

Japs Occupy Indian Territory

Lease Scharbauer 'I' Ranch

Jack D. Bodkins Takes Oil Lands West Of Midland

Obtains 25000 Acres In Solid Block South Of Army Flying School

By Frank Gardner Oil Editor

Sustained interest in Midland County oil activity was seen Wednesday as Jack D. Bodkins, Midland operator, announced the leasing of the 22,014-acre Scharbauer Cattle Company No. 1 Ranch in the western part of the county south of the Midland Army Flying School. Bodkins also leased from a group of individuals some 3,000 acres in addition to the No. 1 Ranch. The block is solid and was taken for a 10-year period on straight commercial lease basis, with 50-cent annual delay rentals.

Three New Units For U. S. Army

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army brought three additional divisions into being Wednesday, the vanguard of the American war machine being put together for the "Victory Year" of 1943.

Streamlined successors to outfits which made history in 1918 France, the units were the first of 32 Infantry divisions to be added this year as a part of the Army's initial stage of expansion to 3,600,000 men.

At camps in the South where the commanders, officers and picked non-commissioned officers already were on hand to start intensive training expected to last a year, the ranks started filling with men only a few days out of civil life. They were taken directly from reception

Nazis In 'Meat Grinder', Reds Slaughtering

By The Associated Press

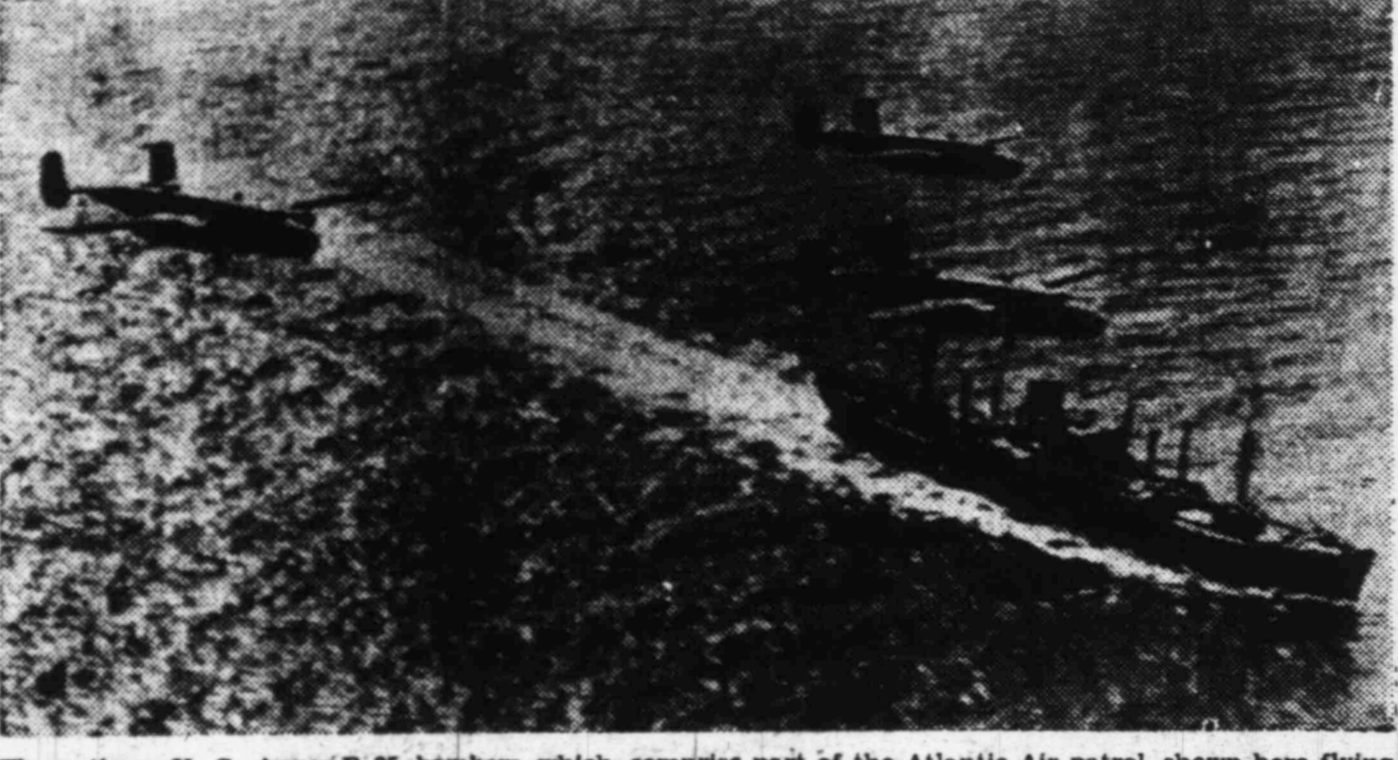
Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, reported newly reinforced by 600,000 troops, were pictured in Soviet dispatches as "going through a meat grinder" in opposing Russian attacks which have killed 80,000 Germans since Feb. 6.

Nazi casualties were cited as follows:

- Central (Moscow) front—40,000 killed Feb. 6-March 5.
- Leningrad front—16,000 killed March 9-22.
- Northwest (Kalinin) front—14,000 killed Feb. 22-March 10.
- South and Southwest fronts—10,000 killed March 7-12.

Hitler's field headquarters again stressed defensive actions, acknowledging strong Russian attacks on the Kerch Peninsula in the Crimea, in the Donets River basin of the Ukraine, and on the Northwest front.

'Winged' Protection



These three U. S. Army B-25 bombers which comprise part of the Atlantic Air patrol, shown here flying over a ship off the coast of New York, are part of the Air Arm of the Atlantic Patrol which are responsible for the sinking of Axis submarines in the Atlantic waters. (Passed by censors) (NEA Telephoto)

Tokyo Blacks Out, As US Raids Two Pacific Islands In Bold Move

Andaman Islands, Bay Of Bengal, Occupied By Japs, U. S. Navy Raids Enemy Bases On Wake And Marcus

By Roger D. Greene Associated Press War Editor

Japanese invasion forces striking toward India were officially reported Wednesday to have occupied the strategic Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, 650 miles southeast of Calcutta, while on the Allied side of the ledger, the Navy disclosed that United States warships and bombers had made two dramatic, "highly successful" attacks on Japanese island outposts in the Pacific.

The Andamans lie 350 miles southwest of Rangoon along the vital sea route of United States supplies to Calcutta, chief eastern Indian port.

Black Covers Large Area

Associated with Bodkins in the transaction are residents of San Francisco and Stockton, Cal. The acreage lies in blocks 39, 40 and 41, township 2 south, T. & P. survey, and extends from the Midland-Franklin highway to within one mile of the Ector County line.

Meanwhile, 13 miles south of the City of Midland, California, Calvert, Inc. and George P. Livermore, Inc. are spudding in the county's first wildcat test in more than 11 years, the No. 1 Billy Bryant. The scheduled 5,500-foot test is located in section 24, block 39, township 1 south, T. & P. survey. Livermore's rig is being used on the job.

A. E. Cameron and Sam Warren Elected To C. Of C. Committee

Representatives of Midland drug stores meeting Wednesday agreed to offer Defense Stamps for sale in their stores, and elected A. E. Cameron as their representative to the central retail committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Sam M. Warren Tuesday was named chairman of the printing, office supplies, maps and photo business group and will represent it on the central retail committee. This group also stressed the importance of handling defense stamps in stores and offices.

Delay Spring Drive

Still no hint was forthcoming that Hitler had launched or was about to begin his heralded spring offensive.

Russian front-line dispatches said violent battles were developing in Smolensk Province, west of Moscow, with Red Army troops recapturing 12 "districts" similar to United States counties—and challenging the Germans in 10 others.

Japs May Attack Russia, Give Up Australian Drive

Dread Allied Raids On Tokyo; Nazi Need Red Armies Divided

By Roger D. Greene Associated Press War Editor

London military quarters forecast the possibility Wednesday that Japan, with her drive toward Australia stalled by Allied aerial counter blows, might attack Russia on the Siberian frontier even before Adolf Hitler launches the German spring offensive in the West.

Texas Air Raid Puts Laredo Folks On Run

LAREDO (AP)—A realistic daylight air raid test, the first on this international border, sent residents racing for cover Tuesday while defense units on both sides of the Rio Grande carried out their assignments.

Two planes roared in for the simulated attack—one a bomber piloted by First Lieut. W. D. Hayes and the other flown by First Lieut. R. D. Jones.

More Meeting Called

The household appliance classification group will meet Thursday at 10:15 a.m. in the chamber of commerce office, and representatives of cleaning, dyeing and laundry establishments will meet at 3:15 p.m. in Room 240 at Hotel Scharbauer.

Technicolor Film To Illustrate Bomb Use

Technicolor motion pictures will be featured Thursday night at the regular air raid instruction course for wardens and for the general public, when George Gambill of the Department of Public Safety will discuss "Fighting Fire Bombs." The program will begin at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

WAR BULLETINS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative Thomason (D-Tex.) said he received Wednesday from the War Department the following communication:

"The War Department has authorized the establishment of an air force training school at Pecos costing in excess of \$5,000,000. Construction is under the charge of the U. S. Engineer office at Denison."

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts—(AP)—Italian torpedo-carrying planes scored a "certain hit" on a medium sized cruiser in an attack Tuesday on an enemy naval formation, the Italian high command reported Wednesday.

How Do You Look In Mustachios, Goatees; Razor Blades Cut Off

WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Production Board ordered production of safety razors, straight razors and razor blades, cut off Wednesday under a limitation program which WPS said would allow an average of one blade a week to each shaver.

ELECTRIC RAZORS LATER

Electric razors were not included under the restrictions, but WPB officials cautioned that "they will be taken care of in another order to be issued soon."

"Right Egg—Wrong Bird"



Ambitious Aviation Cadets at Randolph Field, Texas get their signals mixed up and wear themselves out trying to find a bomb rack beneath a BT-9 basic trainer. They found a practice bomb and decided to try their luck at dropping it. Left to right are Aviation Cadets R. F. Green, Detroit, Mich.; W. F. Honaker, Beckley, W. Va., and C. W. Meade, Oklahoma City. (Air Corps Photo From NEA)

Japanese Continue Burma Advance, Despite British, Chinese Attacks

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Chinese headquarters in Burma reported Wednesday that a force of 1,000 Japanese troops captured an air-drome north of Toungoo, key of Allied resistance, Tuesday afternoon.

The communique admitted the situation on the Toungoo front was "serious."

Japs Reopen Drive On Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Japanese aerial bombardment in harbor defenses of Manila Bay and American-Philippine positions in Bataan were resumed Wednesday, the War Department reported in a communique, and continued enemy ground activity in Bataan indicated arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

Air Line Cancelled; Army To Get Planes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Army will get equipment now being used by Braniff Airways, Inc., on its Amarillo line, operation on which will be suspended temporarily effective Thursday, the company announced.

Army Day, April 6

AUSTIN (AP)—Because it will have particular significance this year, Governor Coke R. Stevenson Wednesday urged statewide observance of Army Day which he proclaimed for April 6.

Sturkie Outlines Livestock Show Plans To Lions

Plans for the annual 4-H Club and FFA livestock show and sale and the annual Midland Dairy Day to be held here next Monday and Tuesday were discussed by I. O. Sturkie, Midland County agent, at the Lions Club meeting at Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday.

Italians Have Powerful Ship

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed Wednesday that the Italian naval force which set out to attack a British Mediterranean convoy on its way to Malta Sunday comprised "one of the most modern and powerful battleships afloat," six cruisers and 10 flotilla of destroyers.

Army Day, April 6

The report on the Wake Island raid was the first official disclosure that the Japanese had permanently occupied it and were attempting to fortify that central Pacific Island which they finally captured from United States Marines December 23 at a heavy cost in men and ships.

Sink Jap Boats

"Two enemy patrol boats were sunk, three large seaplanes at anchor were demolished, and the aircraft runways and a part of the defense batteries were damaged," the Navy reported. "Our loss in this engagement was one aircraft."

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The admiral's preliminary report on the action Tuesday said that "one Italian battleship was seen to be hit by at least one torpedo," and denied Italian claims of extensive damage to British warships. It said only one merchant ship was sunk.



Do you suppose John Lewis could have gotten lost in his eyebrows?

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The Voice Of The People

Hitler and his aging, bald partner south of Brenner Pass once kept their vocal cords in condition by telling their subjects what a great thing it was to live like lions and strong Nordic gods.

Well, we were soft, but we haven't fallen apart. In fact, it appears we are doing a right fair job of pulling ourselves together. A fellow named MacArthur put up one of the greatest scraps of all time.

Some time ago in the dark of the moon, an amendment was attached to an important bill, and the folks back at the corner drug store and out where the creek forks for the last time, had not heard of this amendment.

One of the greatest upstarts since Mickey Owen dropped that third strike in the world series swept the land as soon as the people (cannon-fodder to you, Adolf) got wind of this. They blew such a storm over Washington that Congress quickly undid what they had done.

That was only the beginning. The people (suckers to you, Benito) rared up and demanded an end to all that foolishness in civilian defense. They demanded a one war production boss, more centralized Army and Navy control, fewer fol-de-rols in government.

Congressmen say the torrent of mail continues. Some of the solons admit they are a trifle timid when they consider the coming elections. They have never seen the people so non-complacent, so alert and so hot and bothered to get this war job done.

The voice of the people is the voice of the government in the United States.

Sometimes that voice croaks, sometimes it whispers. It has been completely silent, but it never, never whines. And when it sounds clear and strong across the prairies, hills, mountains, and river valleys, things start happening the American way—a way, Benito, Adolf, and you, Honorable Son of Heaven, don't understand, but one that you will.

MacArthur And His Air Chief



General Douglas MacArthur (center), and Lieut. Gen. George Brett (right), American commanding the Australian and U. S. air forces, in Melbourne, Australia, where they met to plan offensive against the Japs. (Radiophoto, Melbourne to London to New York)

The 1942 Speeder



Highlights From The Week's Oil News

Table with columns for state/region, Oil, Gas, Dry, Total, and Ttl. comp. to date. Rows include N.Y., Pa. and W. Va., Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas (North Central, West Texas, Texas Panhandle, East Texas, Texas Gulf Coast, Southwest Texas), Louisiana, and California.

For the second consecutive week completions fell below 300 but there was an increase of 21 over the previous week. The increase was almost entirely confined to dry holes, of which there were 104 against 84 during the second week in March.

WEST TEXAS: Deep production, probably from the Mississippi line, has been opened in Throckmorton County. There are prospects for a new Ellenmurger lime pool in Cooke County.

ALBERTA: Following successful development of the north extension to Turner Valley, a southwest outpost has been staked.

MICHIGAN: With production declining, completions were restricted to one small pumper, three dry holes and five abandoned locations.

CALIFORNIA: Completions reached a record low with three oil wells, three dry holes and four re-completions. All of the new wells were in the San Joaquin Valley.

NORTH LOUISIANA: The deepest test in the Lisbon area showed only a small amount of gas and some condensate in the deep zone and has been plugged back to test higher formations.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: De Witt County has its second Wilcox sand pool as gas-distillate was found east of Yorktown, and 16 miles northwest of the Thomaston pool.

ILLINOIS: A new AUX Vases pool has been opened in southwestern Wayne County and first oil production has been found in Perry County.

KANSAS: A new oil pool has been opened in Pawnee County and a new gas field in Barber County.

Thompson Predicts 18 Shutdown Days For Wells In April

AUSTIN (AP)—Picturing a gloomy future for Texas' vast oil industry, Chairman Ernest C. Thompson of the State Railroad Commission, Tuesday predicted that smaller operators might be wiped out by April production slashes.

Thompson pointed out Texas producers were ordered to close their wells 13 days this month and saw a possibility that total yield in Texas next month might drop below 1,000,000 barrels daily for the first time since development of the East Texas field.

Blames Bottleneck "Small operators," the chairman asserted, "will feel the production cuts deeply and may be forced out of business, depending on their financial condition."

WEST TEXAS: Two shallow pools are opened along the Spencer trend in Ward County 3 miles north and south of that pool. It is anticipated that the three areas will eventually link.

INDIANA: The third new pool during March has been found in Posey County. The McClosky has been found productive near the old Gentryville pool in Warrick County.

LOUISIANA GULF COAST: A reported blowout has stopped drilling on a Welsh dome flank test. Wilcox cores are showing oil and gas in an avolettes Parish test.

TEXAS GULF COAST: Shows are reported in a test west of Epseron, an outpost to North La Ward and a Wilcox test southwest of Goodrich. Needville is extended and a new sand has been opened in the Stowell pool, Jefferson County.

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WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Although only about 10 per cent of the allowable from the discovery can be marketed, drilling is continuing in the Merzel, Taylor County, area. North Horice has been extended.

WYOMING: A flank well at Oregon Basin is making 30 bbl. an

Nazi May Try To Invade England To Offset Big Russian Victories

By DeWitt MacKenzie Wide World War Analyst The warning given in the British House of Commons by Sir John Anderson, member of the war cabinet, that the Germans may attempt to invade England this spring isn't just "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Of course, talk of invasion is one of those things which come to life with the first fog and storms and last until the fall fog and storms savage the English Channel. Still, it would be folly to treat it as a cry of wolf merely because Hitler thus far has held his hand.

An effort at invasion certainly is a possibility, I should say, however, that such an extremely hazardous operation would be undertaken by Hitler only as an act of desperation if things go badly for him on the Russian front.

The point is that if he could knock England out by a lightning stroke, while standing the Reds off, he would have dealt the Allies a blow which at the least must be described as catastrophic. He then could devote all his energy to the Bolsheviks.

Goal Is Caucasus Hitler's apparent strategy is to try again to break into the Caucasus and the Middle East to get supplies. That's his logical route to victory, and his preparations point to this being his major effort—either a direct smash through the Russian left flank into the Caucasus oil fields, or a movement through Turkey—maybe both.

Should the present murderous Russian offensive develop so as not only to block this program but, as the Bolsheviks predict, to threaten a debacle in Hitler's ranks, then he might make a colossal gamble with an attempt to crush England. May be our answer is being written now in the great counter-offensive which the Nazis are attempting with 600,000 fresh troops. The Reds claim the slaughter of Germans is so heavy that the latter's attacks seem to be "passing through a mincing machine."

Now Best Time The Nazi leader is in better shape for a blow at England now than he is likely to be again. He has a vast fleet of invasion barges ready. For months now his air force has been largely inactive, presumably being overhauled and tuned up for the spring fighting. His factories have been pouring out new and more powerful warplanes, and transport gliders are reported to have been manufactured in great numbers.

He has the troops, and he has a pretty husky navy. The perils of an adventure in invasion have been vastly increased by the high state of British preparedness. The Fuehrer missed his big chance way back at the time of Dunkerque, when he had John Bull hanging on the ropes. As it is, the Britons have been getting set for just such an emergency for almost two years.

British Are Ready There probably are 3,500,000 men under arms in the British Isles. The regular troops have been rehearsing invasion tactics intensively, and have been hardened by mimic warfare which has provided every perilsome emergency which an invasion could conceivably produce.

Theoretically, at least, Britain is ready to meet Hitler catch-as-go broke. It's a pretty tough situation. Oil is Texas' biggest defense industry.

In past state-wide pronouncement meetings, some crude procurers have testified they cut buying nominations because of lack of transportation facilities—tankers torpedoed off the East Coast.

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WAR QUIZ

1. Capt. Arthur W. Wernuth of Chicago, an officer in the 57th Filipino Scout Regiment, fighting the Japs in Bataan Peninsula, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Do you know why this pictured medal is given?
2. Lieut. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita commands Jap troops in Burma? In Ambona? In Singapore? In Sumatra?
3. Joseph Conrad some years ago wrote many fine novels dealing with people, waters and lands in the Dutch East Indies. Was he a Dutchman, Pole, English, or German?

Answers on Classified Page

Homer Brooks Ousted By Communist Party HOUSTON (AP)—The Texas Communist Party of the Communist party said Tuesday the party had expelled Homer Brooks, Houston Communist leader for seven years. Brooks has been charged by the Federal Government with draft evasion.

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SOCIETY

Miss Era Stephan Becomes Bride Of Corporal Munsell

Ceremony for Midland Girl and Marine Is Read at San Diego

Miss Era Stephan, Midland County public health nurse and daughter of Mrs. Oscar Bjorkland of San Antonio, became the bride of Corporal Vernon S. Munsell, United States Marine Corps, in a ceremony at the First Baptist Church in San Diego, California, Friday evening, March 20, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. James Kingham was matron of honor and Corporal Steve Ogle best man, while Corporal James Kingham was also an attendant for the couple.

The bride wore a two-piece dress-maker suit in powder blue, the costume accented by a red straw sailor hat and black shoes and purse. Gardenias formed her shoulder corsage.

After the couple's weekend honeymoon, Mrs. Munsell returned to Midland where she will continue her work until July 1, going then to California to live.

Texas University Graduate
After receiving her diploma from Giddings High School, the bride attended the University of Texas and John Sealy College of Nursing, graduating from both institutions in 1939. She did post-graduate work in public health nursing in Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Since April 1, 1941, she has

Study Club Has Texas Day Program At Meeting Tuesday

Twentieth Century Study Club observed Texas Day in its meeting at the home of Mrs. R. D. Monkress, 1605 W. Wall, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. F. R. Wallace spoke on "The Big Bend International Park"; Mrs. W. G. Epley on "Texas Contributions to Defense"; and Mrs. S. M. Erskine read a poem on Texas. Mrs. Louis Caddell was elected, second vice president, and Mrs. Fred Brasted will be the club's representative on the committee for beautifying grounds at the Midland Army Flying School. Mrs. Caddell reported on the Federated Club convention at Big Spring.

GIRL SCOUTS PLAN FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Games were played and future activities planned at the meeting of the Senior Girl Scout Troop at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday. Present were a visitor, Mrs. Dana Secor, the leader, Mrs. Weaton, and the following Scouts: Betty Jo Greene, Mickey McDonald, Betty Chansior, Jean Russell, and Jo Ann Stanley; from the Rainbow Patrol, Mary Ruth Bizzell and Helen Shielton.

Corporal Munsell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Munsell of Denver, Colorado. He was reared at Denver and educated in the schools and university there. He is now stationed with the Marine Corps at San Diego.

Bridge-Luncheon Is Courtesy For Miss Davies

The Easter-eve wedding date of Miss Virginia Lee Davies and Lieutenant Robert Ashton Strauch is inspiration for a cycle of parties now in progress for the bride-elect. This week's series of festivities opened with a bridge-luncheon for which Mrs. W. M. Garland was hostess, at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday, at her home 1901 W. Kentucky.

Tones of pink and rose with white were featured throughout appointments. Centering the large luncheon table was a wedding ring filled with pink and rose gaudolias and rosebuds, with white candytuft. From the center of the table streamers ran to each place ending in a bag of rice marked with the guest's name. Each of the two smaller tables was decorated with a bouquet of the chosen flowers.

After luncheon three tables of bridge were played. Miss Davies won first prize in play, receiving both this award and an honoree's gift. Low score prize went to Mrs. Crawford.

Present were: The honoree, her mother, Mrs. I. Davies, and Misses R. H. Smith, J. W. White, Dan Hudson, Milton Unger, John Kenny, B. H. Harrison, Crawford, Russell Brown, Callahan, Hunt, Jack Malloy, Miller, J. H. Arons and the hostess.

High School PTA Elects Officers For New Year

Mrs. W. Watson LaForce was elected president of the High School PTA for 1942-43 at a meeting of the organization at the high school, Tuesday afternoon. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. James L. Daugherty, vice president; Mrs. L. F. Joplin secretary; and Mrs. H. G. Bedford (re-elected) treasurer.

Prin. Frank Monroe presented the nominating committee's report.

The PTA purchased a hundred-dollar Defense Bond.

The organization will sponsor a picnic for the seniors of high school on April 1, with the senior room mothers in charge.

A dance for high school students will be given on May 1. Mrs. L. G. Byerley, district PTA president, spoke on "The PTA—A Democratic Organization". Announcement was made that the PTA will send a delegate to the sixth district conference to be held in Sweetwater, April 14-15. Next meeting will be a joint session of the Senior High School and Junior High School PTAs on April 7 at the high school auditorium when officers will be installed.

Episcopal Auxiliary Presents Its Seventh Annual Style Pageant At Hotel Scharbauer

50 Mannequins In Style Parade Of New Fashions

Despite conflicting activities, the annual Episcopal Auxiliary style show at the Hotel Scharbauer Tuesday evening drew an attendance of approximately 300, including the models, to maintain its traditional standing as one of the major events of the year's fashion-and-social calendar.

To a musical accompaniment played by Miss Marjorie Spencer in the Crystal Ballroom and Miss Jesse Scott Price on the mezzanine, mannequins modeled an array of colorful, dramatic, practical and attention-getting styles designed for ages from just-out-of-the-cradle to the young matron.

Mrs. Geo. Kidd in the ballroom and Mrs. B. K. Buffington on the mezzanine announced the models drawing attention to special points in the styles which were presented by the following stores: Wadley's, Everybody's, C. W. Smith's, Russell's, Smith's, Popular, and Kiddies Toyery. Midland Floral Company supplied corsages.

The tiny tots style revue, as usual, was one of the favorite parts of the evening's show, judging by audience reaction. Modeling were: Walter and Ann Cremin, Lockie Sue Griswold and Nancy Foreman, Danny Baker and Karolyn Babain, Jean Ann Watts and Helen Zant, Janet Hoffer and Wanda Lou Steele, Gerry and Gene Geisler, Sharon Lee Herrell, Mary Dell Dillon and Billie Dean Aikire, Beverly Kay Beville and Preston Butcher, Sue Blevins and Sandra Aycock, Dorothy Barron and Norma Jean Hubbard, Ann Ulmer, Mary Ellen Midkiff, Dorothy Fay Holt, Alma Fay Cowden, Marjorie Barron;

Miss Jean Burson, Mrs. Geo. Byrne, Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Miss Virginia Lee Davies, Miss Julia Bacon, Mrs. J. W. White, Miss Jeannette Bowley, Mrs. Harold Henslee, Miss Jessa Lynn Tuttle, Mrs. Foster Schempf, Susan Schempf, Belva Jo Knight, Mrs. John C. Ratliff, Mrs. T. W. Lake, Jr., Mrs. James T. Smith, Kathryn Francis, Sue Shepard, Mrs. J. W. Hight, Miss Frances Mahoney, Miss Rita Stovall, Mrs. Jack Daniel, Mrs. R. K. White, Miss Jane Ma-

rie Johnson, Miss Joyce Johnson, Otella Flynn, Miss Ruth Beville, Mrs. Kenneth Germond, Mrs. W. E. Nance, Miss Dorothy Horst, Marilyn Sidwell, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Miss Tillie Marie Rice, Skippy King, Miss Iva Still, Miss Pauline McMurrey, Miss Jeanne Davis, Mary Frances Carter, Mrs. D. W. Foster, Mrs. Louis Caddell, Misses Marie and Marian Newton.

The evening's pageant closed with the appearance of a living "statue of Liberty" upholding a torch and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the audience.

Mrs. Geo. Kidd, general chairman of this year's show, expressed appreciation to all individuals and

Valley View Club Plans Red Cross Course Soon

"Family Life at the Table" was the subject of the program at the meeting of Valley View Home Demonstration Club in the home of Mrs. Phelan Porter, Tuesday.

The council report was given by firms of the city who in any way contributed to the success of this, the seventh annual style revue sponsored by the auxiliary.

Mrs. C. C. Cobb. A Red Cross study course was planned for the near future. Luncheon was served at noon and in the afternoon a pink-and-blue shower was given honoring Mrs. I. B. Stewart.

Club members present were: Misses Bennie Blizell, C. H. O'Neal, F. T. Drummond, W. F. Randolph, Sherwood O'Neal, Cobb, J. D. Bartlett, Lois Lewis, R. C. Vest, Earl Fair, Nancy Tisdale, and Stewart.

Visitors were: G. F. Eckert, Doyle Lester, Archie Booth, Hobbs, Floyd Pace, Mrs. Leo Jones of Odessa, Dora Barnes, Miss Alpha Lynn, and the hostess.

THE CURTAIN CALL

A meeting will be held at the courthouse, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an all-women minstrel show to be presented at a date to be named later. The show is being written by home talent. All women dancers, singers, good stump speakers and other good comedians are invited to attend the meeting, which is called by Miss Elma Graves, president of the Civic Theatre.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

This is the third of a series of six articles on the correct response to the opening lead. Today's hand shows a positive response to the opening lead based on pattern-reading. After the dummy goes down, East sees there are only three diamonds in the West and South hands together. South is more likely to be short than West. South's jump rebid in hearts shows a long strong suit. With six or seven heart tricks, plus two top diamonds, South needs only one or two club tricks for the contract. If he can get them, no defense exists. But if West has as good as the jack of clubs, the defense

1083	974		
K2	916		
AK954	QJ87		
Q85	3		
AKJ5	Dealer		
2	A73		
102	Q8		
J104	AQJ1094		
	6		
	K962		
Duplicate—None vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Opening—♠K. 25			

may be able to win two of the three tricks in the suit, provided that declarer has to develop it himself. East does not have a supporting honor in spades, but it is probable that South has no more than two spades, since West bid the suit. In this event a spade continuation is safe, and it also may be imperative. If West shifts, South might get rid of a spade on a top diamond in dummy. East therefore follows to the spade king with the seven or nine, not the four. West obeys this order by cashing the ace of spades. When the queen drops, he leads the jack. Now the declarer cannot avoid the loss of two club tricks. If East should respond with the four of spades to the first trick, West would probably cash the ace anyway, for he could count that the continuation could not cost a spade trick. But when the fall of the spade queen marked East for three spades, West might interpret East's responses to indicate a desire for a shift. If he were thus tripped into leading clubs, he would hand declarer the contract.

Fresh for Spring



You want the latest fashion features in your new frock for spring, of course. Here it is—the dropped waistline—a sure sign of the latest style, in a soft, feminine frock which you can easily make at home. The neck may be square and low, or vee shaped with revers—and there are side sashes to tie in back and draw the waistline smooth! Grand for flowered or multi-colored geometric prints. Pattern No. 8149 is designed for sizes 12 to 20. Size 14 (short sleeves) requires 4 3/4 yards 35-inch material, 1 7/8 yards machine made ruffling, 1/2 yard contrast for collar. For this attractive pattern, send 15c in coin, your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Service, 211 W Wacker Drive, Chicago. Plenty of styles for spring—in all sizes from 1 to 52—in our new Fashion Book. Send for this useful catalogue of new patterns to study at home. Pattern 15c. Pattern Book 15c. One Pattern and Pattern Book ordered together 25c. Enclose 1c postage for each pattern.

Cossacks Still Colorful, Hard Men, Who Take Heavy Toll Of Germans

MOSCOW, (AP)—The storied Cossacks still stick to their horses but they've added anti-tank guns to their traditional armament to meet the challenge of mechanized warfare. I watched a regiment of cossacks as it prepared for the spring fighting against the Germans. Formed up the Urals last September, it was made up of Kuban and Orenburg cossacks, with a sprinkling of Dons. These soldiers were the toughest, most hardened I've seen in Russia. They are heavily equipped. Besides the vicious sabres, each cossack carried an automatic rifle and a pistol. The regiment also is otherwise well-equipped—even to modern radio communications. While I watched, the strange strains of Kuban cossack music came across the snow. Major Kusjma Keresky pointed to the long line of black-cloaked horsemen and cried: "The charge!" Suddenly the day was filled with a wild shout. The horses, tough Siberians, thundered up through the snow. The cossacks, riding with the grace peculiarly their own, pounded down upon an acre of twigs on posts. Whirling their sabres above their heads, the cossacks began slashing. Twig after twig flew into the



"Hey, you! Don't you know that bugle calls are copyrighted?"

SIDE GLANCES



"But, madam, the street car is crowded because the Japs grabbed our rubber! Ain't you the lady who used to tell me no nation would dare attack us?"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



CLASP THEM TOGETHER AND NOTICE WHICH THUMB IS ON TOP? NOW DO IT WITH THE OTHER THUMB ON TOP! NOT VERY COMFORTABLE, IS IT?

NEWLY HATCHED FISH ARE PROVIDED WITH AN ATTACHED "LUNCH BASKET."

YORK SAC, FILLED WITH FOOD ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THEM UNTIL THEY CAN SECURE IT FOR THEMSELVES.

QUOTING ODDS
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE LAST WORLD WAR, WE MEAN THE FIRST, SAYS CHAS. A. PIREZZI, TAUNTON, MASS.

NEXT: Has the United States ever been out of debt?

air. It is quite a feat of marksmanship to split a twig with a broad sabre while riding at 30 miles an hour. "So it will be soon with the Germans," grinned Col. Pyotr Karpachev, an Orenburg cossack. "These men leave for the front soon." Cavalry Still Needed. Asked why the Russians did not abandon their cavalry as many other armies did when the Ger-

Stomach Pays A High Price For World War

DALLAS, (AP)—War worries have resulted in the greatest increase in the incidence of stomach ulcers in the history of the world. Dr. Ivey addressed the Spring clinical conference of the Dallas Southern Clinical Society. Recreation is one of the best means of preventing such ulcers, he asserted.

in the United States since the 1920-1930 depression. Dr. Andrew C. Ivey of Chicago, professor of physiology and pharmacology at Northwestern School of Medicine, declared. Dr. Ivey addressed the Spring clinical conference of the Dallas Southern Clinical Society. Recreation is one of the best means of preventing such ulcers, he asserted.

Our Boarding House with Major Hoople Out Our Way



DRAT IT, TWIGGS! THE ROLE OF DEFENSE MESSENGER IS NOT MEANT FOR A MAN OF MY STATURE! AS ONE WHO FOUGHT AND DIED—AH—ER, I MEAN BLEW—IN THE BOER WAR, I PROTEST AGAINST THE TRIVIAL CHORE OF ERRAND BOY!

Club Penalizes War Critics



HEH-HEH! I GOT HER NOW! JIS USE TH' SAME TACTICS ON HER THAT SHE USES ON ME! BETTER... MUCH BETTER... CUZ NO GROWNUP LIKES A KID KNOWIN' MORE THAN THEM!

Boots And Her Buddies



SEE WIZZ. OKAY! OKAY! WOTICE Y'GOUNDA DOWNLET BOOTS DOWN? YOU GOT 'ER INTO THIS MESS! AW-W, I FEEL JUS' AWFUL! BUT, GOSH, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN DO!

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J. J. Oop



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Freckles And His Friends



IT LOOKS LIKE THAT ONE'S GON' FOR A RIDE, PAL!

By V. T. Hamlin



WHAM BUMP CLANG THUD BUMP BUMP

By Fred Harman



YOU MEAN I'M NOT BEAUTIFUL? THAT'S NO SECRET, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU COULDN'T CALL ME UGLY, COULD YOU?

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Houses for Sale 61

7x14 ft. trailer house. Good tires, at Pagoda Trailer Court. (12-3)

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

Questions on page 2

- The Army Distinguished Service Cross is awarded in time of war for extra heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. Captain Wermuth, single handed, with his Tommy gun killed 116 Jap soldiers.
- Yamashita commanded the Jap army which captured Singapore.
- Conrad was a Pole, who for years was a captain in the British mercantile marine in the Far East.

Political Announcements

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 (Re-election)

Precinct No. 6
J. L. DILLARD
 (Re-election)

ALVIS MEREYONLDS
 (Re-election)

More Entries In Stock Show Here Are Announced

Additional entries were in Wednesday in all divisions of the annual Midland County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Dairy Day to be held here March 30-31. Three more entries were announced in the club calf division, seven more lambs, and six more pigs.

Announcement of these entries raised all divisions toward a record breaking number in the club boys' competition, and the Dairy Day stock is expected to reach a hundred.

Additional entries and the producer in the calf division are:

Club Boy	No. Calves	Breeder
Bill Anderson	1	C-Ranch
Ernest Locklar	1	Scharbauer R.
Charles Welch	1	

Entries in the lamb division were all produced by Frank Midkiff, and club boys and number of lambs include:

Club Boy	No. Lambs
Bill Ponder	1
Louis Wingo	2
Billy Baldridge	2
L. C. Whitley	2
G. C. Wakcott	3
Midland FFA	3

Eugene Jones, Kelly Lewellen, and O. C. Collins have entered two pigs each in that division, and all were produced by Frank Elkin.

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Food Price Rise Parallels 1914-18



Current rise in prices of food; parallels that of a similar period in World War I, according to Treasury Department figures. July 1914, and August 1939 prices are the normals represented by 100 in each period.

'Somewhere in the Pacific'



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

THE \$45 IS DEDUCTIBLE NOW

CINCINNATI, O. (UP)—Mrs. Gladys Adams is convinced that the "meanest thief" caught up with her. While on the way to pay her income tax, she was robbed of \$45. "That's bad enough," she said. "But he took the tax forms too, and I spent days filling them out."

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SERIAL STORY

MEXICAN MASQUERADE

BY CECIL CARNES



Illustrated by E. H. Gunder

From where Allan was watching he saw the peaceful scene explode into the wildest melodrama. Three men on horseback charged down upon the officer.

Asia Minor Kay Sargent

All characters and situations in "Mexican Masquerade" are fictitious. Any resemblance between them and living persons or actual situations is purely coincidental.

CHAPTER I

FRANKLY, I don't feel quite right about this, even yet. Even after Kay wired me to go ahead.

It's Allan's story, I keep telling myself. Allan's—and the state departments—although no longer the secret he made me swear to last September.

And there are all the loose ends I've no way of tying together. I don't even know where Allan himself is, now.

What happened to Asia, and was she as beautiful as he said? Did they find Baron Sagoya? I thought of him when I saw those news pictures of Kurusu, smiling so warmly and innocently, clutching that modest black brief case so mockingly symbolical of good will, as he arrived in Washington to "discuss" our difficulties with Japan.

And Escobar! His an even more enigmatic smile, brighter in his handsome face. I wonder about Escobar, sometimes wonder how clearly it all came back to him the day Pearl Harbor was struck and a continent awakened to war.

Finally, I'm ashamed of myself. How smug I must have sounded! "Those Japs down there—probably operating on their own," I had said to Allan. "They're specialists in two-bit intrigue, sure. But no major threat. I'd sooner fear rats in cages than your 'yellow devils'."

Allan's story or not, there are those who think it should be told—Kay not the least among them. It was just last summer . . .

SHIMMERING heat waves almost hid the sandy road as Allan Steele, in his travel-stained sedan, crested a hill and came thankfully in sight of his journey's end. At the foot of the slope, hardly a mile ahead, nestled the small fishing village of San Saba, slumbering peacefully in the torrid blaze of a July sun.

Both hands gripped on the jerking wheel, tooling the sedan more like a man riding a bucking bronco than driving a car, he worked his way onward until what

he believed the worst road in Lower California, if not in all Mexico, blended imperceptibly with the main street of the town. The buildings on each side of him were shuttered and no visible sign of life met his roving gaze.

"Siesta," he murmured aloud. "Everybody's asleep."

Yet he questioned the notion even while voicing it. He had an uneasy feeling as he drove slowly through the village that eyes were peering at him from behind the bolted doors and shielded windows. Hostile eyes, sinister, calculating. . . .

He grinned half mockingly at the thought as it crossed his mind. He analyzed it and traced it accurately to its source. It obviously derived from the nature of the errand which had brought him to this off-track corner of the world.

THE heat was something you had to feel to believe. He drove doggedly for half a mile, climbing another low rise of land. At its top he halted the car in the welcome shade of an old gnarled pine.

Meanwhile, he took advantage of his present elevation to study the lay of the land spread out before him. He followed the winding road with observant gaze to the point where it dove into a thicket of eucalyptus trees and vanished.

Set far back in the grove was a rambling structure of stone which he assumed was the hotel he was seeking. The Inn of One Thousand Delights was the modest name bestowed on it by its Chinese proprietor, Sun Su. Allan grinned morosely. Right now he'd settle for just two delights if they'd take the shape of a long cold drink and a long cold bath.

He fished in a pocket of the car, pulled out a pair of field glasses and trained them on the building.

A movement caught his eye. A man had come out of the front entrance. The glasses revealed him as tall, slender, and fairly young—about 32 or 33, Allan's own age. He was wearing a uniform which the American recognized as that of the Rurales, the famous Mexican mounted police, and the glint of metal on his tunic marked him as an officer.

Mildly surprised by the spectacle of another lunatic abroad at such an hour on such a day, Allan watched him swing lightly into the saddle of a horse that had been tethered near the door. He put his steed in motion and came up the road in the direction of San Saba, riding with the easy grace which Allan had long since concluded was every Mexican's birthright.

ALLAN was about to set the car rolling down the gentle slope ahead when he paused to watch the Mexican again.

The officer had reined in abruptly. He was abreast of a clump of tall cactus that edged the road, and evidently his attention had been attracted by something that lay in the narrow strip of shade at the base of the thorny mass. From where Allan was watching, the object resembled a big bundle of rags. He saw the rider dismount and walk toward it, leading his horse; he saw him drop to his knees beside the bundle.

And then the peaceful scene exploded into the wildest melodrama. Three men on horseback came galloping from behind the cactus which had concealed them. They charged down upon the kneeling officer, shouting and waving naked machetes as they stood in their stirrups.

Either their shouts or the pounding of hoofs had given warning to their intended victim—warning and the fraction of time he needed to defend himself. Lithe as a panther, he sprang erect, turning in the air as he did so. When he caught his balance he was facing his attackers, his rear protected by the clump of cactus. In the same moment he whipped out his straight, military machete and got it up in time to turn aside a sweeping blow from the first horseman to reach him. Quick as a snake strikes, he followed the parry with a lightning lunge. The point of his blade drove into the flank of the man's horse; the animal screamed, reared and tried to bolt. The officer swung to meet the others as they arrived, his sword playing before him in a semi-circle of flame from the reflected rays of the sun.

"Hot tamale!" gasped Allan. "A holdup!"

(To Be Continued)

WAR MACHINE

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured war machine.
- 5 It carries a
- 9 Health resort.
- 12 It is made of and steel.
- 13 Greek letter.
- 14 Sailor.
- 15 Excavation in earth.
- 16 Animal.
- 18 Distinctive system.
- 20 Each (abbr.).
- 21 So be it!
- 23 Wasting away of the body.
- 25 Poem.
- 26 Wrath.
- 27 Be in debt.
- 29 Tuberculosis (abbr.).
- 30 Court (abbr.).
- 32 Direction.
- 34 Give out.
- 36 Half an em.
- 37 Laughter sound.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

LEWIS LAWES
 ROSE OILED
 OBINICE NAPELICO
 TOEINTE SUPERSITAR
 ANOAIR LEWIS SLARK
 ENSUE E JAIL
 PLE
 ANEER LAWES MEND
 ANONE
 LOISITE PLENEAR
 TBASTIR OAKSBRI
 OSTERN TREATIR
 SHAME EISTER

- 10 Hurl.
- 11 The U. S. uses them.
- 17 Any.
- 18 Bachelor of Arts (abbr.).
- 22 They form a unit.
- 24 Spheres.
- 25 Over (poet.).
- 27 Unit.
- 28 Gained.
- 30 Mongrel.
- 31 Five twos.
- 33 Word particle.
- 35 Prosecute.
- 39 Writing surface.
- 40 Steps leading over a fence.
- 41 Still.
- 42 Grow old.
- 43 Scorched.
- 44 Goad.
- 45 Grasp.
- 46 Run fast.
- 48 Fruit.
- 49 Optical glass.
- 52 Tint.
- 54 French coin.

VERTICAL

- 1 Era.
- 2 Melody.
- 3 Not (prefix).
- 4 Work into a mass by hand.
- 5 Heart of fruit.
- 6 Head.
- 7 Leave out.
- 8 Nourishing.
- 9 Pistil stalk.

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1925 NAVY CHAMP REENLISTS

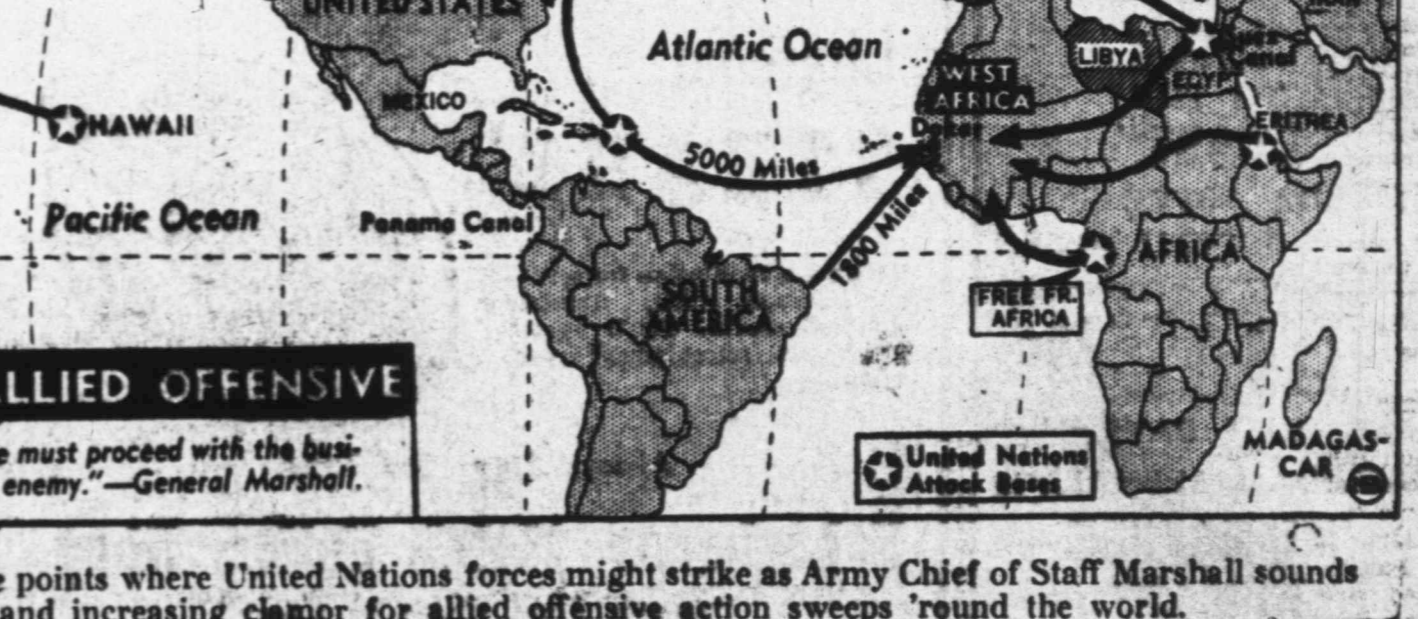
PAINESVILLE, O. (UP)—Patrolman Leon (Tiny) De Bolt, 235-pound former sailor who was heavyweight champion of the American Asiatic Fleet from 1925 to 1928, is going back into the Navy for a crack at the Japanese. His enlistment has been accepted and he will be assigned to duty as second electricians' mate.

WESTERN UNION NAVY LEAVES TO JOIN NAVY

R. O. Smith, manager of Western Union in Midland, left Tuesday for Dallas to take his physical examination for enlistment in the Navy.

SIX FRONTS FOR ALLIED OFFENSIVE

"The time has now come when we must proceed with the business of carrying the war to the enemy."—General Marshall.



Kelly-Wheeler Lead Tennis

Tennis Players Waging Hot War In Net Tourney

By Cledie Shelburne

There is a tennis team in the doubles division at Midland High which is sweeping through the elimination tournament like a house afire. And to top that off, the boys composing the team were here-tofore unheard of in tennis circles—that is the team.

Kelly and Wheeler had a little trouble in the first round of the eliminations when they met pre-tournament favorites, little Miles Stanley and Ben Sevier, but after battling every inch of the way through the initial heat—they just haven't been stopped.

Robert Wheeler—stocky built and powerful—serves 'em in three delicious flavors—hot, hotter and hottest. He misses some returns, (who doesn't), but he is on the spot a greater part of the time. And the other half of the doubles duet isn't to be forgotten. Charlie Kelly plays a sparkling game of tennis, and he pulls some beautiful shots out of the fire at times when the chips are down.

Kelly-Wheeler Win Second Matches

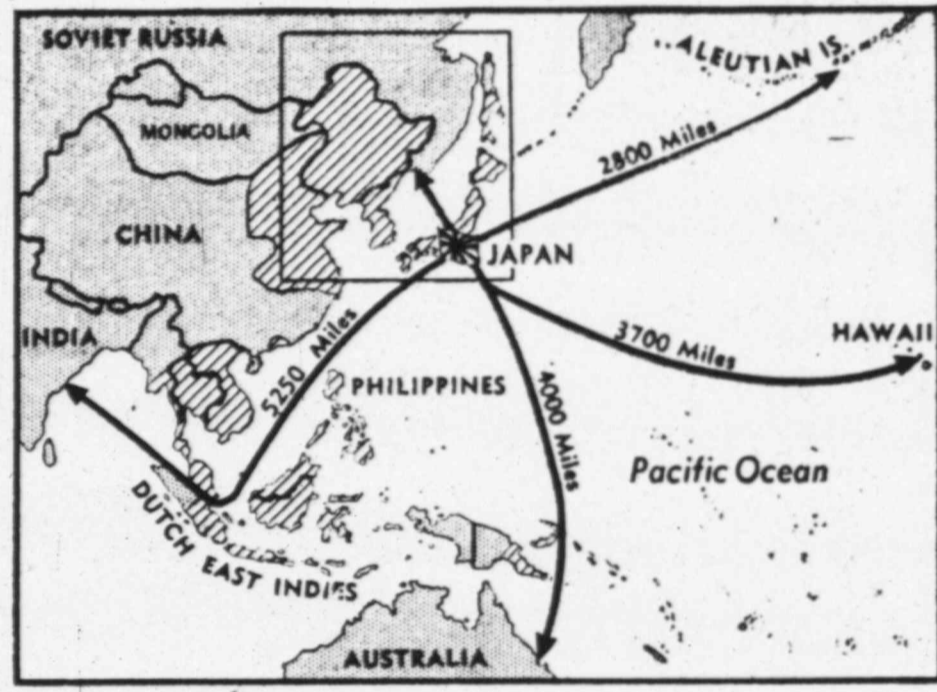
The first round of the eliminations saw Kelly and Wheeler win a match, lose a match, and come back strong to make it two out of three. Going into the second matches of the upper half of the bracket, Kelly and Wheeler took two straight matches from Bill Stickey and Leon Byerly Monday afternoon. They are due to see action on the court again as soon as the bottom half of the bracket moves up even with the top half.

Lower Half of Bracket Starts

L. C. Neatherlin and Bill Wells turned on the steam in the lower division of the bracket Monday and Tuesday afternoons to take two straight matches from Billy Richards and H. G. Bedford. Losing the first set 6-4, the Neatherlin-Wells team won the last two 7-5 and 7-5 in Monday's meeting. The battle was on again Tuesday, and Neatherlin and Wells lost the first set 6-1. 6-1 and 6-3 was the count in the last two sets with Neatherlin and Wells taking both and making the count two matches in a row over Richards and Bedford.

Buddy Davidson and Copper Daugherty will furnish the opposition Wednesday for Neatherlin and Wells, as the second round of the lower half of the bracket gets underway.

Will Japs Strike at Siberia Next?



Russia may be the next target of Jap attack if Tokyo seeks to eliminate Siberia as a potential United Nations base. Great distances involved in further thrusts at Australia, India, Hawaii or the Aleutians would put additional strain on Jap supply lines.

Strangler Lewis Back In Mat War To Reduce Pounds

DALLAS, (AP)—Old Ed (Strangler) Lewis came out of wrestling retirement because he was getting too fat and his blood pressure was too high. Now he feels so good he'll just go after the world's heavy-weight championship "to make it an even half-dozen."

The veteran of 34 years of mat warfare, who five times was claimant to the title, appeared here last night as another stop on the comeback trail.

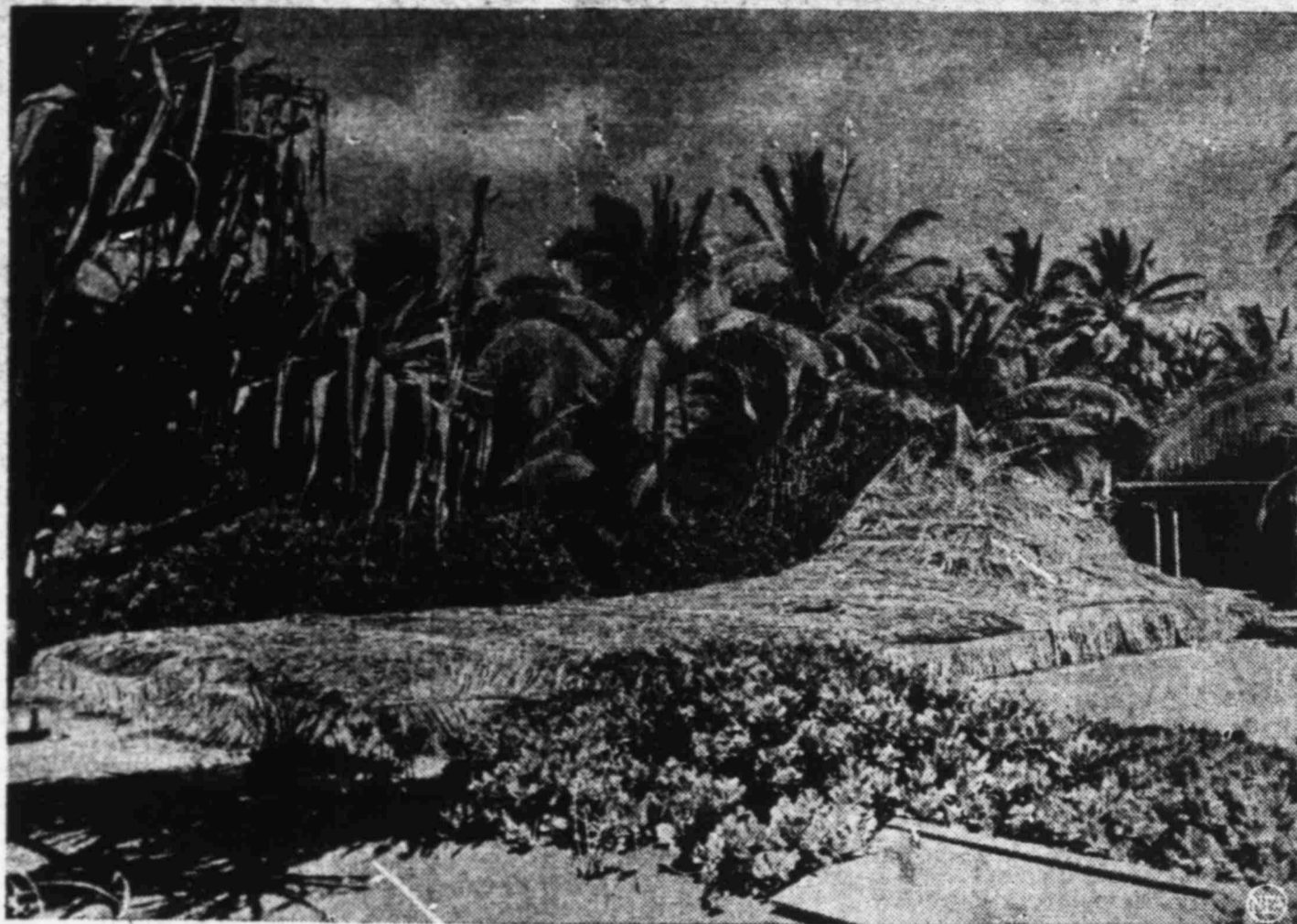
Lewis quit the game three and a half years ago after appearing in more than 8,000 matches during which he recalls losing only 30.

"But my weight went to 340 and my blood pressure to 200 so I decided I needed to do something about it," he said.

"Wrestling four or five times a week for four months I have cut of 78 pounds and brought my blood pressure down to 136. I have 25 pounds to take off yet before I'll be at the right weight."

Lewis started professional wrestling in his teens but never took a lesson in his life. "I was just a born wrestler," he said.

Is This the World's Fanciest Air Raid Shelter?



This was a swimming pool on the Hawaiian estate of Hubert K. Dalton, Rumson, N. J., millionaire. Today it's an air raid shelter where the Dalton boys believe they'll find safety from Jap bombers. Walls are 20 inches thick. Roof is covered with 20 inches of sand and, for an exotic touch, palm fronds. Shelter has rattan furniture, kitchen and radio.

Oil Industry Facing Worst Cut, As Commission Establishes April Run

The 77th Division, known as the "Metropolitan Division" in the first World War because its members came from New York City and its environs, is being assembled and trained at Fort Jackson, S. C., under Major General Robert E. Eichelberger, former commandant of the Military Academy.

The 82nd Division, the 82nd, forming at Camp Claiborne, La., is commanded by Major General Omar N. Bradley. The "All-American Division" of 1918 gave to history Sergeant Alvin C. York, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor as the captor of 132 German prisoners.

The 90th Division, known as the "Alamo Division" because its ranks were filled in 1918 by Texans and Oklahomans, is being set up at Camp Barkley, Texas, under command of Major General Henry Terrell, Jr.

Each has continued a paper existence as a member of the Army's organized reserves since demobilization two decades ago. The three were ordered "activated" by President Roosevelt on February 6 and orders since have gone out to re-create an additional three such divisions by June 15.

The remainder of the 32 additional infantry divisions, along with new armored divisions and various other units, are to be added at a quickened pace beginning in early summer.

Under the War Department program, each of the additional infantry divisions will be so-called triangular divisions of some 15,000 men, of whom approximately 13,000 will be obtained from the draft. Most of the units will be fully motorized.

AUSTIN, (AP)—Texas' gigantic oil industry, producing an essential to mechanized warfare, Wednesday faced the gloomy prospect of allowing nearly 100,000 wells to flow only 12 days out of 30 next month.

Disclosing the biggest production slash since development of the great East Texas field, Jerry Sadler, member of the State Railroad Commission, announced that the April proration order would cut crude yield to 1,036,512 barrels daily, approximately 440,000 barrels below that of March 1.

The commissioner, asserting the schedules would call for 18 shut-down days as compared to 13 in March, attributed the heavy production curtailment to "lack of transportation."

He would not elaborate on the statement but it was recalled that operators at a recent statewide proration hearing mentioned submarine torpedoing of tankers off the east coast.

The April order, details of which will not be made public until Thursday, will permit a total April production of crude oil, condensate and casinghead gasoline of 1,325,512 barrels daily, or 1,488 barrels under the recommendation of Federal Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes.

Sadler asserted that condensate and natural gasoline, included in Ickes' recommendation but not subject to commission regulation, would approximate 96,000 barrels a day.

Sadler added that the order decreed a net daily allowable crude production of 1,078,801 barrels from which should be deducted under production amounting to 42,289 barrels.

According to scientific computation, the prospective mother has one chance in 8800 of giving birth to triplets.

Mrs. Hedrick Leads Program For Delphians

"The Climax of Modernism in Art" was the subject of study at the meeting of the Delphian Chapter with Mrs. A. E. Lynch, 1306 W. Missouri, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. O. F. Hedrick was leader with the following members taking part in the study presentation: Mmes. W. Earl Chapman, S. H. Hudkins, C. M. Linehan, Geo. Grant, W. L. Simmons, Joe Norman, J. F. Sirdevan, and the hostess.

The group voted to give three dollars for prizes to the soldiers recreation work.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Grant, April 7.

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Hogs 2,800; mostly 10 higher; top 13.25; most good and choice 180-280 lb averages 13.10-20; good and choice 160-170 lb 12.50-13.00; packing sows and pigs steady, packing sows 11.75-12.00; stocker pigs 10.50 down.

Sheep 4,000; slow; few sales and bids about steady on all classes; most milk fed lambs 12.00 down; few choice grades 13.00, shorn lambs 8.50-9.00; good wooled lambs bid 11.00; feeder lambs 9.00 down.



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Burma Advances

Toungoo and 15 miles north of the area where fighting was reported Tuesday.

This was the second Japanese penetration on the Toungoo front to be acknowledged in as many days.

Earlier this week the Japanese were said to have been fighting 30 miles below Toungoo on the Pyu River. Tuesday, however, the Chinese acknowledged that vigorous fighting was in progress only seven miles south of Toungoo.

For the fourth straight day, the British acknowledged a Japanese aerial smash aimed at their own airpower when, the communiqué said, a coastal landing ground was bombed Tuesday by 26 enemy raiders but only slightly damaged.

Bombardier School Growth Has Been Rapid, Effective, As Fall Of A Bomb

There's nothing slow about Midland Army Flying School.

The growth of this great bombardier college, now preparing for the graduation of its first class of "Hell from Heaven Men," has been as rapid as the flight of its bombers.

When the field's first two cadets arrived, they did not even have a place to stay. Now they are lieutenants and have seen the world's greatest bombardier college spring from raw prairie ranch lands.

Even before the completion of the field in January, this year, four cadets were commissioned. That was December 19, 1941. The four, Lieutenants John W. McClain, Kincaid, Kas.; Foster L. White, Odessa, Texas; John Hoover, Clinton, Okla., and Eugene Duggan, Webb City, Okla., have seen the name of the field changed three times.

First it was the U. S. Army Air Corps Advanced Twin-Engine and Bombardier Training School; then was shortened to Sloan Field, February 13, this year. It officially became Midland Army Flying School, a bombardier college exclusively.

First officer at the field at the time of its construction was the now Lt. Col. H. R. Baxter, post executive officer, who was then a major. Full Colonel Isalah Davies, post commander, was promoted from lieutenant colonel during the field's development.

It was June 13, 1941, that the Army announced the site of this bombardier college. Construction was under way by August 1. In October the first cadets, Alvin L. Flynn and Francis C. Hinton, engineers, reported. Only the executive officer and a skeleton staff were on hand. Barracks were under construction. Only one hangar was completed. Runways were being laid out and staked.

There was no place for cadets Hinton and Flynn to live, so they

Long Distance Call Is Won By Soldier

First prize presented at the weekly games night at the WPA soldiers center, Tuesday night went to William W. Pritchard. It was a long distance telephone call.

Other prizes were presented through courtesy of a Midland club. About 16 boys took part in games.

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thority of "the high-st order" to carry out his plans as the new United Nations Supreme Commander and that offensive action was now being taken "with the powerful aid of the United States armed forces."

With U. S. fighter planes "now sweeping far out over New Guinea, in the battle for the approaches to Australia, only three Japanese bombers ventured to attack Port Moresby in the Southern part of the island Wednesday—one of the weakest enemy raids there yet.

A Washington communiqué disclosed that American fighter pilots roared across the 300-mile-wide Torres Strait between Australia and New Guinea had escorted bombers in an attack on Japanese-occupied Lae, New Guinea, 400 miles from the nearest Australian base.

The War Department said a force of six U. S. bombers and nine P-40 fighters destroyed three Japanese heavy bombers, ten fighters and two unidentified aircraft in the raid.

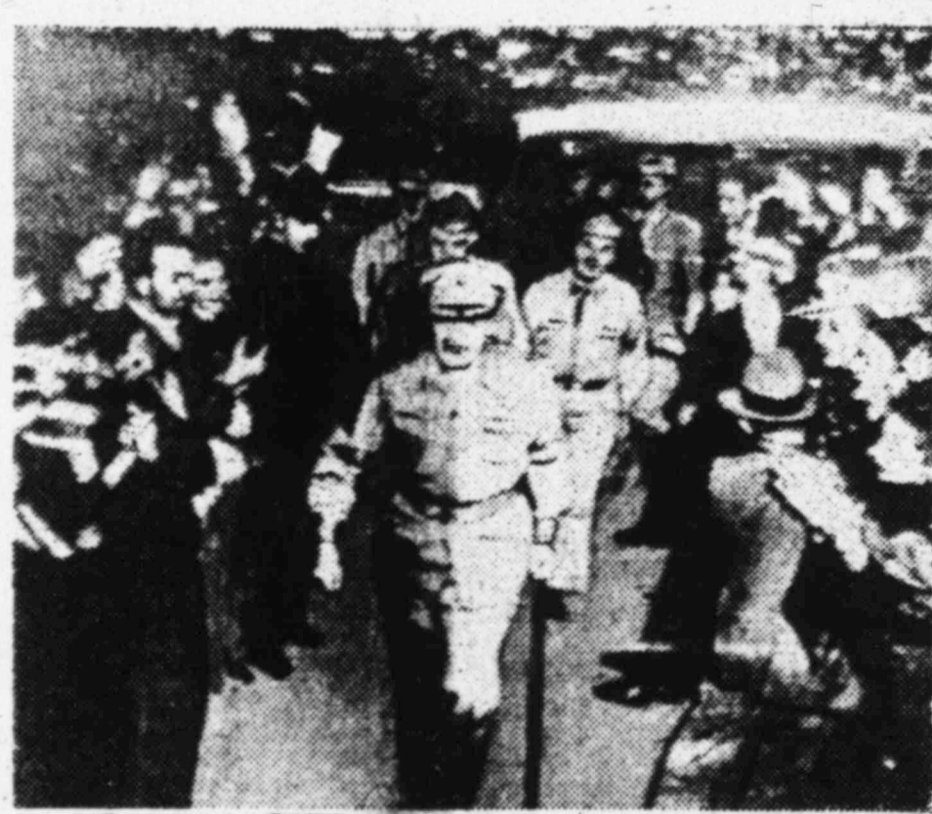
Other Allied aerial smashes raised the total of Japanese planes destroyed to 65. The "Flying Tigers" had knocked 40 grounded planes out of action and slain most of their pilots as they ran toward the cockpit in a surprise raid at dawn Wednesday on the Japanese-occupied airport of Chiengmai, Thailand.

SCHOOL INSURANCE PLAN HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

AUSTIN, (AP)—The supreme court Wednesday ruled unconstitutional a portion of a state law which permitted public corporations, such as school districts, to purchase policies in mutual insurance companies.

The tribunal held the statute provision was in conflict with the constitutional edict denying the legislature the power to permit credit or grant public funds to any individual or corporation.

AEF Arrives "Down Under"



Gen. Douglas MacArthur (center) No. 1 United Nations hero, receives the plaudits of an admiring throng "somewhere in Australia" where he now directs the Pacific strategy against the Japanese. In the lower picture, one of the first radio-photos sent direct from Melbourne to the United States, a column of AEF troops marches through a city street attracting the close attention of the Australian couple in the foreground. (NEA Radiophotos)

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