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Hitler Line Threatened at Two Points

WINS MEDAL, CLUSTER



Pictured above is First Lt. Frank Hatten, son of Mrs. G. L. Hatten, of Eastland and husband of the former Miss Fannie Dell Swaney of Ranger, who has been given an Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to the Air Medal which he recently won. Both came shortly after his promotion to first lieutenant.

Lt. Hatten is the pilot for a B-17 Flying Fortress. The citation with the cluster read in part, "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Drunk Takes Over Traffic Direction

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—A police whistle and a drunken man with a whimsical sense of humor tangled traffic here almost inextricably.

Deputy sheriffs said the man staggered out into a busy intersection and began directing traffic "with the help of the whistle." He turned the traffic into a dead-end street and let it pile up. Apparently satisfied with his job, the man gave a final toot on his whistle and shouted: "Now get out of that—if you can."

YOUNGEST WAR WORKER

BONHAM, Tex. (UP)—The county clerk here believes he has discovered what is perhaps the youngest war worker.

He received a request from a Dallas war worker for a copy of her birth certificate. The date given for the applicant's birth was February 22, 1944.

OLDEN VETERAN TELLS OF THE INVASION OF ITALY

MCCLOSKEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Temple, Texas, May 16.—"My buddies over in Italy wanted whoever of us came back to the States to tell the people exactly what is happening over there and the horrible days and nights of fighting they are experiencing," Pfc. Maxie W. Bockman of Olden, Texas, a member of the 36th Division, said upon his arrival at McCleskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas.

The twenty-six-year-old infantryman was mobilized with the national guard in November, 1940 and received his training with the 36th before going overseas in April, 1943, from New York. The group landed at Oran and received amphibious and mountain training in Africa until the time of the Italian invasion.

Landing with the first wave at 3:30 the morning of September 9th, Bockman's outfit was bombed and shelled with artillery fire from the time they were about six or seven hundred yards from the beach. "After crawling about a hundred yards from the beach I reached a small cove, which I crawled through. As I stepped on the bank four Italian men and women and a small child ran up to me and started yelling 'Americano, Americano,' and kissed me. They were that glad to see us," Bockman added.

"The next morning four of us began looking for our company. Striding down the road, we saw a German tank coming toward us. We ran into the woods, and where should we be but the German headquarters. As soon as we realized this, we started out in the opposite direction. Five German

BANQUET TO BE HELD THURSDAY NIGHT AT 8:15

Tickets for the Chamber of Commerce banquet which will be held at the Recreation building Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock, are being rapidly sold, and as there are a limited number to be sold, persons who wish to attend the banquet should purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

The banquet will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church and a specified number of plates have been arranged and after tickets for these have been sold no more will be available.

Jeff Williams of Chickasha, Oklahoma will be the speaker and as one of the outstanding speakers of the country, will have an interesting message for the audience.

David D. Pickrell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will be toastmaster and Rev. H. B. Johnson will offer the invocation. A violin trio composed of Misses Marjorie Pearsall, Rosemary Bruce and Anne Matthews, accompanied by Mrs. F. S. Pearsall, will present musical numbers.

Mayor J. J. Kelly will welcome the guests and music will be furnished by Dusty Rhodes and his band. L. R. Pearson, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, will introduce the speaker.

Farmer's Meeting To Be Held At Nimrod Monday

There will be a farmer's meeting at Nimrod Church on Monday night, May 22nd, at 8:30 p. m. The program will include a demonstration by 4-H Club Boys on the Advantages of Organic Matter in the Soil.

L. K. Gregory of the Soil Conservation Service of Rising Star will discuss the ways the farmers in the Soil Conservation District are adding organic matter to the soil.

Tips on Victory Gardens Production and Preservation will be given.

All members of the family will be interested in this program and are urged to attend.

FATIMA SHRINE HOLDS 24 HOUR PEACE PRAYERS

MILWAUKEE (UP)—Prayers for peace are said on the 12th and 13th of every month in an unusual shrine here. Men and women come and leave from 9 p. m. on the 12th until 3 p. m. on the 13th. All night they say the rosary at the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in the little chapel of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary. They have done so for the last two years.

They came from every part of Milwaukee and from cities and towns in nearby areas. Most of them remain an hour and then exchange places with another group so that the shrine is never without people for the 24-hour period.

In the cloistered section behind the altar, shut off from sight by a black curtain drawn over the grill work, the sisters kneel in their perpetual prayer.

The shrine is softly lighted from the altar and is believed to be the only one to Our Lady of Fatima in this country. There is a statue of a lady in white and gold floating above three shepherd children against a painted scene of the country-side of Fatima. The rock is paper dipped in paint and pasted; the models for the youngsters come from a department store—but the shrine tells the story of Fatima in Portugal during World War I.

A beautiful lady appeared to three children—Lucy, 10; Francis, 9; and Jacinta, 7—on May 13, 1917. The children alone saw her and said that her message was that if men changed their lives for good the way would finish quickly. She predicted that "if the people do not cease to offend God not much time will elapse, and precisely during the next pontificate, another and more terrible will commence." She said her name was "Lady of the Rosary," and her last appearance was said to have been on Oct. 13, 1917.

Not everybody believed the tales of the youngsters but later wonders were reported on that spot. Mother Agnes said. Now about 300 cures have been recorded and thousands have visited Fatima. Jacinta and Francis died of influenza early in the 1920's but Lucy still lives and is Sister Mary Lucy of the Dorothean Sisters in Portugal.

Especially linked with the devotion is Pope Pius XII because the first of the six apparitions was said to have synchronized with the day and hour of the Pope's consecration in Rome.

Forest Service Tests Unit To Speed Rescuers

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—The U. S. Forest Service, thanks to a newly developed snow tractor, is now ready to go into the airplane crash business on a bigger and better scale than ever before.

Prepared to service in Region 6—comprising forests in Oregon and Washington—a rescue unit that has undergone final tests is composed of a power unit with double tracks and a sled trailer. The equipment includes a radio set of medium and ultra high frequency, flood, clothing, sleeping and first aid supplies.

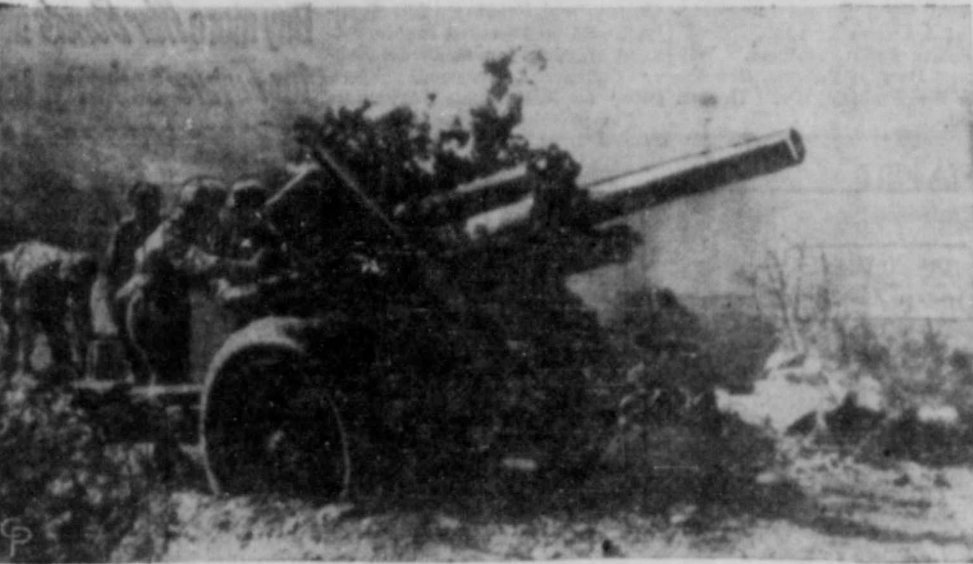
The first aid supplies are based upon the latest developments of the Army medical corps, including blood plasma and administering equipment, and the sled will carry litters for four persons.

The tractor is high powered and will, if the sled is left behind, take a slope of 69 per cent. The crew is composed of six men.

The unit is designed to take rescue parties quickly to disaster scenes in the forests. Few places are so remote that the unit could not take the rescuers within a few hours hike of the objective, while over much of the area the tractor could proceed directly to the spot.

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THIS HELPED TO CRUSH THE NAZIS AT SEVASTOPOL



BY RADIO FROM MOSCOW comes this picture of Russian shelling of the German fortifications at Sevastopol, the key Black sea port which finally fell to the Reds after three weeks of siege. The capture of the historic battle site released two Russian armies for a new onslaught against the Nazi fortress in southeastern Europe. Germans suffered thousands of casualties on Crimean peninsula. (International)

Large Audience Attends Senior Play Presentation

A large and appreciative audience was present at the Recreation building, Tuesday night to attend the presentation of the senior class play, Spring Fever, a delightful comedy with many laughs for the audience.

The cast, chosen from members of the senior class, acted their parts like true veterans of the stage. Those composing the cast were: Bobby Hickey, Max Ervin, Billie Mack Meroney, Carolyn Clarke, Doris McCrum, Betty Clem, Rosemary Bruce, Billy Doss, Frances Anne Eubank, Anne Mitchell, Bill Moore, Vivan Hise.

The play was directed by the senior class sponsor, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick, and publicity and business arrangements were handled by Miss Billie Collier, also sponsor of the class. Prompter for the actors was Marie Green and make-up was handled by Doris Groves and Barbara Getts. Paul Avery was in charge of sound effects and properties were in charge of Freddie Larson, Bobby Woods and Billy Anderson.

Services Help San Francisco Cut Jaywalking

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—Husky blue-coated policeman, tan and Navy SP's and Army MP's have closed in on the San Francisco pedestrian to save his life.

San Franciscans, who long have prided themselves on their "jay walking" technique in weaving across four-car line Market street, have taken a beating recently. So far this year 84 out of 36 traffic fatalities have taken pedestrian lives.

Officials opened a six weeks campaign of safety. Hoofers learned about it when they tried to run the gantlet against the red light in the best of local tradition.

An officer shouted—and there was an officer, MP and SP to every main corner—or maybe a loud speaker blared: "The lady with the yellow feather on her hat. The lady with the yellow feather on her hat! Please do not cross before the signal says 'Go'. Thank you."

And she steps back, red-faced and embarrassed, but likely to remember the experience.

The military officers are primarily to oversee that the thousands of servicemen who through this port obey the traffic rules.

Work or Jail

CASPER, Wyo. (UP)—Mayor G. W. Earle of Casper has paraphrased the old edict issued in early-day colonization in America. Instead of a "work or go hungry" order, Mayor Earle has issued a "work or be jailed" ultimatum, directed at "loafers and floaters" in the city. The order was issued with the start of the lambing season. It was pointed out that wool-growers are experiencing difficulty in getting enough help. If the loafers or floaters choose not to work, they will be booked on vagrancy charges.

GLIDER ARMY IN GREATEST TEST



WHILE MARSHAL ROMMEL was reported from Germany to be making defense plans against airborne Allied troops landing far behind the coast, Allied Air Marshal Leighton Mallory was telling tow plane and glider pilots that their units would "put on a terrific show when invasion comes." It was stated that, somewhere in England, the greatest glider-borne and paratroop exercises in history had been under way and news dispatches told of acres upon acres of gliders and tow planes ready for action. Picture at top is typical of training drill with men running for their ships. Shaded area on map indicates German defenses along the Atlantic wall behind which German reports say they are preparing for airborne attacks. Below map, gliders are shown "peeling off" and, at bottom, glider troops charge from their craft. (International)

MADRID—Reliable sources said the German Consulate in Tangier, Spanish Morocco, has been ordered to close in accordance with the recent Anglo-American-Spanish agreement.

WASHINGTON—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey today authorized state directors to expand the list of activities for which irreplaceable men 18 through 25 years of age may be deferred.

EASTLAND MAN REPORTED ON CASUALTY LIST

Word was received Tuesday by Mrs. A. L. Shoemaker of Ranger that her son, Pfc. Ruby R. Shoemaker, who was previously reported missing in the North African theatre of war, was killed in action on November 27, 1943. No details of how the soldier met his death were given in the message from the war department.

Pvt. Shoemaker who had been overseas exactly one month to the day he was killed, was serving with an Air Corps unit of engineers and just prior to embarkation for foreign service had been in training in Mobile, Alabama. He entered service in January, 1943.

Besides his mother in Ranger he has a sister, Miss Oleta Shoemaker, Pvt. Shoemaker's wife resides in Eastland.

Foreman's Group Taboo Strike

WASHINGTON—The Executive Board of the Foreman's Association of America voted today to recommend that 3,500 striking war plant foremen in the Detroit area return to work, after hearing Gen. H. H. Arnold describe the walk-out as the army air force's "most severe setback since its inception."

Late Bulletin

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt today voiced a determination that world-wide "economic security and opportunity" shall be the central aim of "our international economic deliberations" looking toward the post-war world.

KEG ROLLING
HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—A variation of the song "Roll Out The Barrel" was cut short at an inn here.

Employees of the inn discovered a man rolling a 36 gallon keg of beer from the ice house to a waiting automobile. The man and his companions in the car escaped before completing the keg roll to the car.

TEN NATIVE TEXANS IN INDIA GET PROMOTIONS

AN ANR SERVICE COMMAND BASE IN INDIA May 16, (UP)—Praise for their diligence and excellent performance of duty was showered on 10 native sons of Texas by Brig. Gen. Robert C. Oliver with his announcement of their promotion to higher grades in the China-Burma-India Air Service Command.

The top promotion went to Capt. John E. Skoggs of 1184 South Broadway, Fairview, who was promoted to major. His wife Maxine resides at the same address. Graduating from Plainview High school, the major obtained his degree of BBA at the University of Texas and has been with the armed forces for two years. He is serving as finance officer at his base here.

Joe W. Brooks, whose wife, Mary, is residing for the duration at 1631 16th Street, Lubbock, was advanced from staff to technical sergeant. He represented General Motors Acceptance Corporation in El Paso before his enlistment 18 months ago and has been in the CBI theater serving as a line chief, for seven months. A graduate of Melrose High school and a student of New Mexico A. and M., he is now the proud holder of the Army's Good Conduct Medal for fidelity, efficiency and honor.

Also promoted to technical sergeant was Glenn A. Daniel whose wife resides at 1244 Elmwood Blvd., Dallas. Glenn was employed by the Ray Woods Tire Company, before he enlisted 20 months ago and is now serving as an electrician at his base where he has been stationed for seven months. He attended Oakcliff

SAN ANGELO IS TAKEN; FRENCH MOVE TOWARD ESPERIA BASE

Allied forces in Italy today were converging on two strong points of the Hitler line. The Americans captured Mount San Angelo which overlooks the fortification belt. And the French, about six miles to their right, moved in toward Esperia, a highway stronghold of the line.

Other American forces registered gains near the Tyrrhenian coast in the direction of Formia, the southern anchor of the Hitler defenses. British forces extended their hold in the Liri Valley, seizing the main German lateral supply line across the Valley.

Military observers said the pre-invasion air bombardment is far ahead of schedule, despite the four-day lull brought on by bad weather.

The Yugoslav partisans reported new successes about 30 miles southeast of Fiume. Heavy fighting was said to be taking place in Eastern Bosnia.

China's ancient city of Layang virtually has fallen to the Japanese. Enemy troops broke into the city Monday, and were fighting bitter street battles with the outnumbered Chinese garrison.

On the Burma front, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese troops were reported mopping up isolated Japanese pockets of resistance in the Mungang Valley today and fanning out on both sides of the Valley road for a frontal assault on the enemy base at Kamaing.

Advanced elements of Stilwell's 22nd and 38th Chinese divisions met stiff opposition from Japanese artillery 10 to 15 miles north and northeast of Kamaing, while the main Chinese columns established strong blocks across the highway in their rear.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Somewhat cooler in extreme portion this afternoon and in northeast portion tonight. Few isolated thundershowers in west and extreme northwest portions this afternoon. Fresh winds.

Six were promoted to sergeant: Walter D. Hawthorne of 1435 Beach Street, Beaumont, who has been with the armed forces for 19 months, seven of them in the CBI theater, and who was employed as an auto mechanic in Kountze, Texas, in his civilian days; Alvin L. Cook of Gladewater, a truck driver in his pre-war days and a student of the University of Mississippi, who is completing his second year of service; Lawrence W. Whisenant of Jonesboro, a rancher in civilian life, who was trained as a welder by the Air Corps and has been two years overseas serving in the welding shop at his base; James H. Robinson of Dewville, a civil service employe in San Antonio and overseas for more than two years as a supply clerk at his base; Luther C. Hledose of 608 Avenue L, Lubbock, where he worked for the Phillip Petroleum Company as an electrician, and his continued in the Air Force as an electrician, earning the Army's Good Conduct Medal in his first year of service; and Victor A. Schroeder of Hallettsville who literally left the plow two years ago to enlist and now a mechanic at his base where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

John L. Spears of Rosenberg, Texas, was advanced from private to corporal technician. He formerly worked as a cook for the Fairview Club on Highway 90, near Rosenberg, and is completing his second year of service with the armed forces.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Parachutist In Race For State Superintendent

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Hillbilly hands may be barred from the Texas political campaign this summer with gasoline available only for a candidate's car, but what is really worrying the folks at the state capitol is whether parachutes can be had.

"It worked as a crowd getter," McNutt said. "The only way the politicians could keep us from carrying the state was to bar my name from the ticket."

Dr. McNutt probably became the world's first para-campaigner at Garden, Arkansas, June 29, 1940. The fact that he landed in a cow pasture about a mile away from the air port did not prevent the crowd following to the spot where he came to earth.

Dr. McNutt was superintendent of Schools at Creedmore, Travis County, Texas, and headed the department of education at Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, before going to Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The parachuting professor has

a string of degrees, including two from Chicago Theological Seminary. Others are from the University of Texas, College of the Ozarks, and the University of Cincinnati.

OFF ON WRONG SCENT

AMARILLO, Tex. (UP)—The odor that drifted throughout a neighborhood here was thought to be a leak in a gas main and police were sent to investigate. After making an investigation, the officers in the prowling car called headquarters. "That's no gas leak, sarge. It's a darn skunk."



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Inside WASHINGTON

No One Can Accurately Predict Invasion Loss Sicilian Casualties Far Below Pre-Drive Estimate

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—All predictions about Allied losses in the invasion of the European continent should be taken with a grain of salt. Some so-called experts have warned we must expect upwards of 50 per cent casualties in the initial landing forces.

The truth is that even the highest-ranking American and British leaders have no way of estimating losses with any accuracy. The best they can do is plan for the worst and have enough reserves to fill all gaps.

When Allied forces invaded Sicily heavy losses were expected, and reserves were standing by to replace casualties. Actually, our losses in that operation were very light, much less than expected by

United States and British leaders. One thing is certain: The Allied forces will have plenty of air cover when they move against the continent. That should help cut losses greatly.

This does not mean that the Allies can land without suffering comparatively heavy casualties, but it is pure guesswork to warn that 50 per cent or more of the initial force will be killed or wounded. There can be no answer to that question—and none should be attempted—until actual count is made after the beachhead is established.

WAR PRODUCTION BOARD CHAIRMAN DONALD M. NELSON is convinced that issuance of the "freeze" on civilian production in light labor areas during his absence recently in Florida for a brief rest came as a result of intense pressure by the military.

The Army has been fearful that WPB would let the bars down too soon, despite established policy to the contrary, and sought to erect an iron-clad barrier against any appreciable revival of civilian output until success of the European invasion is established.

Issuance of the ill-conceived "freeze," however, brought the wrath of Congress down upon Nelson's head. It was too inflexible and would virtually have forestalled any boost in civilian production, even where it would not interfere with the war effort. Idle facilities and manpower were in prospect.

Nelson sees eye-to-eye with the military on the need for keeping war production at a high pitch, and agrees that civilian production must be soft-pedaled until the invasion's fate is decided. However, he will seek to accomplish the same end by more palatable directives.

MAJ. GEN. LEWIS B. HERSHEY, national draft director, is one of the important Washington officials who insist on writing their own speeches instead of using "ghost" writers.

Hershey's position is that what he says in official statements affects the lives of so many men and their families that he must get his ideas stated exactly as he wants them.

His assistants say he has found no one who can do the writing for him to his satisfaction, and, anyway, the general does a highly creditable piece of writing himself.

That Hershey must be careful in his statements is illustrated by the fact that members of local draft boards read accounts of his speeches—and, have a habit of interpreting them as official pronouncements, putting them into effect without awaiting further directions from Washington.

IN THE WELTER OF PLANS for post-war reconversion, the little business man is coming in for his share of attention, and, according to present plans, will be in the front row when the signal is given for the "big push" to civilian production.

A definite movement is under way in the Senate to divorce the Smaller War Plants corporation from its parent body, the War Production Board.

Several senators who plan to sponsor such action contend that WPB is prejudiced against allocating sufficient war contracts to small business in production essential to the war effort. Moreover, they maintain that WPB is also lax in according favored treatment to small firms in industries now being converted to partial civilian production.

They are adamant in holding that small business should be given preferential treatment because of the lack of large resources and their limited capital. Big business, they say, can hold its own, and they cite figures showing that 70 per cent of war production is controlled by approximately 200 large firms.



DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a small diagram of a cross and a grid of numbers.

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY



THE WORLD'S SAFEST INVESTMENT WAR BONDS

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NEUTRAL AGAINST WHOM?



Yankee Senorita BY LORENA CARLETON

MAJORY BAKER, self-centered, but young, beautiful and talented singer, has achieved success... CHAPTER TEN THAT SHE had witnessed an actual murder was so incredible that Mallory Baker's foot paralyzed momentarily on the accelerator...

Olden Veteran

which was shown by the casualties. That night, September 15, Bockman's outfit withdrew again. This time it was for eight miles, as the Germans were counterattacking heavily...

To Die June 19



DEATH before Utah's firing squad June 19 awaits Austin Cox, Ogden's "mass slayer," shown above. Cox was sentenced to die before the firing squad by Judge Glen W. Adams for the murder of Judge Lewis V. Trueman...

River. Our outfit started out with a French guide to try a crossing, but he lost his way and we came upon a German artillery outpost. A German patrol spotted us, and artillery from the other side of the river opened up on us as we were moving into position to make our attack...

"We were pulled down for Christmas and for what we thought would be a rest, but after our dinner we were sent forward again... This time an advance of twelve miles to the Rapida River, which is about four miles from Casino. Two other regiments tried to cross the river for four days and although a few men got across, a mass crossing couldn't be made...

Although everything was still, it seemed I could hear the cellos down the pastoral, "Dawn" movement from the "William Tell" overture. "And perhaps I could, for the 'Storm' movement came soon enough. In the evening gloom everything was shadowy. It was that time of day when you can't decide whether to drive with lights on or off...

Political Announcements This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries: COUNTY CLERK W. V. (Virgil) Love

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outfit was in the middle group. During the fighting there several thousands Germans were captured, and they all would say, 'Our artillery isn't anything, you ought to try some of the American artillery'. We took mountain after mountain, but in the terrain it didn't mean a great deal. To explain how difficult the battle was a corporal who was fighting near us when asked by a reporter how it was going said, 'We're doing good, we've taken two rooms, and have sent a patrol into the kitchen That shows how rough it was'.

Bockman was hospitalized on February 28 during this push and after a succession of hospitals in Italy and Africa, was sent to McCloskey where he arrived April 24. His mother, Mrs. Willie Yoes, lives at Olden, Texas.

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IN OUR TIME
AT ARCADIA TODAY AND THURSDAY



Ida Lupino and Paul Henreid in a romantic scene from "In Our Time," Warner Bros. latest drama, with Nancy Coleman and Mary Boland.

Society, Clubs

ter, Kim, who have been in Pecor for the past several weeks, are the guests of Mrs. Neher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin.

C. R. Walts of Independence, Kansas, representative of the Sinclair-Prairie Oil and Gas company is transacting business in Ranger. Mr. Walts made his home in Ranger during the boom when he was associated Steel Storage.

W. F. Creager who has been in Dallas for the past two days to attend the State Bankers' convention is expected to return today.

Mrs. C. A. Strong and daughter, Margaret Jo Berry, have returned from Victoria where they visited their son and brother, Cadet Royce L. McCleskey, who will receive his wings there on May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Moore have as their guest, Mrs. Moore's niece, Miss Catherine Anderson of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bourdeau of Middlebury, Vermont are the guests of Mr. Bourdeau's brother, W. M. Bourdeau and Mrs. Bourdeau. Other guests in the home during the week-end were Cpl. and Mrs. Wilford Bourdeau of Huntsville, Miss. Mary Bourdeau, a student at the University of Texas and Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Mooney of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Black, Jr., of Duncan, Oklahoma, were the week-end guests of Mr. Black's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Black.

Frank Champion of Freer, formerly of Ranger, is here for a visit with friends.

Reunion of Beck Family Held Sunday

A reunion of members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Beck was held at the family home on Caddo Road, Sunday, May 14. All of the five sons and one daughter with their families were present for the gathering and the only member of the family who was unable to attend was Oliver O. Beck, son of C. E. Beck, who is with the armed forces.

Those attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Beck, and daughter, Wanda, of Mayton Valley, and their two married sons and their families, Raymond Beck and his wife and daughter, Nancy of Morton Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Beck of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beck and children, Billy Dean, Jerry, Glenda Nell, Lillian Fay and Dorothy Dell of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Beck and children, Beverly Jean and Carol Sue of McCamey, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Beck and son, Richard of Kingville, Cpl. Lloyd D. Beck of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carroll and children, Donnie, Barbara Jean, Annie Sue, Linda Joy and Norman Glenn of Ranger.

1920 Club Meeting To Be On Thursday

The final business session of the year for the 1920 Club will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Gholson hotel. Mrs. R. R. Stafford will be leader of the program for the afternoon and all members are invited to attend.

Miss Pearson Named To Frogette Office

Miss Lynn Pearson of Ranger, freshman in Texas Christian University has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Frogettes, organization of freshman girls living in Foster Hall, new coed dormitory. The purpose of the organization is to bring about a closer relationship among the freshman girls on the T. C. U. campus, and to assist in providing social activities. The Frogettes also take

part in war work, among their activities being sewing for the Red Cross, donations to the Blood Bank, selling of War Stamps and Bonds, entertainment units for service men, etc.

Other Frogette officers are Miss Frances Wingfield, Okolona, Ark., vice-president, and Miss Peggy Shamburger, Tyler, president.

Rebekah Lodge Has Meeting Tuesday

The Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met in regular session at the L.O.O.F. hall Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock with Noble Grand Eva Stallings presiding.

Twenty members answered roll call and participated in the business session in which routine business was transacted and sick reports made. It was announced at the meeting that a drill in uniform will be held at the hall tonight at 7:30 in preparation for the Odd-fellows Birthday party.

Tuesday night's penny prize was furnished by Mrs. Anna Mae Johnson and won by Mr. Parnell. A degree team practice was conducted.

Flak Explodes Bomb As It Leaves Plane

Seventh Air Force Headquarters, Central Pacific (UP)—A freak accident that ranks as a "first" in the war was revealed by a 7th Air Force Liberator crew which has seen 18 months of combat in the Central Pacific. Capt. John R. Risher, Muncie, Ind., said that as his cockpit light indicated "bombs away" on a raid, there was an explosion below the bomber and the craft lurched violently.

"Just then my co-pilot (Capt. Albert W. Shearer, Round Hill Rd. Greenwich, Conn.) came into the flight deck, pale through his smoke-blackened and powder-burned face. "A piece of enemy flak had struck one of our bombs just as it left the bomb bay, exploding it."

Damage to the plane was slight. The co-pilot had been looking out the waist window when the freak mishap occurred.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Phillip Stidham who is stationed with the Air Corps in California visited with friends here today. He formerly made his home in Ranger.

Pvt. James E. Brown who is stationed at the Ashburn General Hospital, at McKinney, is here to spend a 21 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brown, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steel

Mrs. Lavelle Neher and daughter

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LOST or strayed, white horse, blind in one eye. H. I. Horn, R5, 1.

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If you have not filed with the Ranger Times the following information on service men and women, please fill in the following record and mail or bring to the Times at once. This information is wanted for permanent files.

Name Rank

Military Unit Overseas Rank

Now Stationed At

Name and Mailing Address of Parents (next of kin)

Married? (Give date, place, Maiden name and present address of wife)

Born (date and place)

Schools attended (give graduation dates)

Civilian occupation (place and dates)

When entered service Branch of service

If transferred, give details

Where trained

Commissioned (where and when)

Went overseas (date)

To what country, theatre

Wounded? Killed? Missing in Action? (date and place)

If in Air Forces state type of plane flown

Position manned on plane

Date returned to U. S. (leave, furlough)

Complete list of decorations

If additional information is available, extraordinary action or experiences, please write on sheet and attach to this record.