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# YANKS TAKE 5 PACIFIC BASES

## TEXAS AT TOP \$40 PER BALE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER DRIVEN TO FARMERS

DALLAS, April 12.—Texas petroleum industry has put the Lone Star state at the top of the nation's \$750,000,000 synthetic rubber program, the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association says.

Before the war, the natural rubber industry centered around Akron, O. The decentralization of the industry comes about by the construction of new plants in the areas which produce the raw materials from which synthetic rubber is made. The Ohio area now ranks second to Texas.

The Texas synthetic rubber program represents an investment by the government and private companies of close to \$350,000,000. This sum is for the construction of seventeen plants. Eleven of them convert petroleum products into the base stocks from which synthetic rubber is made. The other six plants manufacture the raw rubber from the base stocks and process it for use in tires, tubes and thousands of other finished articles.

In terms of employment, the synthetic rubber program in Texas means steady jobs for about 7,640 skilled workers in these seventeen plants. The annual payroll will approximate \$18,000,000. Counting four persons to a family, this means that more than 30,000 Texans will get their living from this new industry. This number exceeds the population (1940 census) of Abilene, San Angelo or Tyler.

### SINGING CONVENTION.

J. B. F. Wright of Cisco announces that the West Texas Singers association will meet at Snyder, May 6 and 7 for what is expected to be its greatest convention of the year. The first session will be held Saturday night May 6, with an all-day session the following day. All singers are given a cordial invitation to be present.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS APRIL 24-25

Offering stenographers, typists, clerks and messengers good jobs with the war department in Washington, plus transportation and assurance of economical and comfortable housing accommodations, Lieut. Donald Hopkins and Lieut. Charles W. Mallender will be at the Cisco postoffice April 24 and 25, says Miss Elsie Moore, local civil service secretary.

Applicants must be 17 1/2 years old and must pass the civil service test in line with the jobs for which they apply. Tests will be given when application is made and graded while the party waits. Upon passing the test and after medical approval, those accepted will be hired at once. Men draft exempt will also be considered for this employment.

### HUBBARD DIED SUDDENLY.

A. B. Hubbard, district agent and long-time employee of the Texas company, died suddenly yesterday afternoon from a heart attack at his home in Abilene. He was one of the company's most trusted employees and a resident of Cisco in 1930-32, when he officed with William Reagan, local representative of the company.

He was a most excellent man and is survived by his wife. Mr. Reagan went to Abilene this morning.

### FOUR MORE PASS.

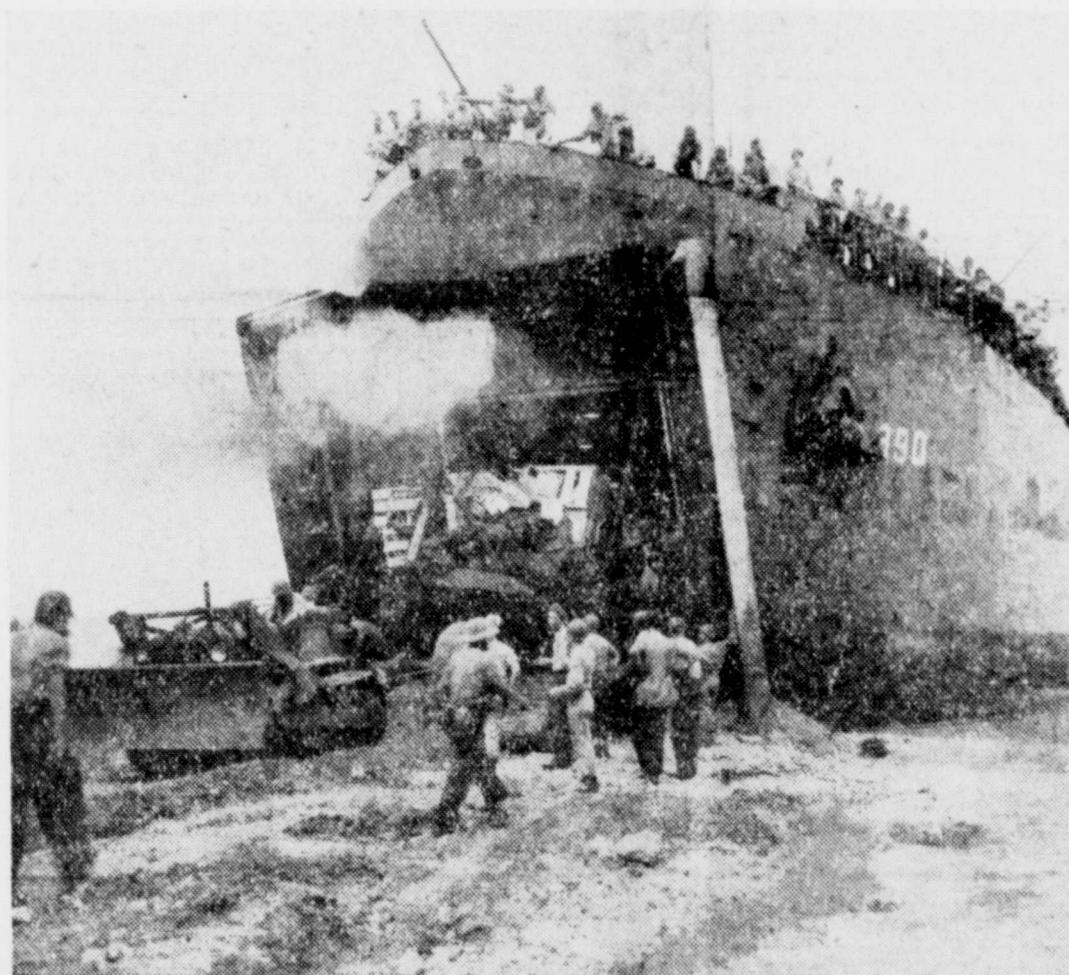
The Eastland county selective service board gives the names of the following young men who have passed the armed forces examination and are now in service: Lou Williams, Ranger; Wayne Glenn Wallace, Cisco; George A. Barker and Elbert N. Scott, Eastland.

### CLOTHES MAKE NO DIFFERENCE.

Claiming no one ever looks at her face anyhow, cigarette girl wears combination of welder's uniform and black net stockings to party launching Barry Wood-Patsy Kelly radio show, in New York. Tips from cigarette smokers ran as high as usual, she reports.



SHARP SHOOTERS—Knocking down elusive clay pigeons at Army skeet range, La Guardia Field, N. Y., helps men of Air Transport Command, 26th Transport Group, keep shooting eyes trained and lead judgment up to par. (U.S. Army Air Forces Photo).



BULLDOZER ON THE SCENE—LST disgorges bulldozer on Green Islands during recent Allied invasion. Ready for action, powerful machines are put to work by Seabees scooping out landing fields. (U.S. Navy Photo).

## BLOOD BOOTH BE OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY

The blood donor registration booth at Service Men's club, 516 D avenue, will be open again all day tomorrow for those who have not yet signed up to give a pint of blood, says Mrs. Homer Slicker, chairman of the registration committee.

Approximately 150 have signed the agreement out of a minimum quota of 200 who are to go to Eastland April 27 where the Red Cross mobile unit will receive the blood from donors.

### SCRANTON 4-H CLUB.

Scranton 4-H club boys' field day meeting of Monday was very satisfactory, says Floyd Lynch, county agent. Dairy judging was taught and the following young men placed the classes properly and gave a nice set of answers: Dale Boland, Philip Cornell, Paul Ray, Wayne Cozart, Lawrence Ingram, Charles Starr, Lewis Hull, David Stuterville, Homer Kirk Taylor, Charles Henderson. A number of those present are planning to attend the dairy show at Comanche, Friday of next week.



FOR VICTORY—Apprentice seaman at Farragut, Idaho, Naval Training Station, former movie actor Farley Granger pauses to make V for Victory symbol out of his long-handle underwear. (U.S. Navy Photo).

## STORM LOOMS OVER UNIVERSITY DOINGS

AUSTIN, April 12.—Troubles of Texas A&M College may seem trivial when a brewing storm breaks in full force at the University of Texas.

Regent D. F. Strickland of Mission sounded a warning of a coming hurricane when he declared at the last meeting of regents that the university's proper sphere is teaching and not carrying on a lot of extracurricular activities.

Strickland recently indicated a willingness that research should continue as a proper university function, but he is one of a committee trying to work out some plan by which the university and not individuals shall profit from research discoveries.

"Hot" topics at the university are many. Still unsettled is the complaint of the American Association of University Professors that certain instructors at the university were penalized for participation in a mass meeting at Dallas for discussion of labor difficulties. The professors attempted to present labor's side.

Racial equality is another. Strickland here last week exhibited a race equality booklet which he said is being distributed through the university Co-op. This could stir up plenty of trouble if the Texas public opened up on the subject.

The Co-op itself is another hot topic on the campus. Student members of the Co-op board recently voted for a flat reduction in textbook prices rather than a rebate system. That action since has been rescinded.

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES GET MOST LUMBER

DALLAS, April 12.—Lumber dealers must face a severe lumber shortage this year says Paul Sanderson, president of the Southern Pine association, who addressed a meeting of Texas lumber men here.

Sanderson said lumbermen are getting little lumber from mills, while government agencies are taking 85 per cent. He expected the government's demands to be stepped up as invasion plans progressed.

Gov. Coke R. Stevenson also spoke. He admitted the decrease of Texas timber and said more funds should be spent for forest appropriations.

### GET NEW ORDERS.

FORT WORTH, April 12.—Tarrant county draft boards had new orders from State Selective Service headquarters today rescheduling the April 10 order postponing induction of all men 26 or over regardless of occupation. The new order directed the boards to proceed with inductions in the entire 18-37 age group, excepting only those who are contributing to essential agriculture, war production or supporting war activities.

### SIX-POINT PROGRAM.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—While disclaiming any intentions of attempting to sit in on the peace table sessions, a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention plans next month to begin church work on a six-point program for peace. They will seek to mobilize the opinion of the church in sponsoring the program.

### PRISONER OF GERMANS.

BAIRD, April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart of Baird have been notified that their son, Tech. Sgt. J. C. Hart, radio operator-gunner on a Liberator based in Italy, who was reported missing in action over Germany, is a prisoner of war.

## TWO WAY AIR ATTACK LASTING HUNDRED HOURS ROCKED REICH AND LEFT VAST AREA BURNING

American forces, tightening the pressure on the Japanese in the Central and Southwest Pacific, seized five more bases in the Marshall Islands while U. S. destroyers joined in the almost continuous aerial bombardment of enemy supply ports on the northern New Guinea coast.

A fleet of destroyers, under cover of Lightning fighter planes, shelled the harbor areas around Hansa Bay, New Guinea, and heavy Liberators followed up with a 227-ton attack which a communiqué said left the enemy installations "thoroughly gutted and covered with smoke."

The destroyers also shelled Madang and Alexishafen, about 100 miles southeast of Hansa Bay, while the Liberators bombed gun positions in Uligan harbor, 12 miles north of Alexishafen.

In the Central Pacific, American forces seized Ailuk, Rongelap, Likiep and Utirik atolls and Mejit (New Year) Island, to complete a solid, 600-mile front between the isolated Japanese positions in the Marshalls and the enemy-held Carolines.

The occupation left only four important bases in Japanese hands—Wotje, Jaluit, Mili and Maloelap. A communiqué said four unidentified Japanese positions in the Marshalls were hit with 55-tons of bombs by Army, Navy and Marine fliers.

Southwest and Central Pacific bombers combined again in attacking the Carolines, and the Japanese said that Truk itself was raided by 20 American bombers. The targets around Truk announced by American quarters ranged from Woleai, 500 miles to the west, where two cargo vessels were damaged, to Ponape, 355 miles s to the east, and Ulul Island, 150 miles northwest.

It also is revealed that 442 Americans were killed, 1062 wounded and 10 were missing in the campaign on New Britain, in the Bismarck Archipelago, where Allied airmen continued their almost daily attacks on Rabaul, last important enemy bases on the island.

LONDON.—The greatest air assault in history passed the 100-hour mark as miles-long processions of bombers streamed out toward Europe in the wake of RAF night raiders that ripped the invasion defense railway junction of Aachen with 1680 tons of explosive and fire bombs.

Crews of planes arriving over Aachen during the final stages of the attack said huge fires were raging in the city. German night fighters tried to break up the raid, but most of them arrived too late to more than harass the bombers on their return journey.

American and British bombers from Britain alone since Saturday have dropped more than 11,200 tons of bombs on German aircraft plants and key communications centers in Germany, France and Belgium, both of which must be knocked out or at least severely damaged in advance of the opening of a western front.

More than 10,000 planes participated in the four days and nights of attacks, which left a trail of ruin across Europe and the French Atlantic coast to East Prussia.

MOSCOW.—Russian armies are sweeping through the Crimea at a pace promising its complete liberation in a matter of days after winning the bulk of its northern quarter and half the Kerch Peninsula in a lightning campaign, Soviet front dispatches said today.

Reports from the Black Sea front said there was no sign that the estimated 150,000 Germans and Romanians in the Crimea had the heart for a fight like the famous Russian stand at Sevastopol despite a purported order by Adolf Hitler to hold the peninsula at all cost.

Other military dispatches reported that Soviet troops who reached the Czechoslovak frontier had captured half a dozen towns described as "actually the key to the heart of the Carpathians," and hinted that Russian mountain fighters had penetrated the passes leading down to the Hungarian plain.

In Romania, other Russian forces forced a new crossing of the Siret River to capture the Pascani rail junction on the trunk line running north from Bucharest and strengthen their flanking of the Iasi rail center 41 miles to the east.

The German High Command reported that German and Romanian forces "further disengaged themselves to positions farther south" in the northern Crimea.

Military quarters reported that the pincers drive into the Crimea was sweeping the defenders backward "like chaff" except in the tough Ishum Hills positions before the central plains, which had been by-passed by the column striking across the Sivash Sea to Dzhankoi, rail junction controlling all lines in the northern Crimea.



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some of whom have been repatriated. Mrs. W. A. Cox told of the children in China.

Mrs. J. J. Porter, chairman, presided at a short business session with minutes of previous meeting read by Mrs. O. C. Lomax; treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Wm. Joyner. A new member, Mrs. M. E. Frye, was recognized.

Circle four of First Methodist women's society of Christian service met in the home of Mrs. Ed Huestis Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Cox, program leader, opened the meeting and presented Mrs. Joe Lovelady who brought an interesting devotional, following which she offered prayer.

Mrs. Leslie W. Seymour gave reports from Methodist Woman magazine of Chinese missionaries who have been held as captives,

al. which preceded topics concerning Baptist mission work in Palestine presented by Mrs. W. Frank Walker, Mrs. F. D. Wright, Mrs. A. D. Estes and Mrs. O. G. Lawson.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. O. L. Mason for the work in Palestine.

The meeting was then turned to Mrs. Paul Poe, president, who first thanked members for their thoughtfulness during the illness of her husband, who is now improving in health. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. E. J. Poe.

Members present were Mrs. C. A. Farquhar, Mrs. L. A. Harrison, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. Algie Skiles, Mrs. Paul Poe, Mrs. W. J. Poe, Mrs. Fred Grist, Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mrs. O. G. Lawson, Mrs. F. D. Wright, Mrs. A. D. Estes, Mrs. W. Frank Walker, Mrs. O. L. Mason, Mrs. F. E. Shepard, Mrs. E. J. Poe and Mrs. Kate Richardson.

AUSTIN WILL TRY TO TAKE CARE CROWD

REFRESHMENTS were passed to Mrs. George Atkins, Mrs. Oscar

Clelli, Miss Jo Gray, Mrs. W. R. Huestis, Mrs. Sam Kimmel, Mrs. Jim Latimer, Mrs. Rex W. Moore, Mrs. G. W. Troxell and Mrs. West.

MRS. A. D. ESTES HOSTESS TO CLASS.

Mrs. A. D. Estes was hostess to E. L. class of First Baptist Sunday school in her home Monday evening. Mrs. Cora B. Harris is teacher of the class. Following the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and a refreshment plate was passed by Mrs. Edna Grantz, daughter of the hostess.

Members present were Mrs. A. R. Day, Mrs. C. A. Farquhar, Miss

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