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ENGLAND CELEBRATES BIG NAVAL VICTORY AS JUGOSLAVS STAND PAT

Great Britain celebrated today the most notable naval success of the war—the crippling blow at Italy's battered fleet, as the Balkan events moved swiftly toward a showdown between Germany and Yugoslavia.

Belgrade reported that Yugoslavia found the tri-party pact unacceptable and would offer Germany a non-aggression agreement in its place.

There was no hint in Berlin that anything short of a complete swing by Yugoslavia back to a pro-Axis policy of the ousted Yugoslav government would be regarded as satisfactory. The odds against such a swing appeared to be almost astronomical.

German spokesmen and the German press laid emphasis on the maltreatment of German nationals in Yugoslavia and Germans and Italians were leaving the country as quickly as possible.

It was said that the German minister will return to the German capital shortly, while the Yugoslav minister to Germany has already gone back to Belgrade.

Events caused Hungary and Bulgaria to take special precautionary steps, the Germans said, adding they believed Bulgaria had ordered general mobilization.

Rome claimed Yugoslavia was mobilizing troops along the Albanian, Greek and Hungarian frontiers.

The Germans seemed to be placing great hopes on the possibility of a split between the Croats and Serbs, but Belgrade reported progress toward a strong Croat-Serb coalition in the face of the emergency was being made.

British foreign secretary Anthony Eden and Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Gen. John Dill, arrived in Athens for new conversations with the Greeks. It has been reported that Eden may go to Belgrade. Presumably the British are making last minute preparations for meeting a German attack upon Greece and Yugoslavia.

Nazi spokesmen said that the American action in taking over Axis and Danish shipping in the United States might have "historic" importance, but it was too early to say whether or not it was an act of war.

Ranger Girl Wins In State Contest

Jane Matthews of Ranger, winner in the American Legion's district and division contests, also won the state contest, which was held in Austin Saturday in the Senate Chamber. Judges of the contest, in which five divisions were represented, were from the speech departments of the University of Texas and Austin High School.

Miss Matthews will go to Amarillo April 14 to compete with state winners from Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. Winner of the inter-state meet will go to the national finals.

Anti-Convoy Bill Being Introduced

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—Senator Charles W. Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, introduced a joint resolution today to prohibit conveying of merchant vessels by United States warships.

THE RANGER TIMES
Has Guest Tickets For
Mrs. Nannie Walker
to see
James Cagney
in
"HERE COMES THE NAVY"
AT THE ARCADIA
TUES., APRIL 1st
Call at Times Office for Tickets
Not transferable. Good only date shown.

28 Per Cent Of The Draftees Rejected Because Of Health

AUSTIN, Tex.—Data released by the Texas State Headquarters for Selective Service reveal that out of the first 9,506 Texas draftees, 28.79 per cent, nearly one out of every three, were temporarily or permanently rejected for active service because of health defects. These figures show a slightly lower percentage of rejects than during the draft period of World War I, when 31.2 per cent of the men examined by local draft boards were rejected.

"On the basis of these figures, we find evidence of the tremendous task that lies ahead of us if the degree of physical fitness required for an all-out national defense program is to be attained. The professions of medical science and public health are utilizing every weapon at their command to improve the state of the Nation's health, but they alone cannot win the battle. The support of each individual citizen and his cooperation are invaluable in raising the health levels of the Nation and the State," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, stated.

Further examination of the medical reports on the first nine thousand Texas draftees provides statistical information on the most prevalent health defects and indicates where the greatest health hazards lie among the younger male population.

Of the 2,737 young men rejected for military service, or placed in limited service groups, 907, or 10.17 per cent of the total draftees, were placed in Draft Classification 1-B as having minor physical defects, perhaps remediable, which would make them available to the regular military service, but, if necessary, would allow them to be placed in limited service. In Class 1-B the physical impairments most commonly found were defects of the eyes, 153; scales hernia, 122; syphilis, 132; skeletal-muscular defects, 97; teeth, 90. The 363 additional rejections for various other physical defects brought the total of Class 1-B rejections to 967.

Classification 1-F (permanent rejection because of physical defects) numbered 1,770 persons. Out of this number, 540 were rejected because of skeletal-muscular defects, 235 because of syphilis, 189 because of impaired vision; 162 because of diseases of the nervous system, 126 because of heart trouble; 87 because of hernia; 85 because of teeth; 78, eye, ear, nose and throat diseases; and 378 persons rejected for other physical defects.

It is impossible to know without consulting the case histories of each individual rejectee to what his physical unfitness can be attributed. It can be established that there are many indications of improper childhood care, of harmful and debilitating personal health habits, of malnutrition and lack of attention to positive health measures.

The above figures are not without significance to every thinking citizen. They reveal that in the period since the World War the tremendous advances made in the field of medical science and public health have not had as positive an effect on the health of the public at large as is desirable or necessary if we as a nation are to have optimum health.

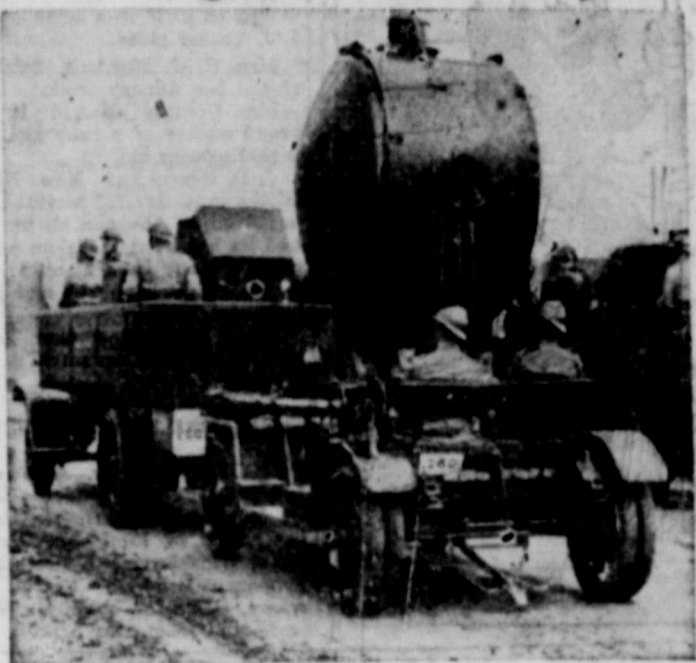
One obstacle to translating this knowledge into gains in health for the average citizen has been the difficulty of providing local public health services so that health control measures are available to all our communities, regardless of size, location, or per capita income. These work of public health units is limited primarily toward the emphasis on positive, radiant health, and in this manner contributions are made to the national defense.

R. E. Barker Hurt In Tank Accident

Word was received here today that R. E. Barker was painfully injured near DeLeon late Saturday when he was working on an oil tank.

Barker, who was taken to a hospital in Gorman, was reported to have sustained an injury to one eye when struck by a piece of steel. It was reported today that it was feared he might lose the injured eye.

Yugoslavia Deals Body Blow to Hitler



Anti-aircraft searchlights attached to Yugoslav army. Map shows how Yugoslavia is now in a position to strike a flanking blow at Germany's extended lines of supply in the Balkans if hostilities follow ouster of Yugoslav pro-Axis ministers. The anti-aircraft searchlights are attached to the Yugoslav army, which is the best in the Balkans.



Arrows show flanking threat.

Speculation Upon Use of 70 Seized Ships Is Rampant

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—Possibility of using the 70 seized Italian, German and Danish ships to relieve the shipping shortage in the Atlantic ranked first in speculation over the eventual disposal of the ships today.

Diplomatic circles wondered whether other Western Hemisphere republics would follow the example set by the United States and seize European ships in their ports.

The Maritime Commission and Coast Guard officials insisted the seizures were to prevent sabotage and was not preliminary to confiscation and use by the United States or Great Britain.

Seven Licenses To Marry Are Issued

The following licenses to marry have been issued in the office of E. V. Galloway, County Clerk of Eastland County:

J. D. Conn and Miss Juanita Brown, Strawn.
Bernard Hanna and Miss Margaret Wynne, Eastland.
V. H. Scott, Clyde, and Miss Eunice Maurine Tedford, Clyde.
Elmer Wright, Ranger, and Miss Lucile Baker, Ranger.
Maurice Hazard and Miss Lilly Parker, Staff.
Hoyle Reed, Carbon, and Miss Billie Jean Bush, Ranger.
George Boswell, Jr., and Miss Pauline Bowen, Brownwood.

Congratulations for Yugoslvas



San Antonio Man Buys Cisco Hotel

Records on file in the Eastland County Clerk's office show the transfer of the Laguna Hotel in Cisco, owned by the Laguna Hotel Company to G. Bedell Moore of San Antonio. A transfer of the furnishing of the hotel are also shown.

A Model Airplane Meet Is Scheduled In Hamlin, Apr. 19

Local model airplane builders have been notified of a model airplane meet to be held at Hamlin Saturday, April 19, to which they have been invited.

Both rubber band and gasoline propelled models will be flown in the contests, with prizes offered in all events.

CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD HERE TUESDAY

Candidates for city offices, in the election to be held tomorrow, today were making their last appeals to the voters to support their candidates as the hour for election nears.

All residents of the city who are eligible to vote in the election, will vote at the same polling place, in the City Hall building, it was announced today by E. T. Eubank, city secretary, who said there was some uncertainty among the voters as to whether or not the Young School polling place would be open.

In all cities, it was pointed out, only one voting box is used. Three of the candidates are opposed, but there is much interest in the other two races. Hall Walker, candidate for re-election as mayor, is unopposed, as are J. J. Kelly, candidate for re-election as water commissioner and Edwin George, Jr., candidate for re-election as finance commissioner.

In the other two races there are three candidates each. Sig Faircloth, who has been fire and police commissioner for two years, is a candidate for re-election. He is being opposed by L. H. Fiewel, street commissioner, who is also running for re-election, in opposition of Calvin Brown, who held the office for two years, and V. V. Cooper, Jr., who is running for city office for the first time.

The voters of Ranger were urged today by all the candidates to cast their ballots in the election Tuesday.

Soil Conservation Office Established In Ranger Monday

Offices of the Palo Pinto County Soil Conservation District, which extends westward to Ranger, have been established in Ranger and furniture and fixtures were being moved in Monday. Four men will be employed in the office.

Joe Stalin Won't Like This One Bit



Description Of A Slain Woman Sent To Police Officers

Local police officers have received description and pictures of a woman found slain near Spangler March 20, the descriptions being sent out in hopes that she might be identified. Her description is given as follows: Height five feet, one inch, weight 120 to 140 pounds, brown hair, 40 to 50 years old, false teeth, chip off front eye tooth on left side, small hands and feet, tip of ring finger amputated, wore navy blue dress of rayon material, jacket to match, patriotic emblem and eagle on sleeve, brass buttons of eagle design, gray fur coat, light blue felt hat, blue, toeless shoes, white gold 18 carat engagement ring, with small diamond, gold wedding ring, 14 carat, with diamonds.

Farm Problem Is Discussed At Cisco Meet

CISCO, Mar. 31.—More than 100 farmers and stockmen met here Saturday night with members of a Texas legislative committee gathering facts as the basis for a broad Texas agricultural program. A series of such meetings is being held over the state, under the direction of Rep. Ben Sharpe, chairman of the fact finding committee and author of the resolution authorizing the study.

Speakers included Sen. Marshall Formby, Lubbock; Rep. W. H. Rumpy, Winters, and Rep. W. R. Chambers, Brownwood, chairman of the house agricultural committee.

Reps. Omar Burkett and P. L. Crossley of Eastland County, at whose request the hearing was held here, also were present.

Agricultural leaders from a radius of several hundred miles joined in discussion. Statistical data illustrating the low income of the nation's farmers compared with other population sections was presented.

Concern was expressed by H. G. Miller, chairman of the Young county land use committee, at the movement of the farm population to the cities. Favor was expressed for the parity price as a means of increasing farm income.

Charles J. Kleiner, local rancher, struck at the poor international distribution methods, with other leaders, echoing a similar feeling.

The need for continuation of soil erosion control and also for more organization among farmers was cited.

Partial endorsement, with administrative AAA farm program. There was strong endorsement of the program for enabling the share cropper to purchase land with government aid.

Bill Would Make Strikes In Defense Plants Treasonable

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—Rep. Leland M. Ford, Republican, California, today introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, which would put strikes against the United States or in defense industries in the category of treason, punishable by 75 years imprisonment, or by death if the strikes caused death.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair, cooler in north and central tonight. Tuesday fair.

PLANE MAKING IN AUTO FIELD SEEN LASTING

By BERNARD CRANDELL
United Press Staff Correspondent
DETROIT.—There are increasing indications that the automobile industry will expand into the broadening field of commercial and private aviation after the present crisis is passed.

The possibility that car manufacturers would turn their vast resources into mass production of planes when the market assumed some proportions has been accentuated ever since they started giving aid to the hard-pressed aircraft companies for defense production a few months ago.

Many observers believe that an aftermath of the war will be a demand for "flier" planes by thousands of men who are trained as pilots in the defense program, and the automobile industry will not pass up this lucrative field.

In the rush to produce bombers, aircraft companies have sub-contracted much of their work to automotive concerns which merely take the blue-prints and go into production. The stimulus of these special aircraft divisions in the motor companies may be enough to turn them toward research and designs of their own when the defense situation has eased.

General Motors Corporation already has developed the Allison plane engine and has another division producing aero products, while the Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation are experimenting with plane engines of a powerful, new design. The Packard Motor Car Company, Buick, Studebaker, Hudson and Graham Paige are making plane engines or engine parts under license from aircraft companies.

General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Hudson, Briggs and Murray body are preparing to manufacture bomber parts and sub-assemblies and with this experience it is possible they will venture further into aviation if an expected market for small plane develops.

Ford recently announced intentions of developing a plastic "flier" plane, priced for the average family. Few manufacturers including the aircraft people doubt that Ford can do with a small plane the same that he did with his Model T.

General Motors owns a large block of stock in the North American Aviation Company and could easily push through mass production plans at that outlet.

It is pointed out, however, that few automobile companies have done research work in the aircraft field and some that formerly tried to go outside their own field eventually gave up. A broadened market would permit plane output on a mass production basis, however, and no other industry in the world can assemble a complete machine faster than automotive firms.

Ford with his huge tri-motor transport in the early '20s set an entirely new pace for the struggling aircraft concerns. He withdrew from the business later but always has been intrigued with the possibilities of making an inexpensive plane.

Miss Kimbrough Slightly Injured In Car Collision

Miss May Dell Kimbrough, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Kimbrough, 1118 West Commerce street, Eastland, sustained slight injuries about the head Monday morning when the car she was driving and one driven by a transient from Michigan, collided at the intersection of North College and West Main street on Highway No. 80. Both cars were considerably damaged.

WPA Employment Will Be Reduced 8200 Men April 1

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 31.—Employment on WPA projects in Texas will be reduced by 8,200 workers, effective April 1, bringing down the total number of jobs provided by the Federal agency in this state to 83,500. It was announced today by State Work Projects Administrator H. P. Drought.

The Texas employment reduction is in line with national WPA employment cuts, scheduled several months ago to go into effect during the spring and summer months. Other quota cuts are expected in May and June, Drought said.

WHO PAYS TAXES BEING BROUGHT OUT BY THE DEBATE ON TAX BILLS

By HARRY BERGE CROZIER
AUSTIN, Mar. 31.—Who pays Texas' taxes and why is being brought out with emphasis in the Senate state affairs committee's series of hearings on the House omnibus tax bill.

One of the most interesting discussions of where the money comes from was presented Thursday night by representatives of the Texas petroleum industry. An illuminating analysis of where any additional money is expected to come from under the omnibus bill also was given by witnesses for the industry.

Of the approximately \$31,207,961 which it is estimated this bill would raise in its present form, a total of \$12,000,000 (the analysis shows) would be in the form of sales taxes. These, of course, would be paid by consumers, as are the current cigarette, motor fuel and other sales levies. Included in the new sales levies would be additional liquor tax, liquor prescription, additional motor fuel, auto and stock sales taxes.

The remaining \$19,207,961 would be levied, supposedly, upon all Texas industry. But of this sum, the Texas petroleum industry alone would be required to pay \$15,508,961—or nearly 81 per cent. Witnesses protested at being asked to shoulder such a percentage of the tax load which would be laid upon Texas industry.

Particularly did the petroleum industry representatives feel that this was unfair in the light of their present proportion of State taxes. Witnesses testified that their industry is now paying 44.12 per cent of all State taxes, exclusive of poll and sales taxes, such as the gasoline tax, paid by the motorist. If the gasoline tax is included, petroleum and its products are bearing around 54 per cent of the State's tax load, they asserted. The Texas petroleum industry is now paying \$95,000,000 in State, local and Federal taxes, which the proposed \$15,500,000 additional would bring to \$110,500,000. That's approximately 40 per cent as much as all the workers in this Texas industry earn in a year in wages and salaries. It's almost as much as all Texas farmers and ranchers are paid in lease and royalty payments by the industry.

Incidentally, the importance of this industry to all Texas was brought home in the testimony. Today Texas petroleum furnishes the living of around 225,000 Texans, who with their families make up nearly one million persons, or one-sixth of the entire population of Texas. Payments to Texas workers and Texas farmers and ranchers total \$400,000,000 a year. That's a lot of money and when it changes hands a few times, it reaches almost everyone in the State.

The loading of additional levies upon the Texas industry which is paying such a considerable portion of State taxes already, the oil men declared, shows little recognition was given, in framing the proposed measure, to the law of diminishing returns. Last year, Texas, which has 56 per cent of all the oil reserves in the Nation, produced only 36 per cent of the Nation's oil. This is the smallest percentage it was shown, since 1931. Regardless of its commanding position in the matter of petroleum reserves, Texas evidently has no such monopoly as to protect it from losing a sizeable part

of the national market to other States.

That the present oil taxes may have something to do with this loss was indicated in the presentation of figures showing that Texas oil producers pay more total taxes on their production than the oil producers of all seven of the next largest oil States combined.

Texas producers now pay around \$44,000,000 a year in this one branch of the industry, while the seven other States combined collect \$40,000,000 in production taxes. Texas oil taxes now average 9.23 cents per barrel, it was brought out, while those of the seven other leading oil states are 5.78 cents a barrel. This shows, witnesses said, that Texas petroleum is already paying a far higher average tax than competitive oil. Some Texas oil producers testified they were paying 12 cents, 15 cents and even 20 cents a barrel in counties where multiple local taxes added to their State levies making the total amount alarmingly. It used to be said that "Texas that has, gets." Oil men are saying "Now it looks as if them that has, pays."

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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The World In Crisis

By Robert R. Herring

The situation in the Balkan States is of vital importance. The recent visit of Foreign Secretary Eden to the scene of action is evidence of the consideration with which England is approaching the matter. Turkey, officially still an ally of Britain, occupies along with Greece the vital positions in the present crisis. The Mediterranean sea control, the Suez canal and the Mosul oil fields are of paramount importance to all nations concerned in the European struggle. Today we find the forces of Germany menacingly glaring across the Bulgarian frontier at these two allies of Great Britain. The sympathies of Yugoslavia are also a questionable element in the crisis. A war on two fronts might prove disastrous to Germany. Hitler, never to Britain? All indications say "yes," but only the future to Britain? All indications say "yes," but only the future can give us the definite answer. Will Yugoslavia submit to Nazi domination without show of force as so many of her neighbors have done in the past? Will Great Britain be able to put sufficient troops in these states to forcefully oppose the German might? The next few weeks will answer a great many of questions concerning the Balkan situation.

The lend-lease bill appropriations are well under way in the House of Representatives. Will these seven billions of dollars send convoys composed of American ships and sailors to England with supplies, war materials, and actually planes and warships? If so, Germany threatens submarine warfare. The Germans have had time to build additional U-boats, train crews, and prepare new bases in the occupied territories from which British sea lanes are easily accessible. American ships in those waters will be in grave danger. How does the President propose to send aid to England? The answer to this question may bring the United States into actual conflict with the forces of the axis.

Japan's southward drive, which momentarily caused much concern in United States diplomatic circles, has slowed down. Some believe that Japan is now prepared to strike simultaneously with Germany, and that this "lull in activities" is the quiet which precedes the storm which will come with the large-scale axis movements in Europe. It is my belief, however, that Japan was merely being used by the major axis powers to draw the attention of the United States away from the European struggle. The quick opposition of the State department in Washington to the recent Japanese activities brought the the Tokyo leaders to realize the ulterior motives of Germany. Thus, the present "lull" seems to be an action on the part of Japan in waiting to see the effects of German strategy in Europe.

It's estimated that 2,350,000 babies were born in U. S. last year. That's a wail of a lot of youngsters.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



ALAMEDA

T. A. and Truitt Grice visited their sister, Mrs. John Shooks and family in Jacksboro some weeks ago.

Mrs. J. L. Bowen is visiting her uncle in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grice and son were in Ranger Saturday.

G. C. Pilgrim's sons visited them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin James have moved to their new home on the J. J. Tucker place.

Mrs. G. C. Pilgrim's relatives visited her Sunday week.

Mrs. Dorothy Melton is the proud mother of a baby girl. She is three weeks old.

J. D. Rogers and Miss Naomi Weeks were married recently. She has lived in Alameda all her life and he has lived in Salem all his life and they have many friends to wish them happiness and good luck.

Harry Deal and Cullen Lockhart were in Gorman Tuesday evening.

TURF NOBILITY HAS BURIAL PLOT LEXINGTON, Ky.—The only full-fledged cemetery in the United States for horses, containing the graves of Equipoise, Broomstick, Whiskbroom II, Peter Pan, Pennant, Prudery, Regret and others, is located on C. V. Whitney's stud farm near here.

Louis Go Winner's Dubious Reward



Max Baer and Lou Nova

A match with Joe Louis in September is dubious reward of winner of return 12-round fight between Max Baer, left, and Lou Nova, right, at Madison Square Garden, April 4. Nova cut up and stopped Baer in 11 rounds a year ago last June.

Currently Stylish



Alice Frost, attractive radio star recently placed on the list of the best-dressed women in America, wears a gray wool refter over a gray wool dress with thousand-gallicies. Her navy straw hat is trimmed with a halo of corkscrews and blue veiling.

TIMES PHOTO-FLASHES

A collage of various news photos and captions. Captions include: 'ACTION AT THE TRAINING CAMPS', 'QUEEN OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL', 'A PARACHUTE SAVED HIS LIFE', 'MOVIE STAR BECOMES A SLAVE', 'FROM DAYTIME IN TOWN', 'LONGEST STANDUP STRIKE ENDS', 'MIDGET NEWSBOY RUNS FOR MAYOR', 'TIDEWATER SOUTH'S GREATEST POWER PROJECT FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE', and 'GREETING OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE'.

ROSY BIRD

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for both horizontal and vertical words. The grid is partially filled with letters.

A crossword puzzle grid with a large illustration of a swan in the center. The grid is mostly empty.

Lake Shipping Is Ready For A Rush

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Anticipating one of the biggest Great Lakes shipping seasons in history, every executive, sailor, dockhand and ship chandler in Buffalo harbor is hopefully preparing for early vessel sailings. Although the season usually opens about April 15, most seasons expect it to begin at least a week earlier this year. Robert W. Sora, 36-year lake veteran and tug engineer for Connelly Bros., ship chandlers, even ventures to say that "things will begin moving about April 1."

Charleston, S. C.—Named defense project by William S. Knudsen, completion of giant Santee-Cooper Dam is being rushed. Will supply cheap electric power for Southern industries connected with the North by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

SERIAL STORY

DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS

BY EDITH ELLINGTON

YESTERDAY! Anthony evades questions as to how he discovered the Duchess was buying ponies. Then he tells her of his big idea. Co-ordination fashion in the budget department resources, hat, etc., with each one, and corresponding price. He catches his enthusiasm, promises to help.

CHAPTER XIX OR a full, hectic week, Beatrice and Anthony worked together on the Great Idea. Co-ordinated clothes, or "CC" as they later referred to it with the walls of Huntington's, led them on merry shopping tours of the main floor, during their lunch hours. They poked around in the jewelry, and handbags, and millinery. They compared colors, debated the great detail such as whether to have a belt with a flat bow or not, and honestly he called a tailored dress.

placidity. She whisked the dress expertly back into the case as Miss Dane went by. She re-rescued it. "Give this to Anthony. Dane's coming back in a minute." The packages with the hats and handbags and jewelry were already upstairs, outside the merchandise manager's office. Anthony made out slips for the dresses he was taking upstairs, signed them, and picked up the packages. "I wish you could come with me, Bee."

A MONTH ago, it would have seemed ridiculous to her that a man and a girl, ostensibly in their right minds, could be so dreadfully earnest—could even be praying—about a thing like this. "A month ago," she thought, "I'd have laughed at it." Yet the whole time she waited on a girl who wanted a bottle green dress and who should never have so much as approached any shade of green. Beatrice's mind was up there with Anthony. What had he done first—showed the ensembles, without a word, as Beatrice had urged him to do? Or had he begun to explain, and was she showing the ensembles afterward?



ALLEY OOP BY HARMAN



RED RYDER By Hamlin



Sales at 80 stores widely scattered over the state for February were 5.9 per cent above those of February, 1940, with women's specialty shops showing the only decline—0.7 per cent. Largest gain occurred in dry goods-apparel shops—18 per cent, with men's clothing stores following a close second—16 per cent. Large and small department stores—over and under \$500,000 annual volume of sales respectively—gained 5.9 and 7.5 per cent. Only two cities of the state—Fort Worth, 3.2 per cent, and Cleburne, 2.8 per cent—reported losses in sales in comparison with a year ago. Gains recorded in other major cities were: Abilene, 38.6 per cent; Austin, 6.8 per cent; Beaumont, 14.4 per cent; Dallas, 5.1 per cent; El Paso, 15.9 per cent; Galveston, 50.1 per cent; Houston, 5 per cent; San Antonio, 7.2 per cent, and Waco, 6 per cent.

Practicing for Cavalry?



Hank Greenberg gets tips from Ben White, veteran trotting horse driver, at Longwood, Fla., in what may be dress rehearsal for cavalry. Detroit slugger is in Class 1-A in draft.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY FELIX EDSON

WASHINGTON—A three-gun turret, attack on the triple problems of (1) building new factories in non-industrial areas where there is surplus labor supply, (2) finding more idle machinery to do the defense production job, and (3) putting idle men to work—that, in brief, is the Knudsen-Hillman Office of Production Management's hope for increasing factory output in the defense preparedness drive.

If the plan works, it may do a lot to spread defense money all over the country instead of concentrating it in the old, established factory areas from Worcester to Bridgeport, from New York to Baltimore, the steel and tool triangle from Pittsburgh to Cleveland to Cincinnati, the automotive area west of Detroit. Furthermore, if it works, it will save a lot of post-war grief, for labor will not have been concentrated in these small factory centers while this defense job is being done, then left to find its way back to the small towns when it's all over.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



Marine Band Dates Back Before The National Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Older than the national capital, the United States Marine Band can glimpse back over its stirring history of more than seven centuries.

ECKELS AND HIS FRIENDS



A Hunt For Soil Profits New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS.—An iris hunt on the swampy outskirts of this city several years ago resulted in reduced expenses for New Orleans' parkway commission and prettier flowers and shrubs throughout the city. Felix Seegar, superintendent of the commission, noticed the rich leaf loam of the soggy swamp lands and took a load of it back for experiments. Before, the commission had to use bagasse and peat moss to cultivate camellias and azaleas, for which this city is famous.

Retail Sales for February Showed Growth In Texas

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texans are not retrenching—if their purchases at department and apparel stores are any indication, University of Texas Bureau of Business Research statisticians said today.

Society Notes

J.O.Y. Training Union To Have Supper
A hamburger supper will be served for all J.O.Y. Training Union members at the home of their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Each one is urged to be present. The supper will be followed by a monthly business meeting at which time programs and socials for the coming month will be planned.

Band Club To Have Special Meet
The Band Club will meet at the band hall Monday, March 31 at 7:30 p. m. to complete arrangements for the annual banquet to be held Monday, April 7 at 8 p. m. in the dining room of the First

Methodist Church.
All parents of band members are requested to be present.

City Council of P.T.A. Postpones Meeting
The regular meeting of the City Council of the Parents-Teachers association which was scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, has been postponed because of the district convention being held on that day at Cleburne.

Girls Class Leads Department
Mrs. Compton's class of girls, age 14, of the First Baptist Church led the Intermediate department Sunday, March 30th with a grade of 86, thereby helping the department meet the Standard of Excellence.

CLEVELAND GRAYS 104 YEARS OLD
By United Press

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland Grays, military unit whose history dates back to the first American War, have celebrated their 104th anniversary.

CLASSIFIED

Employment Wanted—Female
HOUSEWORK wanted.—MRS. WATKINS, 203 Cypress St.

IRONING 25c dozen.—701 South Oak Street.

1—LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN
LOST—Brown and white Shetland pony.—1006 Young Street. Phone 394-W.

SPECIAL NOTICES
WANTED to be your Street Commissioner.—C. J. MOORE.

ELECTRICIANS
C. Y. D. O. Brown—Moffett Phone 41 or 46

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT
TWO ROOM furnished apartment with refrigerator and garage. 301 Hunt St.

PURNISHED APARTMENT
405 First Street.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment. 308J, 309 Elm St.

12—WANTED TO BUY
WANT TO BUY—Small steam engine.—Ranger Steam Laundry.

19—FOR SALE
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Society Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scagers, Misses Jo Belknap and Mildred Rogers spent the week-end in Lubbock where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pitchford, Jr. Mrs. Pitchford is the former Miss Louise Newman of Ranger.

Mrs. Frasier and daughter, Ruby, Mrs. Hall and son, Jim, Nellie Ivy and Norma Ruth Crabb visited Spot Frasier in the Camp Bowie hospital, Sunday. Spot is improving rapidly and is expected home Friday for a three weeks leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hicks and children spent Sunday in Glen Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wolford announce the birth of a baby boy this morning at the West Texas hospital. The baby has been named Charles David.

Miss Sue Gordon underwent surgery at the West Texas hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wolf and daughter, PECKY, are visiting in Gateville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mogge announce the birth of a baby girl Saturday afternoon at the West Texas hospital.

Miss Mary Croom spent Sunday in Mineral Wells as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jean Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Roberts and daughters, Virginia Ruth, Elizabeth Ann, Marjorie Bea and Rosemary, visited relatives and friends at McKinney during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews and daughters, Jane and Ann, were in Dallas Sunday to attend the flower show.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burrage of Dallas are visiting relatives in Ranger.

Linnel Croom of Dallas was the guest Saturday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Croom.

Word was received in Ranger this morning of the death of Mrs. J. B. Dodson of Paris, mother of Mrs. Roy Payne and grandmother of Mrs. David M. Phillips. Mr. Payne and Rev. and Mrs. David M. Phillips left immediately to attend funeral services which will be held at the Randolph Methodist church with burial at Mt. Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rigby had as their guests during the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemphill and daughters, Anne and Nancy Helen, of Rankin and Mrs. A. J. Baum and Mrs. Pratt of Abilene.

Home Defense Guard Will Be Organized
Battalion headquarters for the Home Defense Guard and Company B, of Ranger, will be organized at a meeting to be held tonight at the Armory building, it was announced here today.
Enlistment blanks have been received for Company B and everyone wishing to sign up for service with the company can do so by contacting Pleas E. Moore, first lieutenant, who has been transferred from Company B to battalion headquarters.

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Political Announcements
The Times has been authorized to announce the following candidates for positions on the Ranger City Commission, in the city election to be held April 1, 1942:

For Street Commissioner: CALVIN BROWN, V. V. COOPER, Jr.
For Finance Commissioner: EDWIN GEORGE, JR. (Re-election)
For Police and Fire Commissioner: SIG FAIRCLOTH (Re-election); E. N. (Dago) VARNER; L. H. FLEWELLEN
For Water Commissioner: J. J. KELLY (Re-election)
For Mayor: HALL WALKER (Re-election).

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Says 'Free Spain' Group Is Forming



The Spanish civil war has been over two years, but loyalists are still fighting totalitarian "intolerance and bigotry" according to Isabel de Palencia, above, who announced coming formation of "Free Spanish" force similar to de Gaulle's Free French. The former Spanish minister to Sweden and Finland, now a loyalist refugee, recently arrived in New York from Mexico City.

Brown Endorses Mayor's Program He Helped Start

Calvin Brown, candidate for position of Street Commissioner of the City of Ranger, today issued the following statement concerning his candidacy and the policies and projects being sponsored by the City:
I heartily endorse the Mayor's policy and the projects he mentioned in today's Ranger Times, and I am 100 per cent for his program.
In fact, while in the office of Street Commissioner, I helped to start this program, which is still being carried out, and I would like to be elected to the office of Street Commissioner once more in order that I may be able to work toward seeing them all completed.
During my tenure in office I was able to cooperate 100 per cent in securing \$100,000 in federal funds to carry on the work to help those on relief, and if elected again I will continue to work toward betterment of conditions in the city throughout every available means.
A vote for me means a vote for a man who has had experience in the office and who understands its problems. If elected I will work faithfully and hard

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Addressee At Last Receives His Mail

By United Press
ASH GROVE, Mo.—If Don Arnhart was reading a continued story in the periodical "Boys World" in 1920, he'll have the opportunity to finish it now.
Postmaster Fred Hulston found a copy of the periodical published Oct. 2, 1920, and addressed to Arnhart under the postoffice safe. It had been concealed by a plank on which the safe rests.
Hulston forwarded the magazine to Arnhart's present home in Illinois.

There are 17 retail stores to each wholesale establishment of the more conventional type, according to the Census.

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Pup's Protection



This big kennel doesn't appear to be much of an air-raid shelter for tiny pooch somewhere in England. Maybe he'll crawl un-

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