meanwhile, Wheeler and Senator Reed (R-Kas) are awaiting War Food Administration action on their request for rescission of an order diverting 200 box cars daily to Canada for moving Canadian wheat feed into this country.

Reed said WFA Administrator Marvin Jones "has indicated that the order will be vacated and the railroads left to work it out themselves."

If this isn't done, Reed said, he and Wheeler will introduce a resolution "to require that the order be vacated."

Labor Draft

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mand labor conscription. Be not deceived, No boy in the slime and mud of the jungle wants his father, his mother or his sister kicked around like dogs by bungling Washington bureaucrats.

Settlement of the railroad wage dispute and restoration of the lines to private operation did national service no good in the House. Two influential representatives said that only a major strike disrupting war production at a time when battle casualties were mounting could change sentiment there.

Stimson advocated national service long before Roosevelt made it a keystone of his new legislative program.

The plan would require registration of civilian men and women for possible assignment to war jobs, at prevailing rates of pay, in places where volunteer labor forces proved insufficient.

Capt. Blackwell Addresses Lions

Capt. Lynn D. Blackwell discussed his experiences in China while with the Flying Tigers under General Chennault, in an address to the Midland Lions Club Wednesday noon.

He now is stationed at the Midland Army Air Field.

Many interesting experiences on the China war front were related by the speaker. Frank Stubbenan presided at the meeting and Mrs. De Lo Douglas sang two selections. Frank Monroe was program chairman.

Jap Radio Safest Place To Be Shot

BARAKOMA AIRBASE, Vena Lavella (AP)—A group of American fighter pilots was seated in their tent listening to a radio tuned to the Tokyo propaganda station. These broadcasts intersperse, between their exorbitant claims of victory, good selections of American swing and jazz.

Presently the music stopped and the propagandist announced the Americans had lost 26 fighter planes over Rabaul the previous day. By actual count U. S. losses had been three planes.

Said Navy Ensign Sydney Trueman of Birmingham, Ala., a Hellcat pilot: "If I ever get shot down in flames I hope it happens over the Jap radio."

Perilous Pinball

SPOKANE, WASH.—(P)—When her husband operating a pinball machine won \$4, a soldier's wife tried her luck, hit the jackpot and faint. She was revived at emer-

Kingfish Cohorts And 'Ins' Share Election Victory

NEW ORLEANS—(P)—Slowly mounting returns in Louisiana's Democratic primary election—in which nomination by the party is tantamount to election—indicated Wednesday the faction of the late "Kingfish" Huey P. Long, if not in the saddle, has a good chance to be in the saddlebags on one side of the steed of state henceforth.

A grand swell of returns from the bayous, rice fields, cotton plantations and upstart industrial cities would tell the story.

The "ins" of Gov. Sam Houston Jones, who was not averse to dealing out some tart words of criticism to the Democratic party nationally, seemed likely to have in Jimmie E. Davis, the leading candidate for governor, if the country vote followed its early and expected trend. But it seemed likely the "outs" of the faction headed by the New Orleans mayor, Robert S. Maestri, Earl K. Long (brother of the "Kingfish") and the party's national committeeman, James A. Noe, would have some better seats in the 1944-48 show.

Davis, public service commissioner and singing movie actor in his spare time, despite the early lead given by the veteran Lewis L. Morgan, the Maestri-Long-Noe candidate for governor, was encouraged by the small advantage Morgan gained in the metropolitan area of New Orleans. His headquarters felt certain the trend in the country in Davis' favor would make him top man.

But Long, who seems to wait on his way to be top man for lieutenant governor and the "old regular," Joe T. Cawthorn, held an early lead in both city and country.

There is a law in Louisiana which provides there shall be no runoff primary for other state offices if there is none for governor. If one gubernatorial candidate has a clear majority or if the second man in the race for the governor's seat should withdraw, the men who have simple pluralities down the state ticket win the nomination automatically.

Four Term 'Draft' Launched By Olson

WASHINGTON—(P)—An unofficial fourth term "draft" movement was started here Wednesday by Culbert L. Olson, former governor of California, with a prediction that his state's convention delegates will vote solidly on the first ballot for renomination of President Roosevelt.

Olson, here to attend a meeting of the Democratic National Committee, told a reporter there is "no doubt" that California Democrats will unite behind a slate of delegates pledged to support President Roosevelt and Vice President Wallace.

Three Airmen Die In Bomber Wreck

SHREVEPORT—(P)—Three fliers were killed and another seriously injured in the crash of a B-26 bomber in a wooded section north of Shreveport.

The fliers were identified by the Barksdale Field Base commander as Second Lt. J. T. Rodgers, 23, of Lubbock; Sgt. James L. Lentz, Detroit, Mich.; and Second Lt. Richard H. Clendenin, 21, Springfield, Ill.

The bomber was en route to a mission in Germany.

Land-Lease Exports To Reds Set Record

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Soviet Union received \$338,000,000 in land-lease exports from the United States during November, greater than any previous month's shipments.

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A marriage license has been issued at the county clerk's office to William Frank Roberts and Mrs. Vera Ellis.

By law, motorists drive on the left side of the street in England and Sweden.

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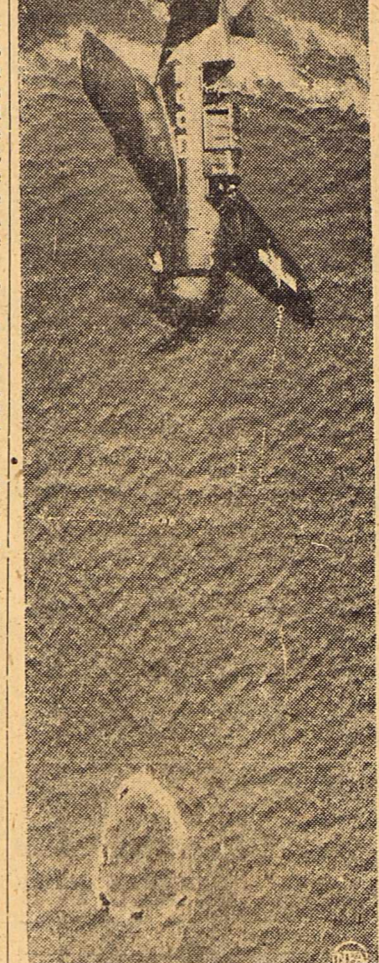
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Hell-diving



(U. S. Navy Photo From NEA)

Here's an idea of what Japs at Rabaul saw when 23 of the Navy's new Curtiss "Helldivers" screamed through some 80 Zeros and heavy flak barrage to leave Rabaul harbor an inferno of smashed ships. In photo above, landing barges circle as dive bomber roars down on "enemy shore."

Top-Ace Texan Killed As Plane Crashes In Italy

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(P)—Wing Commander Lance C. Wade of Texas, American ace of the RAF, who had the highest score of any fighter pilot in the Mediterranean theater—25 enemy planes destroyed—crashed to his death Jan. 12 in Italy, it was announced Wednesday.

The 27-year-old veteran of three years of combat flying and resident of Reklaw, Texas, met death when a small communications plane he was flying spun to the ground many miles behind the front. The cause of the accident was not known.

He was regarded by many as this war's greatest fighter pilot.

He was a native of Broadus, San Augustine County, Texas. In 1921 his family moved to Reklaw, Cherokee County, Texas, where he was reared. Before going to England in May, 1941, he studied aviation at Tucson, Ariz.

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NEW YORK—(P)—The sedate Metropolitan Opera House blew its top, from cellar to chandelier, it rocked to the red hot rhythms of barrelhouse, boogie-woogie and the blues.

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The lowdown music was beat out by trumpeter Louis Armstrong, sax-playing Coleman Hawkins, Jack Teagarden and his slip horn, and a dozen more jive-minded musicians selected in an Esquire magazine poll as the top jazz artists of 1944.

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