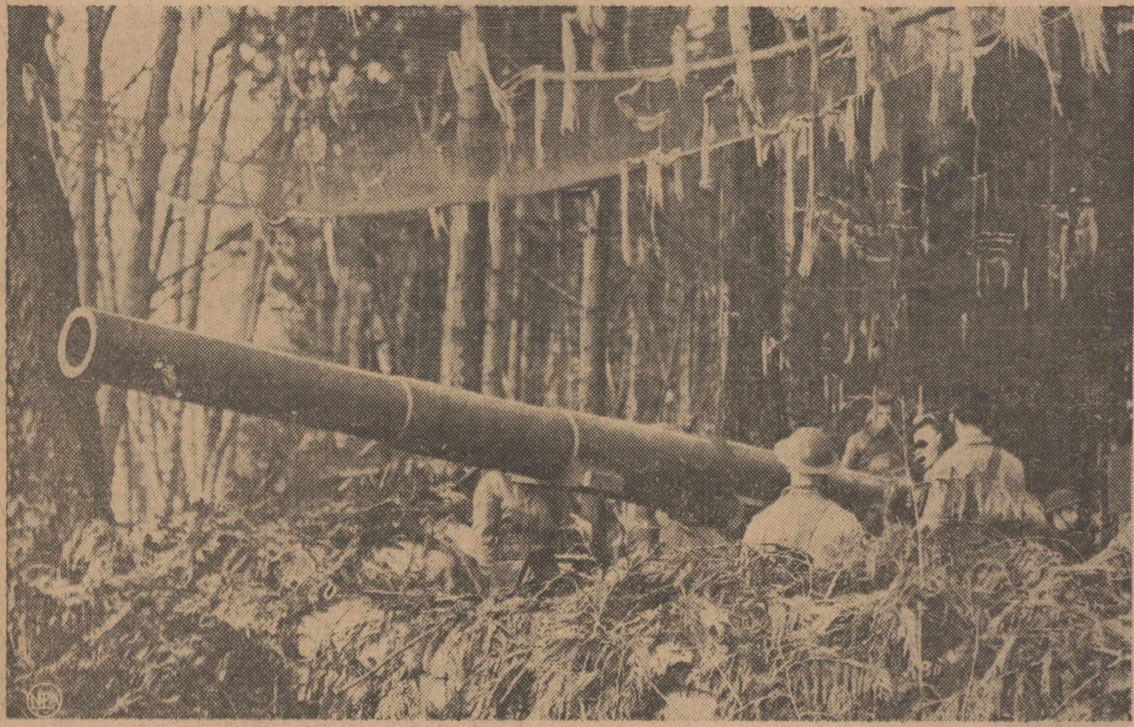
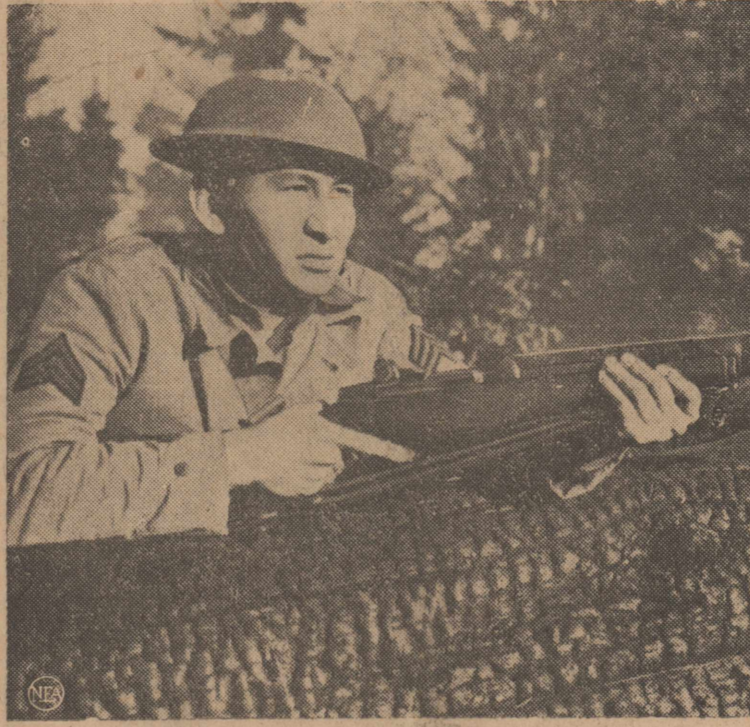


Allies Still Hold Singapore

BIG GUNS IN THE BIG WOODS DEFEND NORTHWEST Situation "Serious" But Troops Continue Battle For Key City



Hidden in the tall timber of our Pacific northwest, one of the Army's heavy mobile guns stands guard over the approaches to a vital U. S. industrial area. It is symbolic of the vast, secret defense system protecting shipyards, aircraft factories and other war industries in America's northwest corner.



Keen-eyed Sioux Indian Army scout has his rifle ready to deal with any enemy threatening our western coastline. Indians were used as scouts in World War I.



Camouflage on signpost censors location of Pacific northwest defense preparations.

Situation "Serious" But Troops Continue Battle For Key City

Jap's Plan To Celebrate Holiday With Capture Of Important City Is Frustrated By British Forces

LONDON—(AP)—The Singapore radio, heard in London shortly after 5 P.M. (11 A.M., C.W.T. Wednesday) said the situation on the island was "very serious" but that it had "not deteriorated in any way." The broadcast was heard by the official British monitoring service.

The Singapore announcer said heavy fighting continued on the island "with the Japanese attempt to advance still meeting with strong resistance."

Earlier in the day British sources in London announced Singapore's defenders had slashed back at the Japanese with two violent counter-attacks in the face of overwhelming odds in men, guns and planes.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor.

Japan's expected Foundation Day celebration of the fall of Singapore apparently was frustrated Wednesday as the holiday passed at midnight, Tokyo time (10 A. M. Central War Time), without any announcement that the city had surrendered.

The great national holiday observes the anniversary of the legendary founding of the Japanese empire in 660 B.C. Axis reports previously had said Japan's invasion armies would make a determined attempt to capture the city by nightfall.

Bitter, day-long fighting followed a statement by Imperial Tokyo headquarters that Japanese troops had entered what was vaguely defined as "the city area of Singapore" at 8 A. M., local time, with the stout-hearted British defenders apparently still holding the Japanese at bay somewhere near the city limits at nightfall.

Reports reaching London said the British were staging a desperate, eleventh-hour rally.

Adolf Hitler's Armies Stiffen Resistance

By The Associated Press

Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, thrown back nearly 200 miles in some sectors, were reported "definitely stiffening" their resistance Wednesday as the paralyzing grip of winter abated and fighting increased the violence along the entire 1,200-mile front.

Official Soviet dispatches, however, declared the Red Armies were continuing to advance, capturing a number of villages and German fortifications on the Southwest (Ukraine) front.

For the second successive day, Hitler's high command cited new Russian attempts to break out of Leningrad, and declared they had been repulsed.

On the North African front, a German communique reported "strong enemy reconnaissance forces were thrown back," while British headquarters reported no change in the general situation.

Illness Causes Hart To Retire From Navy Duty

Vice Admiral Helfrich Of Netherlands Navy Now Commands Forces

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy announced Wednesday Admiral Thomas C. Hart had been relieved of his assignment as chief of Allied Naval Forces in the Western Pacific and that Vice Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich of the Royal Netherlands Navy had been designated as his successor.

The Navy said Hart was ill. Hart, 64, requested to be relieved from the all important naval command because of his health but no information as to the nature of the illness was given out.

Hart formerly was commander of the United States Asiatic fleet. Kept On Job

Admiral Hart normally would have been retired on his 64th birthday last June, but President Roosevelt kept him in his Asiatic Command because of the increasing tension of the international situation and when war actually came last December, Hart was in the naval hot spot.

On December 17 he added to his duties as chief of the Asiatic Fleet additional responsibilities as commander of the Allied forces in the Western Pacific.

Since December 7 there has been no day without intensive activity on the part of the units under Admiral Hart's command. Greatest of these actions of course was the Battle of Macassar Strait in which joint American and Dutch military and Naval forces sunk or damaged between 50 and 60 Japanese warships and transports out of a convoy numbering approximately 100 vessels.

Hart is reported to have sent American units into that fight with orders not to quit unless they were sunk or until their ammunition was exhausted.

Representatives Of All Business Firms Will Meet Thursday

Representatives of all business firms of Midland will meet in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer at 2:30 p. m. Thursday to discuss opening and closing hours under the new War Time and to act upon other matters of interest to business concerns. School officials also have been invited to attend. The meeting is sponsored by the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

All business firms are urged to have representatives at the meeting which will be brief.

Junior Livestock Show To Be Held Here March 30, 31

Plans are about completed, and the prospects are fine to make the 1942 Junior Livestock Show of Midland County the best in the history of the splendid junior show, which is held annually to reward the youth of the region for study and progress in livestock development. More than 65 boys have entered stock for the show, which will be held March 30 and 31.

Boys of the 4-H Clubs and of the Future Farmers of America group are already grooming their animals, and carrying on rearing programs that will assure an outstanding exhibit. Directed by I. O. Sturkie, Midland County Agent, and Harlan Howell, public school agricultural teacher, boys throughout the county have selected the animals to put in the show.

All animals shown will go on sale following the awarding of prizes in all divisions, with Saturday afternoon March 31, set as the tentative time of sale.

Fat calves, both junior and senior; lambs, hogs, both junior and senior; breeding hogs; beef heifers; shorthorn heifers; and dairy heifers will be entered in the show. Prizes will be awarded in all divisions. More than 100 animals have already been entered and more are expected.

Judges and the sales committees will be announced within a few days.

Plans for the location of the show are being discussed, and the committee expects to make the final announcements within a short time. The growing importance of the event has led to plans for more permanent show grounds available for the junior showing, but final plans are not complete.

The annual Midland County Dairy Day will be held on Saturday March 31, the last day of the junior show, and plans for the two have been so arranged that there will be no conflict.

British Say France Sent Supplies To Germans In Libya

LONDON (AP)—Supplies sent from France to the German forces in Libya during December and January included 5,500 tons of gasoline and aviation fuel, a ministry of economic warfare officially declared Wednesday.

The official said during 1941 nearly 2,000 trucks and private cars were sent from France to the Axis forces, and in a single three-month period Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces were furnished with 12,000 tons of wheat—sufficient to feed ten divisions.

Japanese Troop Movement Indicates Early Resumption Of Drive Against MacArthur's Forces In Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Movement of enemy troops indicate an early resumption of an attack in force against Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces in the Philippines, the War Department reported Wednesday, although the fighting on Bataan Peninsula and enemy air activity have lessened.

There have been intermittent interchanges of artillery fire between the American island fortifications at the entrance of Manila Bay and Japanese batteries on the Cavite shore of the bay, the department said.

All business firms are urged to have representatives at the meeting which will be brief.

The war communique also said six of the seven enemy planes reported shot down Tuesday were destroyed by American fighter planes over Cavite Province in one of the most spectacular air battles in the Philippine campaign. One American plane was reported missing.

The Japanese evidently were intent on following up their Singapore campaign by annihilating the only other potential threat to their southern drive—the stubborn American-Filipino forces on Bataan Peninsula.

War Department communique left scant room for doubt on the desperate, almost forlorn nature of MacArthur's fight, but President Roosevelt brought out by indirection the value of his contribution to the present grand strategy of the United Nations.

Prime objective of that strategy, Roosevelt explained, was to prevent an enemy break-through on the world front, while inflicting the maximum punishment on the foe and his resources during the period the Allies are creating a superior military machine.

MacArthur's resistance is still exacting a heavy toll from the enemy both in men and material.

Oil Production Hits New High

NEW YORK (AP)—Daily average crude oil production in the week ended Feb. 7 reached a record of 4,336,000 barrels, topping the previous high of last November by 50 barrels, the American Petroleum Institute reported Wednesday.

Latest output was up 465,550 barrels from the previous week and compared with 3,617,650 barrels a year ago. An increase in Texas production was chiefly responsible for the rise.

The report showing daily average crude oil production (in barrels) includes:

North Texas	148,200, up 3,850.
West Texas	353,400, up 110,950.
East Texas	1,731,400, up 461,400.
Arkansas	364,550, down 2,250.
East Texas	439,100, up 148,100.
Southwest Texas	255,200, up 68,650.
Coastal Texas	344,200, up 94,050.
Total Texas	1,731,400, up 461,400.
Louisiana	364,550, down 2,250.
Arkansas	364,550, up 100.
New Mexico	120,700, up 1,350.
Total United States	4,336,000, up 465,550.

Mrs. Ferguson Addresses Lions

"Consumers of Manufactured Goods" was the subject of an address delivered by Mrs. K. S. Ferguson at the Midland Lions Club meeting in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday. Dr. L. W. Leggett, program chairman, introduced the speaker.

Mrs. Ferguson discussed the part being played by manufacturers in the all-out war effort and told how consumers will be affected. She said every person is dependent on manufactured goods and that all will be affected by wartime priorities.

She urged citizens to face the situation with the proper spirit and to abide by the three C's—Conservation, Conversion and Curtailment.

Singapore Sky Black With Smoke As AP Writer Leaves City

Editor's Note: "I am leaving." That brief message, written at the end of a fragmentary but poignant dispatch telling of fearful air raids on Singapore during its last stand against the Japanese, was the last word received by The Associated Press from its staff reporter in Singapore, C. Yates McDaniel.

McDaniel was the last American reporter to remain in the city.

SINGAPORE (10:30 a. m.)—(10:30 p. m., Central War Time, Tuesday)—(AP)—The sky over Singapore is black with the smoke of a dozen huge fires, as I write my last message from this once beautiful, prosperous and peaceful city.

The roar and crash of cannonade and bursting bombs which are shaking my typewriter and my hands, which are wet with nervous perspiration, tell me without need of an official communique that the war which started nine weeks ago 400 miles away is in the outskirts of this shaken bastion of empire.

I am sure there is a bright, tropic sun shining somewhere overhead, but in my many-windowed room it is too dark to work without electric lights.

Planes Come in Relays
Over the low rise where the battle is raging I can see relay after relay of Japanese planes circling, then going into murderous dives on our soldiers who are fighting back in a hell over which there is no protecting screen of our own fighters.

But the Japanese are not completely alone in the skies this morning, for I just saw two "wild beasts"—obsolete bi-planes with an operating speed of about 100 miles an hour—fly low over the Japanese positions and unload bombs with a resounding crash.

It makes me ashamed of myself, sitting here with my heart beating faster than their old motors, when I think what chance those lads have of getting back in their antiquated machines.

It ever brave men earned undying glory, those RAF pilots have this tragic morning.

Many Brave Men
There are many other brave men in Singapore.

Not far away are anti-aircraft batteries in open spaces—they must be to have a clear field of fire.

Please overlook the break in continuity.
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Atlantic Will Use 1,000 Tank Cars

NEW YORK (AP)—The Atlantic Refining Company has arranged to divert to railroad tank cars a substantial portion of its crude oil traffic from Southwestern sources to Atlantic seaboard refinery depots due to a shortage of tanker space, it was announced Wednesday.

The company has arranged to put into service 1,000 railroad tank cars to transport 17,000 barrels of crude oil daily from East Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi fields.

Higher Perforating In Fullerton Well Brings Oil, Not Gas, Increase

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor

An increase in oil, rather than in gas, resulted from gun-perforating and acidizing with 1,500 gallons in upper formation in Fullerton Oil Company No. 1 H. M. Wilson, deep Permian pool opener eight miles northwest of Shafter Lake in Northwestern Andrews County.

After swabbing and flowing in pits for 16 hours, the well was turned in tanks and the first nine hours gauged 173 barrels of 41-gravity oil through 1-inch choke on 2-inch tubing. Tubing is set on top of cement plug at 7,280 feet and is perforated above packer at 7,210. Gas volume now is 275,000 cubic feet per day, giving the well a gas-oil ratio of 595-1. Testing continued.

The Fullerton well, on last gauge before perforating upper zones, had flowed 426 barrels of oil in 14 hours. It had been acidized with a total of 6,500 gallons through perforations in 5 1/2-inch casing from 7,215-75 feet. Casing then was re-perforated with 320 shots from 7,130 to 7,210 in an effort to boost gas. It is probable operators will perforate pipe still higher to carry out their objective.

Fullerton No. 2 Wilson, west offset to the discovery, is drilling past 2,230 feet in anhydrite and sand.

In Southeastern Andrews, Texas Pacific and Seaboard No. 1-D Midland Farms Company has drilled past 3,300 feet in anhydrite and red rock.

Magnolia's Northwestern Dawson County wildcat, the No. 1 Lillian Scanlan, is drilling below 4,403 feet in anhydrite.

George P. Livermore, Inc. No. 1 R. D. Moxley, Southwestern Lubbock County test, is shut down for orders at 6,008 feet, reportedly corrected by steel line measurement from 6,007 feet. It is eight feet past contract depth but may be carried deeper.

Abell Ellenburger Record
Third and largest Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, producer in the Abell field of Northern Pecos County was seen in Magnolia No. 3-A State-Clint Myrick of Midland as it flowed 698.47 barrels of 41.5-gravity oil and 38.31 barrels of water per day through 1/2-inch choke on tubing. It is bottomed at 5,882 feet in Ellenburger dolomite topped at 5,755 feet and was acidized with 1,000 gallons. Gas-oil ratio was 106-1. Tubing pressure was 650-100 and casing pressure 650-80.

A new 6,500-foot location for the Abell field has been staked by Stan-olind as its No. 1 W. A. Wright, 660 feet out to the southwest corner of lease in section 4, block 3, H. & T. C. survey.

West of the Apco-Warner pool in Pecos, Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Bowen is drilling unchanged at 5,166 feet in Ellenburger dolomite, topped at 4,917 feet.

An Ordovician test in Northeastern Pecos, Magnolia No. 1 Ella C. Price, is shutdown for repairs to

(See OIL NEWS, page 5)

WAR BULLETINS

LONDON—(AP)—Bombs were thrown in three centers of the pro-Nazi "social revolutionary" movement in Paris Tuesday night, according to a DNB dispatch broadcast Wednesday by the German radio.

LONDON—(AP)—London military sources said there was no confirmation that the Japanese have made a crossing of the Salween River in Burma in a large force.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Rules Committee approved a resolution Wednesday to continue the life of the Dies Committee on Un-American activities until Jan. 3, 1943.

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts)—(AP)—New Russian attempts to break out of besieged Leningrad have been repulsed by German fire and the fighting on the Eastern Front is growing in intensity as the bitter cold abates, the Nazi high command reported.

CAIRO—(AP)—British headquarters announced the North African fighting front remained stabilized west of Tobruk.

CANBERRA, Australia—(AP)—Japanese planes bombed Samarai, on the southeast tip of Australian New Guinea, Wednesday and also made day-light reconnaissance flights over the south east of the island, an Air Force communique announced.

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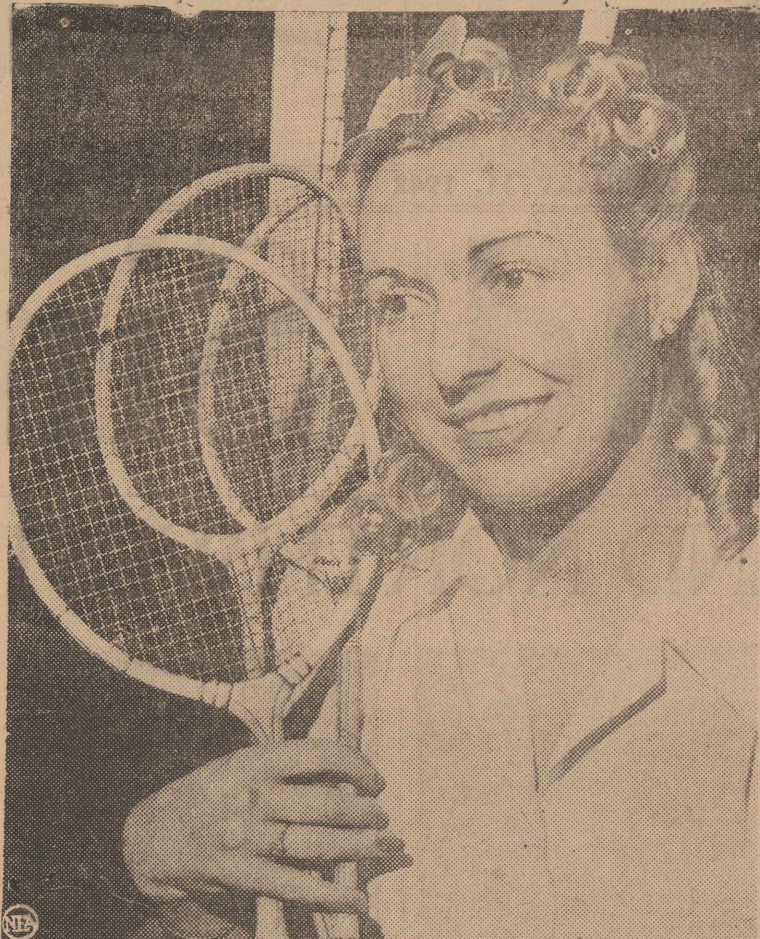
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YOU MUST DO MORE THAN NOD YOUR HEAD:
Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.— James 1:22.

Badminton Beauty



Thelma Kingsbury, United States women's badminton singles champion, gives you an eye-ful between tune-ups in San Francisco for Northern California and national tournaments.

Eastern Oil Men Worry Over Drop In Fuel Supplies

By Edward Curtis
TULSA (AP)—The war has brought into focus the problem of supply and conservation of petroleum products, especially in the Eastern States and the Pacific Northwest. Eastern oil men are worried over the drop in fuel oil stocks. Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, has ordered available tankers and tank cars used in transporting gasoline and light products to the East Coast be converted to fuel carriers. Coordinator Ickes also has asked the West Coast oil industry to draw up a plan under which all elements would share alike the added cost of transportation by tank car of petroleum on the Pacific Northwest. The Petroleum Industry War Council also plans to launch a civilian conservation program based on the slogan "Oil Is Ammunition—Use It Wisely." While some of the fuel oil needs in Eastern States were said to be seasonal, oil executives here pointed out that should the demands of war industries for fuel grow, acceleration in the rate of transportation of fuel oil would possibly cut into gasoline shipments. It was suggested such a situation might result in some form of gasoline rationing in areas affected by supply problems. The production end of the industry, the Oil and Gas Journal said.

After All, It Was A Good Looking Gadget

The vaunted secrecy of Uncle Sam's famous bombsight is no joke to the budding bombardiers at the huge new Sloan Field Air Corps training school. The day of their arrival, one brand new cadet came rushing up to a group of his buddies. "I just saw it," he cried. "I just saw the bombsight." Excited at the idea of getting an early glimpse of their specialized "weapon," the other cadets soon persuaded the proud discoverer to lead them to his find. Directing them to a nearby hangar, he pointed dramatically. "There," he said. But just at that moment an officer stroled by. "Since when," he asked, "have bombardiers taken up studying electric water pumps?"

Ammunition Arrives For American Troops

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (AP)—Headquarters of the United States Army forces in the British Isles announced Wednesday that vast supplies of ammunition had been conveyed safely to the American soldiers now learning combat tactics at Northern Ireland training centers. The production end of the industry, the Oil and Gas Journal said.

Mrs. Peck Speaks To B&PW Club

Mrs. Hal Peck talked on defense bonds at the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Hotel Scharbauer, Monday night. A committee of Miss Era Stephan, Mrs. Nita Stovall, Miss Maude Prather and Miss Maria Spencer was appointed to assist in the soldiers' recreation next week. Announcement was made of a tea to be held at the home of Miss Spencer next Sunday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 6. Mrs. J. W. Christian was in charge of the program.

Phillip Auld Is Made Corporal At Sheppard

Phillip H. Auld, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Auld of Midland, has been promoted to a corporal, with the 311th School Squadron at Sheppard Field, it was announced Wednesday from Wichita Falls. Young Auld has been made a special instructor at the big air school, where technical training for plane mechanics is the primary course.

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America's Answer

The United States Navy was struck a treacherous and disastrous blow at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. It was a blow of the heart of the American people. How did that heart respond? Since Dec. 7, more than 100,000 young Americans have enlisted in the Navy, and enlisting goes on at the same pace. In 1940, last peacetime year, the whole naval establishment numbered only about 170,000 men, which gives a god measure of what it means for 100,000 men to volunteer in two months.

The authorized strength of the Navy is now around 500,000. At the present rate of enlistment there seems no doubt at all that as many men as can be handled will step forward until the goal is reached. This byproduct was, perhaps, not strictly a part of the Japanese plan that led the raiders to Pearl Harbor.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps—

Advertising 'Blackout' Unwise

Still useful even in the face of reduced stocks of things to sell, advertising must hold its place among the activities of the wise business man, believes Prof. F. A. Russell of the University of Illinois College of Commerce. There will be a buyer's market after the war, he suggests, in place of the present seller's market, and the business which has dropped out of the buyer's consciousness and lost touch with its customers will be heavily handicapped. Many firms which thus lost contact during the First World War never were able to come back in the post-war era.

New products will be appearing. There are shifts in population and buying groups, Professor Russell points out. Advertising still has an important, even though a changed, task.

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A Ship's Testament

Always men have thought of a ship as being more than a conglomeration of wood and steel. So strong and dependable and alive it seems that men endow it with personality; so graceful and lovely, that men feminize that personality, and use the pronoun "she".

The U. S. S. Augusta, sturdy cruiser of the battle fleet, has now added to that tradition of personality by drawing a will. Naval vessels have bank accounts, representing profits from operation of the ship's service facilities. The money is used from time to time for improvements and additions to the equipment. The Augusta now directs in her will that should she be a total loss, her funds shall go to the Navy Relief Society.

Thus a ship has been given not only a personality, but a heart.

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Parasites And Parachuters

Parasite is an ugly word, but it's worse in the midst of a crowded capital city.

Much of the discussion on the President's recent homily on parasites has been facetious. But there is a germ of the truth behind what the President said. It is most doubtful that he seriously implied kicking out of their homes old native residents of the capital, as some commentators implied.

Those who "never would be missed" are the society climbers, the people who go to Washington because "it's so interesting, especially just now," the lobbyists and lion-hunters, and all who go there without a serious purpose and prospect of helping to win the war. Fewer parasites and more parachuters is today's need.

•Cranium Crackers

AMERICAN CITIES

Almost one-half of the population in the United States now lives in cities. Pavement-pounders and strap-hangers should find these questions easy.

1. Name the Crescent city, Mound City, Twin Cities and Gateway to Alaska.
2. In what states are three of the four Springfields with more than 50,000 inhabitants?
3. What great catastrophes are associated with Chicago, San Francisco and Johnstown, Pa.?
4. What municipality calls itself the biggest little city in the world?
5. What famous city in California is not a city?

Answers on Classified Page

Marion Taylor Goes Into Naval Reserve

COMMERCE (AP)—Marion Taylor, flashy tackle on East Texas State Teachers College's football squad and son of William Robert Taylor of Midland, has enlisted in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps of the U. S. Navy.

Taylor and two of his fellow squadmen passed their physical examinations Feb. 7. The boys are all juniors and will complete their college education before entering an officers training school in October of 1943. After four months intensive training they will be graduated as Ensigns of the U. S. Navy.

Of 20 boys who enlisted from East Texas State, only five passed the rigid physical examination to which they are subjected.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1917

Making a Soldier of Sugar

AS we have sent men abroad to fight for America—as we have sent money—as we have drafted steel, with other commodities, into fighting-service or enlisted wheat and other fighting-foods—so we must make a soldier of sugar.

Nutriments for the nations at war is as vital to the outcome as the powder that feeds the guns. A great nutrient in time of peace—in war a veritable sinew—sugar is now called upon to play a heroic part, to supply the peoples of our Allies—whose strength is ours.

To wrap up sugar in the American flag, so to speak, and put it into the fight becomes a duty of loyalty. It will be borne cheerfully by every industry, every dealer, and every individual it falls upon. Upon certain industries it falls heavily—and especially on the workers who derive their living from them. Yet the American civilian in this war with the soldier, American business great and small, American capital from Wall Street to the remotest country bank, is with the Government every step of the way. The U. S. means U. S. All of us, are in the fight with everything we have, the best of everything we have.

This company regards it a privilege to comply with the government's request, and to do so in the most efficient manner possible. To the end of conservation we pledge our utmost efforts in every direction that opportunity may disclose, in manufacture as well as beyond the scope of our immediate interests; and in this effort generally we bespeak the co-operation of dealers and consumers everywhere.

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WORLD WAR I 1917

The United States Government restricted the use of sugar in World War I. The response of The Coca-Cola Company was expressed in the newspaper advertisement reproduced at the left.

Again, Sugar enlists for Victory

WORLD WAR II 1942

History repeats itself in World War II. Sugar has been called to war again. Our government has restricted the use of sugar for all. Naturally, that includes Coca-Cola.

You'll continue to find Coca-Cola around the corner from anywhere, though we regret that you won't be able to enjoy the pause that refreshes as often as you might like. Our volume has been reduced. But this we pledge: the character of Coca-Cola will be unimpaired. The American people can continue to trust its quality.

As in 1917, we count upon the patience of dealers everywhere. Conserving sugar is another step toward Victory. Whatever any of us may have, or may not have, Victory we must have above all else!

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Clyde Cowden Entertains For Enigma Club

Mrs. Clyde Cowden was hostess to members of the Enigma Club and a trio of guests with an afternoon bridge at her home, 111 North D. Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock. The Valentine theme was suggested in appointments.

Two tables of bridge were in play with high score for guest going to Mrs. B. H. Blakeney, high score for club to Mrs. O. B. Holt, second high for club to Mrs. George Glass, and bingo to Mrs. Ellis Cowden.

Present were the guests, Mrs. Bert Ross, Mrs. Blakeney, and Mrs. John Dublin, and the following members: Mmes. Ellis Cowden, Frank Cowden, Glass, Holt, M. C. Ulmer, and the hostess.

Personals

W. A. Sherrard was admitted to Western Clinic Hospital Wednesday.

When Chest Colds Strike Give-

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Chinese Couple Gives Programs At High School

A Chinese textbook is read from back to front and since the Chinese invented printing, Philip Yung Lee considers that Occidental peoples simply "got mixed up" and started reading from the front to the back. So the young Chinese lecturer-entertainer told his audience of school children at the high school Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Yung Lee were brought to Midland by the North Ward PTA as one of a series of entertainment features sponsored by that organization for school children.

The couple presented two programs, one for primary children and another for high school students. Mr. Lee described some Chinese customs, played three Chinese instruments, the flute, the mandolin, and tiny butterfly-shaped piano, and sang songs in Chinese.

Mrs. Lee told of the restrictions on Chinese girls and of her own good fortune in being reared much as her brothers were. One more entertainment feature will be presented during this school year, Mrs. Wm. V. Penn, North Ward PTA president, said.

Crane Women Sign For Defense Study

CRANE (Sp)—Eighty-five Crane women have registered for civilian defense courses of study in first aid and home hygiene. Classes will open as soon as the manuals which have been ordered arrive. Mrs. G. E. Owens will teach the home hygiene at the Gulf Hall twice a week, and Bob Conley will have charge of first aid classes twice a week, probably at the hourhouse.

RINHART CIRCLE MEETS AT MICKEY HOME

Mrs. Geo. Ratliff offered the opening prayer and directed the study of Galatians for Rinhart Circle of the First Christian Church in a meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. E. Mickey, 1900 W. Kentucky.

Mrs. B. W. Stevens talked on "Evangelism in Central India". Present were: Mmes. Seth Ingham, W. D. Reiger, S. P. Hall, Joe Norman, Pemberton, Roy Jones, Frank Ingham, Ella Ragsdale, Ratliff, H. G. Bedford, Stevens, and the hostess.

Girl Scout Leaders Will Attend Victory Program At San Angelo

Planned for West Texans to show the place of all Girl Scout Adults in the civilian defense program of the United States, a one-day Volunteers for Victory program for Girl Scout leaders of West Texas will be held in San Angelo Saturday.

Three Midland Scout leaders will appear on the program and a number of others from here plan to attend. Mrs. Steven Leach of Midland will discuss "What Has Our Job in Girl Scouting Always Been?" Mrs. Gerald Galligan will be in charge of a training and trainers conference and Mrs. A. P. Shirey will conduct a group meeting on organization.

Others from Midland who will attend the meeting are: Mrs. Harold Berg, Mrs. Russell Ford, Mrs. Fred Kotzka, Mrs. J. C. Williamson, Mrs. Francis Kingon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stubbeman.

Morning and afternoon sessions are planned, with a box lunch to be served at noon.

Miss Mae Chrysler, member of the Girl Scout National Staff and who visited Midland recently, will discuss "How Our Adult Jobs Are Affected" and "Where Do We Go From Here?"

"What Defense Activities Are Going On Nationally and Locally?" will be discussed by John M. Daventport, Tom Green County judge.

Bridgette Club Members To Play For Defense Stamps

Defense stamps will be given as playing awards at parties of the Bridgette Club henceforth, the members decided at their bi-weekly party, Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. S. O. Cooper, 808 W. Louisiana.

Mrs. Cooper entertained with a dessert-bridge, two tables being appointed for the games. High score went to Mrs. J. J. Kelly and second high to Mrs. Fred Cassidy.

Present were the following, all members: Mmes. Cassidy, Chas. Duffy, A. E. Horst, Kelly, E. D. Richardson, W. B. Stowe, W. T. Schneider, and the hostess.

The club will meet next time with Mrs. L. A. Tullos.

Announce Houston Fat Stock Show Champions

HOUSTON (AP)—The Parade of Champions—an auction of the top livestock specimens—was scheduled for the Houston Fat Stock Show Wednesday.

Heading the list was Shorty, an 850-pound Hereford picked as the grand champion steer. The animal is owned by Calvin Leifeste, 14-year-old 4-H Club youth of Mason, Texas. Reserve champion was Black Jack, Angus steer owned by Fred Brown, 4-H Club boy from Winters. Champion Hereford bull in the breeding class was Dusky Domino, owned by the Hartsdale Farms of Fort Worth and the champion Hereford female was H. Dulcina 11, owned by W. H. Hammon of Wichita Falls.

In the boys lamb show, Oscar Wyatt, Jr., of San Angelo, had the champion fat lamb.

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland

Fascinating is the word for the new spring styles—and we don't mean maybe. Imagine for example a frock with a tan silk background on which is a design of (believe it or not) seersucker flowers. No, the flowers aren't applied on. Just how the magic is worked we don't know but the effect is something utterly new and different.

Devotees of the high-style magazines have doubtless been reading about the no-fastening blouses. Some of the newest frocks (like the belowered one spoken of above) are using that very device to set the imprint of 1942 on their design. The dress blouse is open to the waistline—but so cunningly is the material cut and lapped over and sewn that the blouse absolutely will not gap open. The manufacturer pledges a new dress in case one does.

So the frocks may be worn with complete satisfaction by even the most modest of maidens (or matrons).

Another style note that wins our thumbs-up approval in no uncertain terms is the this-year's version of what used to be known as the kimono sleeve—you know, the brief ones cut in one with the bodice. Some of this spring's examples have shirring on the shoulders to hold the fullness and add soft beauty to the blouse.

Is yours the sweet and ladylike role? Then for you there's a short-jacketed (glory be that the jackets are going up again) suit of black moire taffeta, that elegant material of decades ago.

Close the jacket with big gold-and-level brooch-like pins and set off the ensemble with a frilly blouse. You're guaranteed to be "the compleat lady"—at least in outward appearance.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Guy Cowden has returned from Dallas where she accompanied her brother, Tom Patterson. He entered a hospital there.

Brightly Seasonal



WHITE, the season's spectacular winter color, stays right in the middle of the fashion forecasts for spring-summer 1942, and here's Charles Cooper's interpretation of it. With white faille frock, simply contrived, goes a casual sports jacket of rough white, muted-black and red plaid, and these same fabrics make the soft-crowned, big-brimmed hat.

Coming Events

THURSDAY

Cardette Club will meet with Mrs. Earl Self, 507 Cuthbert, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open Thursday morning from 9 o'clock until 12 and Thursday afternoon from 1:30 o'clock until 5.

Midland County museum in the courthouse will be open Thursday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5. The public is invited.

Adult homemaking nutrition group sponsored by South Ward PTA will meet at Calvary Baptist Church parsonage, Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock.

Adult homemaking nutrition group will meet with Mrs. A. L. Gilbreth, 708 W. Cuthbert, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The 1928 Club will meet with Mrs. James FitzGerald, 1901 Holloway, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

Needlecraft Club will meet with Mrs. Wallace Ford in her apartment at the Crawford Hotel, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Creative Arts group of AAUW will meet with Mrs. V. A. Walston, 809 Michigan, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock to do leather work.

Young people's department of the Methodist Church will have a Valentine party at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Clement, Thursday night.

FRIDAY

Lucky Thirteen Club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Hindman, 413 W. Indiana, Friday afternoon at one o'clock to sew for the Red Cross.

Children's Service League will meet with Mrs. J. E. Dickinson, 712 Cuthbert, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Red Cross sewing room in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open Friday morning from 9 o'clock to 12 and Friday afternoon from 1:30 o'clock until 5.

Women's Golf Association will have its weekly luncheon at the Country Club, Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Reservations should be made by calling Mrs. P. H. Liberty, phone 1133.



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Belmont Bible Class will meet with Mrs. L. Bryan at the Atlantic Tank Farm, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY

Story Hour will be in the children's library at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at the Watson Studio, 210 W. Ohio, Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

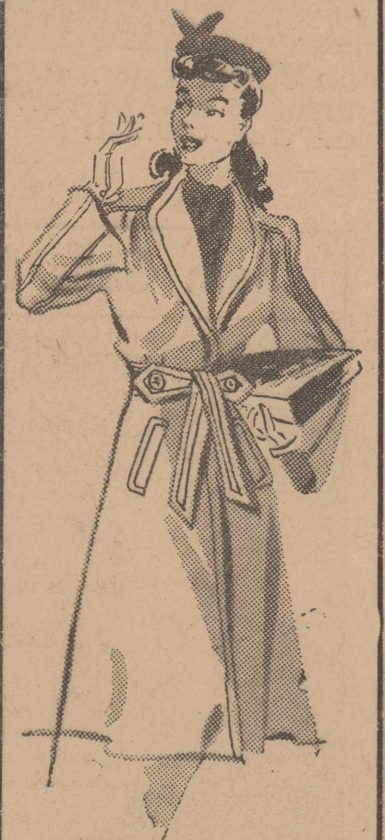
Mrs. C. M. Linehan Leads Club Program

A study of the larger forms of piano music, the concerto and sonata, was the program at the meeting of the Civic Music Club at North Ward School, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. M. Linehan was leader and presented the study discussion. A short business session preceded the program.

About 15 were present.

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Club Elects Delegate To District Session

Plans for attending the district Federated clubs conference at Big Springs early in March were made at the meeting of the Twentieth Century Study Club with Mrs. Jerry Phillips, 706 N. Pecos, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis Chase, president, was elected club delegate to the conference and Mrs. F. R. Wallace, first vice president, alternate.

Mrs. John J. Redfern was appointed legislative chairman. A nominating committee was appointed composed of Mrs. Joseph Mims, Mrs. S. M. Erskine, and Mrs. Raymond Monks.

The program was on "National Defense" and note was made of the fact that all members of the club are participating in National Defense work.

Mrs. R. E. L. Taylor discussed "Women in the War"; Mrs. Geo. Heath "What We Are Defending"; and Mrs. Robert Cox "Propaganda Bogy".

Mrs. Wallace presided in the absence of the president.

Attending were: Mmes. Leo Brady, Fred Brasted, Ross Carr, W. G. Epley, Stanley Erskine, Allen Flaherty, Merle Fulton, Mims, Monks, Wm. Osborn, Ed Prichard, Redfern, R. P. Simpson, Taylor, Wallace, Heath, Cox, L. F. Cadell, Harlan Howell, J. M. Speed, Jr., and the hostess.

Delphian Chapter Meets For Study

Mrs. J. F. Sirdevan was leader when the Delphian Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Earl Chapman, 510 N. Marientfeld, Tuesday morning for a lesson on "French Impressionism".

Those taking part on the program and the parts discussed were: Mrs. Chapman "Japanese Prints" and "Camera and Color Effects"; Mrs. Geo. Grant "Pioneers in the New Art Movement"; Mrs. C. M. Linehan "Light and Form in Painting"; Mrs. A. E. Lynch "Form in Art and in Impressionism".

Mrs. Linehan presided at the business session.

Next week the chapter will meet with Mrs. Linehan, 2007 W. College.

Personals

Mrs. C. W. Branham and baby boy were discharged from Western Clinic Hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Herman Gunter and baby were discharged from Western Clinic Hospital Tuesday evening.

GFWC Convention Will Be Of Major Importance

AUSTIN—Because it will concern itself with "woman's most important assignment in war times," national morale, the April 25-May 2 convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Fort Worth will be of major importance from a national standpoint and probably the greatest GFWC convention in history.

Mrs. J. W. Walker, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, believes. Mrs. Walker, in announcing major convention committee appointments, said too, that Washington officials had advised the General Federation and TFWC to continue with convention plans even though the nation is at war because of its morale building possibilities.

Likewise the post-convention trip to Mexico will be considered great in Pan-American worth, Mrs. Walker said. "We must learn to live with people rather than without them," she said, in speaking of the proposed 10-day trip from Fort Worth to Mexico City. "Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we learn the habits and customs and cultural contributions of our Pan-American neighbors," Mrs. Walker concluded.

Representative TFWC women from every section of Texas are included in the convention committees just named by Mrs. Walker. Midland is represented in appointments by Mrs. J. Howard Hodge and

Train Is Derailed Near Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS (AP)—Railroad officials said sabotage was not suspected in the derailment of the engine and eight cars of the Fort Worth and Denver Zephyr train late Tuesday nine miles southeast of here.

No one was reported injured and traffic was not interrupted. The 58 passengers were brought to Wichita Falls and crews of two work trains expected to clear the main line Wednesday.

Mrs. Louis Caddell (formerly of Odessa) on the Monday arrangements committee; by Mrs. James H. Goodman on the Thursday special program group; and by Mrs. Hal C. Beck on the Saturday, special courtesy committee.

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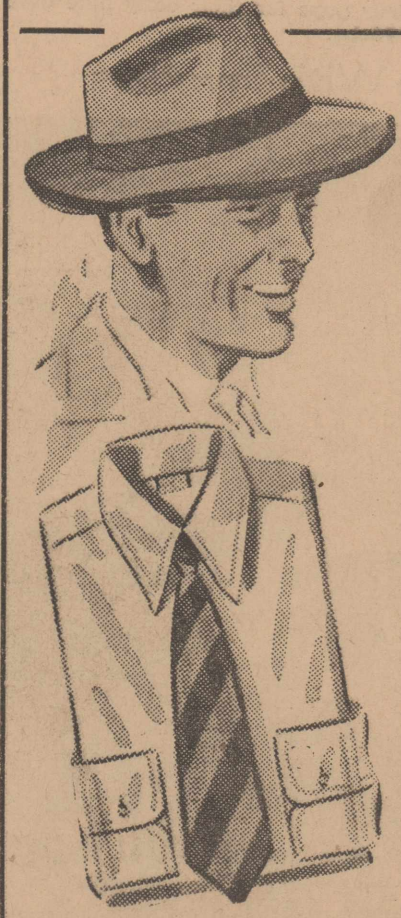
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Current Pictures Marking Highlights In Fast Changing World Of Events

Snow Soldiering: Out of the Skies on Skis



"Somewhere in Utah" these para-ski troops of the 503rd Parachute Battalion learn kick turns from instructor Hugh Bauer. Such ace snow men as Dartmouth's Walter Prager and Dick Durrance will teach U. S. bird men to fight efficiently on "sledged" feet.

RAF Bails Out on 'Burning Sands' of Western Desert.



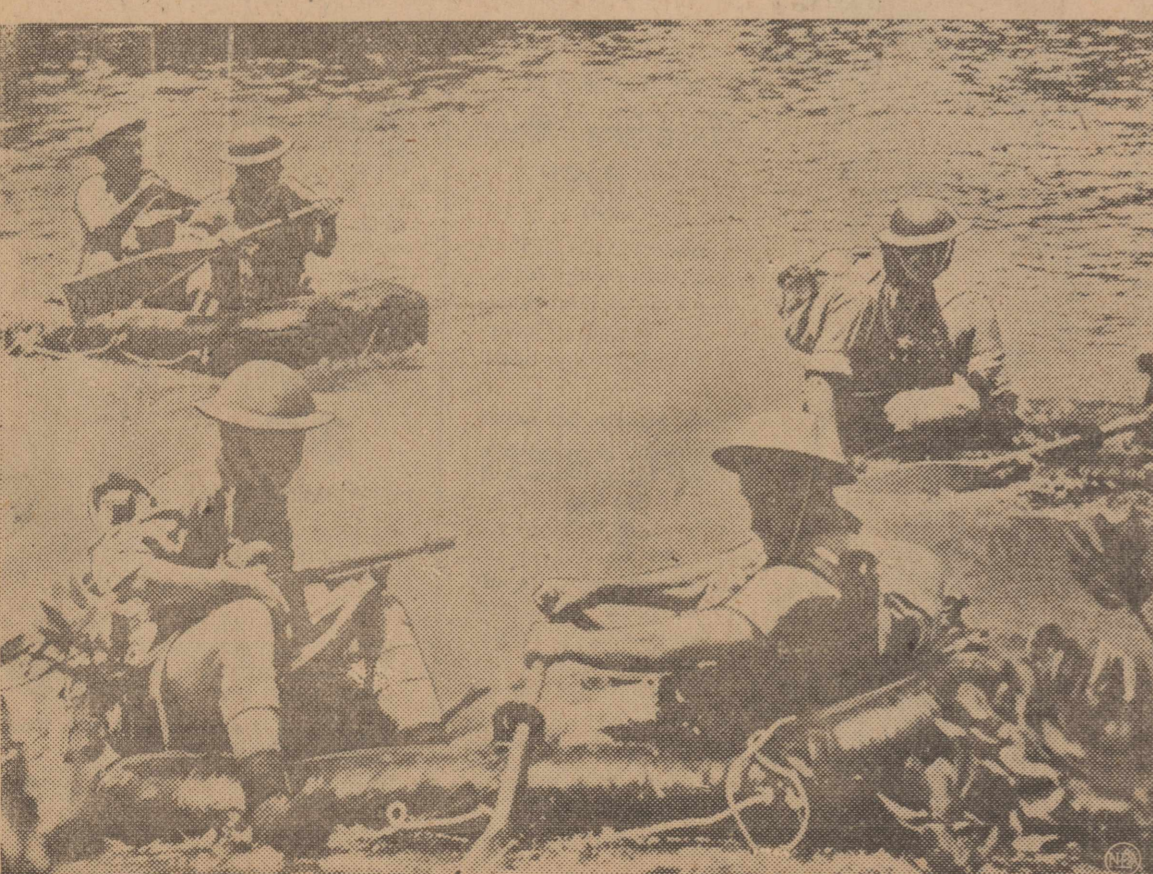
Members of an RAF unit get a surprise in North Africa as the desert turns into a quagmire after unusually heavy rains.

Canine Constitutional



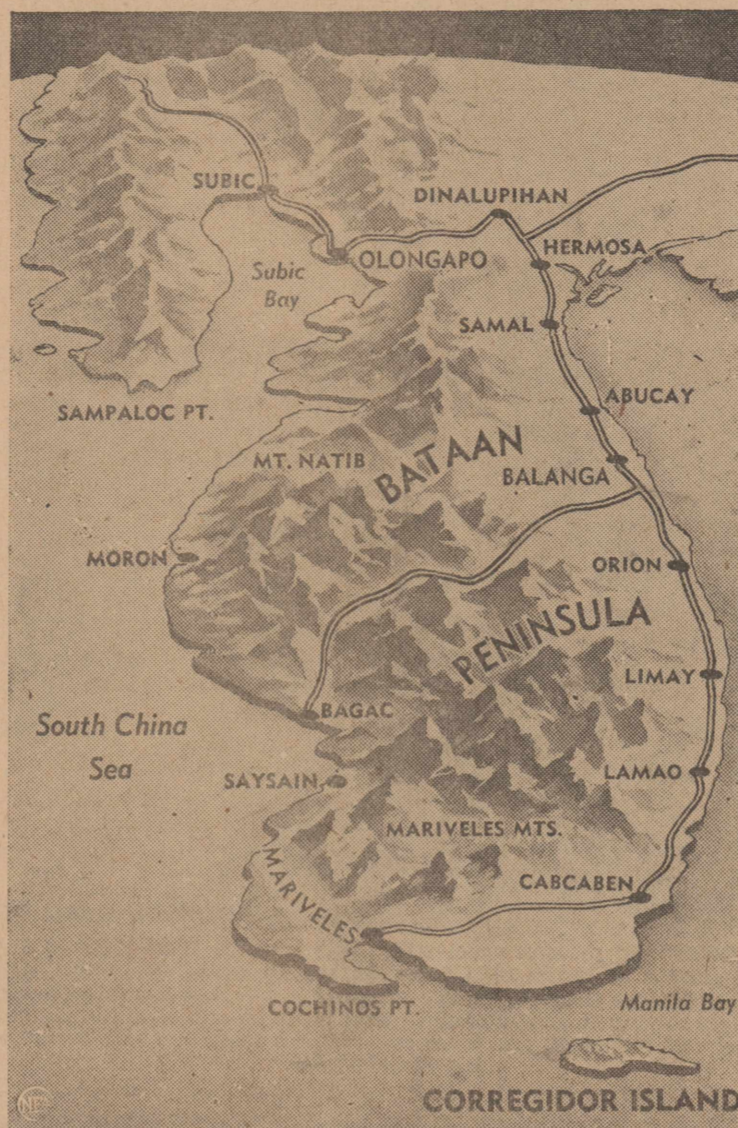
Gimmy, a St. Bernard minus the familiar brandy keg, takes her four pups for their daily hike over a snow-packed road near Sun Valley, Idaho.

Aussies Speed by Boat to Clash With Invaders



Australian troops use tiny boats on forest streams for quick transit through the roadless Malayan jungles. These are some of the British empire troops defending the approaches to Singapore.

Bataan Battlefield



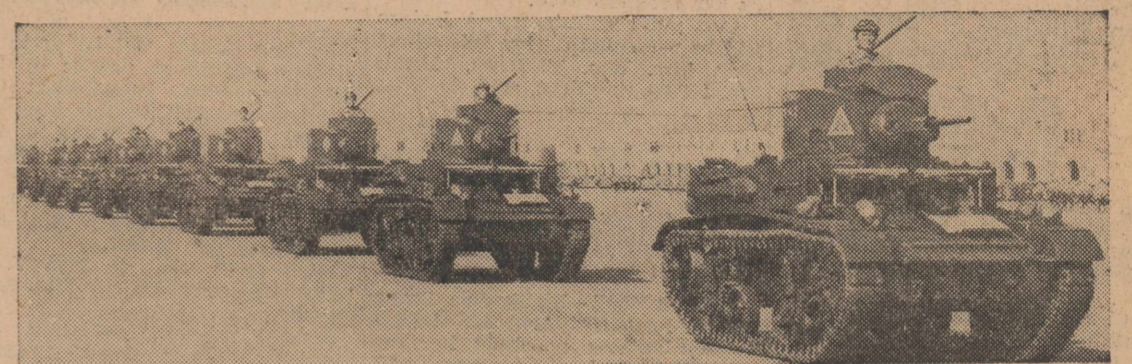
Bataan joins the list of historic American battlefields as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's U. S.-Filipino forces make their heroic stand in the jungled mountains and on the open beaches of this Philippine peninsula. Outnumbered nearly 10 to 1, American troops hold most of this peninsula and Corregidor, island fortress commanding the entrance to Manila Bay.

Army Engineers Rush Alaskan Defenses



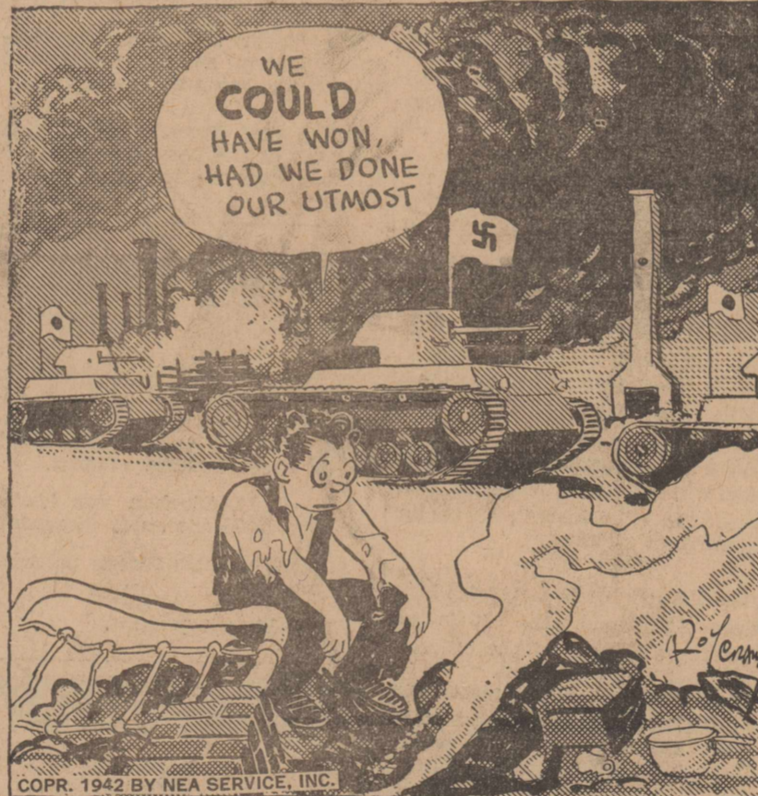
In the forests and coasts of Alaska, U. S. Army engineers are rushing roads, landing fields, barracks and docks for the defense of our northernmost outpost. These troops are using standing timber to build bridge across an Alaskan creek.

Marine Corps Tank Units Are Among The Best



Tanks are playing an important part in the present World War and United States Marines have plenty of them. These are just a few metal monsters the Leathernecks will use when the time is ripe. The personnel of the Marine tank outfits is composed of trained experts. The "tails" pictured in the rear of the tanks are radio antennae. Orders are received by radio. Each tank has its own radio transmitter.

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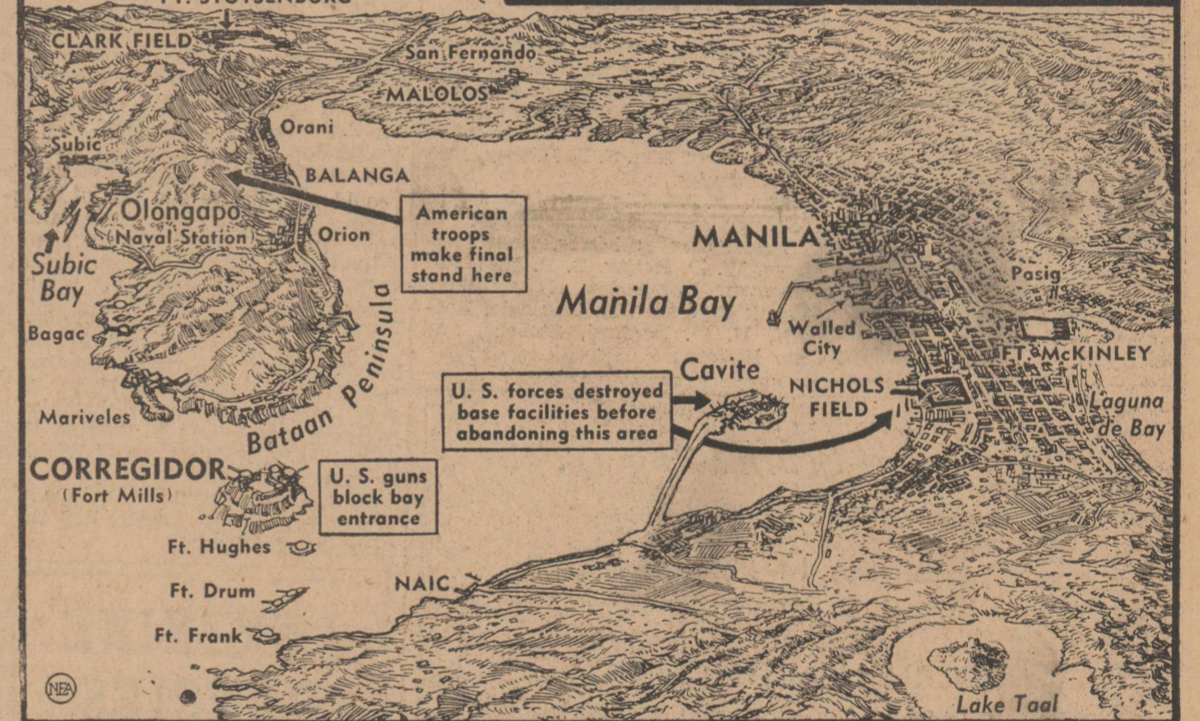
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Sam Sells Defense Bonds



Radio Star Singin' Sam, above, left, launches a big Defense Savings Bond campaign with Mayor John Britton of Richmond, Ind., by purchasing more bonds. Sam bought a stack of them before Pearl Harbor, and purchased still more after the war began. When asked by Mayor Britton if he would help start a drive in Richmond, his home town, the "Old Boy," who broadcast five days a week to 8,000,000 listeners over 248 stations on his "Refreshment Time" program, said: "Sure, Mayor, I'm glad to help. I'll do all in my power to get folks to buy 'em. In fact, I am ready to buy more Defense Bonds myself and I intend to keep right on buyin' them because that's one sure way to help win this war."

LAST STAND ON LUZON



On a rugged, mountainous peninsula and a heavily fortified island American and Filipino troops are making their final stand against Japanese invaders of Luzon. Map shows the Bataan Peninsula-Corregidor-Manila area where U. S. and Jap forces clash.

MALTA---Do 1300 Raids Presage Invasion?



Most raided spot of World War II is Malta, Britain's rocky island fortress in the Mediterranean that has undergone some 1300 axis bombing attacks in the past two years. Current series of raids on this British naval base may presage a Crete-type invasion by Nazis. Map shows closeup of Malta and its strategic position commanding mid-Mediterranean sea lanes.

Singapore Fall Will Add At Least Year To Long Pacific War

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON (AP)—The imminent fall of Singapore was described in military quarters here Wednesday as a blow of terrible consequences for the Allies—a disaster which would add at least an extra year to a long Pacific War.

It makes a successful defense of the Dutch East Indies highly problematical, according to this informed opinion, and probably means the United Nations must fall back eventually on Australia as their main bastion between Hawaii and India.

Moreover, all the strategic advantages lost—whether at Singapore or other key points, fallen or yet to fall—must be bought back some day slowly and painfully at great cost in blood and treasure.

Need More Time

The present grim situation might well have been averted, it was learned, had the Singapore garrison been able to hurl back all attacks on the fortress island for just about another month. By that time, it was understood, the British bastion probably would have received ample reinforcements to hold out indefinitely.

If the United Nations had been able to gain that much time to concentrate air power in the East Indies, it would have been a relatively simple matter to strengthen Singapore, not only in the air but on the ground.

As long as Singapore was securely in Allied hands, the Japanese were prevented from using elsewhere the forces committed to the Malay Peninsula campaign. That was one of the two main strategic reasons for continuing to defend the British fortress even after its value as a naval base had been virtually destroyed some weeks ago.

Japs Can Defend Base

The other reason was that Singapore was needed as a base for offensive operations of the future. Once its naval power had been restored, it could have been used both in hacking at Japan's supply lines and as Britain's bridgehead in the entire Western Pacific area.

Now if it is ever to be so used it will have to be recaptured at great cost because—so experts here say—Japan may well be able to defend it with more manpower than Britain has been able to concentrate there.

The manpower now released to the Japanese for attack in other theaters may be used, as authorities here view the possibilities, either in stepping up the drive aimed at the Burma Road into China, in expanding the campaign against the Dutch

Typhus Fever Is Apt To Spread If Rats Not Killed

Several cases of typhus fever in neighboring counties opens the possibility that the disease may strike in Midland County, said Dr. W. S. Brumage, director of the Midland County health unit, who has pointed out symptoms to watch, and methods of guarding against the disease.

"Typhus is a highly contagious eruptive fever," he said, "which is accompanied by chills, headaches, pains in the muscles, dark flushings of the skin, and a rapidly rising fever. A doctor should be called in, of course, if there is any such type of sickness."

Typhus is transmitted by the bite of a flea which has fed on infected rats, and control of the disease comes primarily through control of the rodents. For this reason, Dr. Brumage urges that special efforts be made in the county to exterminate rats. He states that all buildings should be rat-proofed; that food scraps be kept where rats cannot get to them; that trained rodent control men be directed to poison rats in the city area; that rats be killed off by proper fumigation methods directed by experts; that all methods of destruction of rats be more generally employed.

Not only will such a campaign eliminate the dangers of typhus fever, but they will likewise represent a saving of property damage in the county. This damage, in itself, is estimated to be near \$250,000 per year.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT UNDERGOES OPERATION

NEW YORK (AP)—Lieut. (J. G.) Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., was reported resting comfortably Wednesday at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, where he underwent an appendectomy.

COMPOSER DIES

BRIGHTON, England (AP)—Felix Powell, about 60, composer of the World War marching song "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," died Tuesday night.

East Indies, or in increasing the odds against General Douglas MacArthur's valiant forces in the Philippines.

The Indies campaign appeared the most likely, for only the narrow Malacca Strait now separates the troops on the Malay Peninsula from the Dutch Island of Sumatra.

Singapore--

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tinuity but a packet of bombs just landed so close I had to duck behind a wall which I hoped would—and did—screen the blast.

But those gun crews keep on fighting, their guns peppering smoke into the limited ceiling every time Japanese planes come near—that, almost constantly.

Japanese planes were attacking British forward areas, the railway station and harbor.

The British and Netherlands navies and mercantile marines were said to be doing a magnificent job, rushing in and out of the harbor, ignoring the dangers of almost continual land and air bombardment and the wiles of enemy submarines, to evacuate casualties and children.

The all clear has just sounded—what a joke!

From the window I can see three Japanese planes flying low not a mile away.

I am leaving now in a car which I swear I will put into forward gear and head straight into the Straits of Malacca.

I left one car for the Japanese in Nanking in 1937 but never again. Don't expect to hear from me for many days but please inform Mrs. McDaniel, Hotel Preanger, Bandung, Java, that I have left this land of the living and the dying.

Warfare--

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out-numbered defenders were counter-attacking furiously.

Dispatches from Batavia said the British and Netherlands royal navies were rushing in and out of Singapore harbor to evacuate women and children, ignoring the peril of incessant air and land bombardment and lurking submarines.

All useful stores and installations at the great Singapore naval base were reported blown up to prevent them from falling into the hands of the invaders.

Tokyo radio reports acknowledged Japanese troops were meeting bitter resistance, and declared a big battle of annihilation was raging in the center of the island.

World-Wide Reaction

World-wide reaction to the disaster included:

Washington—Military quarters agreed the fall of the \$400,000,000 British defense citadel would add at least a year to the Far Pacific conflict.

Australia—An atmosphere of shock and gloom prevailed. "It is difficult to believe official assurances only a few days ago that Singapore would be held can so quickly be disproved," said the Sydney Herald.

London—Some quarters predicted the present cabinet structure could not survive the fall of Singapore, and that even Prime Minister Churchill would fail to silence the clamor against certain of his ministers. Support was lacking, however, for reports that Churchill's leadership would be critically challenged.

Japan—A Tokyo commentator declared the fall of Singapore would pave the way for a meeting of Japanese, German and Italian armies in the Middle East.

"The British Imperial troops are making the enemy pay heavily for every advance, but they lack adequate air support," the British radio said.

On other fronts in the Far Pacific struggle:

Philippines—A War Department bulletin said Japanese troop movements indicated the invaders were massing for a tempestuous new assault against Gen. Douglas MacArthur's defenders on the Bataan Peninsula.

For the moment, however, the hard-pressed American and Filipino troops gained a respite after nine weeks of almost constant fighting. Land action and Japanese air activity were noticeably slackened.

Dutch Indies—N. E. I. fighter planes broke a formation of Japanese bombers enroute to attack the big Dutch naval base at Soerabaja, Java, a Batavia Communique said.

British Bombers Attack Japanese

RANGOON, Burma (AP)—British bombers with fighter escorts attacked Japanese positions in the Martaban sector at the mouth of the Salween River Tuesday and also raided enemy concentrations at Chengrai in extreme northern Thailand, an RAF communique announced Wednesday.

Other RAF planes carried out reconnaissance flights over enemy territory, while the only Japanese air action reported was an attack on Thaton, about 40 miles north of Martaban. "There are no details yet regarding casualties or damage," said the RAF.

(British military sources in London said there was no confirmation that the Japanese had crossed the Salween River with a large force. The Japanese news agency Domei claimed that Japanese troops had entered Martaban, on the west bank of the Salween.)

AUTHORESS DIES

LOUISVILLE (AP)—Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, 72, authoress of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch", and other novels, wife of Cals Young Rice, poet and dramatist, died Tuesday night.

After a night of quiet in which no air raids were reported anywhere over Burma, Rangoon had a 35-minute air raid alarm Wednesday morning. But no Japanese planes were sighted.

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MacArthur---

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A war Department communique gave some indication of the greatly superior enemy forces which MacArthur has been keeping from other theaters of operations. On Bataan, it reported, at least five enemy divisions have been identified as participating in the heavy fighting of recent days. The strength of a Japanese division is 25,000 men and the fact that at least five have been in action gives some idea of the tremendous pressure the enemy has been able to apply on the Peninsula front which is believed now no wider than 15 miles.

Besides the Japanese divisions identified in action, the War De-

partment said, another full division is guarding communications behind the front. Still another force is divided between the occupation of Manila and the bombardment of the American forts which bar the entrance to Manila Bay. In addition, there are large numbers of enemy support troops in the other section of Luzon Island, and reinforcements are constantly arriving.

The Japanese strategy apparently is to overwhelm MacArthur by sheer weight of numbers.

FIND CHILD'S BODY

CONGRESS, Ariz. (AP)—The body of two-year-old Ronald McGee, lost since Saturday, was found "horribly scratched and torn" Wednesday on the side of Tenderfoot Peak, about 12 miles northwest of here, Sheriff Willis Butler reported.

LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH (AP-USDA)—Cattle 2,500, calves 600; steers and yearlings slow and weak; instances 15-25 lower; other cattle steady; calves strong to unevenly higher; some slaughter calves 25-50 higher for the week; good and choice fed steers and yearlings 10.25-12.00; beef cows 7.00-8.75; canners and cutters 4.75-6.85; bulls 6.50-8.75; fat calves 8.00-12.00, culls 6.50-7.75; stocker steer calves 12.50 down.

Hogs 1,700; market opened strong, later sales mostly 25 higher; top 12.50; packing sows strong to 25 higher, mostly 10.75-11.00, few 11.25; stocker pigs 9.25 down, or steady.

Sheep 3,000; receipts mostly fat lambs selling steady to weak; woolled fat lambs 11.00-50, medium to good shorn fat lambs 9.00-50, fall shorn yearlings 9.00, feeder lambs fully steady.



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Monahans Builds Permanent Seats For Cattle Show

MONAHANS (Sp)—G. B. Estes, Jr., president of the Pecos Valley Livestock Show to be held here April 9-11, announced Monday that permanent bleacher seats will be built soon at the county fair, site of the show, for spectators and buyers at the club calf and lamb auctions and the registered Hereford bull sales. The seats will be built on the west and east sides of the rows of covered stables recently constructed and will accommodate about 365 persons. A stairway will lead to the seats, which will be built above the stables.

The show space was recently enlarged by the construction of covered stables, and directors of the exposition plan to make many other improvements before the opening date of the three-day show.

Oil News--

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pump at 4,792 feet in brown lime.

Moore-Olson No. 2-C Half, Western Crockett County deep wildcat which stopped at 6,977, 237 feet in the Ellenburger, has been plugged back to 3,650 feet and will test shows encountered in the Clear Fork, lower Permian.

Moncrief et al No. 1 Couch, Southeastern Crockett wildcat, was plugged back with 55 sacks to 6,322 from 6,437 feet in lime and shale and is preparing to set whipstock to drill by junk. Contract depth is 6,500 feet.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
 America's Card Authority
 For many years George Reith was chairman of the card committee of the Knickerbocker Whist Club in New York, where duplicate bridge was first played in this country. He was a strong player, winning many notable tournament victories in both auction and contract. Reith wrote several books on

♠ Q 7 6
 ♥ 8 7 4
 ♦ J 3 2
 ♣ K 9 5 2
 ♠ 9 4 3
 ♥ Q J 10 9
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A 6 5
 ♠ A 8
 ♠ 8
 ♥ AK 6 3
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ J 10 9 4
Dealer
 Reith
 ♠ AK J 10 5 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K 10 8
 ♣ Q 7 3
 Duplicate—None vul.
 South West North East
 1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♥
 3 ♠ 4 ♣ 4 ♠ Pass
 Opening—♥ Q. 11

contract, including the first on the one-over-one system which has since become an integral part of all leading systems. Reith was at his best in playing a difficult or hopeless hand. Here is a typical Reith play.

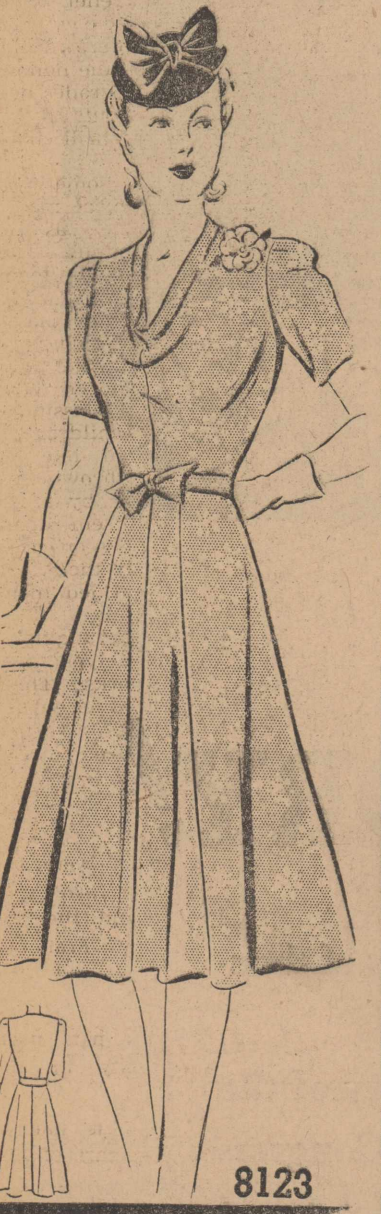
North had carried Reith to four spades in a situation that drew the comment from Reith—a comment carefully withheld until the hand was played out—“Your hand doesn't get any bigger because I rebid. If you couldn't raise on the first round, how could you raise later?”

Two rounds of hearts began the play. South ruffing the second. Noting that East had both ace and king of hearts, Reith inferred that West held both minor aces. He cashed a top trump, then led the ten and overtook with the queen of trumps.

Dummy led the jack of diamonds. East covered with the queen. South with the king and West played his ace. West led a third heart. South ruffed low and then pulled West's last trump.

South led a low club and the king won when West played the eight. Dummy led a diamond and South won by a finesse of the eight-spot. He led the seven of clubs—his only chance—and was rewarded by seeing the ace drop. That left the queen a trick and gave Reith his contract.

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9 Million Men To Register Monday

Approximately 56,000 male residents in Texas will be registered in the 20 and 21-year-old age groups on February 16th, says General J. Wyatt Page, State Selective Service Director.

National Selective Service Headquarters anticipates a total registration in the Continental United States of about 9,000,000 men between the ages of 20 and 45 years. General Page has been advised, and of these about 1,650,000 will be in the 20 to 21-year-old group.

It is also estimated that around 444,000 in the 36 to 44-year-old group will be registered in Texas on February 16th, together with some in the 21 to 36-year-old group who were unable or for other reasons did not register at the two previous reg-

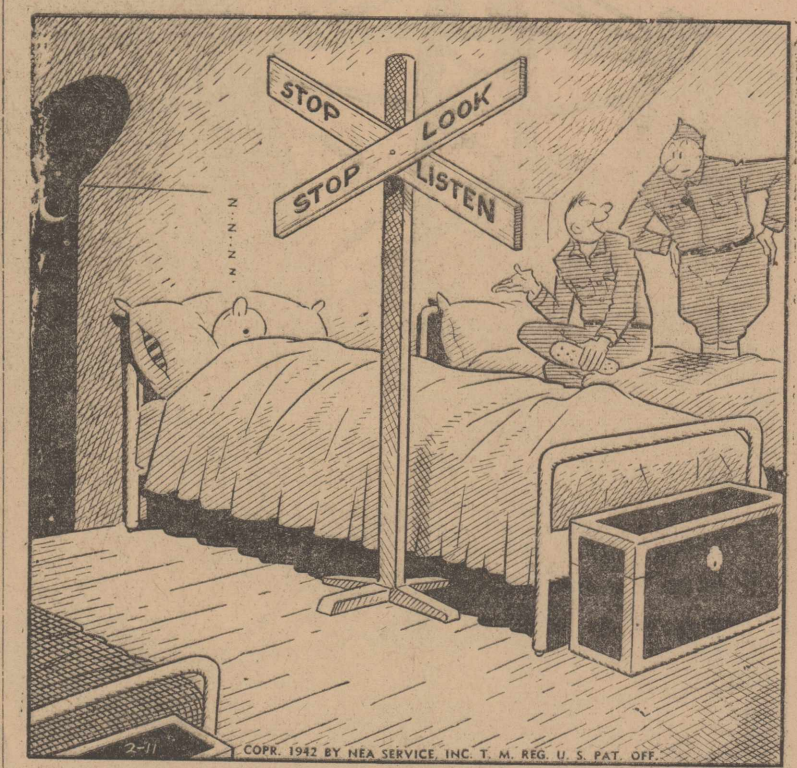
Monahans Library Finally Approved

MONAHANS (Sp)—Two years of effort by county social and civic organizations were crowned with success Monday afternoon when county commissioners' court approved an appropriation for \$1000 to purchase books for a county library, and voted to allow \$360 annually for rent for the project.

A delegation of approximately 35

representations. The age groups to be registered on February 16th include all men not previously registered who have attained their twentieth birthday on February 16, 1942; that is: All unregistered males resident in the United States who were born between February 17, 1897 and December 31, 1921.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"The gang was always falling over his bed!"

SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, that was the hand when we went down four spades doubled, while you were telling us how you gave up potatoes and white bread!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THANKS TO BOWMAN BROWNVILLE, N.Y.

IF YOU FIGURE LONG ENOUGH WHERE THE SUN GOES WHEN IT GOES DOWN, IT WILL DAWN ON YOU! SAYS MRS. V. V. MARSHALL, ARLINGTON, NEBRASKA.

TOOT! TOOT!

THE EAST TENNESSEE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD IS IN THE SOUTH!

2-11

persons appeared before the court to present the proposal, which was finally accepted after a lengthy discussion. The commissioners specified that 80 per cent of the money set aside for books was to be spent on non-fiction literature.

Representatives of almost every club and Parent-Teachers Association chapter of the county attended the meeting. Delegates had been appointed at a meeting of interested persons last Friday night at the high school building.

Rationing Of Recaps And Retreads Will Start February 19

WASHINGTON (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced Wednesday that rationing of retreaded and recapped tires would begin February 19 and that it was probable that "there will be no crude rubber available for re-

treating except for the small number of vehicles already engaged to obtain new tires and tubes."

The new rationing program, which includes the rationing of "cambalck," the rubber compound used in the retreading process, will be carried out by the present tire rationing boards.

Henderson said the war production Board would determine each month the amount of crude rubber which could be used in making the compound and that "a certain

amount will be made available each month to permit the retreating or recapping of truck tires."

None For Passenger Cars

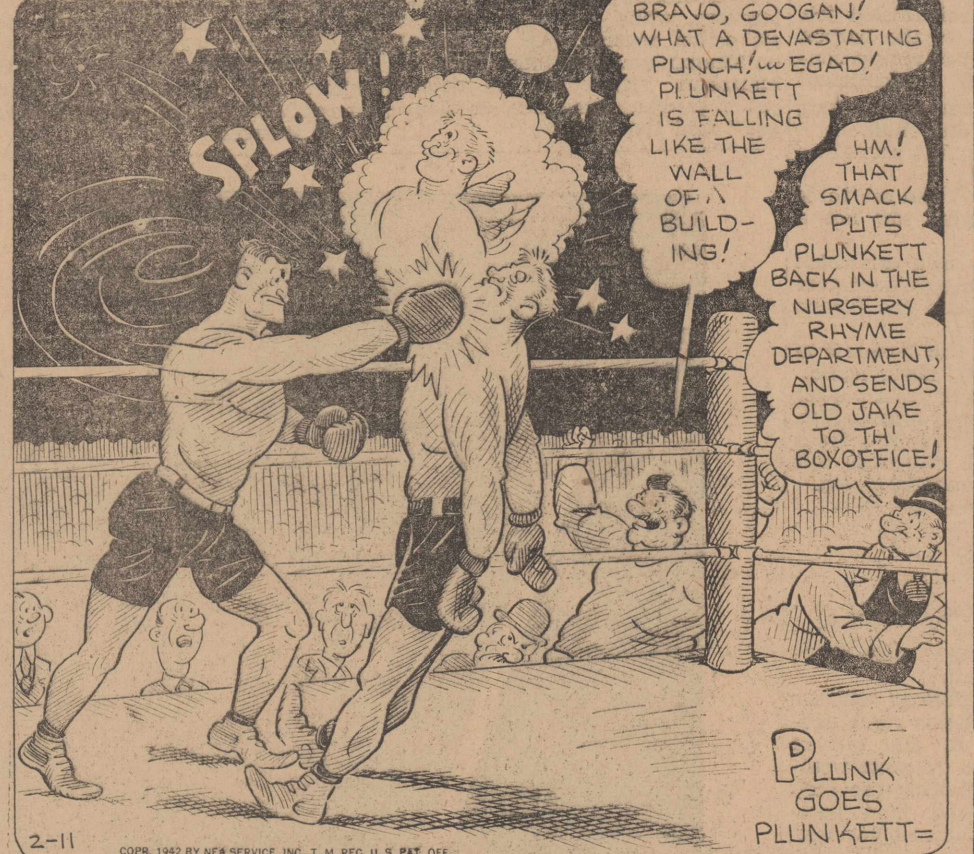
"None will be available this month for the retreading of passenger car tires, and perhaps none for the month of March."

"Events will dictate the future production of this material. OPA is providing regulations broad enough to ration as much cambalck as the War Production Board can make available out of our limited rubber supply."

Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board has extended the rationing authority in Henderson, to give him specific power to ration recapped and retreaded tires and materials at wholesale and retail levels.

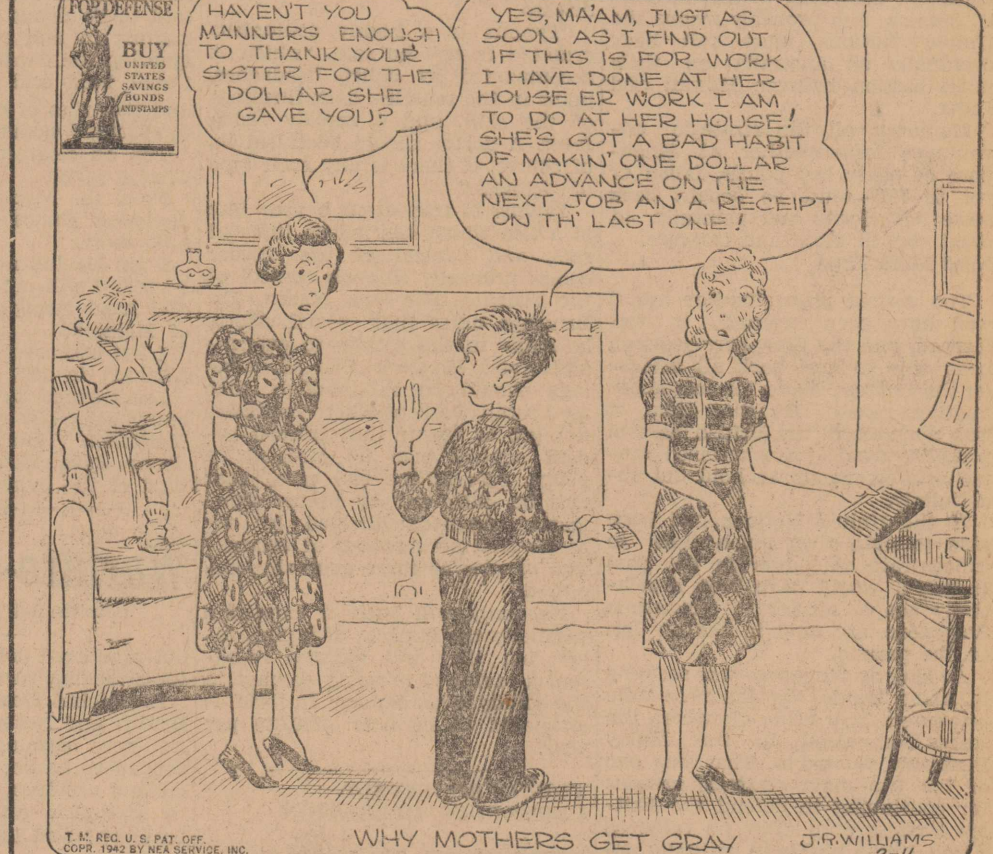
Mrs. D. B. Collum and infant boy were discharged from Ryan's Hospital Wednesday.

Our Boarding House



BRAND, GOOGAN! WHAT A DEVASTATING PUNCH! EGAD! PLUNKETT IS FALLING LIKE THE WALL OF A BUILDING!

Major Hoople



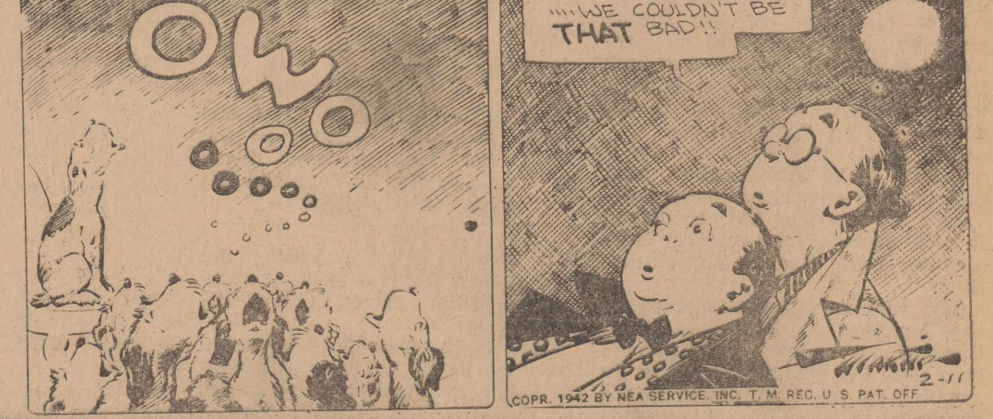
HAVEN'T YOU MANNERS ENOUGH TO THANK YOUR SISTER FOR THE DOLLAR SHE GAVE YOU? YES, MA'AM, JUST AS SOON AS I FIND OUT IF THIS IS FOR WORK I HAVE DONE AT HER HOUSE OR WORK I AM TO DO AT HER HOUSE! SHE'S GOT A BAD HABIT OF MAKIN' ONE DOLLAR AN ADVANCE ON THE NEXT JOB AN' A RECEIPT ON TH' LAST ONE!

Boots And Her Buddies



OH, MY LAND! BOOTS! DO THE BOYS KNOW THAT MISS WOOLLESBY HAS THE FRONT ROOM? GOSH, NOW!

Wash Tubbs



OH, MY JIMMY! I AM SO FRIGHTENED! SAVE ME!

Wash Tubbs



MY JIM! LISKA!

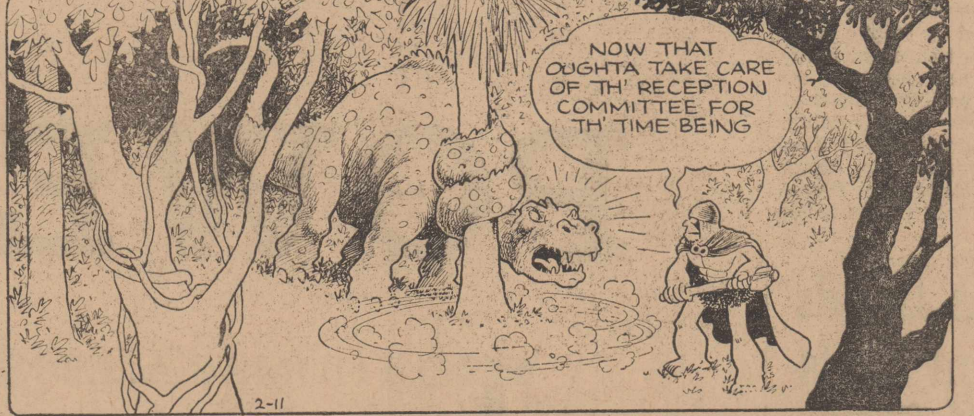
Wash Tubbs



I OVERHEAR CONVERSATION IN HOTEL LAST NIGHT... I LEARN THEY ARE PLANNING TO DAMAGE YOUR PLANE! I TRY TO WARN YOU, JIMMY! THEN SOMEONE GRAB ME... I SCREAM... I AM CARRIED AWAY

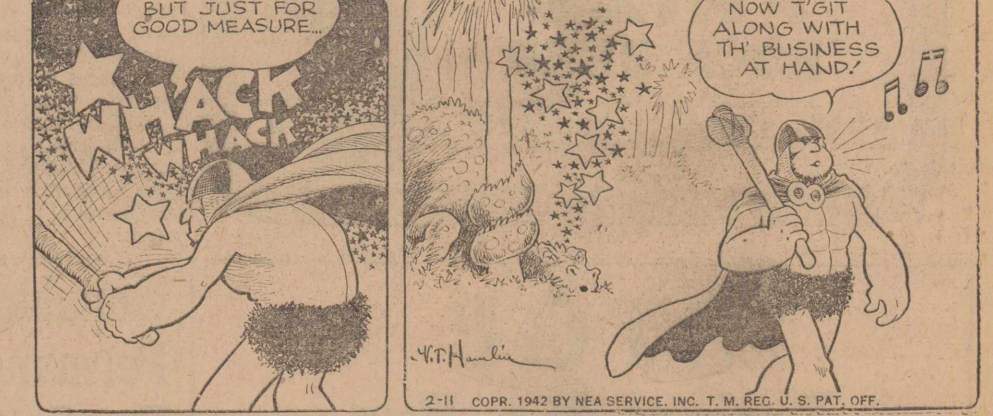
Buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

Illey Oop



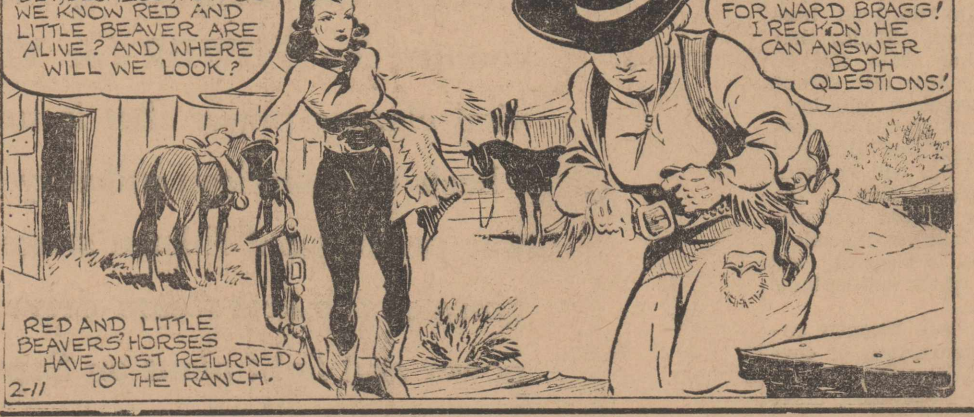
NOW THAT OUGHTA TAKE CARE OF THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE FOR TH' TIME BEING

Illey Oop



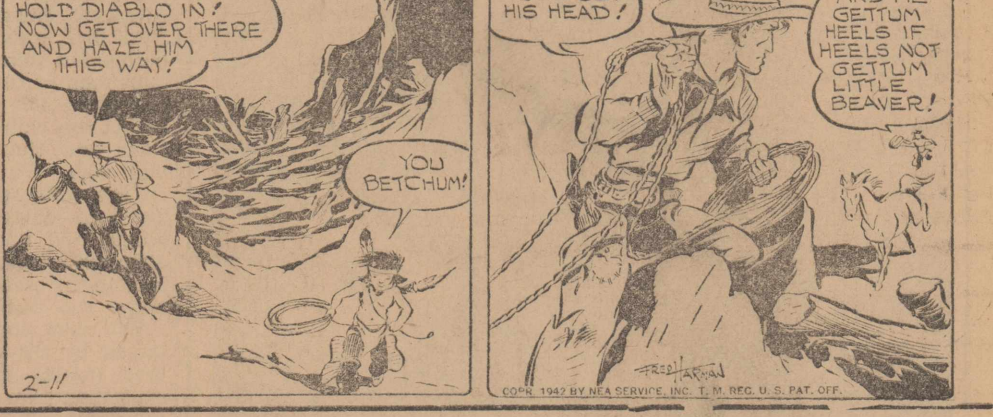
BUT JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE.

Red Ryder



RED AND LITTLE BEAVER'S HORSES HAVE JUST RETURNED TO THE RANCH.

Red Ryder



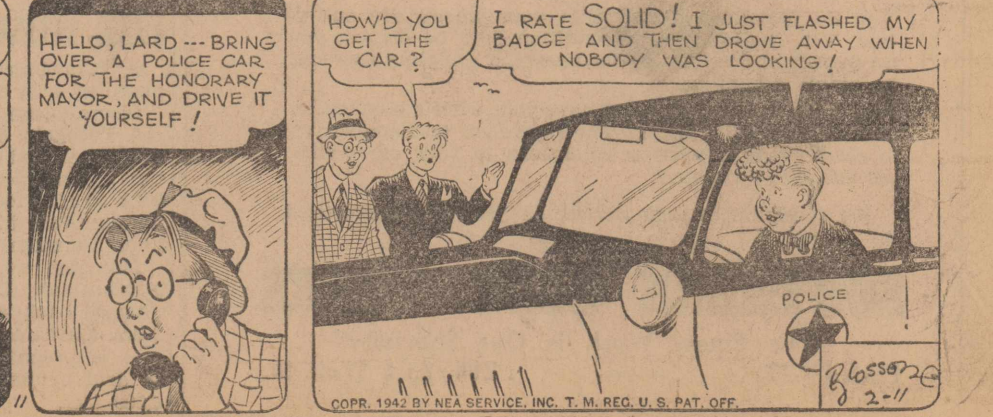
I'LL GET HIS HEAD!

Freckles And His Friends



NO, YOU STAY HERE AND ANSWER THE PHONE! IF ANY IMPORTANT CALLS COME IN, MISS ELLIS WILL TAKE THEM!

Freckles And His Friends

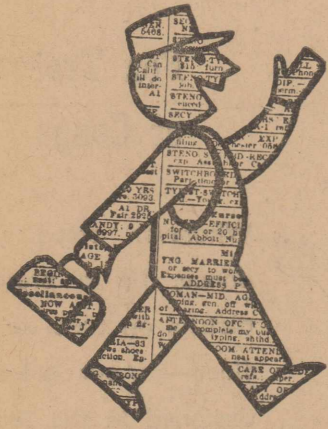


HELLO, LARD --- BRING OVER A POLICE CAR FOR THE HONORARY MAYOR, AND DRIVE IT YOURSELF!

NEXT: What is a gastrolith?

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Travel Bureau 5
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SHARE expense plan, approximate cost 1¢ per mile—Cars every way, every day. Call us for information. 110 E. 2nd. St. Odessa, Texas. Ph. 387. (286-7)

Lost and Found 7
LOST: Large black and white English Setter dog. Answers to name of "Prince." Reward, Ph. 331. (287-3)

FOUND: Keys and drivers license belonging to Clyde Johnson Miller. Call at Reporter-Telegram office and pay for ad. (287-3)

LOST: Black male Cocker Spaniel, answers to name of "Puck." Reward. Phone Reporter-Telegram. (290-3)

Help Wanted 9
WANTED: Experienced watchmaker and engraver. Box 71. (286-7)

REPRESENTATIVE wanted: For Midland and vicinity. Must be high type man, exceptional earnings. Ph. 1547. (290-1)

RENTALS

BEDROOM 12
LARGE southeast bedroom, private entrance, adjoining bath and telephone. Reasonable. Call 810-J; 307 West Florida. (285-6)

FURNISHED room, twin beds, private entrance and bath. 1304 W. Ohio, Phone 397. (287-3)

SOUTHEAST bedroom, private entrance and bath. 1001 W. Kans. (289-1)

SOUTHEAST bedroom, adjoining bath, garage, 1605 W. Ky. Phone 374-W. (289-1)

SOUTHWEST bedroom, private entrance, adjoining bath. 403 West Storey. Ph. 472-W. (290-1)

BEDROOM close in, convenient to bath. 305 N. Pecos. Phone 813-W. (290-3)

2 bedrooms, with conveniences, men preferred. Ph. 1095-J. (290-3)

WELL furnished southeast bedroom, innerspring mattress, adjoining bath, private entrance. 714 West Storey. (290-8)

BEDROOM, private entrance, innerspring mattress, radio, one block from several cafes. Gentleman. 106 S. Marienfeld. Phone 753-J. (290-3)

Furnished Apartments 14
2 room furnished apt. Bills paid. 897 S. Baird. (287-3)

2 room apt. Close in, utilities paid. 300 N. Weatherford. (290-2)

Houses 16
5 room brick house, all conveniences, apply first door south of 311 South Weatherford. (284-6)

Furnished Houses 17
SIX room furnished house; 2 baths, 204 S. Big Spring. Apply at 202 S. Big Spring. (288-3)

Wanted To Rent 21
2 or 3 room modern furnished apt. or house. See or call Alfred Counce Piggly-Wiggly. Phone 28. (287-3)

WANTED: Two or three-room furnished apartment or small house; young couple no children. Box 135 Reporter-Telegram. (288-3)

COTTON innerspring mattresses; pillows. Lee Thomas, 451 or 2082-W. 906 S. Baird. (286-26)

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22
8 room residence, two story brick and tile business bldg., across street west of high school. 1009 Main St., Big Spring. (289-7)

LIVING and dining room drapes for sale. Phone 1306. (290-4)

Miscellaneous 23
POR Sale: 14-inch saddle, roper tree. Just broken in. Bargain \$60.00. Ph. 1399-J. (288-3)

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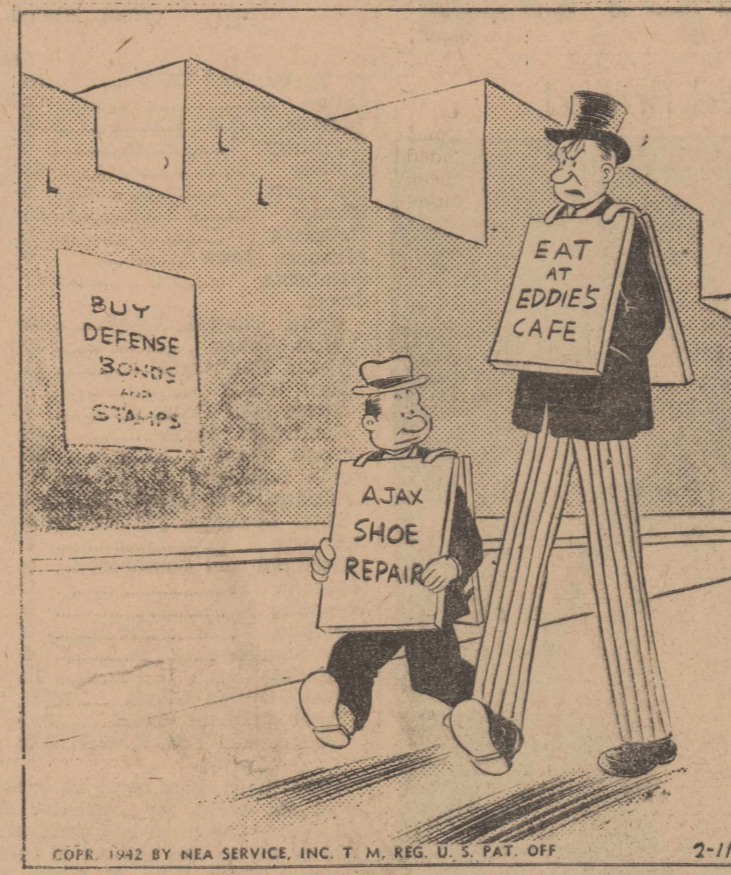
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BUSINESS SERVICE

Mattress Renovating 47
COTTON innerspring mattresses; pillows. Lee Thomas, 451 or 2082-W. 906 S. Baird. (286-26)

Business Opportunities 49

THE mixed feed business is necessary to our war effort and is not affected by priorities. Reputable Texas mill account is available. If you want good, profitable, steady, business and have \$3000.00 operating capital, write Box 1380, Fort Worth, Texas. (287-7)

REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale 61
FIVE room frame house, with garage and frame room, excellent condition, reasonable. Phone 1168. 1111 West Indiana. (288-6)

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SERIAL STORY

KINGS ROW

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BOOK I CHAPTER I

SPRING came late in the year 1890, so it came more violently, and the fullness of its burgeoning heightened the seasonal disturbance that made unquiet in the blood.

On this particular day, the 28th of April, the vast sky seemed vaster than ever—wider, bluer, higher.

The roads were like the strands of a gigantic web, weaving and knitting closer and closer until they reached a center—Kings Row, the county seat. "A good town," everyone said. "A good, clean town. A good town to live in, and a good place to raise your children."

In the sagging center of this web of roads Kings Row presented an attractive picture as one drove in from the country. Elms, oaks, and maples arose in billows of early summer green. The white steeple of the Methodist church, the gilt weather vane of the Baptist, and the slender slate-covered spire of the Presbyterian thrust high. In the center arose the glistening dome of the courthouse.

In the first glimpse of the town, if one happened to approach it from the west, one saw the public school building—Kings Row's special pride. It stood on a rise of ground and looked down on Town Creek, where that noisy little stream bent itself around the west and south of the city limits. On an adjoining rise stood Aberdeen College, the Presbyterian school for boys.

The old brick sidewalks, uneven after many years, were mossy and cool under the shade trees.

To the east of town the State Asylum for the insane expanded its many wings through ample grounds. At night, with its hundreds of windows gleaming through the high trees, it had a palatial and festive air.

Kings Row was no smaller town with raw newness upon it. It had successfully simulated the mellowness and established ways of older towns east and south—towns remembered in the affections of the early builders.

In the courthouse yard, a few men sat under the trees with chairs tilted back. Some, declaring that summer had come and that such heat was unseasonable, had taken off their coats.

"It's not healthy," they declared. "There'll be a lot of sickness if this keeps up."

A lumber wagon made its deliberate way along West Street. Streets had borne names for years in Kings Row, but it was only lately that people had begun using them. Miles Jackson, editor of The Gazette, had started the fashion in the weekly paper. Some thought it sounded too pretentious for a town of 4000 people.

THE lumber wagon had reached the hill where the road sloped down to the bridge across Town Creek. The driver awoke from pleasant meditations as the heavy load gained unwelcome speed on the descent. He jerked the lines. "Whoa, where you think you're going?"

His voice carried easily through the open windows of the schoolroom where Miss Sally Venable held sway over some 60 children ranging in age from 10 to 14. Several boys giggled.

Sally liked her children and she had been teaching long enough to see a generation grow up. She knew practically everybody. She knew the homes of these children, and their present fortunes, so she found interest in imagining their probable destinies.

She studied Cassandra Tower, the prettiest girl in town. Boys were beginning to be interested in

LANDIS REORGANIZES CIVILIAN DEFENSE
WASHINGTON (AP)—James M. Landis is on his first day as the new chief of the Office of Civilian Defense disclosed Wednesday that a thorough reorganization was under way in OGD.



Drake McHugh leaned forward and whispered something to Parris Mitchell. Parris glanced quickly at Cassandra, absorbed in her book. Miss Venable made a slight sound—tch! tch! Randy Monaghan, on the other side of Parris, had her attention derailed by the movements of the two boys.

Cassandra. Only yesterday Miss Venable had noticed a legend chalked on the wall: "Drake McHugh loves Cassandra Tower."

Drake was watching Cassandra now, his long faint eyes glinting a little under his brows that grew shaggily together over the bridge of his arched nose. Drake, robust, deep-chested, hair always falling into his eyes. "A regular boy," most people said, but Sally Venable was not so sure of that. He was open and frank, but his mouth was a trifle loose for so young a boy.

Drake gave up his fruitless ogling of Cassandra Tower. That lovely creature was far away on an island with the Swiss Robinsons. Cassandra's oval face remained as ivory-cool and pale as always, although her eyes were excited. Odd eyes—very odd.

Drake McHugh leaned forward and whispered something to Parris Mitchell who occupied the desk in front of him. Parris gave an impatient wriggle but glanced quickly at Cassandra. A slight flush warmed his downy face.

Miss Venable made a slight sound—tch! tch! but no one heard her.

Parris Mitchell was her pet. The boy was different in every way. Perhaps it was because he lived with that curious foreign grandmother, Madame von Eln. Dr. Alex Berdorf, pastor of the German Lutheran church, said that Parris spoke French and German better than he did English.

He looked foreign, she thought. Stocky and broad-shouldered. Vitality showed in his warm coloring and in the heavy eyebrows arched high over large hazel eyes. A slight shadow showed on his upper lip, although he was only 12. He had a quickness of motion that bespoke Latin blood. That rippling motion of his hands, for example. He was the only boy in Kings Row who studied music.

Randy Monaghan, on the other side of Parris, had her attention derailed by the movements of the two boys. She leaned forward and looked under Cassandra's

desk. A grin, shrewd and a little coarse, widened her mouth. She made a low sibilant sound. Both Drake and Parris looked back. Thrusting her knee from under the desk, she snapped a red elastic garter and grinned again.

THE hands of Miss Venable's watch pointed to 4. She tapped on the desk, and instantly the room buzzed.

"Quiet, quiet! Clear your desks!" Hats were distributed quickly by boys and girls who were appointed weekly to this privilege as a reward for good behavior. Miss Venable often wondered why it was considered a privilege.

Peyton Graves, a quiet boy in school, but a noisy one outside, slapped each hat down on the desk in front of its owner as he moved rapidly up the aisle.

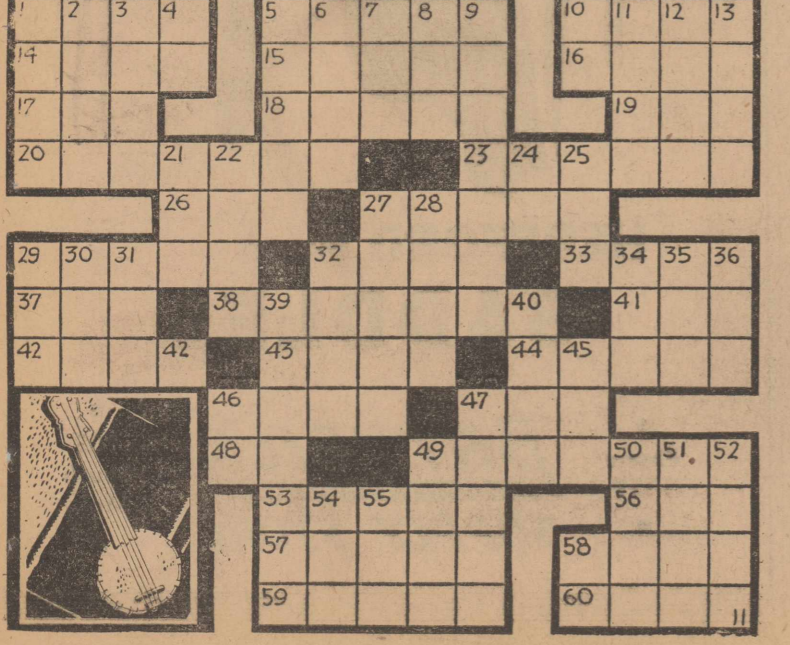
"Position!" The children sat upright. Heels clomped into the aisles. "Rise!" Scuffling and scraping of feet. Their departure was thunderous. Miss Venable fetched a long tremulous breath of relief. She walked to the window and watched the dispersing crowd. In the hall she could hear the hollow thumping of the upper grades descending the stairs. Shouts of the boys mingled with the shrill chatter of the girls.

Miss Venable was sometimes given to half-philosophical meditations on life and society as she saw it through her pupils. The prescribed social lines of the town fell upon them the moment they left the democracy of the classroom. The children of rich parents, the "nice" children, the poor children, and the children who rested under the fatal classification defined by other children as "tacky"—they were all like so many helpless pieces thrown out from a common center by some centrifugal force that sent them severally and separately on predestined ways. Already their feet were set on roads that led them farther and farther apart. "It's strange," she thought, "how quickly they feel it themselves, and how effectively it works. They seem to know it and to accept it. I guess that's a mercy."

(To Be Continued)

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

HORIZONTAL
1 The two.
5 Pictured instrument.
10 Mohammedan prince.
14 Send forth.
15 Combination.
16 Manufactured.
17 Expire.
18 Helmet.
19 Body of water.
20 His — make the music.
23 The — is a similar instrument.
26 Playing.
27 Water plant.
29 Frozen moisture.
32 Wild hog.
33 Greatest amount.
37 Assist.
38 Person with inflated ego.
41 Curved weapon.
42 Performer.
43 Paradise.



Answer to Previous Puzzle
1 Ship pole.
12 Thought.
13 Last in order.
21 It is (contr.).
22 Short letter.
24 We.
25 Theory.
27 Sheep huts.
28 Falling water.
29 Fashion.
30 River (Sp.).
31 Lyric poem.
32 Portend.
34 Charm.
35 Male child.
36 Pair.
39 Book of the Bible.
40 Neat.
45 Dress edge.
46 Exclamation.
47 Vapors.
49 Impolite.
50 Acidity.
51 Yawn.
52 Formerly.
54 Three (prefix).
55 Raced.
58 Mountain (abbr.).

Answers To Cranium Crackers

- Questions on page 2
1. New Orleans is the Crescent City, St. Louis the Mound City, Minneapolis and St. Paul the Twin Cities, and Seattle the Gateway to Alaska.
 2. The four Springfield with more than 50,000 population are in Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri.
 3. Great catastrophes were the Chicago fire allegedly started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow and the Iriquois Theater fire, San Francisco earthquake and fire, and the Johnstown flood.
 4. Reno, Nev., back pats itself as the biggest little city in the world.
 5. Hollywood, Calif., is not a separate city but is a part of Los Angeles.

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Bulldogs Lose To Big Spring

Big Spring Holds Tie For Lead As Abilene Is Winner

Big Spring's mighty Steers went unchecked in their conquest of district 3-AA basketball championship Tuesday night, when they scored over the heads of Midland's tiny Bulldogs time after time to take a 21 to 7 decision in the Big Spring gym.

The two teams battled fairly evenly through the first half of the melee, but Big Spring maneuvered its big guns into firing range during the final half and blasted away Midland's hopes of a win.

Blount got through the tight defense of the Bulldog five only three times during the first half, all of them coming in the opening quarter, while Horace Bostick dropped in a free toss for the Steers. Watson bucketed a field goal, and Bill Stickney scored a toss to end the first period at 7 to 3.

Midland kept the second quarter scoring even with H. G. Bedford's field goal and another toss by Stickney, while Horace Bostick made a basket and Blount a toss for the Steers to end the first half 10 to 6.

As tight a defensive game as ever was waged by any two ball clubs was seen throughout the third period. Midland went completely scoreless while Blount went the foul route to get a toss for his club. With only forty seconds remaining

in the heat, James Fallon slipped in a basket for a total of three points scored in the entire third quarter, which ended at 13 to 6, Steers.

Peppy Blount, James Fallon, and Horace Bostick turned on the heat in the final stanza to score two, one and one baskets respectively, while Midland was held until the last minute of play when Bill Stickney sank a free throw to make Midland's only score in the last half.

Towering Peppy Blount repeated as high scorer for approximately the twelfth time this season, hanging up 12 points. Stickney was high for Midland with three free throws.

Midland will be host to San Angelo's Bobcats Thursday night at the local gym, and Sloan Field's Cliffor's quintet will play the Midland High faculty team in the second game on the card.

Midland	fg	ft	pf
Stickney	0	3	3
Kelly	0	0	0
Watson	1	0	2
Bedford	1	0	0
Wells	0	0	0

Big Spring	fg	ft	pf
H. Bostick	2	1	1
Stevenson	0	0	0
Blount	5	2	1
Fallon	2	0	0
E. Bostick	0	0	1
Womack	0	0	0

Shell Team Wins In Industrial League

Shell Oil bowling team No. 2 went to the head of the class in the Industrial League Tuesday night by outrolling the Honolulu Oil five. Midland Hardware won over Mackey Motor, and A&L Housing stopped Texaco Oil.

A&L shot high single game with 387 pins, and Shell Oil knocked over 2440 in 30 frames. Grant of Honolulu took single game honors with 223.

Fine Feathered Friend



Fanciest fowl at New York poultry show was this white-crested black Polish cock.

Sloan Field Man Goes To G.G. Meet

Bob Sproule, the socking Sloan Field heavyweight, left with the Odessa district Golden Gloves team Wednesday for the state tournament at Fort Worth.

Army Sends Many To Golden Gloves

PORT WORTH (AP)—Youthful boxing legions of Texas thronged Fort Worth Wednesday eagerly awaiting the start of the sixth annual Texas Golden Gloves tournament Wednesday night.

The competitors come from 22 districts. The tournament will last five days. The first night's battling will be among teams from Abilene, Brownwood, Denison, Mexia, Olney, Temple, Wichita Falls and Camp Wolters.

Among army camps and flying fields with competitors are Camp Barkeley, Sheppard Field, Fort Bliss, Fort Brown, Goodfellow Field, Ellington Field, Fort Sam Houston, Randolph Field, Camp Bowie, Camp Wolters.

Three promising heavyweight bouts top the first night's card. Bob Three of Lovell, Wyo., representing Sheppard Field and Wichita Falls, meets Darrell Harris of Denison; James O. Phillips, Camp Bowie and Brownwood champion from Fort Worth, meets Eddy Rzek of Cincinnati; Camp Wolters winner, John Robertson, Camp Barkeley and Abilene champion from Tulsa, meets Gilbert Stromquist, Austin.

Federal Aid Now For Small Manufacturers

Any manufacturer whose annual volume was less than \$100,000 in 1941, whether or not he is engaged in war production, may make application for priorities assistance, according to information received by the Midland Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A.

Consideration will be given to (a) the importance of the product to the war program or the national welfare; and (b) the fact that the release of a small quantity of scarce materials may help maintain employment or free available materials now tied up.

The applicant must fill out a form on which priorities assistance will be requested for the purchase of scarce materials as specified by the War Production Board. A sample copy of the form may be seen at the chamber of commerce.

Highlights From The Week's Oil News

COMPLETIONS IN ALL FIELDS (Week Ended February 7, 1942)

	Oil	Gas	Dry	Total	1942	1941
N. Y., Pa., and W. Va.	69	11	3	83	172,032	597,500
Ohio	4	11	10	25	68,744	155,151
Indiana	1	0	2	3	5,437	60,42
Kentucky	0	0	3	3	5,361	55,62
Illinois	25	0	9	33	98,814	320,309
Michigan	9	3	2	14	36,109	95,88
Kansas	23	0	8	31	105,145	211,174
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0	3,10
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	17	11	10	38	128,447	195,148
Texas:						
North Central Texas	13	0	15	28	84,631	248,265
West Texas	30	0	7	37	158,228	246,211
Texas Panhandle	14	3	0	17	50,733	107,47
East Texas	5	1	3	9	41,391	69,125
Texas Gulf Coast	7	1	5	13	72,659	122,96
Southwest Texas	15	0	15	30	138,754	192,138
Total Texas	84	5	45	134	548,309	984,882
North Louisiana	5	0	5	10	30,455	88,67
Louisiana Gulf Coast	0	0	5	5	36,520	93,83
Total Louisiana	6	0	7	13	66,975	182,50
Arkansas	4	0	1	5	30,748	20,18
Mississippi and Southeast	0	0	0	0	0	19,20
Montana	2	0	0	2	4,846	21,30
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	8,19
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	1,1
New Mexico	4	0	1	5	13,791	34,41
California	11	1	0	12	75,313	127,136
Total United States	257	42	104	403	1,359,458	3,086,2781
Total previous week	348	45	134	527		
Week ended Feb. 8, 1941	300	43	118	461		

After M-68 has been in effect about six weeks, its restrictive effects are apparent in last week's decline of 124 in the number of completions. There were 21 fewer oil wells, while gas wells and dry holes were down 3 and 30 respectively. Declines were scattered because of the assistance given gas producers in the East by OPC's permission to complete all wells started prior to December 23 and also because of the prevalence of 40-acre spacing in some areas.

New locations and operations are sharply down. Kansas reports only eight new locations for the week. In Illinois, operations are down 57 per cent from last December. The number of permits issued in Michigan so far this year is 50 compared with 88 during the same period of 1941. Of the 238 active operations in the state only about one-third are actually drilling or in completion stage here. Texas reports two locations at Hawkins and no wildcats.

In an attempt to spur wildcatting, a bill has been introduced into Congress which provides for payment of 12 1/2 per cent royalty during the first 10 years of the life of leases taken out on the public domain. At present, royalties average around 16 2/3 per cent. Leases on structures which are now producing are exempt. This does not appear to provide a great deal of encouragement for the wildcatter and even less for the conservationist. It means that once a lease is obtained, it must be drilled up as rapidly as possible and as much oil as possible must be removed from it during the first 10 years of its life. After that, production may be down to point where the sliding scale will keep royalties at 12 1/2 per cent. This situation is further complicated by the 40-acre spacing rule and also by the fact that some fields in Wyoming have had to wait for more than 20 years before a market could be obtained.

To introduce an additional complication to the stew is the suggestion that the state's production should be regulated according to the proportion of its non-stripper reserves to those of the country as a whole. If major fields were to be opened up as a result of this reduction in royalties and they were rapidly drilled up and proven because of the time limit involved, then the state would be entitled to greater production for which there would be no pipe-line facilities. It would appear preferable to drop the time limit and make the royalty a flat one-eighth on all government lands. With present tax burdens and the prospect of still more, one-eighth is all that most properties can stand. Removal of the time limit would permit proper development and sound production practices. The 10-year provision appears to put a premium on waste—not only of oil, but of steel. This bill is apparently not sponsored by OPC. It certainly does not fit into OPC's present plans. These are of necessity tied into the war economy which gives priority to other demands for steel over oil-well drilling. The need for 30,000 wells this year seems to have disappeared.

CALIFORNIA: After passing through a fault, which appears to cut the field in half, the second test at Turnbull Canyon was whipsawed and four two possible pay zones, one of which is new. Another gas field has been opened in the Semi-Tropic-Buttonwillow district of Kern County.

TEXAS GULF COAST: A test of the Esperson dome attempted to blow out at 8,521 ft. The Mercy, San Jacinto County, discovery flowed 583 bbl. through a 14-inch choke from the Wilcox. Gas-distillate production in Lake Creek is extended to the southeast.

NORTH LOUISIANA: A test east of Haynesville has picked up saturation in a deep lime pay which is believed to be above the Smackover. Considerable development is under way in the Pettit at Haynesville.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Sejita is the latest gas-distillate field to develop oil production on the flank. An extension of major importance is recorded for Scroggins as regular pay is found 6 miles southwest of production. The Carrizo sand is showing oil in a wildcat south of Kenedy, Karnes County.

LOUISIANA GULF COAST: Deep production has been found on the west flank of the Gueydan dome. Lakeside, Cameron Parish, has been extended to the northwest.

WEST TEXAS: A flow of 120 bbl. was obtained from a new pay at 4,373 ft. in the Big Lake field in Reagan County. A new pool has been opened in the Clear Fork in Andrews County with the discovery well flowing 240 bbl. in 15 hours through choke.

NORTH TEXAS: Clay County's new Caddo pool opener gaged 260 bbl. through choke and another Caddo pool is in prospect southeast of Jackboro in Jack County.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Shackelford County has a new Tannehill sand pool northwest of Albany. Wimbly is extended west.

INDIANA: Two small pool openers have been completed in Spencer and Gibson counties and a test near Evansville is showing oil in the Waltersburg.

NEBRASKA: Saturation has been found in the Viola in the Dawson pool, Richardson County.

EAST TEXAS: Chapel Hill has been extended one mile to the east. ILLINOIS: A White County wildcat south of Storms is showing oil in the Benoit and McClosky while Aux Vases production has been found between Herald and South Maunie.

ARKANSAS: With 12 wells drilling and another dozen locations staked the recently discovered Midway field in Lafayette County is one of the most active areas in the country.

Health Work Of County Discussed At Tuesday Meet

Dr. W. S. Brumage, director of the Midland-Ector County health unit discussed the relation between the unit and the health council at a regular meeting of the Midland County health council Tuesday evening at the courthouse.

Report was heard on what the city council is doing to clean up Mexican town, and also on the fees. Prin. Frank Monroe is assisting the negro committee and Miss Felice Dockray the Mexican committee.

The group discussed the outfitting of a complete loan closet for the sickroom.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Forgeron were elected new members. Fifteen were present.

Garden Program Outlined As Food Campaign Starts

As a help in meeting the need for producing gardens without taking produce from the stores, a special effort is being made by the extension department to guide people in producing food for themselves and some for sale locally. Miss Alpha Lynn, county home demonstration agent, said Wednesday. This includes plans for supplying fresh food and that for canning and drying. It is possible that the state program may include the community canning of food in small groups.

Miss Lynn Tuesday attended a meeting in San Angelo in which J. F. Roseborough, extension horticulturist, directed an analysis of the situation. The meeting was one of a series being held throughout the area. I. O. Sturkie, county agent, attended the meeting at Big Spring Wednesday.

Chinese Forces Clash With Jap Invaders

CHUNGKING (AP)—Chinese forces taking part in the defense of Burma are understood to have clashed with the Japanese invaders for the first time. Major General Lancelot E. Denny, head of the British military mission in China, announced Wednesday.

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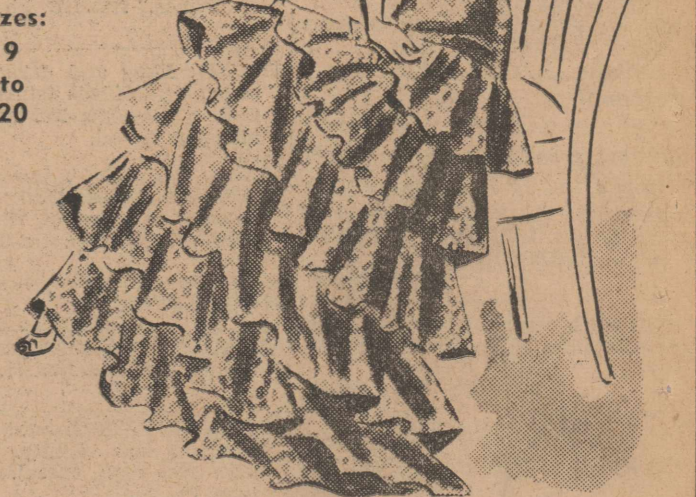


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Dutch Warplanes Block Jap Plan Standings In 3-AA Remain The Same

BATAVIA, N. E. I. (AP)—Netherlands Indies fighter planes intercepted and broke up a Japanese bombing formation before it could reach its objective, the Soerabaja naval base, the Indies high command announced Wednesday.

The communique, issued through the news agency Aneta, reported that in addition to the latest Japanese troop landings near Macassar other invading forces had attacked Balangnipa and Djenepon, also on the southwest peninsula of Celebes.

Dutch troops were said to have inflicted "losses" on Japanese units advancing on Maro, north of Macassar, while four Indies soldiers were wounded slightly in a machine-gunning attack by an enemy plane.

Three Dutch planes were acknowledged lost in last Monday's raid on airfields near Batavia, the Indies capital. Four of the airmen were killed.



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The problem has been made more difficult by the vast amount of telephone material needed to rush complete new telephone systems into service at hundreds of new army camps and war factories throughout Texas and the nation.

The essential materials—copper, rubber, lead, and the like—must be conserved in every possible way. We are

splicing for re-use short lengths of copper wire, patching rubber insulation, repairing old cables and putting them back to work.

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