

A SONG TO REMEMBER

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THE STORY: In 1832 Poland is still under the Russian yoke. Her peasants are chained to a vicious feudal system and any demonstration for freedom is immediately put down by the soldiers of the Czar. Frederic Chopin is 22, has gained distinction as a pianist in his home village of Zelazowa Wola and some celebrity as composer, even in Warsaw. His mother chides him with being in love, and he admits only to being in love with her.

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THE INWARD VOICE

FREDERIC was in love nevertheless. The object of his passion, for it was nothing less, was Mile, Konstancja Gladowska, a student of singing, whom he had met at the Warsaw Conservatorium. To win her approval, her admiration, he attempted what he considered beyond his powers. Yet his affection for her was his own secret. He shared it with none and hid it even from the young woman herself. He dared to speak in his music only. He expressed in compositions what he could not bring his lips to utter. He poured his heart into sound. He made love to her in the language of lovers everywhere but his lips were silent. It was she who inspired the *Adagio* in his *Concerto in F minor*, and the *Waltz in D flat*.

One day in the Conservatorium she said to him: "Frederic, I think of you as the creator of great Polish music."

"Some day perhaps."

"Oh, not little melodies to be played in the salons by every hack who thinks himself a pianist. I think of the Polish people and how they have never had a voice. They have a voice, Frederic. They are like the mountains and the rivers; they have an inward voice, and once you have heard it—"

"The inward voice?"

"Yes, the inward voice." "I hear it all the time." "I know it, Frederic. I feel you do."

He was silent. His lips quiv-

ered then parted into a melancholy smile.

HOW little she knew of the inward tumult that gave him neither peace nor quiet for a solitary moment of his waking life. What could she know of his aspirations or of the torment that robbed him of sleep and kept him tossing fitfully night after night, a torment from which his music was a release, but only in part? How could she know? And yet? That was the strange thing. She had touched the truth.

—Never would he be a hack. He would swear to that and may heaven be his witness. Nor would the melodies torn from his heart be the meat of those who lived off salon patronage. "Konstancja, my beautiful, my good Konstancja," he would have said, "you are right, you have divined it." Some day, Chopin—"Just as you have said, Konstancja"—would speak for the locked soul of Poland. He had heard the voice, the first whisper. He had heard it in the groans of the wounded, in the tread of naked feet slogging through the mud, in the grunts of the inarticulate, in the cries of the oppressed, in the cries of hungry children.

—Deeper, deeper, deeper. He would go deeper yet, and ever deeper, until he touched the very nerve and fiber, until he came up finally with the sounds of the earth and of the children of that sad Polish earth. All this he would do until he had fashioned absolutely the voice of Poland, free and without chains.

Then he said: "The inward voice. You think, Konstancja, I never hear it?"

"Oh, no, Frederic. You hear it. I know you do."

IZABELA, now a gawky young lady, was being fitted into a new dress. She stood in the middle of the kitchen, her arms akimbo, while Mamma Chopin, on her

knees, pinned a little here, a little there.

"Very nice," Jozef Elsner said, looking over the rim of his spectacles.

"Ma, Professor—or the dress?"

"Tch, tch."

"Izabela! How do you expect me to fix anything if you don't stand still?"

"But I am, Mamma; I'm only moving my mouth."

"Well, don't even move that."

Professor Elsner removed his spectacles and wiped the thick lenses with his red kerchief. "A new dress? Hm."

"And why not?" Mamma Chopin said. "It's for tonight—for Frederic's concert—at Count Wodzinski's." She said the Count's name with emphasis, for this night was to be an occasion, a most important one. "Don't tell me you have forgotten it?"

"Please, Madame, certainly not—certainly not," Jozef Elsner sniffed. "Forgotten it? That's a fine thing to say." Then he put his fingers to his head as though to recall it. "I remember exactly. Why, it's tonight!"

Mamma Chopin looked out of the corner of her eye. "Yes," she said. "Tonight!"

"I suppose the Count honors Frederic?"

"Yes, indeed."

"—Humph. It is Frederic who honors the Count. How else? He will play for the Count and his guests while they eat and Frederic will have to stuff his ears if he is not to hear the clatter of knives and forks. There will be no silence—none—and his beautiful tones will have to pierce their small talk, and even then, Madame, I doubt they will listen—unless it be with half-cocked ears!"

"—And where will you be? I will tell you, Madame; I will make the prediction you will get no farther than the pantry. Fine! Then, if you have the stomach for it, you may stand there and put your ear to a crack."

Although his spectacles were perfectly clear Jozef Elsner took them off anyway, and wiped them. "All this trouble"—Izabela's new dress—"for such a privilege." (To Be Continued)

Hitchhiking GIs Use Excellent Ride Bait

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—Hitchhiking soldiers have a new way to get rides. They take Portland or Seattle signs off highway posts and hold them out with bait dangling. The bait—a package of cigarettes from the post exchange.

Fisherman's Luck Still Holding True

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—(AP)—Peter Preston used to go out and catch his full limit of whitefish whenever he took the notion. He decided he ought to have a smoke house to cure them in and he built one. Now, he says, he's lucky when he gets a nibble.

Advertise or be forgotten.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

Shepard Barclay, well-known bridge writer, has been associated with organized bridge since its inception. He has just written a new book called "Learn Bridge Fast."

Chapter 10 describes top card tricks and low card tricks. Top card tricks are those you should win when you lead toward your high cards from dummy. There are, generally speaking, three high card tricks in any suit. Low card tricks are tricks taken when the high cards have been driven out and, of course, the adverse trump drawn.

Here Mr. Barclay cites four hands, none of which qualifies an opening, and he gives his reasons:

♠ QJ1064
♥ A7
♦ 542
♣ 63

Fails to qualify because of lack of defense strength, although should develop four or five tricks in play.

♠ J652
♥ AK4
♦ K72
♣ 653

Has the needed 2 1/2 defense tricks, but lacks needed playing tricks.

♠ AKQ
♥ 7642
♦ A85
♣ 432

This hand has plenty of defensive strength, but lacking a trump suit, should be passed.

♠ 8532
♥ AK3
♦ A62
♣ 743

Again a pass is recommended, and this is a good rule for the beginner.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The battle of Germany—last act of the European war—has on the whole gone well for the United Nations over a hard fought week-end.

The Western Allies, in intensive preparation for their projected all-out offensive, fought their way into two strategic communications centers—Kleve, in the north, and Puteh, a hundred miles to the south. So great was the threat produced by these two attacks that the Germans were reported rushing reinforcements from the eastern theater.

On the other side of the Reich the Red Armies continued to batter into the country over a wide front, especially on their northern and southern flanks. The Moscow radio viewed the situation so optimistically Monday that it said the Nazi fighting machine has been smashed and can't stand up to the Soviet pressure.

All this is of course vastly encouraging, but it strikes me as important that despite the gigantic military squeeze the Hitlerites are continuing to display determination to fight to a finish. Knowledge that defeat is inevitable hasn't yet broken that determination, even though the very foundations of Berlin are shaking.

However, that should be qualified. I direct your attention again to a point I've made in previous articles—that when conditions are so critical as they are in Germany, anything can happen at any time. In short, the Nazis might blow up overnight, and it's all right for us to recognize this so long as we don't start day-dreaming.

A collapse at this time would be due rather to a snapping of morale

Northern Girl In Virginia College Advocates, In School Paper, Marriage With Negroes; School Suspends Paper

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.—(AP)—An editorial by its 22-year-old girl editor suggesting the time should come when negroes should attend the college, fraternize and "marry among us" has caused temporary suspension of the College of William and Mary's student newspaper, the Flat Hat.

The editor, brown-haired, brown-eyed Marilyn Kaemmerle, of Jackson, Mich., said she had no comment as the faculty of the college, second oldest in the United States, prepared to meet Tuesday to decide the future of the Flat Hat.

No Flat Hat

"There will be no Flat Hat this week," said President John E. Pomeroy. "It has been temporarily suspended."

In Michigan, the undergraduate than to military or other material deficiencies, although these are great. Therefore we shall be wise to put aside thoughts of surrender in the immediate future and figure on a considerable stretch of bitter and costly warfare. The Reich still has military strength to carry on in a formidable way for some time—if morale stand up.

Speaking of morale, one of the most significant pieces of news is the estimate by British economic experts that the German food situation may have reached famine dimensions by Autumn. The experts say the Russian advance has deprived the Reich of another 16,000,000 tons of foodstuffs. Moreover, the position has grown worse rapidly because of the millions of refugees from areas captured by the Red armies and because of disorganized transportation.

Hold Everything

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editor's father, W. H. Kaemmerle, a store comptroller, said that he thought at the time he read the editorial his daughter was "taking a chance" because the college is in the south.

The college board of trustees, meeting Saturday in Richmond, expressed "thorough disapproval and condemnation" and directed the college administration and faculty to take corrective and disciplinary action.

Sailor With Economical Trend Has Operation

SAN PEDRO, CALIF.—(AP)—Terry H. Barker, water tender third class, believes in hanging on to his money. Wounded in the thigh by shrapnel, Barker underwent hurried surgery aboard a destroyer, but the wound wouldn't heal. When it was reported surgeons found some shreds of the dungsaree he was wearing when hit—and a piece of a \$10 bill.

Poisonous snakes are milked of their venom, which is used in manufacturing antitoxin.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

OUR TEACHER

US BABOONS USED TO BE ABLE TO RELAX UNDER A TREE HERE BUT SINCE PIKE AND HIS PREHISTORIC JIBES MOVED IN IT'S LIKE HAVING ANTS IN THE MANGE!

IF HE YANKS ONE MORE OUT OF THE CORN CRIB LIKE THAT CRACK ABOUT BEING BORN IN CHICAGO BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE NEAR HIS MOTHER I'LL CHECK IN AT THE NUT HATCH AND ROOM WITH NAPOLEON!

JOVE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE? AS A LORD OF THE MANOR I'LL SIMPLY EVICT THE MAN HAR-RUMPH!

BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

STEPHEN, YOU LOOK SO PALE AND EXCITED! IS ANYTHING WRONG?

CORA, THIS HOUSE IT SEEMS SO SMALL AND INADEQUATE! I WAS THINKING PERHAPS WE SHOULD CONSIDER SOMETHING MORE SUITABLE!

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOSSER

LARD IS GETTING IN DEEPER AND DEEPER! NOW HILDA HAS ASKED HIM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN JUNIOR AND HIMSELF. IT'S A TOUGH SPOT FOR LARD IN VIEW OF THE HOLD JUNIOR HAS ON HIM.

HILDA, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT IF I GIVE JUNIOR THE BRUSHOFF HE'LL TELL PEOPLE HE'S BEEN DOING MY GEOMETRY FOR ME!

THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN GETTING SUCH GOOD GRADES LATELY!

LARD SMITH—EM ASHAMED OF YOU, BUT INITIALLY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THIS SOONER?

HAVE YOU GOT TIME TO HELP ME WITH MINE, TOO?

WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

9 P.M. IN JAPAN! THREE INCIDENTS ARE TAKING PLACE AT MITSUGO IN SOUTHERN SHIKOKU.

THIRTEEN HOURS HAVE PASSED SINCE YANKEE PILOT JUMPED FROM DISABLED RECONNAISSANCE PLANE IN EASTNORTH SHIKOKU. EFFORTS TO FIND HIM HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY UNSUCCESSFUL...WATCH FOR THIS PILOT...THOUGHT TO BE STILL SKULKING IN THAT AREA.

SHOW US WHAT YOU WOULD DO TO THE YANKEE PILOT, MUKO!

CAN'T RISK THEM SEARCHING THE TRAIN AND FINDING ME... BETTER HOP OFF AND CIRCLE THE OUTFIRTS OF MITSUGO!

AT THE JAPANESE THINKING SOCIETY A BENEFIT, MUKO HAHN, CASTS HIS LAMBREQUIN ASIDE, AND SQUATS BEFORE HIS OPPONENT.

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

THE TWO HALF BREEDS THROW THE CAVE INTO DARKNESS WHEN RED STUMPLES WHILE TRYING TO SURPRISE THEM.

LITTLE BEAVER! WHERE ARE YOU?

HE DOESN'T ANSWER IF HE'S KILLED HIM, I'LL...

ME CAN'T ANSWER OR HALF BREEDS KNOW WHERE I AM AND THROW MY KNIFE

ME CAN'T SEE ANYTHING! SOMEONE'S CLEANING UP ON ME! I'LL SET UP THAT!

ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN

EVERY TIME WE SEND THAT BONE-HEADED OOP SOMEWHERE IN THE TIME MACHINE, HE GETS LOST! I SWEAR I DON'T KNOW WHY I PUT UP WITH HIM!

PERHAPS THE REAGNING OF THE MAGIC BELT WASN'T SO MUCH OF A CINCH AS HE THOUGHT

NONSENSE! YOU KNOW HOW HE IS...PROBABLY JUST FORGOT TO COME BACK

I CAN BELIEVE THAT... BUT WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT IT?

THAT'S EASY, I'LL GO AFTER HIM

THAT'S ONE SOLUTION... BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A PRETTY BIG ORDER FOR A YOUNG LADY?

MY STARS, DR. BRONSON, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT IT'S A MOOVIAN TOO?

SIDE GLANCES

"Our goalie's not here yet, Joe—you can fill in till he comes if you make your nose stop running!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD —By William Ferguson

The CRESCENT MOON ALWAYS HAS ITS HORNS TURNED UPWARD AT SUNSET IN SPRING, BUT MORE HORIZONTALLY IN AUTUMN! THE TILT IS SEASONAL, AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RAIN OR DROUGHT.

Quoting Odds! SEND US AN ODD TO QUOTE!

"CUCKOO CLOCKS ARE NOT CRAZY," Says ANNA RAE OLIVER, Auburn, California.

GIVE BLOOD FOR OUR WOUNDED

IT TAKES ONLY ABOUT 27 HEART-BEATS TO CIRCULATE THE BLOOD ONCE AROUND THE BODY!

NEXT: Narrow margin pennant winner.

Heavy Rain Continues New Orleans Open

NEW ORLEANS—(P)—Professional golf's road show winds up its tenth tournament of the winter season Monday with five long-ball hitters trying on a wet course to overtake Harold (Jug) McSpaden's half-way lead in the \$5,000 New Orleans Open.

LEG INJURY HALTS FULTON

NEW YORK—Johnny Fulton of the San Francisco Olympic Club had to withdraw from the Millrose Games' Wanamaker Mile at Madison Square Garden because of a leg injury.

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Brooklyn College Shows Neat Basketball Receipts

BROOKLYN—(P)—An athletic report at Brooklyn College disclosed Monday that the school received \$3,643.82 for participating in three Madison Square Garden basketball doubleheaders this year compared to \$506.35 received at nine home games.

Bulldogs Go To Big Spring Monday

Midland's Bulldogs journeyed to Big Spring Monday afternoon for a conference basketball contest with the Big Spring Steers.

ROAMING BOTTLE

A bottle cast adrift off the coast of Mexico was found near the Philippine Islands. It had nearly crossed the Pacific in 18 months.

Washington Plans For Baseball Moguls To Visit Officials

WASHINGTON—(P)—The capital now is expecting an early visit by baseball representatives to look into the probability of further Big League travel curtailment next season.

Shaughnessy Playoff To Be For New Cup

MEMPHIS, TENN.—(P)—Normally the winner of the Shaughnessy playoff in the Southern Association meets the Texas League winner in the Dixie Baseball Series.

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Rice Nearly Has Championship In Bag In SW Circle

By WILBUR MARLIN Associated Press Staff Southwest Conference basketball still has a couple of weeks to go and there are still a couple of interesting developments to watch.

SMU and Arkansas to Answer the First

SMU and Arkansas can answer the first with their week-end series in Dallas and in all probability the Porkers can answer the second.

EARLY MAN HAD MINES

Evidence that man had reached a well-developed stage of mining when mastodons trod the earth has been uncovered in South Africa.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr NEW YORK—(P)—The various new versions of basketball that have been tried recently in the East can hardly stack up to the way the game is played by an anti-aircraft outfit in the South Pacific.

Hurry Call

Sgt. Allen LaCombe, the best fight promoter in the Persian Gulf Command, is in town for a few days while waiting for a plane back to Iran.

Dots All, Brothers

In Iowa they're talking about Navy Lieut. Ed Moore, former Waterloo Courier sports editor and Iowa Conference Commissioner, as successor to Major John L. Griffith as Big Ten Commissioner.

Major-Minor Leagues To Discuss Pending Changes

DURHAM, N. C.—(P)—The Minor League revision committee will meet in Chicago Feb. 26-29 to consider revision of the Major-Minor League agreement, president W. G. Branham of the minors announced.

Central Texas Cities Report Good Rains

By The Associated Press Rain, ranging from a trace at Brownsville to 1.67 inches at Galveston, favored Central and South Texas Sunday night, leaving most of the Panhandle and South Plains areas untouched.

FIRST SINCE McLARNIN

NEW YORK—Johnny Grco of Montreal, also a welterweight, is the first Canadian to attain ring prominence since Jimmy McLarnin of Vancouver hung 'em up 10 years ago.

Boxing Writer Dies

NEW YORK—(P)—Herbert A. Igoe, 67, better known as "Hype Igoe," died of a heart ailment Sunday night. He was a nationally known boxing writer for the Hearst newspapers and was a confident of heavyweight champions from the days of James J. Corbett.

Yucca Today Wed.

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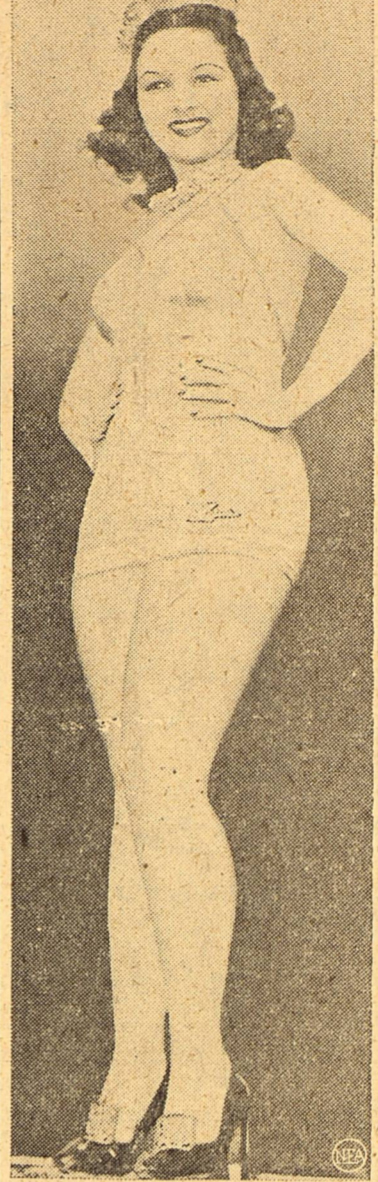
Ritz Today Tuesday

The Family Theatre "FIBBER McGEE & MOLLY Heavenly Days" Eugene Pallette Gordon Oliver Barbara Hale Don Douglas

REX Last Day

Where Big Pictures Return "COBRA WOMAN" MARIA MONTEZ JON HALL BOB WILLS and HIS TEXAS PLAYBOYS

Cheer Girl



A photograph of April Layne, above, of Hollywood, Calif., appeared recently in the Marine publication "Leatherneck," and brought such rousing response from the Marines that she was tagged their "Cheer Up Girl."

Advance Ticket Sale Indicates Big Crowd For Jaycees' Show

Initial advance ticket sales at the Chamber of Commerce Monday for the appearance at the High School auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday of Birch the master magician indicate a large turn out for the show.

District Court And Grand Jury Convene

Law violations in Midland County are on the decline, District Judge Cecil C. Collings told members of the grand jury Monday morning in his charge.

Rep. Fulton Says Men Overseas Criticize Severe Court Rulings

WASHINGTON—(P)—Fighting men overseas are concerned with the frequency of court martial verdicts assessing the death penalty, Rep. Fulton (R-Pa) asserted Monday.

Texas Ranges Reported In Better Condition

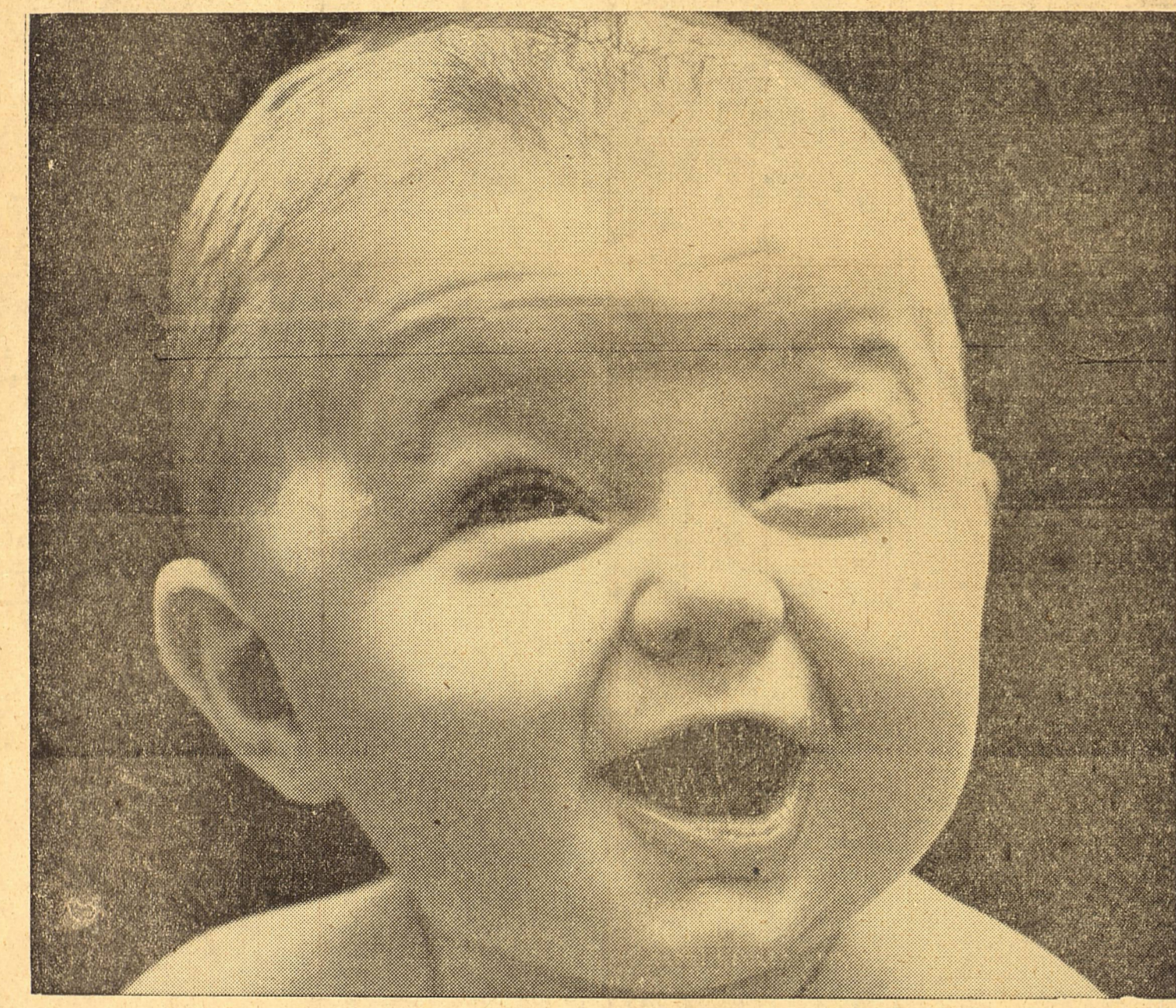
AUSTIN—(P)—Texas pastures and ranges were in much better condition Feb. 1 than they were a year ago, and the condition continued above normal, the United States Department of Agriculture reported Monday.

Tenant's Hobby Saves Him From Being Ousted

KANSAS CITY—(P)—A stamp collector has lived on the ground floor of a duplex for several years, but recently the new owner dropped around to tell him he would have to move.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 2.100; calves 1.400; steady strong; good and choice fed steers and yearlings 14.00-15.50; medium to good beef cows 9.75-11.50; good to choice fat calves 13.00-14.00; good and choice stocker and feeder calves and yearlings 11.50-13.00.



"My dad's calling me up tonight"



"I haven't seen him for some time. "If you are not in the service, would you mind going easy on Long Distance between 7 and 10 tonight so his call can get through quicker? "Pop and I will be mighty grateful."

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Month-Old Red Army Offensive Scores Big Gains

MOSCOW—(P)—The Red Army's month-old offensive has virtually completed the capture of Poland, seized most of East Prussia and driven to within 32 miles of Berlin.

Cut Off East Prussia

Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army starting from the Narew bridgehead north of Warsaw, drove 125 miles to the Baltic at Elbing, cutting off East Prussia.

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