



BRITISH ARMOR JOINS ATTACK

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Philippine Forces Knock Out 69 Jap Ships In Three Days

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By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor

Eighth Air Force Bomber Cloud Razes Reich

LONDON—(P)—A score of top priority targets behind a 150-mile stretch of the German lines between Cologne and Karlsruhe were attacked Friday by more than 1,000 U. S. Eighth Air Force heavy bombers...

Gen. Douglas MacArthur indirectly confirmed Tokyo reports of continuing ship movements toward Mindoro...

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz verified Japanese reports that the carrier attack on Formosa, enemy air troop and fleet assembly grounds north of the Philippines, carried into its second day...

In the Philippines, MacArthur announced 35 more enemy ships (Continued On Page 2)

7,000-Ft. Oil Test Will Be Drilled In NW Bailey County

El Paso Natural Gas Company No. 1 West Texas Mortgage & Loan Company, in West Bailey County, is slated as a 7,000-foot wildcat...

McGuigan Elected WTGS President For Current Year

F. H. McGuigan, district geologist of Lion Oil Refining Company was elected president of the West Texas Geological Society...

Cramer Talk Liked T. M. Cramer, manager of the U. S. Potash Company, Carlsbad, New Mex., gave an interesting talk on the work of that establishment...

Phillips Quits Spiller Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Spiller, Northwest Kimble County wildcat, in Choctaw survey, section No. 10...

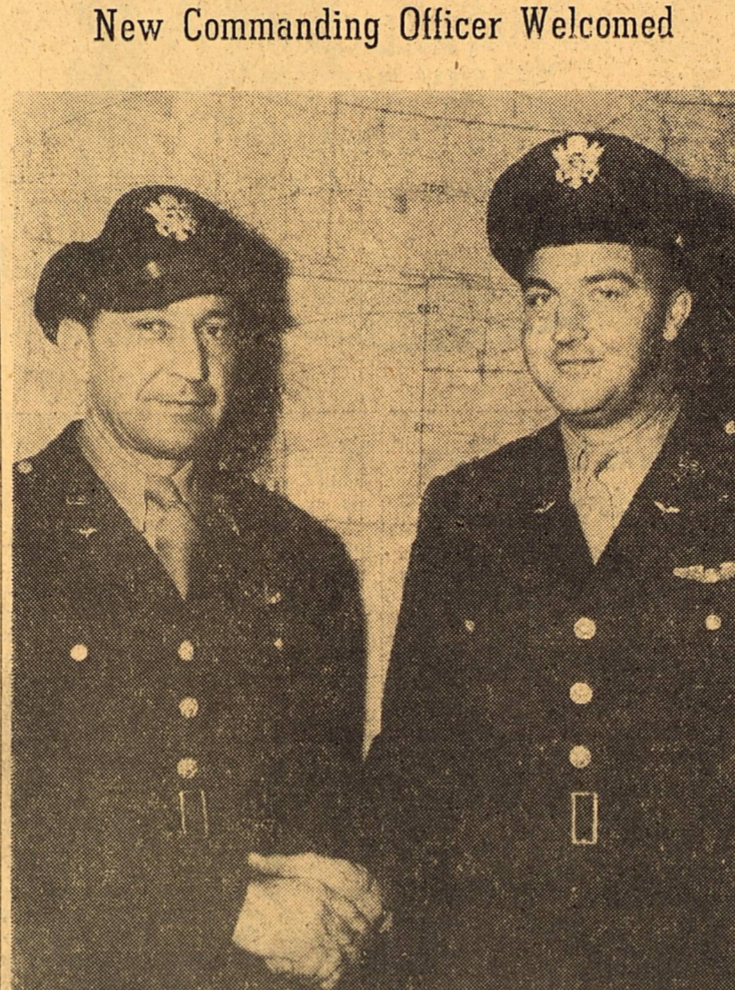
Just Goes To Show What A Little Error Can Do SAN FRANCISCO—(P)—Housewives who followed a recipe for "sugarless cake" given in a San Francisco newspaper know now why their product swelled to such alarming proportions...

Weather Fair

Russians Probe Nazis In Poland

LONDON—(P)—The Berlin radio reported Friday that the Red Army was massing troops in the Vistula bridgehead area, 120 miles south of Warsaw...

New Commanding Officer Welcomed



Capt. W. L. Bural, new commanding officer of the 8th Ferrying Service Station at Midland Municipal Airport, was welcomed to the post by Capt. Clarence L. Norworthy...

MAAF Plane Crash Kills Two Officers

A twin-engine training plane from Midland Army Air Field crashed about one and a half miles northeast of the bombardier base at 12:28 a.m. Friday...

WAR AT A GLANCE

WESTERN FRONT—British forces rushed into battle of the Belgian bulge; Patton's men turn back 17 German counterattacks... EASTERN FRONT—Tito's Partisans cross Austrian border; Russians hold off plane-supported German panzer thrust northwest of Budapest... PACIFIC—Radio blackout suggests greatest U. S. carrier blows of Pacific war may be in progress; Yank air assault on Luzon claims 60 ships sunk or damaged... ASIATIC—Akyab, large Burma port and Japanese supply base, taken by British, Indian seaborne forces... UNITED PRESS-TIME To Be Investigated PARIS—Supreme Headquarters said Friday that stories published in the United States by Time Magazine and the United Press in advance of the security-delayed announcement of the change in the Allied front command had been taken under immediate investigation... RATIONING BOARD CLOSED The Midland War Price and Rationing Board will be closed from 1 p.m. Friday until nine o'clock Monday morning...

Wards' Officials Accuse Army Of 'Trespassing'

CHICAGO—(P)—The War Department is operating the seized Montgomery Ward and Company properties in seven cities in "strict conformity with the law," says Major Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military manager...

Forgery Charge Filed Against Indiana Man

A charge of forgery was filed Friday with County Attorney Joe Mims against a 23 year old Indiana man who was passing through here and gave a forged check at a filling station according to the records...

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Some examples: Senator Kilgore (D-Wa)—That 4-Fs be put in uniform to replace thousands of civilian Army and Navy employes to halt what he called "a wasting of manpower" Look Under Wet Rocks Rep. Arnold (R-Mo)—That Selective Service comb "offices and desk jobs" rather than look for farms for needed men. Spokesmen for representatives from farm states said they did not believe many men can be obtained from a sifting of some 364,000 young men holding essential agriculture deferments. They indicated they would resist any move to take away the deferments already wanted. The War Manpower Commission and the U. S. Employment Service meanwhile disclosed that thousands of 4-Fs are applying for war jobs (Continued on page 2)





# THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED

A DAY IN A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S LIFE (1713)

AS the Swain party went on to Belmore in the late afternoon Swain and Randall made their horses cut capers in the road, just for the fun of it, and now and then they would burst into drinking songs and old English ballads. After awhile they became weary of this horseplay and rode along sedately, in a manner that befitted men of standing in the colony.

"We are getting near to Belmore," Randall said, pointing to a long, low structure by the side of a creek. "There's your sawmill, Ned."

"Sure enough," Swain said, "and in another half mile we'll come to the brickyard."

He took more pride in these industries than he did in the long-reaching acres of the tobacco plantation. "I've never failed, even in the worst of years," he told Randall, "to make a good money out of the distillery, and the brickyard, and the sawmill, and the carpenter shop. Even when everybody was losing money on tobacco it was making a profit on these workshops."

In the distillery he made peach brandy, and the carpenter shop was devoted to cabinetmaking in a rough way, it made kitchen furniture.

Groups of workers, white and black, appeared now and then at the roadside. They were Swain's laborers, going home, their day's work over. The male servants wore leather breeches, gray shirts, cloth caps and leather coats. Most of them were barefoot, but three or four wore heavy, square-toed shoes, without stockings. The Negro women had gowns of linsey-woolsey that were raised up to their knees and fastened by a rope which ran around the waist.

IT was not quite half-past six when they trotted through the

gates of Belmore and up the circular graveled road to the mounting block before the front door. There they leaped off their horses and turned them over to Dave and Mat.

The manor house at Belmore was new; it had been built in 1710. In plan and architectural features it belonged to the latest type of Virginia plantation houses as they were in the early decades of the 18th century. It was built of dark red brick. The front steps led up to a terrace that ran across the front of the house. A striking feature of the facade was the imposing door frame of white marble.

The ground floor had only three rooms—a long and wide living room, a smaller reception room, and a dining room. A hallway that was 15 feet wide ran through the house, from front to back. In the hallway rose a curving flight of stairs which ran gracefully to the second floor. There were six bedrooms on second floor of the main house, but no bath.

The walls of the chief rooms were paneled in dark oak; the bedrooms had wall paneling of white pine or poplar. The hall was so wide, the rooms so spacious and the ceilings so high that the house gave a visitor an impression of airiness.

All over the house sconces for candles were set in the walls. The job of keeping the place lighted took the whole time of one slave. The black man molded the candles, kept the sconces and candlesticks polished, and went around

every day to replace the burnt candles with fresh ones.

In the kitchen the cooking was done at a huge fireplace, as in New England. Stoves were unknown. Outside, in the yard near the kitchen, was a brick baking oven. It was used chiefly to bake bread and cakes.

AFTER having been greeted pleasantly by Mrs. Swain, whom he had known several years, Henry Randall was shown to his room by a young Negro girl, who brought him immediately a pitcher of water and some towels. He knew that dinner was ready, and he hurried through his ablutions.

Then, with his face washed, his wig set straight, and the dust of travel brushed off his coat, Henry Randall descended leisurely the wide curving stairs. The family and guests were assembled in the large living room. Randall paid his respects to all in turn, bowing and taking their hands. First was old Mrs. Lightfoot, the mother of Sarah Swain; then in order came Mrs. Swain; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland, who were house guests; their home was in Maryland; and the Swain grown-up children, Edward, Jr., who was 21, and Frances (known as "Fanny") who was a few years younger. The smaller children were having their dinner in a room off the kitchen.

The dresses of the ladies were all voluminous, spreading around them in so many folds and frills that the shape of the wearer had to be a matter of inference rather than of observation. These garments of silk were highly colored, and the fabrics had figured designs on them. The effect was precisely the opposite of nubile simplicity.

When dinner was announced the party went into the dining room with the pleasant gravity of attendants at a cheerful ceremony. (To Be Continued)

## Six Oxygen Companies Donate To Schoch Research Lab At UT

AUSTIN—(AP)—Industry contributions to assist in financing the Schoch process research at the University of Texas Friday increased to \$176,000 with announcement of a \$10,000 gift from six oxygen and acetylene manufacturing companies. The money goes for a three-year research program in developing products from natural gas by means of electric discharge, a discovery of E. P. Schoch, university chemical engineer.

Latest contributors were: The Houston Oxygen Company, Houston; the Burdett Oxygen Company of Cleveland, Ohio; the Southern Oxygen Company of Washington, D. C.; the Balbach Company of Omaha, Nebraska; the Whitmore Oxygen Company of Salt Lake City, Utah; and the Pacific Oxygen Company of Oakland, Calif.

## Humble Economist Says Sharp Oil Drop Coming

HOUSTON—(AP)—Dr. Richard J. Gonzalez, economist for the Humble Oil and Refining Co., Thursday told members of the Houston geological club that oil production in Texas, which is now breaking all records, will decrease by 25 per cent in the post-war period. Because Texas has produced nearly 80 per cent of the additional crude oil needed for war the decline will be more severe for this state than for any other area, he said.

## And If She Stubs Toe?

BANGOR, ME.—(AP)—Mrs. Henry N. Hudson, a tall woman, struck her head against a store awning and sprained her ankle.

## THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
Associated Press War Analyst

If we accept the view of German military experts, the Allied attack on the northern shoulder of the Belgian bulge is the start of a major counter-offensive which is calculated "to hit the German armies decisively in a big pincers operation."

That is to say, the Berlin view is that General Eisenhower is bent on driving a wedge southward to join the salient which General Patton has so sensationally thrust northward in the Bastogne zone. This would close Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's avenue of retreat from the western part of the bulge and a large force of Germans would be trapped.

Delectable morsel That's a delectable morsel to roll under the Allied tongue, and certainly it's our ambition to inflict just such a disaster on the Hitlerites. However, while it's all right to recognize this fact, we mustn't overlook the stern realities of the present moment.

The battle of the bulge, which bids fair to be one of the great and bloody engagements of the war, hasn't by any means hit its peak. It is growing in intensity hourly but it's in such a state of flux that no man at this moment can forecast developments, although there's no doubt that the Allies will win ultimately.

Probably it's true that the long range objective of General Hodges' First Army counter-attack, in which British elements are participating, is to join up with Patton's drive from the south and so create a sack. However, as pointed out in Thursday's column, Hodges' initial purpose is to relieve pressure on Patton and to disrupt any possibility of von Rundstedt breaking out however is so largely dependent.

## New House Committee To Investigate Un-American Affairs Has Problems

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—With the new House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities, we can:

1. Make witch-hunting a national pastime.

2. Or have fair, unhystrical investigations when they're needed.

3. Or let it dangle helpless on the vine.

The third could happen if Congress withhold funds for any real work. Expense money may depend upon: Who the committee members are and who the chairman is.

One possibility is John S. Gibson, 52, Georgia Democrat. He was district attorney in Georgia 12 years and has been in Congress four.

He says he would like to be on the committee, would accept the chairmanship, and that his friends are pushing him for the job. He thinks the committee should be "free of prejudice against any individual or group."

Dangerous Elements He says: "I think we have some dangerous elements in this country. I think we have forces in this country trying to destroy the American way of life as we understand it. Some of them are active in our political life—I don't mean they're in politics themselves—but they further political candidates to establish themselves better."

He didn't name names, but during the last political campaign he spoke out against "Hillman's Communist gang" when Sidney Hillman's CIO Political Action Committee (PAC) was a strong factor in the campaign.

The PAC supported President through that northern shoulder of the bulge and reaching the all-important Allied communications center of Liege, and perhaps the port of Antwerp upon which Eisenhower is so largely dependent.

Roosevelt, among others seeking reelection, but opposed some members of the old Un-American Activities Committee headed by Martin Dies. Dies didn't run again. Three of his committeemen were defeated.

A big difference between the Dies Committee and the new one is this: The new one is permanent. It was voted into existence Wednesday by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

The Dies committee was a temporary, special affair, created in 1938 and renewed each year thereafter by the House which gave it \$550,000 for investigations.

Average income of a doctor is about \$5,000 a year, and that of a surgeon \$9,000.

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority

Bob Hawk, the Radio Quiz Master, was playing rubber bridge at my apartment the other evening when this interesting grand slam hand came up.

I had agreed to play Blackwood with Mr. Hawk. That accounts for my four no trump bid. I won't comment on my six spade bid but I will say that East's double was bad. I realized immediately that East must have the ace and queen of spades and had de-

McKenney  
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A 7  
A Q 8 6 2  
Rubber—None vul.  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 N T Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Double  
7 ♠ Pass Pass Double  
Opening—4

clared to go to six no trump when it got around to me. However, Hawk assumed that my jump to six spades showed a fit in clubs and his seven hearts bid was very good.

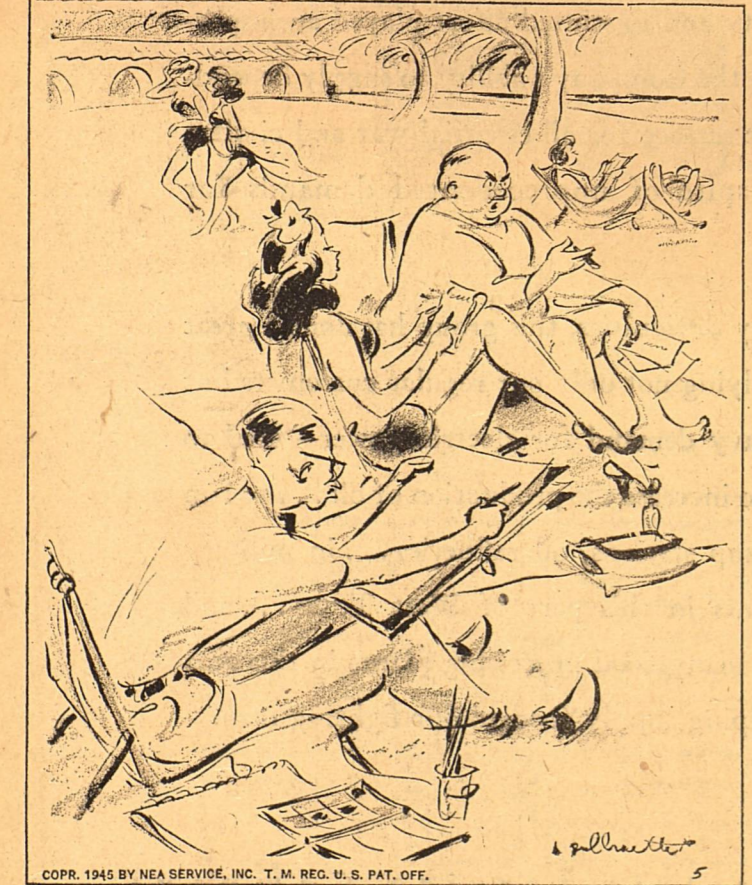
With anything but a heart opening there would have been no problem. However, Hawk, too, realized that East had to have the ace and queen of spades, so he won the opening trick with the ace and played the eight of spades from dummy. East refused to cover so Hawk discarded the seven of diamonds, came over to his hand with the ace of clubs, picked up the trump and then ran the club suit.

## HOLD EVERYTHING



"No, no, Pedro—I said New Year's resolutions, not revolutions!"

## SIDE GLANCES



"The only reason for this sketch is that about this time every year newspapers must have a gag about an overfed executive dictating to his voluptuous secretary in a tropical setting—and this is it!"

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD



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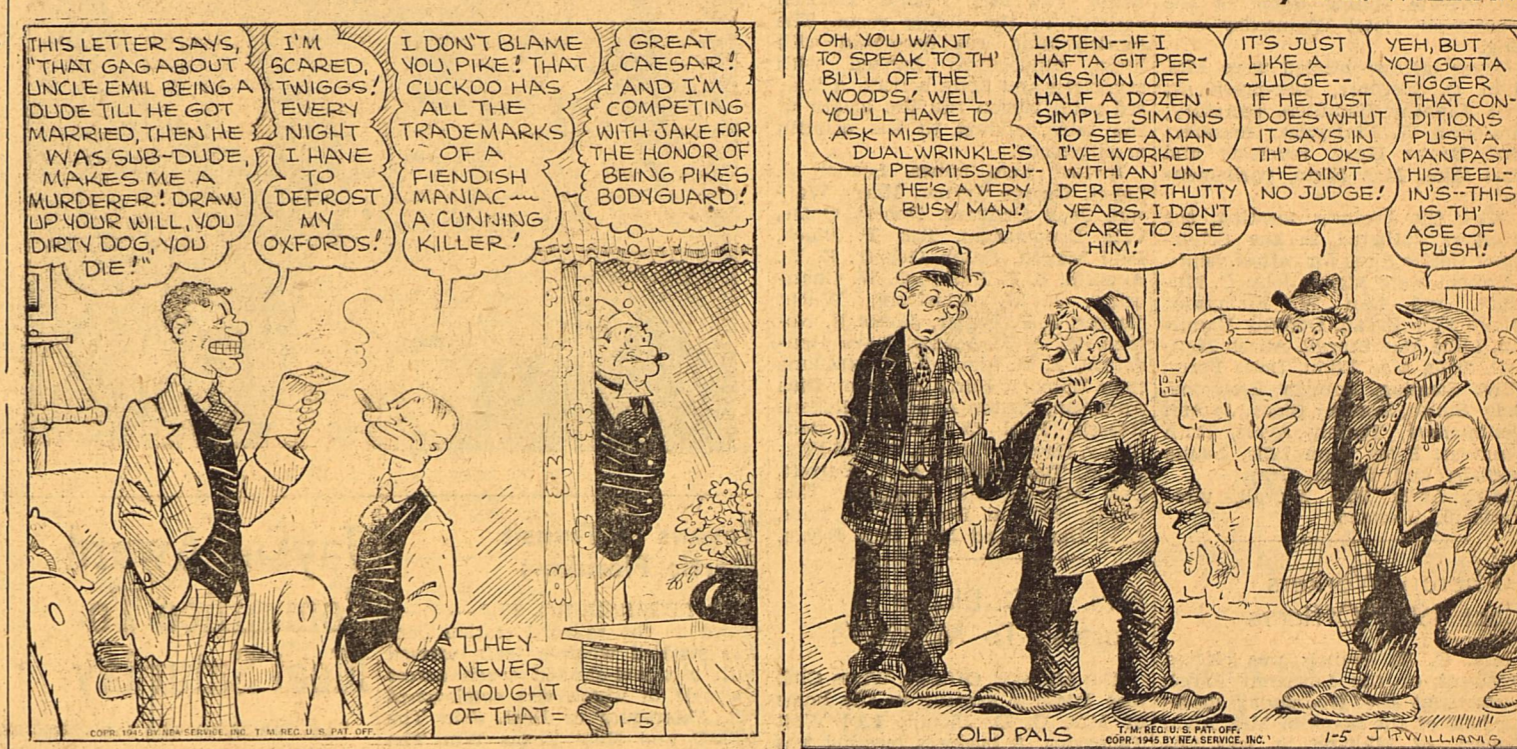
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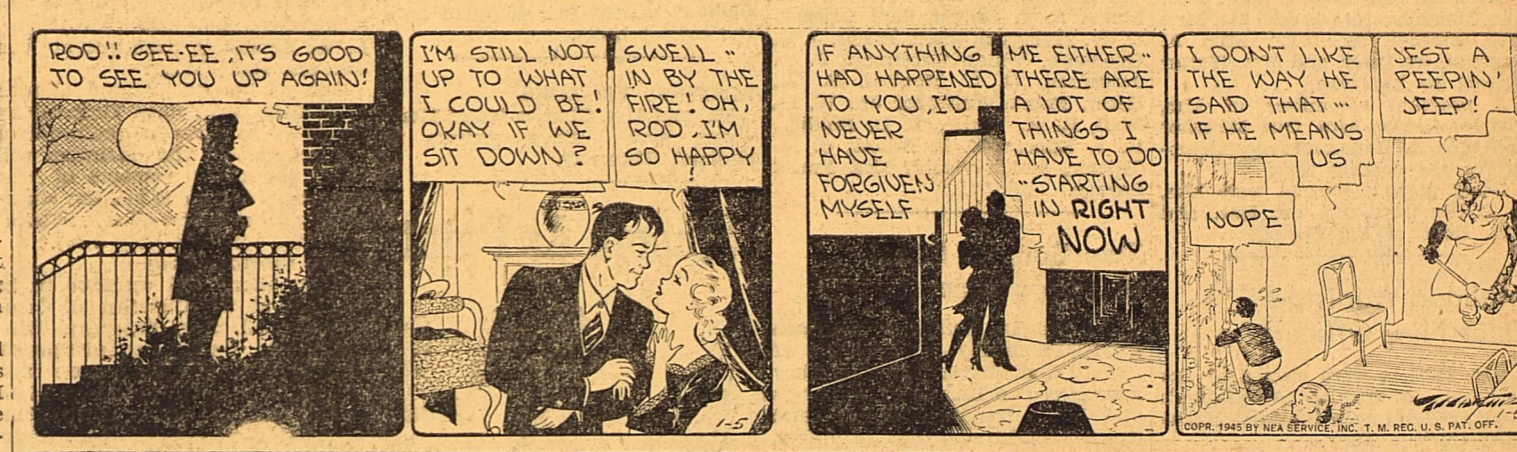
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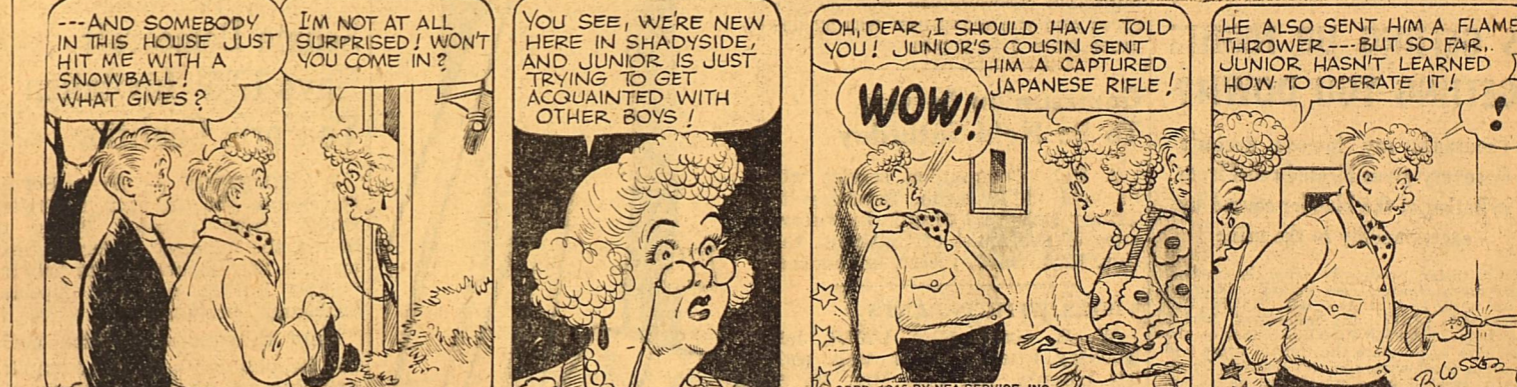


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Experience Vs Youth As Zivic Meets Arnold In Friday Night Fight

NEW YORK (AP)—A boxing guinea pig—that's the role cagy Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh will play against Philadelphia's Billy Arnold in the eight-round window at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

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California's Coaches Resign Over Criticism

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bitter criticism over the Bruhn's poor gridiron showing has led to the resignation of Edwin C. (Babe) Horrell, for the past six years head football coach at the University of California at Los Angeles.

MIAMI, FLA. (AP)—With all forms of racing now banned, 2,711 customers wagered \$44,279 on the Jai Alai games to set a new season's high. The previous high was \$38,295.

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Los Angeles Open National Football Group May Adopt 2 Rule Changes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A four-day outing on the lengthy Riviera Country Club course began Friday for a field of the nation's top-ranking professional golfers, along with a contingent of creek amateurs, as they launched the 19th annual Los Angeles open golf tourney.

Southwest Conference Opens Friday Night At Fayetteville

By The Associated Press The Southwest Conference basketball race opens Friday night with games at Fayetteville and Fort Worth.

Sports Roundup

NEW YORK (AP)—When Branch Rickey was testing the reactions of newspapermen the other day—(They thought) they were getting some news—he came out quite strongly in favor of the appointment of a national sports coordinator.

Bowling

Table with columns for Team, Won, Lost. Includes Robinson Sinclair Service, Honolulu Oil Co., King-Parrott Service Club, etc.

Golden Gloves Fight To Be Held At MAAF

The Texas Golden Gloves will move into the top spot among sports at Midland Army Air Field within the next week, according to word released Thursday by Major Russell B. Brown, Personnel Service Officer, when the Ft. Worth Star Telegram who owns the copyright on Golden Gloves in Texas, notified the bombardier base officials that they had been granted the 5th District Golden Gloves tournament sanction, and that boxers from all the surrounding territory were eligible to enter in either the novice or Class A divisions.

MAAF Quint Will Go To San Angelo For Third Game Of Year

The MAAF Invaders will invade Goodfellow Field at San Angelo Saturday night for their third basketball game of the season. The Midland Army Air Field representatives will be gunning for their first victory.

The same group that started against Pecos and Lubbock will probably get first crack at the Goodfellow team. Against Pecos and Lubbock, Lt. Loyal T. Marker, the team coach, started Lt. Dan Markley and Cpl. Harvey Pierce at forward, Pvt. Bob Fink at center, and Cpls. Neil Berry and Ike DuBow at the guard spots.

Coach Marker's strategy, following defeats at the hands of Pecos and Lubbock, will be to stress a fast break in an effort to add a scoring punch. He is satisfied that thirty six points in one game and thirty four in the other are evidence of a feeble attack, so he has given orders to roll up a score right from the start. By using a fast break Coach Marker expects to double the scoring output of the MAAF Invaders. With the wealth of reserve strength at his command he is confident that a stepped-up attack will bring victory.

Lubbock AAF Defeats Midland AAF Invaders 40-34 In Wild Game

Lubbock Army Air Field defeated the MAAF Invaders Thursday night, 40 to 34, in a wild basketball game on the victor's court.

Lubbock AAF leaped into an early lead and maintained superiority throughout the game on the sensational shooting of Sgt. Bruce Prior and Lt. Bill McCarthy, who scored 18 and 15 points respectively.

Top scorers for the Invaders were Lt. Dan Markley and Cpl. Ike DuBow, both of whom accounted for thirteen tallies.

The Invaders battled from the outset, but their defense had no answer for the brilliant accuracy of the two Lubbock stars. The MAAF basketbalers had a hard time getting their attack under way, as the half time score of 17 to 12 indicates.

On February 12, the MAAF Invaders will get another shot at the Lubbock team, this time at the Post Service Club at Midland Army Air Field.

Table with columns for Player, FG, FT, Tot. Includes Prior, F, John, F, Crawford, etc.

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Negro Soldier Hanged At Randolph Field

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Sylvester Davis, 25, negro soldier from the San Angelo Army Air Field, was hanged early Friday at Randolph Field for the murder of 20-year-old Peggy Lou Arnold on a San Angelo street last May.

The trap was sprung at 12:38 a. m. and Davis was pronounced dead at 12:55. About fifty persons, including the slain girl's mother and sister, both of San Angelo, witnessed the execution.

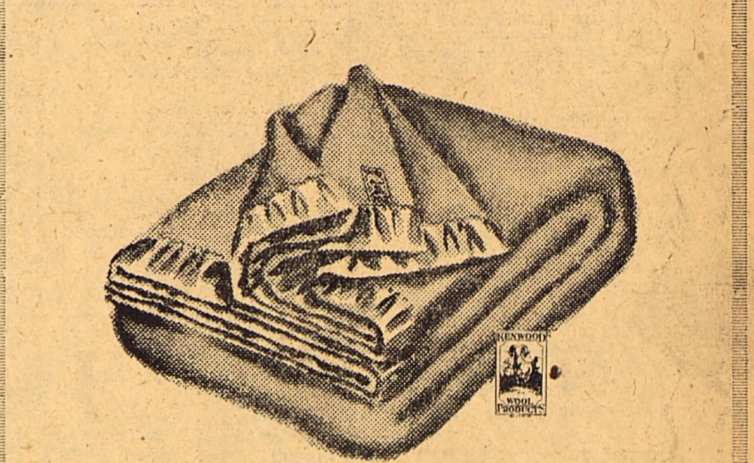
Davis was convicted by court martial June 9, 1944, for the fatal battering of the white girl and the sentence was approved a few days ago and ordered carried out at Randolph Field.

Kelley Gets Purple Heart For Wounds

Mrs. John B. Kelley has received the Purple Heart which was awarded her husband, S/Sgt. Kelley, for wounds received November 13 in France.

Sergeant Kelley was serving in the infantry. He is now in a hospital in England recovering from wounds. Before entering the Army in March 1943 he was manager of the C. G. Morrison store here.

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Foreign Affairs Will Be Discussed By FDR Saturday

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt will include a comprehensive discussion of foreign affairs in his annual message to congress Saturday.

It is not expected, however, that he will attempt to define exactly United States policy toward current European political problems.

After his initial talks with them he should know more exactly than at any time since the Teheran conference a year ago what are their plans and purposes with respect to the smaller countries of Europe and the extent to which basic American policies already enunciated may be put into practice there.

As a result of the big three conference and of the forthcoming foreign policy discussions in Congress, diplomatic officials hope and expect that the United States government may soon be able to say what degree of responsibility it is willing to accept in European affairs.

Fisherman's Luck



Ernest L. Rhodes was disappointed when he failed to find a minnow bucket for forthcoming fishing trip. His granddaughter, Virginia Hall, wrote to the President, explaining Gram's predicament. FDR forwarded letter to WFB, which sent name of firm that still had a few such buckets on hand and everything was hunky-dory. Now Grams and Virginia are both pleased.