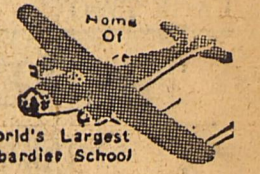




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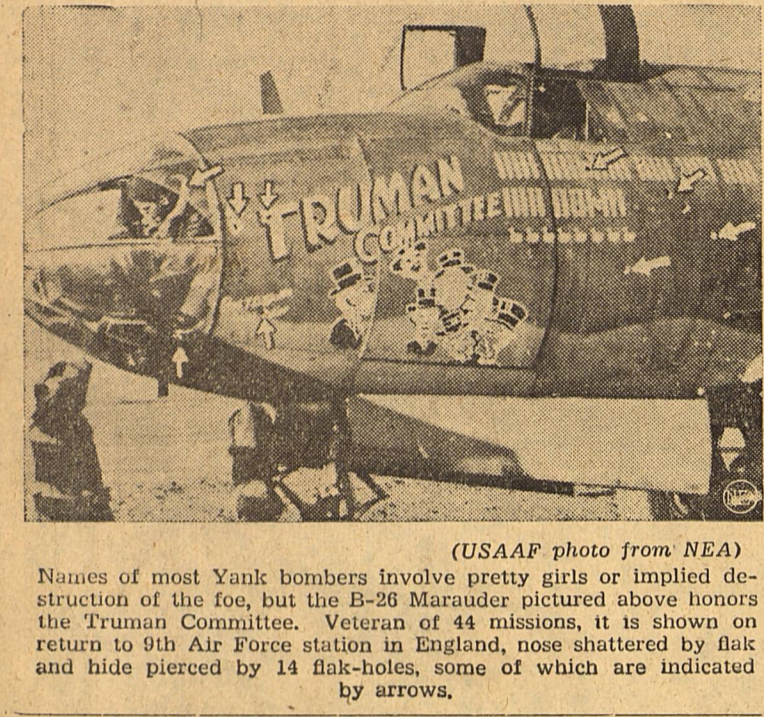
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Savage Fighting Rages For Tarnopol

'Truman Committee' Goes to War



Names of most Yank bombers involve pretty girls or implied destruction of the foe, but the B-26 Marauder pictured above honors the Truman Committee. Veteran of 44 missions, it is shown on return to 9th Air Force station in England, nose shattered by flak and hide pierced by 14 flak-holes, some of which are indicated by arrows.

Czechs, Allies Draw Up Plan To Administer Nation After Recapture

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The Czechoslovak government in London has agreed with Russia, Britain and the United States on a plan for administering its territory as soon as military conditions permit.

Wheeler Pool In East Winkler Is Extended West

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor
On official Railroad Commission permit Tuesday, Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1-A Wheeler, west offset to the initial producer in the Wheeler field, flowed at the rate of 1,091.52 barrels per day, through a one-half inch choke, with 450 pounds flowing pressure, and gas-oil ratio of 315-1.

Dates Set For Midland Rodeo

Midland's 1944 Rodeo will be held June 8, 9, 10 and 11 with night performances each day and an afternoon show June 11. Sunday, officials of the Midland Fair, Inc., announced Wednesday after a conference with Everett E. Colburn of Dublin, who will furnish all stock and performers for the exhibition.

Complete Rodeo Program

The rodeo will have a complete program for each performance with bronc riding, calf roping, bull riding, bulldogging and everything that goes to make a world's championship show.

Anti-Semite Warned Of Polish Army

LONDON —(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told Commons Wednesday that representations had been made to the Polish government in exile concerning manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Polish Army and that the transfer of a number of Jewish deserters from Poland to British forces had been arranged.

Japs Hold 15 Miles Of Vital India Road

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
NEW DELHI —(AP)—The Japanese invaders of India were reported reliably Wednesday to be holding a 15-mile stretch of the road midway between Imphal, on the Manipur Plain and Kohima, 60 miles north. There they must establish a pre-monsoon, weather-worthy line of communication within six weeks—or disastrously lose their long gamble for the Bengal-Assam railway, an Allied lifeline.

U. S. Liberator Bombers Hit Targets Along French Coast

LONDON —(AP)—U. S. Liberator bombers attacked military objectives in the Pas-de-Calais area of France Wednesday, air force headquarters announced. As the Liberators, flying with a strong escort of Thunderbolt fighters, reopened the Allied aerial pounding of Europe from the west after a three-day lull, the Berlin radio said other bomber fleets were over Central Germany in mid-afternoon.

Rumania To Ask Armistice Soon, Reporter Says

NEW YORK —(AP)—A Blue Network broadcast from London Wednesday, carried dispatches from Turkey as saying that Premier Antonescu of Rumania will seek an armistice from Washington, London and Moscow.

Dewey Backers Take Wide Lead In Wisconsin

By The Associated Press
Voters continued to come in slowly Wednesday in Wisconsin's presidential primary but Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York maintained a heavy lead, Wendell Wilkie of Ohio and the late place with Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor, and Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur holding second and third positions, respectively.

Mrs. Bob Franklin's Father Dies After Heart Attack

Mrs. Bob Franklin has received word of the death of her father, P. P. Mackel, 74, in Las Vegas, N. M., Tuesday afternoon. He suffered a heart attack in the downtown district and died enroute to a hospital.

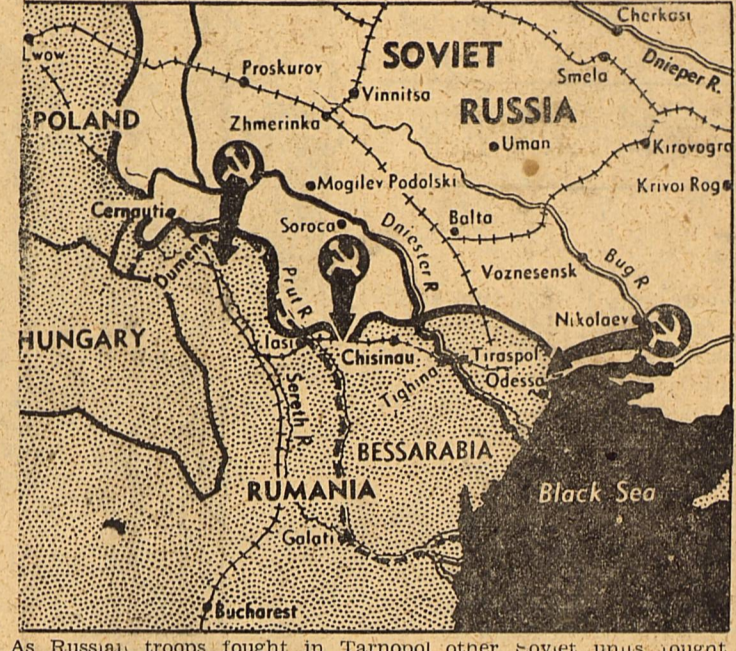
Convicted War Plant Official Kills Self

ELKTON, MD.—(AP)—Joseph Ben Decker, 58, former Triumph Explosives executive under a three-year federal sentence for mail fraud, died Wednesday in a hospital of shogun wounds U. S. Marshal August Klecka said were inflicted by Decker himself a few hours before he was to go to prison.

District Bar Group Will Hold Annual Meet Here Friday

The annual meeting of the Seventh Judicial District Bar Association which includes the counties of Midland, Ector, Martin, Howard and Glasscock will be held at the Secharbauer Hotel here Friday.

Reds Invade Balkans



As Russian troops fought in Tarnopol other Soviet units fought nearer Lwow, Poland, and Odessa, two vital German bases. Remnants of 15 Nazi divisions were being wiped out near Kamennitsa-Podolsk by Red fighters. Nazi forces were fighting desperately to stem the Russian tide sweeping across Rumania.

Secrecy Cloaks Russian Drive Into Rumania

By HENR YC. CASSIDY
MOSCOW —(AP)—Russian troops fought in the streets of Tarnopol for possession of that Nazi stronghold Wednesday as field dispatches declared the Red Army had all but wiped out the remnants of 15 surrounded German divisions in the Skala pocket west of Kamennitsa Podolsk and had launched new blows at Lwow and Odessa at opposite ends of the far-flung front.

Italian Troops Repulse German Counterattack At Mt. Marrone

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES —(AP)—Italian troops on Mt. Marrone, 15 miles northeast of Cassino, have repulsed a German counterattack, inflicting casualties, it was announced Wednesday.

Midland Man Gets MAAF 'Ideas For Victory' Award

A check for \$65 was presented to the winner of the first civilian employes "Ideas for Victory" award at Midland Army Air Field Wednesday morning. The award was made to Andrew G. Davis, 1095 West Indiana Street, Midland, by Col. Charles H. Dowman, commanding officer of this bombardier school.

Bombagator Class To Graduate Saturday

Graduation exercises for Midland Army Air Field's newest class of bombardier navigators will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in the Post Theater, it was announced Wednesday by Col. Charles H. Dowman, commanding officer of this bombardier school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Tire Inspections On Autos Abandoned

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The Office of Price Administration is abandoning its passenger car tire inspection program, a spokesman said Tuesday.

War Bullefin's

LONDON —(AP)—British bombers dropped more than 48,000 long tons of bombs on Germany during the first three months of 1944, compared with 2,400 tons dropped on Britain by the Germans during the same period, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told the House of Commons Wednesday.

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NEW YORK —(AP)—The Tokyo radio said Wednesday that Yakishiro Suman, Japanese ambassador to Spain, had gone to Berlin.

LONDON —(AP)— Brig. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, who organized medium level bombing attacks on Europe and has been hammering away at invasion areas in record proportions in recent months, was appointed commander of the Ninth U. S. Air Force bomber command Wednesday.

A core was taken at 5,545-47 feet. (Continued on Page 5)

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Population Problems

The Baruch-Hancock post-war report contains some puzzling questions, in addition to its many excellent recommendations. Some of the worst stumblers have to do with population shifts to war-industry boom towns.

"Will the workers who have moved north return to their homes in the south?" the report asks. "What of the great aircraft, shipbuilding and munitions centers—where will the workers now there go?"

If the answer from Henry J. Kaiser's three shipyards in Portland, Ore., is typical, most of them aren't going anywhere. There are 91,036 workers in the Kaiser yards; 90 per cent of them were questioned as to their post-war plans. It was found that 50,000 had migrated from outside the Portland area, and that more than half plan to stay.

This is in spite of the fact that 85 per cent of the total force have no prospects of a job when the shipbuilding program is cut down to peacetime size.

A check-up on these workers' purchases shows that they are not fooling about their desire to stay put. Only 11 per cent have furniture stored "back home," but 53.7 per cent own furniture in the Portland area. And 40.5 of those who plan to continue living there are going to use their War Bonds and other savings to buy real estate.

Another post-war question was answered when only 20.5 per cent of the Kaiser women employees (industrial, not white-collar) said they planned to stop working when the war was over.

It is unlikely that Portland's case is unique, or that its workers' thinking is radically different from that of workers in other industrial centers. Cities with big shipyards and ordnance and aircraft plants have all grown—Portland, 19.2 per cent since 1930; Seattle-Tacoma, 20 per cent; Wichita, Kan., 32.5 per cent; Norfolk-Newport, Va., 42.2 per cent.

In 1939 there were, roughly, 25,000 workers in ordnance; 75,000 in aircraft, and 150,000 in shipbuilding. Today, for the same three industries, the approximate respective figures are 2,250,000, 2,000,000 and 1,600,000. Peacetime employment in ships and aircraft will probably be higher than the 1939 level, but even so, many industrial cities are going to have a tremendous concentration of surplus labor.

Portland has outlined a 75 million-dollar public works program. Other cities are making similar plans. But public works are stop-gaps that do create wealth. Private industry must absorb this surplus, and quickly.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Neighbor Aim Now Globular

The United States is coming out of this war with more power than it ever had before—the greatest economic and military machine in the world.

As strength breeds enemies, the United States is going to need friends.

People in government have therefore begun to think about the post-war problem of maintaining good relations with the rest of the world. Specifically, the Department of State has asked the President to ask Congress to amend the "good neighbor act" of 1939, so that more of this same good neighborliness may be extended to other nations of the world, outside Latin America.

Hearings on this proposal are scheduled to open soon before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Rep. James W. Wadsworth of New York is already promising Republican opposition.

The charge will be made that this is another scheme to spend a lot of money and spread the New Deal all over the world. It will be called an international WPB. It may be branded an effort to perpetuate UNRRA or set up a new co-ordinator, not of just Inter-American, but of World Affairs. In short, it will be called globaloney.

When you ask at the Department of State for specific examples of what this broadened good neighbor policy may get the United States into, you come up with definite requests that have already been made to the United States by foreign governments.

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The Old Shell Game

The more we observe Soviet diplomacy, the less we envy such publications as the Daily Worker and the New Masses, both trying desperately to hang onto the American end of the party line. The latest case in point was recognition by the U. S. S. R. of the Badoglio government when these two American Communist organs had just finished polishing off Badoglio and Churchill in language bitter and uncompromising.

The editors, trying to guess Marshal Stalin's next move, must feel a good deal like the farm boy at the county fair trying to guess under which walnut shell he would find the dried pea.

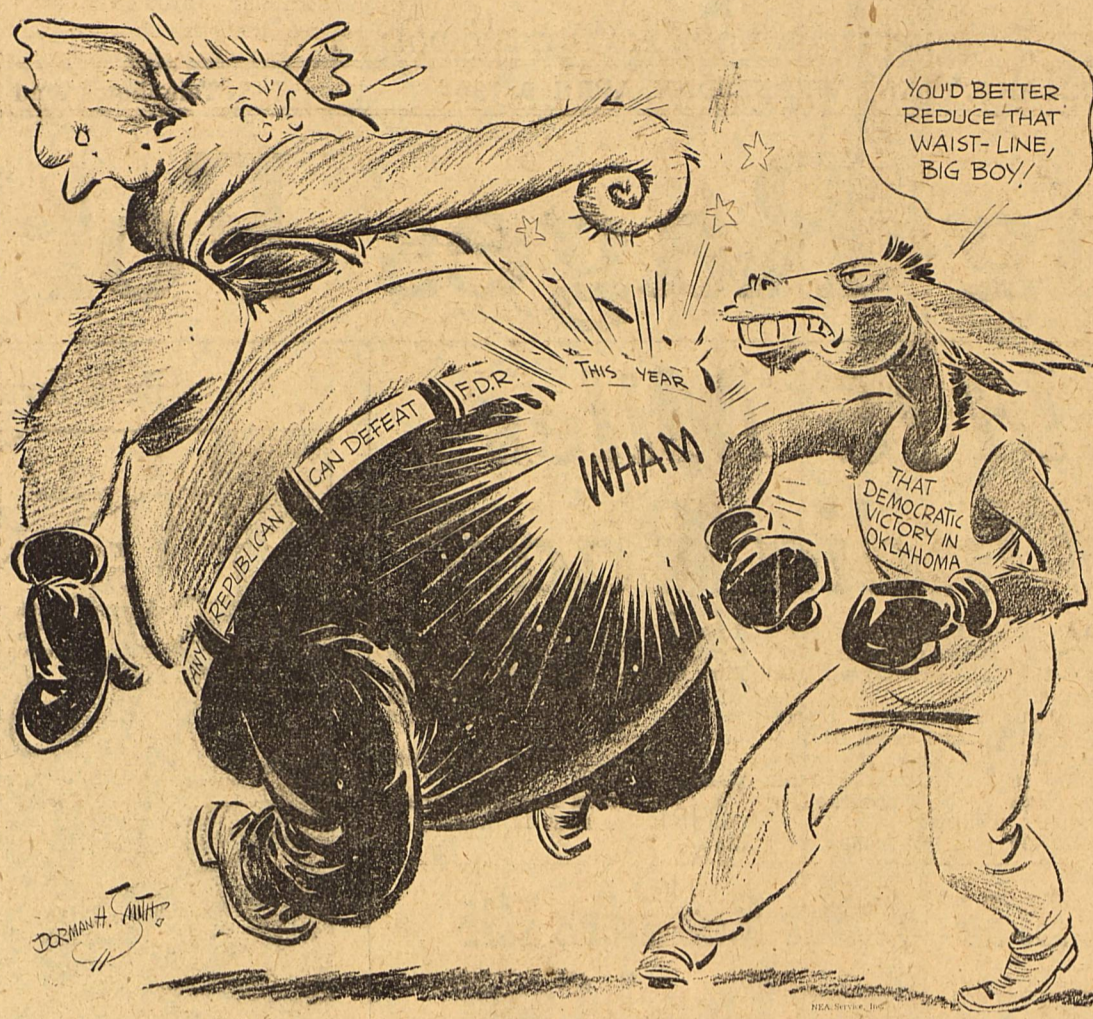
—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Early Training

A Delaware sergeant is given credit for bringing a battered Flying Fortress back from Germany by patching up the shattered rudder control cables with bits of cord from his flying suit.

We don't know the early history of this young man, but it's probably a safe bet that he was one of thousands of American youngsters who learned practical mechanics in his high school days by maintaining a jalopy on a shoestring budget, with the help of a few pieces of cord, some chewing gum, and the native ability that has made our air forces tops in world combat.

Right Where It Hurts Most



Confusion Department

Even Newspaperman Admits Draft Regulations Have Him Balled Up

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A newspaperman whose job is following the news every day frankly writes that he is confused by the turmoil over manpower and the draft.

He listed some questions—which may be both-rings others—and asked for some answers. Here are the questions, and the answers by Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission:

Q. Who fixes the calls for local draft boards?

A. The armed services tell national SS how many men they want. This is relayed to state SS headquarters and on down to local boards, the calls being worked out on a statewide basis.

Q. How much are the boards behind on their calls for men?

A. Nationally, more than 100,000 and have been lagging that much since last October.

Q. Why?

A. The boards failed to fill their calls. One reason: hesitancy about inducting fathers, the hesitancy starting last October when Congress fought over the father-draft. Another reason: real difficulty by some boards in finding men. Another: appeals from the draft are greater now than ever.

Q. Why is the armed force total fixed at 11,300,000 by July 1? Why are so many men needed?

A. That figure has been set by the chiefs of staff for what they apparently consider good military reasons, operating on a time-table.

Q. Do SS and WMC send policy statements to local boards?

A. SS does, but not WMC which no longer is connected with SS.

Q. Has the request for emphasis on men under 26 been sent to local boards and, if so, has it been specific enough?

A. SS says "yes" to both questions, pointing out that it sent:

- To local boards a couple of weeks ago, President Roosevelt's call for a review of all occupational draft deferments.
- To state directors, a telegram March 24 which instructed: all men under 26 with industrial deferments were to be given immediate pre-induction physical examinations; and that all occupational deferments, agricultural and industrial, were to be reviewed but first of all those of men under 26.
- To local boards April 1, notice that the unit-basis of granting farm deferments was to be abandoned. The unit measure worked like this: a cow was one unit, two cows, two units. Any farm-deferred man was supposed to be counted on for a minimum of 16 units.

(We personally don't think there was anything too clear in all this on the subject of inducting men under 26. There certainly wasn't

on the farm-deferred group. In that category, the men under 26 are not getting pre-induction physicals.)

Q. If there is such a shortage of manpower, why aren't men 38 to 45 taken for limited service?

A. The Army doesn't want men in that age group. The theory is that they lack younger men's endurance. The Army is getting for limited service all it needs from those under 38 who are classified as fit only for limited service.

Mrs. Baker Hostess To Valley View Club

Mrs. Jim Baker was hostess to the Valley View Home Demonstration Club Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Alpha Lynn demonstrated the preparation of food for the freezer locker. She prepared vegetables as if for canning, blanched them, and put them in a brine solution. They were then peeled for a quick freeze. Fruit must be well ripened and put in a syrup before frozen.

Members present were Mrs. Harvey Kiser, Mrs. J. J. Howard, Mrs. J. D. Bartlett, Mrs. Lois Lewis, and Mrs. Herd Midkiff. Mrs. A. C. Arnold and Mrs. Bill Ham were guests.

CIVILIANS HAVE TWILLS

NEW YORK—Milady has copied military styles in more ways than one, and now she is wearing printed cottons made of the same twill which she has so admired in the passing Army and Navy parade. Released by the armed services for civilian use, this material has been difficult to distinguish from pique, either when shown in the piece goods department or in the ready-to-wear salon.

In piece goods the material is available in gay plaids on white for neat suits and two-piece dresses; colorful sports stripes for play suits and swim suits with or without matching skirts; gigantic floral "applique" effects for dirndl type dresses and skirts; and a few striking borders for hems and panels of full-skirted styles.

One On The House

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—A merchant seaman applied to the Office of Price Administration for a shoe stamp. Asked if he didn't already have one, the sailor replied: "I have two. I paid a dollar apiece for them."

DISEASE DEATHS

Cancer and other malignant tumors rank second as a cause of death by disease in the United States, with diseases of the heart being first.

From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

"Praise the Lord We Ain't Agoin' Fishin'"

Willie Wells was always fond of fishing. Now he writes from somewhere overseas:

"There's a song the fellers sing, goes: 'Praise the Lord, we ain't agoin' fishin'—and I guess it's so. But you know, dad, sometimes I sure wish I were back fishing for trout in Seward's Creek again.'

And I guess that's the way all our soldiers feel. They're fighting a war—and they mean to fight it to a finish—till they can come home to the little pleasures that they've missed so much—the sweet feel of a trout rod... a pleasant glass of beer with friends... the smell of Mom's fresh baking from the kitchen...

From where I sit, we folks at home have an important obligation to keep intact the little things that they look forward to... from the trout rod waiting in the corner to the beer that's cooling in the ice box. Don't you agree?"

Joe Marsh

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Red Cross Surgical Dressing Reports

Tuesday morning supervisor at the Red Cross surgical dressing room was Mrs. George Kidd and afternoon supervisor was Mrs. Fred Wright.

Workers present Tuesday were: Mesdames P. R. Patten, C. D. Vertrees, Ross Williams, Barney Grafa, George Shelton, J. Hollis Roberts, Arthur Stout, Hugh Corrigan, A. Clevenger and C. J. Cook.

KKK Club Has Business Meeting

The KKK Club had a business meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Patsy Bray.

Refreshments were served to the following: members, Dorothy Holt, Frances Puett, Mummy Cowden, Emma Sue Cowden, Norma Jean Hubbard, Carol Casselman, Betty McCain, Jessica Turpin, Lucille Wemple, Jean Devereaux, Patsy Patterson, Shirley Cooper, Teeny Denton, Vangie Theis, Patsy Collins, pledges, Patsy Bray, Jo Ann Wyche, Sarah Lew, Link, Lois Black, Bobbie Jean Heil, Diane Buffington, Betty Jean Meriwether and Royce Raye McKee.

FOUR'S HIS NUMBER

FRANKFORT, IND.—(AP)—James Stevens Shepherd was born Tuesday at 4:44 o'clock on the fourth day of the fourth month of 1944.

Matching Colors



(Photo Courtesy of Reolon) SALINA MAHRI Colorful.

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

You have a color tie-up that points like a bright arrow to your good taste when you match nails and lips and repeat the accent in your Easter costume.

"Nor do you have to search to find a matching spot of red for

Social Situations

THE SITUATION: You are a woman living with your son and daughter-in-law. They have young friends in for an evening. How would you act?

WRONG WAY: Say beforehand, "I'll stay in my room so as to be out of the way when your company comes."

RIGHT WAY: Make plans of your own for the evening, even if you do nothing but go to a movie with a friend. (If you say in a martyr-like voice that you'll stay in your room, you will make your son and daughter-in-law feel mean.)

costume accessories," says fashion-wise Salina Mahri, Powers model. "Look for it in the rose, ribbon or veil on a hat; in the sash that binds up your hair."

Salina suggests as other accessory tie-ups a lapel flower, a pair of red earrings, a bright hardkerchief poking out from a pocket.

While you're using these red notes, which match your lipstick and nail enamel as though they had been dipped in the same pool of color, remember that your skin, too, should be in rosy harmony, warns Salina, and select a shade of powder that competes the ensemble.

Your "sacrifice"

Dear Customer:

You have given up a lot of things because of the war.

You can't do much driving. You can't buy tires like you used to. And the same goes for meat and butter and cars and electric iceboxes.

That's tough on you. You're "sacrificing"

Me, too. My gas business is down to a trickle. My tire business has practically folded up.

And on top of that, I'm short of help. That's why it sometimes takes me longer to serve you than it used to.

But I am more anxious than ever to inspect your tires and your battery. If anything, my lube jobs are more conscientious than before. That's my part in helping you Care for your car for your country.

I am working longer hours than any man should, and making less money than I did. So that's my "sacrifice".

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Midland Business & Professional Review

PRESENTING EACH WEEK NEWS ABOUT LIVE PROGRESSIVE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OF MIDLAND

American Negro Fighter-Bomber Pilot Almost Wipes Out RAF Staff

By WES GALLAGHER

LONDON—(Delayed)—(AP)—It would have been an accident, but an American negro pilot came within a hair of wiping out the entire high command of the RAF some time ago in Italy.

It happened this way: Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Acting Air Chief Marshal Arthur Coningham and Air Vice Marshal Broadhurst, with their staffs, were standing at the end of a rough make-shift airstrip watching Warhawks of the 99th Negro Fighter-Bomber Squadron take off loaded with two 500-pound bombs each.

Just as one plane lifted off the ground near the conglomeration of

air brains the motor of the ship failed. It crashed 20 yards away and skidded into a ditch, scraping the bombs on the rough ground while privates and air marshals hugged the earth. Out stepped one very frightened pilot who said, when he could get his breath back, "If those things had gone off I would have gone to heaven with a lot of high-powered company."

SOAP SMOKE KITS
CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN—(AP)—Marines in the south Pacific jungles have solved the problem of keeping cigarettes dry by using ordinary two-part soap trays. A soap tray is large enough to accommodate matches, a pack of cigarettes and a snapshot of the girl friend.

STAYS FRESH LONGER

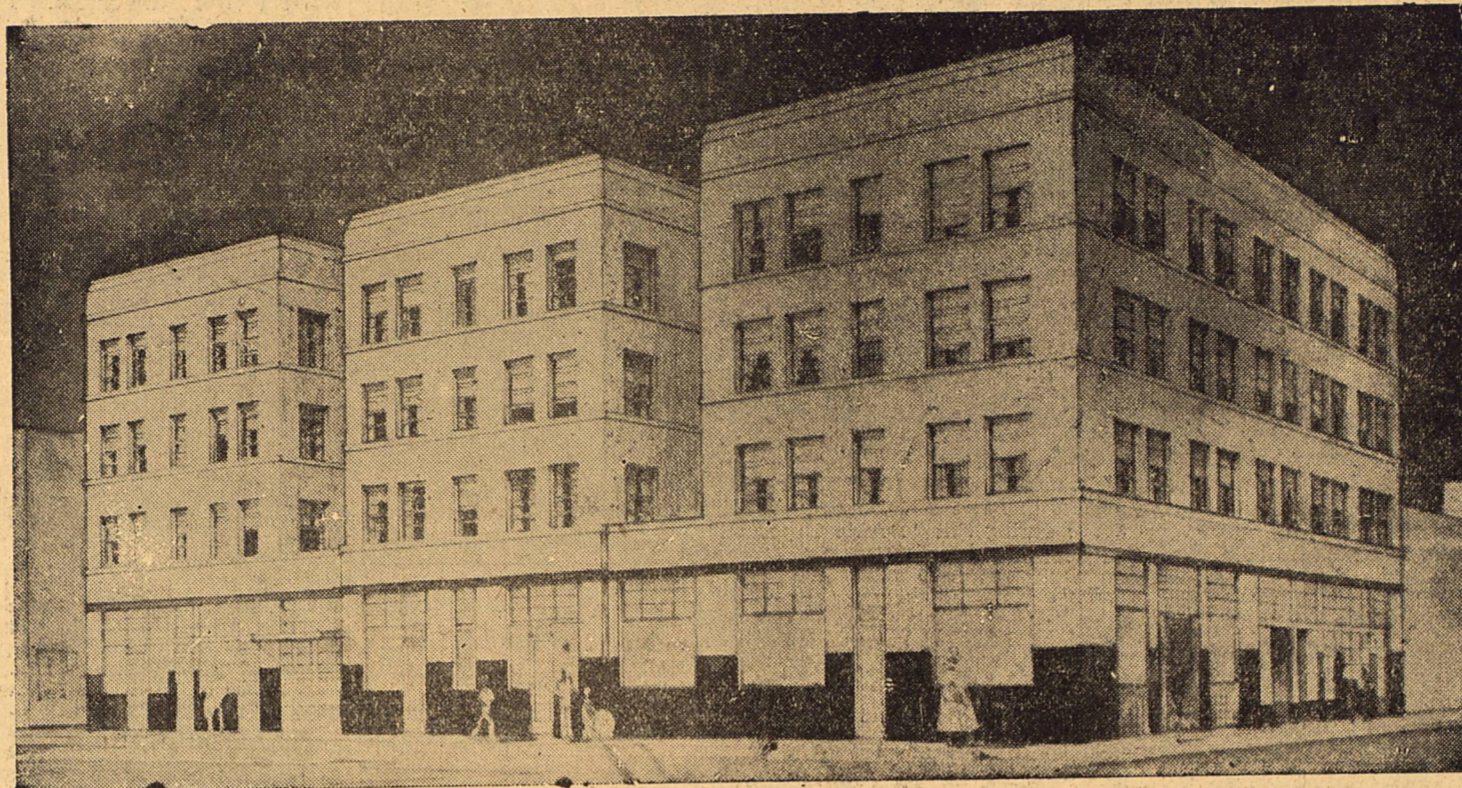
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Midland Plumbing Co. Urges That Waste Fat Be Saved, Not Wasted

The life of a plumber would be much easier if people observed the government's request that every ounce of waste fat be saved, according to C. E. Smith, owner of the Midland Plumbing Company.

Said Smith, "Most of the hurry calls that come to my office are from people whose drains are stopped up. Drain stoppage can sometimes be cleared up very easily but, if allowed to go too far, it makes the installation of a new drain pipe necessary. Ninety per cent of this trouble could be eliminated if waste water was strained before it goes into the sink.

"The chief cause of clogged drains is grease," he continued. "When grease hits the cold pipe, it congeals. Gradually the pipes fill with grease, and strong alkali solutions are forced through the pipes to cut the grease. Eventually these abuses cause the pipes to deteriorate, and the final result is a big plumbing bill.

"If folks would just pour every teaspoonful of grease into a can instead of plumbing bills, we'd have more medicine for the boys, and more bullets for the Japs and Germans, and everybody would be happier."

As everyone knows, it is extremely difficult to obtain plumbing supplies and it is Smith's firm conviction that the average home would withstand the wear and tear of ordinary living if the bathroom and kitchen pipes were cleaned as carefully on the inside as the fixtures are on the outside.

"Wartime substitute materials will not give the wear we could expect from prewar lead and porcelain fixtures," advises Smith, "and the longer we make our prewar materials last, the better off we'll be. Factories are needed to manufacture war materials, not to replace essentials worn out through carelessness."

"Our wartime slogan should be, 'Take care of what you have, by giving away what you don't need.' That means clean pipes, more waste fat for Uncle Sam, and less inconvenience for both the homemaker and the plumber."

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