

JAP ISLAND LEFT IN FLAMES

Churchill Pledges Efforts Of British In Japanese Fight

LONDON—(P)—The efforts of the British empire were pledged by Prime Minister Churchill Monday to the twin tasks of perfecting the peace organization of the United Nations and to joining with the United States in inflicting total defeat upon Japan.

The wartime leader, in a worldwide broadcast address Sunday made it plain that with those tasks ahead he does not intend to relinquish the reins of government. He assailed the Irish government of Premier Eamon de Valera for remaining neutral while Britain was under attack by Germany, asserting "if it had not been for the loyalty and friendship of Northern Ireland, we should have been forced to come to close quarters with Mr. de Valera or perish forever from the earth."

Churchill disclosed that the Nazis had been planning to use long-range artillery against London, in addition to rockets and flying bombs. In perfecting a peace organization "we must make sure that those causes which we fought for find recognition at the peace table in fact as well as in word," Churchill said.

"Above all, we must labor that the world organization which the United Nations are creating at San Francisco does not become a shield for the strong and a mockery for the weak."

"There had been predictions that Churchill might mention an election to end Britain's wartime coalition government, but he had only indirect comment in that connection. **Troubles Not Over**

"I wish I could tell you tonight that all our troubles were over," he said. "Then I could end my five years service happily, and if you thought you had enough of me and that I ought to be put out to grass, I assure you I would take it with the best of grace."

"I must warn you . . . that there is still a lot to do, and that you must be prepared for . . . further sacrifices to great causes."

He declared that Britain must never forget "that beyond all lurks Japan, harassed and failing, but still a people of a hundred millions, for whose warriors death has few terrors. I cannot tell you tonight how much time or what exertions will be required to compel the Japanese to make amends for their odious treachery and cruelty."

Amerada Wildcat In N-W Gains Shows Free Oil

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor
Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1-A Jones, wildcat project in extreme Northwest Gaines County, is showing for the possible discovery of a new oil producing area.

Located in northeast quarter of section 3, block A-6, psi survey, this exploration ran a drillstem test for one hour at 9,065-9,142 feet, in a lime and chert section.

Recovery was 450 feet of slightly oil cut drilling mud, 2,504 feet of oil and gas cut drilling mud, 5,320 feet of free, 32-gravity oil and 630 feet of oil-cut drilling mud.

Operator representatives have not identified formation making the petroleum. The well was drilling ahead early Monday below 9,195 feet.

Parrott Flowed 13.7 BOPH
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Parrott, East-Central Upton County wildcat discovery in section 3, EL survey, flowed at the rate of 13.7 barrels of oil per hour during 18 1/2 hours of testing, through a 17/32nd-inch choke.

The oil, which tested almost 40 gravity, was coming from 262 perforations in casing between 9,100-9,683 feet, over a plugged-back total depth of 9,943 feet.

Total oil produced during the 18 1/2 hours was 252 barrels, and there was no basic sediment or water. Flowing tubing pressure was 100 pounds, and flowing casing pressure was 710 pounds.

Flowing Steadily
Operator reported the well died at end of the period. It was opened Monday morning and in 30 minutes flowed 10 barrels of oil, cut with four per cent drilling mud, and was continuing to flow steadily. It is still not thoroughly cleaned up.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1-A TXL, West Ector County Ellenburger discovery, in northwest quarter of section 21, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, flowed 131 barrels of 42.3 gravity oil into tanks in 60 minutes. (Continued on Page 2)

Himmler Said To Be Still Hiding Out

LONDON—(P)—The whereabouts of Nazi Gestapo Chief Himmler remained in doubt Monday as unconfirmed reports that he was in Allied custody were followed by equally unauthenticated assertions that he is still hiding out somewhere in Germany.

A dispatch from Paris said Sunday that an officer returned from the front had declared Himmler to be in Allied custody after being held under house arrest by Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, but supreme headquarters said it has "no confirmation of the rumor."

Guarded By SS
A BBC broadcast later said Himmler was still at large but "officers of the Germany High Command have seen Himmler within the last few days and declared he was hiding nearby, guarded by SS troops."

The Allied-controlled Luxembourg radio, meanwhile said Nazi Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, now in Allied hands, would be tried for the destruction of the Czech town of Lidice and the murder of its townspeople.

Associated Press Correspondent Howard Cowan cabled from Germany that U. S. Seventh Army authorities had uncovered evidence that Goering was one of the biggest thieves the world has ever known. Cowan said investigators had found correspondence between Goering and Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi minister of civil administration in eastern occupied areas, explaining in detail how to loot museums.

Some Army Units Were Earmarked For Pacific Before Start Of Plan

PARIS—(P)—Some American Army units were earmarked for the war against Japan even before deployment day May 12 and will proceed directly to the Pacific, Lt. Col. W. C. Hay said Monday.

The colonel is in charge of the redeployment plans branch in the European Theater of Operations. The units mentioned will not stop in the United States. Selection of these units was based on military necessity and the desire to hasten reinforcement of Pacific forces.

Cannot Be Discharged
Those units being moved directly to the Pacific before tabulation of their adjusted service rating scores are units whose members are considered essential. Such men cannot be discharged, no matter what their score.

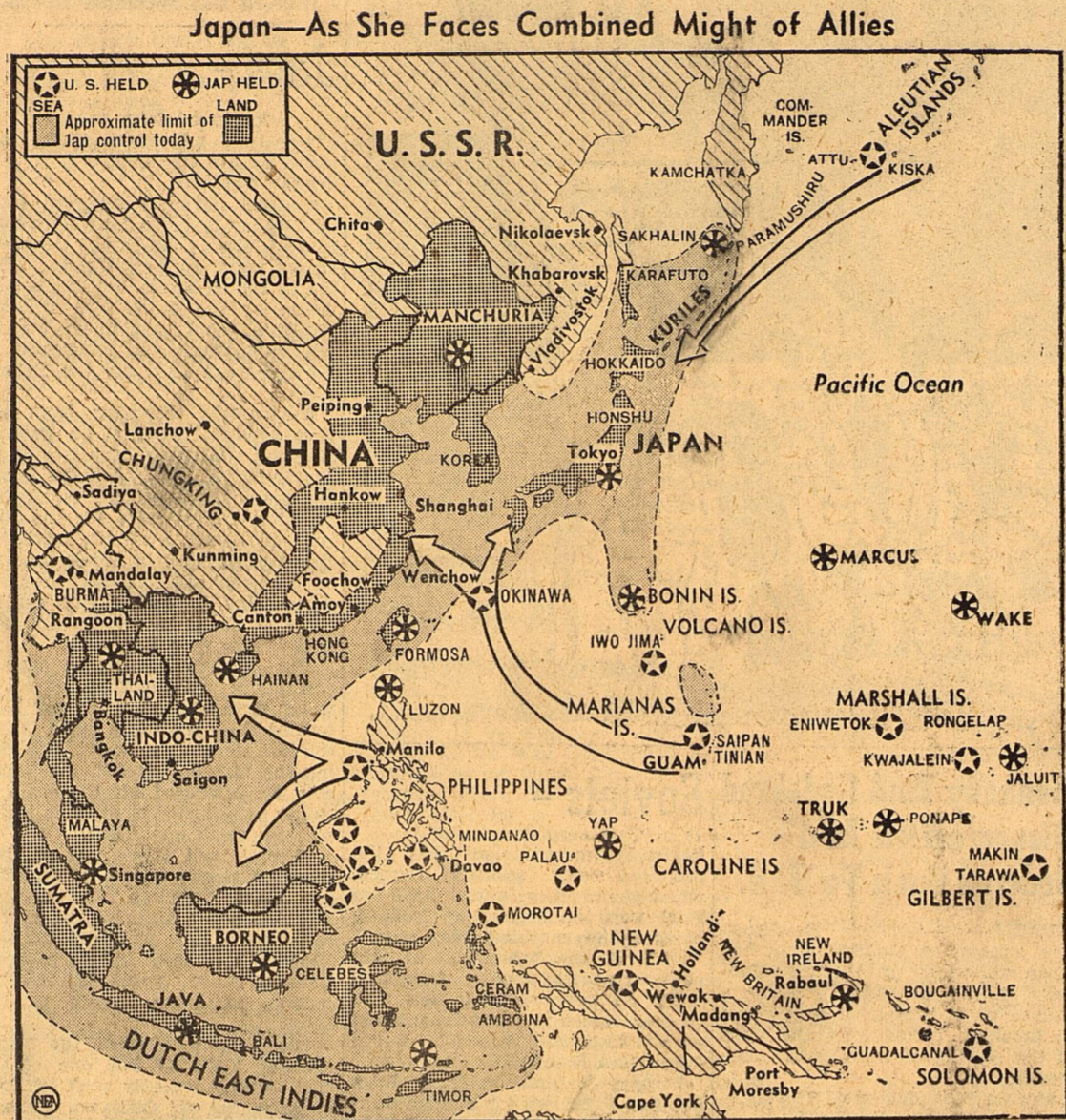
Col. Hay said that the majority of men being discharged in the United States on the basis of the interim critical score of 85 are overseas veterans who had been sent home for rest and rehabilitation.

The 85 score is subject to revision by the War Department which is expected to announce the final critical score on June 27, after receipt of all ratings now being tabulated. The readjustment of all American enlisted personnel in the European theater of operations will begin one week later.

Final Screening
Col. Hay said boards of review composed of veteran officers will be set up in each major command in this theater for final screening of candidates for discharge.

The names of any candidates retained will be submitted to supreme headquarters by these boards, along with full reasons for their retention in service.

Col. Hay said all American troops who had been prisoners would be returned to the United States, but that it is for the War Department to decide whether they will be discharged or redeployed.



Map above shows land and sea areas controlled by the enemy as the Pacific war approaches its final phase—the all-out assault on Japan by the combined might of the Allies, freed for action by the end of the war in Europe.

General Eisenhower Says He Regrets Seventh Army's Treatment Of Nazis

PARIS—(P)—General Eisenhower said Monday he regrets instances in which senior officers treated captured Nazi and high German officials on a "friendly-enemy" basis in direct violation of his orders.

"My attention has been called to press reports of instances of senior United States officers treating captured Nazi and high German officials on a 'friendly enemy' basis. Any such incident has been in direct violation by my express and long standing orders."

"Drastic measures have been set in motion to assure termination of these errors forthwith. Moreover, any past instances of this nature are by no means indicative of the attitude of this Army, but are results of faulty judgment of individuals concerned, who will be personally acquainted with expressions of my definite disapproval."

"In the name of this great force and my own, I regret these occurrences."

Flags To Go To Full Staff Again Tuesday
The nation's month of mourning for Franklin D. Roosevelt ends at sundown Monday.

Tuesday flags again will fly at full staff.
Mr. Roosevelt died April 12. The mourning period was proclaimed by President Truman.

Brig. Gen. Davis Is Named New Head Of AAFTC

SAN ANTONIO—(P)—Brig. Gen. Michael P. Davis, who from July 1942 until recently was commanding general of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, and the 78th Flying Training Wing, has been named commanding general of the AAF Central Flying Training Command with headquarters at Randolph Field, it was announced Monday.

His successor, Major Gen. Walter F. Kraus, who has been named chief of staff of the AAF Training Command with headquarters at Fort Worth.

Gen. Kraus returned to AAFTC headquarters as chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Barton K. Young on May 12, a year to the day from the time he left the same position to become commanding general of the Central Flying Training Command. The chief of staff at the training command during the last year has been Brig. Gen. Kenneth P. McNaughton, who has received a new assignment, the nature of which has not been disclosed.

TXL Field Hearing To Be Held May 29

AUSTIN—(P)—The Railroad Commission announced Monday that it would hold a hearing here May 29 to consider adoption of field rules for the T.X.L. field, Ector County. The hearing was called at the request of the Shell Oil Company, Inc. day.

Capitol Hill Slashes Deep Into WMC

WASHINGTON—(P)—First war agency to have its finances revised on Capitol Hill since Germany's surrender, the War Manpower Commission drew a deep cut Monday from the House Appropriations Committee.

Sending to the floor a \$1,086,210,237 supply measure for the Department of Labor, the Federal Security Agency and related offices for the fiscal year starting July 1, the committee slashed WMC's budget estimates more than 30 per cent.

It recommended \$82,009,000 for agency headed by Paul V. McNutt. This was \$31,773,900 below budget estimates and \$19,269,385 under current year appropriations. Labor Department received \$68,391,985, a reduction of \$2,138,215 from budget estimates. The sum includes \$44,189,500 to be granted states for emergency maternity and infant care for wives and children of servicemen.

Other items in the bill include: Nurses' training program (National defense) \$59,957,000. Office of Education, \$17,935,018, a reduction of \$4,563,400 from budget estimates, with practically all of the cut in national defense training items. Old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to blind through grants to states under the Social Security Act, \$416,000,000. Grants to states for unemployment compensation administration, \$32,000,000. Employees Compensation Commission, \$17,962,000. National Labor Relations Board, \$2,945,930. National Mediation Board, \$591,400.

War Bond Increase Is Due To Fact Of One Less 1945 Drive

The reason for the increase in Midland County's Series E War Bond quota from \$315,000 in the Sixth War Loan campaign to \$600,000 in the Mighty Seventh, which started Monday, is because only two campaigns are planned for 1945 instead of three as in previous years.

Midland's over-all quota was increased from \$1,370,000 in the Sixth War Loan campaign to \$1,425,000 for the Seventh.

First Results Tuesday
The first announcement of sales in the campaign will be made Tuesday when the results of the opening day are tabulated. Prospective War Bond purchasers were reminded there are five War Bond issuing agencies in Midland. The agencies are the First National Bank, the Midland National Bank, the post office, the Midland Production Credit Association and Sparks and Barron.

The Mighty Seventh War Loan campaign is expected to really go into high gear when organizational work is completed and the plans for various special events are ready for announcement.

War Bulletins

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—The chief of staff to the commander of the Atlantic Fleet Air Force predicted here Sunday night that Japan's air strength will be "completely destroyed" within the next three months.

LONDON—(AP)—Sections of the British press demanded Monday that Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz and German generals claiming authority in parts of the Reich be thrown into concentration camps.

COPENHAGEN—(AP)—Crews of several German ships in Copenhagen harbor were attacked early Monday by 130 "freedom fighters" when they showed no signs of obeying surrender demands. One German was killed, 285 surrendered and the ships were seized. The fight was short.

OSLO—(AP)—Crown Prince Olav returned to a free Norway Sunday night, almost five years after he left to carry on the war from England, and announced that the Norwegian fleet was ready to enter the fight against Japan.

New Incendiary Bomb Dropped By Record Group Of Superforts

Record numbers of Superforts and carrier planes gave Japan the heaviest pounding of the war Monday in a two-pronged attack approaching the might of 2,000 plane raids of the European theater, as Nippon lost her grip on three potential invasion ports.

American marines in the bitterest ground action drove into the mine-rubble of Naha and Okinawa, potential springboard for the ultimate assault on the enemy's home islands. Some 600 miles to the west Chinese troops mopped up in two recaptured China ports which may some day receive U. S. forces and supplies for the reconquest of the mainland.

An unprecedented flight of more than 500 Superforts poured more than 3,500 tons of new type incendiary bombs on Nagoya, transforming Japan's third largest city into a blazing fire box in the first daylight raid of its kind.

Tokyo radio reported waves of carrier planes from the task forces struck simultaneously at Southern Japanese airfields, in a two-day attack that extended "throughout the entire night." Japanese broadcast said that for eight and a half hours Sunday 900 carrier aircraft bombed and strafed the airdromes, major source of aerial attacks on U. S. Okinawa invasion forces which have cost the Japanese 3,168 planes in seven weeks.

In Naha
Led by flame-throwing tanks, U. S. Sixth Division Marines drove into the northern outskirts of Naha, capital and primary port of Okinawa. There they were slowed by heavy mined streets, a river running through the city, and an intensified artillery barrage as the Japanese threw in fresh reserves and employed human bombs in an attempt to check the advance.

Other Tenth Army units edging toward the China coast occupied tiny Tori Shima, 55 miles west of Okinawa.

On the Chinese coast itself Chinese troops entered the port of Fochow. They were reported battling Japanese troops in the streets of Fochow after Chiang Kai-shek's infantrymen drove into port city for the second time since the Japanese first occupied it. Japanese have listed Fochow, near the northern tip of Formosa, as a potential Yank invasion point.

Chinese regulars and militiamen recaptured Singshang, 250 miles north of Fochow, and drove the retreating invaders northward toward Hangchow. A Chungking army spokesman reported Japanese were withdrawing to Northern China.

Merger Of Geological Bodies To Be Talked
Possibility of combining the Midland Geological and the West Texas Geological societies will be discussed at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Scharbauer Hotel.

The session is a regular meeting of the Midland society. George R. Gibson, president of the organization, will preside. H. H. Nihnger, Artesia, N. M., oil operator, will give a lecture on "Bombs Form Space," which will deal with meteorites. He has made a detailed study of the subject.

Mighty Seventh War Loan Opened Sunday Evening

WASHINGTON—(P)—America began Monday the task of borrowing \$7,000,000,000 from its individual citizens—\$649,000,000 more than they have loaned in any bond drive to date.

The 7th War Loan lasts from now through June 30, the longest of all the drives. It will be the largest bond-selling operation in history, in terms of public participation.

The biggest previous individual quota was \$6,000,000,000 in the 5th War Loan a year ago. The record sales to individuals were \$6,351,000,000 in the same drive. "Individuals" include business partnerships, that is, unincorporated business. Corporations in the 7th War Loan have the same quota as individuals, \$7,000,000,000, making the total goal \$14,000,000,000.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau officially set the seven-week drive in motion Sunday night when he said in a four-network broadcast: "The fruits of peace are not yet ripe for us to pluck. For a while longer—for whatever length of time may be required—we must continue to do without things we want but do not need. There is no truce in this war for the men on Okinawa." The goal for "E" bond sales is \$4,000,000,000. The highest "E" bond sales to date were \$3,187,000,000 in the 4th War Loan.

The treasury says that if the "E" bond quota is reached this time, more than 90,000,000 separate bonds must be sold.

Society

Miss Lady Rankin Engaged To Marry Lt. Herbert Mueller

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Lady Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Rankin, 910 West Louisiana, to Lt. Herbert Mueller of Elizabeth, N. J., was made at a tea Saturday afternoon at the Rankin home. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. John McKinley.

The wedding will be an event of Friday, May 18, at the home of the bride-to-be's parents, Rev. John E. Pickering, minister of the First Christian Church, will read the rites for the wedding vows.

Used White Iris
An all white bouquet of iris and other spring flowers was used as the centerpiece for the dining table. Individual cakes topped with miniature wedding bells added to the table setting presided over by Mrs. McKinley.

About 35 relatives and close friends of the family called during the afternoon.

Miss Rankin graduated from Midland High School and later attended business college in St. Louis, Mo. Lieutenant Mueller was stationed at Midland Army Air Field for a year before his recent transfer to the Army Air Field at Childress, Texas. The couple will make their home in Childress following a wedding trip to New Jersey.

Series Of Skits Given At Assembly Program For Junior High School

Featuring the Junior High School assembly program Thursday was a series of skits presented by the cast of an all-school play, "Spring Green."

After the skits, A. G. Black, physical education instructor in the boys' department, gave an introductory talk and presented pennants to captains of the winning baseball teams of the school. Ribbons were awarded winners of the recent athletic events held at the school.

CPL. BERT STREETER PROMOTED TO SERGEANT
MARCH FIELD, Calif.—Cpl. Bert A. Streeter, son of Mrs. George A. Streeter, Midland, Texas, was promoted here recently to the rank of sergeant.

Before entering the Army in May, 1943, Sergeant Streeter was with the engineering department of the 73rd Sub-Depot, Midland Army Air Field, and is now an armorer-gunner on a B-24 "Liberator" bomber.

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Coming Events

TUESDAY—
Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will be hostess for the annual luncheon of the Twentieth Century Club at 1 p.m. at her home, 1301 West Missouri.

Members of the MOW Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Cloverdale Park for a picnic.

A joint meeting of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will be held at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel.

Mrs. Mayme Stokes will be hostess for a meeting of the Edelweiss Club Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at her home, 1300 West Ohio.

The North Elementary P-TA will meet at 3:30 at the school.

Members of the Props will meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Salvation Army USO before going to the NCO Club where various card games will be played.

The City Council of P-TA will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. L. G. Byersley, 1802 West Wall.

WEDNESDAY—
Mrs. C. W. Chancellor will be hostess for a luncheon at 1 p.m. at her home, 1710 West Missouri, for members of the Woman's Wednesday Club.

Holy Communion will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church at 10 a.m. A Bible class is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

The Modern Study Club will meet with Mrs. John Casselman, 602 North Big Spring, for a covered-dish luncheon at 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. J. O. Vance will be hostess for the Needlecraft Club at her home, 302 South I Street at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY—
Mrs. J. B. Koenig and Mrs. E. S. Hitchcock will present piano and violin pupils in a joint recital at 7:30 p.m. at the North Elementary Auditorium.

The Bible Class will meet at the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

Special confirmation services will be held by Rt. Rev. James M. Stoney, bishop of New Mexico, at 8 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY—
The Treble Clef Juvenile Club will meet at the Watson School of Music at 11 a.m.

Children's movies will be shown in the courthouse basement at 2:30 p.m.

Social Situations

THE SITUATION: You and your companion have finished your meal in a restaurant, but are in no hurry to leave—and there are others standing waiting for a table.

WRONG WAY: Sit at your table as long as you like, smoking and talking.

RIGHT WAY: Be considerate of those standing and leave your table as soon as you have finished your meal.

Eyes Of Texas Were Sure On One Marine

WITH THE MARINE 3RD AMPHIBIOUS CORPS ON OKINAWA—(AP)—The Eyes of Texas must have been on Marine Gunner Sergeant Hugh D. Reeves, 28, of San Antonio, who had an encounter with a Japanese mortar shell which would have killed an ordinary man. The shell landed squarely on his head but, instead of exploding, bounced into his pistol, which it smashed, and then bounced out of his foxhole where it shattered into heavy shunks of shrapnel.

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Most Beautiful Students at TSCW



These four students have been judged the most beautiful enrolled in Texas State College for Women, Denton, by John Robert Powers and are featured in this year's Daedalian, college yearbook. They are (left to right, top to bottom) blonde Virginia Carroll, Tennessee Colony, representing the sophomores; brown-eyed Ernestine Ashe, Fort Worth, the seniors; blonde Eloise Slaughter, Goldthwaite, the juniors; and hazel-eyed Donna Caldwell, Fort Worth, the freshmen.

Discharged Sergeant Feels He Will Ease Manpower Shortage

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The first soldier to be discharged from the Army at the War Department personnel center under the new point system, Staff Sgt. Augustin Lucio, feels that he is returning to his home in San Marcos just in time to ease the manpower shortage a bit in that city.

"My 18-year-old brother, Raymond, will be inducted into the Army soon and I expect to replace him in the tailor shop where he has been employed," Sgt. Lucio explained, shortly after he had received his honorable discharge from Col. Clair F. Schumacher, commanding officer at the personnel center. "But first I want to do nothing but rest for a few days. I've been in the Army for four years and four months and it's going to be a rare pleasure to sleep as late in the morning as I wish."

To Return To School
Within a few months, the San Marcos veteran of 17 months overseas, plans to return to school and complete his education. Government funds provided under the GI Bill of Rights will pay for his tuition.

Sgt. Lucio declared he was leaving the Army with the same emotions with which he came into it as a volunteer January 7, 1941.

"I was happy about going into the service, for that type of life appealed to me then, when I was only 18 years old. Now I'm happy to get out of it. In the last year I've seen all the bloodshed I ever want to see."

Heavily Decorated
Lucio was one of the most heavily decorated veterans receiving their discharges Saturday. Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Unit Citation and European Theater of Operations ribbons adorned his shirt, and he carried battle stars for three major campaigns. Missing was the ribbon for the Croix de Guerre, French medal awarded him after his platoon had played an important role in the liberation of Brest, General de Gaulle, French resistance leader, made the presentation.

From the 23rd Infantry Regiment of the famous Second Division, which once called Fort Sam Houston "home," Lucio participated in the battle of Normandy, Northern France and Germany before returning to the United States for a 45-day temporary duty furlough. He was at the War Department personnel center awaiting orders to re-join his former unit when informed he was eligible for discharge if his record gave him the necessary 85 points.

WACs Celebrate Third Anniversary

There was little fanfare over the third anniversary of the WAC Sunday at Midland Army Air Field. WACs were given special recognition at the service in the post chapel and flowers were presented to the women in uniform as they passed into the chapel but there was no elaborate celebration.

Monday, the actual third anniversary of the founding of the Women's Army Corps, the observance will consist only of invitational dances in the squadron areas of the two WAC organizations. No post-wide activity has been planned.

The quiet birthday was believed in keeping with the close of the morning period for President Roosevelt and the Day of Prayer for victory in Europe.

Allies Stage Burma Jap Hunt

CALCUTTA, INDIA—(AP)—Air and ground elements of Allied forces engaged in a giant Japanese hunt over large parts of Southern Burma Monday, smoking out small parties of the defeated enemy still trying to escape eastward.

The 33rd (British) Division continued to advance down the Irrawaddy toward Rangoon, daily bagging scores of Japanese trying to float down the river or cross it to the eastward.

West Africans advancing east on the Taungpy-Prome road also are rounding up small parties of the enemy every day.

Clipping Material For Bragging Texans

By JACK RUTLEDGE
Associated Press Staff
You can walk up to almost any Texan, ask to look in his or her wallet or purse, and find therein a clipping either fantastic, humorous or serious about Texas. Texans like to brag, and like to carry with them printed proof they're not exaggerating.

Here's another clipping to help the habit along.

"Texas Brags"
John Randolph, a Texan, naturally, has written a book called "Texas Brags."

In it, Randolph says, among other things:

The Texas Navy, man for man, ship for ship, dollar for dollar, was the best that ever sailed the seven seas. It paid its own way (with a little extemporaneous piracy) and when it needed money for repair bills, it hired itself out to fight another war for another nation. And won it.

The governor of Texas rules over more territory than any European king, president or premier in the continental limits of his country (except Russia).

Brewster County, the state's largest, has 4,208 square miles, and is larger than Connecticut and Rhode Island with four Districts of Columbia tossed in. Texas has 59 counties bigger than Rhode Island. Closer to Five Capitals.

Dalhart, Texas is closer to the state capitals of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming than it is to Austin, the capital of Texas.

Texas has 973 miles of coastline, 3,900 rivers, bayous and lakes, in addition to the two really big fishing places, the Gulf of Mexico and Denison Dam's Lake Texoma.

Texas is larger by 144,000 square miles than the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

There is enough land in Texas to supply every man, woman and child in the world with a tract 20 by 200 feet and have enough left for all the armies in the world to march around five abreast.

Texas is in both the South and the West. Texans are neither Southerners nor Westerners—they are Texans.

And says Randolph, could any other state cause proud California to put up signs in their cities during a recent war loan drive that read:

"Buy bonds and help Texas win the war."

Marriage License Business Increases

The marriage license business in Midland registered an increase last week over the preceding week, as seven licenses were issued compared with six the previous week. Two divorce suits were filed during the week at the office of District Clerk Nettie Romer.

Theater of Operations. Others serve in Italy, the Southwest Pacific areas, Pacific Ocean areas, India-Burma theater of operations, Africa-Middle East theater of operations, Yukon, Alaska, Canada, Bermuda, and Labrador.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Our war against Japan is divided into two phases—the assault on the Mikado's home islands (which have been in the grip of an American bombing tornado since Sunday), and the struggle in China—and the further we progress, the more apparent it becomes that these phases might become distinct from each other.

That's by way of saying that it's possible—although one can't label it as a probability at this time—that we might be able to force the surrender of Japan proper and still have before us the vast task of beating the formidable enemy military machine on the continent. In any event, this is a contingency for which we must be prepared.

Reassurance Gratifying
It therefore is gratifying to have Prime Minister Churchill assure us again that Britain will be fighting right along side us until the Japs are cleaned up.

Much of course depends on whether Russia joins us, especially as regards the house-cleaning in China. The way it looks now, it may be a great deal easier to force surrender of the Japanese mainland than to blast 2,000,000 tough Nipponese soldiers out of their foxholes in China and Manchuria. They've had years to dig themselves in and get set.

Big Question
Maybe the capitulation of the Mikado would carry with it the surrender of all the forces on the continent. That's the big question, and it's one we can't answer until we have Tokyo on its knees. This column long ago pointed out the possibility that the Japanese warlords in China and Manchuria might decide to try to establish an empire for themselves on the continent even though ordered to surrender by the Mikado.

The argument against this is the emperor's spiritual hold on his people by virtue of their belief that he is a god. Many observers doubt whether the Jap armies on the continent would go against the orders of their god-emperor and thereby jeopardize their place in the hereafter, especially since their valhalla is associated with the shrines of the homeland.

Plans Completed For JayCee Dinner

Final preparations were being completed Monday for the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce barbecued chicken dinner at the Blue Grill at 8 p. m. Tuesday which will open the organization's 1945 membership campaign.

The dinner is free to all JayCees and their guests. Members are urged by Dennis Murphy, chairman of the membership committee, to bring one or more guests of the JayCee age, between 21 and 35.

Russell Howard, special entertainment chairman, said the event would be stag and that it would be strictly entertainment with no long formal program.

Mrs. George Park Is Injured In Fall

Mrs. George Park suffered a broken ankle in a fall at her suburban home Saturday night.

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Colonel Helton Is New MAAF Deputy Post Commander

Col. Elbert Helton, veteran combat pilot of the Pacific and European theaters of operations, has been appointed to fill the position of deputy commander at Midland Army Air Field, it was announced Monday. He replaces Lt. Col. Howard E. Watkins, now on temporary duty at Randolph Field, at San Antonio.

Trained At Kelly
A native of Clinton, Texas, Colonel Helton received his pilot's wings at Kelly Field in February, 1937, and was called into active service in August, 1939. Promoted to first lieutenant in September, 1940, he went overseas as a B-17 flight commander in January, 1942. Moving from Java to Australia he was appointed squadron commander of a group of heavy bombers which made repeated strikes against heavily defended Japanese positions. Promoted to captain in February and to major in March, 1942, he flew 21 missions during the period when the Japs held the edge of air power in that area.

Returning to the United States early in February, Colonel Helton was placed in command of a heavy bombardment group which was preparing for action in the European theater of operations. Late in February, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Assigned to the 8th Air Force, Colonel Helton's group participated in the extensive aerial operations during the summer and fall of last year. He participated personally in nine combat missions in that theater. He was promoted to full colonel in October, 1944.

FREEDOM DOCUMENT

Thomas Jefferson required only one sitting to write the Declaration of Independence. He started at night and finished at dawn, with a quill on a writing desk of his own making, which is still preserved.

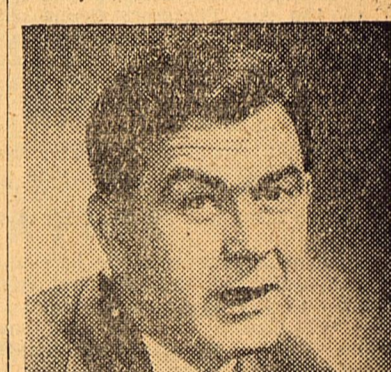
"That's what the man said!"



"I've been figuring on a new car soon as the shooting stops."



"But that auto expert said in the paper that we may have to make our old cars last for 2 or 3 years after victory. That's bad news for me!"



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XIX
EARLY in April we still owed the bank \$150. Our business had been picking up with spring, but the money had gone out as fast as it had come in. The roof had to be repaired. The tank had to have a new lining. We had all stopped talking about going home.

My father worked very hard and even sent out monthly bills. My mother's smile grew more and more determined. Though they were very polite and very kind to each other, we sensed for the first time in our lives a barrier between them.

That barrier concerned Mr. Cutter. Right after my mother had found the oil stove empty, her attitude toward him had changed visibly. She became quite sharp. "The spittoons, Mr. Cutter. You've forgotten to clean them."

"These chairs look very dusty," "The telephone! Didn't you hear it?"

When there was pumping to be done, she herself went to get him. What was more, she stayed right in the kitchen while, with each hand wrapped in a handkerchief, he swayed listlessly backward and forward, hardly moving the handle.

One day she noticed that the inkwell had disappeared from the desk in the office. At first she thought that one of us girls had taken it and neglected to put it back.

We hadn't. We couldn't imagine. We would look. We searched everywhere. "A thing like that hasn't just dropped from sight," she said when we made our report.

"The paperweight did, Mama," I reminded her. She began to look face. "Tisn't there."

there." At the end of 20 minutes she was ready to give up. "Never mind," she said shortly. "There's a bottle of ink up in the parlor. Get that."

AFTER that she gave up producing Mr. Cutter and herself took over the work of the office, sweeping, dusting, winding the clock. No matter where she was when she heard it, she came running to answer the telephone.

Once my father found her emptying spittoons. He looked miserably, but he didn't say anything. He was just as kind to Mr. Cutter. Just as considerate.

Mr. Cutter's naps lengthened. His yawns became more frequent. "Hi-Ho-Hum! Hi-Ho-Hum!" Sometimes, coming out of a clear sky, they sounded fierce and frightening. Now that no one reminded him, he never did a bit of pumping.

We could feel the barrier between my father and my mother rising higher and higher.

Things were building up in the kitchen, too. Mrs. Guphill complained constantly about Ada. "Some days that girl don't even act likely," she declared. "She's about as much good as a last year's crow's nest."

My mother never acknowledged this odor. All houses smelled of kerosene, she said, and would smell of it, too, just as long as there were lamps. But every now and then we would catch her sniffing. Two or three times we came upon her in unexpected places.

"What are you doing, Mama?" "Oh, just looking for something."

We might have been more curious had not a really exciting event lain in the offing.

SINCE the beginning of the year the newspapers had been printing stories about a comet which would appear in May.

As the time approached, the papers began to remind us that comets had often portended momentous things. A comet had appeared after the death of Caesar. One had sailed, languid and heavy, through the skies before the London Plague; another, swift and furious, before the Great Fire. This comet was Halley's, king of them all. It had whirled through the heavens before the birth of Christ. It had hung suspended over Rome before the death of Agrippa. It had flamed over the Battle of Chalons, where Attila, the Hun, bowed down before the Roman Aetius. It had lighted the battlefield of Hastings. Now, on its twenty-eighth appearance, it would make a transit across the very face of the sun.

The superstitious began to speculate as to what we might have in store. The country was at peace. We had no princes to dethrone, no tyrants to vanquish. Perhaps a great pestilence, someone suggested. ("What kind might it be?" they asked my father. "Weak-mindedness," he told them tersely.) Perhaps it was intended only as a warning, some said. A warning against men who were trying to fly in machines. Or against women who were demanding a right to vote. Some thought it might be a warning against hobble skirts and bloomers.

The magazines, too, had a lot of comet talk. The scientific ones told us that Halley's cycle was approximately 75 years. It would be visible to the naked eye around May 10th in the east, two hours before sunrise. We could see it first at night on May 18th, when it would pass the sun's disk. Munsey's assured us that there was not one chance in a million that any one of us would live to see this happen again. Even Methuselah, the Independent reminded us, had never witnessed what we would witness.

We girls could hardly wait until May.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
When playing a contract at no trump and holding two different five-card suits opposite two three-card suits, people often say to me, "Which suit do you set out to establish?"

Well, this question is often answered by simple arithmetic. Count your tricks.

Today's hand, for example. The lead of the deuce of diamonds tells us we are going to lose three diamond tricks.

Now the question is, should we start the club or the spade suit? Well, can't you see that if you lead

the spade and it loses, now the opponents will cash their three diamonds, the one spade and will lay down the ace of clubs and defeat the contract?

But if you establish the club suit, true they get in with the ace and cash three diamond tricks, but now you have four club tricks, a diamond is five, three hearts is eight and two spade tricks are ten, one more than you can actually cash, as the opponents will take four tricks.

Brownout Lifting Will Help Meter Business
SCOTTSDUFF, NEB.—(P)—Lifting of the brownout was a boon of Police Chief James A. Hedge.

BEST CIGAR CUSTOMER
RENO, NEV.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill Monday was described by Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, as the empire cigar manufacturer's best customer.

Brig. Gen. Hardin Is New Commander Of ATC Central Pacific Wing

GUAM—(P)—Brig. Gen. Thomas O. Hardin, who gained fame as boss of the Air Transport Command's aerial route over the hump into China, has taken over a new assignment as commandant of the Central Pacific wing of the ATC's Pacific division.

Hardin, from Waco, Texas, said the first ATC transport landed on Okinawa one week after invasion day to bring out wounded. He added:

"Ever since we've had a base unit functioning on the Okinawa doorstep to the Japanese empire.

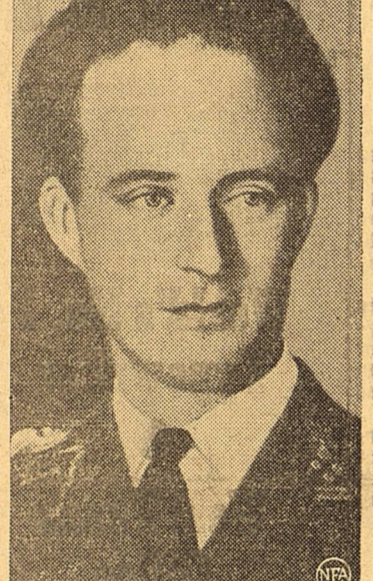
"It's fine to have an ATC base on the Jap doorstep but it'll be much better when we fly right in through the doorway and set up business in Tokyo. That we will do."

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Leopold Liberated



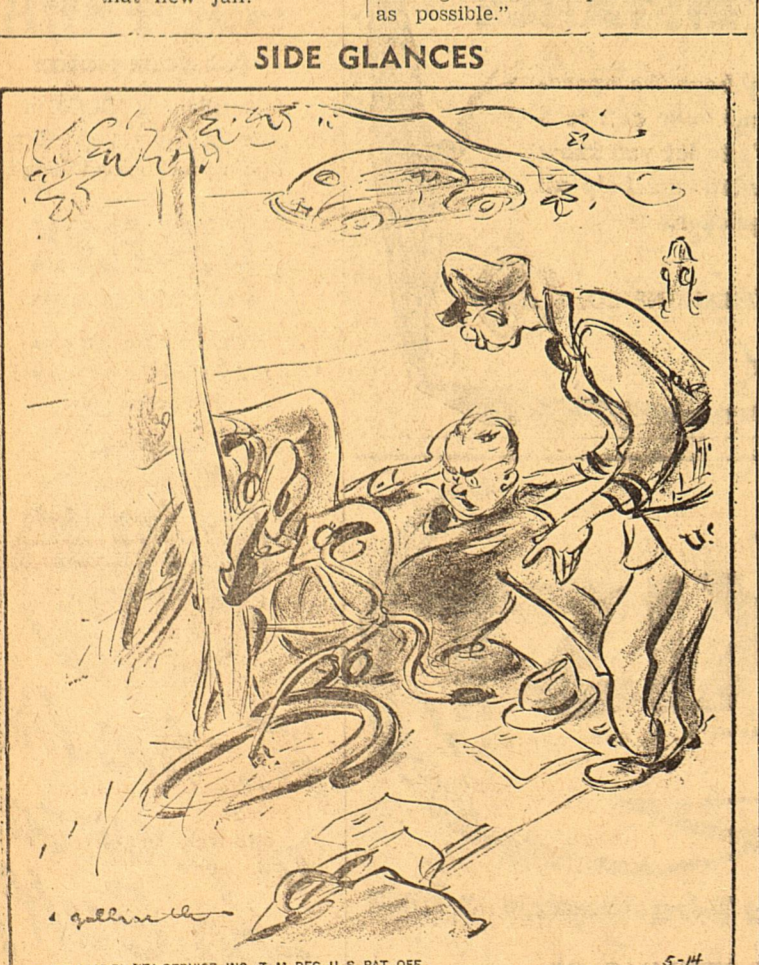
King Leopold III of the Belgians, his wife, Princess Rethy, and four children have been freed by American Seventh Army at Strobl, Germany. The King had been prisoner since May, 1940.

About As Subtle As We've Ever Heard
MILWAUKEE, WIS.—(P)—William Geisheker, director of the Marquette University band, hopes the city's noise abatement committee has made an error.

He received a form letter asking cooperation in eliminating "unnecessary din."

'AS MUCH AS SOON'
WASHINGTON—(P)—Bernard M. Baruch urges the surplus property board to follow a policy of "selling as much as possible as soon as possible."

SIDE GLANCES



"My son had 24 bombing missions in the Pacific without half as much trouble as I've had with this bike!"

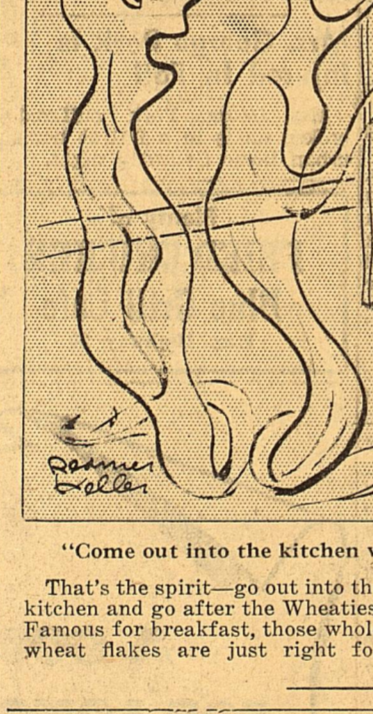
Strict Conformist But Then He's Right

WILSON, N. C.—(P)—The ration board was puzzled when a gasoline application endorsed by them, "Sign in place marked with red pencil," was returned with no signature.

But, when it came back the second time signed in red, the applicant's explanation cleared up the confusion. He wrote: "I can't find a red pencil in Elm City. I borrowed this one from the bank."

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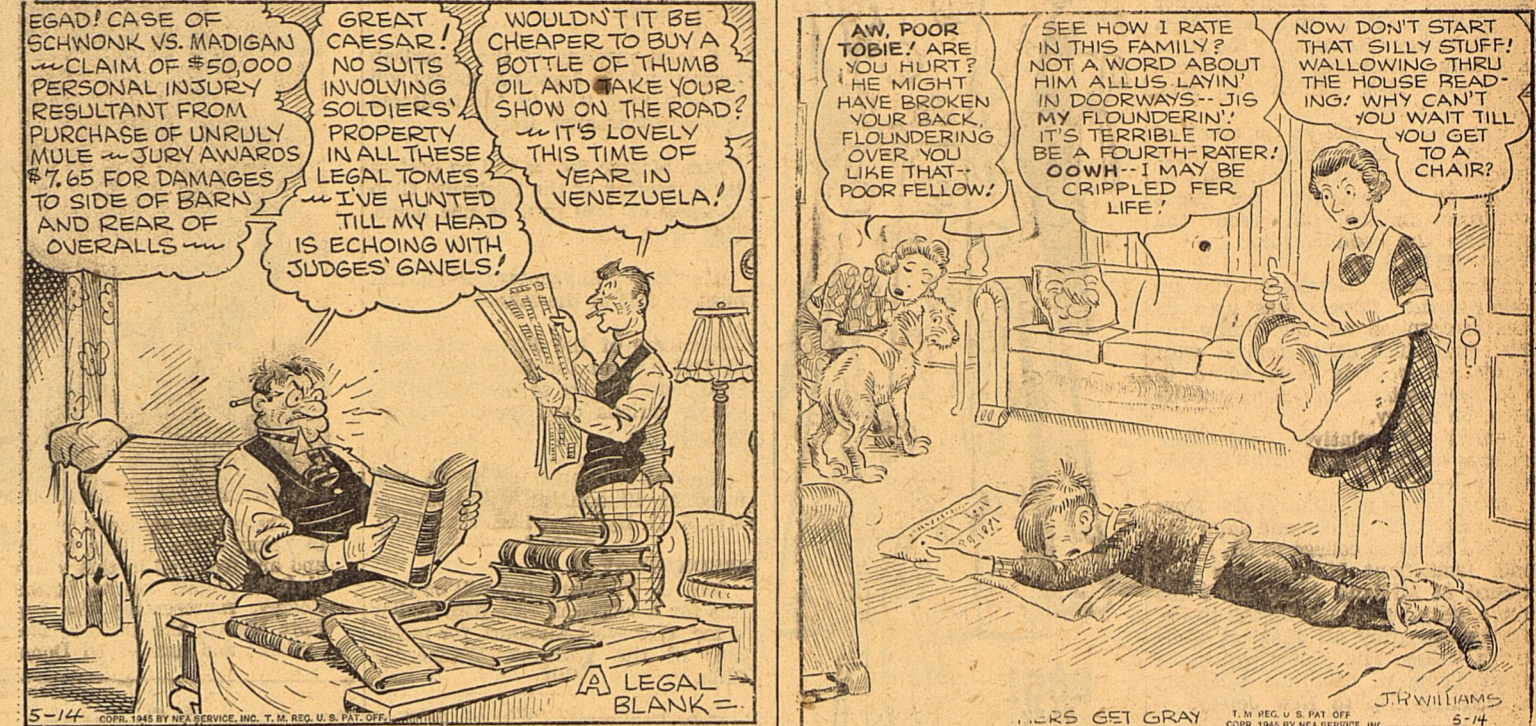
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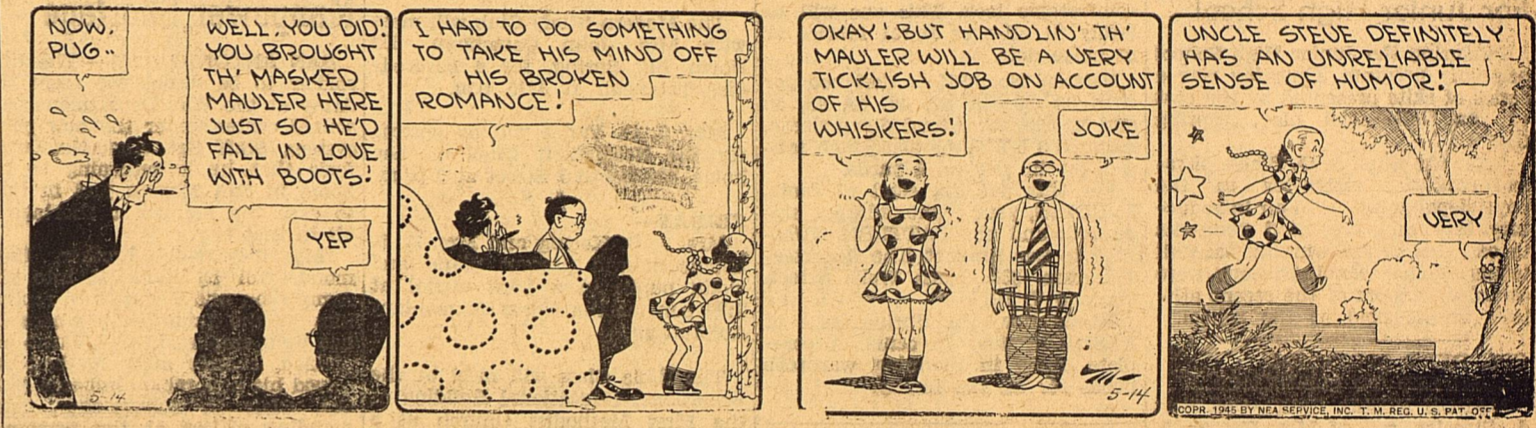
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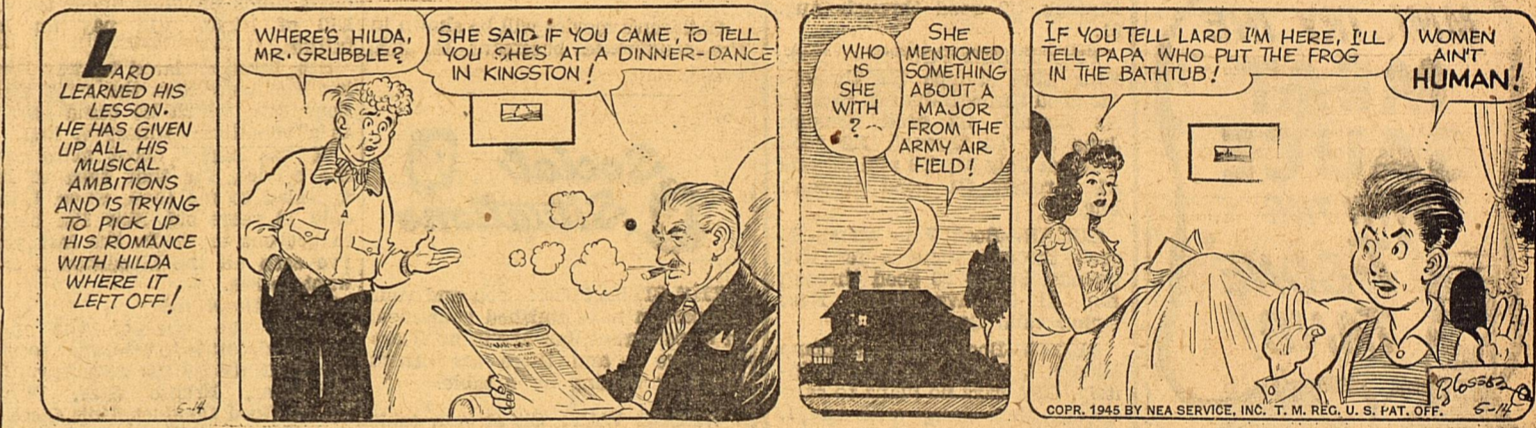


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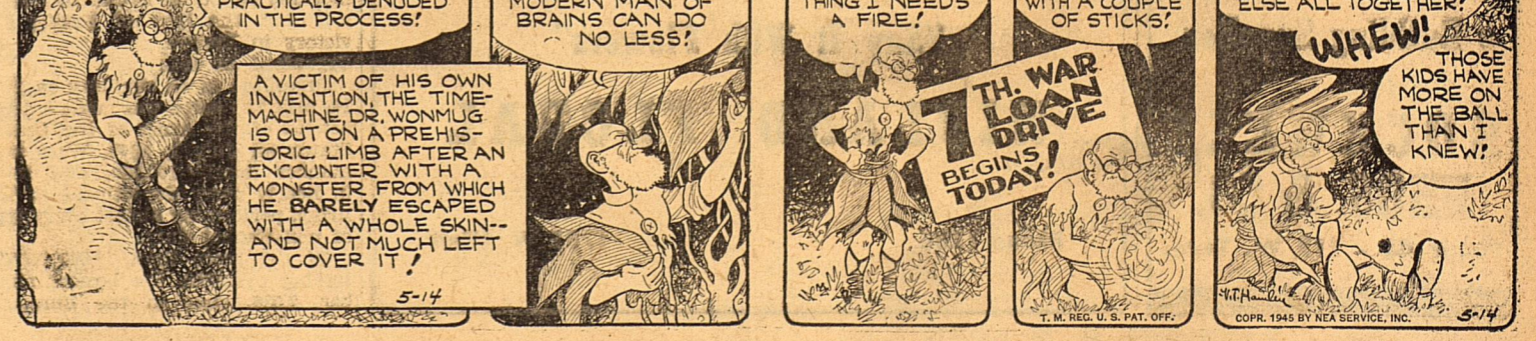
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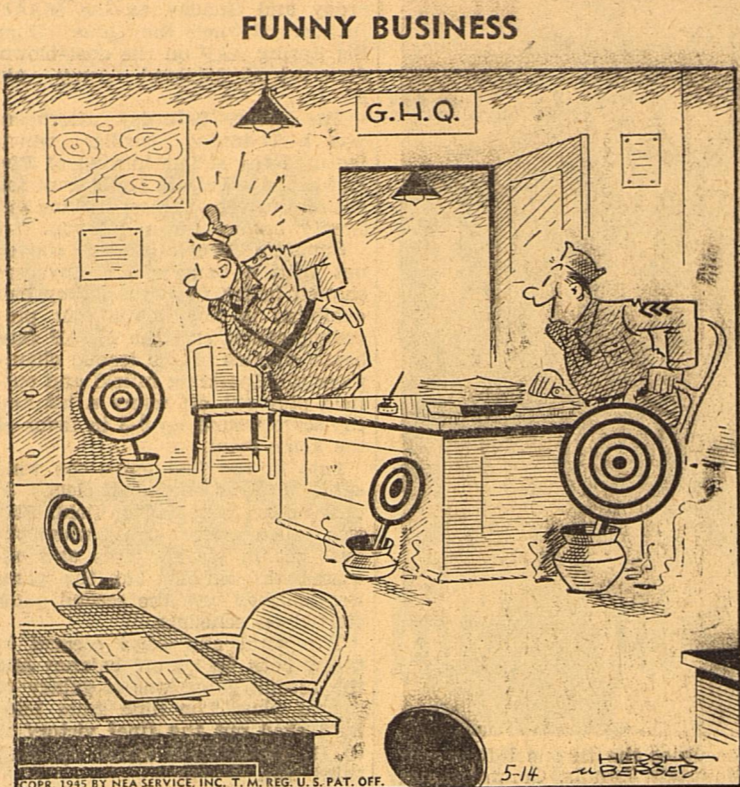
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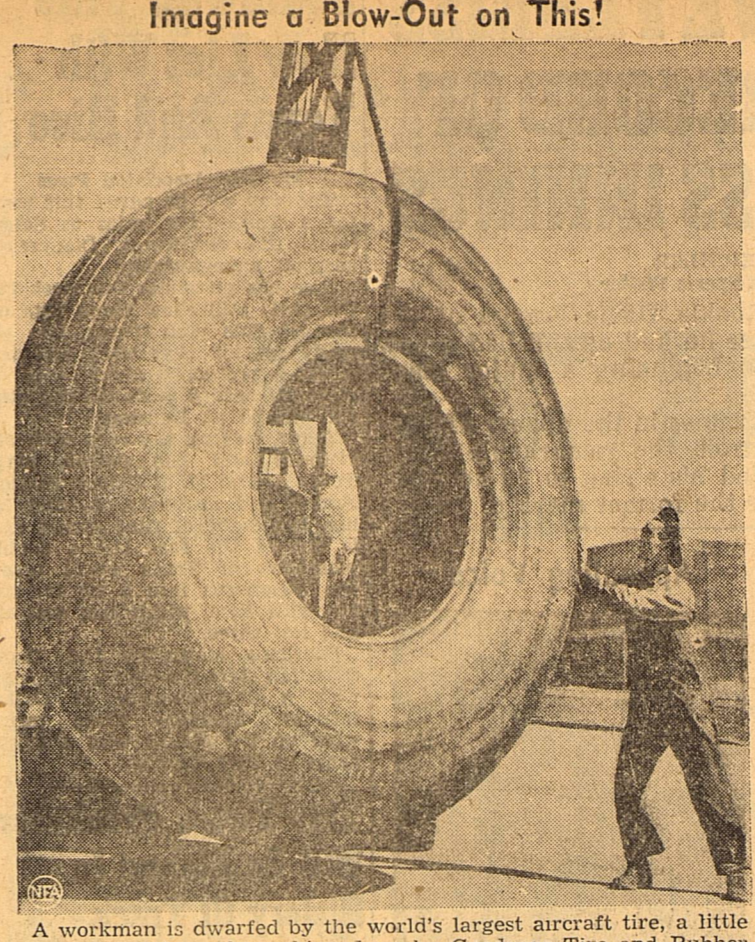
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Army Announces Change in Policy For Overseas GIs

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Adopted Under New Plan
The new policy for overseas veterans was adopted under the Army's redeployment plan, announced Saturday. Previously, personnel home on temporary duty received 45-day furloughs before returning overseas, whereas those on rotation leave or furlough had only 21 days at home before reporting for re-assignment.

Overseas veterans arriving at the personnel center with point totals making them eligible for discharge will continue to receive their honorable discharges from the service if they so desire. Eighty-five points.

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ROOKIE DAVE FERRISS SETS NEW RECORD OF 22 SCORELESS INNINGS

By JOE REICHLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

They finally scored on Rookie Dave Ferriss of the Boston Red Sox, but not before he had established a new modern record for a pitcher beginning a major league career.

By hurling four scoreless frames in the opener of Sunday's double-header with Detroit, the remarkable Army Air Forces dischargee extended his string to 22 consecutive scoreless innings to better the former mark of 19 2/3 set by Thomas J. (Bucky) O'Brien, also of the Red Sox, in 1911.

Ferriss went on to beat the Tigers, with the famous Paul (Dizzy) Trout on the mound, 8-2, giving up nine hits and striking out 10, for his third victory against no defeats. The 23-year-old, six-foot-two-inch and 200-pound freshman, who won 20, lost eight, and batted .417 for the Randolph Field Ramblers last year, also singled in a run, his sixth hit in nine times at bat for a .667 batting mark.

Even Break
Alton Benton gave the Tigers an even break when he blanked the Sox 2-0 with three hits in the nightcap. In winning his fifth game without a defeat, the ex-sailor notched his third shutout and has given up but 22 hits and two runs, one earned, in 45 innings, for a remarkable 0.20 earned run average per game. The major record is 0.90 set by Ferdie Schupp of the New York Giants in 1916.

The Chicago White Sox climbed back into first place in the American league by winning two games from the Washington Senators, 5-1 and 4-2, while the New York Yankees split with Cleveland, winning the opener 1-0 in 10 innings and losing the nightcap 4-2.

Although the Yankees lost their grip on first place, Veteran Alcy Donald did not lose his mastery of the Indians, in blanking Cleveland with seven hits, Donald gained his 13th triumph over the Tribesmen against one defeat.

Best Crowd Yet
The largest crowd of the National League season, 38,056 paid, watched the first place Giants split with the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, the Giants winning the opener 4-3 and the Red Birds taking the nightcap 6-5.

A crowd of 25,144 saw Brooklyn gain their eighth straight by beating Cincinnati 10-3 in the opener of a scheduled double-header. Rain washed out the second game.

Vern Stephens banded out his sixth homer as the St. Louis Browns and Philadelphia Athletics split. The Mackmen won the opener 4-2 behind Freshman Luther Knerr. Connie Mack tried his luck with another rookie, Steve Gerkin, in the nightcap, but the Browns fell on Gerkin for seven runs in the eighth to win 9-2.

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia split, the Pirates winning the opener 9-6 by virtue of eight runs in the third and the Phils annexed the nightcap 6-5. Vince DeMaggio drove in three runs for the Phils in the afterpiece. Rain played havoc with the Chicago-Boston scheduled twin bill, limiting them to one curtailed game which the Braves won 3-2 in seven innings.

Crack Brother Combine Is Broken By Pennock

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—The first brother Keystone combination in major league history has been broken up. Eighteen-year-old Granville Hamner, half of the Richmond, Va., infield duo, was shipped Sunday to Utica, N. Y., in the Eastern League for "further seasoning." General Manager Herb Pennock of the Philadelphia Phillies said, "His brother, Wesley Garvin, currently holds the Phils' second base assignment."

'The Two Black Crows' Coming In USO Show

The USO Camp Show, "Chicks and Chuckles," featuring the veteran blackface comedy team, "The Two Black Crows," and a variety of singing and dancing talent, will come to the MAAF Post Service Club, May 23. "The Six G-17s Girls" will present a vest-pocket

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Southwest Title Now Lies With Texas And Rice

By The Associated Press
The way will be paved this week for a Texas-Rice series to determine the Southwest Conference baseball championship.

Rice has no games this week but the Owls still show three tilts on the schedule with Texas, two already set for next week and the other—a postponed game—to be played if needed to decide the title. All will be at Houston.

Texas, leading the race with six victories and one defeat, plays Texas A. and M. at College Station Friday and Saturday. A. and M. has lost eight of nine games and is out of the race but a double-plastering of Texas would throw the Longhorns into a tie for the top with Rice, which has won six and lost three.

Southern Methodist and Texas Christian start the week's campaign with a double-header at Dallas Monday. Thursday these teams wind up the season with a single game at Fort Worth.

This Year's Preakness Will Be Richest In History Of Track

BALTIMORE—(P)—With a record list of 14 supplementary nominations among 71 eligible three-year-olds, the 65th renewal of the famed Preakness Classic at Pimlico June 16 will be the richest of them all. Gross value of the race already has reached \$81,170 and may touch \$90,000.

The Maryland Jockey Club released Monday the roster of turf bluebloods all set for the mile and three-sixteenths classic with prospects that the two unbeaten juvenile champions of 1944—Favot and Free For All—may clash for the first time.

Purse Of \$63,670
With the traditional wreath of Black-Eyed Susans—Maryland state flower—that goes to the winner also will go a record purse of \$63,670 as it stands now, and the amount will be boosted by starter fees.
Right now the track-wise fellows figure the Preakness field to face the barrier will be the largest in several years and may turn out to be the biggest since the race was run in two divisions back in 1918 with two winners.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(P)—During April 55 players made their major league debuts, 30 in the National League and 26 in the American. . . . What probably interests the club owner more right now is how many old ones will be back as a result of the War Department ruling that athletes who were inducted during the "crackdown" will be released if they don't measure up to the physical requirements for general service.

WASHINGTON—(P)—Athletic leaders adopted a wait-for-developments attitude Monday in the wake of ODT's disclosure that sports may be hit hard by further travel curtailment. . . . Pointing to the tremendous unemployment war problem, J. Monroe Johnson, Office of Defense Transportation director, said Saturday that sports will "be lucky" to play out regular schedules this summer and fall unless Japan quits quickly.

ATLANTA—(P)—The Atlanta Constitution's Jack Trop reports this conversation between Editor Ralph McGill and ex-rassler Man Mountain Dean: "Did you see General Patton?" The Man Mountain asked. . . . "I did." . . . "Did you tell him you knew her?" . . . "Another 'I did.'" "I'll bet he said, 'What the hell did you know?'" . . . "He did." "I knew it," Dean grinned. "He likes me."

BRITAIN BUILDS NEW CANAL
Canal linking the Wash with the Severn and Thames rivers will make the third canal to cross Great Britain. Two others have been in use for years, the Caledonian and the Forth and Clyde.

MONDAY MATINEE
Andy Kerr, veteran Colgate grid coach, maintains the outstanding lesson he has learned from wartime coaching is the value of freshman football. . . . The 17-year-olds, Andy explains, learn offensive assignments quickly and well, but nothing but experience will team them how to play sound individual defense. . . . Tim Marnane, the first ball player to attend a base in a National League game, also was the first player to become a baseball writer. Any connection between these two first is purely coincidental.

CLOCK WATCHER
Jimmy Dykes likes to tell this one about the time Mrs. Dykes brought their small son to see Jimmy play for the Athletics. . . . During batting practice Jimmy smacked one, but the kid just looked bored. . . . "What's the matter?" asked Mrs. Dykes. "Didn't you see your father just hit the ball?" . . . "Yeah," replied the boy. "He hit it all right—at two o'clock. The game starts at three."

SERVICE DEPT.
Lt. Louis J. Brand, former Michigan State quarterback, credits his football training with saving his life and enabling him to capture two Germans in Italy. . . . While Lieutenant Brand was reconnoitering, two Nazis jumped out of a foxhole behind him. . . . Before they saw he was virtually defenseless, Brand threw a body block that flattened both and then kicked their rifles away and took them both into custody.

PATTERSON LAUDS CLARK
ROME—(P)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, touring the 15th Army Group area, paid high tribute Monday to the American and British troops under Gen. Mark W. Clark's command for causing the first mass surrender of Germans in the war.

On Baseball Throne



Sen. Happy Chandler in Chicago occupies the throne left vacant by the death of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Commissioner of Baseball for 24 years.

MAAF Invaders Win Three Straight From Big Spring Nine

Capacity crowds watched the home team win three straight Saturday and Sunday as the MAAF Invaders downed the nine from Big Spring AAF on the dust-blown diamond at Midland Army Air Field.

The game, Saturday afternoon, was a 14-inning thriller which featured the stellar hurling of Pfc. Rufus Lewis. Private Lewis went the entire fourteen innings, striking out twenty batters for a 7-6 win.

Sunday's double-header started out with a bang. The Invaders showed better form than they had exhibited in any of the four preceding games and the MAAF fans began dreams of the league championship. Sparkling infield and outfield play cut off many a hit and the score wound up 9-3 in favor of the home team.

Late in the first game the wind came up and whipped clouds of dust across the playing field. Play was called several times when the dust got in players' eyes and obscured the infield, but the game was finished and the second game started on schedule.

The wind and sand seemed to throw both teams off balance and the second game was a galaxy of ragged play. The nine from Midland eked out the final victory 12 to 11, however, to chalk up their third win.

Midland Army Air Field Prop Wash

It's probably a safe bet that this has never before happened in the Army, and probably never will again. Sgt. Joseph Janosik of Bomb-sight Maintenance was busying himself around the shop as usual last Saturday, when the phone rang. It was Cpl. Ken Smith of the Squadron C orderly room.

"Don't look now," Cpl. Smith said, "but weren't you supposed to leave on furlough this morning?" Sergeant Janosik's look of bewilderment was a sad sight to behold, according to his BSM buddies. He had forgotten the one thing that most soldiers look forward to most, next to being featured in AIRSCOOP's Civilian of the Week column.

The error was soon remedied, however, and by now Joe, Mrs. Janosik and the two little Janosiks are probably visiting friends in Bridgeport, Conn. "The Gentle People," a three-act comedy drama by Irwin Shaw, will be presented at the Post Theater early in June as a part of the Seventh War Loan drive.

Troutry for the cast will be held at 7:30 p. m. next Monday in Bldg. T-484, around the corner from the Small-Arms class room. Roles are open to all—civilians and military, including Midland and Odessa residents. Lt. L. O. Penn is director. "The Gentle People" had a long run on Broadway and then was made into a movie entitled "Out of the Fog."

Alarm clocks always were a nuisance, but Pfc. Ellis G. Weaver of Squadron A has one that is downright ominous. Pfc. Weaver was willed one of the getter-uppers by Pfc. Delmont M. Jackson when Del transferred to Buckley Field this week, and, wishing to send the timepiece home, he made a neat wooden shipping box for it. Then, just as he drove down the last nail on the lid, the previously silenced clock began to tick loudly.

If he tore off the lid he would ruin the box. If he mailed it, the first postal clerk to touch it would probably take it for a time bomb and douse in a pail of water. So Pfc. Weaver is patiently waiting—presumably for eight days—until the darn thing runs down. Meantime, his family will have to continue to get up by the milkman, the neighbor's rooster or whatever they have been getting up by.

WINDSORS VISIT NEW YORK CITY
NEW YORK—(P)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are in New York City for a month's visit. They arrived by train from Florida. The Duke resigned March 15 as governor of the Bahama Islands.

FIGHTER PLANE FIREPOWER
It has been disclosed that 13 American Thunderbolt fighter planes have a greater combined firepower than have all the guns in a German infantry regiment, while 13 American Aircobras have a firepower equal to all the anti-tank guns in a German infantry regiment.

San Antonio PGA Tourney Begins

SAN ANTONIO—(P)—The championship 72 holes of the week-long Texas PGA golf tournament here start Wednesday, preceded by Scotch-toursoms Monday and a pro-amateur event Tuesday. Other 72-hole tournaments to run concurrently with the PGA championships are service class, open event, and women's play medal meet.

On hand to defend his title is Texas PGA champion Jimmy Gaunt of Ardmore, Okla. Tod Menefer, San Antonio pro; Sammy Schneider of Corpus Christi, Graham Ross of Dallas, and Leroy Garrett of Beaumont are expected to hand Gaunt stiff competition.

Sam Baugh To Rope With Vic Montgomery

SAN ANGELO—(P)—Sam Baugh, who ranches at Rotan while not pitching the pigskin for the Washington Redskins of the National Professional Football league, will meet Vic Montgomery, Ozona ranchman and rodeo performer, in a matched roping contest here June 3.

Baugh and Montgomery were teammates at Texas Christian University. Baugh went on to football fame in the pro game while Montgomery returned to his ranching interests and the rodeo in Crockett County.

In another featured match the same day, Sgt. Latham Riley, of San Angelo Army Air Field, is to meet Ted Powers, San Angelo cowboy and rodeo performer.

Qualifying Play For Golf Tourney Starts

Qualifying rounds for the Midland Country Club's annual invitation golf tournament started Monday morning and will continue through Friday, Gaither Nowell, club pro, said Monday. The matches will begin Saturday morning and continue through Sunday.

The big social event of the tournament will be a barbecue for tournament players and club members at 8 p. m. Friday.

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Walk Of 24 Miles Is Nothing To Old Timer

HILLSBORO—(P)—A walk of 24 miles is commonplace for Sam Hammer of Aquila, 103 years old. Once a month he comes to Hillsboro and if there's no one going his way he walks the distance.

A cowboy most of his life, Hammer quit riding the range as a full-time job in 1913. He quit riding horseback eight years ago but has decided he now needs a pony. It's not hard to walk the 24 miles; it just takes too much time.

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