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Twenty Ships Went Down In Battle For Java

FLYING FORTRESSES ARE PLAYING A BIG PART IN FIRST FEINT AT ATTACK

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Foreign Editor
American Expeditionary Forces

Flying Fortresses, warships and troops played a leading role today in a spreading battle to stop Japan's offensive on the approaches to Australia and India. The presence of the United States forces in Australia was disclosed after weeks of censorship due to military necessity. It came at a time when Allied airplanes again were battering Japanese-held bases on New Guinea and New Britain Islands and hunting for an enemy armada.

The Australian Air Ministry said that bombers blasted at least enemy planes and caused extensive damage to enemy-held ports at Rabaul and Gasmata. Japanese planes attempting their attack on persistently heavy-bomb Port Moresby met heavy defences.

American air forces which had been active in the battle of the East Indies now are fighting from Australian bases but patches disclosed also that thousands of United States troops arrived there after weathering Japanese attacks on convoys moving through the Southwest Pacific.

American warships, it was indicated, aided in fighting off enemy attacks to convoys and it was reported that Japanese attackers suffered losses. In any event, the reinforcements reached their destination without loss.

The United States forces obviously are only a part of the total land and air armies needed to push back the Japanese attack to Australia and New Zealand and to keep open the American supply lines to the Far East.

Three Are Killed In Three-Way Wreck

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14 — Three persons were killed and two were injured early today in a three-way automobile collision at 11 miles north of Houston on the Dallas highway.

The dead were J. H. Wells, 39, driver of one car; J. E. Thomas, 55, driver of another; and Mrs. D. M. Thomas, 55, wife of Wells; Edwin Wells, 4, their son; Mrs. E. J. Thomas, 55, and Ed James, 42, of Conroe, driver of the third car.

At a recent meeting of the Eastland school board, W. G. Womack, present superintendent of the Eastland public schools, was named to that post. C. A. Herbig was re-appointed tax assessor-collector and W. D. Jeter was re-named coach.

Morton Valley To Have Club Meeting

The Morton Valley Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, March 17, in the home of Mrs. Thad Henderson, at 2:00 o'clock.

Gas Taxes In Texas Set Record

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14 — Natural gas taxes reached a record in February, State Finance Commissioner George Sheppard reported today. The February receipts for January production amounted to \$2,364,301,511 barrels, and the tax was \$246,310 on a total of gas valued at \$4,000,000.

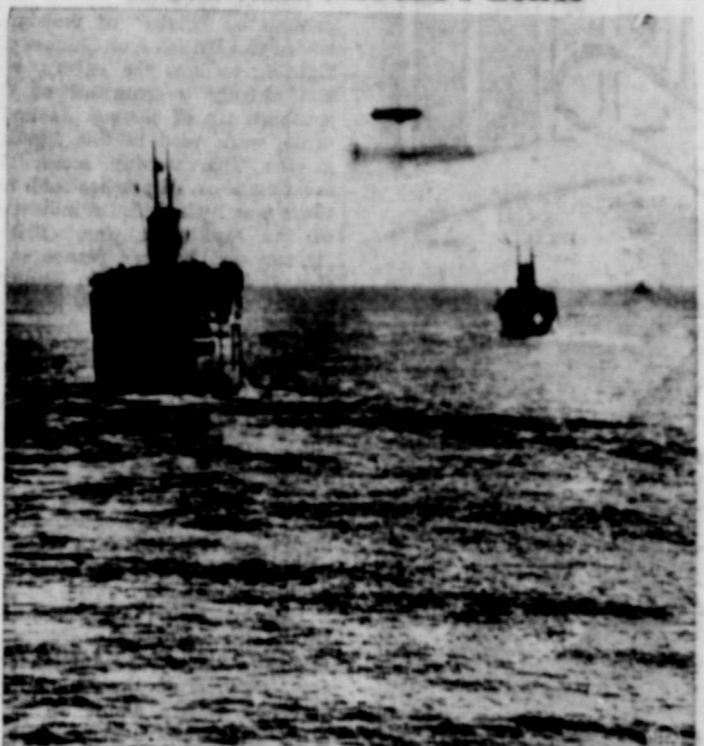
Plant To Be Discussed Soon

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14 — The chairman of the Texas Defense Industries Council today announced that Texas plans for a new industry will be discussed in a meeting in Washington in a few days.

Lower Speed Urged To Conserve Tires

WASHINGTON, March 14 — President Roosevelt proposed today in letters to state governors that speed limits of 40 miles an hour be established throughout the nation to conserve rubber.

'Somewhere in the Pacific'



A patrol blimp floats over two transport ships and a destroyer, right background, as a U. S. convoy makes its way toward the western Pacific battle area.

MAYOR WALKER REPORTS UPON STATUS OF DEFENSE PLANT ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTY

Editor's Note — Mayor Hall Walker of Ranger, who has recently returned from Washington, where he was working in the interest of Eastland county's bid for a defense plant of some kind, has submitted the following report of his activities to date, in order that everyone might know just what the situation is at this time. Mayor Walker is continuing his activities in an effort to secure a plant for the county.

Many people in Ranger are making inquiry about what chances we have for a defense plant and I am sorry that I have been unable to see all of them to tell them just what I know about a plant.

I have been to Washington three times working on a defense plant for our county. We were inspected one time for a shell loading plant that requires 30,000 acres of smooth land and they do not want it to vary in elevation more than ten or fifteen feet. Naturally we were turned down for the fact that we could not qualify even though we could

Norwegian Freighter Sunk Off Delaware

LEFES, Del., March 14 (UP)—Fourth Naval District officers announced last night the sinking of a small Norwegian freighter off the Maryland-Delaware coast, with the possible loss of six lives.

Morton Valley To Have Club Meeting

At this meeting Mrs. W. F. Crouch will give "The Travelers' Quis" and "Traffic Rules and Regulations" will be discussed by Mrs. R. W. Gordon.

Newsboy Sets Good Example For Elders

KILGORE, Tex., March 14 — Eugene Ellis, 16-year-old newsboy carrier for the New Herald, earned less than \$10 a week.

Drive For State Archives Started

AUSTIN, Tex., March 14 — Charles E. Gilbert Jr. of Houston has been named acting chairman of a statewide drive for a library of state archives.

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Army Probes A New York 'Raid' By Aircraft Gun

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Army today was investigating the "mechanical failure" of the automatic anti-aircraft gun that pumped eight shells into an empty sky yesterday and started a flock of wild rumors ranging from a submarine bombardment to a strange, big plane high over New York.

The only evidence of the shelling that remained was a chunk of stone blown from the Nassau Street Wall of the Equitable Building, between the 37th and 38th floors. All the army had to say publicly was:

"About 3 p. m. this date (March 13) one of the automatic anti-aircraft weapons located along the East River accidentally discharged eight rounds. As far as can be learned to date seven of these rounds are believed to have fallen into the river and one to have hit 120 Broadway, knocking out a few bricks. Preliminary investigation indicates that the accident occurred through some mechanical failure in the firing mechanism of the gun. Further investigation is being carried out."

The curious and the frightened tied up police and newspaper telephone switchboards with calls. More than an hour later, while dozens of assorted investigators swarmed about the scene of the explosion, one of the officers in charge of the battery telephoned police and explained what had happened. The excitement soon subsided.

Two Men Confess To Some Murder

MCKINNEY, Tex., March 14.—Sheriff W. E. Butten wondered today which of two persons who claim to have killed Rudolf Canan actually did the slaying.

Charged with the murder was Mike Alvarado, a Mexican who was returned from Fort Smith, Ark. In Washington, D. C., a 22-year-old mechanic reportedly has signed a statement that he shot the 25-year-old San Antonio athlete and dumped his body on highway 75 near Plano March 2.

Man Is Run Under (Correct) By Pickup

DALLAS, Tex., March 14 — E. P. Taylor, 75, Paris, Tenn., was walking along the railroad tracks when he fell through the ties on a trestle.

AEF IS BOLSTERING THE DEFENSES OF AUSTRALIA; U. S. PLANES LEAD RAIDS

By BRYDON TAVES
United Press Staff Correspondent
MELBOURNE, Australia, March 14 — American expeditionary forces are bolstering the defenses of Australia today and United States planes are leading battering attacks on a Japanese invasion spearhead that is thrust deep into the islands north of this embattled continent.

American troops have been in Australia for some time and have been enthusiastically welcomed by a nation that needs increasing numbers of reinforcements, including planes and tanks, to fight off the enemy thrust from the north and turn this continent into an offensive base for the United Nations.

Today's developments included the 13th Japanese aerial thrust against Port Moresby, the south coast base on New Guinea, island which the enemy apparently hopes to seize for direct assault on Australia. Allied planes have been striking back with damaging raids on Japanese air bases at Rabaul and Gasmata, on New Britain island, as well as along the north coast of New Guinea.

The renewal of attacks on Port Moresby emphasized the probability that the enemy will continue his method of striking toward the most logical goal — the north shore of Australia.

TWELVE WERE LOST BY UNITED NATIONS WITH TWO U. S. SHIPS SUNK

Tanker Survivors Reach Cuban Port After Vessel Sinks

CAMAGUEY, Cuba, March 14 (UP)—The survivors of a medium-sized tanker and a small ship, both American, torpedoed and sunk off the north coast of Camaguey province, have been landed in Cuba, it was learned officially today.

Nine crew members of the small ship were reported to have been killed and two seriously wounded by the explosion of the torpedo shortly after the vessel sailed with a cargo of Cuban sugar.

The chief of the government naval station at Nuevitas, Lieut. Eduardo Delatorre, said 36 survivors of the tanker had been landed there. He said they had spent one night in an open lifeboat.

Fifteen minutes after the first torpedo struck, they said, the tanker was rent by a "terrible" explosion and sank.

The American vice consul at Nuevitas, Milton P. Thompson, said that 37 survivors of the tanker had been landed, and that seven were missing and being sought. He said part of the small ship's crew had been landed at nearby Puntagando.

Travel Bill Cut For Federal Men In A House Bill

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP)—Rep. Mike Monroney, D., Okla., victorious in his one-man House battle to cut government travel expenditures, hoped today the triumph would precipitate a congressional economy drive for less expensive traveling by Federal employees.

Monroney, a second-term congressman, waged an apparently forlorn fight through nine days of debate on the agriculture supply bill to cut the agriculture department's travel allowance in half. But he won out just before passage of the bill.

He obtained approval, 95 to 65, of an amendment to restrict the total travel expenditures by the department during the next fiscal year to \$8,000,000 as against \$16,000,000 originally proposed.

Although the cut did not eliminate the \$8,000,000 from the total appropriation, Monroney said it set up three possibilities for further control: An item by item trimming by the Senate; the freezing of the restricted \$8,000,000 by the budget bureau or finally that "they might have to spend the money on the farm instead of travel."

Patten Home Near Eastland Burned

The home of Jim Patten, two miles southwest of Eastland, with all of its contents was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning. The origin of the fire is not known.

Members of the family were awakened by the heat and aroused the others barely in time for them all to escape.

Only a few personal belongings were saved. Mr. Patten was burned about the neck by a hot wire when he attempted to remove a radio from the burning building.

No insurance was carried on either the building or its furnishings.

JAPANESE HAD FAR SUPERIOR FORCE WITH NINE BIG CRUISERS PROTECTED BY 40 DESTROYERS IN 'BLOODIEST BATTLE EVER KNOWN.'

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14 — The biggest naval battle of the war, waged for three days around Java against a vastly superior Japanese fleet, cost the United Nations 12 warships, including the United States Navy Cruiser Houston and the United States Navy Destroyer Pope, the Navy Department announced today.

In their desperate but unsuccessful struggle to halt the Japanese sea-borne invasion of the Dutch East Indies, the warships of the United States, Britain, Australia and the Netherlands sank or damaged eight enemy vessels.

Texas Fields Lead In Down Trend In Output Of Oil

HOUSTON, March 14.—Texas oil fields led the sharp downward trend of national production for the week ending today with a drop of 433,250 barrels daily, the Oil Weekly reported.

National crude oil production was off 422,250 barrels daily from last week, to average 3,596,020, the magazine estimated; Texas fields were shut down four days out of the seven.

The sharp decline resulted from the slowing down of movements from the Gulf coast to the eastern seaboard because of tanker sinkings.

Texas shutdowns were in accordance with an emergency order of the Texas Railroad Commission and with prorations of crude oil purchases below allowable in Texas, New Mexico and South Louisiana.

National output dropped 286,680 barrels daily below the average demand for domestic crude in March as re-estimated by the Office of Petroleum Coordinator after the beginning of the month, the Oil Weekly said.

The week's trend: Arkansas, 69,950; California, 642,900; up 35,800; Colorado, 5,550; unchanged; Illinois, 323,150; off 12,950; Indiana, 21,900; up 1,800; Kansas, 234,400; up 1,500; Kentucky, 12,350; unchanged; Louisiana, 334,300; off 16,150; Michigan, 48,650; off 2,200; Mississippi, 9,650; up 5,700; Missouri, 125, unchanged; Montana, 21,450; off 200; Nebraska, 4,100; off 150.

New Mexico, 93,350; up 100; New York, 12,800; unchanged; Ohio, 9,700; unchanged; Oklahoma, 396,250; off 4,250; Pennsylvania, 47,850; off 3,350; Tennessee, 30; unchanged; Texas, 1,042,700; off 433,000; Utah, 15, unchanged; West Virginia, 9,450; unchanged; and Wyoming, 85,300; up 750.

Measles Epidemic Reported For State

AUSTIN, Tex., March 14 — The measles epidemic in Texas has reached a new peak, the State Health Department reported in its weekly morbidity statement issued here today.

Measles, mumps and chicken-pox are harassing schools and keeping doctors busy, it was announced.

Other communicable ailments other than dysentery, malaria and pneumonia, were following closely the median for the past seven years, the report said.

James J. Bradford Dies At Gorman

James Jefferson Bradford, 81, for the past three years a resident of Gorman, was buried Monday at Dobbs Valley near Brazos following his death at Gorman.

Born near Gadsden, Alabama, on Nov. 19, 1861, the deceased came to Palo Pinto county January 25, 1877. On March 28, 1897, he had the misfortune of losing his right leg while at work for the T.P. railway company.

Survivors include his widow and one son, Amazon, instructor in the United States air service.

Child Killed While Playing At Tag

CLEBURNE, Tex., March 14—Betty Jo Roy, 5, and her sister, Mary Beth, were playing tag.

Betty Jo Tripped. Within a few minutes she died from a broken neck.

The girl was buried yesterday.

United States — Houston and Pope.

Netherlands — Cruisers Java and De Ruyter and the Destroyer Kortenaar.

Britain — Cruiser Exeter and the destroyer Encounter, Stronghold, Electra and Jupiter.

Australia — Cruiser Perth and the sloop Yards.

The loss of five cruisers by the United Nations was a particularly heavy blow.

The Japanese losses included: One cruiser sunk, another hit and left aflame a Mogami class cruiser set afire and left possibly sinking, another cruiser damaged, one destroyer sunk and three set on fire and left sinking.

Since the start of the Pacific War United States warships and Navy and Army planes have sunk 88 Japanese warships, transports and auxiliaries, according to unofficial tabulations up to the time of today's summary of the Battle of Java.

Today's announcement provided, in graphic detail, the story of the battle waged at a time when many were asking "where is the United States fleet?"

Outnumbered from the start, the United Nations force was pitted against at least nine Japanese cruisers, including two of the 10,000 ton Natl class, spiked with 16-inch guns, and protected by two flotillas—perhaps 40—of destroyers.

The United Nations fleet included five cruisers protected by destroyers.

It was a battle of extreme violence, with first one force and then another attacking. Smoke screens were thrown out and ships disappeared behind their black folds, never to be seen again.

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Strikes Still

An audience of 130 million sits in on the War Labor Board's fact finding hearings on the "little steel" dispute involving 175,000 workers. That audience grants the nominal importance to both sides of "union security" and a \$1 a day wage increase. But above all that audience demands that not one of those 175,000 workers lose one hour's work because of the quarrel.

After Japan struck, labor pledged; no strikes; industry pledged; no lockouts.

Yet unofficial War Department statistics indicate mandays lost in strikes on Army war orders will total 32,700 for the first days of February. That does not include time losses for which employers are liable. In Cleveland, for example, an aluminum company did not immediately put back to work many men who had gone on a two-day strike. The strike was unjustified—because today no strike is justified—but the failure of the company was equally bad.

The 32,700 man-days lost last month may not seem important compared with hundreds of thousands of man-days lost each month before Pearl Harbor. But they are important to that audience of 130 million. And the fact that time lost increased over January—when "only" 8000 man-days on Army contracts were forever wasted—does not ease the situation.

Perhaps failure to obtain \$1 more a day would work hardship on employees.

Perhaps granting of "union security" demands would work hardship on employer.

Hardships? Well, that is a word we must all learn the meaning of before we win this fight. Some of us have already learned it to the fullest—the gobs bombed to bits at Pearl Harbor... the marine ground into the sand of Wake Island... the Filipino machine gunned on the streets of undefended Manila... the soldier dying on Bataan that his comrades might fight on... these and more.

Others of us have learned it already—the mother opening a wire beginning "The Navy Department deeply regrets"... the Pearl Harbor widow working in a Los Angeles warplane factory... the families, sweethearts and friends parting... the American war prisoner laboring in Japan... the men leaving good jobs for \$21 a month... these and more.

Heavy defeat of the attempt in the House to suspend extra overtime payment above 40 hours a week "for the duration" indicates governmental adoption of a clear policy may not be an immediate prospect.

Those 130 million don't like that. They want this "little steel" disput settled quickly and clearly.

They want a definite government labor policy that will stop — somehow — the flow of wasted man-days.

They want labor to live up to its pledge; no strikes. They want industry to honor its promise; no lockouts.

They want employe and employer to realize this is war — for slowly the 130 million are coming to know this themselves.

An agency finds married men make the best collectors. They know all the excuses.

The average life of a coin is 25 years. That's what it gets for traveling so fast.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THIS WAY TO THE EGRESS

PHINEAS T. BARNUM,

SHOWMAN EXTRAORDINARY, EMPTIED HIS MUSEUM MORE QUICKLY THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF MORE CUSTOMERS BY HANGING THE ABOVE SIGN OVER THE EXIT DOOR!

CRATING EGGS

UNTIL 1909, AMERICAN WARSHIPS WERE PAINTED A SLARING WHITE!

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES SAY THEY'RE GOING OUT FOR AN ODDER TRACK! Says BOBBY ALBERT, Freshman, B.



The Animal Trainer



Mayor Walker-

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of water. I made inquiry what else might be built by the Government and was informed there might be in the program to build another small shell loading plant in the future, however, the Ordnance Department said they did not have orders to do this at this time, and I asked them about submitting a brief on a shell loading plant. They stated they would be glad to receive any brief we wished to submit but did not want us to submit the same location we submitted before. It must have 30,000 acres not penetrated by any pipe lines of any kind, telephone lines, high lines or underground cable. It must not have ledges of rock under the surface due to the fact that rocks are not good to place railroad tracks on as the vibrations might cause explosions. It must be close to a railroad. Colonel Holmes in the Ordnance Department told me when I left he had twenty five applications for a shell loading plant all the way from North Carolina to Texas and Texas had four applications not including ours. I must admit this is not encouraging in any manner, however, I do believe we should submit a brief for a plant. As I see our situation in Eastland county, things are not bright by any means. Business is not quite what it was this time last year and we should not be disappointed if business should get less than last year's sales. We do have the power, the gas, the people, the housing situation and the transportation sufficient to qualify for a plant and I feel that by building another lake we would have sufficient water and maybe we can find a better location than the one submitted before. I do not think we should quit trying to get something for our county, however at this time I can't think of a thing we could qualify for other than the plant mentioned above and I am not too certain that we can qualify for this particular plant and I know we have a lot of competition in Washington due to the fact there were twenty-five applications

Kite Flying Is Dangerous Around Electrical Wires

Boys and girls who fly kites have a patriotic reason this year for keeping their kites away from electric wires, A. N. Larson, manager of the Texas Electric Service Company pointed out. Aside from the danger to themselves, the tangling of kites in the wires and unwise attempts to dislodge them can cause serious interruptions to electric service that may shut down factories engaged in war production, according to Mr. Larson.

"To safeguard our boys and girls, and at the same time, to prevent interruptions to vital electric power service in war time, we urge that kite flyers observe these safety rules: 1. Never fly your kite near electric lines. 2. Use only plain dry cotton string. 3. Do not run on or across highways when flying kites. 4. Do not climb poles or throw rocks to dislodge entangled kites."

Mr. Larson reminded kite flyers that it was dangerous to fly kites with wire or tinsel covered string, or to use any wire or metal in the kite frame. Even flying a kite with wet string is dangerous, for wet string will carry electricity. He announced that if a kite becomes caught on a wire or pole, a call to the electric company office will bring a lineman who will remove the kite if it is possible.

when I left and probably more now. I do feel like our efforts have been worthwhile on the NYA program. Much of the program is being discontinued over the United States, but Ranger will continue as it has in the past, and we are going to increase the number as our girls' school will be re-instated before this month is over and our shops may put in more hours in the future than they have in the past. At present this program is spending approximately \$7,500.00 per month and may be increased some by additional students.

Hall Walker, Mayor, Ranger, Texas.

Old Shoe Works Sometime BUTTE, Mont. (UP) — John Turk believes that less drastic measures than the use of fire arms should be employed in the dispersal of howling cats. He tried with a shotgun and blew off two fingers. The cats still howled when he called the doctor.

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Flying Fortresses-

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several days ago by Axis submarines. Thus the Axis radio propagandists put the two together in a vain effort to prod London or Washington into disclosing the real facts.

On the Burma fighting front, guarding the approaches to India, the British and Chinese were attempting to stabilize a front against the Japanese about 70 or 80 miles north of Rangoon. This, it was emphasized, was not a solid front in the sense of an unbroken line.

Instead, there are a number of centers or "blobs" of resistance where the British and Chinese are fighting to halt the enemy, who has already overrun all of the southern tip of Burma; Japanese tanks were used in this fighting in the Tharawaddy sector for the first time, dispatches said, but there was little definite indication of the results so far. British fighter and bomber planes were still active, aided in counter-attacks on the Japanese mechanized forces.

In battles between Chinese and Japanese in Honan Province, in China, the Japanese were reported to have suffered considerable losses near Singyanchow and were forced to withdraw.

The Russians also were closing their grip on the Central Front, dispatches reported, with the German position at Vyazma more seriously threatened.

Britain's Royal Air Force continued its "sustained offensive" against Axis war production centers, striking at the Hazebroeck Railroad center about 35 miles from Calais and heavily bombing Cologne in Germany. Large fires were started at Cologne, where some of Britain's heaviest bombs caused extensive destruction.

Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public offices, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For District Clerk JOHN WHITE

CLAUDE (Curley) MAYNARD

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1 HENRY V. DAVENPORT

Criminal District Attorney EARL CONNER, JR.

For County Treasurer: MRS. RUTH (GARLAND) BRANTON.

For Sheriff: LOSS WOODS

JOHN HART

JOHN C. BARBER.

For County Judge: W. S. ADAMSON

For County School Superintendent T. C. WILLIAMS

C. S. (CLABE) ELDRIDGE

For Constable: L. J. (LUKE) HARDIN

Constable Precinct No. 2 RAY FAIRCLOTH

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SERIAL STORY

KINGS ROW

BY HENRY BELLAMANN

CURLEY ABSCONDS

CHAPTER XXI
DRAKE walked across the lawn and stopped to straighten a row of sea shells that bordered a rectangular flower bed near the drive. It had been his Aunt 'Auntie's favorite spot. All of her pet plants flourished here. It was looking a little withered just now, but of course it was late September. He'd get the place fixed up—have the house painted and the low picket fence taken down. There were really many repairs to be made. No wonder the house didn't rent. He had never looked at it closely before. It was dilapidated, that's what it was—downright dilapidated.

When he returned, Mr. Wakefield waited on several customers. Then he called Percy Davis. Davis was a round-faced, elderly man who had been in the Farmers Exchange for many years. "Yes, sir, Mr. Wakefield." "Come on back to the vault with me, Percy."

"Which is Mr. Curley's box?" "Right up there, Mr. Wakefield, that brown one."

"Has he another?" "No, sir. He keeps all of his personal papers in there, and the three—no, four estates he's executor and trustee for."

"I see. Hand it down here to me a minute." MR. WAKEFIELD took the box and hefted it. "It's empty."

"Davis stared, his little button mouth making a perfect O. Mr. Wakefield spoke casually. "Percy."

"Yes, sir. Yes, sir." "There's no use you and me trying to fool each other. We've got to face this in a few hours, anyway. Might as well be now."

Percy sat down on the low ladder. "Yes, sir. I guess so."

"Well, unless I'm mightily mistaken the president of the Farmers Exchange has skipped out—probably with everything he could lay his hands on!"

THE Farmers Exchange scandal was the prevailing sensation for a month. There were all sorts of stories and rumors. The bald fact remained: James Cuthbert Curley, president of the Farmers Exchange Bank, had stolen money and run away. Presumably he had gone to Central or South America. Efforts were being made to find him but no one was particularly hopeful of success. Certain bank funds were missing. Stockholders would not lose anything, but the trust funds were gone. Drake McHugh was penniless. The house on Union street was his, and Mr. Wakefield arranged a mortgage so that Drake would have some funds to live on for a while.

No one guessed how bewildered he'd be by this ill fortune. He had simply never thought about money at all. He sold his horse and buggy, and began to look for a job. No one wanted him.

Kings Row watched. Like any pack of the wild they waited for the victim to falter. But they were at least temporarily dispirited. Drake looked as usual. He whistled as he walked. He was persistent in his search for work. He was offered a job at the livery stable, but he hadn't come to that yet. He stayed on at the house on Union street. Only when he was inside of it with the doors closed did he show his deep disquiet.

He made Randy promise not to let Parris know. No use troubling Parris. It never occurred to him that Parris had money and he didn't. It was simply that he didn't want Parris bothered about this. Then, of course, he'd get it all fixed up some way pretty soon.

But Drake did not "fix things up." The winter passed, and he had no job. He tried for anything he thought he might be able to do. Everywhere the men he talked to were good-humored and jocular—sometimes a shade contemptuous. By spring he was becoming sensitive. He avoided mention of a job unless he was actually making application.

Then he began to pretend he wasn't looking for work. He left the boardinghouse and cooked his own meals. At first he made a frightful mess of it, but later he improved. When Randy found out about it she came sometimes late in the evening and helped him. She put the rooms in order and taught him something about helping himself. By the end of the summer his cash was running alarmingly low.

Now he did his own washing, and dried the clothes in the kitchen on so no one would know. People said Drake McHugh was drinking.

"Yes, sir, I saw him staggering out of Fritz Bachman's luncheon room just last Saturday. Drunk as a fool."

Fritz Bachman's luncheon room, which was patronized by railroad men, was also a convenient "blind tiger."

Somehow Drake found himself going rather often to Fritz Bachman's place. Sleep came with increasing difficulty. He had made it a habit to stop by the smelly little luncheon room when he left Randy's house at night. It was directly on the way home. He changed a few rough jokes with Fritz, gulped a glass of whisky, and went home. Randy knew nothing of this.

(To Be Continued)

OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



Jap Commander in Philippines Freckles and His Friends By Blosser



Big new offensive against Batavia is expected as Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore, takes over as commander of Jap forces in the Philippines.



Priorities Handicap Chemistry Students

AUSTIN, Tex.—Financial and priority handicaps are keeping the University of Texas' newly completed chemical engineering building from being used for students now, although it was scheduled to be ready last fall. Office furniture has been obtained for most rooms, and eight of them are now in use. But the laboratories are unfinished, and Dr. John Griswold, professor of chemical engineering, believes necessary equipment would be difficult to get even if the money became available now.

Paint Shop Has Colorful Crew

SACRAMENTO, Cal. (UP)—Pvt. Cleo Green was accustomed to wisecracks about his name because he was caretaker of the paint shop at Mather Field. When he was transferred the jokesters had reason to be doubly funny. The new caretakers were Pts. J. P. Black and R. E. Brown.

ALLEY OOP By Hamlin



CHURCHES Quick Work By The Fire Department Prevents Bad Fire

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Woolie Mickey, Preacher
SUNDAY: Bible Study, 9:45 a. m. Preaching and Communion, 10:50 a. m. Sermon Subject, "Obedience." Young People's meeting, 7:30 p. m. Evening Service, 8:15 p. m. Sermon Subject, "Solomon's Search for the Best Life to Live."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
E. N. Scarlett, Pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:45, G. C. Boswell, Supt. Morning Worship, 10:55. Subject of message, "Keep On Growing." Evening Worship, 8:00. Subject of Message, "Seeing the Unseen."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. David M. Phillips, Pastor
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. T. J. Anderson, Supt. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Sermon by Pastor. Associational Training Union meeting this afternoon at Cisco, 2:45 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
H. B. Johnson, Pastor
Church School, 10 a. m. with Lawrence Bryan, Supt. Golden Rule Bible Class, taught by the pastor. Communion, 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, 11:15 a. m. Subject, "Coming Back to God."

The Ranger Fire Department did quick work, in spite of the headway a fire at Aishman's Grocery, Blackwell Road, got before it was discovered and an alarm turned in.

A double garage, in which hay was stored, was destroyed, when the fire department's trucks arrived four buildings, including two residences, the garage and the grocery. When the trucks arrived time was taken to hitch up the booster pump, in order that ample water pressure could be assured, and the fire was quickly extinguished.

The rear of Aishman's grocery was damaged on the outside, although stocks of sugar were removed in time to prevent water damage or fire loss; one corner of the Aishman home was burned and a two-story frame residence was scorched slightly.

Because of the headway the flames had before being discovered, the fire department did excellent work in keeping damage down to a minimum.

WEDNESDAY: Prayer Meeting, 7:45 p. m. Choir Practice, 8:30 p. m.
FRIEDLANDER CHURCH
W. M. U. Ladies meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3:30 for Bible Study and business meeting. Junior G. A. meets at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Junior R. A. meets at the church Monday night at 7:30.

STATESMAN

Word puzzle section with 'HORIZONTAL' and 'VERTICAL' lists of words and a crossword grid. Includes clues like '2, 4 Pictured statesman' and '11 Kind of soup'.

Junior College Wins One-Act Play Contest

Ranger Junior College was awarded first place by all three judges in the District 5 One-Act Play Contest held in the Recreation Building Friday evening, March 13. Weatherford Junior College, under the direction of Lamar Cooper, presented the farce, "Not Tonight" by George Riggs and Mannix Walker. Ranger Junior College, under the direction of Mrs. Hal Hunter, presented "The Perfect Gentleman" by Anna Best Joder. Those taking part in the play were Glenn Rex, Doris Verage, Doris Dudley, Berta Lea Pickett, and Donald Barton. Not appearing on the stage was Dora Leveille, the promoter, to whom much of the success of the play is due because of her faithful, efficient service behind the scenes. The cast of the Ranger Junior College play and the directors will go to the State One-Act Play Meet of the Texas Public Speaking Association to be held in Hillsboro, Friday, March 20.

Homemakers Go To An Area Meet

The Ranger chapter of Future Homemakers was represented Saturday at the West Texas Area meeting in Breckenridge by six of its members accompanied by their sponsor Mrs. D. Warren Craik. The girls attending were Bonnie Vea Roark, president of the Ranger chapter; Veallia Bea Roark, Dorothy Hatton, Betty Gallagher, Betty Jo Ward and Laura Weisen. The girls presented a playlet entitled "Accidental Hike" which gave pointers on practical first aid. The Ranger chapter is affiliated with the state organization of the Future Homemakers of Texas. The all-state rally of this group will be held in Dallas April 17 and 18. Hundreds of new war songs have been offered to Tin Pan Alley. What we need is bullets, not ballads.

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Society Notes

Young People Complimented at Dinner

Mrs. C. E. May entertained at her home Saturday evening at 8 o'clock with a dinner party complimenting her son and daughter, C. E. May Jr., Miss Marie May and their guests. Miss Martha Spears of Honeygrove and Miss Mary Frances Fitzgerald of Ennis, who are here from the University of Texas for the week-end.

The three course dinner was served at a table covered with a white satin Damask cloth centered with a large silver bowl filled with golden calendula and lavender stock. White candles in silver candelabra lighted the table. Vases of japonica and pussy willow were used in decorating the living room.

Guests for the occasion were, Miss Betty Jean McMillan, Miss Spears, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss May and Messrs. Watson Frasier of Strawn and his guest, Sam Keyer of Ennis, Pat Rinkson of Strawn and C. E. May, Jr.

Golf Association to Meet

Ladies of the Oil Belt Golf Association will meet Tuesday at the Ranger Country Club for an all day meeting. Matches will begin at 9:30. There will be long driving and putting contests, with tea served at 2:30 and a business meeting to follow.

Cooper P. T. A. to Meet Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Cooper School Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the school Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A surprise program by the mothers has been planned and all members are urged to attend.

Chatter Box

We learned by experience this week that those red and blue spots adorning the appendages of most women around town are not a form of war paint, but rather the result of trying to learn to ride a bicycle. And to add insult to injury, after fighting the bicycle all over our end of town, the husband suggested that we had better stop as he was afraid that we might hurt the bicycle.

This modern generation is full of surprises for us old folks. Recently a mother stopped at one of the local schools to get her fourth grade son. Not seeing the young man about she beckoned to a little girl of the same grade. She was informed by the young miss, that only the "females" were dismissed on time, that all the "males" had to "stay in". It really gets under our skin to hear a supposedly good American speak of the war with this, "Well, if this war is going to be won, THEY had better get busy." After all, this is OUR war, not THEIRS.

Word comes from Catherine Rayway of Maracaibo that she is a bit jittery after the recent raids on Aruba. Miss Cia Flays Morgan, a young lady about town who finds interesting things to do with her time has been selected as a counselor and art instructor for the summer session of the Alpine Lodge in Alabama.

Bomb Volcanoes To Expert Geologist Beat Japs Advises

HAMILTON, N. H. (UP) — A university professor has an original scheme for ending the war with Japan — start Nippon's volcanoes erupting.

Dr. Harold O. Whitnall, professor of geology at Colgate University, asserts that aerial bombs could burst the plugs in the "throats" of volcanoes.

The pent-up pressure of gases in the bowels of the volcano, he says, would send lava tumbling down on Japanese cities and might produce earthquakes and tidal waves.

PERSONALS

People and what they are doing make news and we want that news for our paper in order to better serve the readers of the Times. No matter how unimportant the things you do, may seem, they are of interest to others. Call 224 to report any item of Personal Mention, society or general news.

Tom F. McManus of Washington, D. C., formerly of Ranger, was a visitor in Ranger Saturday. Mr. McManus, who was formerly in the insurance business here, and Mrs. McManus are visiting relatives in Eastland. He is now in the office of Leon Henderson, Price Administrator.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson and son, Albert, have returned from New Orleans where Dr. Jackson attended the New Orleans Graduate Medical Assembly.

Miss Doris May and C. E. May, Jr., students at the University of Texas, are spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May. The young people have as their week-end guests, Miss Martha Spears of Honeygrove, Miss May's roommate at the University and Miss Mary Frances Fitzgerald of Ennis.

Mrs. J. H. Greer and son Jerry Bob returned this week from Cassville, Mo., where they attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. Greer's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Paul Wallen and son of Austin.

Mrs. J. A. Stacks is visiting relatives in Abilene.

Bill Hodges, a student at A. and M. College, is spending the week-end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ross Hodges.

Kenneth Peck who has been a patient in the West Texas Hospital was removed to his home Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber is spending the week-end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Finto and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Champion are spending the week-end in Fort Worth where they are attending the Fat Stock Show.

Word has been received of the birth of a baby girl to Mrs. W. B. Hassenfuss in a Fort Worth hospital. Mrs. Hassenfuss will be remembered as the former Miss Audrey Jones, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones.

Gene Flewellen of Kelly Field is the guest of his uncle, L. H. Flewellen and Mrs. Flewellen.

Miss Willis D. Sherrod of Strawn is the guest of Mrs. H. C. Croom.

Mrs. Hugh Dawley has returned from a visit with relatives in West Texas.

Miss Bernice Croom has returned to her home in Martin after spending the week with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Croom, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Herwick are spending the week-end in Dallas.

Miss Darphurn of Morton Valley underwent surgery at the West Texas Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Chester Rogers has as her guests her father, J. M. Coley and her sister, Mrs. Sid Reid, both of Hollis, Oklahoma.



THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES

This is another of a series of articles, which will be published weekly, each Sunday, in the Ranger Times, giving interesting facts, figures and information about the leading business and professional men of Ranger. The next article in this series will appear in the Times next Sunday.

Fourteen years after he came to Ranger to accept a position in the shoe department of Hassen Company, Emmet L. Martin owned his own store, in the same building in which he did his first



E. L. MARTIN

day's work here. Although strictly speaking Martin could not be called one of the old timers in Ranger, still 16 years residence would qualify him as one.

And for 15 years Martin was saving his money, putting it away in the hope that one day he would realize his dream and own his own store, preferably in Ranger. That the dream came true was due largely to his sticking to the same idea through each of those long 15 years.

But E. L. Martin was not always a shoeman, though his merchandising experience dates back almost as far as he can remember.

Born in Angelina County, in East Texas, his family moved to Como, near Sulphur Springs when he was still young. It was at Como that he received his schooling, and where he worked in the grocery store owned by his father. His first job, aside from helping his father, was delivering newspapers.

He continued to work in his father's store until he was 14 and then worked for a time on a farm. His family moved to Wellington, in the Panhandle and from there to Weatherford, where his father continued in the grocery business until his retirement.

At Weatherford Martin first became associated with the shoe business, which he liked so well that it has become his specialty, although he handles a general line of merchandise in his store. Whenever one goes into the store he can usually be found in the shoe department. His first shoe job in Weatherford was with the W. H. Bowden and Sons store, and he was there only a year when he was made manager of the shoe department.

In 1926 Martin accepted a position in the shoe department of Hassen Company, which was located in the same building in which he now conducts his own store. After four years he went to Joseph's as manager of the shoe department and after nine years branched out into the shoe business with T. T. Notzras as his partner. This partnership lasted but a year, when Martin again branched out into his present business.

Upon leaving Weatherford and

coming to Ranger he sold the home he had built there, and bought one in Ranger, which he still owns.

In 1924 Martin attended, and graduated from, the National School of Orthopraxy, at St. Louis, Mo., and received his diploma in October of that year. The school teaches the construction of the human foot, about the arches of the foot, the study of shoes and proper fitting of shoes. In addition he has attended a number of schools sponsored by makers of arch supports, and foot remedies, in order that he might learn as much as possible about feet, which is one of the principal things to know about proper fitting of shoes.

Martin married Miss Ellie Lee at Weatherford, and the couple have four children, Mrs. Aubrey Carver, who lives in Cisco, but

British Women Ask Share In Income

LONDON.—A bill that will give women legal right to share in the family income has been drafted for presentation to parliament. Dr. Edith Summerskill, M. P., announced the reform and pointed out that under present conditions the housewife is entirely dependent on her husband and has no legal right to any part of his income. Moreover, the only way workers conscripted without pay have been housewives.

who continues her duties with E. L. Martin Co.; Leldon, who also works in the store; Jimmie and Charles David.

Martin is a member of the Lions Club, though he does not attend regularly, on doctor's orders, was a director of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce until his health prevented him from taking an active part in the organization's work, is a Mason and a member of the Baptist Church. He is still a director of the Ranger Retail Merchants Association, and is active on many civic committees from time to time.

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