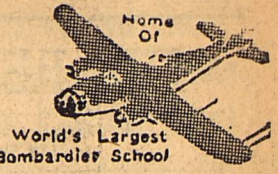




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# U.S. NAVY BLASTS PALAU

## U. S. Bombers Blast Truk As Jap Navy Dodges Task Force

By J. B. KRUEGER  
Associated Press War Editor

A formidable segment of the world's most powerful navy sailed audaciously, and invitingly, past Japan's fortress of Truk two days ago to sandbag Palau, another enemy bastion within 600 miles of the conquered Philippines.

Palu is 1,175 land miles west of Truk. What has been happening to it in the two intervening days under the pounding of "strong Pacific fleet forces," as Adm. Chester W. Nimitz put it, was not revealed. His communique Thursday merely said: "our attacks continue."

## Roosevelt To Let Service Vote Bill Become Law

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt notified Congress Friday he was letting the service vote bill become law without his signature even though he considered it "wholly inadequate" in providing service men and women an opportunity to ballot.

### Appeals To States

In it, he appealed to the states to cooperate in making the bill as "fully effective as its defective provisions will allow."

The measure would let service men and women overseas vote with federal ballots but only if they had applied for state ballots by Sept. 1 and did not receive them by Oct. 1. In addition, the governors of their states would have to certify that the ballots were authorized by state law.

In a poll of all the governors, Roosevelt had learned that at least 20 states planned to do nothing about authorizing use of supplementary federal ballots, that 19 would permit their use or probably would, and that nine were non-committal.

### Asks Amendment

The Chief Executive also appealed to Congress to "take more adequate action to protect the political rights of our men and women in the service."

He asked that the measure which he was allowing to become law be amended so as to permit all persons in uniform who have not received state ballots by an appropriate date, regardless of whether they have appealed formally for them, to use the federal ballot without prior express authorization by the states.

"If the states do not accept the federal ballot," Roosevelt declared, "that will be their responsibility. Under this bill, that responsibility is shared by the Congress."

The Japanese fleet, thus virtually invited to come out and fight against this invasion deep into its Pacific empire, chose to run. Warned of the American armada's approach, it fled.

They struck last Tuesday (U.S. time), destroying 49 planes on the ground and five to 20 in the air. Then on Wednesday night Liberators from the Central Pacific Seventh Air Force, under Admiral Nimitz, followed up with a second heavy blow. In addition, Southwest Pacific bombers, also under MacArthur's command, attacked Woleai, an atoll 550 miles west of Truk.

General MacArthur's headquarters pointed out that the raids plainly proved that henceforth coral-girt Truk was within range of his big bombers based in the South Pacific.

Palau has been called Japan's Singapore. It was built to withstand a siege and is administrative headquarters for the 1,500 islands of the Caroline group.

The Allies hit hard at the Japanese elsewhere. At Hollandia on Dutch New Guinea Liberators set great fires, destroyed 108 planes on the ground and shot down 10 interceptors out of 40 which rose to the challenge.

The enemy has built up Hollandia as an air base since the progressive destruction of its power at Wewak to the east. Wewak caught 95 tons of bombs and Rabaul, the mauled New Britain base, received 90.

### RUSSIANS TAKE VITAL BLACK SEA PORT

LONDON—(AP)—The capture of Ochakov, on the Black Sea between the estuaries of the Bug and Dniester Rivers, was announced Friday by Premier Stalin in a special order of the day.

## War Bulletins

ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—Bloody Hill 260, key objective of the Japanese in the second battle of Bougainville, has been cleared of enemy forces, a headquarters spokesman announced Friday.

LONDON—(AP)—The broadcast German communique asserted Friday that "the bulk of several Soviet divisions was encircled and annihilated" southwest of Narva in Northern Estonia after a fierce defensive battle lasting several days.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—British fighter planes from an aircraft carrier shot down a U. S. Army transport airplane and its crew of six by error in the Atlantic this week, the War Department and the British Admiralty announced jointly Friday.

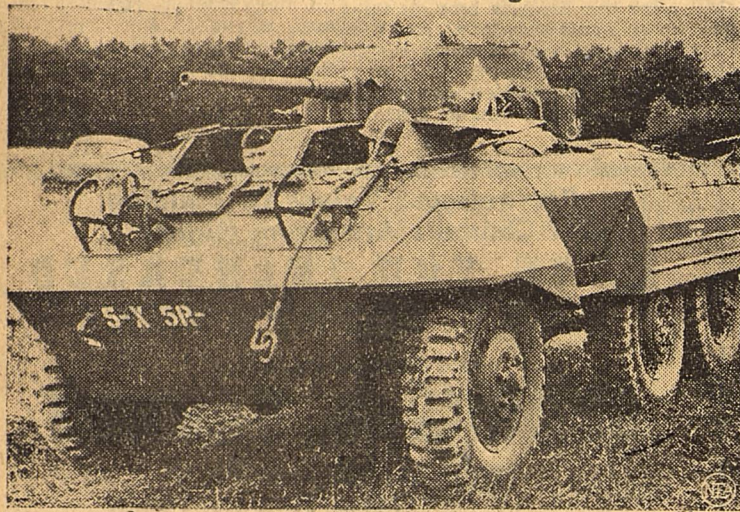
LONDON—(AP)—The German communique declared Friday an Allied force "encircled southwest of Cassino for some considerable time" has been annihilated after stubborn resistance. The broadcast communique added that German shock troops had captured several Allied strongholds in northern Cassino.

### WEATHER

Fair, little change in temperature

## Reds Push Toward Hungary

Fast—and Full of Fight



Here's the M-8 combat reconnaissance car, newest addition to Uncle Sam's armored divisions. Designed to combine speed and maneuverability of auto with punch of a light tank, the eight-ton car is six-wheeled, mounts 37-mm. cannon and .30-caliber machine gun, carries four-man crew and makes high speed over rough ground.

## 96 British Heavy Bombers Lost In Attacks On Germany

By AUSTIN BEALMER

LONDON—(AP)—A great armada of RAF bombers numbering probably more than 1,000 smashed at the Southern German transport center and Nazi congress city of Nuernberg and other points in the Reich Thursday night at a cost of 96 planes—the heaviest toll ever taken of an Allied air fleet in a single operation.

The record loss was announced just as the entire German network with the exception of Vienna in old Austria shut down Friday morning shortly after the warning that "enemy planes are approaching."

## Gulf 43 Waddell Made Clean Oil On 5,840-Ft. Test

By JAMES C. WATSON

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 43-O Waddell, Crane County Ellenburger wildcat, in the Sand Hills area, is indicating production from around 5,799 feet to 5,840 feet, in line.

On a drillstem test at 5,796-5,840 feet, gas estimated at 100,000 cubic feet per day, was shown, and 300 feet of clean oil and 350 feet of oil cut drilling mud was recovered.

Gulf No. 2 Estes, West Crane County prospector, had reached 6,100 feet in lime and chert, and was drilling ahead.

### Another Show In Pecos

Gulf No. 1 O'Sullivan, outpost to the Wentz-Ellenburger producing area of Pecos County, had a blow of gas and 270 feet of drilling mud, slightly gas cut and carrying a rainbow of oil, during an 85-minute drillstem test at 4,370-4,453 feet, in the Ellenburger dolomite.

The operator was reaming the hole to bottom at 4,480 feet, from 4,393 feet.

### A Show In Lea County

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-U State, wildcat in the Tatam district of Lea County, New Mexico, had reached 5,017 feet in lime, and was due to take a drillstem test after having encountered slight porosity, an odor of gas, and a stain of dead oil in cuttings from about 4,985 feet to the present bottom.

### Deepest In North Basin

Continental Oil Company No. 1-A E. H. Jones, Northwest Gaines County wildcat, was making hole below 11,969 feet in lime Friday morning.

At that level the Conoco exploration was the deepest test so far drilled in the North Permian Basin area. The former record was held by Stanohold Oil & Gas Company No. 15 American Warehouse Company, in the Cedar Lake area of (Continued on Page 5)

## General Royce Named Deputy Commander Of 9th Air Force

LONDON—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce was appointed deputy commander of U. S. Ninth Air Force under Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Breerton Friday.

Royce, who formerly commanded U. S. Army forces in the Middle East and was chief of staff of the U. S. Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, "will take an important part in planning operations before and during the entry into Europe," an announcement said.

## Soviets Also Near Rumania North Border

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW—(AP)—Surging across the northern Prut River through captured Czernowitz, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army is moving up into the Carpathian mountains, toward Hungary and Rumania, dispatches from the front declared Friday.

Zhukov's vanguards rolled through Delatyn, 15 miles north of the Hungarian border where the Pass of the Tartars leads through the Carpathians into former Czechoslovakian territory given to Hungary when Hitler dismembered the Czechoslovak state. After routing the German defenders of Czernowitz, Zhukov's troops pushed on south through Storozhints, 15 miles north of the present Rumanian border, a Russian communique said.

Meanwhile, the Second Ukrainian Army, commanded by Marshal Ivan S. Konev, remained poised on the east bank of the Prut where it forms the frontier of Rumania.

Further to the east Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Ukrainian Army intensified its pressure on Odessa, last German-held port in the Ukraine near the mouth of the Dniester River, 240 miles southeast of Kamapets'Podolsk. Malinovsky's troops were plunging down across the Ukrainian steppe country from the east and the north, one column marching west from the mouth of the southern Bug River, while another descended upon the great Black Sea port from the Voznesensk area, 80 miles to the north.

Advances up to 20 miles were reported by the Soviet communique. However, it was in the Delatyn sector, apparently, that the strongest Red Army pressure was being exerted, according to front dispatches. Here the German left flank was being folded back beyond captured Czernowitz and Stanislav toward the Carpathians, leaving the Axis Prut River line to the southeast exposed to a flank attack.

## WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Fifth Army repulses German thrusts inside Cassino; Allied planes attack Sofia.

RUSSIA—Reds moving into Carpathian Mountains toward Hungary and Rumania.

BURMA—British surrender Tiddim.

EUROPEAN AERIAL—RAF smashes Nuernberg.

PACIFIC—Allied naval force shells Palau. MacArthur's bombers hit Truk.

## This Story May Clear Air For Confused 4-Fs

(See Earlier Story Page 6)

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—For the 4-Fs—worried or confused by all the talk about drafting them—here are some main points, plus some problems the government must solve:

First: The only purpose of such a draft would be to force 4-Fs into war essential jobs.

Second: It seems certain such a draft must come through special congressional legislation—not through a Selective Service order—because so many special problems are involved.

There are 3,600,000 men in 4-F—those between 18 and 38 found physically unfit for soldiering—and of that number the War Manpower Commission says only one million are not in essential jobs.

Therefore, it is that one million who would be affected.

Before Congress okays a draft—

if it ever does—a strong fight on the floor seems sure. Not all congressmen will agree such a draft would be effective. Even top government officials are in disagreement now.

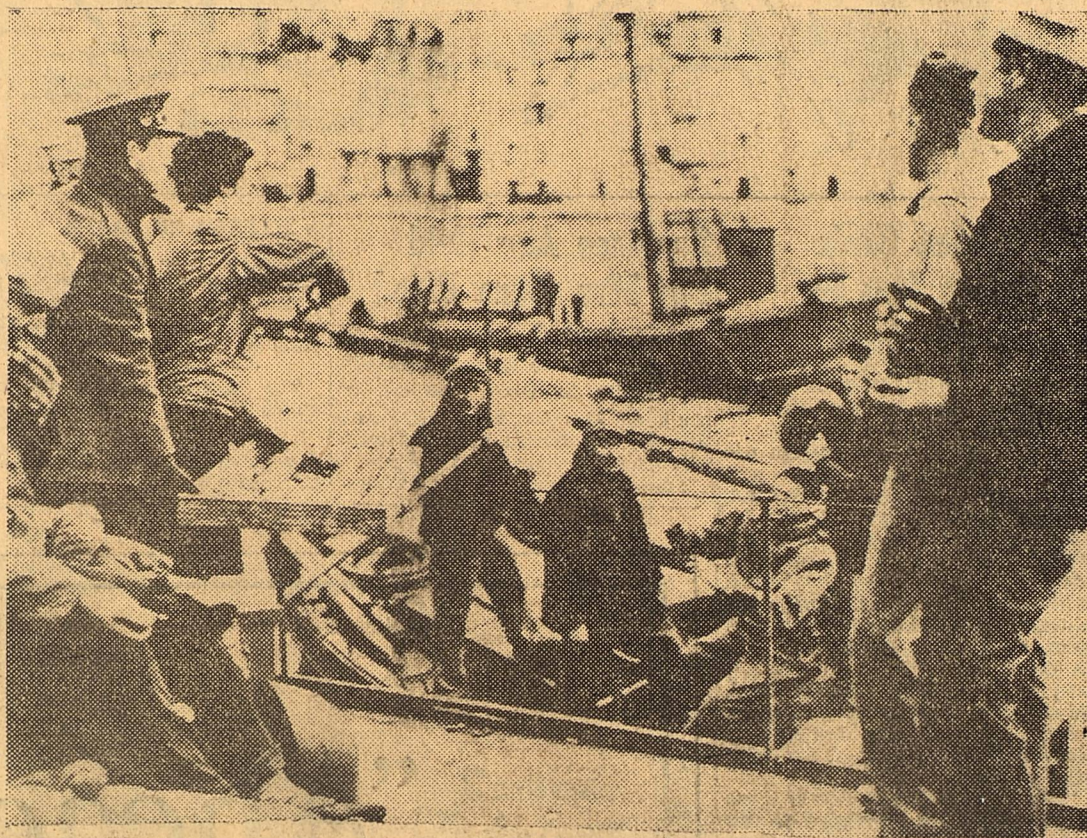
The House military subcommittee, which this week investigated the problem, has recommended quick action by Congress. It did NOT recommend immediate induction of 4-Fs.

It suggested, however, that the armed forces get to work immediately to have plans ready for handling the 4-Fs, if Congress approves their induction.

This is what the committee proposes Congress enact into law:

The 4-Fs in essential jobs to remain free from the draft as long as they stay in those jobs. The rest would be called. Once inducted, if they were willing to take essential war jobs, they would be furloughed from the Army. If they should re-

## Doughnuts For The Diver



American Red Cross Clubmobile girl Marjorie Buchanan, Bronx, N. Y., tosses doughnuts to Lt. William D. York, Lincoln, Neb., commanding officer of a crash boat who's about to submerge and hook a cable on the wrecked hull of a fishing boat in the harbor passage at Bastia, Corsica. The Red Cross man behind Miss Buchanan is Don Laird of Dayton, Ohio. (NEA Telephoto.)

## British Surrender Tiddim As Japs Push Deeper Into India

By PRESTON GROVER

NEW DELHI—(AP)—British forces have surrendered Tiddim, their forward base in the Chin Hills of Burma, 100 miles below Imphal. Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, British commander in India, told the Indian legislature Friday.

The disclosure was made almost simultaneously with the announcement in a communique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten that Japanese jungle parties spread over a front of nearly 200 miles were persistently probing deeper into Eastern India's defenses and had penetrated into the main communications of the vital Manipur plain.

Auchinleck declared, however, that Imphal itself was strongly defended and declared such penetration was not likely to be of major importance.

At the same time he announced that British forces fighting their way north from Tiddim through Japanese road blocks had joined other British forces which fought their way southward along the road from Imphal.

A communique from Admiral Mountbatten's headquarters said one raiding party broke through to the main road running north from Imphal, capital of Manipur State, to Kohima, 60 miles to the north, and although this party was forced away after it had damaged a bridge and carried out some ambushes still other Japanese were able to lay down mortar fire on the highway.

Another Japanese infiltration party was reported to the north of Kohima, striking at the communications of that center on the road to the Brahmaputra Valley and the main Allied supply system.

Japanese pressure, meanwhile, remained heavy on the Tiddim road, south of Imphal, near Palel, 24 miles southeast of Imphal, in the northern hill tracts east of Kohima.

The fighting near Palel apparently represented an advance of several miles, for the Japanese last reported halfway between Palel and Tamu on the Burma border, 48 miles from the Manipur capital.

The communique said, however, that Japanese had been forced to scatter into the hills northeast of Imphal following a heavy Allied bombing and strafing.

While air-borne Commandos again carried out a daring strike, raiding the air field of Aniskan and destroying an aircraft, British and American aviators carried out a record series of operations.

## Nazis Seize Two Evacuated Areas Near Cassino

By LYNN HEINZERLING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES—(AP)—German troops have moved into two positions on Montastery Hill evacuated several days ago by Indian and New Zealand troops and small enemy groups have attacked inside Cassino, it was announced Friday, but air operations again overshadowed ground activities.

On the Anzio beachhead, 65 casualties resulted when German planes bombed an Allied hospital area, headquarters said.

Nazi Thrusts Fall  
Fifth Army forces clinging to positions inside battered Cassino repulsed the new German thrusts and inflicted severe losses on the attackers, it was announced. Nazi tanks again appeared near the fortified Continental Hotel but Allied artillery immediately brought them under heavy fire.

Artillery alone was active in the snowbound mountains of north Cassino.

In the air Thursday an American attack on Sofia took the spotlight. While Fortresses and Liberators, in the greatest force ever sent by the 15th Air Force against a single target, attacked railway objectives in the Bulgarian capital, other bombers spread all over Italy and into Yugoslavia.

Shoot Down 13  
The American bombers and their escort encountered 40 German planes in the Sofia area and shot down 13, eight of the total falling prey to the fighters.

Above Cassino the two positions recaptured by the Germans were Hills 202 and 146.

Shell fragments found on the bridgehead have been identified tentatively as from guns of 280 or 305 millimeter caliber, possibly huge Italian guns.

## All Fools' Day—But Treasury To Hike Some Taxes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The first day of April, a day on which playful tricks and impositions are practiced.

That's Webster's definition of All Fools' Day, but not the Treasury's.

Beginning at midnight Friday a lot of new taxes go into effect and no fooling.

"The origin of name and practice is unknown," says Webster.

Well, the origin of the new taxes is a little \$2,315,000,000 revenue number that became law recently, over the veto of President Roosevelt, who said it was inadequate and inequitable.

Beer Tax Upped  
The new excise rates, ranging from a six-fold jump in cabinet check levies to a dollar-a-barrel increase on beer, will yield an estimated \$1,000,000,000 or more a year.

The balance of the additional revenue comes from higher postal rates that went into effect last Sunday and from changes in individual and corporation income taxes.

More than half of the increased take from excises will come from steeper liquor levies; a \$9-a-gallon impost on hard liquors compared with the present \$6 rate; the new \$8-a-barrel beer tax, and wine increases ranging from 33 1/3 to 100 percent.

Luxuries Hit Hard  
The rest comes from new rates that will hike the cost of such luxuries as fur coats, jewelry and club memberships, make traveling more expensive and send up bills on such varied items as toilet goods, electric light bulbs, telephone and telegraph service and luggage.

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Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. —Psalm 32:10.

## AAA, The No. 1 Whipping Boy

Public Whipping Boy Number 1 on the charge against government agencies organized to perpetuate the present administration has been since 1934 the triple-A, or Agricultural Adjustment Agency.

Triple-A, now heading into the third national election of its young life, is in a curious position. Its finances and the program for which it was originally created have both been cut approximately in half. But at a local administrative cost of \$30,000,000 this fiscal year, \$51,000,000 last.

Its soul and its 9000 state and county, 87,000 community committeemen go marching on at an average of \$4.50 per day plus 3 cents a mile transportation in some western areas for every day they work for the government. Pay varies from \$3 to \$6 a day.

Whatever the rate, most of the committeemen feel they lose money at it, and they say they're not political. They are apt to be Democrats in the South, Republicans in the North.

"For 10 years this organization of farmer committeemen has been the mainspring of agriculture's action program," says Norris E. Dodd, present triple-A chief. "Elected by farmers themselves, the county and community committeemen's standing job has been to help their neighbors work together on problems that could not be handled by individual farmers."

When there were unmarketable surpluses, the job was to reduce acreage by allotment. Now, when there isn't enough of anything, the job is to increase production. But it is of course impossible to build up a government organization of this kind without someone accusing it of playing politics with public moneys.

Back in the depression, triple-A at its peak had an appropriation of 700 million dollars. This fiscal year it is only 200 million. For next year, the Bureau of the Budget has approved an appropriation of 292 million, on which Congress has not yet acted. But that gives an idea of how the work has been cut down.

There are no parity payments to make because all prices are above parity. Calculating acreage allotments on wheat, cotton, corn, rice and tobacco which used to take most of the time, is no longer done.

All that's left of the old program is the handling of soil conservation payments, which amounted to 50 per cent of this year's budget; the making of Commodity Credit Corporation crop loans to producers; crop purchases for CCC, crop insurance, the sugar and winter cover-crop seed programs in some areas.

The necessity for soil conservation is stressed now because more acreage is under cultivation and soil is more intensively used.

Even so, the critics of triple-A want to know why it is necessary to keep this organization of nearly 100,000 farmers on the federal payroll part time when the work is halved.

The triple-A answer is twofold—its war and post-war jobs. Committeemen have been given the war jobs of increasing acreage under cultivation and increasing production of the essential war crops—hemp, castor beans, soybeans, peanuts, and so on. In addition, the War Food Administration last November piled onto triple-A a lot of the tricky-track originally assigned to the unpaid county war boards—farm machinery rationing, off-highway tire and gas rationing, insurance of farm slaughter permits, certification of canners who contract to pay support prices, checking dairy feed subsidies paid direct to farmers.

It can be argued that all these things can be done by the county agents in their spare time, but still the triple-A people say it will be necessary to keep this organization together for post-war use, when the agricultural products which the United States used to import get back in competition, and the order of the day will be reduce supply to the then-current demand.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## Future Tax Plans

House Minority Leader Joseph Martin's appointment of a tax-study group of 25 Republican congressmen merits a couple of cheers for as many reasons.

First, there is a possibility that Republicans may control the House after the next election. If that comes to pass, it is well to start preparing now to tackle the important problem of post-war taxation, revising our whole complex, top-heavy tax structure.

Also, it is good to see the strengthened House minority taking a constructive step after considerable time spent in finding fault with administration programs without offering anything in their place.

## Bedtime Story

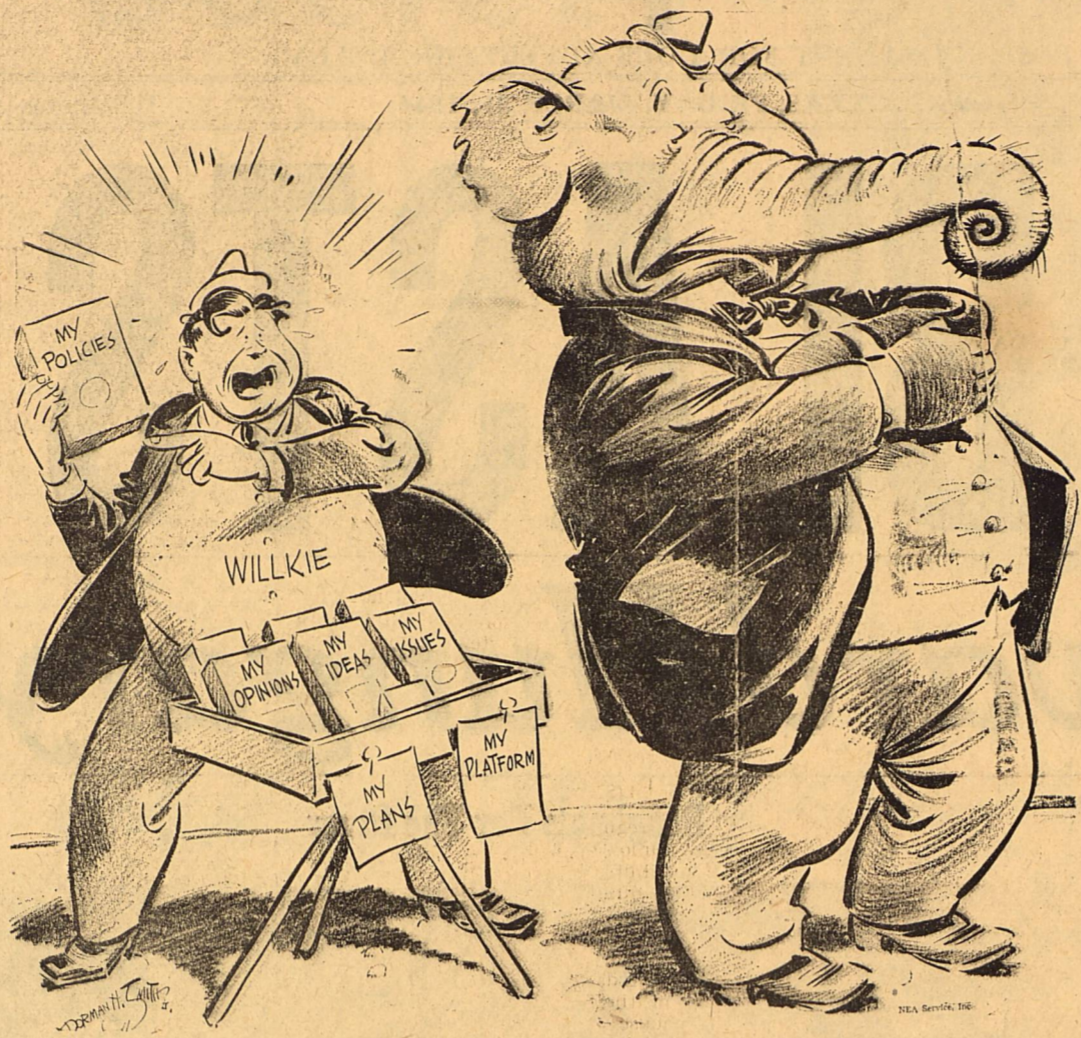
The newspaper account of the man discharged from the Army because of his loud snoring opens up a fascinating field of speculation. What, for instance, would have happened if he had remained in the service and gone into action? Would he have put Tojo's jungle troops to flight with a sound like several lions on the loose? Or terrorized the Wehrmacht with the conviction that here was a new secret weapon?

What effect will his discharge have on future inductions and the manpower situation in general? Will it mean that 1-A's must take a sleep test as part of their physical?

Will it turn loose upon the country a horde of nocturnally raucous 4-F's who someday must answer their grandchildren, "What did I do in the great war? I snored."

Walking is good for the health only when you are careful enough not to get run down.

## A Hard Man To Sell



## Poultrymen Seek To Break Jam In Supply Of Eggs

SCHULENBERG, TEXAS —(AP)—Farmers in this poultry-raising district hoped Friday a conference with War Food Administration officials Saturday would help them get rid of a surplus of eggs for which there is no market.

Eggs continued flowing into this market center at the rate of from 200 to 300 cases a day, (30 dozen to the case) while cold storage facilities were jammed and no crates were in sight for keeping the eggs on the move.

In addition, said Charles Bost, Schulerberg editor, farmers cannot break even with eggs bringing 26 cents a dozen in view of the high price of feed.

"The effect on the morale of these people who have responded to the call for increased egg production is extremely bad," Bost said. "The seriousness of the situation cannot be overestimated."

Complicating the situation was the lack of egg crates, which are necessary to the safe shipment of the product.

"If things get any worse, we will have to start handling eggs with a shovel," the editor declared.

Bost said he had been informed that the shortage of crates could be partly blamed on the fact that Army buyers destroyed crates after using the eggs, instead of routing them back to sellers. This practice, he was told, has recently been discontinued.

Meanwhile, he added, the supply is mounting and eggs on hand are in danger of rapid deterioration because of the lack of cold storage space.

## Expensive Beverage

CHICAGO —(AP)—A cup of coffee—back in January, 1943 — was the cause of an argument between a waiter in a loop restaurant and Harold Winter, a salesman.

Winter testified in superior court he was refused a second cup of the then rationed drink but his wife shared her first cup with him—a gesture which precipitated a quarrel with waiter James W. Leak.

A jury awarded Winter \$25,000 for personal and punitive damages in his suit against the restaurant. He had suffered a broken leg in the argument.

## Sin-Hating Preacher



Dr. Joe Henry Hankins of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is preaching twice daily in the revival services in progress at the First Baptist Church. Scheduled services are 9:30 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. daily. Dr. Hankins speaks Friday night on the subject—"Are You Saved?" Dr. Hankins graduated from college in science, specializing in the field of geology. At the age of 35, he closed a \$12,000 a year cotton business and began preaching in a country church for \$40 a month. He has been preaching now some twenty years and has claimed nation-wide attention as an outstanding evangelist. Dr. Hankins is speaking each evening at 8:15 and the public is cordially invited to hear him preach. (Adv.)

## Services Are Held For Mrs. Dora Flood

The body of Mrs. Dora Flood, 84, a former Midland resident who died Wednesday in Bronte, Texas, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank Keeney, was buried here Thursday afternoon in Fairview Cemetery. Funeral services were held Thurs-

## A MATTER OF TASTE

CHICAGO — (AP) — Arrested by FBI agents for damaging a truck loaned to a war plant by the government, Salvatore Maritico, 17, explained: "I didn't like the truck."

The White House is the oldest public building in Washington. day morning at the Keeney home in Bronte.

## The War Today —

# Great Allied Jungle Fighters Aim At Burma As Drive Takes Shape

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
Associated Press War Analyst

The strange medley of fighting in the fearsome jungles of Burma is taking on a very definite pattern in which we can recognize planned and coordinated spade-work for the ultimate amphibious invasion of that country when we hit the final stretch of trail for Tokyo.

It is Southeastern Asia's counterpart of the Allied preparatory work in the Pacific. We have a fine example of the latter in news of the trio of attacks on important Japanese bases—the bombardment of the island of Palau, only 550 miles from the Philippines, by an American fleet; MacArthur's first aerial attack on the great enemy base of Truk, and his bombing of Hollandia, an enemy stronghold on New Guinea.

What, think you, is the lure which draws our Lt. General Joseph W. Stilwell personally into the steaming Burmese hell when he has important work elsewhere as our commander-in-chief for China, Burma and India? Or our Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill with his specially trained jungle fighters from the Pacific? Or Britain's mystery soldier, Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate—jungle specialist extraordinary?

These key men aren't in Burma because of any special new threat from the enemy. This assemblage of the chiefs of the jungle fighting clan means that Burma is being prepared for the day when a water borne invasion will sweep into it from the Bay of Bengal.

Pierce and bloody fighting is in progress in Northern Burma. It is hottest in the zone surrounding the big Japanese base of Myitkyina, and just over the Indian border in the state of Manipur which the Japanese have invaded.

The Allied offensive is aimed at driving the enemy out of the northern tip of Burma so that land communication with China can be reestablished.

In order to knock the Japanese out of that region we must have the important rail-head of Myit-

kyina. So Stilwell is pushing southward towards that base with his Chinese troops. Merrill with his jungle fighters is on Stilwell's right. A British expedition is on "Uncle Joe's" left.

One assumes that the Allies are trying to capture Myitkyina before the monsoon deluge comes in a month or so to halt major fighting.

As for the Nipponese "invasion" of India, Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, Allied commander in chief of India, assures us that the security of India "has never been in danger."

## Three Persons Killed In Explosion, Fire

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS —(AP)—An explosion of accumulated gas and fire took the lives of three persons here Thursday.

Mrs. Geraldine Hawf, 21, wife of Cpl. Tilghman A. Hawf; their two-month-old daughter, Donna Jean, and Arnold Rex Hefflin, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Hefflin of Wichita Falls, Corporal Hawf's nephew, died in the blast and blaze at the Hawf home.

The infant was found beside her bed after the fire was brought under control and Mrs. Hawf and the boy died in a hospital a few hours later. Assistant Fire Chief Henry Smith said accumulated gas under the home probably caused the explosion and fire.

## Funeral Services Are Held In Midland For Mrs. George D. Elliott

Funeral services for Mrs. Hestia Scharbauer Elliott, 68, widow of George D. Elliott, pioneer rancher, merchant and oil operator, were held Thursday afternoon in the Ellis Funeral Home. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Elliott, a sister of Mrs. R. E. Rankin of Abilene and of the late Clarence Schriener, died in an Odessa hospital Wednesday afternoon following a long illness. Mr. Elliott died last month.

The Rev. C. A. Johnson of Odessa was assisted by the Rev. Vernon Yearby in the services. Percy Mims had charge of the music.

She had resided in Odessa since 1927.

Surviving are a son, George W. Elliott, two daughters, Mrs. Bess Bludworth and Mrs. Jennie Mae Morris, all of Odessa, and her sister, Mrs. Rankin. Four grandchildren, Tom Elliott Morris in military service, Nancy Jane Morris, Mary Ann Elliott, and George W. Elliott III, also survived.

Mrs. Elliott was a faithful member and worker in the First Baptist Church of Midland for years.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE

Schools in Midland were closed all day Friday. Teachers in this area attended the West Texas Teachers Association in Lubbock. Schools will be open Monday as usual.

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# "Ahead of Schedule"

## An AAF Report on the Aviation Cadet Program

Thanks to the young men of America, the AAF is seizing air supremacy in every theatre, faster than we ever planned or even dared to hope.

Thanks to youth's eagerness to serve, the AAF has grown in a remarkably short time from a mere handful of men into the largest, most powerful air force in the world.

Thanks to the fitness and alertness of these young men, they have learned their job so quickly that we have been able to throw our great airplane production into effective combat quicker than we believed possible. Due to their daring and skill we are destroying the enemy with less loss to our own forces than we anticipated.

All air crew men must have the irresistible desire to fly. Every such flying man in the AAF is there on his own initiative . . . in response to our invitation to fly and fight with "The Greatest Team in the World." Hundreds of thousands have thronged to our Aviation Cadet Examining Boards in response to this appeal. Thousands are continuing to volunteer . . . for active duty . . . and for the 17-year-old Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Our gratitude to the young men of America, and to their parents, friends and associates . . . is without bounds. We should like to welcome on our team any qualified

young man who wishes to join. But there are other considerations . . . a balanced attack must be maintained.

Since last July the Selective Service process had not yielded enough men for all phases of the military program. Other branches of the army urgently need men for currently pending operations.

The AAF is ahead of schedule. It has sufficient men in training and in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve to meet its present schedule for combat crews. It must therefore balance this activity with immediate over-all needs.

As General Marshall has announced, the AAF has returned to their former commands some 36,000 men who had recently volunteered for air crew training from the ground and service forces. Moreover, until further notice, the AAF will not take any men into active duty from civilian life for air crew training. Also, further enrollment in the 17-year-old Air Corps Enlisted Reserve has been temporarily suspended.

The future of America depends upon the fitness of our young men. All of the armed services need young men who are physically fit, mentally alert and well educated for the exacting demands of modern war.

The AAF urges every man approaching

military age to prepare himself physically and mentally for his possible contribution to the defeat of our enemies and for his responsibilities in the post-war world.

We suggest, among other things, the physical training and other preparatory courses of the High School Victory Corps which are recommended for the various armed services, and the physical and pre-aviation training given to CAP Cadets by the nation-wide organization of the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces.

The AAF current training program will, of course, continue. All men now enrolled in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve will start their training after they become 18 as originally planned. And we will soon again take young men of 17 into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Meanwhile, in recognition of the overwhelming public support given the AAF, we shall continue to report developments—so that when we invite further active enrollment on our flying team, the nation will be familiar with our activities and the vital nature of our needs.

Commanding General, U. S. Army Air Forces

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### Class 44-7 Gets Surprise Party For Efforts In War Loan Drive

Bond rally drives are not a new innovation among the many cadet classes in training at Midland Army Air Field, but when one class goes over the top by a wide margin in their monthly bond rallies, then that's a bomb of a different color.

So Wednesday night, cadet class 44-7, who was the winner of the February bond purchasing rally, was given a surprise stag party in the new Cadet Service Club. The stag was highlighted with plenty of refreshments and top-notch entertainment by class members who formerly made a profession of entertaining.

The surprise party was arranged by Lt. James W. Hogan, class 44-7's

genial tactical officer, who also lined up a star-studded forty-five minute floor show with former big time stage and radio performers as the feature attraction. Lieutenant Hogan, with the aid of Sgt. William Strubling, chief clerk at cadet headquarters, prepared the club for the night's festivities.

Stars of the floor show were: Cadet John H. Brueckner, who was a former baritone singer on CBS and NBC radio programs, and was tutored by the great and famous John Charles Thomas, sang two numbers and made such a big hit with his class members that he was forced by applause to do three encores. Cadet Lloyd Fox, who formerly was on the "Cork and Bottle" radio hit show over CBS from Pittsburg, Penn., turned out to be a "Ala Dwight Fiske," did comedy and specialty numbers on the Hammond piano. His performance was so sensational that the show which was scheduled for three quarters of an hour lasted practically twice that long.

Sgt. Bobby Stuart, who was a member of Olsen and Johnson's first "Hello Poplin" road show, enceed the floor show, as well as put on a few comedy skits that made him popular in the Middle West a few years back. Lt. T. Hall Keyes III played the piano accompaniment for Cadet Brueckner and Sergeant Stuart.

The results and success of class 44-7's stag party has been flashed to all the other cadet classes and from now on it will be a top-of-war who will be first in the monthly bond rallies.

### Tawasi Club Has Election Of Officers

A regular monthly business meeting of the Tawasi Club was held in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel Wednesday evening, when new officers of the club were elected.

Lucille Wanamaker was elected president, succeeding Dorothy Bracewell; Lillie Mae Stovall was re-elected vice president; Jo Ann Montgomery was elected secretary, succeeding Louise McClain; Jane Marie Johnson was elected treasurer, succeeding Allen Maxwell; Marilyn Sandefer was elected parliamentarian, succeeding Jo Ann Montgomery; and Aileen Maxwell was elected reporter, succeeding Lucille Wanamaker.

### Jacqueline Theis Included On Dean's Honor Roll At TSCW

Texas State College for Women, Denton, will give public recognition April 4 to 203 students of the college listed in the Dean's Honor Roll for outstanding scholastic achievement last semester. Among those listed is Miss Jacqueline Theis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton P. Theis, 601 West Kansas. She is a freshman music education major.

To qualify for this honor, a student must have at least two and three-tenths as many grade-points as hours of credit, and must have no failing or incomplete grades on her college record.

### Watson Music Pupils Give Varied Program

Students of the Watson School of Music presented a program Wednesday for pupils of the junior high school.

The Estrellito orchestra played "Supremacy March" by Poole, and "Concert Waltz Lente," and the Juvenile Violin Choir played "America."

Other numbers were: piano trio, "Polonaise" by Liszt, Lois Dee Eiland, Patsy Charlton and Nadine Clement; piano solo with orchestral accompaniment in "Beautiful Dreamer" by Foster, Mary Dell Dillon; guitar ensemble, "Glissando Waltz"; piano solo, "Romance" by Rubenstein, Janice Jones; banjo solo, "Barn Dance" and "Antics" by Sousa-Watson, Ned Watson; piano duet, "Intermezzo" by Bohm, Leera and Clarissa Mann; violin octet, "Captain Brown," a military march.

### Mrs. Frank Cowan To Conduct Story Hour

Mrs. Frank Cowan will conduct the story hour at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in the basement of the library. All interested children are urged to attend.

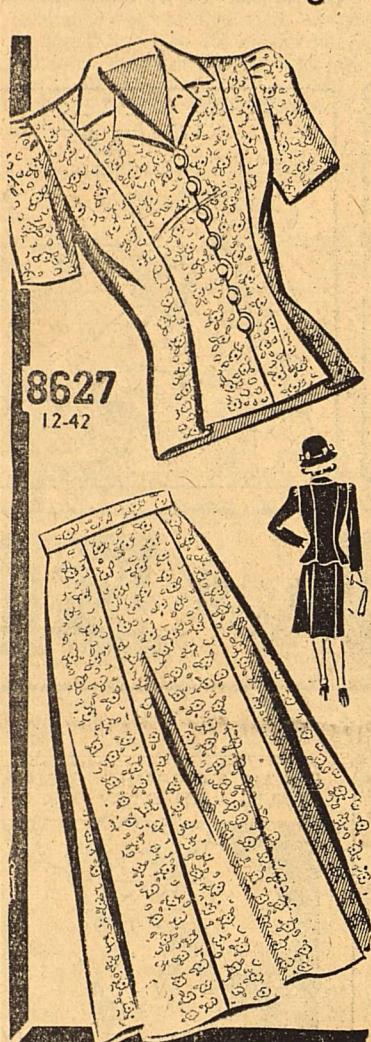
Cocoa beans were collected as taxes by the Aztec emperor.

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# Society

### Safety Studied By Modern Study Club

"Safety" was the program topic at the Wednesday meeting of the Modern Study Club in the home of Mrs. Leo Brady. Roll call response was an example of the right course of action in an emergency before the doctor arrives.

It was voted to accept Mrs. B. W. Reer for membership and to furnish necessary equipment for a temporary hospital nursery room at South Ward School.

Mrs. John Casselman was in charge of the following program: talk on health by Mrs. M. H. Funk and a discussion of safety rules at school and in the home by Mrs. Hubert Hopper.

A guest, Mrs. M. D. Cox, and the following members were present: Mesdames Leo Brady, J. V. Birdwell, John Casselman, J. R. Crump, M. Dewereux, M. H. Funk, Charles Sherwood, C. H. Shepard, Lamar Lunt and Hubert Hopper.

## Church News

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
300 North Main Street  
Rev. W. Carl Clement, Pastor.  
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Pastor's sermon subject: "Songs or Silence."  
6:30 p.m.: Senior, Junior and Intermediate departments.  
8:00 p.m.: Sermon topic, "Preparing the Way for the Lord."

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Lorraine and Illinois Streets  
Rev. John E. Pickering, Pastor.  
9:45 a.m.: Bible School.  
10:50 a.m.: Morning worship. Palm Sunday sermon by the pastor, "And He Gave His Life a Ransom for Many."  
6:30 p.m.: Christian Youth Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m.: Worship. Evening subject: "Where Is the God of Elijah Today?" This service will be broadcast over KRLH. All evening services during the month of April will be at 8 o'clock.

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
H and Illinois Street  
Rev. R. J. Snell, Minister.  
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.  
5:00 p.m.: Evening prayer and sermon, "Partakers of the Resurrection."  
Lenten service Wednesday, with Holy Communion and meditation at 10 a. m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
Private Dining Room  
Scharbauer Hotel  
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.: Morning lesson-sermon subject, "Unreality."  
2:45 p.m.: Sunday radio program.  
8:00 p.m.: Second Wednesday night services.

The Golden Text is: "Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel" (Jeremiah 3:23).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succeeded thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation)" (II Corinthians 6:2).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "'Now,' cried the apostle, 'is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation'—meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which to experience that salvation in spirit and in life" (page 39).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
West Texas and North A Street  
Rev. Hubert Hopper, Pastor.  
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship hour. The Rev. W. M. Logan, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, will bring the sermon.  
7:00 p.m.: Young People's meeting.  
8:00 p.m.: Sermon by Rev. Logan. Evening worship.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Main Street and Illinois  
Rev. Vernon Yearby, Pastor.  
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.  
10:55 a.m.: Morning worship. Dr. Joe Hankins will speak on "Old Fashioned Regeneration."  
12:30 p.m.: Victory dinner, young people's department.  
1:30 p.m.: Victory visitation seeking lost, unenlisted and back-slidden.  
7:00 p.m.: Training Union.  
8:15 p.m.: Evening worship. Dr. Hankins' subject, "My Record in Heaven."

**GOSPEL HALL**  
500 South Lorraine  
J. D. Jackson, Pastor  
10:00 a.m.: Bible study.  
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.  
7:45 p.m.: Preaching service.  
7:45 p.m.: Tuesday: Young People's meeting.  
2:30 p.m.: Wednesday: WMB meeting.  
7:45 p.m.: Thursday: Preaching services.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. R. L. Webb  
W. Pennsylvania and Lorraine  
Saturday Services  
10:00 a.m.: Sabbath school.  
11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.

## Coming Events

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

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

The regular luncheon meeting of AADW will be at 1 p. m. at the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church. The program will be a panel discussion of India's problems in government.

About 23 million fillings have been put in soldiers' teeth since Pearl Harbor.

### Easter In The United States — Still The Same



In many lands children will have no celebration of Easter this year because of war conditions. In the United States our children still can have their Easter egg hunts and hear stories of the Easter rabbit who comes to visit good little boys and girls. Pictured above are Maureen King Norris and Russell Phillips comparing the unique eggs they plan to hide at an egg hunt in Blytheville, Arkansas.

### Junior Matrons Society Has Business Meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Junior Matrons Society was held Thursday afternoon in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel. Mrs. H-drick discussed plans for first aid instruction. Classes will be held from 2 to 4 p. m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday on the second floor of the courthouse.

A social hour was enjoyed by the following members: Mesdames Gerald P. Simson, William Klin, Francis Gore, Oliver Spears, S. O. Addison, C. D. Bell, Alfred W. Harris, Albert O. Elliott, Hood W. Dewees, Ray W. Ferguson, D. Russell Ford, Wilson Carlisle, Patrick Harrington, John Favour, Robert H. Lawson, Max Helfand, Sidney Feder, Agnes Caspary, Harriet Bennett and Albert W. Price. Mrs. H. E. Watkins was a guest.

The meeting next week will be held at the home of Mrs. Watson LaForce, 602 South Main.

### Returns From Visit

Mrs. S. Ross Carr has returned from a month's visit with her husband Storekeeper Third Class Carr in San Francisco. He is stationed on Treasure Island.



**SOCIAL SITUATIONS**  
THE SITUATION: You go to a play or movie and cannot see because the woman sitting in front of you is wearing a hat that obstructs your view. How would you act?

**WRONG WAY:** Suffer silently rather than embarrass the woman by asking her if she would mind removing her hat.

**RIGHT WAY:** Ask the woman politely if she would mind taking off her hat and thank her when she does so. (There is no point in trying to spare the feelings of a person so thoughtless of others as to keep on a hat at a play or movie that keeps the person behind her from seeing.)

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### A&M College Board Seeks Texan For Head Of School

AUSTIN —(P)— Chairman F. M. Law said Friday the board of directors of Texas A&M College has centered in Texas its search for a college president.

"Two or three Texans are now under consideration," he said. Law spoke at the board prepared for a conference which was to be followed by an appearance before a Senate educational investigating committee.

The chairman said the presidency would be discussed at the conference but final selection of a president was not imminent.

Attending the conference besides Law were directors A. H. Dempke of Stephenville, J. R. White of Brady, Maj. Gen. A. J. Brees of San Antonio and R. W. Briggs of San Antonio.

The directors were invited to testify before the committee on college administrative matters, including the dismissal last year of Dr. T. O. Walton as president.

Committee Chairman Penrose Metcalf of San Angelo declared his group would extend its hearing through next Tuesday and that possibly Dr. Walton will be invited to testify after board members are heard.

### Japs Give Up Coal, Oil Leases To Reds, Renew Fishing Pact

MOSCOW —(P)— Russians announced Friday that Japan had agreed to surrender her oil and coal leases on Northern Sakhalin Island in the Pacific and that the Soviet Union, in turn, had contracted to furnish Japan with 50,000 tons of oil per year for five years, with deliveries beginning at the end of the war.

The Soviet Union also will pay Japan 5,000,000 ruble (about \$950,000) under terms of the protocol signed Thursday. Japan promised to hand over to Russia all property, including equipment, material and food, which belongs to Japanese concessionaries in northern Sakhalin.

Japan owns the southern half of Sakhalin Island and Russia owns the northern half. The oil and coal leases originally ran until 1970.

Only Thursday night, the Russians announced renewal of an agreement granting Japan fishing privileges in Far Eastern waters for five more years. The fisheries pact renewal is based on the 1941 neutrality treaty under which Russia and Japan have remained at peace.

Roy V. Pou is in Midland, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pou, of 1210 South Big Spring, and will leave tomorrow for Pearl Harbor, where he has accepted a civil service job in government construction. Pou has been in New Orleans for two years, and his wife will remain there until he returns from the Pacific island. Mrs. Pou is employed by the Higgins Aircraft Company, Dickie Frank Pot, the couple's son, is in boarding school in New Orleans.

Most of the beef and mutton for Allied troops in England comes from Uruguay and Argentina.

### First Casualty

LARUE, TEXAS —(P)— Chester Gilliland, 20, one of Mrs. Emma Costlow's 23 grandchildren who is in the armed services, has been killed in action on the Italian front.

Mrs. Gilliland, who resides in Dallas, has received the notice from the War Department that he was killed Feb. 16. He had been in the Army less than a year and he and Mrs. Gilliland, the former Miss Geneva Costlow, were married only two weeks before he sailed for overseas duty.

He was the first casualty among the 23 fighting grandchildren of the LaRue woman.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

James Bishop was discharged to his home Thursday.

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# Night for the Morrow

By Robert D. Lusk

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**PROLOGUE:** A Colorado farmer, looking for some stray calves on a September evening in 1919, comes upon a sick stranger who burdens him with an important message. Seeking help, the writer falls and knocks himself out. When he revives both stranger and message are gone. No one believes his tale.

**THE STORY:** Jan Mesrik, Czechoslovak, came to America in 1894 in search of personal freedom.

## LITTLE JAN

JAN had a friend in America, a young man in New York. Frequent letters came from him, describing in radiant language the wonders of living in the United States. In 1894 Jan arrived in New York, bringing with him his bride, Maria, the daughter of a neighbor of Jan's parents.

Jan was a personable young man, tall, husky, with a squarely chiseled face that shone honest and friendly. He soon secured employment in a hotel.

Two children were born to Jan and Maria in New York. The first was a son, named for his father, Jan. The second was a daughter, at the age of 6, was probably the most acute sorrow that ever entered my grandfather's life.

The idea of securing a farm in southeastern Colorado was implanted in Jan Mesrik's mind as a guest of the hotel. This guest became acquainted with Jan in the course of several visits. With a westerner's distaste of a crowded city, he preached the gospel of the wide open spaces.

My grandfather was convinced. He took his savings and his family west, and in the course of a few years had developed a satisfying farming enterprise which consisted of feeding and grazing cattle and sheep.

JAN MESRIK was somewhat older than most of his neighbors. There were no other Czechs

in the neighborhood and, though my grandfather mastered the language well, my grandmother was not so readily adjusted to American life and customs. Her health appeared to suffer from her grief at the loss of her son. She seldom left the farm. For these reasons my grandfather developed few close friendships. Yet he loved Colorado, the bracing air of the fairly high altitude, and most of all, the chance of creating a little world of his own.

During the World War the federal government pleaded for food with which to win the struggle, and Jan Mesrik responded by diverting a considerable acreage to wheat. He did this on a temporary basis, for he had already seen drought in Colorado. But during the emergency of the war and the coincidence of high prices and abundant rainfall, Jan found that fighting with food was a most profitable endeavor. With his earnings he was able to pay fully for several square miles of brown Colorado soil and to improve his land with fences and fine buildings.

All of this happened before I was born or old enough to be a thoroughly qualified observer. My first connected impressions of my grandfather and his farm began when I was about 6 years old. At this time an incident occurred which created between my grandfather and me a bond that had more of friendship and comradeship in it than is customary between grandfather and grandson.

My grandmother had died the year before, in October of 1921.

My father, mother, and I were living in town, where father had a job selling cars for an enterprising local automobile agency. Grandfather and a hired man lived on the farm, cooked their own meals, did the housework in

bachelor fashion. The hired man ran more to muscle than mentality, and other than for amiable grunts, offered little company. It was suggested that I spend some of the summer with them.

ONE evening, after I had been on the farm for several weeks, my grandfather was herding cattle into the feed lot near the barn. He was on horseback. I was hanging on the outside of the lot fence, my feet on a rail, my head over the top, watching the operation. Suddenly a bellowing steer ran at the horse carrying my grandfather. I was frightened.

"Old Jan!" I yelled, "Old Jan! Look out! He's after you!"

He gave me a glance, then looked down at the steer. He gave the steer a kick which sent it lumbering in another direction. Then he rode over to the fence on the other side of which I was clinging.

He looked at me for a few seconds, smiling.

"Old Jan," he repeated softly, "Old Jan. So that's it! All right, that's not so bad. Let it be Old Jan. And you'll be Little Jan."

The summer following this incident I spent the entire school vacation with Old Jan on the farm. It was during this summer that grandfather and my father, George Flain, had their first difficulty. My mother and father had come out for dinner.

"You bachelors need a square meal," my mother announced when they arrived. They brought with them fresh vegetables and several thick steaks. It was going to be a real banquet.

Throughout the meal my father was unusually affable, extraordinarily solicitous of the business of the farm. He was a little too obvious and it was not long before my grandfather realized that it was not so much the "square meal" that was the purpose of the dinner. It was salesmanship. Get them well fed and into a pleasant mood, then sell them. And after the meal, after we had all pitched in on the dishes, the sales talk began.

(To Be Continued)

# McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY America's Card Authority

Is New York slipping? For the first time since 1931 the Eastern open pair championship went to an out-of-town pair. In 1931 Norman Bonney and William C. Cogswell of Boston won this title, the only other out-of-town pair to win it until it was captured this year by Mrs. Kenneth Beghold and Eugene F. Smith of Scranton, Pa.

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Mrs. Beghold is the third woman whose name appears on the Goldman cup. They got off to a bad start, but came through in the final rounds to pass the field.

The "suicide" squeeze, whereby one defender while cashing tricks forces his partner to give up defense in other suits, helped Mrs. Beghold and Mr. Smith to win the championship. The first trick was won with declarer's queen of clubs. They got off to a bad start, but came through in the final rounds to pass the field.

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## First Wedding of WAC In Italy Reported

NAPLES — (AP) — In the first wedding of a WAC in Italy, Cpl. Mary Jo Martin of Meelung, Va., Thursday became the bride of Lt. Robert B. Spandler of Baytown, Texas, officer in the 36th Division.

Performing the ceremony was Capt. Fred R. Lammert, chaplain from Brady, Texas.

## Three Under Draft Act Violation Charge

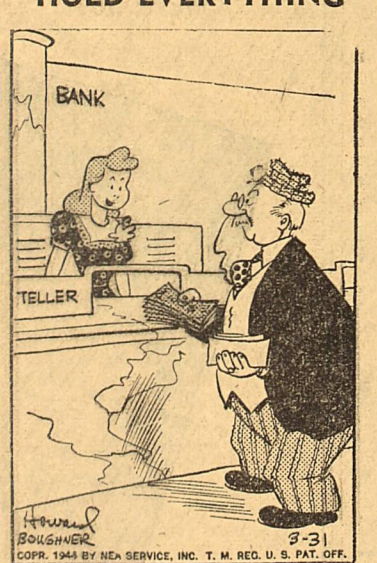
DALLAS — (AP) — Two negroes, one a porter at the Selective Service induction station here, and an insurance salesman, were under charge of conspiring to violate the Selective Service Act, Thursday.

I. V. Burleson, 37-year-old negro porter, George Wheeler, another negro, and the Dallas insurance salesman, Cleo L. Sipes, 28, were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner John Davis. All entered pleas of innocence. Special Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent D. R. Morley said foreign matter had been found in a specimen container during a pre-induction examination.

He said that Sipe was rejected for an eye deficiency.

Braille characters, used by the blind, are represented by raised dots.

## HOLD EVERYTHING



"That's the second \$1000 you've deposited this week, Mr. Gotz—what are you doing tonight?"

## Juniors And Seniors Hold Annual Banquet

Midland High School held its annual Junior-Senior Banquet Thursday night in the high school gymnasium. As is the custom, the juniors entertained the Senior Class in good style, with a full-course dinner, interspersed with a program of entertainment and dancing.

Miss Iva Butler of the home-making department was in charge of the decorations, program, the preparation and serving of the dinner.

## Grandpa 1-A

SEYMOUR, IND. — (AP) — This may be a young man's war, but Selective Service called grandpa this week for a pre-induction physical examination.

There was no mistake, because grandpa Charles Reign Julian is only 36 years old. He is believed to be the first Jackson County grandfather to be called for examination.

Read Reporter-Telegram Want-Ad.

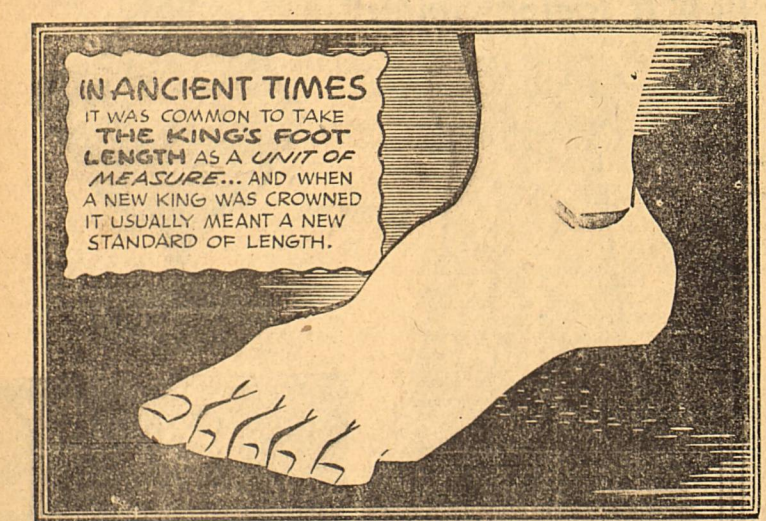
## DETAIL FOR TODAY

### Awkward Squad

If a sergeant grumbles like distant thunder in reference to a detail to which he has just been assigned, you can bet your hat it's the AWKWARD SQUAD. This is a bunch of raw recruits being taught the rudiments of close-order drill. Next to being in a heavy barrage without his helmet, the sergeant dislikes this more than anything else, as the rookies soon discover. His main problem is to get the rookies to address him properly. "Listen, soldier, I'm just a sergeant, it is not necessary to call me 'sir.' Only commissioned officers are called 'sir.' Understan?" "Yes, sir!" "No, not 'sir,' just sergeant! Get it?" "I think so, sir." The actual drilling of an AWKWARD SQUAD looks more like a small riot.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

—By William Ferguson

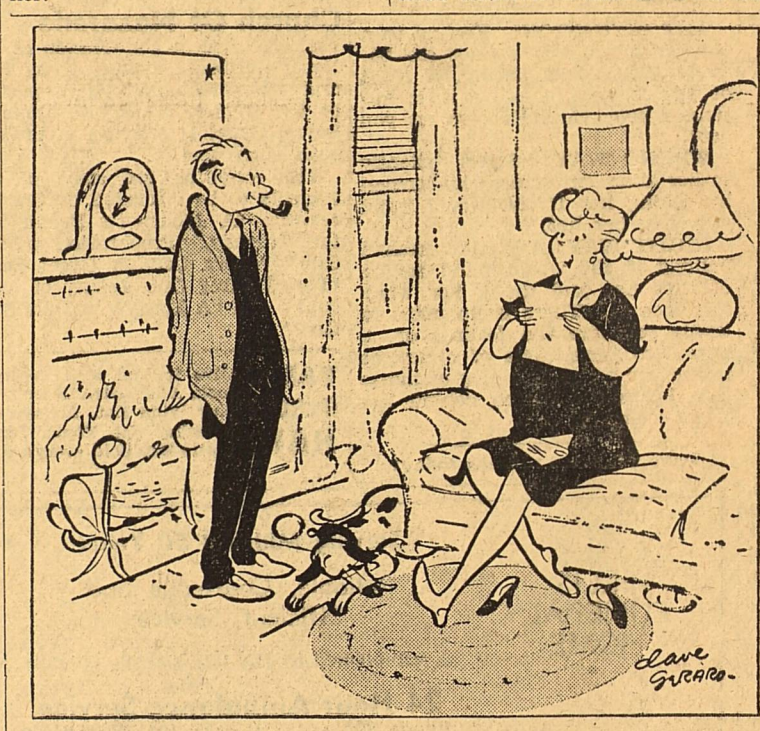


**IN ANCIENT TIMES** IT WAS COMMON TO TAKE THE KING'S FOOT LENGTH AS A UNIT OF MEASURE. AND WHEN A NEW KING WAS CROWNED IT USUALLY MEANT A NEW STANDARD OF LENGTH.

**GUINEA PIGS AND GROUND HOGS** ARE RELATED TO RABBITS, BUT NOT TO SWINE!

A TRAIN BEHIND IS LATE WHEN THE TRAIN AHEAD IS BEHIND. Says C. D. LOOKER, Pharo, New York.

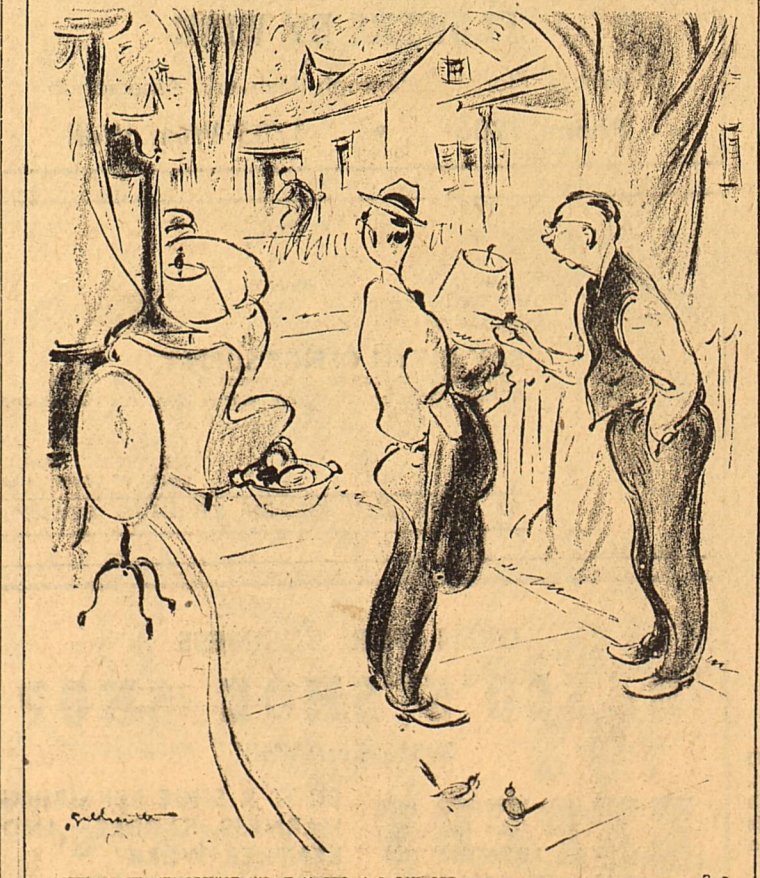
NEXT: The versatile robin.



"Due to censorship he says he can't tell us where he is—but he's cutting ripe bananas off the trees to put on his Wheaties."

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## SIDE GLANCES



"You're a new neighbor, so let me warn you—Jones will invite you over to give him gardening advice, and before you know it you'll be doing all his work!"

## Father's Influence

PORT WASHINGTON, N. Y. — (AP) — A first grade teacher unable to persuade a pupil to read numbers from a blackboard called the little boy's father to the classroom to help her.

The father wrote "3" and the boy said "three." He wrote "5" and "five" said the child. Then he wrote "3."

The boy responded: "Pretzel."

There are about 200 species of ducks.

## Lonely—

DANBURY, CONN. — (AP) — The Committee of 100 Women, a volunteer organization which sees to it that Danbury servicemen abroad get frequent reminders that the folks back home are thinking of them, sent a birthday gift to a soldier at a lonely outpost. Back came a letter of thanks from the soldier with this post script:

"Don't wish to appear ungrateful but would appreciate it in your next package you include the 100 women."

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

—By J. R. WILLIAMS



EGAD, LEANDER! MAN I JOIN YOUR GAME? I COULD TEACH YOU TADPOLES SOME OF THE TECHNIQUE THAT MADE THE NAME OF HOOPLE A LEGEND IN BIG LEAGUE LOCKER ROOMS—HAR-RUMPH!

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NO! PLEASE, MAJOR! NO! DON'T!

## OUT OUR WAY



THIS CALLS FOR AN ANSWER—WILL YOU GET ME A PEN AND INK?

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE NOW—HERE'S THREE MORE TELEGRAMS AND A BOOK—AND THE DOCTOR WILL BE IN TO SEE YOU IN FIVE MINUTES!

THEY PUT TH' BULL O' TH' WOODS IN HERE FOR A COMPLETE REST. I THINK HE DID BETTER IN TH' SHOP!

HE HAD A STAFF TO DO ALL TH' STUFF IN TH' SHOP—BUT MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HE NEEDS, IS A LOT O' WORK!

HERCULES ARE MADE—NOT BORN

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

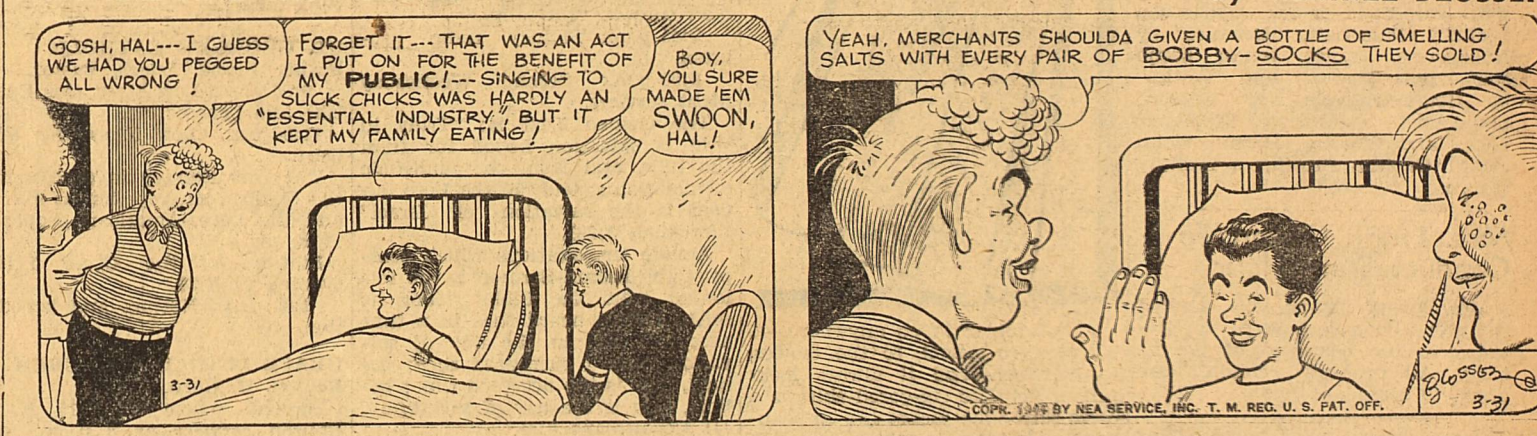
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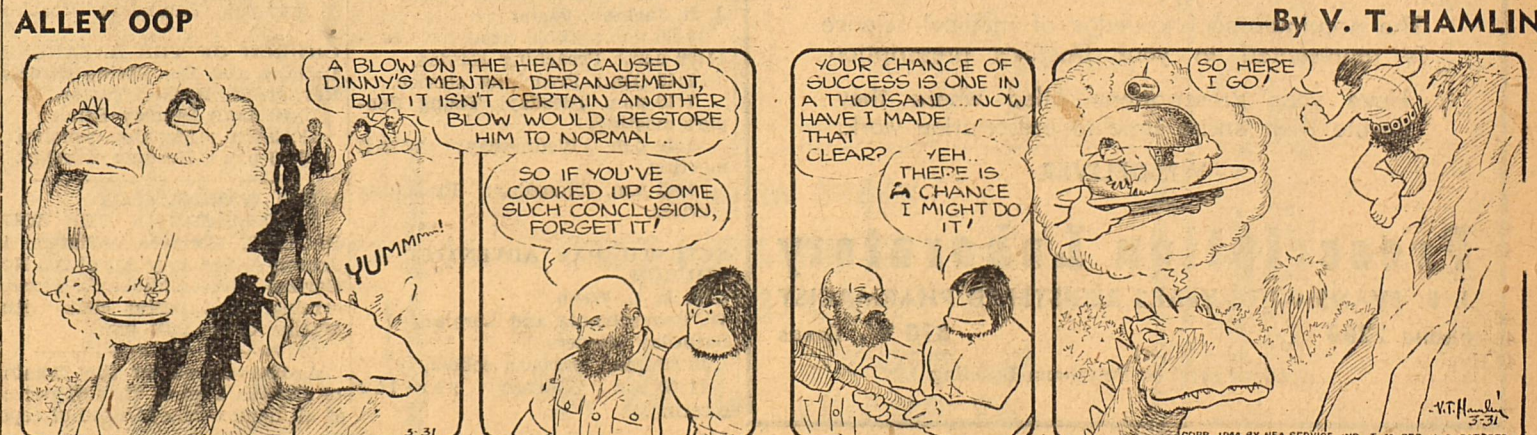
## RED RYDER

—By FRED HARMAN



## ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN





### McCollum Selects Squad For Odessa Meet Saturday

Fourteen Midland High School athletes will journey to Odessa Saturday for the invitational track and field meet in which several schools are entered.

Coach Gene McCollum has been preparing his squad since the close of the basketball season for the track and field events. The Bulldogs will be host to the district meet here April 15.

McCollum Friday named the squad which will enter the Odessa meet. It includes:

- 100-yard dash—M. C. Hale, Glen Parrott and Rex Gerald.
- 440-yard—L. C. Neatherlin and Jerry Hudson.
- 1-mile run—Bobbie Drake, E. H. Livingston and Bobby Cole.
- 440-yard relay—Hale, Bill Richards, Hudson and Neatherlin.
- 1-mile relay—Jimmy Watson, Hudson, Drake and Bobby Hyatt.
- 220-yard dash—Neatherlin, Parrott and Lewis Wingo.
- 880-yard run—Watson, Hyatt, Carlton Galbraith and Jimmy Edwards.
- 1600-yard run—Watson, Hyatt, Carlton Galbraith and Jimmy Edwards.
- 200-yard low hurdles—Richards, Hale and Ralph Vertrees.
- 120-yard high hurdles—Watson and Hyatt.
- Discus throw—Richards, Watson and Wingo.
- Shotput—Watson.
- Broad jump—Richards and Hale.
- Pole vault—Richards.
- Ike Fitzgerald and Bill Ponder also will be in the squad which makes the trip to Odessa.

### Slugging Cuban Brings Own Bat To Hold Average In Major Leagues

By FRITZ HOWELL  
NEW YORK —(P)—He brought along his own bat from home this year—did Roberto (Bobby) Estalella, Philadelphia Athletics outfielder who hit a rousing .259 last season.

And don't laugh at that .259, for it was tops for the team's regulars. And Roberto wants to remain tops—that's why he brought along the war club with which he bludgeoned his way this winter to a .336 average in the Cuban league.

At that, the weapon seems to be easier to wield than it is to pronounce, for it is made of majagua wood, which comes from the tropical parti tillicum tree.

We'd like to be there the day the A's play Washington, and Estalella swings his parti tillicum limb at Alejandro Carrasquel.

The Brooklyn-Phillies Red Cross game, scheduled for Friday at Ebbets Field, has been bootled back to April 13, and the Dodgers will try to get in their twice-postponed game with West Point this afternoon.

American League  
WASHINGTON — Cuban Luis Aurez looks like winner of third base sweepstakes, although Skipper Ossie Bluege is doubtful of his hitting.

CHICAGO — Hal Trosky, who quit two years ago because of headaches after averaging .313 and hitting 216 homers in nine years for Cleveland, makes debut under Jimmy Dykes Saturday as White Sox meet Pittsburgh at Louisville.

DETROIT — Don Ross may replace Rudy York at first if Rudy goes into service.

ST. LOUIS — Luke Sewell finally has three outfielders—Frank Demaree, who has been ill; Harold Epps, 1-A but willing to play a while, and Milton Byrnes.

BOSTON — Joe Cronin will try outfielder Leon Culberson at short, and outfielder George Metkovich at first base, in first exhibition game Saturday against Curtis Bay Coast Guard.

National League  
CHICAGO — Lou Novikov, explaining wife's illness has delayed him, promised to report next week.

ST. LOUIS — Big Mort Cooper has sore arm, but hopes warmer weather will erase kinks. Team worked outside in 41-degree temperature.

BOSTON — Outfielder Tommy Holmes pounded out three line singles as regulars whipped Yankees 9-1. Ben Cardoni held losers to one scratch hit in his three innings on mound.

NEW YORK — Hugh Luby, second sacker who played 866 in a row for San Francisco, reports.

BROOKLYN — Prexy Branch Rickey urges all major league clubs to pool excess talent to keep game going, should 4-F players be called into essential industry. Says he's willing to lend-lease about 50 players to his opponents.

China Clippers Keep Undefeated Record  
BEAUMONT —(P)—The China, Texas, Clippers girls basketball team is still tops in these parts.

### Didya Know—?

### This Is A Story Every Yank Soldier Wants You To Read

By TOM WOLF  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
LONDON—Unless the folks back in the States fully understand the story of the "T.O."—The Army's Tables of Organization—of good and deserving soldier who haven't been promoted are going to be badly underrated and unjustly maligned at home.

The T. O. contain the Army's hard-and-fast rules for promotion. Every unit in the U. S. Army has a table of organization. It states specifically how many men may hold commissioned and non-commissioned ranks in this unit. It also states specifically how high these ranks may be.

Assume that the T. O. of a certain unit calls for seven enlisted men in grades not to exceed one technical sergeant, one sergeant, one corporal, one first-class private, three privates. Assume that Jon Jones is one of this outfit, he NEVER can be promoted until one of the non-commissioned officers leaves the unit.

Stop and let that sink in. Unless one of the non-coms leaves the unit, Private Jones NEVER can be promoted—not if he has been in the Army 10 years, not if he has been in 50 major campaigns, not if he has won 100 medals.

The only exception to this is that a soldier in any enlisted grade is eligible for Officer Candidate School; and in battle he is eligible for battlefield appointment to lieutenant.

Overseas Promotions Few  
In practice, this comes to mean that a man's chances of promotion are better at home than overseas. This is true because at home new units are frequently formed. Any enlisted man may be promoted to any non-commissioned grade.

In our expanding Army, when a new unit is activated at home, there will be places in the Table of Organization for noncommissioned officers. If Pvt. Jones is transferred to this new unit when it is formed, he may become a master sergeant overnight.

Overseas, however, comparatively few units are formed. Therefore, once Pvt. Jones leaves the States, his chance of being transferred are less. Thus his chances for promotion overseas are smaller than they would be at home.

What goes for enlisted men goes for officers as far as the T. O. are concerned, with one extremely important additional qualification. No officer may skip a grade. For instance, a captain cannot become a lieutenant-colonel without having served as a major.

There are rigid time-of-service rules for promotion of officers. A second lieutenant must serve six months before being eligible for promotion to first lieutenant; a first lieutenant must serve six months; a captain, six; a major, nine; a lieutenant-colonel, one year. The War Department can promote a full colonel when it sees fit.

Experience Counts  
There is one other qualification for officer promotions. Before an officer is promoted he must occupy for three months the position he will occupy when he gets promoted. Assume that a major has served the full time when he gets promoted. Assume that a major has served the full nine months required for promotion to lieutenant-colonel. Suppose, too, that the T. O. for his unit lists the job which he has been doing as one carrying the rank of major. He cannot be promoted to lieutenant-colonel until he has served three months more as a major in some position for which the T. O. authorizes a lieutenant colonel.

### Utah's Utes Grab Nation Cage Title From St. John's

NEW YORK —(P)— Before 18-125 fans who paid \$35,000 which was turned over to the Red Cross, Utah's basketball kids stormed to a 43-36 victory over St. John's of Brooklyn in Madison Square Garden Thursday night to win the national invitation tourney.

The Utes were underdogs but they battled on even terms through the first half which ended 19-19. Ten minutes after he second session got under way Utah was out in front by six, and then spurred to victory after St. John's pulled up to 36-34.

New Discovery May Outlaw Wet Grounds  
ST. LOUIS —(P)— "Game postponed, wet grounds," may disappear from baseball language if a chemically-treated resin combination developed by a powder company performs as well on the baseball diamond as it has for the armed forces.

It makes soil waterproof. Roads treated with the substance remain dusty even though covered with several inches of water, and Theodore Marvin, of the Hercules Powder Co., thinks it will do the same thing for basepaths, pitchers' mounds, and batters' boxes.

This resin combination is a dry powder which is mixed into previously pulverized soil. The soil then is rolled, resulting in a waterproof surface retaining the same characteristics as the original soil.

Italy has two other leaning towers besides that at Pisa, the 163-foot Garisenda and the 320-foot Assinelli at Bologna.

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### New Engines For Flying Wing

AP Features  
NEW YORK—Propellerless "flying wing" airplanes enclosing high speed gas-turbines, much faster than those now employed in jet-propulsion planes, are visualized as the air liners of the future by G. Geoffrey Smith, British aeronautical expert and managing editor of Flight and Aircraft Production in London.

Smooth-running high-speed turbines will revolutionize aircraft design, and bring about a basic change in its structure, Smith believes.

His book, "Gas Turbines and Jet-Propulsion for Aircraft," just issued in New York, partly explains the new aviation development recently announced jointly by the Royal Air Force and the United States Army Air Forces.

Smith summarizes the advantages of jet-propulsion:  
1. More efficient flight at higher speeds in the sub-stratosphere.  
2. Paraffins, diesel oils, or tar oils can be substituted for gasoline, extending our present oil reserves.

3. There is an eventual limit to propeller power. Jet-propulsion eliminates the propeller, avoiding this potential handicap.  
4. Better location of the pilot, with unrestricted vision. No obstructions for guns mounted on military aircraft.

Future airplanes will be designed around turbine-compressor engines, rather than by adapting present-day planes to fit them, Smith believes.

"The flying wing idea is as old as the industry itself," he says, "but only in recent years have advances in aerodynamic and structural knowledge brought the thick-section wing to practical realization."

"It has been estimated that a 'flying wing' has from one-third to one-half less air drag than the conventional monoplane, so that considerably less horsepower is needed to attain the same speed."

"Since jet-propulsion engines are considerably lighter in weight than the conventional power-plant with its many auxiliaries, a double advantage is suggested by marrying the gas-turbine to the 'flying wing.'"

Texas To Have Backing Of Seven States In Oil Regulation Appeal  
AUSTIN —(P)— Texas will have major support at the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting April 3 and 4 for its proposal that President Roosevelt be petitioned to restore oil and gas regulation to the various states.

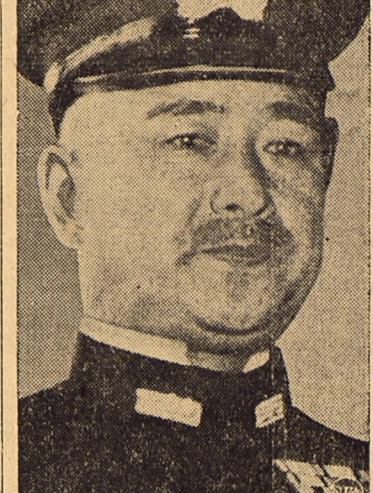
Unqualified or conditional approval has been voiced by the governors or oil regulatory officials of seven states to the resolution to be offered by the Texas Railroad Commission, suggesting that the emergency need for regulation by the Petroleum Administration for War has passed and a full restoration of regulation by the states would result in more drilling and production.

FLIER IDENTIFIED  
HOUSTON —(P)— The Ellington Field public relations officer said Friday that the Tarrant Field (Port Worth) flier who died in the Beaumont City Hospital of injuries sustained when his plane crashed near Nome (Texas) Thursday was Sgt. Willis T. Craig of Mont Rose, Colo.

WEB REQUEST DENIED  
AUSTIN —(P)— A request from the War Production Board for permission temporarily to use sweet casinghead gas for manufacturing carbon black was rejected by the Texas Railroad Commission.

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### In Hot Spot



Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, above, Japanese minister of the navy, was given the additional post of chief of the naval general staff, succeeding Adml. Osami Nagano, who was relieved of the post following the U. S. attack on Truk, which cost the Nips 26 ships.

CIO Leader Arrested On Federal Charge  
NEW YORK —(P)— Thomas De Lorenzo, 35, president of Local 365, United Automobile Workers (CIO), was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury on a charge of making false statements in an affidavit submitted in connection with his appointment to the labor panel of the National War Labor Board.

The indictment charged that De Lorenzo, whose local represents employees of the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation's plant, asserted in an affidavit sworn to April 30, 1943, in connection with an application for federal employment that he never had been arrested or indicted except for traffic violations in New York City.

LONERGAN CASE GOES TO JURY  
NEW YORK —(P)— The first degree murder case against Wayne Lonergan, charged with the bludgeoning slaying of his mistress wife Patricia, was given to a general sessions court jury at 12:45 p. m. Friday.

ITALIANS TO GET CANNED GOODS, SUGAR  
NAPLES —(P)— Allied authorities announced Thursday night that for the first time since Southern Italy was liberated food rations for Italians in April will include sugar as well as canned meats and vegetables.

The sugar allotment was placed at 250 grams per person, a little more than half a pound for the month.

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### Military Services Favor House 4-F Draft Program

WASHINGTON —(P)— Pointing to an estimated 6,000,000 4-Fs between 18 and 45 as the answer to manpower problems, a House military subcommittee Friday awaited official reaction to its recommendation that many of these men be forced into essential jobs under threat of induction.

Promising legislation immediately after the Easter recess to help clamp job controls on the 4-Fs, the committee called a final public session Friday to hear the manpower woes of a large segment of industry.

Ready To Move  
Semi-official spokesmen disclosed that the Army and the Navy were ready to move into high gear immediately to carry out the committee's recommendation that the services publicly announce their readiness to use in labor battalions 4-Fs who decline to move into essential industry, despite Secretary Stimson's reluctance to do so except as a last resort.

Selective Service was reported ready to begin reprocessing 4-Fs at once to determine how many would be subject to the new "work in industry or work for the Army" program.

Applies To Non-Fathers  
Costello said legislation under consideration would make the new program applicable not only to 4-Fs but to non-fathers between 37 and 45. He emphasized that the fear of induction into labor battalions need haunt only those men not now engaged in essential war and civilian industry or agricultural work. Most of those not in such occupations, he added, would doubtfully move quickly into them "and those who just won't will go into work battalions."

The committee's sentiment, Costello said, is that the new program be applied first to the younger 4-Fs, probably between 18 and 30, and then extended to the older groups and finally to the non-fathers.

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