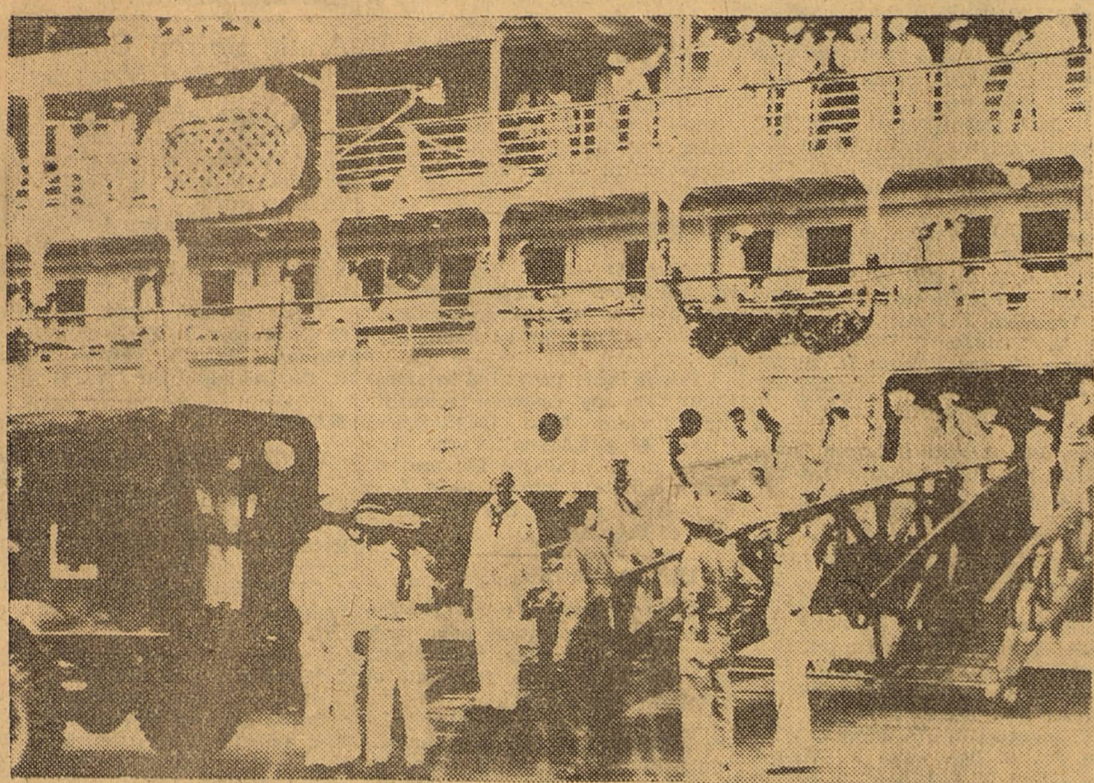


BERLIN HIT IN HEAVIEST ATTACK

American Siege Guns Blast Mt. Cassino Monastery

Wounded In Marshall Islands Battle



First hospital ship to reach Pearl Harbor with Marine wounded from the Marshall Islands. Stretcher cases are carried down gangplank into waiting ambulances as other stretcher cases are carried along the deck above gangplank. The ship landed over 350 casualties.

Midland Exceeds War Bond Quota By \$28,374.25 In Fourth Loan Campaign

Midland scored over the top in the Fourth War Loan campaign right on schedule Tuesday night, exceeding the \$1,380,000 goal by \$28,374.25.

Purchases during the campaign totaled \$1,358,374.25. But in the purchase of Series E Bonds, Midland failed to reach its quota on schedule. Purchases of these bonds Tuesday totaled \$38,739 bringing the total for the campaign to \$334,965.20, which was \$50,034.80 short of the \$385,000 quota.

Sales of Series E bonds will be pushed by campaign leaders during the next few days in hopes of meeting the quota. Officials in charge of the campaign expressed their thanks to workers and all organizations and agencies which aided in the successful drive.

Federal Food Reserve Stocks May Become Economic, Political Target

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vast reserve stocks of food accumulated for emergency war purposes may become a political and economic hot potato this election year for those charged with the responsibility of allocating the nation's food supply.

It appears clear that officials of the War Food Administration fully recognize the situation. They realize that every move relating to the distribution of food, particularly supplies from the emergency reserve, will be subject to close scrutiny for any possible effect on the November election.

Humble Yoakum Wildcat Found More Oil Shows

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

After coring and drilling through approximately 100 feet of the San Andres lime, which had shown scattered staining and bleeding oil and slight porosity, and taking drillstem tests which found some oil shows in drilling mud, Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 H. T. Fillington, Southwest Yoakum County wildcat, Wednesday was engaged in another test to the total depth of 5,299 feet.

On a core at 5,273-86 feet, a 100 per cent recovery of the formation showed bleeding oil and slight porosity. Another specimen was taken from 5,296-99 feet, but the description of that had not been received from the field.

Some sources are predicting that it has already shown enough to make a well. Similar predictions on other developments have worked out both ways, and the only way this will be determined is by further testing.

Helmreich & Payne, Inc. No. 1 Higginbotham, East Yoakum prospector, was making hole under 4,635 feet. Unofficial reports revealed that drilling was in the San Andres, but top of the section has not been formally released.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 234 Walton, three-quarters of a mile northwest of the Kermitt-Ellenburger discovery in Northwest Winkler County, was drilling below 9,743 feet in the Simpson section of the Ordovician. Top of the zone was called at 9,715 feet. Surface elevation is 2,941 feet.

Magnolia No. 21 State-Walton, southeast extension to the Kermitt-Ellenburger pool, was drilling out a (Continued on Page 5)

Large purchasers Tuesday included the Plymouth Oil Company \$10,000; the Shell Oil Company \$5,050; and the Lario Oil & Gas Company \$10,000.

Texas Drives Over War Bond Quota

DALLAS (AP)—Nathan Adams, state chairman of the Fourth War Loan drive, said Tuesday night that Texas exceeded her \$395,000,000 quota by \$1,388,215, and sent a message to Texas' 36th Division, fighting in Italy, advising the men of that fact.

Adams' message sent to the division's commanding general said: "As promised Texas fighters in the 36th Division by radio through you Feb. 3, Texans Tuesday exceeded the \$395,000,000 Fourth War Loan Texas goal by \$1,388,215, unofficially, with a much greater total to be recorded when final official figures are known, thus backing the attack of our fighting sons with fighting dollars."

The state chairman said Texans as individuals and business firms have invested \$1,388,204,077 in U. S. Treasury securities since the summer preceding Pearl Harbor, a figure exclusive of investments by Texas banks.

Midland County Poll Taxes Hit High Mark

Midland County now has more qualified voters than ever before in its history, a complete check of all poll tax receipts in the county tax collector's office revealed Wednesday.

A total of 3,338 poll tax receipts have been issued, qualifying that many citizens to vote this year. Last year 2,080 citizens paid poll taxes and two years ago, a general election year, 1,177 had poll tax receipts.

French Underground 'Outflanks' Atlantic Wall

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, Associated Press War Analyst

Field Marshal Karl von Runstedt, commander of German forces in Western Europe and one of the outstanding soldiers of our time, manages to convey the impression of a great faith in Germany's destiny in his quiet statement that he is prepared for the coming Allied invasion and awaits it calmly.

There was no guttural Hitlerian shouting as the marshal told simply how the Nazi anti-invasion defenses include large-scale ground mining, arrangements for flooding bi garages, and "anti-tank obstacles and walls for more diversified than in the Maginot Line." The German reserves, he said, are so grouped that they can launch quick counterattacks.

Maybe Von Runstedt is bluffing when he says there will be "no withdrawal in my field of operations." However, I see no reason to doubt his sincerity. The marshal means business. We should be asking for trouble if we did not recognize this.

However, Von Runstedt seems to have stretched a vital point when he said that Hitler's Atlantic wall can't be outflanked by invasion.

It's outflanked already—before the invasion has started. It's outflanked by the vast underground army of Frenchmen and other nationalities of the occupied zone who are all set and waiting for the in-

House-To-House Cassino Battle Rages On

By RELMAN MORIN, ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—American siege guns have opened a concentrated bombardment of Monastery Hill and "breaches" have been opened in that main sector of the German line overlooking Cassino, it was announced Wednesday, but in the invasion beachhead at the west headquarters acknowledged loss of Carroceto, 10 miles north of Anzio.

Warships again battered the Germans ringing the beachhead and RAF Wellingtons flung down block busters in a night attack. U. S. artillery opened up on Monastery Hill following the aerial destruction of historic Mt. Cassino abbey, which the Germans had converted into a fortress.

German infantry presumably was still in possession of the key hill, above beleaguered Cassino, where violent battling swept into its 15th day.

The fighting increased in intensity as American soldiers who already hold one-third of the town, continued the methodical destruction of house after house which the Nazis have converted into miniature fortresses.

The lull in ground fighting in the beachhead continued, the communiqué reporting only patrol clashes in the Cisterna and Carroceto (April) areas.

Headquarters said Carroceto was in German hands. Fierce fighting has swirled in this neighborhood, with a canning factory there changing hands four times. Allied forces had pushed four miles north of Carroceto to the outskirts of Campoleone, 16 miles below Rome, but German counterattacks forced them back.

While Allied heavy bombers gave direct support to infantry on both the beach and main Fifth Army front, A-36 Invaders struck a sharp series of blows at railroad yards in the suburbs of Rome. (The Paris radio said the Rome area was attacked again Wednesday and that Castel Gandolfo was hit Tuesday.)

The Germans launched their first attack in several weeks against Eighth Army positions, sending infantry and light tanks against Indian troops. The assault, described as on a "small scale" was beaten back.

In the town of Cassino, doughboys (Continued on Page 5)

Chaplin Freed Of Paternity Charge After Blood Tests

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charlie Chaplin's slim shoulders, weighted beneath a series of criminal and civil actions, were relieved Wednesday of one burden—red-haired Joan Barry's charges that he is the father of her four-months-old daughter.

Counsel for Chaplin and Miss Barry accepted the verdict of a medical board that the 54-year-old British-born actor did not father the youngster, as she alleged in a paternity suit against him.

"Under the terms of our stipulation the decision is conclusive," said J. J. Irwin, attorney for Miss Barry, 24, who bore the baby, Carol Ann, last October. "We must and will abide by the doctors' decision."

Chaplin had denied paternity but paid Miss Barry some \$15,000 for medical expenses and agreed to undergo a blood test to settle the matter.

Irwin added that Miss Barry "is not available for comment and is in no condition to comment in any case."

Red Armies Close In On Pskov

Death Struggle Of Trapped Germans Enters Final Stage

By EDDIE GILMORE, MOSCOW (AP)—The Red Army made rapid progress Wednesday along the highway and railway between Luga and Pskov toward the communications junctions of Byelaya and Keofilova - Pustyn while other Soviet units struggled through the dense forests and swamps protecting Pskov on the north.

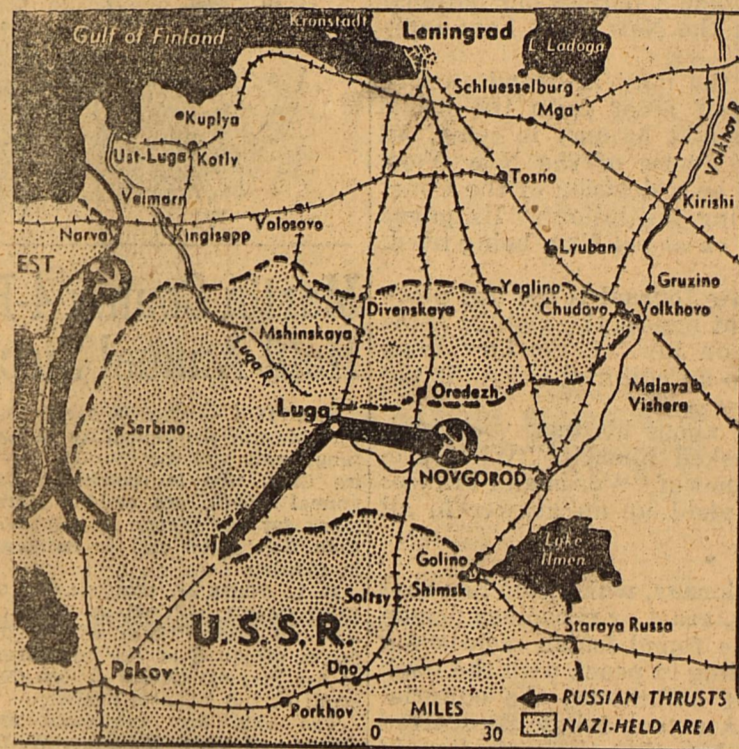
Down in the northwest corner of the Dnieper Bend the death struggle of the German forces trapped in the Cherkasy pocket entered its final stage. There every ravine, trench and clump of woods was the scene of desperate fighting.

The advance toward Pskov in the north, however, was more spectacular, for it exemplified Russian fighting tactics as well as any campaign to date—the strategy of fighting down highways and side roads rather than attacking on a straight line front.

Units of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad Army are within 17 miles of Byelaya and less than that from Keofilova-Pustyn. These two towns are the immediate Soviet objectives before the main attack on Pskov begins, for they form part of its outer defense system and there are indications that the Germans are hastily throwing up new fortifications.

South and southeast of Gdov, between the southern shore of Lake Peipus and Pskov, lies a thin belt of forests with no such highway as the one connecting Pskov with Luga. The army newspaper Red Star said that the Germans were concentrating their troops in the forest settlements, and this will probably force the Russians to use wide out-flanking movements to capture them.

The Red Army is being aided by bands of guerrillas who infiltrate behind German-held villages to cut vital supply routes and who then join with the main Russian forces when they close in on the enemy.



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Nazis Reported Ready To Leave Finland

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The German commander in Northern Finland was reported Wednesday to have urged Adolf Hitler to recall his troops to avert their entrapment by a Russian-Finnish peace, direct negotiations for which now appear to be under way.

A German source said the request had been relayed to Berlin by Col. Gen. Edward Dietl and asserted there were indications that a number of transport officers, essential for any large-scale movement, already had been assigned to Dietl's command.

He said, however, that Col. Gen. Hans Juergen Stumpff of the Nazi air force had virtually abandoned his Finnish headquarters in favor of Oslo. Stumpff also was reported to have ordered the withdrawal of German fighter and bomber squadrons from the Rovaniemi and Kemri airfields in Finland to Norway.

The sleek Swedish motorship carrying enemy diplomats, German nationals and prisoners of war sailed out of New York harbor Tuesday, assured of a safe passage by all belligerents. It is expected to dock in the Portuguese port about Feb. 24.

In announcing the ship's departure Tuesday night, the State Department in Washington revealed for the first time that American sick and wounded would be among those being repatriated.

War Bulletins

CANBERRA (AP)—Air Minister A. S. Drakeford announced Wednesday a number of giant Sunderland flying boats were being flown to Australia by the Royal Australian Air Force.

LONDON (AP)—The German news agency DNB reported in a Tokyo dispatch Wednesday that the first shipment of parcels to American prisoners of war has reached Japan via Vladivostok but further plans for distribution will have to be put back because of what the dispatch called bad treatment of Japanese in American camps.

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Japanese have been forced to abandon some of their positions on the Haka front in Burma, while bitter fighting continued Wednesday in the Arakan area where an enemy force estimated at 2,000 penetrated Allied lines 12 days ago.

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Helsinki dispatches to the newspaper Aftonbladet quoted Estonian reports Wednesday as saying that Red Army troops have established a bridgehead across the Narova River at Krivasuo and that a dangerous situation for the city's German defenders has developed within the past 24 hours.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

GERMANY — RAF blasts Berlin with record-breaking bomb load.

ITALY—Americans breach German line overlooking Cassino; Carroceto, 10 miles north Anzio, recaptured by Nazis.

RUSSIA—Red Army makes rapid progress toward communication junctions of Byelaya and Keofilova-Pustyn.

PACIFIC — MacArthur announces end of Solomons campaign but declares Japan cannot be defeated through blockade and bombing alone.

Allies Move Into Green Islands, Isolate 22,000 Enemy Soldiers

By MORRIE LANDSBERG, Associated Press War Editor

In the wake of swift new island landings, General MacArthur announced the end of the 19-months-old Solomons campaign Wednesday but declared that in order to assure final victory in the Pacific, "We must defeat Japan's army."

American and New Zealand troops moved into the Green Islands Monday and Tuesday in a surprise operation which MacArthur said isolated 21,000 Japanese on Bougainville, Buka, Choiseul and the Shortlands from Rabaul, New Britain, 120 miles to the west.

The occupation, achieved with only slight opposition, carried the Allies to the very tip of the Solomons archipelago, providing valuable blockade-running bases squarely between Rabaul, target of almost daily air raids, and invaded Bougainville.

It climaxed a 750-mile march through the Solomons that began Aug. 7, 1942, when U. S. Marines landed on Tulagi and Guadalcanal, a swept north through the New Georgia group.

General MacArthur said: "For all strategic military purposes, this completes the campaign for the Solomon Islands."

As for the trapped Japanese troops, the Southwest Pacific commander noted the neutralization of the enemy's northern Solomons air fields and blocking of the barge (Continued on Page 5)

3 Argentine Cabinet Officials Ousted In Bloodless Coup

MONTEVIDEO (AP)—A bloodless coup by Argentine Nationalists who opposed that country's recent break with the Axis forced the Argentine foreign minister and two other state officials to resign Tuesday and confronted the Ramirez government Wednesday with a grave crisis threatening to have far-reaching effects on its policies.

The sudden turn of events caused Gustavo Martinez Zuviria, who had resigned earlier as minister of justice and education because of his opposition to the break with the Axis, to withdraw his resignation, advised from Buenos Aires said. Former Minister of Interior Gen. Luis Perlinger also was reported to have taken similar action.

Foreign Minister Alberto Gilbert, who was reported to have been willing to declare war on Germany in proof of the government's sincerity in breaking with the Axis, found the army officers installed in the ministry when he arrived there Tuesday morning. His resignation, along with those of Presidential Secretary Enrique Gonzalez, who controlled the press and radio, and of Foreign Undersecretary Oscar Barri Garcia were announced by the president's office Tuesday night.

It was believed in Montevideo that the current shakeup might force President Ramirez himself to resign.

MOTHER IS IMPROVED AUSTIN (AP)—Mrs. Virginia Stevenson, mother of Gov. Coke R. Stevenson, was in improved condition Wednesday, the governor reported on his return from Junction where he was called because of his mother's illness.

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Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong.—Jeremiah 22:13.

Wolf' At The Bar

To anyone who doubts that both the term "wolf" and its connotation have become a part of our national life, we commend a reading of the New York Law Journal for Jan. 31. This publication is one of the most arid and austere of trade papers...

Then he consulted the dictionary, which told him that "wolf" could be "any ravenous, cruel or rapacious person or thing." But in the Bible he found Isaiah mentioning something about the wolf dwelling in peace with the lamb...

Taking due account of precedent, the Law Journal accordingly decided that "wolf" is probably not a libelous appellation, unless spoken with malicious intent to injure. To this definitive and comforting opinion, we can only add our guess that, however malicious the intent, the accusation is seldom resented...

The Hard Way

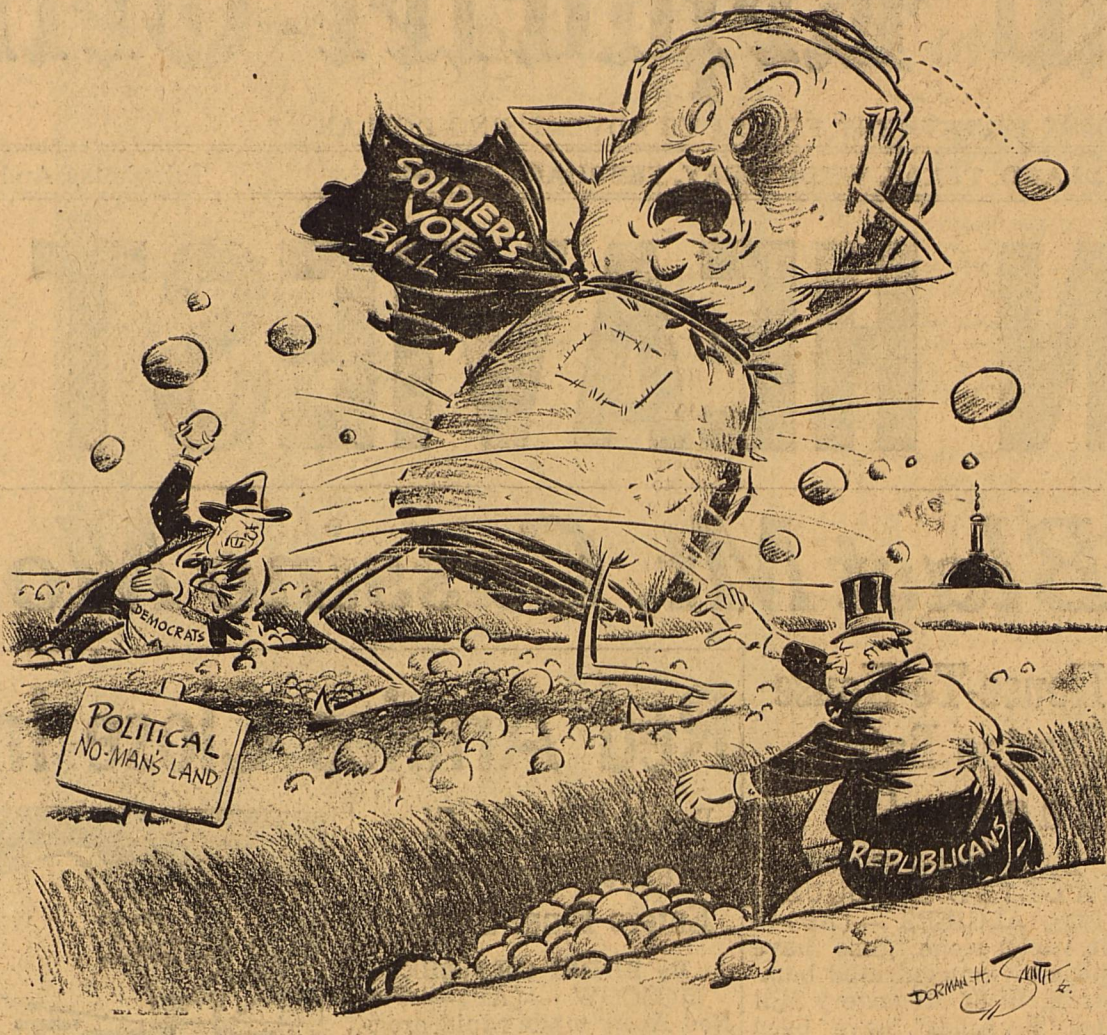
Congress can find an excellent example of how not to write a soldier-vote law in a set of instructions issued by the Army. The instructions cover the ways and means for qualified service men and women to vote in the April primaries in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Nebraska, and the April general election in Louisiana.

Many youngsters in uniform will be voting for the first time. Others may be uncertain of their state's voting regulations. And if they have any doubts, they must write to their secretary of state and find out if they have to register, pay a tax, or fulfill some other requirement.

In other words, it is likely that in some instances there will not be time to vote at all. How to avoid this delay and red tape is Congress' job. Whether a federal or a "states rights" voting system, or a modification of either, is finally decided upon, the lawmakers have an obligation to map out a plan in which the exercise of franchise won't be such exhausting exercise that the soldier has no strength left to mark the ballot.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps— Most friends you try to fall back on let you down easy.

A Battle-Scarred Veteran



Martin County 4-H Club Boys To Hold Annual Stock Show Saturday

STANTON — County Agent Hubert Martin, the committee of arrangements and the Stanton Service Club, who is sponsoring the annual event, are making final plans for the Martin County 4-H Club Boys' show set for Saturday in Stanton.

Shell Worker Gets President's Medal For Rescue Work

MCCAMEY — The President's Medal of the National Safety Council was awarded Monday night for the third time in two years to West Texas employes of Shell Pipe Line Corporation for saving the lives of asphyxiated persons by application of the Shaefer pressure method of resuscitation.

Fail To Recover Body Of Rodgers

Mrs. Ida Rodgers has returned here from San Diego, Calif., and reported that the body of her son, Jess Rodgers, has not been recovered. She was informed by Washington authorities that he was killed in action Nov. 17 in the Pacific war area, and that his body had not been recovered.

SPARKS & BARRON Insurance Agency. FIRE, AUTOMOBILE, CASUALTY, LIFE, BONDS.

'Eve Of St. Mark' Wins Applause Of Large Crowd Here

Midland's Civic Auditorium was crowded to capacity Tuesday night when the Midland Army Air Field presented "The Eve of St. Mark," as the climax of the Fourth War Loan campaign here.

Uimer Addresses Crowd

In a brief address, M. C. Uimer, regional War Bond chairman, thanked the Midland Army Air Field, the Civic Theater, War Bond purchasers, the MAAF band and all persons who aided in staging the play for their splendid work and announced Midland had exceeded its \$1,300,000 goal in the campaign.

Severe Case Of Mistaken Identity

AUSTIN — (AP)—Police called it a severe case of mistaken identity. A negro woman reported to Detective T. O. Lang that as she was talking in a telephone booth, another woman plucked an ice pick into her back.

Sugar Stamp 40 Good For Five Pounds Of Canning Sugar

Sugar stamp No. 40 in War Ration Book IV, good for five pounds of sugar for home canning, became valid Feb. 1, and will remain good through Feb. 28, 1945, according to an announcement made by the Office of Price Administration.

State Senate Group To Study Wage Situation

AUSTIN — (AP)—The Senate's general investigating committee has decided to go into the matter of whether state employes should be paid more money to meet increased living costs.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. Secretary Dies

BEAUMONT — (AP)—Courtenay Marshall, secretary of the Magnolia Petroleum Company from April 4, 1911, until his retirement June 1, 1932, died Tuesday at a hospital.

Federal Attorney To Study WMC Orders For Irregularities

DALLAS — (AP)—Joe H. Jones, first assistant U. S. district attorney, says his office is attempting to determine whether certificates of availability, which a worker in essential industry must obtain before he can change jobs, are being withheld when there is good reason for them to be furnished.

Italian Independence Studied By Music Club At Tuesday Meeting

"Italian Independence" was studied Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Civic Music Club in the auditorium of the North Elementary School. Mrs. Delbert Downing gave the historical sketch of Italian independence from 1859 to 1861.

Annie Barron Circle Has Monday Meeting

The Annie Barron Circle of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Barbara Wall, Mrs. R. Chanslor presiding at the business session after which Mrs. R. O. Walker discussed "Christianity—Our Citadel." Mrs. Vernon Yearby dismissed the meeting with prayer.

CHICAGO — (AP)—The Chicago Natural History Museum which has scheduled a "leap year customs" lecture for "unattached ladies day" says:

"This is being presented in ample time for any esthetic scientific tips, derived from technological studies of peoples all over the world, to be available for use of wedding-wishful women right here in Chicago during the remaining days of February."

OUTER STRATEGY WILLIAMSPORT, PA. — (AP)—The city's post-war planners have their eyes on a utility pole that stands only 18 inches from the wall of Lycoming County Jail.

LOG LASTS 2500 YEARS In Del Norte County, Calif., a redwood grew astride another that had fallen. The prostrate tree, dead at least 2500 years, was sound enough for lumber when cut up a few years ago.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sure's a lot of talk going around nowadays about post-war planning... folks passing resolutions... statesmen holding conferences... governments making promises to each other.

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Personal 3

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NOTARY Public at Reporter-Telegram. O. M. Luton, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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COMPLETE fountain service. New equipment. Purest Ice Cream Company, 117 South Main.

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PERMANENT WAVES \$2.00 to \$7.00, 209 E. New York; phone 1380-W.

Lost and Found 7

FOUND: Two keys, one at courthouse other at postoffice. Reporter-Telegram.

LOST: Will the lady who kept a boy's coat Tuesday night at the "Eye of St. Mark" play please call 1229?

Help Wanted 9

WAITRESS wanted, experience not necessary. Agnes Cafe.

GROCERYMAN wanted, B and B Food Store.

WAITRESS wanted, day or night work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe.

WANTED: Registered nurse for floor duty. Apply Wood Hospital, 420 North Texas, Odessa, Texas.

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DUNAGAN SALES CO. Midland, Texas. Advertisement for beer and glassware.

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Help Wanted 9

WAITRESSES wanted. Transportation furnished. AAFBS Restaurant, Phone 900, ext. 233.

WANTED: Capable person to care for baby. Phone 400.

WANTED: Elderly man for janitor work with or without room and board. Short hours. Good pay. Log Cabin Inn.

WANTED: Attractive girl 18 or over for hat check. Apply in person. Log Cabin Inn.

WANTED: Part time sales clerk. Apply in own hand writing. State experience. Box 271, care Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED: Three men immediately. Permanent employment on airport contract. A & L Housing and Lumber Company.

OPPORTUNITY for experienced newspaper reporter. Apply Reporter-Telegram.

RENTALS

Wanted To Rent 21

WANTED: Two or three-room furnished apartment, northwest section preferred. Soldier and wife. Call 940, ext. 11.

WANT to Rent, a furnished house with five or six bedrooms. Call 586.

IF YOU anticipate having a vacant furnished apartment, won't you PLEASE phone Mrs. Hiner at the Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED to Rent, furnished apartment; house; best of care. Room 318, Schabarauer.

Household Goods 22

DELUXE Norge gas cook range, table top model for sale. Excellent condition. Call 876.

FOR SALE

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.

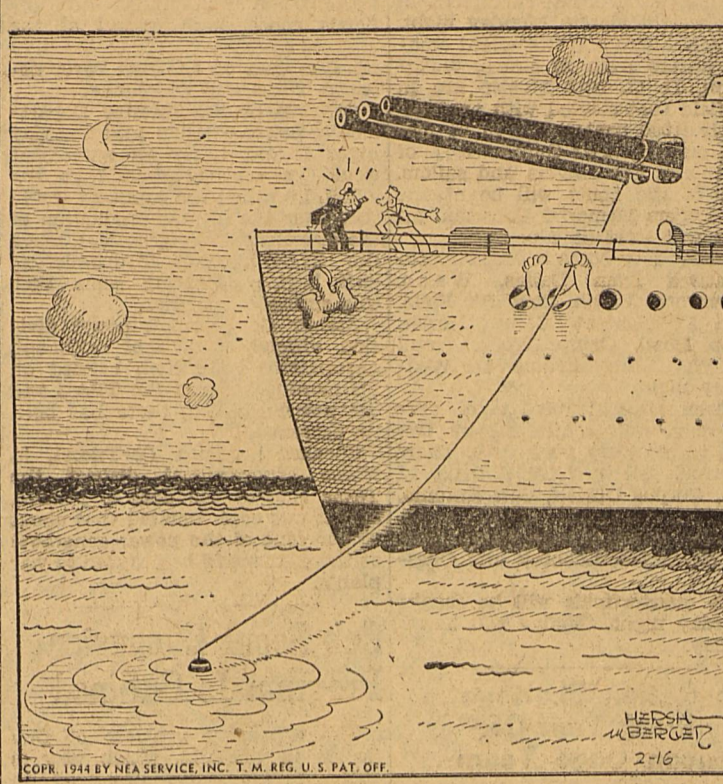
COMPLETE stock truck and passenger car tires and pre-war tubes, all sizes. We now have pre-war puncture proof tubes and blowout proof Lifeguard tubes. Use your certificates on the longest wearing tires and tubes at Ever-Ready Auto Service, 300 W. Wall Street, Midland.

MARTIN'S milo maize seed for sale. I. J. Howard, Valley View.

PLENTY of staples for all make machines. Sold at ceiling price. Box 1226, Phone 1086-W, Odessa, Texas.

FOR SALE: Eastman kodak, Buntum 53 mm, practically new. Phone 2048-W after 5 p. m.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"He said he was going to make the most of the navy, sir!"

Wanted To Buy 26

WANT to Buy, five or six-room frame house, north of T&P railway tracks. Can make substantial down payment. Call Hams, Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED to Buy, 50 cars for salvage. Highest prices paid. T. T. Fry, East Highway.

WANT to Buy, a furnished house. Call Luton, Phone 8.

Radios and Service 27

WANTED: Small used electric radios, any condition; bring them to Radio Service Co., 108 West Missouri.

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30

GOOD variety fruit trees, pecans, roses and evergreens. Will mail catalog to anyone on request. If you need trees and evergreens pruned, call 1494-W-1. In business since 1884. Baker Bros. Nursery, East Highway 80.

Livestock and Poultry 34

NOTICE: Straight run Texas-N. S. approved White Leghorn chicks 11c. Live arrival guaranteed. Jamison Hatchery, Sweetwater, Texas. Phone 3154.

Pets 35

COOKERSPANIEL puppies for sale. Midland Small Animal Hospital.

Painting & Papering 45

CHARLES STYRON: painting and paper hanging. Phone 1459-J.

JOE Roberts and N. E. Griffith, painting and paper hanging. Ph. 1728-J.

Political Announcements

Charges for publication in this column: District and State Offices...\$25.00 County Offices...\$15.00 Precinct Offices...\$ 7.50

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WICHITA NOTICE is hereby given that in obedience to the Order of the Court entered in suit styled Rachel Kramer, et vir. vs. J. J. Fennessy, et al. No. 37301, in the 30th District Court of Wichita County, Texas, I, H. W. Weir, Receiver, will offer for sale, free and clear of all encumbrances, between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. on the 3rd day of March, 1944, at the Courthouse in Wichita County, Texas, three certain water service stations located on Nance Estate, Beaver Creek near Kadane Corner, Wichita County, Texas; Vernon Station, Claudia Farm, eight miles south of Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas; Freeman-Hampton Station located in Freeman-Hampton Pool, Archer County, Texas, together with all machinery, equipment and pipe situated at said stations and used in connection with their operation.

DUNAGAN SALES CO. Midland, Texas. Advertisement for beer and glassware.

Federal Wage Board Withholds Decision After Texas' Protest

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A decision was withheld Wednesday by the Federal Wage Adjustment Board for construction workers after hearing a Texas challenge of its jurisdiction regarding wage scales of employees engaged under contract by a state on public works.

Texas officials, although specifically concerned with highway construction projects, declared that the issue involved affected all construction work financed by funds of a state, county, city or any other political subdivision.

Pacific War -

supply traffic from Rabaul, and declared "their ultimate fate is sealed."

In a special statement issued eight hours after his communique, MacArthur asserted, however, that Japan cannot be defeated through blockade and bombing alone.

Whether MacArthur had the vast Asiatic mainland in mind was not clear. But he did call attention to Japan's immense holdings on the Asiatic continent, Manchuria, Korea and Northern China, and observed that "her outlying islands of the Pacific represent an outpost position important, it is true, but no longer decisive."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, expressed belief recently that Japan would have to be defeated from land bases in China.

Still, there was no letup in the regular air pounding at key Japanese positions in the Southwest Pacific, and if the Seabees follow their Solomon pattern, there soon may be a new Allied air field within easy striking distance of those bases.

The deteriorating enemy strongholds of Rabaul was attacked again Monday, with 171 tons of bombs strewn on its three airfields. Eight planes were destroyed on the ground, and between seven and 12 of 40 interceptors shot down. The Allies lost three fighters.

Italian -

boys were forcing their way through blistering machine-gun fire from steel-reinforced concrete pillboxes in the dwellings.

Clearing weather brought virtually every type of Allied aircraft into action, and Liberators also struck at the Poggibonsi rail yards 20 miles south of Florence. Nine enemy planes were downed, including four over the beachhead, while the Allies lost one.

One formation of invaders caught a string of nearly 200 freight cars in the Tiburtina yards or, the outskirts of Rome, hitting them with 500-pound bombs.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WICHITA NOTICE is hereby given that in obedience to the Order of the Court entered in suit styled Rachel Kramer, et vir. vs. J. J. Fennessy, et al. No. 37301, in the 30th District Court of Wichita County, Texas, I, H. W. Weir, Receiver, will offer for sale, free and clear of all encumbrances, between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. on the 3rd day of March, 1944, at the Courthouse in Wichita County, Texas, three certain water service stations located on Nance Estate, Beaver Creek near Kadane Corner, Wichita County, Texas; Vernon Station, Claudia Farm, eight miles south of Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas; Freeman-Hampton Station located in Freeman-Hampton Pool, Archer County, Texas, together with all machinery, equipment and pipe situated at said stations and used in connection with their operation.

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Humble -

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Andrews development, had reached 10,531 feet in lime.

The Texas Company No. 1 Patillos was drilling below 3,765 feet. Shell No. 1 Cox, Northwest Andrews prospector, was digging past 8,207 feet in lime.

DeKalb Agricultural Association No. 2-E University, Northeast Andrews wildcat, was fishing for twisted-off drilpipe with total depth at 5,465 feet.

Sid W. Richardson, Fort Worth, has made location for a 5,500-foot wildcat in North Gaines County. The development will be No. 1 R. A. Cox, 1,980 feet from the south and west lines of section 148, block G, WT survey.

Another For Gaines

It will be six miles southwest of Seminole and six and one-half miles northeast of the Seminole field. The location is about four and one-half miles northwest of the Gulf No. 1 Kotwitz, abandoned several months ago at 6,070 feet, after having interesting, but non-commercial, oil shows.

Shell No. 1 Jones, wildcat in Northwest Gaines which has indicated possible San Andres production, is still preparing to make a production test to the bottom at 5,000 feet.

King and Bay No. 2 Blair was drilling below 7,480 feet in lime.

Humble No. 1 Cox, West Gaines wildcat, was boring under 11,077 feet in lime.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Jones had reached 11,394 feet in lime and was drilling ahead.

Sohio Producing Company No. 1 Ailsup, Northwest Lynn County prospector, was making hole below 6,780 feet.

Hickok & Reynolds No. 1 Bain Price, Northwest Yoakum County exploration, had progressed to 5,083 feet in lime.

Cobb Is Oily Stanolind No. 1 Cobb, Northwest Hockley County prospective pool opener from pay above 4,669 feet in the San Andres, is unofficially reported to have swabbed approximately 13 barrels of fluid into tanks Tuesday during an hour.

Estimates were that from 10 to 11 barrels of the recovery was oil. The swab was run twice during the hour. Swabbing in pits before turning to tanks had recoveries with from seven to 30 per cent basic sediment and drilling water. Swabbing was continuing.

Texas No. 1 Hobbs, Southeast Crane County wildcat, is running 5 7/8-inch casing to cement at 2,005 feet, on the bottom of 2,222 feet in lime.

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Gas In McKnight Schenckhorn Oil Corporation No. 1 McKnight, Crane County wildcat, was shut in at 3,150 feet waiting to install a rotary after encountering approximately 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day at the total depth. Some slight oil shows have been logged.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Wheeler, East Winkler exploration, had reached 10,374 feet in shale and was drilling ahead.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Shell No. 2 Blue was digging around 9,190 feet in lime and shale.

Stanolind and Shell No. 1-A Wheeler had progressed to 10,369 feet in lime.

Stanolind No. 1 Sealy-Smith, Southeast Winkler wildcat, had penetrated to 6,133 feet in lime.

Stanolind No. 1-B Cowden, North-Central Ector exploration, was making hole under 10,335 feet.

Shell No. 1 Johnson was drilling around 6,380 feet in lime.

Andrews Wildcats Sinclair Prairie No. 1 Grisham-Hunter, Southwest Andrews prospector, was boring below 9,770 feet. Humble No. 1 Carter, Central

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Tax Experts Will Aid Citizens Friday Night

To aid citizens who have been unable to get away from their work during regular office hours, three deputy income tax collectors who are here assisting in filing income tax returns announced Wednesday they would be in the commissioner's courtroom at the courthouse Friday evening until 9 o'clock or later.

H. W. Axe, a deputy collector said this would aid persons who have been unable to get to the courthouse before 5 p. m. to work out their tax problems. With Axe are J. G. Harris and A. E. Eaze.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

George R. Gilstrap and Mrs. Syble Henley were issued a marriage license at the county clerk's office.

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Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Leave Midland - Odessa, Leave Odessa - Midland, and Leave Airport. Lists departure times for various routes.

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THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Midland Bulldogs Meet San Angelo For Championship

Midland's Bulldogs journey to San Angelo Wednesday evening for the first playoff game for the basketball championship of District 3-AAA.

Smoker Arranged For Men Of Country Club

The Midland Country Club will entertain members of the club with a smoker at 8 p. m. Thursday in the clubhouse.

RODEO RIDER DIES HOUSTON (AP)—Alton B. Staverton, 27, cowboy of Mount Belvieu whose neck was broken in a rodeo mishap here, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital.

YUCCA West Texas' Entertainment Castle LAST DAY Guadalcanal Diary TODAY THURSDAY The Family Theatre MAN OF MYSTERY See him in his newest since "Citadel" and "Goodbye Mr. Chips" now his most fascinating role

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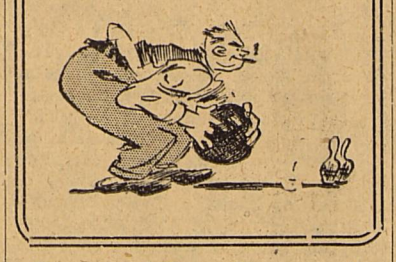
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Who's Excited?



Bowling



Line A and Tower teams are tied for top position in the Eighth Feryring Service Detachment Bowling League after Tuesday night's play. Headquarter keglers are in third place.

State Golden Gloves Meet Ready To Start

FORT WORTH (AP)—The eighth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournament is on its mark Wednesday ready to start on its series of eliminations that'll crown champions in eight weight classes Monday night.

TP&L May Take Over Power Production At Denison Dam

WASHINGTON (AP)—Conferees are expected to be held here the next few days between Texas Power & Light Company and Southern Power Administration officials concerning disposal of the power to be generated at the new Denison dam on the Red River between Texas and Oklahoma.

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Sports Roundup

NEW YORK (AP)—The Dodgers farm system apparently was what finally soured jeweler Max Meyer on the idea to purchase 75 per cent of the Brooklyn ball club.

Top Three-Year-Olds Nominated For Derby

LOUISVILLE, KY.—(AP)—Nominations for the seventh running of the Kentucky Derby closed at midnight Tuesday as track speculators forecast a subscription list exceeding last year's, when 110 thoroughbreds were named for the classic.

When Lt. Benny Leonard, Herb Pennock and Charley Brickley met at a recent War Bond rally in Wilmington, Del., the former lightweight champ's first question: "Which one is Herb Pennock? I've been wanting to meet him for years."

Some doubt had existed that George D. Widener, Philadelphia sportsman, would name his Filinto Futurity winner to the Downs classic, because of an aversion to early spring racing for his thoroughbreds, but it was announced at his Erdenheim farm that both Platter and Lucky Draw will be given the opportunity to run in the \$75,000 Derby this year.

Service Dept. Staff Sgt. Mason (Bunky) Brunson, former AP scribe turned Marine combat correspondent, reports that while mopping up operations were proceeding on Tarawa, a body of Marines retired to a nearby island for a rest. Brunson stretched out under a palm tree to sleep but soon was awakened by shouts. Looking around, he saw a group of Marines playing touch football, using a coconut for a ball.

The 83rd Air Base cagers of Midland Army Air Field dropped their second game of the season Tuesday night to the Hobbs, N. M., Army Air Field basketball team 50 to 44 in a game played at MAAP Post Service Club.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L. Line A 7-2, Tower 4-5, Headquarters 5-4, Mess A 4-5, Operations 4-5, Mess B 4-5, Line B 3-6, Orderly Room 2-7.

Table with 4 columns: Players, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Tot. S/Gt. Fisher 95 147 149 391, Corp. Karowski 102 145 127 374, etc.

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Berlin Hit

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25 Crewmen Die In British Ship Wreck

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—(AP)—Twenty-five members of the crew of 45 on a 7,244-ton British freighter were lost when the ship piled onto Boon Island ledge, about 12 miles off York, Me., in a driving blizzard Friday and split in two.

Midland Boy Scout Leaders Meet Friday

All Midland Boy Scout leaders will meet Friday evening to make plans for coming activities in Scouting, Dewey Jordan, district chairman, announced.

British Casualties In Italy Now Total 36,626

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons Wednesday that British and Dominion casualties in Italy from the initial landing on Sept. 8, 1943, until Feb. 12 were 7,835 killed, 23,283 wounded and 5,708 missing—a total of 36,626.

Subsidy Issue Still Locked In Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—Final action on legislation to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation, and to repeal food subsidies, was delayed Wednesday by failure of House and Senate conferees to agree on the bill's wording.

Congratulations To Seaman 2/c and Mrs. Floyd Owens on the birth of a daughter: Sharon Jean, Tuesday.

Reds Have No Word Of Peace Talks

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union had no official comment Wednesday on reports abroad that Finland is eagerly seeking peace terms.

AFL President Green Hits Labor Draft Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor Wednesday reiterated his opposition to national service legislation before the Senate Military Committee, blamed strikes on the government's wage and price controls and said a civilian labor draft would not need a single plane, a single ship, a single tank or a single bullet to the nation's war production.

Hospital Notes

D. E. Billings was released Tuesday and Jack Sheridan Wednesday.

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