

ALLIES GAIN INITIATIVE AT ANZIO

Russians Take Luga, Roll Toward Pskov

Finland Reported In Contact With Reds; Rumors Of Peace Talks Between Nations Grow

By ROBERT STURDEVANT
STOCKHOLM (AP)—An expectancy of some concrete development in Finnish-Russian relations, perhaps within the next two or three days, was evident here Monday despite the lack of any official indication that Finland actually was seeking a way out of the war.

From Helsinki came a report that the Finnish capital was awaiting momentarily some definite governmental step toward peace as the Social Democratic Party continued heavy pressure on the nation's leaders to seek terms.

Joins Famed Division



Capt. Reese Cleveland of Midland has joined the famed Timberwolf Division and now is undergoing training in the Arizona desert. The Timberwolves are now under the command of Major Gen. Terry Allen, colorful veteran of African and Sicilian campaigns.

Unconfirmed reports that preliminary contact already has been established between Helsinki and Moscow added significance to the presence of three Finnish leaders in this neutral capital, logical site for possible peace negotiations.

Speculation that something may be afoot was given a fresh fillip Sunday by the arrival here by plane of Leo Ehrenroth, Finnish minister of the interior. He had been preceded to Stockholm by Juhani Paasikivi, who helped negotiate the peace treaty that ended the Finnish-Russian war of 1939-40, and Elias Riekki, former Finnish foreign minister.

Ehrenroth ostensibly came here on a mission in connection with the evacuation to Sweden of Finnish children living in areas which might be subject to Russian bombing. As a cabinet member, however, he conceivably could play an important role in any peace talks.

There were indications, meanwhile, that Finland probably was feeling her way cautiously for fear that any move to get out of the war might result in German reprisals. This was reflected in a dispatch from Helsinki quoting a conservative member of the Finnish parliament as saying in an interview:

"We must see the situation only from the point of view of what is best for our own country. No one here wants to share Italy's fate."

Democratic Member Of Congress Dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Leonard W. Schuetz, veteran Polish-born Democratic member of Congress from Illinois, was found dead in his Washington apartment late Sunday night.

John Jones, negro elevator operator at the apartment house, discovered the body and summoned police. Dr. George Sprehm of the Washington Emergency Hospital attributed death to natural causes.

Schuetz, 59, a Chicago business man, was elected to the 72nd Congress and had served since 1931.

Yugoslav Royalists Demand Territory

LONDON (AP)—A congress of Yugoslav royalist factions, which met in the mountains of their war-torn country last month, has demanded post-war territorial expansion to take in "all territories where Serbs, Croats and Slovenians live," the Yugoslav government-in-exile has announced in Cairo.

The announcement said that the congress also called for the creation of a federal state, in which Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia would be separate federal units, and reaffirmed its loyalty to King Peter, declaring he was the legitimate monarch and "no one has the right, therefore, at home or abroad to dispense with him."

Ration Blues Are Coming Back

Housewives Face Worst Storm With Red And Blue Tokens

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON (AP)—The ration blues—and reds—are coming back. You're heading into the worst storm of food rationing complications thus far.

During the three weeks starting Feb. 27, you'll be wrestling with two sets of values in figuring how many points you have for meat and canned goods.

There'll be brown stamps, red stamps, green stamps, blue stamps, red tokens and blue tokens.

But when those three weeks are over, OPA believes food rationing will be a lot simpler for housewives and storekeepers than it has been so far.

The fiber-tokens, dime-sized, will be worth one point each. You'll get them in change for ration stamps. There'll be two kinds of tokens, red for meat and fats, blue for canned and other processed foods.

During the overlapping three weeks, some of the old brown and green stamps still will be good for 8, 5, 2 and 1 points as marked on their faces.

New red and blue stamps in ration book No. 4 will be worth 10 points each regardless of what figures are printed on them.

So you can keep them straight by the colors.

Here's the picture:

Starting Feb. 27, you'll get 30 points for meats and fats every

Youth Now In Prison—Wanted For Blakeney Robbery; Pal Is Dead

Sheriff Ed Darnell Monday said the youth wanted for questioning in connection with the \$1,300 robbery of the B. H. Blakeney home here Jan. 4 had been killed and that the other now is serving a 10-year prison sentence in New Mexico.

Darnell plans to go to Santa Fe within a few days to question the youth, who came to this county from Canada, in hopes of recovering more of the loot.

Both youths were about 21 years old, the officer said. The other was from Little Rock, Ark., burglary and for the theft of Mrs. Newnie W. Ellis' automobile here, the night of Jan. 4 from her garage.

Car Is Recovered

The car later was recovered in Pecos, Texas.

After a home was robbed and a car stolen in Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 9, New Mexico State Police captured one youth after shooting the other, the sheriff said. The youth captured was promptly convicted and sentenced to prison.

Antiques, jewelry and clothing were stolen in the burglary of the Blakeney residence here while Mr. and Mrs. Blakeney were away from the city. The loss was not discovered until several weeks later. Part of the loot was recovered in El Paso and part was found in Carlsbad. Officers still are searching for some of the valuables.

Nazis Battle To Rescue Troops From Red Trap

LONDON (AP)—The Red Army rolled on Monday toward the big base of Pskov after clearing the Germans from all the east shore of Lake Peipus in a five-day drive which swept up 800 localities, including the rail hub of Luga.

The latest victories brought to 12,000 square miles the amount of territory the Russians have reconquered since they launched their Leningrad offensive just a month ago. They have now reached a point 150 miles southwest of Leningrad.

Plunging down from captured Ostrovsky, southernmost point on Lake Peipus, advance Russian units were less than 47 miles from Pskov, the gateway to Southern Estonia and Latvia.

Far to the south, meanwhile, the Russians continued to wipe out the remnants of the 10 Nazi divisions trapped in the Ukraine, driving to within four miles of Korsun, which the Germans have made the core of their resistance.

Hurling masses of infantry and tanks against the outer rim of the death ring at a point west of Korsun, the Germans repeatedly were thrown back as they attempted to carve out a corridor through which the remnants of the trapped Nazis might escape, a Soviet communique said Sunday night.

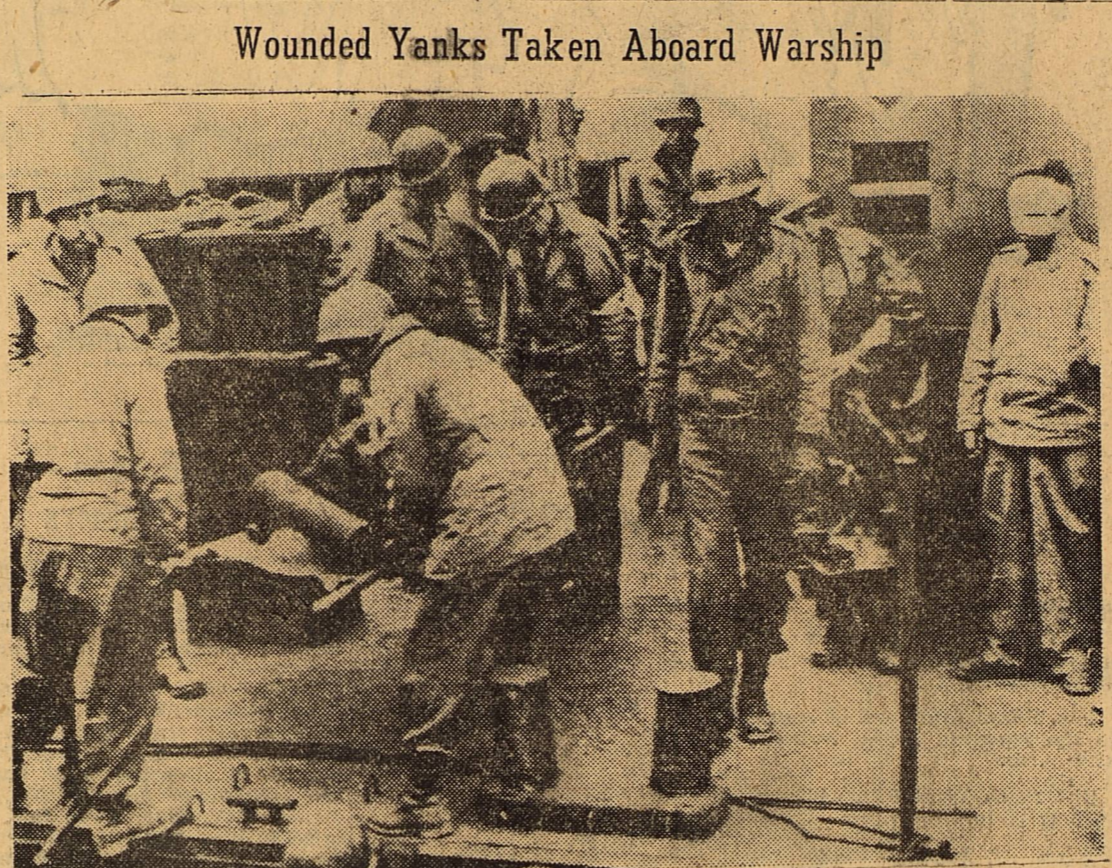
"All night and day fierce battles progressed," said the bulletin. "One of our units repulsed seven enemy attacks. The approaches to the Soviet positions were covered with the bodies of German officers and men and smashed enemy war materiel."

Estonia can be virtually cut off from Germany by a drive westward from Pskov. It is only 85 miles from Pskov to Valk Junction, which controls every highway and railway into Estonia and then it is just 90 more miles to Riga, Latvia.

It is expected that an all-out battle for Pskov should prove one of the war's most important, which dispatch to Pravda said the Germans are mining the Pskov-Luga highway and blowing up bridges.

This highway probably will be (Continued on Page 5)

Wounded Yanks Taken Aboard Warship



Americans, wounded in the fighting along the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead, are being taken aboard a warship after having been injured in the bitter fighting that raged in the area.

Draft Boards Reappraising Farm Deferments, Food Meeting Is Told

CHICAGO (AP)—Draft boards must cancel farm deferments unless the registrant "is in fact irreplaceable," the War Food Administration is planning an emergency labor force, and civilians are in for a drastic cut in canned fruits and vegetables, the food processors conference was told Monday by government officials.

Col. Francis V. Keesling, chief liaison and legislative officer of Selective Service, in a speech prepared for delivery to the conference said, "local boards must re-appraise the situation and comb over their occupational deferments x x x."

"This must be done, of course, not only to insure justice being done to activities other than farming, but also so that we can obtain the best material for the armed forces while at the same time cutting down to that extent the number of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers that would otherwise have to be inducted."

Plan Mobile Force

In another address prepared for delivery, Col. Philip G. Bruton, director of labor for the War Food Administration, told the conferees that the WFA was planning a "mobile task force of 125,000 able-bodied, experienced interstate and foreign workers. These workers will be shifted from area to area of critical need as required to assist local labor forces in the production and harvesting of essential food and fiber x x x."

Colonel Bruton listed the following conditions for use of this force in food processing plants:

"1. That the workers are already in the area where the need exists, and

"2. That the workers are not needed at the time in agriculture in the area as certified by the state extension service, and

"3. That the War Manpower Commission has certified that such workers are needed to save substantial quantities of war-essential food which will be lost if said workers are not made available."

Canned Foods Cut

In an address to the conference Sunday night, C. W. Kitchen, deputy (Continued on Page 5)

Nazi Plane Output Cut 40 Per Cent By Raids

WASHINGTON (AP)—American heavy bombers pinpointing German aircraft factories have cut the heart out of fighter plane production in the Reich, it was reported officially Monday.

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, announced that the War Department had informed him that United States Army Air Forces raids had reduced Germany's capacity to produce fighter planes by 40 per cent.

Previous official announcements had suggested that German aircraft plants had suffered heavily under combined Allied bombings, but Monday's announcement was the first that fixed the extent of the damage done exclusively by USAAF raids.

MOVIE PRODUCER DIES

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Edgar Selwyn, 68, one of the founders of the old Goldwyn Co. and for the past 17 years an executive producer-director for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studios, died Sunday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

MAAF Presents 'Eve Of St. Mark' Tuesday Night

Sponsoring Midland Army Air Field's production of "The Eve of St. Mark" as the final feature of the Fourth War Loan drive here, Col. John P. Kenny, commanding officer, declared, "I sincerely hope that the presentation of this all-soldier play will appreciably boost War Bond sales, and through the impact of its powerful story, even intensify the realization of the need for continued War Bond purchases."

The show, an outstanding war play by Maxwell Anderson, will be presented at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday night in the Civic Auditorium. Tickets are available to War Bond purchasers at all Midland issuing agencies.

Cooperating in the presentation of the play, as the group's contribution to the success of the Fourth War Loan drive, are members of the Midland Civic Theater, who put up the necessary royalty fees, provided books for the cast, and are assisting in all phases of stage work.

Midland's first all-soldier play, "The Eve of St. Mark," has in its cast military personnel of all ranks, ranging from privates to a captain and including WACs and cadets.

Directing the show is Staff Sgt. Arthur Cole, of Midland Army Air Field's Public Relations Office.

Lubbock, Terry, Andrews Each Get New Wildcats

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

New wildcats for Northwest Lubbock, Northeast Terry and Central Andrews counties have been announced.

The Lubbock exploration will be Smith-Griggs Oil Company, Fort Worth, No. 1 Frank Griggs, 600 feet out of the northwest corner of section 44, block P, EL&RR survey.

It will be about 12 miles north and slightly east of Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1 Barless, recently completed as a pumper from

MacArthur Figures As Potential Cabinet Officer In GOP Plans

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur may figure in this year's presidential campaign as a potential cabinet member or military advisor if his friends fail to convince the Republican convention it ought to draft him as a candidate.

There is a growing disposition among party leaders to concede that MacArthur, whose name has been entered in the Illinois preferential primary, will be a factor at the convention. But few go so far as Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), in believing that the Southwest Pacific commander might be drafted for the nomination.

One influential Republican, who is not supporting any candidate at this time, said a recent transcontinental trip convinced him there is a great deal of MacArthur sentiment among the voters.

While doubting that this would develop sufficiently for a successful draft movement, he said it was not at all unlikely that the party nominee, whoever he might be, might want to bring MacArthur's name into the campaign.

Need \$66,352 To Meet Quota In Bond Drive

Fourth War Loan campaign leaders Monday urged all citizens to buy at least one more War Bond before Tuesday midnight to help Midland meet its huge quota of \$1,300,000 in the drive.

Midland has never failed to exceed a war drive quota and leaders were confident it would be met before the close of the current campaign Tuesday midnight.

To put the city over the top, citizens must invest \$66,352 in War Bonds Monday and Tuesday.

To Present Play

Climaxing the campaign, the Midland Army Air Field will present Maxwell Anderson's play, "The Eve of St. Mark," with an Army cast in the Civic Auditorium before an audience of War Bond buyers at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday.

Tickets to the play, which has been termed by critics one of the best written about the war, are available to War-Bond purchasers at all issuing agencies.

The public relations department at MAAF is in charge of production. Staff Sgt. Arthur Cole, a professional theatrical director in civilian life, is the director.

\$100,000 Purchase

Determined to do their part to bring an early victory, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cowden, who have purchased thousands of dollars worth of War Bonds, bought a \$100,000 bond Saturday. On the same day, their son, Staff Sgt. Frank Cowden Jr., bought a \$10,000 bond. He is with the armed forces in Italy.

Midland citizens have purchased \$1,265,677.50 worth of War Bonds in the current campaign toward the \$1,300,000 goal.

However, sales of Series E bonds are lagging here. The quota here is \$385,000 and purchases have totaled only \$280,497.45, leaving \$104,502.55 worth of Series E bonds to be sold before Tuesday night.

Campaign officials are making every effort to stimulate the sale of Series E bonds.

Byrd Favors Repeal Of Excessive Profits Tax

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) declared Monday the excess profits tax on corporations should be repealed when hostilities end "if we are going ahead with the free enterprise system after the war."

In proposing outright repeal, Byrd, a member of the tax-writing finance committee, went further than Chairman George (D-Ga.), who said only that he thought the super-tax on business should be drastically reduced.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Allies gain initiative as Anzio beachhead fighting slackens.

RUSSIA—Red Army takes Luga, rolls on toward Pskov.

PACIFIC—Gen. Stilwell threatens Japs with new offensive to be launched from Chinese mainland.

LONDON—American Marauders hit enemy air base in Holland without loss.

STOCKHOLM—Swedish press dispatches from Berlin Monday said the beachhead battle south of Rome is increasing in intensity and that a heavy Allied offensive is expected shortly.

Americans Smash Ahead At Cassino

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Fighting of a see-saw character but of lessened intensity has marked the Allied perimeter at Anzio in the past 24 hours, Allied headquarters announced Monday after weathering a week-end crisis.

Regaining the initiative in part after the blanketing of Allied air support by bad weather had given German armored units an edge, British troops drove forward and recaptured a bottleneck bridge over the railway west of Carroceto (Aprilia), 10 1/2 miles north of Anzio, with the support of tanks.

Emphasizing the indeterminate nature of the battle, however, the Germans again occupied the factory a half mile east of Carroceto after days of fierce fighting in which the battered packing houses and silo-like structures of Benito Mussolini's agricultural enterprise changed hands four times.

While the Allied air forces again struck the German ring about the bridgehead and other objectives with the fury of 800 sorties, American troops paid with blood and sweat for a 200-yard advance in Cassino, 60 miles to the east, battering down each German stronghold in a house-to-house struggle.

The Germans, too, still held the ancient towers and buildings of the Benedictine monastery atop the hill west of Cassino.

Following Saturday's Allied announcement that the Pope's summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, just north of the Anzio bridgehead, was saturated with Germans and (Continued on Page 6)

WEATHER

Fair, Not Quite So Cold.

MINIMUM IS 32 DEGREES

Midland's minimum temperature Monday was 32 degrees. The low temperature was reached at 9 a. m. Sunday's minimum was 30 degrees, according to the recording thermometer at the West Texas Gas Company.

War Bulletins

LONDON (AP)—German authorities have placed the entire French Mediterranean coast under the same strict military control which long has been in force along the "invasion coast" of Northern France, the German-controlled Paris radio said.

LONDON (AP)—The German-controlled Vichy radio said Monday that a large Allied convoy consisting of six troop transports, 60 cargo ships and four tankers strongly escorted by warcraft had passed Gibraltar and entered the Mediterranean.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Tokyo radio said Monday that 55 American planes raided Kavieng, New Ireland, Sunday morning. The broadcast said that 45 B-24's and 10 escorting fighters took part in the raid.

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For God, hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.—II Timothy 1:7.

Sabotage

Juvenile delinquency caused more sabotage in the United States last year than foreign directed saboteurs, according to information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Knocking on wood, Director John Edgar Hoover is again able to report, "There were no acts of foreign-directed sabotage to come to our attention in the past year." The report is even better than that. It is, "Since the start of the war there has been no evidence of successful foreign-directed sabotage against the American war effort."

This record of the FBI drive against sabotage constitutes one of the most notable of the home front victories. It is also a tribute to shore and border patrols of the armed forces in keeping the foreign agent saboteur outside the United States.

Emphasis in these records is of course placed on the fact that it is the "foreign-directed" sabotage which has been checked. The record on domestic, made-in-America sabotage is something else again, and it is a sad confession that while foreign-directed sabotage has been so successfully prevented, home-made sabotage by Americans in their own country has not been checked.

In the three years from Jan. 1, 1940, to Jan. 1, 1944, 13,672 cases of reported sabotage have been investigated by the G-men. Technical sabotage of some type was found in 1,404 cases—a little over one out of every 10 cases, but in the vast majority the sabotage was motivated by juvenile delinquency, spite, carelessness, pranks or just plain ordinary dumbness.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Catch The Name? FBI Did

Everyone knows that the ways of the FBI are deep, devious and devilishly clever. But it can have been nothing less than clairvoyance that prompted one of J. Edgar Hoover's operatives to stop a certain man on the street of a Western city and ask him for his draft card. The man didn't have his card with him. But he volunteered his name, which—and it's in the FBI files—is as follows:

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It seems that Mr. H. is a native of Thailand, and is classified 4-F with the New York City draft board.

He goes by the name of Leo Ward.

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Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press
Meats, Fats, etc.—Book three brown stamps V, W and X valid through Feb. 26; stamp Y good through March 20.

Used Fats—Each pound of waste fat is good for two meat-ration points.

Processed Foods—Book four green stamps G, H, J valid through Feb. 20; stamps K, L, M good through March 20.

Sugar—Book four stamp 30 valid for five pounds through March 31; stamp 40 valid for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

Shoes—Book one stamp 18 and book three "airplane" stamp 1 good indefinitely.

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Coming Events

TUESDAY

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Scharbauer Hotel.

Mrs. Nettie Rorer will be hostess to the American Legion Auxiliary at 8 p. m.

The North Ward PTA will meet at 3:30 p. m.

Wives of MAAF officers will play bridge at the Officers' Club at 1 p. m.

The executive council of the North Ward PTA will meet at 2:30 p. m., preceding the regular meeting at 3:30 p. m.

Council members, troop leaders, and troop committee members of the Girl Scouts, will meet in the Music Room of the Junior High School at 8 p. m.

S. P. Gaskin, Scout executive, will hold a school of instruction for den mothers and all mothers interested in becoming den mothers of cub scouts on the second floor of the First Baptist Church educational building at 2 p. m.

The So Sum Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. I. Pratt, 911 West Kansas.

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

WEDNESDAY
The Modern Study Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. M. Devereaux, 714 West Kansas.

The Woman's Wednesday Club will meet with Mrs. George Glass, 911 West Texas, at 3 p. m.

The business women's unit of the Red Cross will meet at the county courthouse at 7:30 p. m.

The Red Cross workroom in Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon in the morning and 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. in the afternoon.

The Play Readers club will meet at 3:45 p. m. with Mrs. John P. Butler, 1603 Holloway. Miss Ruth Anderson will read the play.

Girl Scout Troop 5 will have a tea and court of awards at the home of Mrs. L. C. Link, 1411 West Texas, at 4 p. m.

Mrs. L. G. Byerley will speak on the library program over KRLH from 3:15 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

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

International Relations study group of the AAUW will meet at 8 p. m. at the home of Miss Maria Spencer, 512 West Storey.

FRIDAY
The Red Cross workroom in Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon in the morning and 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m. in the afternoon.

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the county courthouse

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From 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., Mrs. Gretchen Kidd will conduct a Girl Scout leaders meeting in the First Presbyterian Church. In the afternoon from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., she will conduct a Brownie leaders meeting.

SATURDAY
The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at the Watson Studio.

The children's hour in the basement of the Midland County Library will be held at 3:30 p. m.

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Society

Valentine Party Is Enjoyed By Baptist Youths

The Young People's Department of the Training Union of the First Baptist Church held a Valentine banquet Saturday evening in the church.

Upon entering the dining hall, guests passed through a big red heart. Red and white carnations with tall red tapers formed the centerpiece on the speaker's table.

The program was in the form of a Valentine, and the names of foods on the menu carried such appropriate titles as "Roast Love Bird" and "Woo Dressing."

Lt. Pat Wilkinson of Big Spring was master of ceremonies for the following program: invocation by Eddie Frank Conner; group song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"; toast, from Bill Murray to the Rev. Vernon Yearby, from Jess Kellerman to the director, and from Faye Powers to the leaders; "Sweethearts" and "Daisy" duets, sung by Elizabeth Musick and Pvt. LeRoy Peterson over station "LOVE"; with Lt. H. R. Coplin announcing; inspirational message by the Rev. Dick O'Brien of Big Spring; group song, "Cupid's Day"; benediction by Mr. Yearby.

Those present were: the Rev. and Mrs. Dick O'Brien and Lt. and Mrs. Pat Wilkinson of Big Spring; the Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Yearby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Lt. and Mrs. H. R. Coplin, Lt. and Mrs. Tom Brodnax, Lt. and Mrs. J. G. Surak, Sgt. and Mrs. Jess Kellerman, Sgt. and Mrs. Douglas Bishop, Mrs. Martin Neill, Mrs. Booker McDearmon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murray, Capt. Jack Buckner, Miss Faye Powers, Lt. Robert L. Robbins, Miss Janice Watts, Lt. Jim Sudduth, Miss Laurine Ponder, Pfc. Jim Powell, Miss Brittie Nell, Corp. John Ecker, Miss Myrtle Lee Tillman, Pvt. Charles Sparr, Miss Elizabeth Musick, Pvt. LeRoy Peterson.

Miss Betty Lou Wood, Sgt. Dean Hatfield, Miss Deanna Gray, Lt. Everett L. Oswald, Miss Dorothy Pinkerton, Lt. James Ivey, Miss Lee Hankins, Corp. Edgar Dorow and Miss Lona Mae Cook.

Beg Your Pardon—It's Room Mothers

Mrs. R. E. Kimsley entertained room mothers of the North Elementary PTA with a coffee Thursday morning. Mrs. R. E. Throckmorton, chairman of the group, poured.

The following were served: Mesdames Robert Skinner, Joe Mims, J. Y. Francis, J. R. Crump, C. J. Busser, T. M. Boper, George Putman, H. W. Donohoo, A. E. Cameron, Raymond Leggett, W. L. Brown, H. L. Bray, M. L. Hall, C. O. Falk, John Cornwall, L. F. Shiplet, L. W. Leggett and the hostess.

The group erroneously was termed "grandmothers" in Sunday's issue and The Reporter-Telegram gladly makes this correction.

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Permian Basin Area Has Blackout Sunday

Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Stanton, Wink, Crane, Monahans, Poyte and other cities of the Permian Basin area experienced a 12-minute blackout about 10 p. m. Sunday when trouble occurred on the main line of the Texas Electric Service Company, east of Big Spring.

Workmen rushed to the trouble zone and expedited repairs, holding the interruption of service to a minimum.

R. E. Ellis Dies In San Antonio Hospital

SAN ANGELO—Robert E. Ellis, 58, former San Angelo oil lease royalty and real estate broker, died Saturday night in a San Antonio hospital following an operation. Survivors include his widow and a brother.

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Lt. J. R. Edmondson Weds Miss Hipkins

The marriage of Miss Peggy Ann Hipkins of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Lt. James R. Edmondson was solemnized Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the MAAF Post Chapel. Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey officiated at the single ring ceremony. The bride, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. O. E. Hipkins of Baltimore, Md., was dressed in a moss green wool suit with brown accessories and wore an orchid corsage. Lt. Wilmer F. Behling, long-time friend of the bridegroom, gave her away.

Mrs. Woodrow Lentendre of Midland, wearing a white wool street-length dress and a corsage of white carnations, was matron of honor. Lt. John E. Carroll Jr. was best man.

The couple, both of whom attended Elizabethtown High School, Elizabethtown, Ky., will make their home in Midland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Edmondson of Elizabethtown.

CAPT. AND MRS. ABSHER VISIT FRIENDS HERE
Capt. and Mrs. L. A. Absher of Camp Berkeley visited friends in Midland Sunday and Monday. They are at Hotel Scharbauer.

HORSETRADING—1944 STYLE
PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Mrs. N. Dickstein, volunteer clerk for the Red Cross blood donor service, imposed a condition when Patrolman John Brennen sold her a War Bond. Brennen had to agree to give the Red Cross a pint of blood every two months—for the duration.

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Two Democratic Warriors, Garner And Farley, Talk Over 1944 Politics

UVALDE—(P)—Two warriors of the Democratic party — ex-Vice President John N. Garner and former Democratic National Chairman James A. Farley — conferred for an hour and a half here Sunday afternoon about the state of the nation and the outlook for the 1944 presidential campaign.

"We discussed politics from every angle," said Farley in an interview. "Mr. Garner, like myself, is concerned about conditions in the nation now. I, of course, cannot speak for Mr. Garner but for myself, despite the fact that we are living in dark days and undoubtedly more such times are to come I have faith in America, in American people, that we will come out of this

Russian Situation To Be Discussed By Dr. Albert Parry

Dr. Albert Parry, a native of Russia, will discuss "The Russian Republics as Contributors to a New World Order," at the Rotary Club's Institute of International Understanding at 8 p. m. Monday in the Midland High School auditorium.

"Contributors to a New World Order," is the theme of the institute. Dr. Parry, who now resides in Chicago, was reared in Southern Russia and understands conditions in the Soviet republics. His books have received favorable attention.

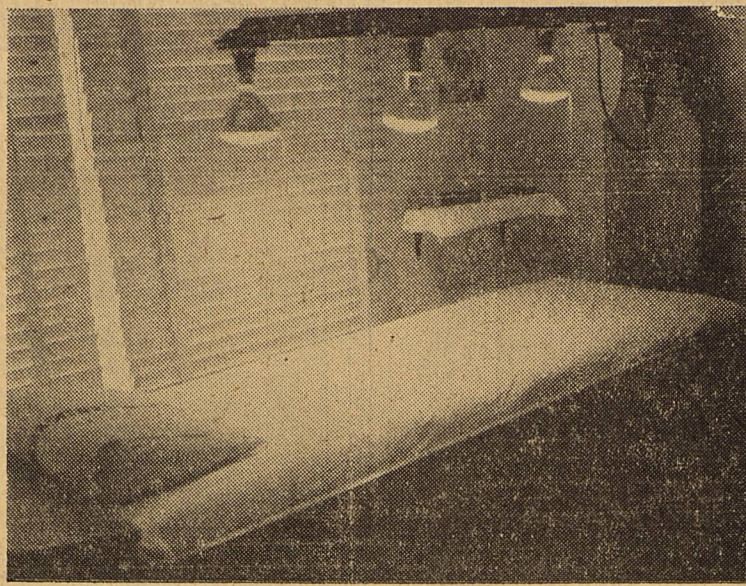
on that but I have no comment to make for publication."

In answer to the question, "Who do you think the Republicans will nominate for president?" the former Democratic party leader said: "Most Republican leaders whom I have seen in my travels think that Tom Dewey and Warren (Gov. Earl Warren of California) will compose the ticket."

Farley, who came here from Los Angeles, departed for San Antonio en route to Fort Worth. He will go from here to Tulsa Wednesday and stay in Tulsa until Friday.

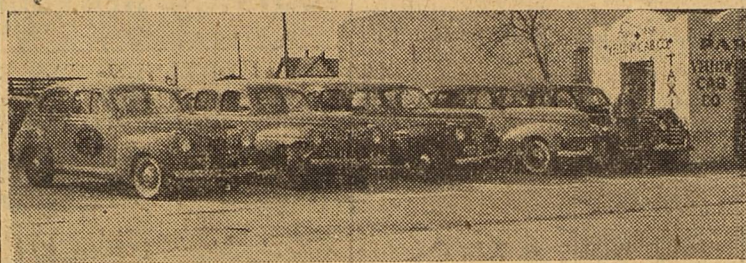
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KHAKI-CONSCIOUS NEW YORK—(P)—The New York Naval Air Station's weekly publication, "Skyscrapers," ran a contest to name a pin-up boy for the WAVES attached to the base. The majority of entries submitted were Army men.

Texas Employers Insurance Association Is Responsible For Sharp Reductions In 1944

At the request of A. F. Allen, president of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association, a wage trend factor was introduced into the workmen's compensation rate making, and approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners, effective on March 1, 1943.

The effect of the wage trend factor was to reduce all workmen's compensation rates 3.2 per cent which, added to the normal adjustment based on experience, gave an overall rate reduction of 5.9 per cent on March 1, 1943.

The board also has approved an application made by the Texas Employers' Insurance Association for the elimination of "bonus overtime, payroll" on the calculation of premiums. This was effective on all outstanding policies on and after Jan. 1, 1944. The effect of this ruling cannot be calculated but has been estimated as a five per cent reduction overall on workmen's compensation premiums in Texas.

Initiated Move For Reduction In October of 1942, the Texas Employers' Insurance Association made application to the Board of Insurance Commissioners for a flat reduction in the expense load in workmen's compensation rates, which application was denied by the board. In August of 1943, the board held a hearing on the guaranteed cost discount plan, which is a graduated method of reducing the expense load in compensation rates filed by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. This plan

provided no relief for the employer with an annual premium of less than \$1,000.

The Texas Employers' Insurance Association offered a substitute for the guaranteed cost discount plan and requested a flat reduction in the rates for all employers regardless of the size of the premium of 6.37 per cent, which was the overall effect of the guaranteed cost discount plan.

The board approved, effective Jan. 1, 1944, on new and renewal policies, the guaranteed cost discount plan. The Texas Employers' Insurance Association is now offering the full discount under the plan and in addition will continue to pay dividends on a graduated basis as they have heretofore done.

To all employers not eligible for the discount plan, the Texas Employers' Insurance Association will continue to offer the benefits of their more economical method of operation by means of their graduated plan of dividend return.

New Schedule Of Rates A new schedule of rates announced by the Board of Insurance Commissioners on new and renewal policies, effective on and after Jan. 1, 1944, shows a reduction on 577 classifications and an increase on 47 classifications. The overall effect of the Jan. 1 decrease is 6.8 per cent.

Effective Jan. 1, 1944, the Board of Insurance Commissioners has ap-

A. F. Allen



A. F. Allen, president of Texas Employers' Insurance Association.

proved a special "voluntary compensation" endorsement under the provisions of which executive officers and directors of an organization, which are now excluded from the workmen's compensation act, can be covered by voluntary compensation.

Alton Brown is district manager of Texas Employers' Insurance Association, which has its district headquarters in the Thomas Building in Midland.

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THE northbound train from Florida pulled into the dinginess of Newark. Sitting in the air-conditioned flatness of her Pullman Kitty Bishop felt oppressed by the air, by Newark, and marooned in loneliness.

She was on her way back from Florida where she had spent three months acquiring not sun-tan, but a divorce. With a long, smooth pull the train started on again for the last few minutes' run into New York. Kitty stared out into the gray spring day, listening to the wheels clicking steadily along the rails and trying to take in the fact that she had her divorce from Collins Bishop and that now she had it her own life had jumped its tracks.

The porter came through and confiscated her luggage. If she had been traveling with Collins she wouldn't have had to give the luggage a thought. That, she supposed, was one of the reasons she felt depressed in trains. It wasn't traveling alone. There was something about it that undermined her self-confidence—like an unbecom-

ingly alarmed by the way her mind was sabotaging her courage. Kitty disciplined herself. She did a little work with compact and lipstick, because there was never any point in looking as bad as you felt.

Then she deliberately shunted her thoughts away from amazed wonder that three brief years of marriage should out-balance all the preceding twenty-odd years of her life. She had traveled, for instance, many many more miles alone than she had with Collins. And yet the total of the miles she had traveled with him, the few years she'd spent as his wife, added up to a total of emotional experience that made living alone a happier readjustment than she'd rite-foreseen.

She decided it would be far more constructive to concentrate in her immediate destination instead of worrying about the uncertainties of the new direction her life had skidded into. It was a relief, and she admitted it, to know that instead of lonely indecision in New York she was bound for the definiteness of suburban Doremus, New Jersey, to stay for a while with her brother, Ben Graham, and his wife, Peg. Kitty was devoted to Peg and Ben and she also reasoned optimistically that you can't go on feeling alone in a house like the Gramms' that has three children in it.

The train rushed into roaring black nothingness. Kitty sternly refused to let herself hope that Ben might have driven in to New York to meet her.

OUT in Doremus, a wave of children and tumult rushed out of the house. A door banged and there was a shock of quiet. Peg Graham hoped Kitty could stand noise.

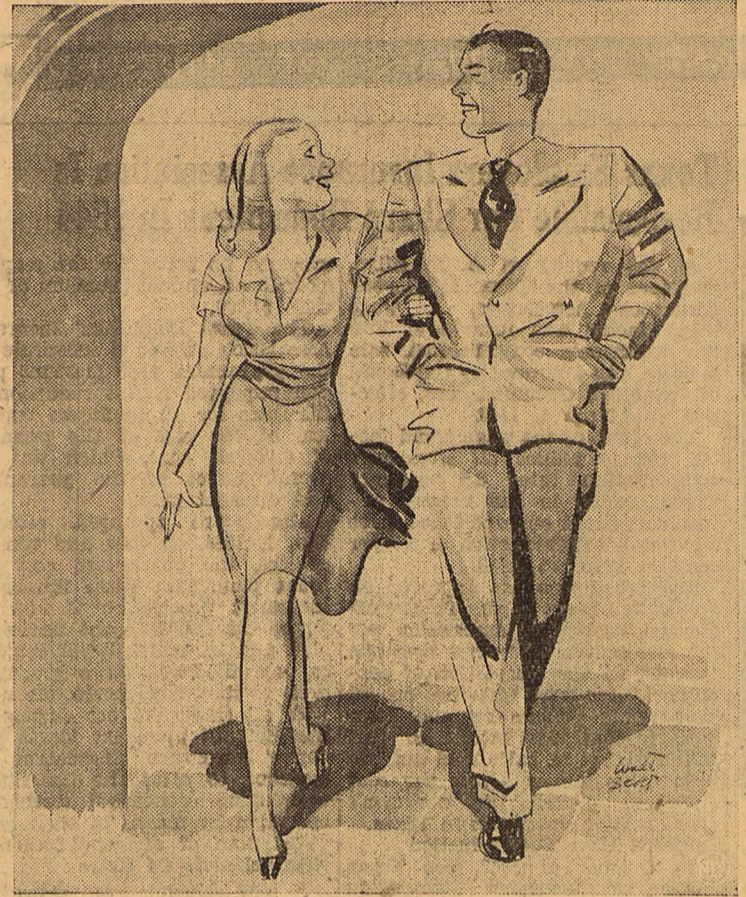
Peg was wholly relieved that her sister-in-law had agreed to come, but she did have qualms. For one thing, Doremus was an old pair of sad-sackholes to her because she'd lived there all her life except for a few years at college and in New York, but she worried a little about how easy a fit it would be for Kitty. Ben refused to do any worrying at all. He was fond of his younger sister, gave as his considered opinion that she'd always had more brains than sense, and gone off to meet the Florida train with a brother's philosophical attitude toward a sister's ups and downs. Peg, watchfully waiting for his return with Kitty, assuaged her worries by a fit of irritation at Ben. Ben never went into the publisher's office in which he worked on Saturdays, but he'd gone off bright and early that morning even though Kitty's train wasn't due until late afternoon. Clutching at a straw, in Peg's opinion, to save himself from having to clean the cellar as he'd promised.

It was hard for Peg to think of the Bishops as she had to separate and clouded. She could still see Collins and Kitty coming in together like a flourish of brass, and like everything bright and broken, their marriage seemed more broken

TOMORROW FAIR

By Winifred Halsted

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Collins and Kitty would come in together like a flourish of brass, and like everything bright and broken, their marriage now seemed more broken because it had been bright.

because it had been bright. And why it had ended she had been unable to gather from the hideous picture post-cards filled with violent comments on Florida chill and Spanish Moss that had comprised Kitty's communications during her three months' wait for a divorce. Collins, busy gaining rapidly on a brilliant legal future, now further accelerated by the war, occasionally shouted at Ben over the telephone but to Peg, his shouts were even more obscure than Kitty's silence. For several weeks Peg had been working up a desire to smack both of them for being so off-hand and close-mouthed.

Her resentment evaporated the minute Kitty came in. Laden with an indescribable confusion of luggage, Ben kicked the door shut behind him and said expansively to his wife, "Well, here we are. Kitty wants a bath."

"That's for me to say," objected Kitty with normal contentment. "But she looked so young and mulish that Peg's easily touched heart was agitated."

It was five o'clock and, punctual to the dot, Bunny Graham came in and started upstairs for the first of his evening radio serials. "Hello," he said absent-mindedly as he passed. Halfway upstairs he seemed to remember that he had seen something unusual. "Kitty! Hello! When did you come? I expected you all day."

"How's everything?" said Kitty interestedly. "Did you get that coconaut skull I sent you?"

"Yes," said Bunny, "thank you. . . I thought I did thank you, in a letter from mother."

Kitty reassured him. He sat down on the steps and examined her for an instant, in a puzzled diagnostic way.

"Where's Collins?"

DEG sighed. After some doubt, considering his characteristic abstractness, as to whether he would be less likely to bring up the subject of Collins if he was reminded not to, or whether to gamble on his not happening to think of his absent uncle as long as he didn't see him, Peg had cautiously advised Bunny not to ask Kitty too many questions.

"Why?"

"Because it's not polite."

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Each Feb. 14 I dedicate my article to the memory of one of the greatest players of contract bridge, Louis H. Watson, who died Feb. 14, 1938. His book, "Watson on the Play of the Hand at Contract Bridge," probably will never be equaled.

Glancing through this book, I ran across what he used to call his favorite hand. We will grant that

♠ K 5 3	♥ 9 6	♦ 8 4	♣ K J 10 9 5 2
Watson	♠ J 9 2	♥ K Q J 10 4	♦ K 6 3
♠ A 8 4	♥ A	♦ A Q J 10 9 5	♣ Q 8 7
Duplicate—All vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♦	1♥	2♣	2♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening—A 2♥			

South was more or less justified in jumping to five diamonds, his partner having made a free bid in clubs. The average West player simply opened the king of hearts, but "Louis" said, "My partner has freely supported hearts. South jumped to five diamonds. I am not going to make any heart tricks. I am going to make a diamond and a club trick, but that won't defeat the contract."

He reasoned therefore that the only way to defeat the contract was to open a spade. South won this with the ace, and when West got in with the king of diamonds, he returned another spade. Now you can see that when he was in again with the ace of clubs, he made a spade trick—thus defeating a contract that everybody else in the room made.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH MURDER OF WIFE

TYLER—(P)—Cecil Cantrell, 19-year old Van Zandt County farm youth, has been charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife last Jan. 24.

The inquest hearing was re-opened by Justice of the Peace Tom Crook, who ruled at the time of the shooting that death was caused by a gunshot wound, self-inflicted. Sunday he changed the verdict to one of homicide.

Mrs. Cantrell, a native of the Ben Wheeler community in Van Zandt County, was shot through the left breast.

PASSES BOND QUOTA

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The appointment was announced Sunday night by Major Burriss Jackson, chairman of the Texas State-Wide Cotton Committee, who said the date and place of the congress will be selected later by the committee.

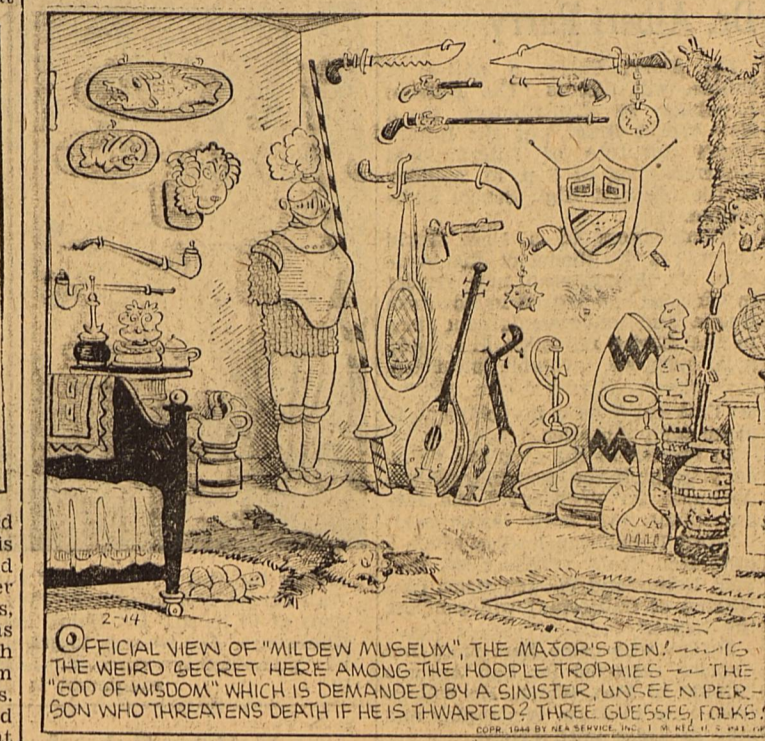
Selected to head subcommittees to assist in making the arrangements, Jackson said, were D. T. Killough of College Station, L. T. Murray, Waco, Texas, cotton man, and Walter B. Moore of Dallas.

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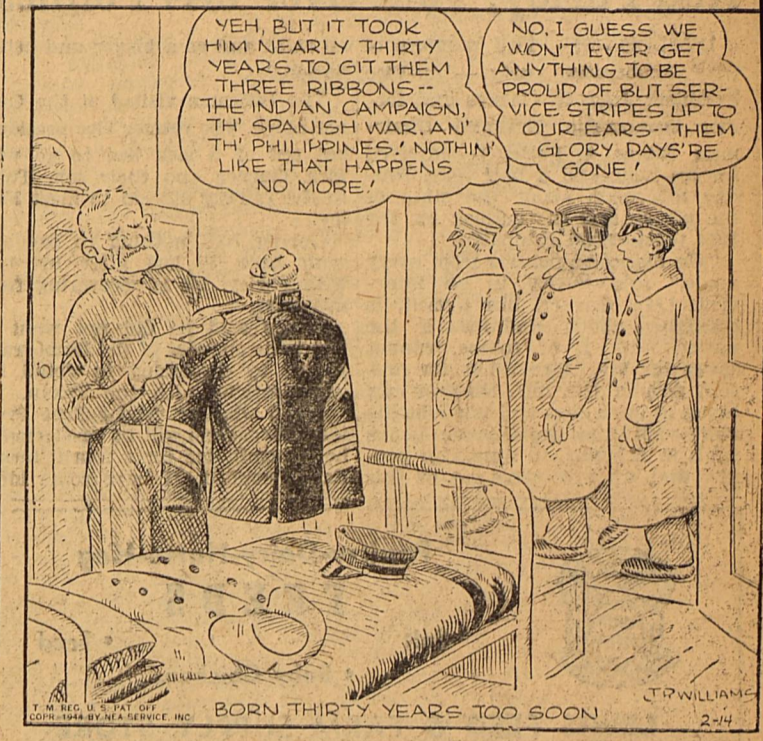
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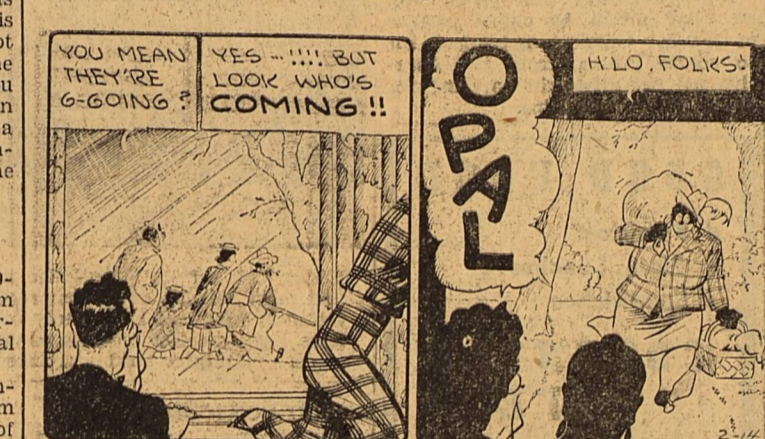
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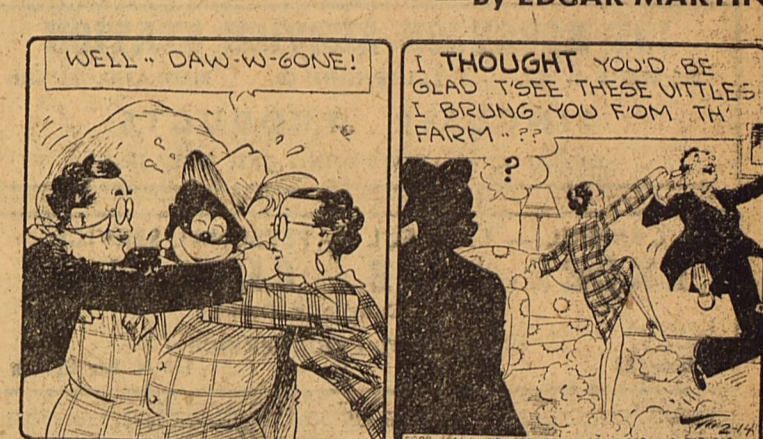
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

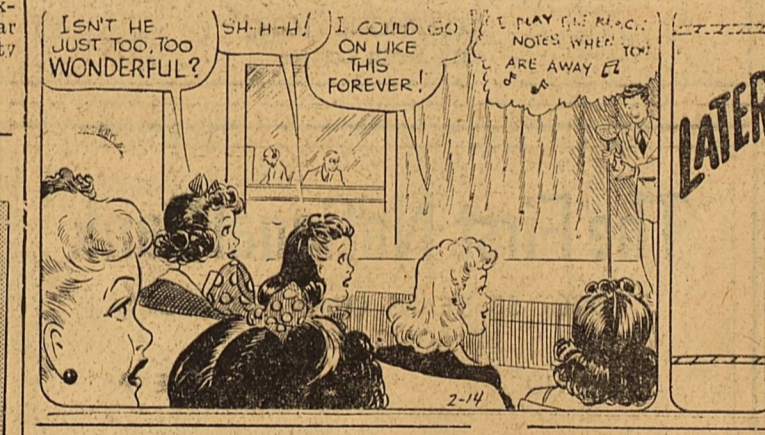


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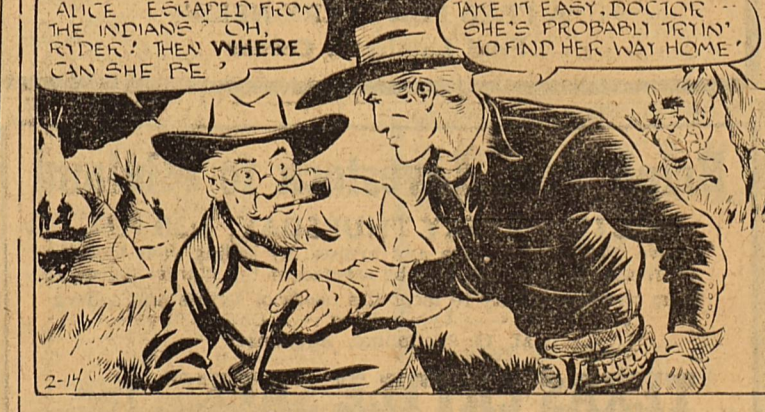
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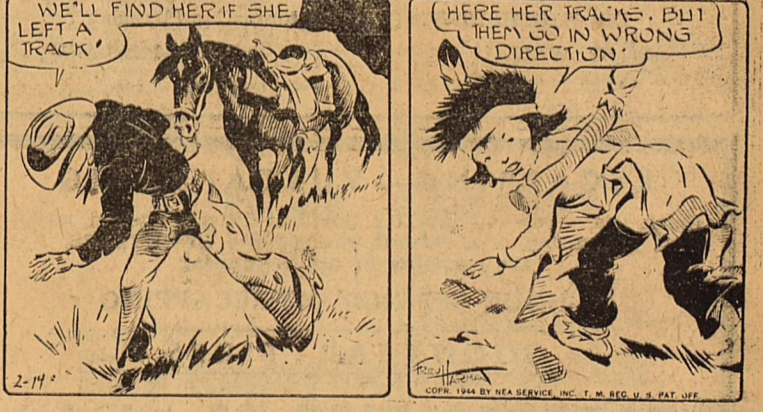
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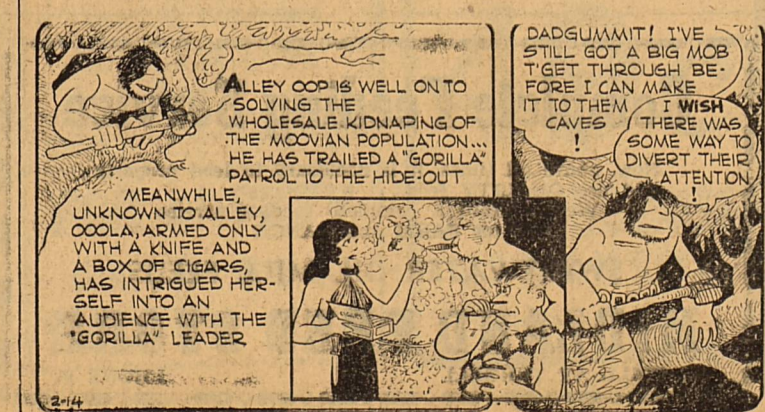
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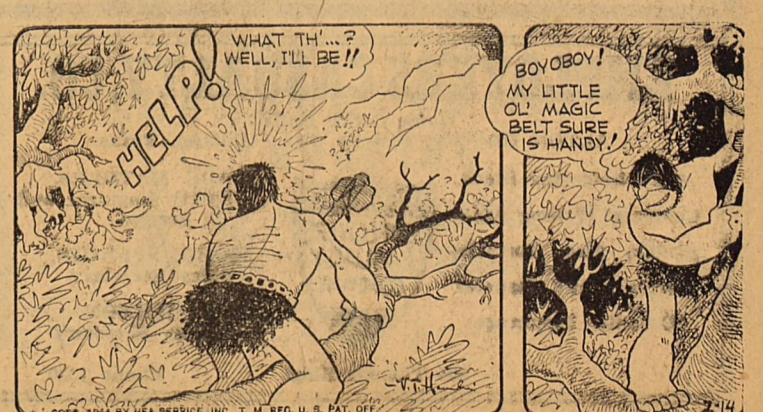
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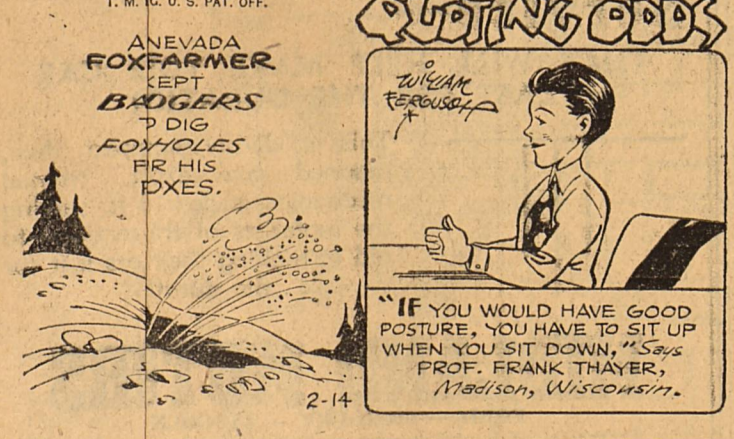
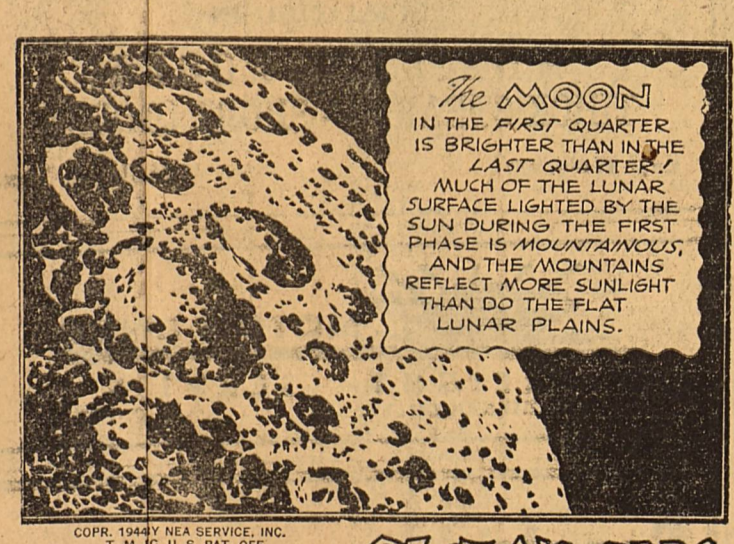
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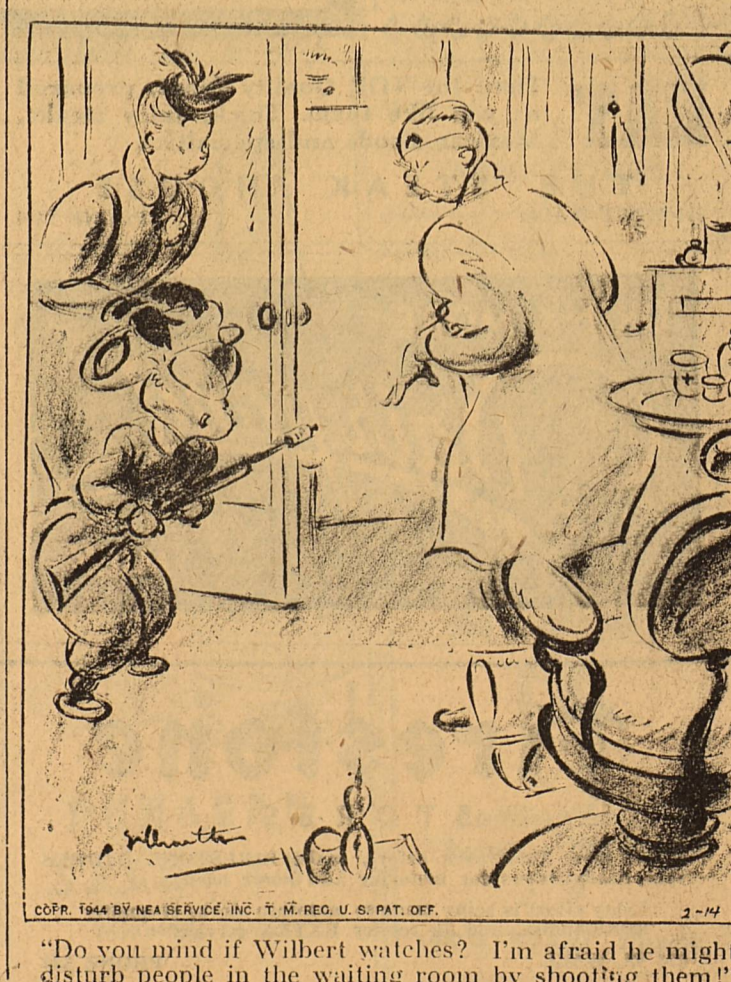


THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



IF YOU WOULD HAVE GOOD POSTURE, YOU HAVE TO SIT UP WHEN YOU SIT DOWN. Says PROF. FRANK THAYER, Madison, Wisconsin.

SIDE GLANCES



"Do you mind if Wilbert watches? I'm afraid he might disturb people in the waiting room by shooting them!"

Nelson Appears Man To Beat For Texas Open Title

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
 SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The Texas Open enters its final round Monday but it really is right back where it started—the field against Byron Nelson.

They made the torrid Texas from Toledo, Ohio, a favorite before the tournament started. The first day it appeared Byron had let the boys down when he shot a four-over par 75. But Saturday Byron blasted out a 63, which not only was eight under par under regulation figures but tied the course record.

Then Sunday, Lord Byron moved through a steady rain with a three-under 68 that sent him within one stroke of Johnny Revolta of Evans-ton, Ill.

Go Into Finals
 So the boys moved to the final 18 holes Monday with Revolta showing 205 and Nelson 206 but they'd bet you around Bracknell because Nelson will carry off the \$1,000 first prize Monday night.

It's not that Revolta isn't shooting well; Nelson is just burning up the course. Johnny had to take a six on No. 7 when he drove hit a tree but he drew even with par by registering birdies on No. 10 and No. 14. However, his second shot landed behind a tree at No. 16 and he had to take a bogey.

On the other hand Nelson's putter continued to respond like a first-grade student to his teacher. He rammed in a 15-footer for a birdie on No. 1 and it was something like that that rest of the way.

Despite the rain and cold 12 players bettered par Sunday, among them were Nelson, Craig Wood of Mamaronock, N. Y., Tex Consolover of Wichita, Kan., and Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind. Harold (Jug) McSpaden equaled regulation figures to make his total 210 for the 54 holes and third place in the standing. Melvin (Chick) Harbert of Lincoln, Neb., and Jim Forces Training Command, and Wood each had 211 when the day's firing was over. Sam Byrd of Philadelphia had 212 and Consolover and Hamilton each boasted 213.

Rice, Arkansas Expected To Tie For Cage Title

By The Associated Press
 In just two more weeks the Southwest Conference basketball race—one of the high-scoring campaigns of history—will be at an end, and there is little to indicate that early season predictions of a tie for the title between Rice and Arkansas will not be carried out.

It has been a season of record-breaking: A new team scoring mark by Texas with 77 points against Texas A&M, a new individual scoring record for one game—41 points by Bill Henry of Rice against those same Aggies—and this week Henry appears certain to smash to bits the individual scoring mark for a season.

Henry Has Two More
 The giant Henry already has 214 points, the same number Dwight Parks of Baylor rolled up in 1942 to set the record. Bill is aiming at. And there are two games to go.

Meanwhile Rice and Arkansas are rolling along with nine victories and one defeat each and Rice closes out its schedule this week, playing Texas at Austin Wednesday and Baylor at Houston Saturday.

Arkansas is idle as far as conference competition is concerned, but the Razorbacks are scheduled to meet the Pittsburg, Kan., Teachers at Pittsburg Thursday night, Arkansas beat the Teachers 42-37 in early season. Next week the Porkers journey to Texas for a series with A&M at College Station. The Aggies haven't won a game in conference play.

Last week found Rice beating A&M by 34 points and Texas Christian by 29 while Arkansas downed Texas twice, taking the first game 59-48 and the final 54-46.

Southern Methodist trimmed Baylor twice and TCU downed the Aggies in the other game.

Henry boasts a lead of 33 points in the individual scoring race over Dennis Haden of Southern Methodist, while the third-place man—Deno Nichols of Arkansas—is 42 behind Haden's 181. Haden's last game will be Thursday night when SMU plays A&M at Dallas. Texas Christian meets A&M at Fort Worth the next night.

Federal Judge Rules Against OPA In State Liquor Auction Suit

AUSTIN—(AP)—Federal District Judge W. A. Keeling Monday denied the Office of Price Administration an injunction to restrain the Texas Liquor Control Board from selling confiscated liquor to the highest bidder.

Keeling said in an opinion that it was not intended by the Emergency Price Control Act "to nullify the admitted power of the state to enact and enforce its penal laws, and as an incident of such enforcement to sell at judicial sale property confiscated in the enforcement of such laws.

The OPA had contended sale of the liquor to the highest bidder violated price regulations.

Liquor Administrator Bert Ford, named a party to the suit, said about 100 cases of liquor were involved in the test, but that the board had now accumulated about 1,400 additional cases which he presumed could be sold under the court's ruling.

Keeling did not question the authority of Congress to enact the price control act "in the face of the existing emergency," and said the act was within Congress' constitutional powers.

"But," he added, "upon the pleadings of the plaintiff and defendant, the court is further of the opinion that it was not the intention of the act to interfere with the enforcement of the penal laws of the state of Texas enacted under its police powers."

Grand Jury Starts Work

Midland County District Court opened a new term Monday morning and the grand jury promptly went to work.

Members of the grand jury are H. G. Bedford, foreman; George Abell, O. J. Hubbard, John W. House, Ben F. Black, N. B. Larsh, W. T. Forehand, F. D. Breedlove, L. C. Link, Paul Nelson, R. L. Miller and Ronald K. DeFord.

Judge Cecil C. Collins announced the original docket had been set for the second week of the court's term.

Public Roads Director Interested In Texas Postwar Program

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Public Roads Administrator Thomas H. MacDonald has expressed interest in Texas' \$250,000,000 post-war road building program, Texas State Highway authorities report.

Emphasis would be placed on the inter-regional highway network President Roosevelt recently proposed and the work would be carried on over a three-year period.

Here for conferences Saturday with MacDonald and congressional leaders about road matters were D. C. Greer, Texas State Highway engineer; E. E. McAdams, Austin, secretary of the League of Texas Municipalities; Jones County Judge Gilbert Smith of Anson, secretary of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association; and Charles Simons of Austin, representing the Texas Good Roads Association.

Better News Comes From Italy As Finland Seeks Way Out Of Fight

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
 Associated Press War Analyst
 There's better news from the furious battle of the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead below Rome as a reward for those whose faith stood up during the trying days of last week. The American-British force has regained the initiative, at least in part, and has been attacking the surrounding Germans with great violence. That's an encouraging sign, but it shouldn't be taken as necessarily meaning that the crisis has been passed.

Our greatest need apparently is a spell of good flying weather to enable the Allied air force, with its heavy superiority, to get into full action. The battle may turn on air power.

Meanwhile, Yankee forces in the Cassino sector to the south are extending their efforts to smash through this tough spot, and are reported to have made some progress.

One reason we haven't been able to take this heavily fortified town is because we have refrained—at least until now—from shelling the famous monastery which looks down on our forces from a hill top and is being used by the enemy as an artillery post. However, stern necessities of war may force us to bombard it. Indeed, the Nazi controlled radio says we already have started, though there has been no confirmation.

The other tense spot in the European war is Finland. The peals of triumph in Moscow over the capture of Luga are kernels of tragedy for the Finns, whose hour of reckoning with Russia is thus brought appreciably nearer by the fall of this stronghold. Hitler's strength in that part of the war zone is dwindling rapidly.

Little Finland is in the position of making peace quickly or of accepting a worse fate. The Helsinki government fully recognizes this, as is indicated by extreme activity pointing to possible negotiations between Finland and Moscow.

The capture of Luga ranks among the great victories of the Russo-German war. It is one of the keys to the turning operation that the Muscovites are now in process of carrying out against the northern wing of the Nazi front which now rests on the Baltic Sea north of Narva in Estonia.

Income Tax Collectors Aid With Returns Here

Three deputy income tax collectors found plenty of work Monday when they opened their brief cases in the courthouse to aid Midland taxpayers make returns.

The officials, H. W. Axe, J. G. Harris, and A. E. Baze, will be in the commissioner's court room through Saturday to aid in filing federal tax returns.

Citizens waited patiently for the officials to assist them with the complicated returns.

Supplemental Food Allotments For Cafes

The Midland County Ration Board Monday announced supplemental allotments are available for institutional users of food for the period Feb. 15 to March 1. The allotments amount to 25 per cent of regular quotas.

Institutional users of food should call at the ration board's office to obtain certificates for the supplemental allotments.

MAYOR IS IN FORT WORTH

Mayor A. N. Hendrickson was in Fort Worth Monday on business.

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Army Found Uniform Quickly For Collins
 The Army apparently had no trouble in finding a uniform for Bill Collins, Midland Chamber of Commerce manager. His civilian clothing arrived from Fort Bliss Monday morning and reports were received that Bill already has his GI haircut.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Billy Gibbons, old Mike Gibbons' son and a pretty good middleweight himself, recently returned after a year as a ship worker in Alaska and promptly joined the Marines—probably to get warm. . . . Billy is Mike's fifth son to become a Marine. . . . Parson Gil Dadds, the miler, has named his new son John Lloyd after Gil's two coaches, Jack Ryder and Lloyd Hahn. . . .

Triple Threat
 (NEWS ITEM: Ohio State University asks draft deferment for Coach Paul Brown.)
 It will leave the Buckeyes nearly draftless.
 If Coach Paul Brown goes in the draft.
 He's more concerned with the Army and Navy.
 These days than lading out the Army.
 He trains the soldiers and helps to grade 'em.
 And pays the interest on the stadium.

Monday Matinee
 Bob Carpenter still is looking for a "second crop" of stars to fill baseball parks in the off season. W. George Bleackley of Waterford, N. Y., suggests soccer, which should become increasingly popular with the return of service men who are being exposed to the game overseas.
 "Bob" Whitworth, War English hunker from Cambridge University, will get his first taste of American track competition this winter as a member of the Iowa U. team. He's studying medicine there.

Don't Worry About Baseball, Connie Mack Advises

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Connie Mack says it's all the bunk—the talk about the major leagues dragging the great old-timers back into the war-time mess.

"We don't need them; we don't want them; I doubt if any one of them wants to come back, and they can't play any more anyway," affirms the Athletics' 81-year-old manager. "I'd much rather keep the game going with 14- and 15-year-olds."

"In the first place we are going to have enough 4-F's to carry us through, besides the men who aren't called and youngsters who haven't gone into the service.
 It's a joke to talk about such men as Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Eddie Collins, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson and Al Simmons making comebacks.
Pitied Old Timers
 "We appreciate the fine spirit they have shown and their desire to help baseball, but they can't play now. Once a man has passed 35 or 40 and then gives up the game for a year or so, he can't come back."
 Mack said he saw some old timers play in a bond selling game in New York last year—"and I pitied them."

"Great outfielders like Speaker—one of the finest fly catchers of all time—looked pitiable. I was afraid he would get hit on the head."
 If the clubs should have to get along with 18-man squads, Mack comments, "maybe a small group would be better: what good is a staff of 11 or 12 pitchers if you can't work them regularly?"
 "Don't worry about baseball and don't worry about the caliber of ball, he adds. "The teams will be about as good as they were last year—and after all its the even competition that the fans want. They don't look for super excellence these days."

British Clearing Out Jap Troops In Burma

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Japanese troops who slipped behind the British on one sector of the Arakan front in Burma are steadily being cleared out, an Allied communique said Monday.

"The situation is improving steadily," said the bulletin from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia headquarters. It added that the general situation in Arakan was unchanged, "though there are indications that the Japanese position continues to deteriorate."

In the Tiddim zone to the north of Arakan, Japanese troops were dispersed by artillery fire in the Fort White area Sunday and Allied patrols probed enemy defenses Sunday, the communique said.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 1,500; calves 500; cattle and calves active and fully steady to strong; medium to good feed steers and yearlings 12.00-14.25; common lots of steers and yearlings 10.00-11.50; beef cows 8.00-10.75; canner and cutter cows 5.00-8.00; bulls 7.00-10.00; good and choice fat calves 12.50-13.50; common and medium grades 9.50-12.00.
 Hogs 2,700; steady; good and choice 300-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.55-65; good 300-330 lb. weights 13.55; good and choice 170-195 lb. averages 11.85-13.40; medium to choice 145-160 lb. weights 8.00-10.75; packing sows 10.00-11.00; stocker pigs at 5.00-7.50.
 Sheep 1,600; steady to strong; medium to good fat lambs 13.00-15.00; few club lambs to 16.00; good yearlings 12.50; cull and common ewes 6.00-25.

Nazi Falls For 'Old Oriental Trick'

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
 A U. S. MUSTANG BASE IN ENGLAND—(AP)—After 12 missions, Lt. Wau Kau Kong of Honolulu, only Chinese fighter pilot in the European theater, finally bagged an enemy plane with the help of "an old Oriental trick."
 Kong, whose P-51 carries two names—"Chinaman's Chance" on one side and "No Tickee No Washee" on the other—made the kill Friday while escorting bombers from Frankfurt. Enroute home he sighted a lone Focke-Wulf 190 at about 27,000 feet.
 Kong and Lt. Ridley E. Donnell, Murfreesboro, Tenn., peeled off together but Kong executed what he termed "an old Oriental trick" by taking a short cut "so I'd be in position for an overhead shot at the Jerry when he turned into me." It worked.
 "I let him have everything I had which was plenty," Kong said.

Eight Guns Stolen From Odessa Shop

Eight guns were stolen Sunday night from the Rex Gun Shop in Odessa, police here were informed. They joined in the search for the thieves. An automobile also was stolen in Odessa Sunday evening.

Visitors From Lubbock

Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Flynt and their children, Doris and Earl Wayne, and Mrs. Evelyn Lewis, all of Lubbock, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Allison Sunday.

Prothro Visits Here

W. F. Prothro, former city building inspector, was a visitor in Midland Monday. He now resides in Galveston.

Bodies Of 5 Persons Aboard Plane Found

MEMPHIS—(AP)—Encouraged by the recovery of five bodies, salvage crews intensified efforts Monday to wrest from the Mississippi River other bodies of the 24 persons who died in the crash of an American Airlines plane Thursday night.
 The U. S. engineers dispatched additional boats to the scene to assist in operations and officials were confident that other bodies would be found in the area explored Sunday.

Hit By Gas Shortage

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—The Monday wash went undone and bathing was taboo as a gas shortage hit Ohio, closing war plants and making thousands of workers idle.

Country Club Men To Enjoy Smoker

Members of the Midland Country Club will enjoy a smoker at the club house at 8 p. m. Thursday. The program will be informal and all men of the club are urged to attend.

No Freight Cars

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—Lack of equipment is making it impossible to send freight cars to the industrial region of Monterrey, Margareto Ramirez, general manager of the National Railways of Mexico, said Sunday. It was reported that Monterrey warehouses are stocked with goods.

Lubbock Couple Die In Flaming Truck

AMARILLO—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wray of Lubbock perished in a flaming gasoline truck after a collision 14 miles northeast of here.

Officers said they were told that the truck occupied by the Wrays ran into the rear of another gasoline truck during a fog Sunday morning and that the Wray truck burst into flames when it was hit from the rear by a sedan.

David Lee Perdue, driver of the other truck, escaped injury. Gordon Sharp of Amarillo, driver of the sedan, was injured, but not seriously.

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