

U.S. Patrols Stab Across German Border

MRS. RAWLS, PIONEER OF RANGER DIES ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Martha Payne Rawls, a resident of Ranger since 1885, died Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock at the West Texas Hospital where she was taken on August 12 after she had fallen and broken her hip at her residence here. Mrs. Rawls would have been 94 years of age on October 18.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. George W. Thomas, of Caddo, formerly of Ranger, Dr. W. H. Clark and Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Pioneer Cemetery and Morris Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Of the 13 children born to Mrs. Rawls and the late Thomas O. Rawls, the following survive her: Mrs. John M. Gholson and T. O. Rawls of Ranger; Mrs. George L. Davenport of Eastland; R. B. Rawls of Ft. Worth and Mrs. W. R. Rowden of Midland. Fifteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also survive her. Six of her descendants are serving in the armed forces, including Major Charles Gholson of Ranger.

Palbearers will be Dr. Ross Hodges, Dr. Bob Hodges, V. V. Cooper, Jr., Leslie Hagaman, C. E. May and Felton Brashler.

Editor's Note—The following account of the life of Mrs. Rawls was written by Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, life-long friend of the deceased and her family.

By Emma Whittington Hagaman
The life of this remarkable woman reads like a Pollyanna romance. Born in Tyler, Texas, October 18, 1850, the span of her life stretches from the day of the ox-cart and covered wagon to the train; from the train to the automobile, and from the automobile to the airplane. In her life time she has known four "registrations." First as a girl of 11, she saw the boys of Texas march away to the tune of Dixie to fight under the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy. Often have I heard her tell of how the homefolk would wait eagerly for news of the war "at the front" and that often she was the messenger to carry the news to the neighbors and friends. Early in life, Martha Payne Rawls learned to share the sadness and suffering of her friends as the messages that she carried them was most often of the sickness or death of their soldier boys.

Then as a woman still under

UNIVERSITY IS PREPARING FOR RETURN OF WAR VETERANS

AUSTIN, Tex. — With the army urging every discharged serviceman under 25 years of age to return to school or college, the University of Texas is getting ready for an avalanche of veterans to be long.

To make sure that the path of these veterans is cleared of unnecessary hurdles, the university is setting up a simple but well balanced and effective program to aid them in whatever problems—personal or curricular, that may arise.

Two university faculty members—Walter T. Rolfe, professor of architecture, and Hubert B. Jones, assistant professor of business administration—have been assigned to act as counselors for veterans.

A faculty committee, headed by W. R. Woolrich, dean of the College of Engineering, is to remain in session continuously, to study any matters affecting the veterans and to make recommendations to the university faculty or administration as needed to take care of any situation or emergency.

One change already in effect is that veterans who have seen six

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Friends received word this morning that Mrs. Fred Hughes, a former Ranger resident, had been injured in a fall while visiting in Fort Worth and is in the All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth where she was taken after being injured.

Mrs. Hughes received a broken hip and pelvic bone in the fall and is likely to be confined for some time. She is the wife of the late Fred Hughes who was killed in an automobile accident near Bowie in June and who was buried in Ranger.

Alcan Highway Gets Its First Bus Service

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UP)—Mud as stiff as putty clung to the wheels of his 37-passenger vehicle as Kenneth O'Hara of Anchorage edged across a half washed out bridge on the first bus trip over the Alaska military highway but despite the hazardous driving conditions he holds steadfastly to the belief that the road has great potential commercial value.

O'Hara, only 34-year-old pioneer Alaska busline operator, and two mechanics, Donald Cross and Charles Porter, brought the big bus here from Columbus, O., a total of 4,748 miles, in ten and one-third days of driving time.

O'Hara, who will use the vehicle for the first scheduled busline operation between Anchorage and Fairbanks, praised the section of the highway between Dawson Creek, B. C., and Anchorage but said the southern section of the road from Edmonton, Alberta, to Dawson Creek is inadequate for heavy transportation. Spring floods knocked out several bridges, forcing O'Hara to make long detours, and turned the road into a quagmire in many sections.

One day, he said, they were able to travel only 16 miles because the bus slipped over the mud and into ditches alongside the road. Another time, the bus was dragged by seven caterpillar tractors over a 120-mile washed out section.

O'Hara said accommodations were good along the road with gasoline and oil available at stations every hundred miles. Meals and lodging were available at army engineer roadhouses.

"I feel that a lot of motor freight could be moved over the road after the war if it is properly maintained," O'Hara stated. "Also the road offers an ideal vacation route because it passes through some of the most scenic sections of the continent. And that's springing a lot, because the coast of Alaska also has many scenic spots."

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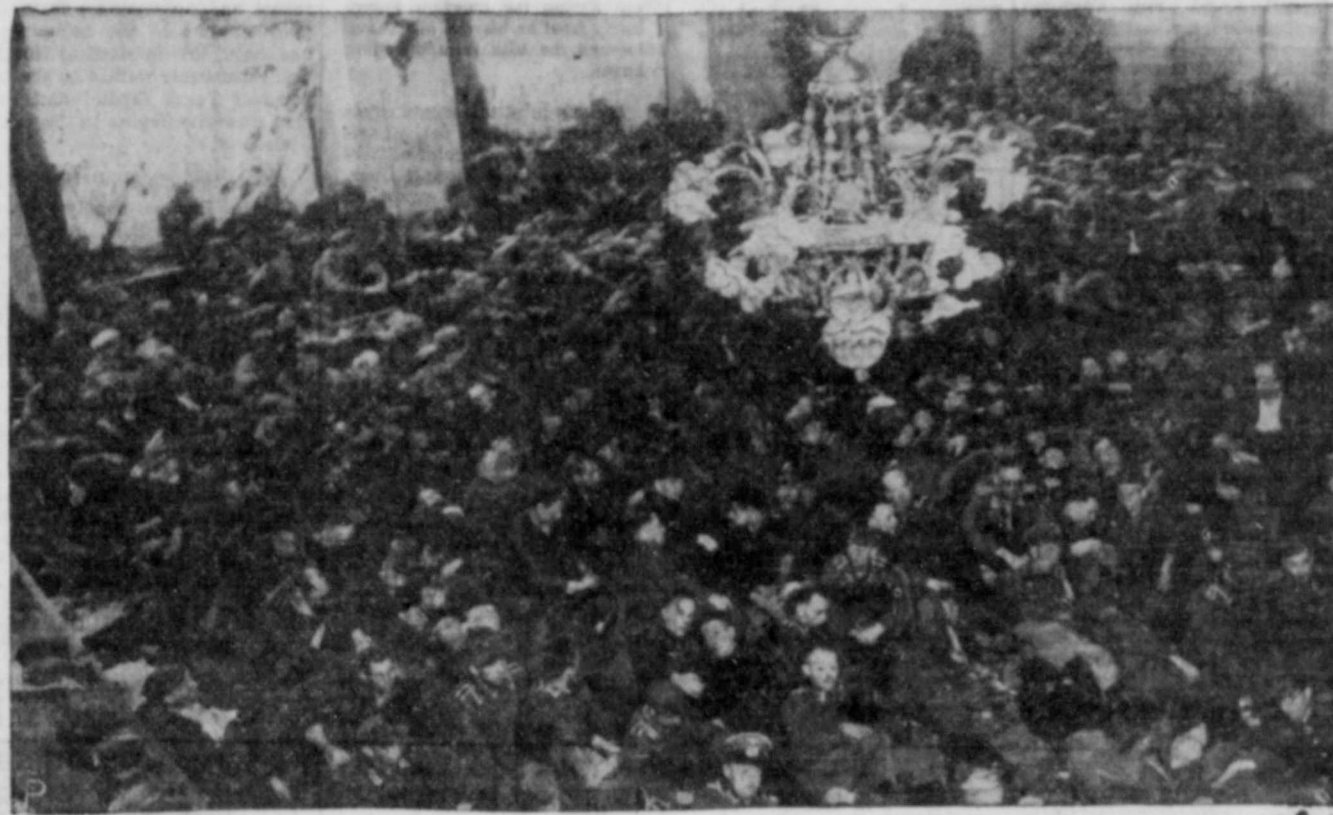
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The proposed port would be at Red Fish Bay.

Nazis Held Prisoners in Former Wehrmacht Headquarters



SUBJECT NAZI SOLDIERS, many of them officers, are herded together in the Hotel Majestic, Paris, former Wehrmacht headquarters where they once held sway over the French populace. Official United States Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

COMPLETES 62 MISSIONS



Pictured above is Lt. Merrill B. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson, who has been stationed with the 9th Air Force in England since October 1943 and who has completed 62 combat missions.

He holds the Air Medal and has won 11 Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the pilot of a B-26 bomber and is squadron commander. The 21-year-old pilot is a native of Ranger and is a 1940 graduate of Ranger high school and attended Ranger Junior College. He received his wings and commission in the Air Corps on April 23, 1943, at the Lubbock Flying school and had had previous training at San Antonio, Coleman, San Angelo, and later took bomber training at Avon Park, Fla.

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Says He Thought Home Was Church

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—E. S. Kriger found an intruder in his home and asked the reason for his presence.

"I thought this was a house of worship," the man said. It was Sunday.

A little dubious, Kriger went to the phone to call the police department. When he returned to talk with the man he had disappeared.

PUPPY OFFICER LEADS SAILORS' DRILL-PARADES

By JIM WALTERS

United Press Staff Correspondent
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UP)—"Chief Puppy Officer" Rybolt, canine mascot of the Indianapolis armory, turned a pastime of chasing sailors into a career.

Today the small brown dog with the uncertain pedigree is a familiar sight as he shuffles along with some semblance of a sea-sawger behind one of the many gobs stationed here.

His barnacle attachment to sailors has brought him not only a permanent home but a rank as well. He has been raised to chief puppy officer and his duties include the official function of greeting all newcomers, barking farewell to overseas-bound sailors and leading all drill parades.

Chief Rybolt's naval career began several months ago when Chief Boatwain Orville Rybolt, then stationed here, found a shivering, half-starved puppy and took him to the "ship" where dogs hitherto had been taboo. Navy hours and regular chow swiftly brought the canine Rybolt back to health and as he grew so did his affection for sailors until today anyone not in navy blue or white is strictly beneath his consideration.

Rybolt, of course, has "shore leave" like all good sailors. He always follows the fleet to Riverside amusement park and usually drops anchor at the hot dog stand. The mascot owns the enviable reputation of being the only sailor who never pays his own way at the stand and scarcely one of his buddies has never stood treat.

A pleasant memory to former station personnel, many of whom are overseas, Rybolt is the reason for dozens of letters from gobs transferred from here and their frequent inquiries about him prove that although they may leave a girl behind in every port they will be true to the dog they left in Indianapolis.

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WRECKED NAZI VEHICLES FILL ROAD



HERE IS MUTE TESTIMONY of the devastation wrought by the armored might of the advancing Allies in France. These wrecked and shattered German vehicles, clogging a French highway, were destroyed by U. S. armored forces. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Old Register At Hotel Contains Famous Names

BOSTON. (UP)—Brought to light recently during the waste paper salvage drive, a yellowed register of the 63-year-old Hotel Vendome in Boston's Back Bay was found to contain the names of dozens of famous persons who stayed there during the prim '80s and gay '90s.

Among the names were those of Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"; Lillian Russell, Oscar Wilde, Daniel Frohman, President Martin Van Buren, Thomas A. Edison, Gen. U. S. Grant and Adm. Robert E. Peary.

In the spring of 1881, Sarah Bernhardt was appearing at Boston theater. Old timers still recall how, after each triumphant performance, the "Divine Sarah" would parade to the Vendome, trailed by a retinue of servants that contemporary accounts said "made her entrance into the city appear like a sumptuous safari."

SWEETWATER HAS ONLY WASP SCHOOL

SWEETWATER, Tex. (UP)—Avenger Field, near Sweetwater, is the only school in the country for training WASPS.

LT. Col. Roy P. Ward, 39-year-old Texan, has assumed command of the field at which lady ferry pilots learn to fly.

Texan Proves His Adaptability

PORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—The ability of Texas men to enter into the life of whatever part of the world in which they may be is illustrated by Capt. Robert E. Roberts, who writes home that he has been elected unofficial mayor of the village in which he is stationed and is the champion darts player of the local pub.

Clothes Hangar Wasn't Success

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Floyd Michaels was changing clothes before starting 48 work.

He had taken off his shirt and pants and had just hung them on a fuse box when a bolt of lightning hit a wire outside the building, traveled inside, blew out the fuse box and burned Michaels' clothes to ashes.

Michaels wasn't hurt.

HOSPITAL DISPLAYS HUGE WAR LAYOUT

CAMP GRANT, Ill. (UP)—A complete general hospital in a war area covers 40 acres, includes 215 tents weighing about 30 tons, and requires seven carloads of medical equipment. Camp Grant recently demonstrated in a hospital equipment display.

To staff a 1,000-bed general hospital takes 460 enlisted men, 56 officers, one warrant officer and 83 nurses. Cost is more than a quarter million dollars.

MRS. COTTON TO BE BURIED IN RANGER, THURS.

Funeral services for Mrs. Edgar P. Cotton who died at the City-County Hospital Sept. 4, will be held at the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Cotton who was born in Coloma, Wis., December 14, 1879, had resided in Ranger for the past 11 years.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar P. Cotton of Ranger, one daughter, Miss Dorothy Walker of Redwood City, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Theodora E. Graichen of Coloma, and Mrs. Charles Odekirk of La Crosse, Wis.; and one brother, Roy Shorey of Argonne, Wis.

Palbearers will be Dr. E. E. Green, Marion Hunt, John McKinney, Jake Brown, D. O. Moffett and Jack Edwards.

Rumors Of Red Activities Fill European Radios

Various rumors as to the status of Russia and the Balkan countries were being broadcast this afternoon and other reports told of advances made by Russians on at least two fronts.

From London came word that the Second Army of White Russia has stormed and captured Ostroika, transport center on the east bank of the Narva River 60 miles north of Warsaw. Premier Stalin announced tonight.

Berlin broadcasts reported today that Romania and Hungary were at war and that Russian troops had struck into Bulgaria despite a Sofia plea for an armistice less than seven hours after Moscow declared war.

Radio Berlin also reports that Russian forces have invaded Bulgaria. Bulgarian troops are pictured as resisting.

The German radio says that the Russians have been attacking violently for the past three days in the direction of East Prussia.

Portugal May Fight Japanese

LONDON — Private reports from Lisbon indicate Portugal is preparing to fight Japan to regain control of Portuguese Timor in the Pacific. The reports say British and Canadian officers are helping train a Portuguese expeditionary force to be sent to Timor.

Bishop Cannon Dies In Chicago

CHICAGO — Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Church died at Chicago's Wesley Memorial Hospital this morning. Bishop Cannon was a vigorous dry crusader during the prohibition era and a bitter opponent of former Governor Al Smith of New York.

Stevenson Silent On Talk With FDR

WASHINGTON — Gov. Coke R. Stevenson of Texas, where Democrats are divided over whether to support President Roosevelt for a fourth term, conferred for more than an hour with the chief executive today. He left the White House non-committal about Mr. Roosevelt's chances in Texas.

BALKAN LINES HIT BY U. S. HEAVIES

ROME (UP)—German communication lines in the Balkans were hammered today by American heavy bombers. Between 500 and 750 of the heavyweights carried out the raids.

FDR ORDERS SEIZURE OF HOUSTON PLANTS

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt has ordered the army to seize two plants of the Hughes Tool Company at Houston, Texas. The company refused to obey WLB instructions to grant maintenance of union membership.

INVASION SPOT SECRET; GHENT ROTTERDAM THREATENED

American combat troops have invaded German soil for the first time in history.

Headquarters reveals that W. S. patrols have stabbed across the border into the Nazi homeland on a scouting mission and then returned to France. The location of the crossing was not revealed, but it was believed that it was made in the area of Thonville, just south of Luxembourg.

Meanwhile, the American Third Army has crossed the Moselle river in its eastward plunge toward Germany. Gen. Patton's forces are advancing despite determined opposition from the Nazis.

On the opposite wing of the western front, the battle of the channel ports is whirling toward a climax. Canadian troops have reached the coast on both sides of Calais—clamping a pincer on the town. They have swarmed into the outskirts of Boulogne and struck within some 20 miles of Dunkerque.

The Nazis still are holding out in Brest and Le Havre—despite heavy RAF bombings.

The British are on the verge of taking the Belgian city of Ghent. Second Army troops are in its outskirts in a push to reach the sea coast.

The early fall of Rotterdam is expected. One unconfirmed report says that American and British forces—linking up in Holland—already are in sight of the great port city.

The part of Holland already liberated is under martial law. This is announced by Premier Gerbrandy. He says it is necessary for a country which the Germans leave in a state bordering on chaos.

Exit of Tin Can Is Seen In New Food Packages

By CLARE COX
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO (UP)—Kitchen mechanics who are working tirelessly on new and improved non-squirt non-cut can openers may have to return to building better mousetraps when the war is over. The tin can is being pushed off its household pinnacle, a spokesman for the nation's grocers stated.

Mrs. Rose M. Kiefer, executive secretary of the National Association of Retail Grocers, is convinced that "seeing is believing" will be the postwar selling point on foods. As a result, many commodities will be packed in "visual containers," instead of in tin cans, the contents of which are divulged only over the kitchen stove.

But, she added, that is only one reason why the tin can will never return to its pre-war supremacy.

"Many foods will be frozen and sold in cardboard containers," Mrs. Kiefer said. "Others will be dehydrated. Concentrates developed through the scientific study of amino acids also will become increasingly popular.

"With the widespread use of helicopters, field-fresh fruits and vegetables will be flown from farm to kitchen door in a matter of minutes. Peas, for example, will be shelled at the farm and rushed by air to homes in the nearest communities."

ALL UNDER ONE ROOF
Improvements also will be made in the corner store, for the housewife who prefers to "shop around" for groceries, according to Mrs. Kiefer.

Forrestal Warns Of Long Jap War

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal warns that the Japanese war will be a long and hard one. And he adds, "I think the Japanese are counting on the assumption we'll be bored with the war, when the war in Europe is over."

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Inside WASHINGTON

Cruelty of War Reveals Kindness in Many People

Rear Admiral Glassford To Be Envoy to France?

By HELEN ESSARY
Central Press Columnist

WASHINGTON—Sometimes it seems that all this killing in the name of patriotism makes people kinder—when they have a chance to be kind.

Several months ago a friend of mine was told that her son was missing in action. She grieved greatly and finally decided that the hope he might still be alive was an empty one.

Then unexpectedly she received 12 letters from strangers in remote and unrelated parts of the country. Each letter had the same message, substantially this:

"Short Wave Listeners: The writer had been listening in on a short wave radio set of his own; had tuned in on Germany and had heard the German report on recently captured American soldiers. With each name reported an address had been given.

The letter writers had taken down the names and addresses. My friend's name was among the list. Later she received verification that he was a prisoner of war from the war department.

But the kindness of those unknown people had spared her weeks of distress. My friend had the impression from the letters that the short wave listeners-in made it a practice to write good news to the families of soldiers whenever the chance came.

● THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has kept his good looks. The newspaper pictures of the president and the general prove it. Perhaps this is why Washington conversation about the general and his first wife, now Mrs. Alf Heiberger, formerly Louise Cromwell Brooks MacArthur, Albritton has revived.

General MacArthur was the second husband of the beguiling Mrs. Heiberger. Not too long ago she was offered a great sum of money for her MacArthur reminiscences. This week's news reports that Mrs. Heiberger's brother, the former minister to Canada, James M. K. Cromwell, was offered a pretty little fortune for a book about Doris Duke, with whom he is at the moment wrestling for a suitable divorce.

Those Cromwells, sister and brother, surely "have a way with them." Their matrimonial memoirs might be of benefit to posterity.

● RUMORS—They do say that Rear Adm. William Glassford who headed the United States mission to Dakar may be the United States ambassador to France when there is a France once again.

A very top ranking member of President Roosevelt's official family will soon be married. He's a gentleman who's frequently been referred to in Washington widow-dom as "a perfect darling."

Capital relatives of the Duchess of Windsor say that the British government has repented of its decision to keep the former King of England and his American wife in exile in Nassau and has said the two most famous lovers since Antony and Cleopatra may live indefinitely in Newport where they are now visiting. The duchess is reported in ill health.

● WHAT A SHUFFLING, diplomatic and diversion, the end of the war will bring! I want to see what happens in that Pentagon building. The five-sided corridors double lined with miles of offices will discharge enough citizenry to build up a new town.

The War Production Board is about winding up its affairs also. Its days of usefulness are ending. The hustle and the prodding it gave to industry has calmed down to a gentle patting. A patting on the head, in most cases.

You won't be hearing about WPB Chief Donald Nelson much longer now. Neg. actors will come upon the national scene. The words "war production" will make room for that big word of the hour, "reconversion." Certainly the manufacturers want to get back to peacetime work in a hurry. We will be competing with the rest of the world for trade before you can say "What's become of my ration tickets?"

I'd like to hear the Fuller Brush man at the door again. The perfect little combination scraper for frying pan, double boiler, gardening shoes, and bird cages he gave me when he put his foot in my door. April three years ago, is worn down to its wire nubbin.

I wonder what will happen to that old reliable interventionist in-pull, "Isolationist." About five years from now it may be confused with "Insulationist." In mid-August the latter has powerfully good soled when added to "air conditioned."

CLASSIFIEDS

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Stated meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night 8:00 p. m.

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WANTED—Three girls not attending school to work at The Sweet Shop.

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FOR SALE—Small four room house, garage, and outbuildings, to be moved. W. F. Creager.

FOR RENT—nicely furnished three room apartment. Traveler's Hotel.

FOR SALE—Good metal boat. J. F. Jeffries, 435 Pine.

Special for this Week:—Oysters, 30c dozen, 79c pint. Fresh shrimp, received shipment today. City Fish Market.

MEXICO CITY (UP)—Some 1,500 students have come to Mexico to attend the summer sessions at the University of Mexico—the largest group of foreigners ever enrolled at this institution. The majority of the students are girls—most of them from the United States—but Canada and several Latin American republics are also represented.

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

GRANDPAPPY JENKINS says the average night club scene reminds him of the Gay Nineties—the girls try to appear gay even if their escorts are over 90.

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The Japs are reported leveling great areas of Tokyo's flimsily-built houses. Those B-29's seem to have started a real estate boom in reverse.

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A news item says many Nazis are fleeing the northern France battle front on bicycle. Must have learned the trick from a beaten boxer.

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Hitler's intuition should cause him to make his old pal, Mussolini, commander in chief of German forces in France. If Duco, you remember, is an expert on wide-scale retreating.

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Caen on the northern front and Cannes on the southern front in France are both pronounced "Can," we're told. But that's no can-can dance those fleeing Germans are performing.

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The Nazis are reported dropping bottles from planes on England's potato crop. What is this—another of Hitler's bug house schemes?

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Zadok Dunkopf says he knows a store clerk who is in training for the post-war period. He stands before a mirror half an hour a day, practicing a courteous smile.

Mrs. Rawls--

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50 Mrs. Rawls saw the Texas boys answer the call to the Spanish-American War. Again in 1917 she saw her grandsons and sons of her many friends register for service in the defense of their country. Many who answered the "last roll call" then were lads whom she had known. Again on October 16, 1940 she saw the last "registration day".

It is given to only a few to live from the ox-cart to the automobile; from the "tallow-dip" to the electric light; from the log school to the modern public school and university; from the pony express to the radio. Such has been the interesting life of this remarkable woman as she has watched Texas expand and develop from the Sabine to the Great Plains.

After the close of the Civil War the Payne family moved from Tyler to San Augustine. There she met and married Thomas O. Rawls on August 14, 1870. Of the 13 children born to this union five survive their mother. They are Mrs. John M. Ghelston and T. O. Rawls of Ranger; Mrs. George L. Davenport of Eastland; R. B. Rawls of Ft. Worth and Mrs. W. R. Bowden of Midland.

BUCYRUS, O. (UP)—Marine Stanley Bauer of Bucyrus, who saw action in Guadalcanal, had only this to say when he returned home after two years overseas: "Those Japs are tough, but this rationing, that's got me." Bauer said he turned all his ration stamps over "to Mom to worry about."

Killingsworth's

15 Fifteen grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren also survive. Mr. and Mrs. Rawls and their family came to Ranger in 1885. 59 years ago, Mr. Rawls passed away on November 4, 1894.

In the years that Mrs. Rawls had resided in Ranger, she had seen the town grow from a frontier village of a few hundred people to a city of some thirty thousands in the days of the oil boom and then settle into a delightful home city of 5,000 people. During her active years, Mrs. Rawls always took part in activities for the welfare and progress of Ranger. Until the last few years she had taken an active part in the Baptist church of which she has been a member most of her life.

She kept abreast of the present day affairs and eagerly read the daily papers for the latest "war news." She read many of the latest books and especially enjoyed "Gone With the Wind" when it came out a few years back. She also read eagerly "And Tell Of Time" for these books dealt with people and times she had known.

FIREMEN HELP SAVE FAMILY MEAT

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Mrs. Walter Callaway spent all of her points for a roast, which she put in the oven just before leaving the house.

But she left her keys inside and couldn't get back in.

Desperately she called the fire department, which sent a truck to the rescue. The firemen climbed in a second story window and the Callaway family's meat was saved.

Little Annie Rooney -O- -O- -O- BY BRANDON WALSH

Panel 1: HERE'S THE CORONER'S REPORT, TO PROVE MONK MURFEE AND HIS GANG ARE COMPLETELY DECEASED.

Panel 2: THANKS, SHERIFF. YOUR LEGAL PAPERS PROVE MONK MURFEE IS DEAD, BUT MONK NEVER HAD ANY RESPECT FOR THE LAW.

Panel 3: BUT A DOZEN WITNESSES SAW MONK AND HIS GANG DIE!

Panel 4: THAT'S REASONABLE, BUT MY HUNCH WON'T LISTEN TO REASON.

Panel 5: GEE, ZERO, MR. REMBRANDT MUST BE SICK. HE'S HOLDIN' HIS PIPE, BUT HE'S NOT SMOKIN'. HE'S LOOKIN', BUT HE DOESN'T SEE ANYTHIN'!

ETTA KETT BY PAUL ROBINSON

Panel 1: WELL, HOW ARE THE YOUNG POLITICIANS COMING ALONG?

Panel 2: SUPER!

Panel 3: I'M GOING TO BE BILLY'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER!

Panel 4: NICE BOY, HELL, MAKE A GOOD MAYOR.

Panel 5: BUT WHAT DOES A YOUNG TWERP LIKE HIM KNOW ABOUT POLITICS?

Panel 6: HE'S ENGAGED TO ANOTHER GIRL, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO BREAK IT TILL AFTER ELECTION!

ETTA KETT BY PAUL ROBINSON

Panel 1: WELL, I SEE THE BOY POLITICIANS HAVE SOME COMPETITION!

Panel 2: THE GIRLS ARE FORMING TWO PARTIES--THE BLONDES AND THE BRUNETTES.

Panel 3: BABS IS GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR!

Panel 4: JUST AS SOON AS SHE CAN MAKE UP HER MIND WHICH PARTY!

THE LONE RANGER -O- -O- -O- BY FRAN STRIKER

Panel 1: I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD, TONTO! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Panel 2: THREE FELLER IN TOWN GET UM KILLED! ALL GOT UM SILVER BULLET!

Panel 3: THAT RIGHT! FELLER REMEMBER YOU IN TOWN!

Panel 4: AND I'M SUSPECTED OF THE MURDERS?

Panel 5: POSSE OUT NOW...LOOK FOR YOU! CATCH YOU... YOU HANG!

Panel 1: SHERIFF, AS A GROUP OF TOWNSMEN, WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION!

Panel 2: WAL? WHAT D'YOU WANT ME TO DO, MR. VINSON?

Panel 3: THREE MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED! WE DEMAND THAT YOU FIND THE KILLER!

Panel 4: I'M DOIN' ALL I CAN!

Panel 5: LOOK!

LAFF-A-DAY



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Fighter Pilots Chase Germans into Hangers

WASHINGTON (UP)—American Eighth Air Force fighter pilots always get their man, even if they have to follow him back to the hangar.

That's the story Col. Oscar H. Coen, veteran of three and one half years of air warfare, told when he came back from Europe.

"The Eighth Air Force fighter pilots have a reputation among the Germans for fighting them all the way back into their hangars before breaking of the scrap," Coen said. "Our fighter pilots are so anxious to tangle with the Germans that they have to be restrained from taking risks."

Coen warned not to underestimate the German air force. "They may not have as many good pilots

as they once had, but they still have some good fighters."

Twelve to 16 German fighters will break into a formation of heavy bombers and have their concentrated air power. The American fighter planes come right in to shoot up the Germans while the bomber formation continues on its run.

Coen told how this happened once when he was protecting an American bomber formation on a mission to the Hanover area. When they got over their target, 50 to 60 German ME-109's came down on the bombers. The fight was carried on right in the bomber formation. Fourteen of the Messerschmitts were knocked out before the pack was clobbered back to their hangars.

Coen was a member of the American Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Force before he was transferred to the Eighth Air Force P-47 fighter group in September, 1942. Altogether, he has flown 220 sorties in 600 hours

of operational combat time. His record: three and one half planes destroyed, three probables, and five damaged.

His last assignment was in the fighter control section, to act as liaison officer between the Eighth Air Force fighter command and headquarters.

14th Air Force Pounds Japanese

CHUNGKING — Fourteenth Airforce fliers have pounded Jap lines and troops below Hengyang in two days of constant attacks. The planes are trying to stop an enemy offensive aimed at American air bases in Southern China.

WEATHER FORECAST
PORT GREELY, Alaska (UP)—In a recent issue of The Bear, the soldiers' Alaska newspaper, is this terse comment on atmospheric conditions: "The weather—it's good to grind the Axis."

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CHAPTER FORTY-FIVE

ALONG WITH the exasperation Mallery felt over Tod Patrick's debonair and rested appearance was an added one, because she did not know how or when he had got into the theater. During intermission there had been no one except Prim and Armando and the Mexican stagehands. Sandy, naturally, but no outsiders had been allowed backstage. And afterward, when she was giving encores and taking bows, she had not noticed her manager.

But she was noticing him now. He was glaring at him, putting her curiosity into speech. "Where did you come from? How did you get in here? How long have you been here?"

He answered the last question casually. "Ages."

"I didn't see you when I was taking calls," she said in the same abrupt, sharper she had used in her first remarks.

Tod Patrick moved nearer. "When you are taking curtain calls, Mallery, you don't see anyone, not even your audience, except as stacks of clamoring hands—and stop hissing at me."

"I'm not hissing. I just don't want anyone to hear our conversation."

"I don't blame you. It'd not sound a bit nice for the angelic prima donna to bawl out her manager."

Prim had been waiting in the wings when Mallery Baker made her last bow, with a glass of water and an aspirin for the girl, also her mink coat, which she had placed over her shoulders. Mallery now drew it closer about her overheated body, guarding against stray draughts.

"I've been so furious with you—"

"Surely you're not going to call me Legree? I haven't deviled you at all."

"That's just it. What do you mean by leaving me stranded here without any help from you? You at least usually telephone me before a big and important concert. But not a word."

Tod Patrick smiled. Apparently he had been leading such a relaxed and lazy life that nothing angered him. "You didn't need me, my dear. You've never sung better, especially 'O Patria Mia.' You actually were Aida, filled with tender despair. The song was lovely, Mallery, and so were you. That pale pink spot was especially good on the blue gown and it made you seem about 18 years old."

The singer felt as if she were having a warm bubble bath. Her features took on the dreaminess that compliments always put there. She was happy as a kitten having its ears scratched.

"Thank you, Tod," she said gently. The look on her face brought Prim from where she had been standing on the curtained stage beside the piano talking with Sandy.

Careful Prim, not coming over until she saw how her mistress was treating Tod Patrick. As for herself, she showed her enormous white teeth in her oily black face each time she looked at the man. "Mallery," he warned seriously,

after a grin for Prim, "hold just that expression. You look like a dream—and if my old ears don't deceive me I hear the mob at the door. He was right."

Swiftly Mallery moved from the darkened wings on to the stage, near but in front of Sandy, who stood at the piano. If possible, the prima donna always greeted admirers onstage. A few experiences in her own jammed dressing room had taught her that guests were not so apt to linger if prodded none too delicately by electricians playing with lights.

Yet she was gracious, as the people surged upon the stage. Prim stood directly behind her, against one elbow, acting as a sort of brace. Mallery began to smile and utter pleasant remarks of thanks. Tod Patrick stood to one side, thinking humorously. "Admiration does more for Mallery than liver extract for an anemia patient." At the same time he was, as always, reveling in the adulation his best artist was receiving. For she was his best artist, even though she shouted it too often to please him.

He watched a gloriously pretty Mexican girl, in white velvet and a short ermine cape, kiss Mallery on both cheeks, then crowd in beside the singer to stay. He watched also, the escort of that dark-haired girl kiss Mallery's hand, a fellow so handsome that just seeing him made Tod Patrick feel as if a fishbone were stuck in his throat.

The young man stepped aside to make way for a middle-aged couple whom the Mexican girl in white introduced. Tod Patrick could not help staring as if he were witnessing something important. And it was important. Mallery was meeting Carlos' parents, his mother, a thin woman with exquisite eyes, dressed in imported metal lace, sables, and wearing sparkling topazes and large diamonds, deliberately set in massive old-style gold mountings. And the father, tall, white haired and perfectly tailored in full dress.

After compliments on her performance, the Senora Estrada led to Mallery, "I regret having neglected you, but I have been slightly ill since returning to the city. I want you for dinner soon."

"Thank you," murmured the girl, feeling like some child in kindergarten instead of a celebrated artist. In her ear she heard Prim's soft mutter. Thus prompted, she raced to say, "And thank you for the violets. I shall sleep with them beside my bed." Those dozens of clusters in the large, flat purple basket must have been the ones, those placed at one side of the piano. Good old Prim, with her memory like an elephant's.

Carlos said they were the color of your eyes. The mother smiled. "But he was wrong," said the Senora Estrada. "No flower could have such a delicate clear richness."

Again Mallery felt immature as a child. "You are most gallant."

They moved on with Carlos in tow. "Father's quite the flirt," Mallery said with an American giggle. "I'll stick here and help you with people Mallery."

which she did. Other musicians, artists, members of the various embassies, and of countless charities, newspaper men besides those she had met the day of the interview, people from other cities—it was incredible, but Manuella seemed to know everyone. When she did not, she eased back and talked lightly with Sandy. This she did also when John and William Smith paused before the singer. Only she did not talk with Sandy. She simply stepped back and disdained the brothers. Yet the expression on her proud features was so thoroughly, "off their heads" that she might as well have been staring directly at them.

"Have you forgiven us, Miss Baker?"

Briefly Mallery wondered about the strangers in the crowd. Which were the deputados guarding her? "I'm considering it," she said to John Smith.

"We sent you flowers pleading for forgiveness," William informed her.

"Lilies?" The blond girl's voice was honeyed and questioning.

But the men took her mocking query as a comment. "Yes," cried John.

"Amazing," William said. "Imagine her remembering in all this maze of flowers. We loved the Wagner," he added, and they moved along.

Beneath her breath Prim said, "Baboons!" Manuella gave her a conspiratorial smile before stepping up to help Mallery. The singer was glad when the procession, that had seemed endless, began to dwindle. She was able to see Carlos now, across the stage, standing with his parents, his eyes fixed on her. Also fixed upon her were the eyes of Tod Patrick, who still remained where he had stepped to be free of the pell-mell rush.

"Who is that attractive man?" Manuella suddenly asked.

Mallery said slowly, "Tod Patrick, my manager."

"Your manager?" Manuella's lovely mouth was slightly open with surprise. "But he seems so young—and so sweet."

The blond's eyes crackled. "He's as sweet as cyanide." She crooked her forefinger at him and, when he walked over, said, "Manuella, my manager?"

"Your manager?" Manuella's lovely mouth was slightly open with surprise. "But he seems so young—and so sweet."

"I see what you mean." He gave the Mexican girl a smile that made Mallery feel funny. Manuella answered it, but at that moment Carlos and his parents came up, met Tod Patrick, took possession of Manuella and left.

"I see why you've been liking it down here. Of course I like it, too," he said.

Mallery ignored the inference. "Want to come home with us? To eat," she emphasized.

"No thanks, pet. You get a good sleep so your next concert will be as successful as this one. I'm turning in with Sandy tonight."

Mallery had been in bed almost a half hour when a prodding thought re-prodded her. Why had not Richard Blythe been at her concert?

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Society, Clubs

REBEKAH LODGE HAS MEETING TUESDAY

The Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met in regular session Tuesday evening with Noble Grand Edith Hicks presiding. Thirteen members answered the roll call. Communications were read and disposed of. Talks for the good of the order were made. Miss Fanny Robinson was appointed reporter for the ensuing term.

All members are urged to be present next meeting night and be in uniform. The penny prize was furnished by Eva Stallings and won by Lillie Wilson.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS MEETING IS HELD

The Royal Neighbors of America, Camp 9509 had its regular meeting Monday night. Several members were reported ill. All members are urged to be present next Monday night, as there is some important business to be brought up.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harness have returned from several weeks stay in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Mrs. C. E. Maddocks had as her guests during the week end, Mrs. L. B. Gray and Miss Mary Lee Gray of Dallas, formerly of Ranger. They made their home in Ranger during the years when the late Dr. Gray was minister of the Presbyterian Church here.

Mrs. C. E. Maddocks has received word that her grandchild, Gene Maddocks, pilot on a bomber, is now stationed somewhere in England. While in England he hopes to visit his grandmother's relatives in Yorkshire.

Mrs. Raymond Caudle, formerly Miss Jean Thompson, is visiting friends and relatives in Odessa this week.

Mrs. Carl Caudle formerly Miss Lillie Woods, has gone to join her husband, Staff Sgt. Carl T. Caudle in McKinney, Texas.

Miss Dorothy Carpenter has gone to Eastland to visit friends and relatives for the week.

Miss Pauline Scott is visiting her grandparents of the Cross Roads Community.

Mrs. Georgia Hampas has returned to her home in Gainesville after spending the week end with

her mother, Mrs. T. L. Scott and her sister, Mrs. Rippy.

Pvt. Clinton O. Bennett from Camp Campbell, Ky., is at the bedside of his wife who underwent surgery last Monday. Mrs. Bennett's condition is reported to be satisfactory. Pvt. Bennett will return to his duties soon.

Mrs. Pearl Long has returned from Fort Worth where she has been with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Stroud, who has been critically ill. Mrs. Long stated that her sister is some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Long have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Outlaw and son, Winston, of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham of Abilene.

Bill MacDonald, former land commissioner of Texas, and now of Austin visited with friends here today.

FACTOGRAPHS

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By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

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A midwestern woman, seeking a divorce, asks custody of the family's three elephants. A Republican victory shouldn't catch her napping.

We'll bet star-gazing Adolf Hitler has that telescope trained these days, not on the heavens, but on the French fronts.

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