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Unified Command

THE British have reached a strategic decision which should have been obvious for more than two years. They have decided to create a combined operations staff and give it control over every branch of the fighting service—army, navy and air corps.

In view of the Germans' success with a similar plan, London's decision seems belated. Yet we in the United States can not be too critical. There is no evidence even yet that we have learned the lesson.

Total war is not a game in which different branches of the service compete for the glory of carrying the ball for the winning touchdown.

The object of total war is to beat the enemy to his knees and impose our terms upon him—in this instance, to defeat the axis so completely that we can preserve freedom and democracy where they will still remain, and restore them to the victims of axis aggression.

THE Nazis, planning their career of conquest, recognized this in advance and organized accordingly. When Germany goes on the warpath, ground troops, air force and, where possible, naval craft are utilized as integrated elements of a single machine. They are co-ordinated—not merely relied upon to co-operate.

More and more, through a sort of loose co-operation, the British and we have been seeking to achieve the integrated functioning which has done so much for Hitler. Now Churchill's government concedes that unified control over all fighting forces is essential.

Douhet was right. The Italian military genius had been dead some nine years when this World War began. Before he died—that long ago—he had pointed out with unassailable logic what we are just learning.

True, as he has been quoted, he urged that the air force be divorced from both Army and Navy and put on its own. But, and this is overlooked, he urged that all three services be placed under a supreme commander-in-chief with a national defense general staff which would be neither army nor navy nor air force, but would control all three.

A little worry is a good thing—provided it doesn't cry at night.

It cost millions to crown the Emperor of Japan in 1928. We'd gladly crown the whole empire today for nothing.

Chicago retailers have agreed to ban fancy boxes next Christmas. Even ol' Santa is going to co-operate.

A reformer is a man who wants things his own way.

"Poor Devil, I must Remember to Send Him a Card"



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Six Foundation Blocks of The Upper Leon Soil Conservation

The six foundation blocks of the soil conservation war program—six ways in which the conservation of land resources are shortening the days of Hitler and Hirohito—are outlined in a message from Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of the Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service of Washington, D. C., to the farmers (and ranchers) of the Upper Leon Soil Conservation District.

"Conservation on this side of the ocean means salvation for those on the other side," declared Dr. Bennett, whose 39 years of work with soils of the United States have caused him to be recognized as the world's No. 1 authority on soil conservation and its benefits. Here are the six ways in which conservation of soil and water are hastening the day of Allied victory, according to Dr. Bennett:

- First, conservation of soil and water means greater yields from our cropland, pasture, forest, and range.
- Second, conservation means putting every acre of land to work on the production job it is best suited to perform. Different lands are suited to different kinds of production. Conservation means producing the crops on the lands where the most satisfactory results can be obtained.
- Third, conservation means the elimination of waste in farming—the elimination of wasted soil, water, fertilizer, seed, or of any other elements of productive capacity.
- Fourth, Conservation means increasing the area of tillable land.

THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON
 NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK.—Well, Herbert Bayard Swope finally got the race track proprietors to name the amount—\$2,000,000—and to promise that the sum would flow directly from tracks, owners and breeders.

The public's reaction to that, however, is "Nuts!" for the Executive Committee of the Turf Committee of America neglects to say how and when the money will be raised for Army Emergency and Navy Relief.

The people want something tangible from an unnecessary sport. Committee is still debating:

1. Percentage of the profit at the end of each racing period.
2. Several days selected out of each meeting from which all profits will be given to the fund.
3. A self-imposed assessment on per capita attendance.

That is like saying: "I'm going to break down and give \$5 to the Red Cross some day when I have \$50 in my pocket."

HOW much clearer the racing magnates would make themselves, for example, if the large-hearted blocks would come right out and say: "First we'll turn over our share of the breakage. It doesn't belong to us, anyway."

That would be something definite. Breakage, as any horse player knows, are the odds cents over a dime on a negotiable mulet ticket.

Based on last year's figures that would account for \$508,777.56 in New York alone, the tracks having kept that amount of money in which they had no right, and turned an equal sum over to the state.

Why don't the tracks do something that race-goers can see and understand?

All they have to say, for instance, is that they'll turn over the profits on the third race every day.

Instead of that, those running the works sit around discussing conditions and methods of raising the money,

U. S. POSTMASTER-GENERAL

<p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>15 Pictured U. S. Postmaster-General.</p> <p>16 Observe.</p> <p>17 Dickens' character.</p> <p>18 Uriah.</p> <p>19 Letter of alphabet.</p> <p>20 Tellurium (symbol).</p> <p>21 Man's name.</p> <p>22 Concerning.</p> <p>23 Tree.</p> <p>24 Musical syllable.</p> <p>25 Australian bird.</p> <p>26 See.</p> <p>27 Stove part.</p> <p>28 Still.</p> <p>29 He is a member of the President's.</p> <p>30 Finish.</p> <p>31 Couple.</p> <p>32 Verbal.</p> <p>33 Lyrical poem.</p> <p>34 For.</p> <p>35 Twice five.</p> <p>37 Cartograph.</p>	<p>Answer to Previous Puzzle</p> <p>16 Signs.</p> <p>18 Witty saying.</p> <p>20 First woman.</p> <p>24 Head covering.</p> <p>25 Ventilates.</p> <p>26 Cook over fire.</p> <p>27 Famous.</p> <p>28 Light brown.</p> <p>32 Place of business.</p> <p>33 Clock's face.</p> <p>34 Animal.</p> <p>37 Joined.</p> <p>38 God of war.</p> <p>39 Rix department super- vises.</p> <p>42 Fathered.</p> <p>44 Nothingness.</p> <p>45 Fraud.</p> <p>47 Conducted.</p> <p>48 Doles out.</p> <p>49 Suffix.</p> <p>50 Fish eggs.</p> <p>52 Steel.</p> <p>53 Street (abbr.).</p> <p>54 Philia.</p> <p>56 Precious stone.</p> <p>58 Come in.</p> <p>59 Turkish weight.</p>	<p>17 Witty saying.</p> <p>18 First woman.</p> <p>24 Head covering.</p> <p>25 Ventilates.</p> <p>26 Cook over fire.</p> <p>27 Famous.</p> <p>28 Light brown.</p> <p>32 Place of business.</p> <p>33 Clock's face.</p> <p>34 Animal.</p> <p>37 Joined.</p> <p>38 God of war.</p> <p>39 Rix department super- vises.</p> <p>41 Weird.</p> <p>43 Bright color.</p> <p>44 Striped animal.</p> <p>46 Cry loudly.</p> <p>48 Groan.</p> <p>51 Cloth measur form.</p> <p>52 Music note.</p> <p>53 Meadow.</p> <p>54 Vermont (abbr.).</p> <p>55 Therefore.</p> <p>56 Parent.</p> <p>57 Lieutenant (abbr.).</p>
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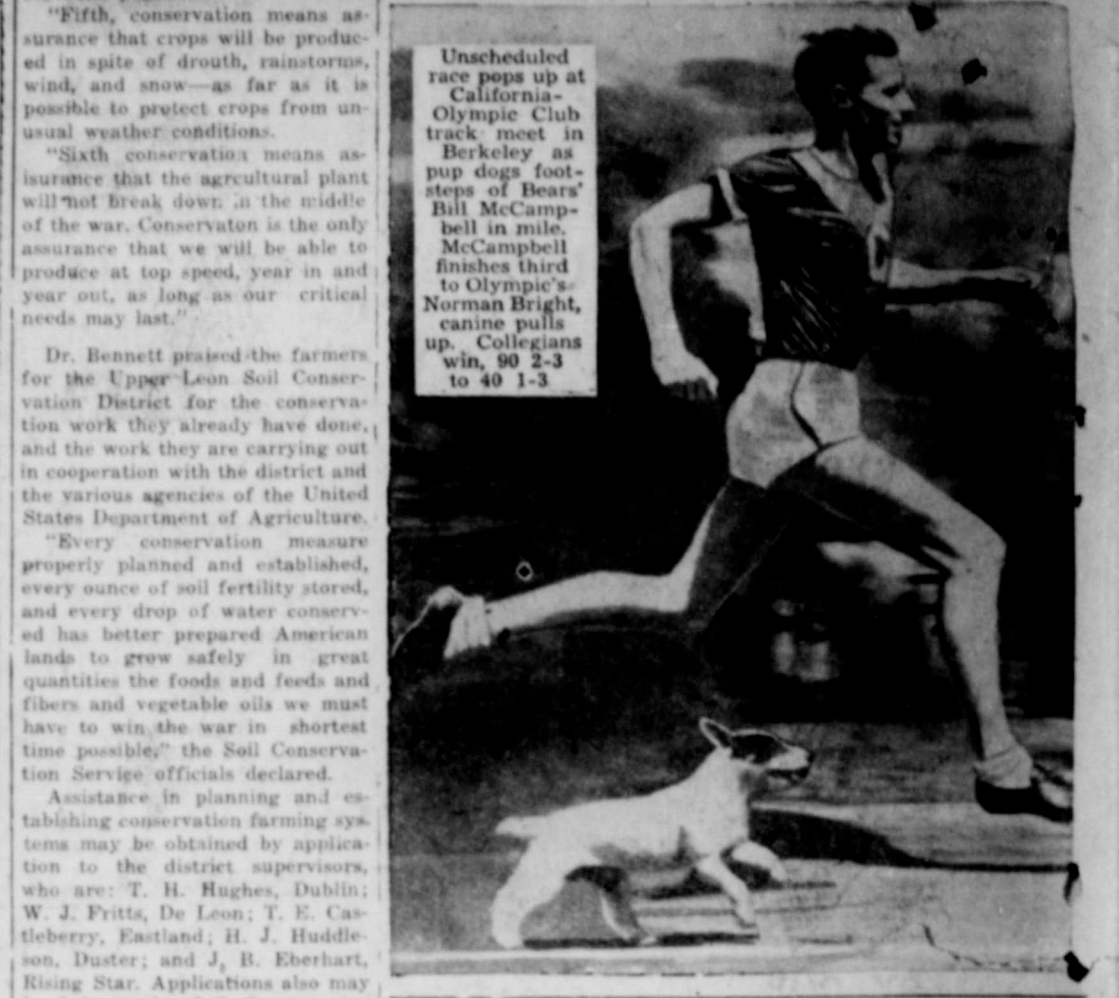
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Dogging His Footsteps



Unscheduled race pops up at California-Olympic Club track meet in Berkeley as pup dogs footsteps of Bears' Bill McCampbell in mile. McCampbell finishes third to Olympic's Norman Bright, canine pulls up. Collegians win, 90 2-3 to 49 1-3

Bonus Offered for New Fields May Be Amended

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—The Texas Railroad Commission's bonus offer for wildcat oil wells that discover new fields likely will be amended.

Commissioners look favorably on the request of independent operators in southwest Texas who propose the change, and probably will act on the matter within a few days.

The recent offer was to allow 40 barrels of oil to be produced daily from each of the first five wells in a new field for each 1000 feet of well depth, for a period of six months. After that the wells would be prorated like those in older fields.

The operators soon found two objections to the arrangement. They found that many of the discovery wells could not make 40 barrels per 1,000 feet of depth, and they found it difficult to finance wildcat drilling operations with the larger production guaranteed for but six months and limited to five wells.

Now they propose that the allowance be reduced per 1,000 feet but that it be allowed to the first 10 wells in a new field and that it be in effect for a year.

Commissioners say they see no fundamental objection to the change and that the change was not authorized when first requested in order to get a fair test of the results under the 40 barrel, five-well, six-month plan. Henderson Conquest of Beville presented the petition to the commission for the change.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

NIAGARA FALLS HAS BEEN PUTTING ON ITS SHOW FOR ABOUT 25,000 YEARS!

IT IS THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA AS FAR WEST AS YOU THINK!

A LINE DRAWN STRAIGHT SOUTH FROM WESTERN COLORADO WOULD RUN INTO IT!

BUY WAR STAMPS AND LIKE THE OTHER SIDE, SAYS WILLIAM SOENIS, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN.

NEXT: The missing city of Cibola.

Co-ordinators Are Losing Cast to Czars As War Effort Demands Men With Authority

BY PETER EDSON
 NEA Service Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Paraphrasing a Will Rogers crack of the last war, what Washington needs is more women who will do anything for the cause except marry a co-ordinator. The way Will said it was that some girl "confessed she'd do anything for her country except marry a second lieutenant." But that was the last war, which was won by second lieutenants, and in this one the question, so far as Washington is concerned, is whether the war at home can be won by co-ordinators or will it be czars? Don't call them commissars yet. Commissars are still supposed to be nasty men.

The drift in Washington since the war began has been away from the co-ordinator and toward the idea that what the country needs is more czars or, in plain words, bosses.

The office of Defense Housing Co-ordinator has been abolished. Charles F. Palmer held that one as long as he or perhaps anyone else possibly could, trying to co-ordinate the activities of 17 assorted government housing agencies without having any authority. In Palmer's place is a boss, an administrator, John B. Blanford, Jr., who heads a National Housing Authority that has say-so.

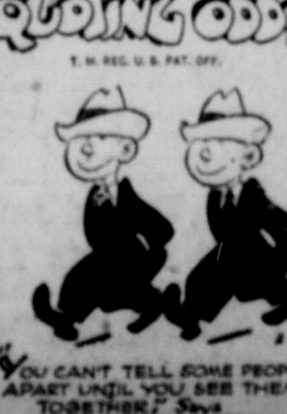
Lieut.-Gen. William S. Knudsen was little more than a co-ordinator when he was head of the late OPM, though his title was co-director. Either way, he had no authority and in his place today there is the War Production Board with a boss, Donald M. Nelson.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

ANCIENT MAD MAKERS PLACED WHARVES HERE AND THERE ON THEIR MAPS TO FILL UP THE LARGE BLANK SPACES WHERE THE WORLD WAS UNKNOWN.

THE GIRAFFE SETS ITS NAME FROM "ZIRAFAH" AN ARABIC WORD MEANING GRACEFUL.

YOU CAN'T TELL SOME PEOPLE APART UNLESS YOU SEE THEM TOGETHER! SAYS MAJOR W. E. BUTON, VERMILION, ALABAMA.



KEEP BUYING DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS

Freckles and His Friends



By Blosser

RED RYDER



BY HARMAN

ALLEY OOP



By Hamlin

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



THINNER AND THINNER

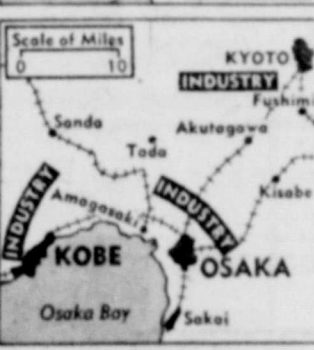
Twenty Two Songs for Average Singer Included in List

AUSTIN—The Texas State department of Education has selected 22 songs that it suggests should be sung in public schools.

Others on the list are: America, America the Beautiful, The Eyes of Texas, Old Folks at Home, Dixie, Home on the Range, Get Along Little Dogies, Down in the Valley, She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, I Want to Be Ready, In the Evening by the Moonlight, Cielito Lindo, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Faith of Our Fathers, God Bless America, Let Me Call You Sweetheart and Long Long Trail.

American sailors call their coffee Joe, Java or Jamoke.

Targets in Japan



More bombs may be falling on these vital industrial areas of Japan, first targets of allied air attack. In the Tokyo-Yokohama and Kobe-Osaka areas are concentrated a big share of the enemy's industries and many air and naval bases.

To France



Hitler is reported transferring one of his top generals, Karl von Rundstedt, above, from the Russian front to France to combat increasing disorders there and perhaps prepare against possible British invasion.

Car Hop Queen Will Be Selected At Galveston, May 3

GALVESTON—(UP)—Another few days and Galveston will crown a "queen of car hops."

But a year ago something new was tried. The beach officials brought the prettiest girls from the drive-in hamburger stands of the Southwest to Galveston and in a gala ceremony Miss Jeannette Deal, 22, Oklahoma City, was chosen "Glam Burger Girl" of 1941.

The state liquor board had complaints that some of the girls at drive-ins were wearing so little that the young bloods were having a hard time finding the straws in their strawberry sodas—their eyes being elsewhere busily engaged.

Refund For Victory Sundae MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—Ice cream manufacturers of the North west have a new dish—the "victory sundae." Made of red, white and blue ice cream, it will sell for 25 cents—and the purchaser gets a 10-cent defense stamp in change.

EASE KIDNEY PAIN THIS WAY TO AVOID GETTING UP NIGHTS

Take famous Doctor's herbal tonic to help wash away pain-causing acid sediment. Feel better last!

Are You Still Waiting— for the times to get just right to buy a home? Like going to the dentist or mowing the grass, the sooner one starts and gets the job done, the better. See us today for the better way to buy and pay for your own home.

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Anti-Japanese Sandmen



The Army's jeep cars prove again they are no flash in the military pan by successfully negotiating sand dunes, some of which are 160 feet high, at Camp Story, Va.

Construction Has Activity In March

AUSTIN, Tex.—After a slump during February, Texas construction activity stepped up during March by 29.2 per cent, University of Texas Bureau of Business Research records show.

Building permit levels for March were 29.2 per cent above February, and were 3.1 per cent above the corresponding month for a year ago.

Sparks is the name sailors give to radio men on board ship.

SERIAL STORY

FRANTIC WEEKEND

BY EDMUND FANCOTT

MYRA MACK had spent two days on the lake shore near Montreal. It was not a pleasant thought to be facing the city, hot and humid, the office, stuffy and dripping with Monday problems, after a cool, indolent weekend.



Illustrated by George Scarbo

"Look at those lips," said the soldier as though he had known Myra all his life. "I am looking," said Myra. "They look as if they had been put on with a rubber stamp."

his shoulders were the pips of a lieutenant. "Look at the eyes," he said in a low voice. "I am looking," said Myra. "She uses mascara. Too much for a face like that."

At that moment the train clattered into the station with clouds of gray smoke soiling the summer morning and a flood of noise drowning out voices.

MYRA MACK'S critical gaze checked each flawless detail of the other girl's appearance with the cool calculation of any shrewd woman appraising another. The pattern, the casual pose, were perfect.

"Cut it," said Myra, with an abruptness that surprised him. "It's Monday morning."

"Well," said Myra, "it happens that I could double in everything including apes for a film star whose face is as familiar as a fresh salesman. Now don't laugh—it's true. She's not one of the beautiful ones. She's one they throw in for contrast—you know the kind. Face that has everything, all in the wrong places."

(To Be Continued)

