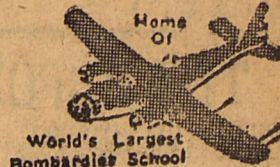




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GERMAN DEFENSES CRUMBLE

Japs Hint American Invasion

By MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

Invasion winds blew around pivotal Japanese bases in the Central Pacific Tuesday, fanned by the thundering assaults of and the guns of probably Army and Navy bombers the greatest American task force ever sent against the Japanese.

Tokyo tossed out several hints that American troops already have landed in the Marshalls atwart Japan's first line of defensive bases. One broadcast declared "it has been made clear to us that the enemy has taken a new offensive operation against our Marshall Islands group."

But strict radio silence dictated by security reasons blanketed the movements of the mighty naval forces, including battleships and aircraft carriers, which bombarded the Marshalls from the air and from the sea over the weekend.

Navy Reports Seaplane Raid
The Navy made no mention of any such invasion operation as such in announcements, telling of a seaplane raid Sunday night on Wake Island, 700 miles north of the heavily fortified Marshalls, together with earlier Army Seventh Air Force attacks on principal bases in the mid-Pacific island chain.

The strike at Wake, delivered by two squadrons of Coronado seaplanes, was described as "a strong, smashing attack at Pearl Harbor as undoubtedly timed to knock out the enemy airfield and prevent either Japanese air reinforcements for the Marshalls or counterblows against U. S. naval units."

Land-based Army bombers, in the 25th day of the aerial offensive to soften up the Marshalls, smashed at Kwa Alein, Mill, Maloelap, Wotje and Jaluit atolls Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

The pattern of attack suggested the strategy used in the successful campaign which wrested the Gilbert Islands from the Japanese in a bloody fighting last November. There, too, a series of air raids was conducted by close-to-shore naval shelling and more aerial bombardment to clear the way for assault troops.

Americans Are On Schedule
Vice Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, commander of the South Pacific Air Force assigned to pound at the shattered enemy stronghold, told interviewers at an advanced air base that the Japanese will attempt to withdraw key personnel and vital equipment when the cost of defending Rabaul became too high.

"I can't say when it will be knocked out," he commented, "but we're on schedule."
Allied bombers sank two 2500-ton Japanese freighters and 750-ton cargo ship at Hensa Bay on the northeast coast of New Guinea. To the south, Australian troops pushed to within 30 miles of American forces who landed at Saitor Jan. 2 in a move menacing the big Japanese base at Madang.

Quake Destroys Turkish Town

ANKARA, TURKEY — (AP) — A powerful earthquake destroyed the Turkish town of Gerede, 180 miles east of Istanbul, killing and injuring many of its 25,000 inhabitants Tuesday.

The tremors lasted 50 seconds and were felt throughout Turkey. Gerede, in Northern Turkey, is some 60 miles from the Black Sea.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Allies reach Campoleone and outskirts of Cisterna.
RUSSIA—Reds within eight miles of Estonia.
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Seaplanes raid Wake. Japan hints Americans are invading Marshalls.

These Are Americans of Corregidor



These are some of the Americans of Corregidor. They yielded to Japan's superior forces in what they thought was honorable surrender. They are being marched off to captivity. But many of them died on the way, and more died in prison camp, victims of the Japs' inhuman treatment, whose revelation through the U. S. Army and Navy report shocked the nation.

Mayor Proclaims Social Hygiene Day

Whereas civilian and military health and welfare agencies of this nation, state and community are cooperating with the American Social Hygiene Association in the observance of National Social Hygiene Day, February 2, 1944, and

Whereas the object of local participation in this nation-wide event is to promote the social welfare and to protect soldiers, sailors, war workers and youth in general from the venereal diseases, and

Whereas, especial attention is directed to the maintenance of good moral conditions in the vicinity of Army camps and Naval stations and in reducing the hazard of venereal disease infection.

Now, Therefore, I, A. N. Hendrickson, mayor of the City of Midland, Texas, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 2, 1944, as Social Hygiene Day and do hereby urge all people to unite with responsible leaders in the campaign against venereal disease in observing this Day and thus aiding the Nation's war effort by reducing loss in man-power and waste in production.

A. N. Hendrickson, Mayor.

Leslie Wood Is Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood Tuesday morning received word from the War Department that their son, Leslie Wood, 20, of Midland, a technician fifth class in the Army Tank Corps, was killed in action in Italy. A message Monday had informed them that their son was "missing in action."

Wood's widow, a resident of Dallas, and a sister, Miss Betty Lou, of Midland, also survive.

He left Midland High School early in 1942 to enlist in the Army and he went overseas in May, 1943.

Sgt. James W. Brown Is Killed In Action
Mrs. H. A. Brown of Stanton was informed by the War Department late Monday of the death of her son, Sgt. James W. Brown. He was killed in action Jan. 22 in the South Pacific during the Arawe invasion.

FILM COMEDIAN'S WIFE FILES FORCIBLE SUIT
LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Charging cruelty, Mrs. Betty Mae Ritz filed a divorce suit Monday against Harry Ritz of the Ritz brothers, film comedy trio.

Thousands Of Americans Face Japanese Atrocities

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Repeated failure of diplomatic efforts by this government to curb Japanese atrocities apparently has left the thousands of Americans still in enemy hands with scant hope of better treatment.

The only hope still held by some military leaders and government experts on Japanese psychology is that the Tokyo militarists soon will see the handwriting on the wall.

To make it plainer that the day of reckoning is not too far distant, Senator Chavez, (D-NM) demanded that the war in the Pacific be stepped up immediately.

The failure of diplomatic efforts, such as civilized nations usually employ in wartime, to influence the Japanese was disclosed by the State Department with publication of a detailed list of 30 protests, warnings and demands forwarded to the Tokyo government, through Switzerland, over the last two years.

Protests Are Cited
Covering misdeeds ranging from petty graft to torture, these in general accused the Japanese of failure either to abide by international agreements for the treatment of captives or to observe "the international common law of decency." Three protests particularly were cited by the department. They were based on the Philippine atrocities, the execution of fliers in the Tokyo air raid, and reports made by the reparations who returned to this country on the Gripsholm's first exchange trip.

The department's action in publishing the record was in line with the American government's new policy of giving out information on Japanese atrocities. It emphasizes the reason generally given for adoption of this policy—that the lot of prisoners is beyond hope of improvement.

Poll Taxes Here Set New Record
Midland County now has more eligible voters than at any time in its history, as poll tax receipts soared to approximately 3,770, a new record for the county.

Stacks of letters remain to be opened at the county tax assessor's office and the total may go even higher, officials said. Monday, the final day for payment of poll taxes, 640 citizens visited the office.

Russell B. Davis Killed In Action
Staff Sgt. Russell B. Davis, 32, of Midland, an aerial gunner, was killed in action in the Marshall Islands area, the War Department has notified his widow who now resides in Houston.

His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, also reside in Houston.

Rainfall Totals 2 Of Inch Here
A light rain brought 2 of an inch of precipitation to the Midland area Tuesday, bringing relief to pastures and farm lands.

New Draft Rule Now In Effect

WASHINGTON — (AP) — New and more rigid draft deferment and reclassification rule went into effect Tuesday with about 2 1/2 million men remaining in dependency groups as selective service boards aimed for the goal of a 600,000-man induction for the first two months of 1944.

Officials estimated that in December and January, a total of 2,000,000 men who had been deferred because of family obligations were reclassified from 3A, nearly all of whom were prewar fathers.

Figures for December show that: 50,000 fathers were inducted; 50,000 fathers were put in 4-F (physically or mentally unfit); 631,000 fathers were given occupational deferments, and 11,500 fathers were deferred as "hardship" cases.

New Provisions
There was no information available, however, as to how many of the 2,000,000 reclassified from 3-A were put into 1-A or went into uniform.

The new regulations provide: 1. No registrant shall be inducted until he has passed a thorough physical examination by Army-Navy doctors at least 21 days previously. Prior to the ordering of pre-induction physicals by Congress, examinations were given at induction.

2. Registrants from 18 through 21 no longer will be granted occupational deferments unless they are engaged in farming or a state selective service director certifies that a potential inductee is necessary in industry.

3. Expect Heavy Increase Soon
Officials expressed belief that one result of the new regulations will be a lag in inductions in the early part of this month and a heavy increase toward the end.

In a comment upon the expected general denial of deferment to youths under 22, with the exception of farm workers, Selective Service said:

"The new policy is in line with the apparent general sentiment that men under 22 years of age belong in the military forces rather than in civilian activities even when the occupations are manifestly essential to the war effort."

7,600-Foot Test Will Be Drilled In Mascho Area

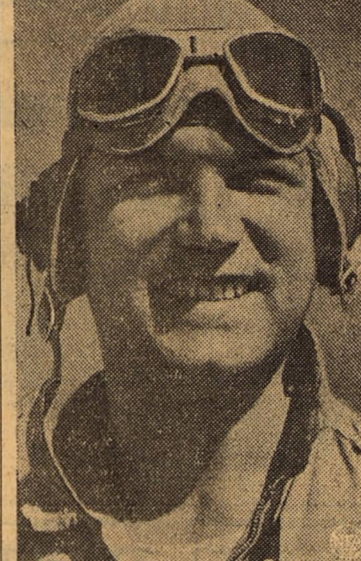
By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor
Neville G. Penrose, Inc., and others No. 1 J. E. Parker will be a 7,600-foot prospect through the Fullerton zone of the Permian lime in the Mascho area of South-Central Andrews County.

Location for the project will be 2,640 feet from the west line and 152 feet from the south line of J. Harbellis survey, section 111, block P, a long narrow survey between block 10, University survey, and block A-42, psi.

Drilling is scheduled to start Feb. 7. The operators propose to drill through, and case off the regular pay section in the Mascho, the San Andres zone of the Permian, which appears around 4,300 feet and 4,600 feet, and drill through the Holt, expected at about 5,700 feet, and the Fullerton, which should be encountered at about 7,000 feet.

9 Miles From Deeper Oil
The proposed depth of 7,600 feet should go through the Fullerton. Nearest lower Permian production to the Penrose location is in Skelly Oil Company No. 1-K University, in section 28, block 9, University survey, about nine miles southeast, which was completed for 177 barrels per day from 5,500 feet, after drilling to 7,500 feet, and plugging back, when it failed to get oil in the lower horizon.

SOPAC's Ace



Downing a Jap over Rabaul to bring his tally to 18 enemy planes, 1st Lieut. Robert M. Hanson, USMC, above, became the leading ace of the South Pacific war theater. Born in India, the 23-year-old flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson, Methodist missionaries who live in Newtonville, Mass.

War Bond Sales Hit New High Mark In City

War Bond purchases and allotments by individuals and business concerns here Monday totaled \$181,843.75, the largest single day sales in the Fourth War Loan campaign.

The amount swelled the total for the month of January to \$527,901.50, leaving \$702,098.50 worth of War Bonds yet to be sold by Feb. 15 if Midland's quota of \$1,330,000 is reached.

News releases telling of the savage atrocities committed by the Japs against American and Filipino soldiers after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor apparently were responsible for the record sales Monday.

Oil Companies Buy Bonds
Sales must average \$58,508.20 each business day during the remainder of the drive.

The Seaboard Oil Company Monday allotted the purchase of \$22,500 worth of bonds to Midland County. The Skelly Oil Company allotted \$7,000 to Midland, and employees of the Humble Oil and Refining Company purchased additional bonds totalling \$1,856.25.

C. L. Klapproth, chairman, said. A number of other large purchases were reported.

Of the total sales for January, \$146,221.95 were for Series E War Bonds. The Series E quota is \$385,000.

Crooners Fail To Obtain Automobile

LAWTON, OKLA. — (AP) — Mrs. Walter Lattimore's ad said she'd sell her sedan for a song "if you have a voice like Sinatra's."

Throughout a day of telephone auditions by crooning buyers including one with a sore throat who played a phonograph, Mrs. Lattimore swooned not once.

Allied Troops Burst Forward In Offensive From Italy Beachhead

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Allied troops bursting forward in a big offensive from their invasion beachhead have struck to the outskirts of Campoleone, only 16 miles southeast of Rome, and also to the edge of Cisterna, communications town on the Apennine Way 14 miles northeast of Anzio, headquarters announced Tuesday.

Campoleone is 15 miles above the invasion port of Anzio. American troops attacking on the main front north of Cassino have hammered out new gains, meanwhile, and seized 250 prisoners.

A field dispatch said German defenses in the corridor above Cassino were being ground to crumble.

U. S. units striking northeast of Anzio have reached within half a mile of Cisterna, a key rail and road junction and large air base. They found the Germans well dug in on the border of the city, and resisting strongly.

British forces pushing northward carried ahead in a coordinated assault to the edge of Campoleone. The twin attacks were the first big offensive since the landings.

An Allied officer said the Nazis brought troops from the area north of Rome to meet the Allied blows. But the Navy said that Allied landings of reinforcements and supplies were proceeding on schedule, under favorable conditions.

American heavy bombers reached clear into Austria seeking to destroy German air strength, pounding the air base at Klagenfurt. The four-engine bombers also smashed at fields at Aviano and Udine in Northern Italy.

A field dispatch dated Monday from Associated Press Correspondent Hal Boyle said the Americans of the Fifth Army who drove a wedge into the Nazis' Gustav Line were pursuing "the retreating Nazis through the hills north of Cassino Monday as the entire enemy defenses in this key corridor to Rome began to crumble."

Nazis Have Supply Problem
The nature of extensive and powerful enemy fortifications was disclosed with capture of numerous German troops, including officers, Boyle added.

Some prisoners complained they had been in the line two days without food, indicating that air attacks on German communication lines were giving the Nazis "a major supply problem," Boyle said.

Patrols said the town of Cassino (Continued on Page 6)

General Predicts Bitter Battles

BATON ROUGE — (AP) — Major Gen. Troy H. Middleton, commanding officer of the 45th Infantry Division which participated in the Sicilian invasion, said here Tuesday the United States will have to finish the European war "before we can go into Asia."

The winner of the Legion of Merit, General Middleton, who is home on leave, added that the Germans "still have plenty of fight in them. They are a people who have a great tenacity of purpose and those who think they are near yielding are, I think, wrong. In my opinion, we have just begun to fight."

Capt. J. H. Goodman Resigns From Guard
Capt. James H. Goodman Tuesday announced he had resigned from the Texas State Guard, which he has served since the Midland unit was organized. He helped organize the company here and served as its commanding officer.

No action has been taken on the resignation which was sent to the Adjutant General's Department in Austin.

Goodman, an attorney, also is state representative from this district.

"Governmental duties and personal business," Goodman said, "keep me out of the city a great deal and I have not been able to devote the proper time to guard duties."

Gandhi's Wife Is Seriously Ill
BOMBAY — (AP) — Mrs. Mohandis K. Gandhi, wife of the Indian Nationalist leader, had another and severe heart attack Monday and her condition is very weak, an official bulletin said Tuesday. She has been ailing for months.

War Bulletins

MOSCOW — (AP) — The fall of Kingisepp, eight miles from Estonia and last eastern outpost of German defenses to the Baltic, was expected any hour Tuesday as the Red Army fought from house to house.

LONDON — (AP) — The Vichy Radio Tuesday urged the civil population of the Mediterranean Coast of France to leave without delay for reception areas prepared for them. The radio said the evacuees were not authorized to go to cities of more than 20,000 population.

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Tokyo radio said Tuesday that Hans Von Moltke, "the German ambassador to Spain," had "assured Spanish Foreign Minister Count Jordona on the 29th that Germany is ready to supply the necessary materials to Spain in case the anti-Axis countries embargo those materials to Spain."

LONDON — (AP) — The German radio said Tuesday that U-boats in January sank 17 Allied merchantmen totaling 120,000 tons, 23 destroyers, two submarines and three landing boats.

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He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.—I John 4:8.

Soldiers And Politics

One of the most remarkable contributions to congressional thought on the subject of votes for soldiers has been that offered by Rep. Frances P. Bolton, an Ohio Republican. And when we single Mrs. Bolton out for special mention, it is with the full knowledge that she gained this distinction over some pretty strange and wonderful debate that this subject has already produced on Capitol Hill.

The Cleveland congresswoman has said that she "favors the principle of a vote for soldiers." But the difficulties she discovers in its practical application seem to leave her in a what's-the-use frame of mind.

As a proof of the futility of it all, she puts forth two arguments:

First, she says, "the information given them (service men and women) is not such that would make for an informed vote." This she explained with the statement that "overseas newspapers, Stars and Stripes and Yank, are put out by the administration."

Then, as a clincher, she adds that "of my two sons in service, one is not interested in voting and the other could not be reached for his opinion."

If overseas service papers are run by the administration, then so is the Army. For these two excellent publications are edited, staffed and managed by Army men. Their editorial policy is Army policy. True, their pages are not filled with stories of inter- and intra-departmental strife in Washington. But on the other hand they are not biased in favor of the administration's domestic policies. They are periodicals for soldiers, filled with the stuff that soldiers want to read.

As for the implication that the Army is a political offshoot of the administration, it might be noted that congressional efforts to prove that, proved a dull and dismal flop.

Mrs. Bolton's point that one of her sons is "not interested in voting" seems more of a sad commentary upon the civic education of the son of a political household than anything else. It is doubtful that his attitude is typical of the millions of voting-age men and women in service.

There are numerous practical problems to be solved in the soldier vote question, but they will not be solved by the negative, partisan attitude implicit in Mrs. Bolton's statements. The question must be settled by fair, intelligent, nonpartisan statesmanship.

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Freedom Without Trimmings

The wish that seems to be expressed most often by American service men throughout the world is that after this war they want to come home to the same kind of a country they left. They don't want a streamlined, regimented society. Before the war there was freedom, and this is what our men hope, above everything else, to find when they return.

At present the feeling that freedom is in deadly peril hangs heavy over the land. Seldom, if ever, in the history of the country, have the people talked so much of freedom, while never has their freedom been restricted. Today the energies of every thinking person are devoted to preserving liberty.

The president of a leading oil company recently voiced the thought of many people when he said: "It is important to remember that the oil industry, like all American business, has been able to accomplish the extraordinary war job, because, in time of peace, the companies were competing with each other to make better products by better methods. Spurred on by this competition, the skill of the American worker and the ability of American business management combine to make this country the industrial leader of the world. What this means to us today, in war, is dramatically demonstrated by the fact that three years ago the United States was the weakest in armament among the great nations, and now has become the strongest in armament. With this kind of support, our military forces and those of our Allies are now moving steadily toward victory."

Competition depends on freedom, just as does the privilege of attending the church of our choice. Yes, plain, unadorned freedom is our most precious possession.

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McNutt's Post-War Program

War Manpower Commissioner, Federal Security Administrator, Ex-Governor General of the Philippines, Ex-Governor of Indiana Paul V. McNutt has started making speeches again. In a 10-day period he has delivered himself a six major orations, including three in one day.

In Chicago a year and more ago this wouldn't have been news, for he has never been one to decline to make a speech at any time any place anyone would gather a crowd. But when the President named McNutt boss of manpower in December, 1942, the governor took the pledge, buttoned up his lips and started being the strong silent type. In all of 1943 he didn't make more than half a dozen speeches which is probably his lifetime record in taciturnity.

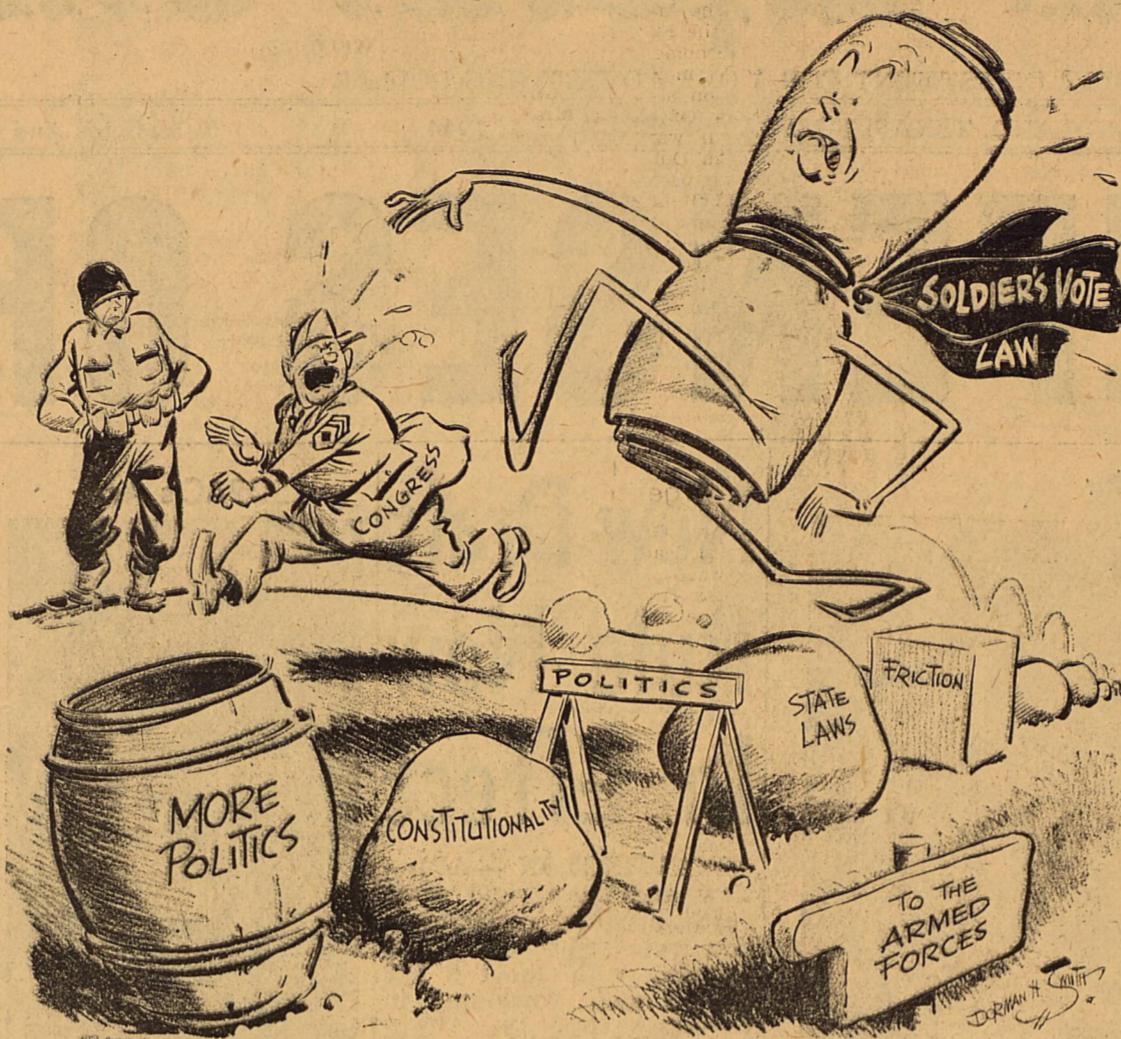
With the turn of the year, however, the governor turned over to his old leaf, and is now back in form as an after-dinner-or-breakfast-or-lunch spellbinder, making things seem much more natural. Maybe the word has got around that there's going to be an election this year.

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Relatives are people who wonder how you manage to be so well off.

Busy men have too much on their hands to be handling people with gloves.

If He Gets Through This Training — He's In



THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

With Germany undergoing a tornado of bombing from the West, and her thousand-mile battle line in Russia being ripped and smashed back by the Reds, the question naturally arises as to just how much resistance the patently gloomy Fuehrer still has up his sleeve.

This takes on particular significance in view of the great assault we are now in process of carrying out against the Marshall Islands, since that is merely a preliminary to the all-out offensive which must await the surrender of Hitler. Thus his strength is the key to the global war.

Hitler's defensive strength still is great. His offensive strength, however, no longer is sufficient for him to seize the initiative from the Allies in any big scale operation the way things now stand.

Allied strength is mounting by leaps and bounds, while German striking-power is going down rapidly. We shan't know Hitler's exact strength until we get an army of invasion ashore in Western Europe and put him under pressure from two sides. That's the only gauge by which we can measure his power. So long as France is uninvaded, the conflict might continue indefinitely.

Even after the German armies have been driven back to the defenses of their own frontier, they might hold out for a considerable time. Desperation gives added strength. Leningrad, with its vast population of 3,000,000 hung on for 17 months while completely surrounded by the boche and staggering from hunger.

So Hitler's fortress might produce fireworks. However, the comparison with Leningrad isn't exact, for the final attack on the Reich will be spearheaded by the greatest fleet of warplanes ever assembled. Thus the Nazis will be beset from without and from within. Hitler will be entirely dependant on reserve resources in his own cupboard.

ARTIST DIES
LONDON—(P)—Thomas Falcon, 71, well-known landscape painter, died Tuesday.

BONILLAS DIES
NOGALES, ARIZ.—(P)—Mexico's ambassador to the United States in World War I, Ignacio Bonillas, died here Monday on the eve of his 86th birthday.

Paintings Removed
Most of its fragile pieces had been stored in deep subcellars, and the curators have assured Major Gardner that they are all undamaged. As for paintings, most of them were removed before the war to places of safety in the country.

Which brings up one of the war's unique stories. Several of the National Museum's finest paintings were sent to the famous Benedictine Monastery of Monte Casino. Monte Casino, said to have been founded by St. Benedict himself in the fifth century, contains a world-famous library of Benedictine manuscripts.

It seemed a safe place to store treasures. But Monte Casino is just outside Casino, German stronghold athwart the road to Rome, and the war soon may reach Casino in earnest. What then? The question is doubly interesting because of this hitherto unpublished fact.

Because of Monte Casino's magnificent library, the Pope recently asked both sides to avoid using the monastery for military purposes and therefore to consider it a neutral island to be safe from the war.

What answers were the Germans gave this request cannot be known, but it is known that a few weeks ago the German radio announced that all important works of art had been removed from Monte Casino.

LIGHTNING EXPLODES TREES
Trees explode when struck by lightning. The stroke creates a gas chamber inside the wood, and the sudden vaporization sets up an explosive pressure.

Bombers Attack Holland Airfield

LONDON—(P)—Maintaining the most sustained air offensive in history, American heavy bombers smashed at the French invasion coast Monday in the 30th Allied assault on that area in a month while bomb-carrying Thunderbolts dropped their loads on a Nazi air field in Holland.

The raids, carried out after the RAF's 14th winter saturation attack on Berlin reportedly had left no quarter of the capital unscathed by Allied bombs, were made without the loss of any of the big U. S. bombers. Thirteen German planes were destroyed and nine Allied fighters failed to return from the missions which included RAF fighter sweeps over Northern and Western France.

An Allied communique said no German fighters were encountered over the French Pas De Calais area, but the Lightning-supported Thunderbolts which struck at the Gilze-Rijen airfield in Holland met stiff opposition.

Other speakers on the Rotary Club's institute will be Wayne Hanson of Oak Park, Ill., Feb. 7 and Dr. Albert Parry of Chicago, Feb. 14.

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Labor Has Own Figures On Living Costs And Demands Wage Increases

WASHINGTON—(P)—Labor has told government and business: "you can quote any figures you please on living costs but we have our own figures and we'll argue from them for wage increases."

That was the net effect of the 70-page attack by the CIO and

APL on the government's Bureau of Labor Statistics figures on living costs which labor says are almost twice as high as the BLS studies show.

Labor says the BLS figures are full of holes. The same could be said about the AFL-CIO figures. But that only prolongs the argument. Labor wants wage increases. It will use its living cost figures as a talking point.

Challenges BLS Figures
Since January, 1941, labor says, living costs have risen 43.5 percent instead of the BLS figure of 23.4 percent.

In negotiating wage increases labor had often written BLS figures into its contracts but now two main points in labor's complaint about the government studies are these:

That the BLS investigators do not make allowances for wartime deterioration in quality of such things as clothing and that the studies, limited to a certain number of cities, do not show the much higher living costs in wartime boom towns. The BLS figures are intended to be an average for the country as a whole.

Coyle Says America Must Create Wealth For World After War

David Cushman Coyle of Washington told the Rotary Club's Institute of International Understanding Monday night "Tolerate the British and they'll tolerate you."

He spoke in the Midland High School auditorium and was introduced by George Abell, Roy McKee, president, presided at the session.

"The British Commonwealth of Nations as Contributors to a New World Order," was the subject of Coyle's address. "Contributors to a New World Order," is the theme of the institute, sponsored by Rotarians.

"The British want no more big wars," Coyle said. "They want trade."

He had several suggestions for Americans concerning the British. All trading nations want the United States to be prosperous so they can get a share of the wealth, he asserted.

America Must Carry World
It is up to America, he continued, to make its own prosperity and carry the rest of the world along. He called attention to fifth column activities in America and said work to stamp them out must continue.

He also said Americans must tolerate their friends after the war and not quickly turn on their allies and start making friends of nations who now are enemies.

He told of the popularity of American soldiers with British children, especially since they staged Christmas parties for the youngsters, but said the British soldier does not like the American soldier because the American is better paid and has more money to spend.

"But in combat, the British and American soldiers fight side by side without friction," he added.

Coyle, an engineer, author and lecturer, who has spent many months recently in England said the British have no more definite plans for what they will do after the war than Americans have. He predicted Britain would continue to be one of the four great powers of the world and told of the efficiency and determination of English to avoid waste.

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Fire Watcher Fined For Smoking On Ship

NEW YORK—(P)—A Brooklyn man paid \$50 fine in court here for smoking aboard a steamer tied up at a dock, a violation of the War Emergency Act.

He listed his occupation as a fire watcher—seeing that persons did not smoke on the ship.

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Used fats: Each pound of waste fat is good for two meat-ration points.
Processed foods: Stamps G, H and J expire Feb. 20.
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Three million spirochetes could lodge together on the head of a pin.

The spirochete is tiny, but a killer with a long record. For centuries this pale, corkscrew-shaped microbe—the cause of syphilis—has tormented the human race with insanity, paralysis, blindness, and death. (Today three and a half million Americans have syphilis; 500,000 new cases are reported yearly.)

In the midst of war, syphilis, and its companion plague, gonorrhea, sap the striking power of our armed forces, whittle down the productive capacity of war industry.

The fight against these venereal diseases is everybody's business. With your help the damage they cause can be sharply reduced. More than that, the means are at hand for wiping them out within our time.

The spirochete and the gonococcus—the germ causing gonorrhea—are invisible, dangerous, but they are vulnerable. Once mysterious, few mysteries about these deadly micro-organisms now remain.

Medical science has the weapons needed for their destruction—new drugs, improved laboratory tests, new techniques of treatment.

With these weapons important gains have been made in the control of venereal infections. To expand these gains rapidly two things above all are needed—greater understanding by and cooperation of the public.

The fight against venereal disease must be a "combined operation" on the home front, in which there is participation by doctor, health officer, police official, city administrator, teacher, labor leader, minister, youth leader, business man, and by just plain John Q. Citizen.

The army, navy, and industry are counting heavily on community support of all measures needed to control venereal disease. You can start now. On February 2, 1944, take part in the observance of Social Hygiene Day.

A PROGRAM OF ACTION

Learn the facts about venereal diseases—their cause, means of spread and cure. See that these facts are brought before the population in general through films, literature, exhibits, conferences, the press and radio.

Encourage the passage and enforcement of protective laws for the reduction of prostitution and the prevention of delinquency, especially in areas of concentrations of armed forces and war industry workers.

Urging provision of adequate facilities for diagnosis, treatment and isolation. Support the activities of your health and police departments and private health and welfare organizations, aimed at the control of venereal disease.

VD DELAYS VICTORY

UNITE AGAINST VD

NATIONAL SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY

February 2, 1944

This advertisement approved by THE AMERICAN SOCIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

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THE MIDLAND JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Society

Mrs. Klapproth Elected President Of United Council Of Church Women

"You are a small group of a large army building Christian feeling throughout the world," Mrs. L. C. Majors, Austin, director of religious education in the Synod of

Texas Presbyterian Churches, told the United Council of Church Women at its meeting in the First Methodist Church Monday afternoon.

"Your first efforts should be a deeper realization of your responsibilities to bring your families and your community closer to the church," Mrs. Majors advised.

Mrs. Charles Klapproth was elected president of the council to succeed Mrs. L. F. Caddell who recently moved to Plainview.

Mrs. Glenn Brunson led the devotional and cited various women of the Bible who had been among the first to take an active part in the promotion of Christianity.

"Today our church stands torn with envy, greed and hatred," Mrs. Brunson said, "and it is our duty to see that its light is never dimmed."

Norma Connelly sang "A Perfect Prayer." She was accompanied by Mrs. Holt Jowell at the organ. Two hymns were sung by the group during the program hour. Mrs. Hubert H. Hopper was program director.

Mrs. J. E. Pickering announced the World Day of Prayer, in which all churches unite, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Feb. 25, at Trinity Episcopal Church, the hour of the union prayer will be announced later. The theme of the services this year will be "And The Lord Wondered That There Was No Intercessor."

Mrs. Pickering closed the meeting with a prayer.

Approximately 75 women attended the meeting.

Patsy Bray Fetes Junior Church Unit

Patsy Bray was hostess Saturday night to members of the junior department of the First Christian Church when she entertained with a Valentine party in her home.

Party hats were distributed to the guests and games and songs were enjoyed. Mary Fern Bray played the piano for the group singing.

Mrs. Sidney P. Hall directed a true and false Biblical quiz.

A buffet supper was served from a table decorated in the Valentine motif.

Guests attending were Mary Lou Price, Joe Tom Hood, Ann Boring, John Steinberger, Sue Corser, Harry Wright, E. H. Spaw, Jo Ann Cornelia, Nancy McKinley, Bussy Bray, Don Downing, Patsy Bray and Dickie McHargue.

Counselors attending were Mrs. Al Boring, Mrs. Paul McHargue, Mrs. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bray.

Mrs. Goodman Named To Aid Centennial

Mrs. James H. Goodman recently has been appointed to serve as a member of the legislative committee of the Statehood Centennial Commission of the Texas Press Association.

Mrs. Alex Adams, president of the Texas Woman's Press Association, also appointed Mrs. Goodman to serve on the Texas Centennial Statehood Committee as chairman of the Texas Woman's Press Association. The purpose of this committee is to further statewide interest in the centennial observances which will be held in numerous parts of Texas during 1945 and 1946.

YOU WOMEN WHO SUFFER FROM NOT FLASHES

If you suffer from hot flashes, weak, nervous irritable feelings, are a bit blue at times—due to the functional "middle-age" period peculiar to women—try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. It helps nature! Follow label directions.

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Forward Note Struck In Early Hat Styles



Whimsy and femininity are combined in the first new hats for spring. At the left is Walter Florell's "Desert Song" fez of golden sand felt swathed with black dotted white veiling and topped with two red roses. The easy-to-wear dressy black panama at the right, with small crushed crown banded with brilliants and trimmed with a tiny black ostrich plume, is by John Fredericks.

By EPSIE KINARD NEA Staff Writer

NEW YORK—Early spring bonnets—not unlike the first arrivals in a flower garden—are spirit-lifting antidotes to war. Those shown by exclusive milliners are in the main small, but size is the only noticeable concession to wartime limitations—limitations self-imposed by milliners to keep you from standing in a ration line when you have an impulse to buy a bonnet.

If new hats could talk, they could tell many a tale of work-room problems. They'd tell about labor shortages. Talk about scarcities: like glue, wire, elastic that put a hat together; veiling which must be allotted a yard to a hat; the limited use of ribbons; enormous felts and straws which have long since departed; certain feathers, flowers and other trims on which imports have been stopped.

But thanks to American resourcefulness, spring hats are a triumph of designing genius over wartime restrictions. Add the style importance of simplicity and the 1944 rightness of wearability to whimsy, gaiety and sometimes odd, right nonsense and you have a picture of next season's hats.

Trends? Biggest news is the cloche, which, popularized on both sides of the Atlantic by French designers, Rose Descat, made headlines in the 1920s. It's back again—and if you don't remember it, ask your mom—in pastel, white, navy, brown and other dark colors in felts and straw. It is sparingly trimmed with flowers, feathers or ribbons to give you the same small round-headed look and to show off your neat, smooth-browed, flat-topped coiff.

Other bonnets that make news are the side-line of "profile hat" of lacy straw, fabric, felt; the forward-perched flower or ribbon-trimmed disc or medallion hat, not much larger than a saucer; and the little tiara or half-hat, shaped like a matador's.

Fabric hats, and especially cotton—such as gingham—make news. They look as crisp and fresh as a starched pinafore and appear in sprightly checks, plaids, stripes and polka dots. Frequently they are teamed with matching gloves.

Peggy Joyce Honored On Eleventh Birthday

Mrs. Roy Minear honored her daughter, Peggy Joyce, on her eleventh birthday Saturday afternoon, when she entertained a group of girl friends. Mrs. A. R. Beals and Mrs. Velma Smith were co-hostesses at the event.

Games were played and pictures were taken during the afternoon. Valentine favors were distributed and at the close of the evening, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Tora Chapple, Jerlen Jowell, Gloria English, Helene Harris, Julia Galbraith, Margibeth Carter, Rosalynn Leggett, Constance Kinkle, June Hazlip, Willetta Teakle, Jean Ferguson, Frances Smith, Jane Womack, Rita Sheppard, Caroline Schaefer and Dolores Foreman.

Earl Chapman, Jimmy Finkhouser, Tony Dunagan, Jimmy Lock, Lynn Nicholson, Jimmy Fulton, Bobby Wood, Robert Holt, Noble Robinson, Carl Smith and George Holt Glass.

Brownie Troop Will Meet Each Wednesday

The Sunshine Brownie Troop No. 1 will meet in the home of Mrs. Peyton Anderson Wednesday at 4 p. m. for its regular weekly meeting. Miss Rosemary Anderson will be hostess.

At the regular session last week officers were elected. Those chosen to serve for the coming year were Dianna Daugherty, president; Gail Black, vice president; Jean Wadell, treasurer, and Dianne Anderson, secretary.

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Church Circle Visits Kindergarten Class

The Mary Martha Truly Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. O. L. Bevill Monday morning and completed the lesson study of "Down The Highway of Prayer." Mrs. C. M. Dunagan was lesson leader and Mrs. John Dunagan opened the meeting with prayer.

A union prayer dismissed the group, after which they went to the negro kindergarten classroom and gave a program and served the children refreshments.

Mrs. S. M. Erskine was a special guest. Members attending were Mrs. G. A. Wakefield, Mrs. Russell Howard, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. B. C. Girdley, Mrs. John Dunagan, Mrs. Bevill and Mrs. C. M. Dunagan.

Scout Troops To Have Charge Of PTA Session

Mrs. George Abel will be program leader when the John M. Cowden Junior High School PTA meets Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the school's music room.

Boy and Girl Scout units will have charge of the musical program. An attendance prize will be awarded the room having the largest number of parents present at the meeting.

Church Rites Unite Soldier And Bride

Emma Wilda Turner of Midland and Sgt. William P. Snyder of the Midland Army Air Field were married at the First Baptist Church Monday afternoon. The Rev. Vernon Yearby read the double ring ceremony.

The couple will be at home at 906 West Missouri.

Illinois Governor Will Wear Sarong

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP)—Bidding stalled at a War Bond auction as bids were being made on the services of Governor Dwight H. Green.

The governor had promised to mow a lawn for the highest purchaser of bonds and the initial bid was \$100; a second bidder doubled the amount.

The state chief executive put a rider to his services: "I'll do it in Dorothy Lamour's sarong."

A bid of \$460,000 won the services of the governor.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Sunday included Mrs. Bud Estes.

Mrs. R. B. Abbott and baby also were dismissed Sunday.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Richard Jones Jr. has returned from Fresno, Calif., where she has been with her husband. He has been transferred to Mississippi.

"HEARTS-TONGUES" COCKTAIL

Whisky was believed to be a concoction of hearts and tongues by the North American Indians, because they feared nothing and talked volubly after drinking.

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Coming Events

WEDNESDAY

The Girls' Auxiliary of the Calvary Baptist Church will meet in the home of the councilor, Mrs. Hoyt Burris, 708 South Loraine, at 4 p. m. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Grace Lutheran Parish Workers will meet at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. A. R. Baumann.

Mrs. George Vannaman will review Manuel Komroff's "The Year Of Our Lord" at 3:15 over KRLE under the sponsorship of Midland County Library.

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

The Midland County Library will be opened from 9:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The Business Women's unit of the Red Cross will meet in the surgical dressing rooms of the county courthouse at 7:30 p. m.

The Children's Library in the basement of the courthouse will be opened from 3 to 6 p. m.

The Women's Wednesday Club will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. R. L. Miller, 911 West Michigan.

The Play Readers Club will meet at 3:45 p. m. in the home of Mrs. B. K. Buffington, 514 West Holmesley. Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will read the play.

The Robyn Music Club will meet at 4:30 p. m. in the Watson Music Studio.

The Modern Study Club will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. F. R. Schenck, 1308 West Kentucky.

The Registered Nurses Club will meet at 4 p. m. in the Health Center at 200 South Colorado. Miss Margaret Cunningham, state supervisor of public health of Austin, will deliver the address. All graduate registered nurses are urged to attend.

The Edelweiss Class of the First Baptist Church will meet at 10 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Chilton Hobbs, 504 North Baird for the regular monthly meeting.

The Tawasi Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel.

THURSDAY

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The Midland County Library in the county courthouse will be opened from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and

FRIDAY

The Children's Library will be opened from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m.

The Midland Garden Club will meet at 10 a. m. in the assembly room of the county courthouse for an election of officers. Following the election there will be a round-table discussion on the use of St. Augustine or carpet grass for lawns in this area.

The Midland City Council of Parent-Teachers Association will meet at 1:30 p. m. at the high school for its regular quarterly meeting.

The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Stacey Allen, 720 West Storey, at 8 p. m. for a class party and social. Mrs. Ben Smith and Mrs. Horace Newton will be co-hostesses.

The Red Cross surgical dressings rooms in the county courthouse will be opened from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

The Midland County Library in the county courthouse will be opened from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. and the children's Library opened from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m.

The Children's Service League will meet at 2 p. m. in the club room in Old Heidelberg Inn.

The Lucky 13 Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Collings, 511 West Louisiana.

St. Ann's Altar Society will sponsor a bingo party at the St. George's Catholic Church hall at 8:30. A door prize of a \$50 War Bond will be given. Everyone is invited.

The Boone Bible Class will have a coffee and business meeting in the Scharbauer Building of the First Methodist Church at 10 a. m.

The Alathean Sunday School

The Edgewood Class of the First Baptist Church will meet at 10 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Chilton Hobbs, 504 North Baird for the regular monthly meeting.

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Class of the First Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Frank Cowden at 2 p. m.

SATURDAY

The American Association of University Women will meet at 1 p. m. in the Scharbauer Building at the First Methodist Church. The Creative Arts Group will have charge of the program.

A bingo party for officers and wives at the Officer's Club at Midland Army Air Field will begin at 9 p. m.

The Estrellita Orchestra will meet at 1:45 p. m. at the Watson Music Studio.

The children's room in the basement of the Midland County Library will be opened from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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

The Midland County Library will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, scheduled for Tuesday night, has been postponed until the third Tuesday in February, according to officers of the auxiliary.

Milkweed juice has long been used by Mexicans to tenderize tough steaks.

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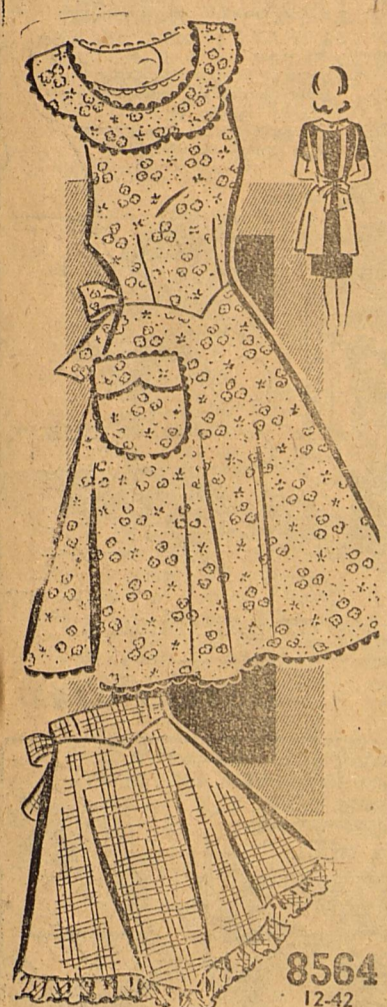
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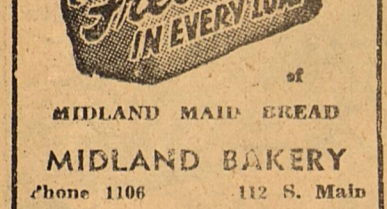
Pattern No. 2561 is in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 40 and 42. Size 14, bib-top, requires 1 7/8 yards 32-inch material; tie-on ruffled style requires 1 3/8 yards.

For this attractive pattern, send 15 cents, plus one cent for postage, in coins, with your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram, Today's Pattern Service, 530 South Wells Street, Chicago, Ill.

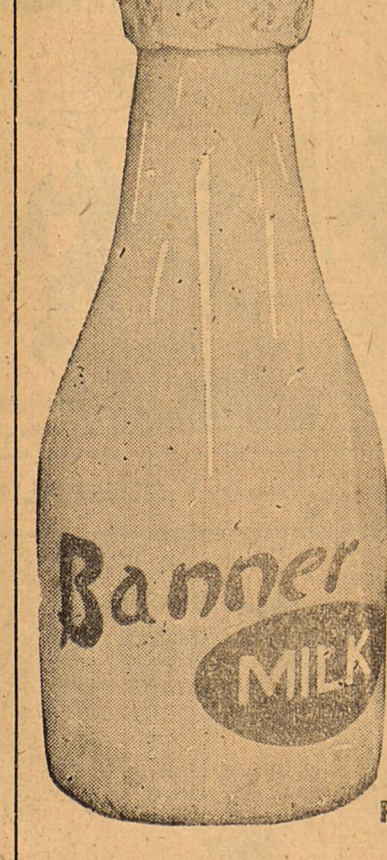
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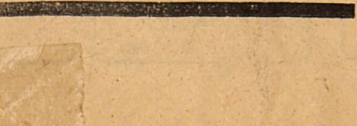
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Baptist Circles Hear Mission Topics

The Lottie Moon Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. J. P. McEldowney Monday afternoon. Mrs. S. L. Alexander led the final mission study on "Down The Highway of Prayer."

Mrs. T. A. Elyant and Mrs. G. B. Rush gave current events on mission topics.

Members present in addition to those appearing on the program were Mrs. McEldowney and Mrs. Tom Carr.

The Mary Martha Circle met with Mrs. A. A. Jones Monday afternoon, and Mrs. J. N. White led the new mission study on "A Missionary Watchword For The Year."

Mrs. Arnold Scharbauer, Mrs. Raymond Leggett and Mrs. Jerry Roberts presented current events on the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Scharbauer closed the meeting with a prayer.

Members in attendance were Mrs. Scharbauer, Mrs. J. N. White, Mrs. J. P. Garber, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. R. K. White, Mrs. Jerry Phillips and the hostess.

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FOR Frozen Food lockers phone 103, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Phone 237 or 175 evenings. Limited number available. (280-1f)

Lost and Found 7
LOST: Red male Cocker spaniel. No collar. Name "Rusty." Phone 2007-W. (281-3)

Help Wanted 9
WANTED: Janitor at Western Clinic Hospital. Apply in person. (280-3)

MAID wanted for Taylor Lodge. Servants quarters furnished. (280-3)

WAITRESS wanted, experience not necessary. Agnes-Cafe. (268-1f)

EXPERIENCED stenographer for major oil company, 17 miles northwest of Odessa. Dormitory furnished free of charge. Good salary. Applicants must have certificate of availability or referral card from United States Employment Service. Write Stanolind Oil & Gas Company, Star Route, Odessa, Texas. (264-1f)

Help Wanted 9
SANDERS Upholstering Shop wants a seamster and truck driver. Ph. 752. (278-6)

WANTED: Maid afternoons only, prepare dinner, \$10.00 starting salary. Call 537 mornings. (279-4)

WANTED: Cadet or soldier's wife for housework, care child, Board, room and salary. Phone 2018-W or 775. (280-3)

WANTED: Good reliable man for truck driver. Phone 587 week days (280-1f)

WANTED: Farm laborer; prefer man with working force. W. H. Vandlingham, Seminole, Texas. (280-3)

WAITRESS wanted: Day or night work; excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe. (281-3)

Situations Wanted 10
YOUNG woman with business training and some experience desires position as cashier, bookkeeper or general office clerk. References. Call 1880-J. (280-3)

CONCRETE finisher; stucco, plaster. Call anytime. Perry D. Taylor, Phone 1792-W. (278-6)

FORMER tax collector of Fannin County wants a permanent bookkeeping job. Best of references. Writing Box 422, Midland. (280-3)

BOOKKEEPING and general office work wanted, previous experience in Midland. Call Mrs. Snodgrass, Phone 2338-M. (282-6)

RENTALS
Wanted To Rent 21

WANT to rent, a 4 or 5-room house, furnished or unfurnished. Phone 2307-W. (280-3)

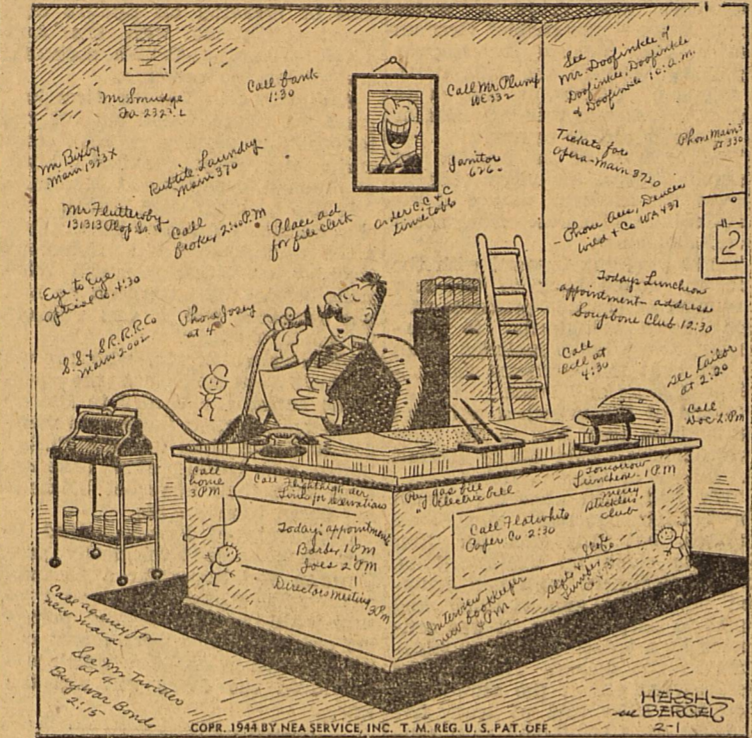
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Miscellaneous 23
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CUSHMAN Auto Glides Deluxe (Motor Scooters) with 4-ply tires, now available to military officers, non-coms and civilian post employees. Complete stock on hand at Western Auto Associate Store, opposite Western Union, Midland. (278-1f)

PRE-WAR combination walker and stroller. 1301 South Colorado. (282-3)

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COMPLETE stock truck and passenger car tires and pre-war tubes, all sizes. We now have pre-war puncture proof tubes and blowout proof Lifeguard tubes. Use your certificates on the longest wearing tires and tubes at Ever-Wearly Auto Service, 300 W. Wall Street, Midland. (280-1f)

FOR SALE: Windmill, tower, tank and casing; be seen at 202 South Big Spring. McClintic Bros. (280-3)

Wanted To Buy 26
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Gigantic Fires Rage In Berlin

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Allied bombs now have brought death and destruction into every quarter of Berlin, a Swedish correspondent in the Nazi capital said Tuesday.

"No description can tell you what has happened in Berlin during the last few weeks," the correspondent said in a telephoned dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter.

"Gigantic fires in uncounted houses look like great stoves lighting up the whole sky," he declared. "There is not a single quarter any more that has escaped."

The reporter telephoned his story from Berlin early Tuesday after communications, severed for hours, had been restored.

"In these new raids thousands of people lost their homes," he asserted. "Fires are so great and numerous it takes several days to extinguish them. A great number of people are buried in cellars and many are saved after several days or not at all."

The OWI said the Swedish newspaper Uppsala Nya Tidning published a Bern dispatch reporting about 6,000 persons were killed in the Berlin Saturday night raid, and that some 5,000 were reported killed during the last raid on Frankfurt where 50,000 people are assumed to be bombed out.

This estimate on casualties in the Saturday night raid on Berlin followed an estimate Sunday by the Swedish newspaper Nya Dagbladet that 6,000 persons died in the Friday night raid bringing to 74,000 the total killed in 13 raids up to Saturday.

The British radio in a broadcast recorded by CBS said "some important German government offices have been transferred from Berlin to Breslau" which so far has escaped Allied raids.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County, Greening: Thelma L. Black, formerly Thelma L. Jackson, Administratrix of the Estate of Clyde L. Jackson, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Clyde L. Jackson, numbered 379 on the Probate Docket of Midland County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Midland, Texas, to give notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 14th day of Feb. A. D. 1944, at the Court House of said County, in Midland, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under by hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Midland, Texas, this 31st day of Jan. A. D. 1944. (Seal)

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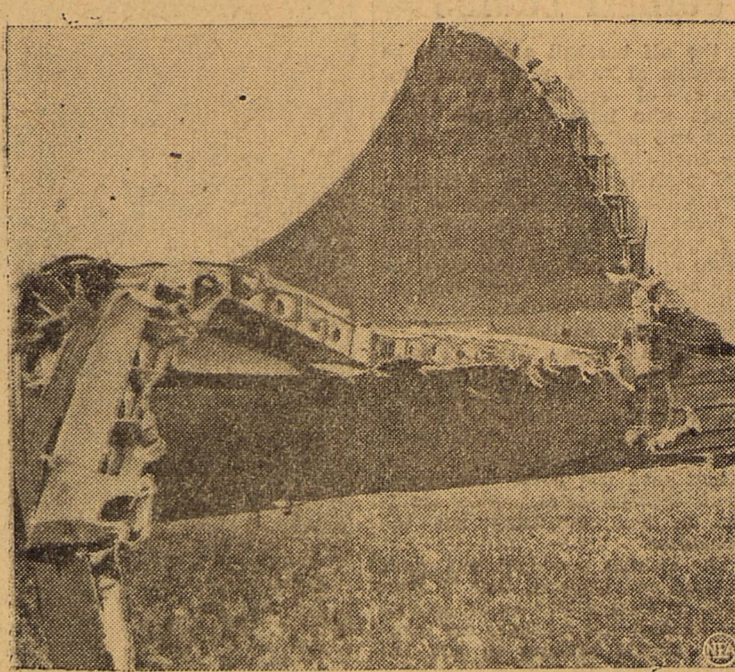
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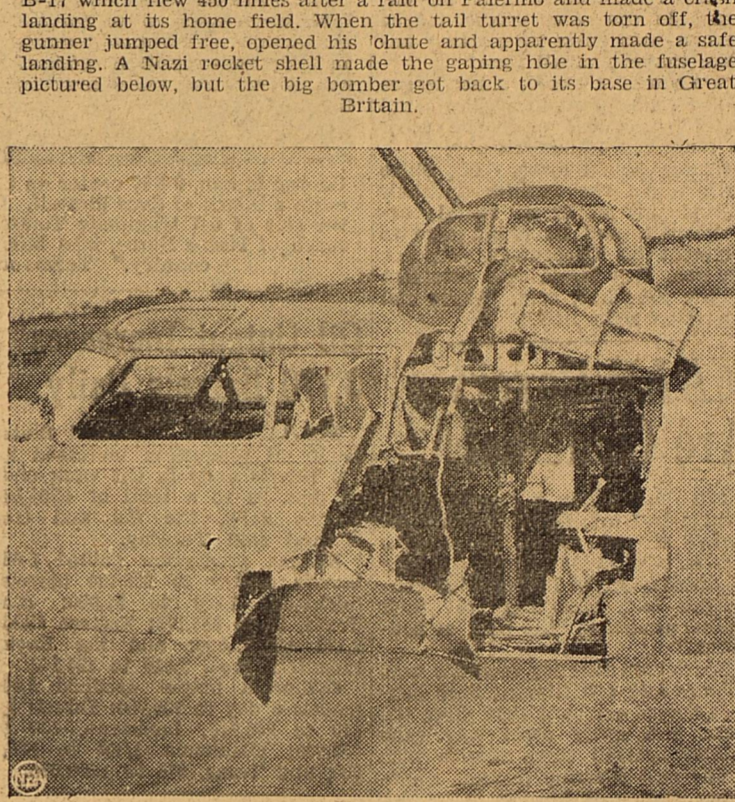
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Our Pilots Keep 'Em Flying



Why U. S. planes and pilots make an unbeatable combination is suggested by these pictures of critically damaged Flying Fortresses which have returned to their bases. Above is the cropped tail of a B-17 which flew 450 miles after a raid on Palermo and made a crash landing at its home field. When the tail turret was torn off, the gunner jumped free, opened his chute and apparently made a safe landing. A Nazi rocket shell made the gaping hole in the fuselage pictured below, but the big bomber got back to its base in Great Britain.



Experts Receive New Tax Bill

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The new \$2,315,000,000 tax bill which is counted on to swell the government's total income to more than \$43,500,000,000 a year went to legislative drafting experts for a final polishing Tuesday before its ratification by House and Senate.

As approved Monday night by a joint conference committee named to thresh out differences between the two houses, the measure proposes to raise more than a billion dollars through sharply increased excise taxes, about half a million extra from corporate excess profits taxes, approximately \$64,000,000 from individual income taxpayers, and the balance from higher postal rates.

Senator George (D-Ga.), head of the Senate conferees, predicted the bill would be called up and approved in both houses sometime Wednesday.

In its sixth and final day's work on the long-pending measure, the conference adjusted a number of contentious issues, including a series of amendments to the War Contracts Renegotiation Act.

In general, the changes tend to modify the impact of renegotiation upon contractors.

The House conferees waged a futile last-ditch action to tax parliamentary betting, but the Senate group, which included Majority Leader Barkley of horse-breeding Kentucky, insisted that taxation of racing be left to the states.

Into the bill, however, went such new excise taxes as these: 20 per cent sales taxes on furs, jewelry, cosmetics, toilet articles, luggage and women's handbags; 30 per cent on night club and cabaret checks; \$9 a gallon on 100-proof whisky (it's now \$6); a penny on each nickel of admission to movies, ball games and other amusements; 15 per cent on railroad, ship, plane and bus tickets; 15 per cent on local telephone service, and many others.

Postage Rates Increased
 Airmail postage goes up from 6 cents an ounce to 8; locally delivered letters will cost 3 cents instead of 2; money order, registered mail fees and other special postage charges will be higher.

If the bill becomes law by Feb. 1, the new excise rates take effect March 1. The postal increases become effective 30 days after enactment.

Individual income taxpayers no longer will get the benefit of a 10 per cent earned income credit in computing their normal tax.

Neither will they be allowed to deduct Federal excise taxes they have paid. The Victory Tax becomes a straight 3 per cent tax on every dollar of income over \$24 a year, regardless of family status.

But the income tax changes will operate only in the 1944 tax year and so will not affect computations on the 1943 returns due March 15.

Despite the insistence of the White House and Treasury for still heavier taxes (the present bill falls far short of the administration's \$10,500,000,000 request), responsible lawmakers see no chance for sharply increased rates in 1944.

Harold C. Barnes Receives Commission

Harold C. Barnes of Midland has received a second lieutenant's commission at the recent graduation ceremony of the Army Air Forces Training Command School at Yale University.

He will be in charge of a crew of enlisted men who are specialists in maintenance.

Lieutenant Barnes was graduated from Midland High School in 1930, attended the University of Texas three years, and completed a course in aeronautical engineering at Curtis Wright Technical Institute in Glendale, Calif. He was active in sports during his school years.

Midland Men Start Maritime Training

Truman M. Whitaker and Marlon A. Taylor, both of Midland, are enrolled in the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station at St. Petersburg, Fla.

After completing this course, Seaman Whitaker plans to enter the engine department, Taylor hopes to enter Marine Officers Cadet School in St. Petersburg.

Cigaret Burns Elderly Woman's Dental Plate

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—(AP)—A woman with 85 years and a number of young ideas to her credit had her answer all ready when friends asked why she was stepping out without her upper dental plate.

She put the denture on the window sill, she said, while she sat back one afternoon and enjoyed a cigaret in secret. Then she mistook the plate for an ashtray and burned a hole clear through the middle of her upper.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Sgt. Wallace Wimberly, who is stationed at the Army Air Base at Dalhart, has been promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant, according to word received here by relatives.

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Phillies' Prexy Proposes Baseball Clubs Operate Pro Football Teams

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Pro football is a "good business" and a possible cure for a baseball magnate's sleepless nights and high overhead during the off season, claims Bob Carpenter, president of the National League Phillies.

The whole situation sounds slightly complicated but Carpenter explained that football played

in the off baseball season can be a means of "self preservation for owners of million-dollar sports plants who have a terrific overhead and nothing coming in" when the baseball season closes.

"I've given this plenty of thought ever since Branch Rickey, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, came out with the warning that unless baseball wakes up pro football will take the play away from us," young Bob asserted.

Facilities Are Available
"If Rickey knows what he's talking about—and I have an idea he does—there is no reason why major league club owners can't go into the football business," Carpenter told a Philadelphia Record sports writer. "They have the parks, the equipment, concessions and other facilities. In fact everything but the franchises."

The Phillies president was quick to point out, however, that "I don't want to start a war or antagonize pro football, but I believe the magnates should attempt to buy the National Football League franchises in their respective cities, if they are for sale."

"The National Football League, apparently, wants a rival circuit and if the franchises cannot be obtained in the older league, maybe we can help them by starting another major football loop."

"I know if I owned a big league park I would want to acquire a pro football franchise after the war," he remarked enthusiastically.

Connie Mack, owner of Shibe Park where the Phillies do their ball playing under a rental arrangement, said he didn't care to comment on Carpenter's proposal. His son, Roy Mack, vice president of the Athletics, said, "We're not interested right now."

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Baseball's biggest post-war problem, according to National League Prexy Ford Frick, may be "making up for our sins now." Frick didn't elaborate on the "sins" but he had been talking about schedule difficulties caused by extra night games, synthetic doubleheaders, etc., so you can get an idea. Capt. Hank Greenberg, now a student at the Army's school for special services at Washington and Lee University, says: "I've been in the Army three years now and I don't know anything about baseball." He'd still have a hard time convincing the Briggs Stadium bleacherites. Sid Luckman is running sixth in New York's War Bond sports popularity poll because 7,200 votes for him were tossed out. The \$130,000 worth of bonds weren't Series E.

The first five are Lou Gehrig, Ward Cuff, Babe Ruth, Don Budig and Mel Ott.

Just For The Records

Wonder if any one-coach high school can beat this? In 21 years that Wallace Bailey (West Point, 1921) has been coaching at Russellville, Ark., High School, his teams have compiled this record: football, won 150, lost 49, tied 15; track, won 81, lost 24; basketball, won 292, lost 101; golf, won 15, lost 5. The school, with 250 students, meets such teams as Little Rock, Fort Smith and Hot Springs every year. P. S.: Bailey also is senior high school principal.

Post-War Problems Will Be Studied By Baseball's Leaders

NEW YORK—(AP)—The recent discussions of baseball's farm system—for and against—may have led to the belief that when baseball's post-war planning committee meets Saturday, the minor league setup will be the principal problem.

The idea, according to Ford C. Frick, National League president and a member of the committee, is all wrong. Frick doesn't believe there will be much talk about farms at the outset because there are more immediate problems to settle.

"The most pressing matter still is how the ball players who return from the services when the war ends can be absorbed. That, he says, affects the fairly immediate future. If the war should end, say, in the middle of next summer, we would have to have the machinery ready to take care of these men.

"We don't know where we could use them or when; whether a fellow who has been in the Army a couple of years still can play major league baseball or how long it will take him to get into shape. Our problem is to provide enough flexibility to cover all contingencies."

The National League president also pointed out the legal requirement that a baseball club, just like any other business, must re-employ a returning soldier in approximately the same position that he held before the war within 40 days after he applies for reinstatement. Under present conditions, with major league clubs restricted to 25 active players and a reserve list of 40, the only solution would be to release enough men to make room for those who returned.

"We also have the attitude of the public to consider," Frick added. "We can't throw these men into the minors until they've had a chance to get in shape and show what they can do."

Bulldogs Will Meet Bronchos In Odessa

Coach Gene McCoilum said all members of his Midland High School basketball squad are in good condition for the district conference tilt with the Bronchos in Odessa Tuesday evening. The game is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

Both A and B teams will clash. The Bulldogs twice have defeated Odessa this season, and each time by the same score, 29 to 24. The Tuesday night game concludes the Bulldogs' schedule for the week. Feb. 8 they will meet Lamesa in a conference tilt here and Feb. 11 they will journey to Lamesa.

Swimmer Helene Rains Is Helping Uncle Sam

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Helene Rains, one of the world's greatest swimmers, is helping her Uncle Sam win the combat race in the skies as an Air-WAC at Brooks Field.

The attractive miss—still a world's record-holder—withdraw from her record-holding to volunteer for service with the Army Air Forces. She has been assigned to the Brooks Field photographic section here.

AGGIES ARE DEFEATED

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The Texas A-S.M. quintet of the Southwest Conference was defeated, 53-30, here Monday night by the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center team.

Big 'n' Handy



George Mikan, 6-8 3/4 center on Chicago PePaults basketball five, has quite a bunch of fives himself. Closeup shows his mitt about twice the size of 5-7 teammate Tommy Lyon's. No wonder Ed Krause, coach of Notre Dame, tabs Mikan the "best college center in the country." Teams meet Feb. 5 at Chicago.

Oil Output Increases 3,170 Barrels Daily

TULSA—(AP)—United States crude oil production increased 3,170 barrels daily in the week ended Jan. 29 to a total of 4,394,525 barrels daily. The Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

Kansas production gained 5,650 barrels a day to 268,700 barrels; Michigan, 1,800 to 32,900; East Texas, 25 to 366,175; Eastern fields, 2,170 to 71,320; and the Rocky Mountain area, 3,810 to 124,140. California output declined 3,900 barrels a day to 795,750; Illinois, 2,140 to 204,710; Louisiana, 800 to 357,700; Oklahoma, 1,000 to 328,000; and Texas, 275 to 1,900,075.

7,600-Foot Test -

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survey to the bottom at 6,065 feet. On a drillstem test, 1,000 feet of drilling mud and salt water, and 4,000 feet of straight salt water, was recovered from 5,903-6,065 feet during a 42-minute period.

Unofficial reports indicate the hole has reached a granite wash. Likely the project will be plugged and abandoned after the electrical survey has been taken. **McDer Test Delayed**
Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 McDer Company Pecos County Ordovician discovery, was delayed in drilling out the plug and testing, on account of a fishing job for some of the tools. The lost items were recovered Monday afternoon and the test is due at any time.

Phillips No. 1 O'Sullivan, one-half mile northeast of Ellenburger production in the Wentz field, has spudded to 251 feet. Phillips No. 1 Iowa Realty Trust, an Ellenburger wildcat, six miles northwest of Owego, has spudded. Phillips No. 1 Price, Southeast Pecos County prospect, has reached 13,005 feet in unreported formation.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 2-B Sawyer, Northwest Iron County Ordovician exploration, drilled the zone at 9,219-75 feet. The packer failed after 12 minutes. During that time there was a recovery of 820 feet of drilling mud with no traces of oil, gas or water. The hole has now reached a bottom of 9,305 feet in lime. **No. 2 Allen Makes Oil**

Cosden Petroleum Corporation and W. S. Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, Northwest Howard County prospective pool opener from a section below the Permian, had recovered an average of five and one-half barrels of oil per hour during a 24-hour period following a 6,000-gallon acid treatment.

After the load had been cleaned out and during the first nine hours afterwards the well swabbed 80 barrels. During a 12-hour test the recovery was from seven to fourteen barrels per hour, swabbing and flowing.

The operators were reported to have pulled the tubing and were planning to swab through the casing. **No More Shows Yet**
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Carter, Deep Rock area prospect in Central Andrews, had cored at 10,301-320 feet and brought out 19 feet of dense lime with no shows. Another core was being taken Tuesday morning.

Humble No. 1 Scarborough, West Andrews Ordovician effort, had reached 6,807 feet in lime and shale. Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 Erickson, Hunter, Ellenburger wildcat in Southwest Andrews, had progressed to 9,505 feet. Shell Oil Company No. 1 G. M. Cox, in Northwest Andrews, had penetrated to 7,716 feet in lime. **Getting Down In Yoakum**

Hickok & Reynolds No. 1 Price, Northwest Yoakum County wildcat, was drilling past 5,041 feet in lime. Humble No. 1 Fillingim, Southwest Yoakum County exploration, was making hole under 4,801 feet in lime. **Strindling Oil & Gas Company**
No. 1 Tom Cobb, Northwest Hockley County prospective pool opener, twelve miles north of the Slaughter field was reported still

Nazi Defenses In Key Corridor To Rome Crumbling

By HAL BOYLE
WITH FIFTH ARMY TROOPS AROUND CASSINO—(AP)—American doughboys who drove a wedge through the "impenetrable" German Gustav Line pursued the retreating Nazis through the hills north of Cassino Monday as the entire enemy defenses in this key corridor to Rome began to crumble.

The capture of a number of German troops, including officers, showed the extensive nature of the fortifications which the enemy spent months building.

Tanks pushing forward with the infantry waved back to the rear a number of German prisoners who came down voluntarily to surrender. Those taken included about 20 per cent non-Germans as Austrians, Czechs and Poles.

"Some of the prisoners were put out because they had to dig their own foxholes," said Major Kermit R. Hansen of Omaha, Neb.

"We had been hearing much about their concrete and steel bunkers, but this was the first time we came up against them. One emplacement we found equipped with food and clothing and bunks to sleep 28 men. It was connected by a trench to the machine-guns in the dugout. The bunkers were carved out of the semi-rocky mountain sides and at least five of them were reinforced with concrete, with big log revetments."

Germans Lack Food
The prisoners complained that they had been in their positions more than two days without food, indicating that the Germans—their communication lines under incessant air attack—are having major supply problems.

"Civilians coming from Cassino say the town is all but deserted," said Hansen. "But when we get in those towns we always find some old women who stayed behind to feed their cats."

The enemy was still defending the ridges above the town this afternoon. Windows and floors in Hansen's room in the command post in the Rapido River valley shook steadily as American artillery pounded the outskirts of the town only a short distance away and in clear view.

Tanks Cracked Nazi Line
German infantry in these hills were under attack 11 days, but they didn't crack until we finally got tanks across the Rapido and began shooting up the area," Hansen said. "The shock of our tanks and the continuous pressure of our infantry whipped them. They are all beaten and undefeatable. That indoctrination sure boomeranged against them when our tanks cut loose. They became victims of their own propaganda."

In a command tent farther north Lt. Col. Harry W. Sweeting of Chicago, arriving from the first nap he had had in a cot in days, told how his tanks broke the perimeter of the Gustav Line by wiping out machinegun nests and barbed wire barriers and knocking out two enemy self-propelled guns.

"Things are looking better now because the Germans are in a hell of a lot of confusion," he said.

Yugoslav Partisans Defeat German Forces

LONDON—(AP)—Yugoslav Partisan troops have defeated a mixed force of Germans and Chetniks near the town of Andrijevica and Berane in Montenegro not far from the Albanian frontier. Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) reported Tuesday.

Partisans are on the offensive in Eastern, Central and Western Bosnia, Tito added, and a strong German attack has been thrown back near the town of Travnik, 45 miles northwest of Sarajevo.

Fierce but apparently indecisive battles were being fought in Slavonia and the Lika Province of Croatia, the war bulletin reported.

Livestock

PORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 1,300; calves 800; both steady; good feed steers and yearlings 13.00-15.00; common to medium steers and yearlings 9.00-12.50; beef cows 7.50-9.50; bulls 7.00-9.50. Hogs 2.200; steady; good and choice 200-300 lb. butchers 13.55-65; 300-330 lb. kinds 13.55; sows 10.00-11.00; stocker pigs 4.00-7.00. Sheep 2.300; steady; common to good lambs 10.00-14.00; cull to medium ewes 5.00-6.50.

January Stamp Tax Sales Increase

AUSTIN—(AP)—January sales of state tax stamps totaled \$1,888,610 compared with \$1,462,680 in the same month of 1943 and \$2,241,468 in December, 1943. Liquor stamp sales for last month, reported the Treasury Department, increased \$166,056 over those of January, 1943, but were \$197,508 less than those for December, 1943.

Spaniards Don't Expect Franco To Break With Nazis

LONDON—(AP)—Both pro-Franco and anti-Franco elements among Spaniards here expressed doubt Tuesday that Generalissimo Francisco Franco would go to the extent of breaking off Spain's diplomatic relations with the Axis despite American-British economic and diplomatic pressure.

A diplomat in Buenos Aires had predicted Spain would "cut off relations this week and both Axis and neutral sources told of a burst of diplomatic activity at Madrid."

It had been expected British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden would make a statement in Commons Tuesday on British-Spanish relations but by mid-afternoon he had not appeared and it was unlikely he would Tuesday.

Franco's adherents, who profess neutrality, argued that the Germans across the border in France are a more serious immediate menace to Spain than are the United States and Britain at a distance even with their power of blockade.

Allied Troops -

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itself still was strongly held by the enemy. British forces in the lower Gori-gliano valley to the west made short advances, capturing Mt. Natale, northwest of Minturno, and a 1,000-foot Mt. Purgatorio northeast of Castellorte. The Allies consolidated positions on Mt. Tuga, and repulsed counterattacks in the Castellorte sector, headquarters said.

French Troops Advance
French troops made local advances in the hills above Cassino. American artillery fire drove off two German counterattacks Sunday night, headquarters continued.

On the Eighth Army front, Canadians attacking in clear weather with strong tank and artillery support advanced against heavy German opposition from dug-in positions. German fighter planes, twice were repulsed in raids on Allied positions in the Orsogna area.

Eighteen Nazi planes fell to Allied sharpshooters during the day. The weather limited Allied operations to 800 sorties, under the number they have been flying in widespread activities. Four Allied ships were lost.

Photographs showed 80 planes were destroyed on the ground in Allied raids Sunday on German air bases, principally in Northeastern Italy, bringing the toll for five days of air war to 251 German planes wrecked in the air and ground.

Fires Are Started
A Berlin broadcast said extensive fires were started at Udine and other Northern Italian cities by the heavy bombers.

A Navy bulletin disclosed that light Allied coastal forces, darting close to the Yugoslav shore, sank a large schooner and a small tanker between Sibenik and Split Saturday night.

Medium bombers blasted a railway in the Adriatic port of San Benedetto while fighters lashed at the Germans in support of the advancing Allied ground forces.

The communiqué also reported an intruder raid by fighters over air fields in Southern France Saturday night.

Haiti and Liberia are the only negro republics in the world.

Japanese Admit 'Superior Force' Raiding Islands

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Tokyo radio told the Japanese people Tuesday that a "superior enemy force" has been raiding the Marshall Islands group since Sunday morning but that details of the fighting are "not known to us at this time."

The broadcast, intended for domestic consumption and recorded by the U. S. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, declared "it has been made clear to us that the enemy has taken a new offensive operation against our Marshall Islands group" and that "we can assume the enemy has raided our islands with a large force on a large scale."

'Fierce Fighting' Reported
While describing the attacking force as "superior," the broadcast assured Japanese audiences that "our army and navy forces garrisoned on the islands have intercepted and now are engaged in fierce fighting."

This broadcast also spoke of Japanese army and navy units intercepting a powerful Allied attacking force. The phrasing suggested the possibility that an actual invasion might be underway, but there has been nothing from Allied sources to confirm this.

Another Tokyo broadcast described the attack as "centering around aircraft carriers" and spoke of it as the "second phase" of a large operation.

Congress Debates Soldier Vote Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A move to cut off debate and force a Senate test vote on the administration's war ballot plan for the armed services appeared likely Tuesday as the question of military voting took the floor in both branches of Congress.

But it had slight chance of success. Opponents seemed determined to keep the Senate argument going until the House decides on a "states rights" proposal, already passed by the Senate, which gives the states full responsibility for garnering the armed service's votes.

Expressing confidence of winning when the showdown comes, Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), co-author of the administration's federal war ballot bill, asked the Republicans if they would agree to limiting debate, now in its second week.

Senator White (R-Me.), the acting minority leader, said he would "make some inquiry" but he told reporters there is little likelihood of an agreement.

The House was set for five hours of soldier vote debate Tuesday.

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Heavy Increase In Poll Tax Purchases Reported In Texas

By The Associated Press
Texas metropolitan centers, swelled by a heavy influx of new population the last two years, and most outer cities represented in scattered reports Tuesday showed heavy increases in the purchase of poll taxes for a right to vote in 1944.

The deadline for such purchases was Monday midnight, and there were many mail applications still to be processed, so that most figures were unofficial estimates.

The reports were not complete enough to establish an estimate of an over-all increase of voting for the state. The settlement of the population in war centers, the movement of persons from farms to cities, and the number of persons in life armed services were factors concerned in the picture. Full official reports will not be forthcoming for several weeks.

Big Increase In Houston
Assessor-Collector Jim Glass of Houston and Harris County forecast 160,000 voting strength there. The voting strength in Harris County two years ago was 138,000. From Fort Worth came an estimate of 80,000 voting strength for Tarrant County compared to 54,412 in 1942, and 62,276 in 1940, last presidential election year.

County Tax Officer Ed Cobb estimated that the Dallas County voting strength would reach 130,000 and may go to 135,000. In the last presidential election year the total was 91,883.

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