

Jap Cruiser, Two Destroyers Sunk

1,000 Japanese Die In Road Block Raids

By RICHARD C. BERGHOLZ
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The stranglehold the Allies have clamped around Japan's supply line in Northern Burma is beginning to choke.

Violent Japanese attempts to break a road block clamped on the Mandalay-Mytikina railroad 65 miles south of Mogaung have been repulsed by Allied air-borne troops. Southeast Asia headquarters said Tuesday. More than 1,000 enemy have died in four lunges against the block.

The railroad is Japan's main supply line for Japanese troops on the Burma-India front. The terminus, Mytikina, is one of the immediate objectives of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces in their campaign to carve an overland supply cut-off from Ledo, India, to the old Burma Road leading to China.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters communique that Stilwell's jungle veterans captured a Japanese strong point west of the Mogaung River and are within 30 miles of Mogaung, an important railroad junction.

In China's Northern Honan Province, Japanese were reported rushing the fortification of captured Hulao Pass and were within nine miles of Hanchang on the Peiping-Hankow railroad. The village of Yingshang, 180 miles northeast of Hankow, also fell to the Japanese.

Mop-up work by Sixth Army troops around Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, accounted for 687 dead Japanese as of Sunday. Headquarters also said air units hit targets at Ambonia in the Dutch East Indies, at Manokwari in

Northern Dutch New Guinea, at Hansa Bay on the British New Guinea coast, at Rabaul, New Britain, and at Bougainville in the Solomons.

Tokyo radio said an American carrier task force raided Truk Saturday and Sunday and caused "some damage." One carrier was "heavily damaged" and 30 aircraft

were destroyed, the broadcast said. There was no confirmation from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. His only announcement said a single Liberator bomber raided Truk Saturday, other planes hit Ponape in the Carolines and enemy bases in the Marshalls and Aleutian-based planes hit Faramushiro naval base in the Northern Kuriles.

Tiny Casualty



(USCG photo from NEA)
Thanks to medics of Allied invasion force, shattered leg of the native youngster in the photo above probably will be well soon. Baby was struck by fragment of Jap bomb. Coast Guard Lieut. Irving Egan of New London, Conn., comforts the tiny casualty.

British Subs Sink Jap Destroyer And Four Other Vessels

LONDON — (AP) — British submarines have sunk a Japanese destroyer and four other vessels in recent attacks on enemy supply lines in Asiatic waters, the admiralty announced Tuesday.

In addition, a communique said, two supply ships and an escort vessel were damaged by the undersea raiders, one of which was credited with bombarding military installations at Port Blair in the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Full-Size 400 Passenger Model Plane Displayed

FORT WORTH — (AP) — The awe-commanding wooden skeleton of a post-war droop-wing plane—a 400-passenger liner that will cruise over the Atlantic in peace days to come—was previewed by aviation writers today.

The craft was displayed Monday in full-size wooden fuselage design at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation plant. The new plane, known as Consolidated Model 37, will not be built until after the war. Then it is intended to fly from New York to London with ample fuel reserves to reach alternate airfields on the European continent.

Three Army Prisoners Escape At Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. — (AP) — Three military prisoners escaped from the Berkdale Field guardhouse Monday, according to Major Herschel C. West, provost marshal.

The men who escaped were James Spencer, 25; James Flemming, 30; and a third man who was unidentified because he entered the prison under a false name.

Quartered on the second floor of the prison, the men sawed the bars on the windows with a hack saw, and then slid down the drain pipe to the ground.

Neapolitan Black Market Dressmakers Turn Neat Numbers From Tent Halves, OD Blankets With Matching Gloves From Jeep Seats

By SID FEDER

NAPLES — (Delayed) — (AP) — She was a snappy little number—pert and blonde in GI suntan khaki and gloves from jeep leather seats—and while you wouldn't call it exactly tres chic, the signorina's strut as she paraded down the main stem reminded you of the Easter parade along Fifth Avenue.

Then the MP came along and put the arm on her. The parade was over right then—and chalk up another win for our side over the black market which has sprung up in clothing and material around here.

In spite of all the watchdogs enough supplies are getting into civilian hands to have a marked

influence on what the well-dressed signorinas and signorinas are wearing along the Via Roma this spring.

Now, OD brown or GI blankets don't make up into something out of the smarter Park Avenue salons. But some of the local dressmakers are better than green hands. Give 'em the stuff and they turn out a reasonable enough job for the natives to put on the dog.

For instance, there was the fellow the MP's picked up the other day all wrapped up against the rain in a sturdy looking trench-coat. Inspection showed it was a tent half nearly lined with an OD blanket. It kept the heat in and the wet out.

This particular black market has

angles that differ from the one Uncle Sam's supply men tangled with in Algiers. There the natives specialized in snatching the general issue mattress covers. They could be converted into fancy native robes; and during the African campaign they were bringing from \$20 to \$40 apiece on the not so open market.

Over here mattress covers are just mattress covers. In Naples blankets and shelter halves are the popular "selections." During a recent investigation one dressmaker alone was found with 30 Army blankets.

Then there are the gloves. Neapolitan gloves have been famous for centuries but what with the war and one thing and another it's

Nazis Gain In Thrust At Anzio

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES — (AP) — The Germans have thrust forward against Fifth Army positions on the Anzio beachhead and made a slight gain three miles southwest of Carroceto, it was announced Tuesday.

Enemy shelling also increased in the long-dormant Casino area of the Fifth Army's main front and strong enemy patrols were driven off in that sector, headquarters said.

The enemy attack in the beachhead came while an Allied raiding party was stalling at Cerreto Alto. The results of the latter raid were not immediately available.

An attempt by the German air force to raid the beachhead Sunday night was broken up by anti-aircraft fire. Twelve of 15 attacking planes were compelled to jettison their bombs. Four of the raiders were shot down and two others probably destroyed, increasing the score of the beachhead gunners to 199 destroyed and 130 probables.

Reds Kill 1,500 Attacking Nazis On East Front

LONDON — (AP) — A Soviet communique said Tuesday that apparently 1,500 Axis troops were slain Monday in local fighting in Romania and old Poland, but the bulletin reported no essential changes on the long eastern front where the Red Army has been reported massing for a new offensive.

The communique said 600 Germans were killed in attempts to gain ground north of Iasi, Romanian oil center, and that a battalion of 800 to 1,000 attacking Axis troops was wiped out southeast of Stanislavow in old Poland.

Report Bitter Fighting

The Germans have been reporting bitter fighting southeast of Stanislavow and also southwest of Kovel, which is 170 miles southeast of Warsaw.

Enemy radio reported this morning there had been a flareup of action on the Murnansk front in the Arctic, where it said Soviet attacks in battalion strength had been "partially repelled" after fighting at close quarters.

Lt. Robert K. White, War Prisoner, Tells Wife Not To Worry

Lt. Robert K. White of Midland, a prisoner of war of the German government, reports he is receiving good medical treatment and urges his wife, daughter and parents not to worry about him.

A telegram to Mrs. Robert K. White from the provost marshal general in Washington said:

"Following short wave broadcast from Germany has been intercepted. My hands are coming along fine. The medical treatment is fine. Do not worry and please write often. I will write soon. I love you. Bob. Robert K. White."

The broadcast supplements a previous report received from the International Red Cross.

Lieutenant White, a Liberator pilot, was forced down Feb. 24 in enemy territory.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. White of Midland. Mrs. Robert K. White and their 4-year-old daughter, Sandra Ann, also reside in Midland.

Rankin Receives Four Inch Rain

SAN ANGELO — Heavy rains which drenched the Hill country south of here moved westward Monday to Rankin, causing a suspension of traffic on U. S. Highway No. 67. Rankin's rainfall totaled four inches.

Texon received 2.5 inches of rain, San Angelo .78, Sterling City .5, and Garden City .5.



Spain To Slash Tungsten Ore Shipments To Nazis

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department Tuesday announced a compromise agreement with Spain cutting Spanish wolfram shipments to the Nazis to virtual token supplies, which, it was implied, may soon be blocked completely by Allied invasion forces in France.

The United States accepted the compromise at the insistence of the British, who are said to rely on Spain for certain essential war supplies.

Wildcat Projects In Andrews And Yoakum Staked

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Locations for a 7,500-foot wildcat in Northwest Andrews County, almost on the Gaines County line, and for a 5,500-foot exploration in Northeast Yoakum County, were reported Tuesday.

Official potential has been filed for Richardson and Bass No. 10-E Walton, south stepout for the Keystone-Ellebinger pool, in North Winkler County; and a prospect in Northeast Lynn County is being plugged and abandoned.

Union Oil Company of California No. 6 J. D. Ellis, will be 600 feet from the south and east lines of the north half of section 9, block A-31, psl survey—one and one-half miles due north of the nearest production from the Clear Fork lime, in the Union pool, in Northwest Andrews. Drilling to around 7,500 feet, with rotary, is to start by May 6.

East Waco Residents Flee Rising Waters

WACO — (AP) — Residents of East Waco along the Brazos River were being evacuated this morning after an 18-foot rise, reached a depth of 36 feet—one foot short of flood stage.

A loud-speaker truck was cruising the menaced area, warning residents, while city and Army trucks picked up families.

Senator Hears Men Losing Pay To Army Camp Slot Machines

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War At A Glance

By The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON— American subs sink Japanese cruiser and two destroyers.

ITALY— Allied bombers hit German installations at Genoa.

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Allied Planes Shatter Genoa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES — (AP) — Allied bombers hit German installations Monday night at Genoa for the fourth consecutive night while other formations raided the port of La Spezia, it was announced Tuesday.

While these two objectives were being attacked by mediums, four-engine bombers in other night forays into Northern Italy blasted targets at Livorno on the coast and at Alessandria, 50 miles southwest of Milan.

Medium bombers also struck at the Florence rail yards and a locomotive factory, leaving fires.

Two Allied aircraft were reported missing from all the day and night operations in the Italian theater, embracing a total of more than 1,300 sorties. Two enemy planes were destroyed.

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14 FACE BRIBE CHARGES

LANSING, MICH. — (AP) — A grand jury investigating allegations of graft in Michigan's legislature Tuesday charged 14 persons with conspiracy to corrupt the 1939 session—an action following up a previous similar indictment of 26 individuals.

War Bulletins

LONDON — (AP) — Arrive in London of a military mission from headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz, Yugoslav Partisan leader, renewed speculation Tuesday concerning the possibility of an Allied invasion of the Balkans.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Seventeen more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and three destroyers, have been sunk in enemy-controlled waters by American and British submarines, the Allied navies announced Tuesday.

LONDON — (AP) — A Stockholm interview with a Japanese described as an ex-member of the Japanese embassy staff in Berlin and "the first Japanese of standing to desert the Allies" was published Monday by the London Daily Mail.

Yank Subs Sink Nine Other Ships

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sinking of a Japanese light cruiser and two Japanese destroyers by American submarines operating in enemy-controlled waters was announced by the Navy Tuesday.

In addition, the Navy reported, the American subs destroyed seven Japanese cargo vessels, one large tanker and a large naval auxiliary on their patrols carried out in enemy territory.

The sinkings brought to 665 the number of Japanese vessels of all types sunk probably sunk or damaged by the subs.

That total includes 544 sent to the bottom.

A breakdown of the sinkings and damage shows that of the total 69 of the Japanese vessels have been sunk by warships.

The light cruiser destroyed in an unidentified area was the fourth of that classification sunk by American submarines. The subs also have listed in their battle efforts five Japanese cruisers probably sunk and six damaged.

The two destroyers brought to 25 the number of Japanese aircraft sent to the bottom by American submarines.

Aerial Offensive On North France Enters 18th Day

LONDON — (AP) — American Liberators bombed German installations in Northern France at midday Tuesday carrying the great pre-invasion air offensive into its 18th consecutive day after 1,000 or more heavy bombers assaulted enemy targets by night in France, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

Up to 750 heavy British and Canadian bombers flew from England through a cloudless night against German aircraft, chemical, auto and explosive factories, and against the rail targets on which the enemy must depend to meet invasion, the British Air Ministry announced. The others rose from Italian bases.

About 400 American planes were estimated authoritatively to have made Tuesday's attack, half of them Liberators and half Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters.

Formations of Allied medium bombers and fighters crossed and recrossed the Channel skies early Tuesday afternoon, after the Liberators had returned from their mission.

The night operations, probably the most far-flung by the RAF, came while Allied heavy and medium bombers in the Mediterranean theater shot a four-ply blow at key German-held cities in Italy. They also followed attacks by Britain-based daylight raiders, of which 2,000 were American, which chewed up 17 rail junctions through which supplies and men move to Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

The night attacks capped 17 straight days of uninterrupted large scale raids on the German's European fortress from both Britain and Italy.

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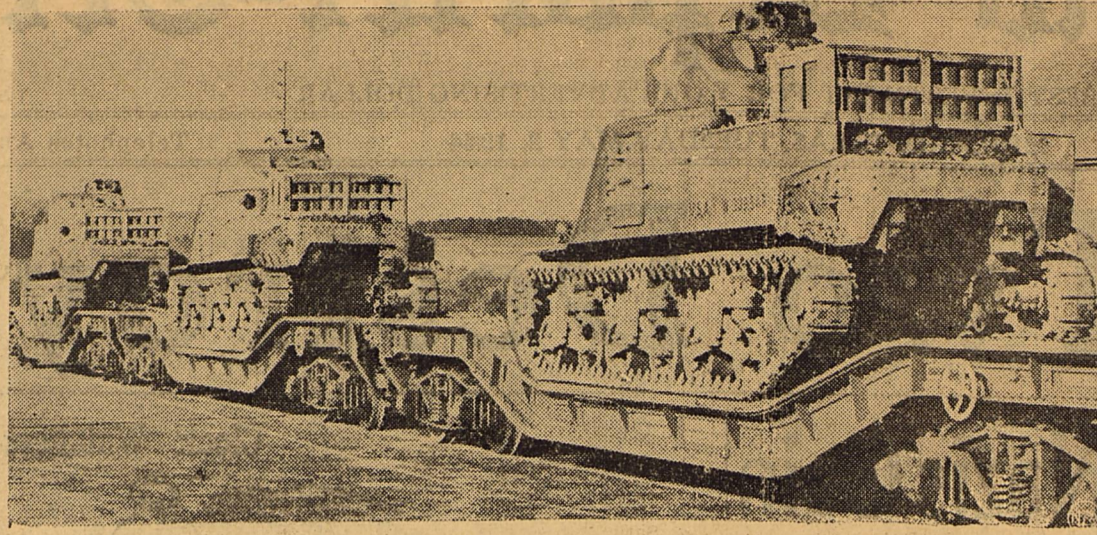
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Tanks Head For Invasion In 'Private Cars'



The General Grant tanks pictured above are headed for invasion ports in England, riding in style in "Warwell Cars" especially designed for shipping tanks.

MAAF Undergoes 'Streamlining'

Midland Army Air Field moved a big step further toward the AAF Training Command's goal of "doing more with less" Monday as it exchanged a flock of squadrons for the 2528th AAF Base Unit.

This streamlined system of organization, a manpower-saving program which went into effect throughout the entire training command Monday, is "something new in the Army."
The new plan consolidates personnel of individual squadrons and detachments into a single "base unit" to conduct administrative, operational and training functions at each station within the training command. Miscellaneous organizations formerly required to maintain training station activities have been disbanded and personnel integrated to form the all-inclusive "base unit" headed by a single commander.

mand, one base unit will be established at each station; but this "base unit" plan will not change the distinctive names by which fields have been known.

Only organization at Midland Army Air Field not affected by the base unit plan is the band, which continues to function as the 630th AAF Band.
In a concurrent and equally streamlined directive, which also went into effect, responsibilities at Midland Army Air Field, as at fields throughout the training command, now are grouped on a four-way basis. Assisting this key bombardier school's commanding officer, Col. Charles H. Dowman, are four deputy commanders: Lt. Col. Burdett H. Rowden, for administration and services; Lt. Col. Howard E. Watkins, for training and operations; Major Frank M. Tobin, for supply and maintenance; and Major Chas. C. Corbin, air inspector.

Close Supervision
To preserve close supervision of enlisted personnel, authority has been granted for the creation here of alphabetically identified "sections" within the 2528th AAF Base Unit. While fewer in number, sections will correspond to the former squadrons and detachments and will be sufficiently small to assure each enlisted man personal contact with his commanding officer and first sergeant.
Throughout the training com-

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Absence Invited

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Ben Nordberg, Jackson County clerk, has prepared for use—at no cost to candidates—100 copies of notices of withdrawal from the Jackson County primary.
As an added inducement, he promises to furnish, also at no cost, the necessary notarization of withdrawals.
There are approximately 150 candidates for the various offices. The county clerk must publish the list at the expense of his office budget.

Although ether was not used as an anesthetic until the 19th century, it was made in the 13th century by Raymond Lully.

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Raw-Boned Texan, Veteran Of World War I, Sicily And Tunisia, Thinks Invasion Will 'Be Daisey'

WITH AN AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND—(AP)—Thomas O. Beauchamp, a raw-boned Texan, has been in the Army 32 years. He fought in the last war in France and he fought in Tunisia and Sicily in this war. Now he's in England looking forward to the big show—invasion of Europe from the west—and is more excited about it than the newest recruit.

"I wouldn't be missing this for anything," he says with a twinkle in his eyes and you know he means it. "You don't think I put in all this time and would want to quit now."

Beauchamp, 53, a native of Corsicana, Texas, who spent most of his youth in the Lone Star State, could have limited service for the asking. But approach this subject carefully, for no one has even suggested he leave this crack outfit.

A Warrant Officer
Putting out his chin, he says "They wouldn't dare."
Now a warrant officer in an artillery battalion—but always the top sergeant—Beauchamp thinks the next operation is "going to be a daisey."

He's gotten through so far without getting hurt much. A shell cut him near the left eye after the armistice was signed in the last war and a shell fragment hit him in the leg in Sicily—but nothing worth mentioning.

There was a time in Northern Tunisia when he had a funny accident. It was pitch dark this particular night—darker than ever it seemed—and he was trying to find the command post just behind the front.

Fell Into Ditch
A deep gully surrounded the "CP" and Beauchamp fell head first into it—20 feet. He let loose with his best sergeant's vocabulary and a young officer heard him and told him to wait a few minutes and he would help him to get out. The young officer called for a stretcher bearer and then started toward the swearing and he fell in the same place right on top of Beauchamp.

Beauchamp suffered only a bruise

to his leg. The young officer broke his leg. The stretcher bearers he had summoned carried him off.
Beauchamp often talks of his youth in Texas.
"It was a 'ral wild country then," he recalls for the younger soldiers as he awes them with stories of that country. "Why I remember as a youngster finding buffalo horns right in front of the house."

Moved To Fort Worth
He went to grammar school in Stephenville, Texas, high school in Duffan, Texas, and then moved to Fort Worth. After attending Baylor University for two years Beauchamp bought a tailor shop in Fort Worth—trading a shotgun, watch and \$45 for it. He sold this later and ran a restaurant and then joined the Army.

"I wanted to see the world," he explains, so the first Army post he went to was Fort Bliss—in Texas. He served with a cavalry unit and was on the Mexican border when they asked for volunteers for an advance unit to go overseas. He volunteered and left on the first American "transport" of the last war—reaching Liverpool, Eng., in 1917. Actually there were more civilians than soldiers on the ship—the old Lapland of the Cunard White Star Line, he says.

Went To France
A few months later he went to France. By that time some American troops had landed in that country, but Beauchamp said that he was with the first unit to come under enemy fire at Beaumont in 1917. He later fought in the Argonne, and was under enemy fire for nearly a year.

When the Armistice was signed, Beauchamp said his First Division was chasing the retreating Germans into Germany. He was on German soil when a shell fragment hit him, just above the left eye, leaving a scar still visible.

So far in this war, Beauchamp says he hasn't seen anything yet as tough as the last war but there's still the "big show."

Beauchamp now makes his home in the United States in Palatka,

Fla., where his wife, the former Margaret M. Rauch of Baltimore, Md., and his 14-year-old son reside.

Message From France

The first issue of Tricolor, the American edition of La France Libre, has just been published. It is one of five editions, the others being printed in London, Cairo, Algiers, and in Paris, where it is circulated by the underground.

The very look of the magazine sets it apart from the other expatriate publications of occupied countries. That format is distinctive and interesting. The photographic illustrations have been chosen with imagination. The sketches match a great deal of the writing in bitter sarcasm. Reading this Vol. 1, No. 1, there is a feeling that here is a truer picture of France under the Nazis than can be found in a ream of dispatches from Algiers.

Tricolor tells a story not only of struggle against oppression. There is a biting memoir of Yvette Guilbert; five hitherto untranslated letters of Marcel Proust; a profile of the aged painter Pierre Bonnard and his life under the Nazis.

There is much of the France that Americans knew, even though the silent, struggling France of today is more remote from America—as the magazine points out—than at any time in this nation's history.

The stories leave the impression that, almost as bad as torture and hunger and tyranny, must be the maddening irritation of living under the stupid regulations of the "superior race."

There are accounts of the clumsy cajolery with which the occupying forces try to win over Frenchmen to collaboration, and the effrontery of square-headed Prussian dictating "taste" in their own arts.

And there are some interesting, if indirect, comments on American foreign policy as it affects France—practically the first good words that have been said for it. A few:

"The war of resistance is not a campaign fought to elect one party or one man. . . . Our leaders are in France, and there they must and will remain. . . . The men inside Europe will not show enthusiasm when those who lived in foreign lands try to judge and direct internal affairs."

All of which suggests that our policy of leaving General Eisenhower free to deal with persons inside France, once liberation has begun, will have support.

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Postwar Prosperity Plans

The 18 congressmen making up the House Economic Policy and Planning Committee, chaired by the red-headed Howard Meyers Colmer of Pascagoula, Miss., have of late been getting an earful and a liberal education and building up quite a file of testimony on post-war planning, as viewed by some of the best business brains in the country. What good it will do remains to be seen, for it is both amazing and discouraging to observe how, whenever four or more people get into one of these post-war business discussions, the conversation starts shooting all over the place like sparks from a pinwheel.

In a way, this isn't hard to understand. The subject and its ramifications are so big that no one knows where to begin. If the talk seems futile and the outlook hopeless, that's natural.

Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker and chairman of CED—the Committee for Economic Development organized and financed by private business under Department of Commerce sponsorship—frankly confessed to something of the same frustration when he appeared before the Colmer Committee.

"Six or eight months ago," said Mr. Hoffman, "I knew all the answers. I was sure of them—until I began to study them." Today he is not so sure but he is, he says, sure of the approach—"which is to get rid of wartime controls just as soon as possible."

If first things should come first in this post-war planning, maybe that is the place to begin. It is an idea that is foreign to most Washington thinking, though the Truman Committee did recommend it. Most of the Washington planners—the people who worked out the wartime economic controls—Have expressed the opinion that there will have to be lots of controls carried over into the post-war period. In such thinking, one big distinction is frequently overlooked. Wartime controls were controls on production and distribution. Salesmen were cut right out of the picture, for everything that could be produced and distributed could be sold, and was sold, almost automatically. All wartime employment has been in production and distribution. In the post-war period, the salesman will come back into his own.

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A Way To Help

Most of us know about the paper shortage, and are co-operating in the salvage campaign. The shortage isn't licked yet, but here is a remarkably easy thing that every householder can do to relieve it.

Take home one less average-size paper bag from the grocery whenever you go marketing. It doesn't seem like much. But if each one of America's estimated 34,854,532 families used one less bag every day, the daily saving would amount to 1634 tons—enough paper to make rings for 272,301 500-pound bombs; or containers for 1,815,385 77-mm. shells; or blueprint paper for 65 battleships.

How to do it? Have your grocery nut more items in one big bag; bring bags with you to the store and use them again; carry packaged merchandise unwrapped; use a string or other non-paper shopping bag. It WILL help.

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A stingy man eventually gives himself away.

Three Dead, Four Hurt As Winds And Floods Sweep Across Texas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The state's death toll from tornado-like winds that swept Travis and Williamson Counties in Central Texas Tuesday stood at three, rivers and creeks in North, East and Central Texas were flooded and traffic on six of the major highways leading into Dallas was blocked by high water.

The dead were James V. Alexander Jr., 8, of Hutto Community, Williamson County; Betty May Wood, 21, of the New Sweden Community, in North Travis County; and Bertha Jean Wood, 5, of New Sweden.

Four Injured
Four Hutto residents were injured by Monday's storm, including Mrs. James V. Alexander, mother of the dead boy; Porter Young, 13, and Norman Young, 7, both seriously hurt, and Mrs. E. C. Young, mother of the two boys.

Austin reports said the deaths and injuries were caused by flying debris. The high winds damaged ten or 15 homes in New Sweden and Kimbro Communities, the latter of which also is in Travis County. Several Hutto houses were blown down, while the New Sweden home of Victor Begston was blown 100 yards by the wind which was described in some reports as a tornado.

Rains Isolate Towns
Flash floods caused by torrential rains isolated Hutto, New Sweden and Kimbrough. Communications lines were down and creeks poured across two low bridges.

Austin had 2.84 inches of rain in three hours.
The Trinity River was overflowing its banks for about 60 miles below Dallas and high water swirled down the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

Included in the highways leading into Dallas which were blocked by high water were Highway 75 south of Dallas and north of Dallas, between Vickery and Richardson; Highway 67 between Rowlett and Garland; Highway 94 between Terrell and Kaufman; Highway 175 between Beagoville and Kaufman, and Highway 77, near Hillsboro.

5.45 Inches of Rain
Dallas had 5.4 inches of rain in the past three days.
A 5.65 inches rainfall in the Tyler area made lateral roads impassable and the Tyler-Troup highway was closed, while damage was reported by local highway department

officials to state routes near Palestine.

Monday night's rain measured 3.2 inches at Marlin in an hour, while Waco saw a 5.73 inches fall in a 48-hour period.

A Missouri-Kansas-Texas passenger train was stalled for two hours by high water at Fraser, 12 miles north of Hillsboro, but was expected to move out by Tuesday night.

Tomatoes Washed Away

A rainfall totaling at least 4.59 inches in the Jacksonville area reportedly overflowed the Neches River between Jacksonville and Palestine, inundating a wide area of lowlands. State highways were undamaged but there were numerous washouts on lateral roads. Tomato plants in the low sections were virtually washed away by the torrential rains.

Four inches of rain fell at Longview.

Cattlemen along the upper Trinity, spilling over its banks, moved livestock to higher ground.

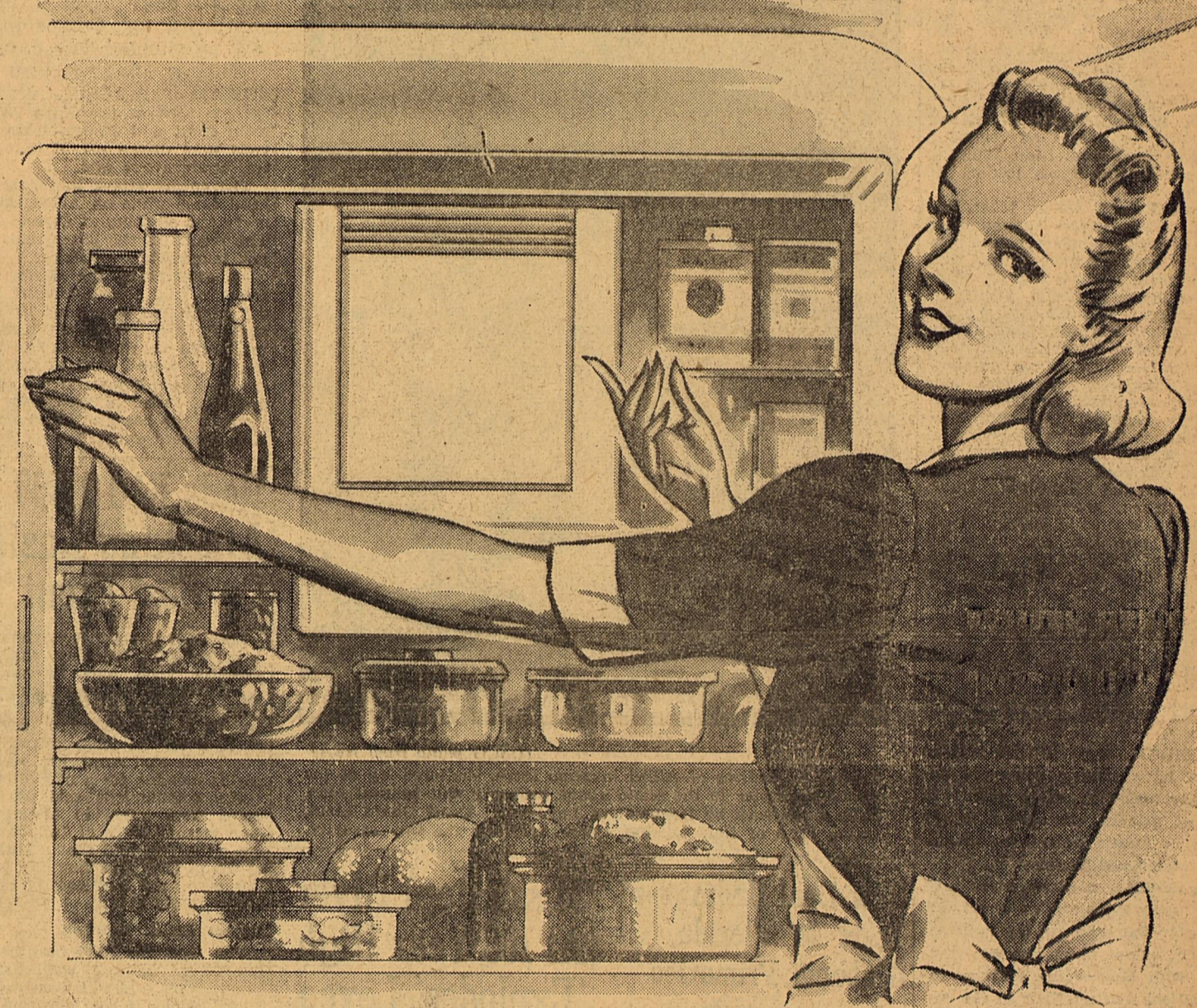
Four to five inches of rain fell Monday in the watersheds of the Leon and Lampasas rivers, which join to form the Little River. The Little was overflowing Highway 95 between Temple and Taylor, but was still in banks in Milam County, where the most damage has resulted from past floods.

High winds, rain and hail damaged crops near Comfort, Boerne and New Braunfels. A six-inch rainfall at Comfort was accompanied by heavy hail that virtually destroyed the tomato crop. Tornado-like winds at Boerne, 30 miles northwest of San Antonio, stripped trees and windmills and tore down barns in a swath a half mile wide and five miles long. Near New Braunfels a house was destroyed but no injuries were reported. Four inches of rain fell at Boerne, two at Comfort and four at Center Point, near Kerrville.

Rains from two to four inches, benefiting crops and ranges, were reported in the West Texas hill country of San Saba, Mills, Mason, Burnet and McCulloch Counties.

In Northwest Texas a quarter of an inch of rain fell at Electra, but the remainder of West Texas, like the Lower Rio Grande Valley, remained dry.

Two million tons of naval auxiliary vessels and other supporting craft were completed in the United States last year.

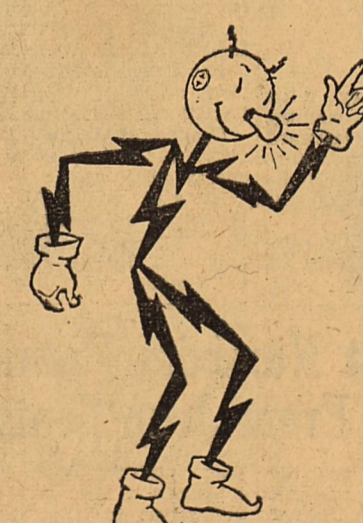


HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

for the many electric refrigerator owners we serve

YOUR ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR, by saving food, safeguarding health and reducing waste, is as important to the war effort on the home front as guns, tanks and planes on the battle fronts. Take good care of your refrigerator, and enjoy even greater efficiency from your food-saving electric servant by following seven simple rules:

1. Don't place hot foods in your refrigerator. Let them cool first.
2. Place a cover over warm foods.
3. Don't open the refrigerator door more often than absolutely necessary.
4. Don't leave the door open while carrying food to other places.
5. Defrost frequently, at least once a week. When the frost on the freezer unit becomes more than a quarter of an inch thick, it lowers the efficiency of your refrigerator.
6. Speed up defrosting by placing hot water in the ice cube trays. After defrosting is completed, change the hot water to cold water for making ice cubes.
7. Keep the refrigerator at the normal temperature recommended by the manufacturer. Too low a temperature isn't necessary and may be wasteful.



Don't waste electricity just because it isn't rationed—Use what you need, but need what you use.

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TAKE AWAY THE LADY

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THE STORY: Lieut. Link Belt, Army Air Corps radioman interned in Niji Prison, Yokohama, is puzzled at the over-friendliness of Captain Azaraski, commandant of the prison, who invites Link to his home for dinner. He is further amazed at being introduced to the other two guests, Thida Courtwright and Norma Greer. Both are white women. The abundance of food proves too much for Link after prison rations and he excuses himself.

G. I. KISS

VIII
NORMA GREER took Link by the arm. "I think I saw a balcony over here," she said helpfully.

The balcony which they found was open gratefully to fresh air and the stars. "Are you going to be sick?" Norma asked.

"That's not a kind question," Link muttered, embarrassed.

"Nonsense. I know how you feel. A stomach will just take so much."

Link wished his head was clearer.

"How," he asked, "would you know about stomachs?"

"What do you think I am?"

"You're not a prisoner of war?"

"But I am," she said. "I am in jail. I'm an interned Chinese national."

Azaraski had come out with them. Now he seemed satisfied Link was going to survive the stomach upset.

Leaving over the balcony rail, Azaraski whistled. Two soldiers with rifles came running in the garden below. Azaraski waved at them, and told them in Japanese to keep an eye on the balcony.

"Now you can stay out here," Azaraski told Link in English. "They won't be taking a pot shot at you."

Azaraski went inside.

Link looked at Norma. "I'm sure proud of my weak stomach," he said.

"What's there to be proud about?"

"Why, without it, we might have been enemies all evening," he explained. "Look here, you're not Chinese."

"I am a naturalized Chinese citizen," she said. "But I was born in Oklahoma."

"OKLAHOMA," Link said. "I figured it to be Iowa, Missouri or Illinois."

He was delighted with everything. He felt fine. He felt so good that it was a little silly.

"Courtwright," he said. "Is she interned, too?"

"Yes."

"Courtwright seems to be quite a person," Link said. "She was telling me she knew your father well."

"She has known the family a long time." She changed the subject rather abruptly. "How are you feeling?"

"Fine. A lightning recovery," Link assured her. He added, "About the time I left home, they were breaking out in a rash called zoot talk. In zoot, to invite a girl to dance, you asked her to give with the feet. Want to?"

"Are you in any condition?" she asked doubtfully.

"I'm fine," he said.

"At first their dancing was awkward. It dawned on them that they were both out of practice, and they laughed together, then they got along better."

The phonograph ran out of records. Link maneuvered Norma out on the balcony again. "This is swell," he said. "I like it."

"I guess we both do," she said.

"You're not very mad at me anymore?"

"Not very."

"That's good," he said, and he kissed her.

The response to his kiss was disappointing. Rather, there was no response, and that disappointed him. It was distinctly a G. I. kiss.

The effect on himself was

blurred. It was a long time since things had blurred from kissing a pretty girl.

"Lord!" he muttered. "Good old Link! Good old come-out-bounding-and-barking Link!"

"I'm not angry," Norma said. "I can tell you aren't," Link said. "I should have known ahead of time you wouldn't be angry. They never are."

"You mean they never take you seriously?"

"Yes. Why is that?"

She examined him thoughtfully in the moonlight. "Sometimes, it might have been your imagination," she said.

Link felt uncomfortable.

"One day I want to do that again, that time with permission," he said.

She did not comment. She took his arm and they went inside.

Azaraski apparently had been on the verge of coming out to get them.

"Sorry folks," Azaraski said. "Party's over. Getting late, you know."

A servant brought Norma's wrap and thoughtfully handed it to Link for him to hold. Norma stood with her back to Link as he helped her on with her wrap.

Link wanted to go woof! into the pleasant wheat of her hair. He didn't. But he certainly was inspired.

Link said a goodbye that sounded much calmer than he felt.

The two women left in a separate car. Azaraski gave Link a quick trip back to Niji prison. The soldiers in the other car followed them back. Link changed out of the new uniform, back into the ragged outfit he had worn for weeks in the cell.

In the dark and smelly cell, Link felt around in vain for his blanket. Someone had stolen it. That was a serious crime.

Baldwin had stolen the blanket. He returned it. "So you got back," Baldwin grinned in the darkness. "I got electricity," he said. Which was exactly how he felt.

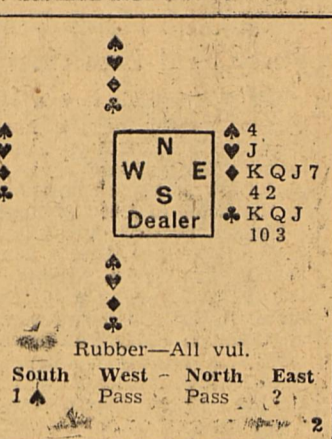
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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

I dropped in at C. B. S. recently to hear Alfred Drake of "Oklahoma" fame on his radio program. I thought that this time I would ask all the questions, but Mr. Drake had finished playing a few hands of bridge, on one of which there had been quite an argument. I am showing the East hand, because the whole point involved was, what should East bid?

With the East holding I would pass, because West may be loaded



with spades, the suit bid by South; and there is quite a possibility that North and South may have a game in hearts. If they do not have a game in hearts, and I bid, my partner may bid two hearts and I will be in trouble.

Drake smiled because he had passed. "But," asked one of the other players, "suppose you don't pass, but bid two diamonds, and your partner then bids two hearts, shouldn't you pass then?"

My answer was on. If I had elected to bid two diamonds, it was because I thought there was a good chance of a game in a minor suit, and intended to bid three clubs if West bid two hearts. Of course, if West then bids three hearts, East must pass—and three hearts would go down, while one spade would be defeated if South is allowed to play it there.

Nation's Crude Oil Production Jumps

TULSA, OKLA. — (AP) — United States crude oil production increased April 29 to 4,386,000 barrels daily, the Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

Illinois output gained 3,900 barrels daily to 205,800; Kansas, 9,800 to 273,600; Eastern Fields, 100 to 75,500; Texas, 100 to 1,910,450; and Michigan, 3,600 to 52,100.

California production declined 6,500 barrels daily to 827,250; Louisiana, 500 to 358,050; Oklahoma, 1,700 to 333,850; East Texas, 50 to 632,250; and the Rocky Mountain area, 200 to 128,600.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

EGAD! I TRUST THE JUDGES ARE SCHOLARLY CHAPS WHO WILL RECOGNIZE LOFTY INSPIRATION HAR-RUMPH! BY THE WAY, WHO ARE THE JUDGES?

EM ARE OWLS CLUB MEMBERS, IF THAT'S WHAT'S UNDER YOUR NIG— THEY'RE ALL GUYS WHO CAN READ WITHOUT MOVING THEIR LIPS!

AN OWL JUDGE WOULD VOTE TWICE FOR HOOPLE!

WE'RE ALL DUMB!

THE SAME DIFFERENCE

OUT OUR WAY

I GOT WORKN OUT FROM CLEANING THE ATTIC GARAGE AND CELLAR AND NO GUYS GOT WORKN OUT FROM TAKING A LONG HIKE IN THE COUNTRY-- BUT I GOT PAID FOR GETTING WORKN OUT! ALL RIGHT-- WHO'S DUMB?

OH BUT WE GOT PAID TOO-- BEAUTIFUL SCENERY THE SONG OF THE BIRDS, FRESH AIR FINE EXERCISE -- EVERYTHING THAT'S GOOD FOR THE SOUL!

WERE ALL DUMB!

U. S. Supreme Court Has Nation's Peace Officers Scratching Heads

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Policemen and district attorneys all over the land could scratch their heads Tuesday and ask:

"What do I do about questioning suspects in a crime from now on?"

Holding crime suspects and quizzing them is police routine to get confession. On such confessions prosecuting attorneys often have to base their cases.

Strikes At Procedure

On such confessions, obtained under grilling, men have been imprisoned and executed after conviction in court.

Now the Supreme Court hands down a decision which may strike at the heart of such procedure. Whether it does, or how far it goes, is not clear to capital lawyers.

This is what happened: E. E. Ashcraft and John Ware, a Negro, were convicted in Tennessee in the slaying of Ashcraft's wife near Memphis in 1941. They were sentenced to 99 years each.

They appealed unsuccessfully through all the Tennessee courts. Then they went to the United States Supreme Court. They said their conviction violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees that no person shall be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law.

Involuntary Confession

This was their case: After 36 hours of questioning, Ashcraft allegedly confessed and implicated Ware. The Supreme Court reversed the Tennessee decisions, holding that if Ashcraft had made a confession it must have been involuntarily because of the long grilling.

This was a forced confession, said the court and added: "The Constitution of the United States stands against the conviction of any individual in an American court by means of a forced confession."

But Associate Justice Jackson, dissenting from the majority opinion, raised this question: What is the time limit on questioning a suspect if 36 hours is too much? Would 24 be all right, or 12, or 6 or 1?

He said the court should make this plain because otherwise, "How else may state courts apply our tests?"

Head-Scratching Starts

That's where head-scratching starts for policemen and prosecutors. Suppose they question a suspect 5 minutes and he confesses? Is that too much? Suppose, if convicted, he appealed. Would his confession be ruled out?

Some lawyers here think the Supreme Court reversed the Ashcraft case only because the Tennessee courts had failed to say specifically whether the confessions were freely made.

These lawyers say that if the Tennessee trial court, for instance, had instructed the trial jury that the Ashcraft confession was freely made—or that it wasn't—that the Supreme Court would have upheld the Tennessee court's verdict.

But this is speculation. Until some clarification is forthcoming from some case, policemen and district attorneys may have to figure it out for themselves.

Wrong-Way Fugitives

LOS ANGELES — (AP) Pursued by motorcycle policemen, two robbery suspects leaped from a stolen taxicab and fled afoot across a vacant lot and through a back door—of a precinct police station.

"They sure ran the wrong way," panted Officer Joe Brickner.

Lufkin Lawyer Quits OPA To Become U. S. Attorney

DALLAS — (AP) — Cavett S. Binion has been named as an assistant United States district attorney and will be sworn in Tuesday, says U. S. District Attorney Clyde O. Eastus.

Binion, a Lufkin native, a graduate of the University of Texas and for the past year an Office of Price Administration attorney in Fort Worth, succeeds Jimmy Martin, who resigned recently to join the legal staff of the regional OPA office.

WATER BONDS VOTED

BIG SPRING — (AP) — Big Spring voters have approved a \$400,000 water development bond issue by a vote of 558 to 28.

United States Has 160 National Forests Covering 178 Million Acres

HOLD EVERYTHING

JAWBONE, to the soldier, means credit. If he asks a buddy from whom he is purchasing some item, whether it is cash or JAWBONE, it means that he is rather short on funds and would prefer to wait till payday to fork over the dough. JAWBONE is most popular toward the end of the month, when the average soldier finds himself in crucial financial straits. Hence, around the end of the month is when he likes to receive his cigarets from home—so he won't need too much JAWBONE.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

BOOTS THERE'S A BIG HOP AT THE CAPITAL CABANA TONIGHT! YOU'RE GOING WITH ME!

DO TELL!

LOOK JOHNNY, I'M HERE TO WORK, NOT PLAY!

I WORK TOO ONLY RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING TO DO!

WE PLANTED THE SUGAR CANE

WE PLANTED THE SUGAR CANE, NOW THE SUN AND SOIL WORK FOR US! WHEN THE CANE IS RIPE, WE'LL WORK AGAIN—UNTIL THEN WE PLAY!

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

WELL, DOCTOR, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HER?

SERGEANT SHERMER, AS A PSYCHIATRIST, I FEEL THAT MY QUESTIONING REVEALED THAT SHE'S A PUZZLING TYPE!

SHE MAY BE WHAT WE CALL A "CONSTITUTIONAL PSYCHO-PATH"—SWEET ON THE OUTSIDE BUT A DEADLY KILLER INSIDE!—LIKE DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE! IT'S A DANGEROUS TYPE! DON'T BE FOOLED BY HER OUTWARD MANNER!

WASH TUBBS

I NEED NOT WARN YOU CAPTAIN THAT THE JAPANESE MAY TRY TO PREVENT YOUR DELIVERING OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO THE PACIFIC COMMAND

THE ENEMY KNOWS YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION?

OUR MEN OBTAINED THE REPORT BY POSING AS JAPANESE... BUT THE ENEMY HAS SPIES TOO! THE RESEMBLANCE OF ONE ASIATIC RACE TO ANOTHER WORKS BOTH WAYS

POW! STOP THAT MAN! HE'S A SPY!

A PISTOL SHOT! FROM MY OFFICE!

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

MAN IS THE ONLY ANIMAL THAT HAS A JUTTING CHIN!

THE FIRST FACTORY ON AMERICAN SOIL MADE GLASS BEADS FOR INDIAN TRADE... AND THE SURPLUS BECAME OUR FIRST MANUFACTURED EXPORT TO ENGLAND.

WHERE'S ELMER?

ANSWER: Iraq.

NEXT: Ancestor of the Jew.

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SIDE GLANCES

"Oh, Pop's a fine fellow. Grandpa, but when I come to visit you it's so much fun I wish Mom had stayed here and married a farmer!"

RED RYDER

YOU WANT ME TO GET SHERIFF AND FOLLOW YOU?

NO! BRING HIM HERE AN' WAIT!

IF I HURRY, I CAN STOP STELLA BEFORE SHE ATTEMPTS A TRAIN HOLDUP!

MEANWHILE

WHAT A BREAK! A PEON!

I'LL BE WEARIN' HIS CLOTHES WHEN I MEET THAT TRAIN!

ALLEY OOP

JUST WHEN I'D BEGIN TO THINK OSCAR REALLY DID HAVE SOME SENSE HE DECIDES TO TEACH OOP TO DRIVE A JEEP

GADFR! OOP! THESE THINGS WEREN'T MEANT TO BE STARTED IN A HIGH GEAR! HEY! LOOK OUT FOR THAT TREE!

TREE? WHAT TREE? OH!

ME SAVVY, RED RYDER, YOU KNOW SHORTCUT TO EL CABESTRO!

WHATCHA HOLLERIN ABOUT? I MISSED IT, DIDN'T I? OR MOST OF IT ANYWAY!

NEVER MIND WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

