



NAZI FORCES FLEE NORTHWARD

Ruml Tax Plan Out

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Their battle to by-pass an income tax year beaten by a close-ranked majority of Democrats who "threw the kitchen sink and ash can at us," House Republicans considered compromise Wednesday with an eye toward getting as much of one year's taxes abated as possible.

The Ruml skip-a-year plan was rejected—beaten down, 215 to 198, in Tuesday's climax to one of the most hectic House battles in recent history.

In its stead, Rep. Knutson (R-Minn), GOP strategy chief in the tax scrap, said Republicans might swing in behind a compromise, along one of two probable lines:

1—The proposal of Rep. Robertson (D-Va) to abate the 6 per cent normal and 13 per cent first bracket surtax on 1942 income of all taxpayers;

2—A suggestion by ways and means Chairman Doughton (D-NC) that half the 1942 liability of each taxpayer be cancelled.

Wednesday's House action sent all pay-as-you-go legislation, including the 20 per cent withholding levy on wages and salaries, back to the ways and means committee, where it started 10 weeks ago. However, a bi-partisan demand for the House to take another try at legislation to put 44,000,000 income taxpayers on a current basis promptly developed.

O'Daniel Invited To Make Address In Legislature

AUSTIN—(AP)—Without debate the Senate Wednesday approved a House resolution inviting U. S. Senator W. Lee O'Daniel to address a joint session of the legislature at his convenience.

The House approved the resolution inviting the former Texas governor, 69 to 30 Monday after heated debate. No record was taken in the Senate.

Passed 24 to 0 by the Senate was the House resolution submitting a constitutional amendment to authorize commissioners' courts to reallocate county taxes by changing the rates.

The reallocations must be approved by the voters of each county at a general or special election. The changes and reallocations if approved will remain in force for six years from the date of the election.

Midland Man Held As Jap Prisoner

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department made public Wednesday the names of 201 United States soldiers held as prisoners of war by the Japanese. Next of kin have been notified.

Texas listed included: Belflower, Pvt. Jesse D.—Mrs. Lizzie Ader Belflower, mother, route 1, Midland; Pennington, Pvt. Irvin L.—Mrs. Lora Pennington, mother, San Antonio.

Clean To Head Health Department

Dr. Julius A. Olean will become director of the City-County Health Department here. He was selected by the State Board of Health for his assignment.

His appointment was announced by Dr. W. A. Davis, registrar of the State Health Department, in a letter to J. C. Hudman, city secretary.

Successor To Carr At Midland Named

AUSTIN—(AP)—R. L. Westbrook of Cooke County Wednesday was named deputy supervisor of the Railroad Commission's Midland office, succeeding S. Ross Carr, resigned.

Westbrook has been employed in the Commission's Pampa office.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Paul McHargue, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, left Wednesday for Tampa, Fla., after receiving word of the serious illness of his father and brother there.

MAJOR GENERAL PRATT ASSUMES NEW DUTIES

SAN JUAN—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt, formerly in charge of defenses on Trinidad, took over command of the U. S. Army's Puerto Rican department Tuesday from Maj. Gen. James L. Collins.

Mrs. Howard In Tulsa Court



Photo shows Mrs. Ella Howard of Fort Worth as she was arraigned in court at Tulsa, Okla., for the slaying of Mrs. T. K. Simmons, wife of a millionaire oil man. With Mrs. Howard is Assistant County Attorney M. S. Simms, of Tulsa. (NEA Photo.)

Spring Thaws Check Red Army Advances

MOSCOW—(AP)—The spreading spring thaw has brought still worse weather conditions to the long Russian front and the Soviet mid-way communique Wednesday again opened with the monotonous keynote: "No essential changes occurred on the fronts."

Almost a week has gone by now that no major-scale activities have been waged in the battle areas, although there still are repeated sharp clashes in various sectors.

The German high command communique stated Wednesday that Russian thrusts on the Kuban bridgehead and southwest of Vyazma were repulsed. South of Lake Ladoga successful defensive fighting continued, the communique said. It reported that two Soviet battalions were annihilated and a number of tanks destroyed in this action.

It said that "south of Lake Ilmen a German offensive operation made in order to shorten the front reached prearranged objectives in spite of difficult terrain conditions."

The communique said that quiet prevailed Tuesday on the southern and central sectors of the front. Soviet fighters on the western front, pushing slowly into the German positions on the distant approaches about Smolensk, were able in the thick mud and slush to carry out only scouting operations Tuesday, it was said, but the Soviet noon communique announced that south of Bely an attack with cold steel and hand grenades won the Russians a series of German trenches, with about a company of the German defenders wiped out.

Attack Repulsed
In the continuing battle for the Donets River valley positions east of Kharkov, Russian scouts killed 150 Germans attempting to find a new crossing over the river and captured five loaded supply trucks, the war bulletin declared.

The skies had cleared in Southern Russia, and Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, reported that air clashes were mounting daily. With better flying conditions the Germans were raiding the Soviets' already burdened supply lines deep in the rear.

WAAC Officer To Speak At Geologists' Luncheon

Lieut. Jessie Gardner, Lubbock WAAC officer in charge of the West Texas recruiting and induction district, will describe WAAC activities at a luncheon meeting Thursday of the Midland Geological Society in the Cactus Cafe.

War Bulletins

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—A gigantic Nazi-led manhunt was reported under way Wednesday in Norway. Reliable advices from that country said that anti-Nazi groups hiding in the mountains and saboteurs who blasted the Norsk hydro-electric plant at Rjukan were the quarry of more than 3,000 German occupation troops.

LONDON—(AP)—Dispatches reporting that Allied planes are blasting the coastal highway between Cekhira and Sfax indicated that Marshal Rommel is already withdrawing his main armor beyond Cekhira, probably leaving only rearguards to delay the 8th Army's advance in Tunisia.

LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio, in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor here, reported Wednesday that Russian guerrillas had derailed nine enemy trains recently in the Ukraine, destroying six locomotives and 87 cars bearing troops and supplies.

LONDON—(AP)—Reports that Admiral Karl Doenitz, chief of the German navy high command, had assumed supreme command of the Italian fleet during a recent trip to Italy, were denied by informed circles in Germany Wednesday, a broadcast by the German news agency DNB said.

Lone Fort Sinks Ship

By The Associated Press
A lone American Flying Fortress, attacking in pitch-black night, was officially credited Wednesday with probably sinking a large Japanese destroyer and putting three others to flight in the waters off Northern New Guinea.

"It is believed that any attempt to deliver supplies failed," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said, referring to the exploit which occurred in the area where Allied fliers destroyed a 22-ship Japanese convoy early in March.

Bases Pounded
Capt. Frederick Wesche of Roselle, N. J., pilot of the Fortress in Tuesday's attack, said the enemy warship suffered a hit on the stern, and later reports of lifeboats spotted in the vicinity indicated that the destroyer had been sunk.

Other Allied warplanes pounded the Japanese bases at Lae, Salamaua and Finschhafen in New Guinea, and dropped 1,000-pound bombs on the enemy base at Gasmata, New Britain.

A single Allied reconnaissance plane, flying over the Bismarck Sea between New Guinea and New Britain, was reported to have shot down four of nine Japanese planes in a running battle. The Allied plane returned safely to its base.

RAF Bombers
In the Burma-India front, RAF fighter planes were reported to have damaged 13 of 22 Japanese bombers and fighters attempting to attack an Allied air base in Bengal Province, India.

At least five of the enemy planes were listed as "probably" destroyed. RAF bombers flying from India attacked the Japanese along the Bay of Bengal coast, north of the big enemy base at Akyab, a communique said.

American Pilots Down 10 Germans

AN ADVANCED U. S. AIR BASE IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA—(AP)—American fighter pilots destroyed 10 German planes Wednesday raising to 42 the victory score tallied by U. S. Spitfires and Warhawk fighters since March 21 when the latest aerial offensive began.

Four other enemy fighters were cited as probably destroyed in a series of blazing battles in which American superiority in number of planes and flying skill dealt heavy blows to the waning Axis air strength.

Setting the pace again were the Warhawks, which destroyed eight Wednesday and seven Tuesday and in the last six days have accounted for 21 besides many others damaged.

Warhawk pilot Captain John L. Bradley, 27, of Shreveport, La., raised his score to four, with the capture of a German plane. Other Warhawk victories were turned in by Lieut. Tom A. Thomas, Jr., 21 of Ada, Okla., and Lieut. Lassiter Thompson, 21, of El Paso, Tex.

Lieut. William P. McBride, 21, of Realito, Tex., who got a Messerschmitt 109 Tuesday, was credited with a probable victory Wednesday.

Drivers Must Have Tires Inspected By Midnight Wednesday

Holders of a gasoline ration books must have their tires inspected by midnight Wednesday night, officials of the Midland County Rationing Board reminded. Tires must be checked at official inspection stations.

Failure to have the inspections made may result in the loss of gasoline ration privileges.

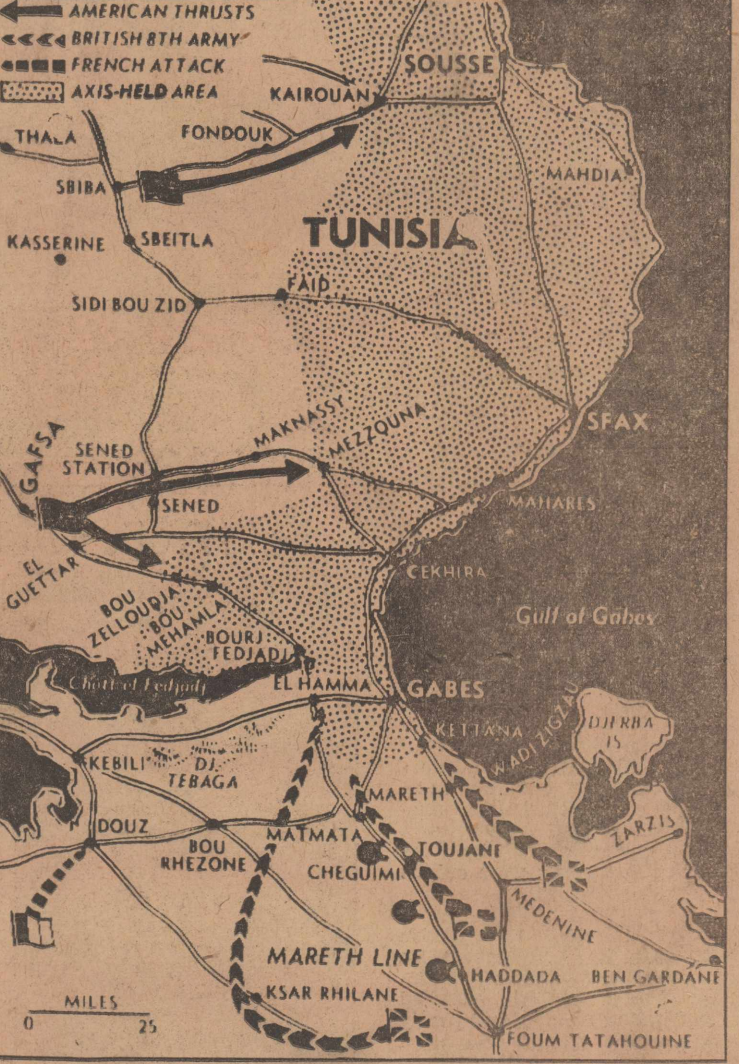
Boy Admits Murders Of Five Relatives

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—For nearly a month, 19-year-old Amos Raymond Lashaw worked as a theater doorman at one of the city's busiest downtown corners, where news vendors hawked papers carrying his description as the youth sought for questioning in the slaying of five members of his family.

A traffic policeman at the same intersection, C. E. Clark, recognized him Tuesday, and Tuesday night Detective Capt. Vernon Rasmussen declared the slender, blue-eyed Lashaw had confessed the shooting of his parents, grandparents and young brother last Feb. 11 on their ranch near Loomis, Placer County, Calif.

WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Cooler.

Tunisian Battle Zone



British Eighth Army troops have captured Oudref, 12 miles north of Gabes, and the British First Army in the North has taken Sedjenane, advices from the North African front said Wednesday. Marshal Erwin Rommel's Axis forces, in full retreat northward, are threatened on three sectors by an American offensive, while troops also have been landed at Sfax in an attempt to cut off the German retreat. Free French troops are driving forward near Douz.

Moore Brothers And Olson Sell Oil Lands To Plymouth

By Frank Gardner, Oil Editor
John L. Moore and P. D. Moore, brothers, of Midland, and Olson Oil Company of Midland and Tulsa, have sold to the Plymouth Oil Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., all their leases, producing and non-producing, in the Olson pool of Western Crockett County for \$330,000 cash, plus a perpetual overriding royalty and other consideration.

The properties comprise a little more than 5,000 acres, with two producing wells and one drilling well, the Olson No. 2-A Shannon estate. John W. Dieringer, San Angelo lease broker, consummated the deal. The Olson pool block is only one of a group of blocks owned jointly by the Moores and Olson in Western Crockett County. All were discovered in 1939 and 1940 by core-testing.

Other blocks in Crockett are their Live Oak pool block on the A. C. Hoover lands; their Noelke pool block; their new shallow discovery block on Shannon lands, and their block on J. S. Todd estate lands which now is undergoing deep exploration.

Eaton To Drillstem Test
Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-29 H. J. Eaton, deep wildcat in Northern Pecos County six miles southwest of Imperial, logged a slight showing of oil in cuttings near bottom at 8,182 feet in dolomite, present total depth, and is conditioning hole preparatory to running a drillstem test. It is in the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, topped at 8,110 feet.

String of 8 5/8-inch casing has been cemented at 2,038 feet with 300 sacks in Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., of Midland No. 1 R. G. Heiner, Northern Pecos Ellenburger test. Present depth is 2,550 feet in lime. The county's deepest wildcat, Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Ada, C. Price, 29 miles southeast of Fort Stockton, is standing, bottomed at 10,008 feet in shale, after cementing 8 5/8-inch casing at 6,901 feet, through cavings.

Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 Douglas Oil Company et al, proposed Ordovician test on the west flank of Northeastern Pecos Yates field, is drilling below 4,810 feet in brown lime. In Eastern Reagan County, Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1-B Sawyer Cattle Company of Texas, Ordovician wildcat, is drilling at 6,190 feet in black shale. Col-Tex Refining Company No. 1 W. N. Reed et al, Northwestern Sterling County deep test, has progressed to 9,587 feet, reportedly in black lime and shale. Bart Mann (Continued on Page 6)

Former Resident Is Prisoner Of War

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Dale of San Diego have been notified by the War Department that their son, Dewey Nelson Dale, is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale, former residents of Midland, had previously been informed that their son was missing in action after the fall of Corregidor. Dewey Dale attended Midland High School before entering the Marines in 1939.

Americans Slash Escape Corridor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—British Eighth Army veterans, pushing the defeated forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel relentlessly across an open and barren plain under a fiery air attack, have seized Oudref directly in the Gabes gap, the British First Army in the north has captured Sedjenane and Americans in the center have moved up a notch on the enemy's flank, it was announced Wednesday.

Capturing Metouia, eight miles north of Gabes, the Eighth Army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery swung on to Oudref, four miles farther along the road, and then continued to drive northward with nothing to halt the onrush but hastily erected defenses, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said.

British infantry and Moroccan Goums of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's First Army took Sedjenane, 40 miles west of Bizerte, after an advance of about seven miles from the Djebel Abiod area.

Meanwhile the forces of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., made a slight advance through dense minefields in the scarred hills east of El Guetar. Junction Seized

The British in taking Oudref and Metouia, however, had seized the junction of the road leading from El Guetar and Gafsa with the coastal highway, and the Axis position in front of Patton appeared to be wholly untenable.

The fact that the Americans encountered mostly Italians in their advance was taken here as indicating that the Axis chief of staff already had pulled back most of his effectiveness in an effort to avoid being nailed on the flank.

The Eighth Army's onrush and the American's dogged hammering 45 miles to the northwest was squeezing Rommel's forces farther back into a bottleneck between small salt marshes north of the Chott Djerid and the sea.

Navy Is Active
Flotilla from the front said the Americans had finally crossed the German minefields and had captured 200 prisoners.

Montgomery's men, wiping out enemy units in hurriedly thrown up trenches and other defenses, were compelling Rommel to confine his retreat almost entirely to the coastal highway, flanked by the sea at a distance of only about five miles on the east and desert and marshes on the west.

French radio broadcasts said the British Navy was continuing to harass the Axis retreat by pouring shells into the coastal road.

The first 40 miles of Rommel's route toward Sfax, some 70 miles up the coast, were barren sand, and each mile pushed the beaten Germans and Italians into a narrowing corridor.

Sedjenane Taken
Sedjenane, given up by the British a few days ago during an offensive by Col. Gen. Jürgen Von Arnim's northern forces, which carried them about 24 miles, was retaken in an attack from the south. It is a little railway station only about 12 miles from the coast. The attack was carried through in difficult conditions.

Medium bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters were especially active as the Allied air attack continued at a furious pace, smashing at La Forciere airfield, 30 miles northwest of Sfax, and El Maout airfield to the north of Sfax, twice Tuesday, attacking many tanks, silencing machine-gun posts and strafing troops.

The British and American air forces in North Africa announced Tuesday that they were adopting "non-stop annihilation tactics" against the enemy's troops and front line positions as soon as his defenses appeared to be cracking, shifting from their tactics of attacking ports and supply facilities. Eleven Enemy Planes Downed

Light Douglas bombers with mixed British and American crews escorted by Spitfire and Warhawk squadrons carried out a number of these missions. Allied airmen shot down 12 enemy planes during the day, losing (Continued on Page 5)

New Garden City Highway Is Open

Hot-topping of State Highway No. 158 from the Midland County line to Garden City, 18 miles, has been completed and motor cars Tuesday were permitted to use the new road for the first time.

The work was done by the State Highway Department. Work continues on the road east of Garden City and it will be hot-topped promptly to the Sterling County line, 14 miles.

By summer the road will be topped with asphalt from Midland through Garden City, to connect with U. S. Highway 87 at Sterling City.

Appropriation For Barge Canal Beaten

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House appropriations committee by a 21 to 6 vote Wednesday struck from the War Department civil function supply bill for the fiscal year 1944 an item of \$44,000,000 for construction of the Florida barge canal.

U.S. Bombers Blast Kiska

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced Wednesday that United States Army bombers have again blasted Japanese runways and installations at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands.

This was the 23rd raid of the month on Kiska. Flying Fortresses also attacked Japanese positions at Vila in the central Solomons and Kahili in the Shortland Island area in the South Pacific, the Navy communique said. All United States planes returned safely from all the raids.

Navy communique No. 330: "North Pacific: "1. On March 29: "A force of Army Liberators (Consolidated B-24) and Mitchell (North American B-25) bombers, escorted by Lightning (Lockheed P-38) fighters, attacked Japanese positions at Kiska. The runway, camp area and gun installations were bombed and strafed. All United States planes returned.

"South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude) "2. On March 30th: "(A) In the early morning, Flying Fortresses (Boeing B-17) attacked Japanese positions at Vila in the central Solomons and at Kahili in the Shortland Island area. All United States planes returned."

Drillstem Tests Of Keystone Deep Strike Released

By Frank Gardner, Oil Editor
A late report from Fort Worth states drillstem test is being run from 9,235 to 9,236 feet in Amos G. Carter et al No. 2-C J. B. Walton et al, discovery Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, producer on the Keystone structure of Winkler County.

The well topped the Ellenburger at 9,217 feet. First drillstem test, from 9,176 to 9,234 feet, showed 5 million feet of gas in 15 minutes, and at the end of 30 minutes gas had so increased in volume that packer had to be broken, terminating the test and also ending fire hazard created by gas flowing over boilers. One hundred and seventy-five feet of distillate was recovered.

Drillstem test from 9,233-46 feet, with a 1,000-foot water blanket in drillpipe, resulted in flow of water at the end of 7 minutes; 9,600,000 feet of gas in 22 minutes; 7,900,000 gas in 42 minutes, and 7,330,000 gas in one hour. During the first 25 minutes the well flowed, through separator, 8.28 barrels of 58-gravity distillate bearing 53 1/2 per cent gasoline content, with a gas-oil ratio of 15,000-1.

Drillstem test from 9,234-66 feet resulted in 14 million feet of gas in 20 minutes, with a 4-barrel flow of distillate in 10 minutes, showing 94 per cent gasoline content. The well then blew off drillpipe, making at least 20 million feet of gas.

Drillstem test from 9,293 to 9,396 feet, with 1,100 feet of water blanket, showed 400,000 feet of gas in 10 minutes, and 584,000 feet of gas in one hour indicating that packer was set below gas cap. The well flowed no fluid during the test. It recovered, in addition to water blanket, 180 feet of mid-cut gasoline and 270 feet of thick, black mud.

Explosion Kills Garden City Man

CAMP SWIFT—(AP)—An explosion in the course of demolition exercises Tuesday killed a lieutenant and seven enlisted men and wounded five other soldiers.

The explosion occurred inside the reservation four miles from the main camp, Col. L. A. Kurtz, camp commander, said. All the dead and injured were members of the regiment. They included: Pvt. James A. McCorquodale, 24; wife, Mrs. Maxine McCorquodale, of Garden City, Texas.

Seven others, whose names were withheld, were hospitalized. Bodies of the eight dead will be shipped to their homes for burial. Details of the explosion will not be made public until a board of officers has completed an investigation.

No Further Attempt To Secure Release Of Mrs. Howard Set

TULSA, OKLA.—(AP)—No further attempt will be made to secure release of Mrs. Ella H. Howard, Fort Worth, on bond prior to her formal preliminary hearing on charges of murder Friday morning, her attorneys indicated Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard is accused of shooting and killing Mrs. T. Karl Simmons, Tulsa society leader and horsewoman, last Thursday night during an altercation in a room at the Mayo Hotel here.

WAR AT A GLANCE

AFRICA—Allies advance on all Tunisian fronts.

RUSSIA—Spring thaws force lull in fighting.

PACIFIC—Single American bomber routs Jap sea force.

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By love serve one another.— Gal. 5:13.

Wealth Is Drafted

Much opposition to a manpower draft arises from the misconception that there is no draft on wealth, and therefore there should be none on labor.

The 1942 earnings reports of leading corporations, now available, show that wealth definitely has been drafted, and help to measure the effectiveness of that draft.

The Magazine of Wall Street has analyzed statements of 710 manufacturing concerns. These show that dollar volume of gross business has risen 71 per cent above the 1928-29 pre-depression peak. But on that vastly expanded volume, those corporations last year earned 47 per cent smaller net profits after taxes.

That is to say, wealth invested in manufacturing has to produce more than three times as much, to earn a dollar of net profit, as it did in 1928-29.

National Industrial Conference Board studies for the first nine months of 1942 show that taxes contributed substantially to this decline in corporate earnings.

The net income of 205 industries, before taxes, increased \$170,000,000 during the first three-fourths of last year, but their net after taxes decreased \$286,000,000.

Taxes constitute a major weapon in the drafting of wealth. But they do not carry the entire burden. Arthur Krock of the New York Times, summarizing an off-the-record talk by Herbert Bayard Swope, special consultant to the Secretary of War, enumerates 13 controls which government exercises over wealth.

The government can force manufacturers to make what it wants; can seize their plants; can fix prices and then renegotiate to reduce them further; can absorb excess profits by taxation; can fix every element entering into labor costs; can give, withhold and otherwise control materials, transportation facilities, manpower, and to some extent capital.

There is no complaint about this conscription of capital, as a war measure. It is taken for granted, as is the drafting of men to do the actual fighting.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

No More Coffee

After trying his own recipe for using coffee grounds a second time, President Roosevelt now has given up coffee entirely and is drinking milk for breakfast.

We are not surprised. Milk is a delicious beverage, chock full of vitamins, calories and useful things of that sort. The adulterated tap water that comes off twice-used coffee grounds is a delusion, a false pretense, a palate perverter.

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Profitable Salvage

Providence, Rhode Island, is finding that human salvage pays financial dividends. An experiment in making "unemployables" self-supporting returned \$7 for every dollar it cost, and has been placed on a permanent basis.

Each "unemployable" is given individual potentiality tests, followed by training for the type of work for which he shows aptitude. Then a job is found for him through the U. S. Employment Service.

Such work has a social value which can not be measured in dollars and cents. It has a war value, in helping to satisfy the national need for manpower. And for \$400 spent in an experimental month, \$2720 was saved that otherwise would have been paid to persons for whom jobs were found during that month.

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A Real Hero

There must be some sort of really significant medal which can be given to Lloyd Converse, 43-year-old aluminum worker who ploughed 20 miles through a blizzard, afoot in sub-zero weather, to be on his job in the morning, and then worked two consecutive eight-hour shifts.

Such devotion should be, in the words of Donald Nelson, "a real inspiration to every American war worker." Its recognition with an important medal would add to the often too casually bestowed title "soldier of industry."

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Ohio Progresses

Recently we mentioned the Franklin County (Ohio) plan to serve legal papers by registered mail. Now comes word that Sheriff George R. Steinmetz of Tiffin, Ohio, is summoning jurors by postcard instead of sending court officers driving all over the county.

Some of the saving can be judged from the fact that last year Sheriff Steinmetz and his deputies traveled 2064 miles to serve jury notices personally. The new system conserves gasoline, oil, rubber, and manpower. Score another for Ohio courts.

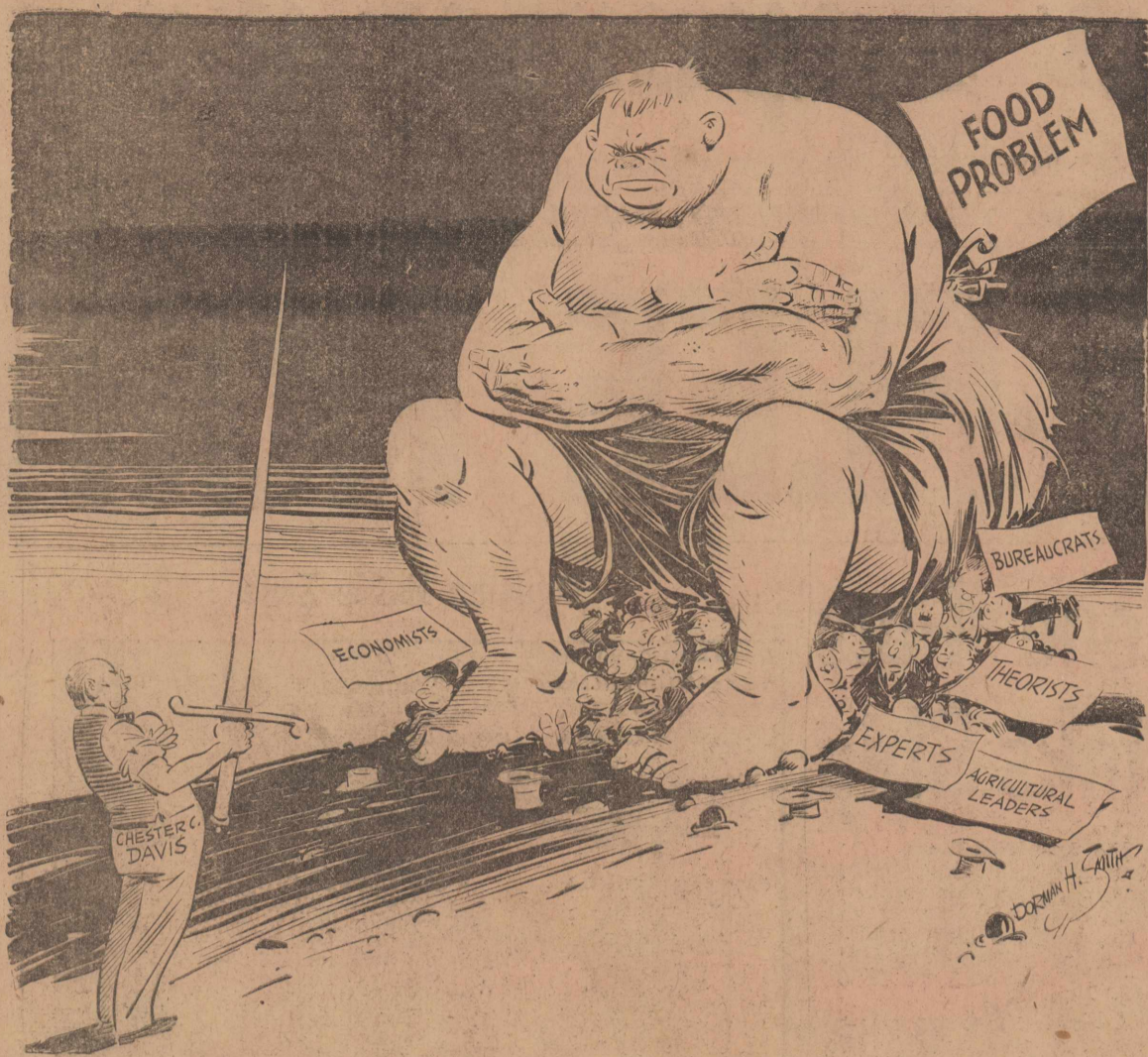
—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Wartime is seeing more and more women getting men's wages—even though they are not wives.

By dividing your money properly you can make it multiply. Put a big share in War Bonds.

A style expert is one who gets women to pay more for fewer clothes.

The Giant Killer



Ceilings Placed On Commercial Motor Vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an effort to chop down war-inflated prices, the Office of Price Administration Wednesday decreed maximum prices for used trucks, ambulances, buses and other used commercial motor vehicles. In some cases the ceiling prices were only a fraction of current market quotations.

The new regulations, effective April 26, sets the top legal price of any of these vehicles at a percentage of its original delivered price. Depending on age and partly on whether the vehicle has been reconitioned, the percentages range from 26 to 97 of "new cost."

These percentages, OPA said, are "expected to halt the activities of speculators which have resulted in some instances in prices which are 200 per cent or more over the normal value of the used truck."

Exempted from the order are ordinary passenger automobiles, taxicabs, station wagons and farm tractors. However, officials said they were studying the possibility of similar action on these vehicles. "The action," OPA commented, "is also expected to result in the release of many used vehicles which have been withheld from sale by speculators."

Midland Captain Is Only Texan On Staff Of Tech Detachment

Capt. George D. McCormick of Midland, executive officer and director of training at the Army Air Forces air crew detachment of Texas Technological College, is the only native Texan on the staff of the pre-flight detachment there. Capt. McCormick, a veteran of world war one, was employed by the city prior to his return to the service last June. From June 30 to Nov. 30 he was assigned to the Midland Bombardier School as squadron commander, then went to the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunners School at Laredo, where he was assigned to the department of training.

High School Press Awards Announced

AUSTIN (AP)—The Interscholastic League press conference Wednesday named high school newspapers for award of distinguished merit. Two staff members from each are eligible to take part in the conference's state tournament here May 7-8, to select top schoolboy and schoolgirl journalists.

Awards included: Class A — The Abilene Battery, Abilene High School, Abilene; and Westerner World, Lubbock High School, Lubbock.

Montreal Street Car Workers' Strike Ends

MONTREAL (AP)—Montreal's two-day-old street car and bus strike ended Wednesday after the Montreal Tramways Company announced that it would recognize the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees as the sole bargaining agency for its workers.

The union said that the men would return to work as soon as possible, restoring services to defense plants whose production had been hampered by the shut-down.

OPTOMETRY MEASURE TO STAY IN COMMITTEE

AUSTIN (AP)—The proposed optometry regulation bill, opposed by Texas newspaper publishers, will remain under the study of a House sub-committee for another week.

The House public health committee Tuesday night granted the sub-group additional time to revise the measure.

Fala Frolics



This big woolly black ball is none other than President Roosevelt's favorite Scotty, Fala, romping on the White House grounds.

Part Of Guayule Acreage Will Be Planted To Crops

WASHINGTON (AP)—Satisfied that the synthetic rubber program is progressing well enough to permit curtailment of guayule planting, rubber officials prepared Wednesday to turn some of their acreage over to food production.

At the same time they warned against over-optimism on the rubber outlook.

Aides of Rubber Director William M. Jeffers said production was "right on the nose of our Feb. 18 estimate" and that the quality of the synthetic "looks a lot better than it did at the start," but— "On the other hand, there is no definite indication now that the plants will produce materially over their rated capacity."

"We are breathing a lot easier," a spokesman said. "At least every one of the plants has demonstrated that it can produce rubber — not without interruptions, but so far all the plants and all the processes appear technologically sound." It was this generally satisfactory picture which made it possible to take last night's action "freezing" the emergency guayule program and turning the guayule acreage over to food crops.

Texan Thinks Dice Not Morale Boosters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative Russell, Stephenville, Texas, doesn't think much of dice as a means of improving Army morale.

Russell read to the House a news dispatch from Jersey City, N. J., asserting that 750,000 pairs of dice had been bought by the Army quartermaster corps.

The Texan commented that "such action stinks in the nostrils of all good citizens," adding "it is not hard to understand how the people of this country felt when they read this article, after having heard the commander-in-chief, the president of the United States, solemnly promise the mothers and fathers of the boys who are in the service, in one of his fire-side chats over the radio, that everything would be done to safeguard the morals of the men in uniform."

Maj. Harold R. Giblin, head of the resale and procurement section of the quartermaster corps, was quoted in the dispatch as saying that "our job is to supply little things that keep morale high."

Much Ado, Little To Do

VENICE, CALIF. (AP)—Speeding to a fire, a hose wagon and a pumper truck collided, spilling firemen across a street intersection. Four men were injured.

Another crew put out the fire with a hand extinguisher. Damage: \$5.

Low Oil Prices Will Force Independents Out, Thompson Says

AUSTIN (AP)—A prediction that prevailing oil prices would eventually drive independent operators from the field was reiterated here Tuesday by Col. Ernest O. Thompson of the Railroad Commission.

Citing figures showing that 77 per cent of the new fields discovered in 1941 were the results of independent exploration while wild-cat discoveries accounted for only 23 per cent of the fields brought in last year, Thompson charged in a formal statement that government price control was taking away incentive for further independent exploration.

Mattabel Downing To Leave For WAVES

Miss Mattabel Downing, teacher in Midland High School, will leave Wednesday night for Northampton, Mass., to begin service with the WAVES. She was sworn into the service January 24 at Abilene, and recently received her call.

Before coming to Midland in September, Miss Downing was a teacher in Moran.

Episcopal Men's Club Will Meet Wednesday

Members of the Episcopal Men's Club will meet at 7 p. m. Wednesday in the Scharbauer Coffee Shop. The organization meets each month.

Butter Consumption Average Will Drop

LOS ANGELES (AP)—This year's per capita consumption of butter, predicts John Brandt of Minneapolis, will average 13 pounds under rationing, against 18 in 1942. Brandt is the re-elected president of the Dairy Products Marketing Association.

Toothless Bargain

RATON, N. M. (AP)—Everyone got into the spirit of the auction at the war bond dinner. The prize, free extraction of two teeth, offered by a local dentist, was sold to the high bidder who bought \$3,100 in war bonds. And he hasn't a single tooth.

U. S. automobile industry has defense plants in 67 cities and towns of 17 states.

New Plan Brings Thousands Closer To Military Service

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tens of thousands were brought closer to military service Wednesday under a seven-point, semi-compulsory manpower action designed primarily to relieve a shortage of 50,000 dairy workers but capable of being extended to all agriculture and essential industry.

The program, announced by President Roosevelt, hinted broadly at the possible drafting of farm-experienced men now deferred because of age or minor physical disabilities if they refuse dairying jobs.

Changes System

It also changed the system of re-leasing soldiers 38 years or older so that in the future they can be channeled into and kept at jobs in essential industry and agriculture, subject to recall by the Army upon request of the War Manpower Commission.

The president's announcement, coming as draft boards were poised to begin Thursday the reclassification of registrants still in non-deferable jobs, gave emphasis to his recent declaration that he would seek to avoid direct and compulsory job-control as long as possible.

But it also provides that experienced former dairy workers between 18 and 28 who have been rejected by the Army for physical disability might if they refuse to return to dairy work be put up for reconsideration and acceptance for limited service.

Furthermore, it provides that if the dairy worker shortage is not "adequately" relieved otherwise, dairy workers who have taken jobs in industry will be "urged" by the draft boards to return to dairying.

It is not deemed wise that this be done at this time because within the last ten days there has been a back-to-the-farm movement due to the Tydings amendment (giving farmers a preferred draft deferment status) said a memorandum supplied by the president.

Two of the program's seven points provide for former dairy workers

above 38 years—including those over 45 and therefore exempt from the draft—to be "urged" to return to dairying in areas where such workers are needed.

A note of provision authorized dairy farmers to take conscientious objectors who have been relieved of draft liability.

Personals

Mrs. L. R. Blackwelder of North Carolina is a Midland visitor.

I. W. Sowell of Albany, superintendent of the Perry Brothers Store, is here on business.

Constable Bill Morelan has returned from a business trip to Anson and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkinson have gone to Amarillo and Lubbock on business.

Mrs. L. A. Black and baby returned home from the hospital here Wednesday.

COMPETE SERVICES SET

ABILENE (AP)—Funeral services for Truett Compere, 49, Abilene insurance man and real estate dealer who died Tuesday in a hospital here, will be conducted Thursday.

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MENTHOLATUM

Russo-American Conference Set For Near Future

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Russo-American conference on current and postwar issues was projected by President Roosevelt Wednesday into the very near future.

Where and when the conversations will take place, and who the principals will be, were not disclosed. Withholding all specific information at a press conference Tuesday, Mr. Roosevelt turned aside with noncommittal answers questions designed to bring out whether he expected Premier Stalin or Foreign Commissar Molotov to come to this country.

But he made it clear that he and Anthony Eden, in consultations which ended Tuesday, had cut the pattern for additional talks among various members of the United Nations.

Puzzlement at what they called comparative public apathy toward post-war problems was expressed by some members of a Senate foreign relations subcommittee as they assembled to begin consideration of a half dozen proposals for collective action by the United Nations.

While sponsors of some of the proposals said their main was increasing Senator George (D-Ga.) told reporters he hardly knew what to make of the fact that despite wide newspaper and radio discussion he had received fewer than a dozen letters about the problems involved.

Station Attendant Had Wrong Customer

PONCA CITY, OKLA. (AP)—Sure, he could sell more than four gallons of gasoline, said the service station attendant—and if the customer didn't have another coupon "that was all right; he could furnish them."

The man seated beside the listening customer was Charles Reed, chairman of the county rationing board.

The attendant didn't know that—until OPA agents arrived.

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SOCIETY

Twilight Ceremony Here Unites Miss Wanda Self And Cadet Davis

Miss Wanda Self, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Self of Houston, became the bride of Cadet Arthur B. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis of El Paso, in a ceremony Tuesday evening at the home of the Rev. Hubert Hopper.

The bride wore a pink evening gown with an iris corsage. She was attended by Miss Cordelia Taylor of Midland who wore a blue suit and a gardenia corsage.

Cadet Allen B. Craig of the Midland Bombarrier School was best man. Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Anacoco High School in Louisiana and he attended business college in Houston. Before coming to Midland he was employed with the Refinery Supply Company in Houston.

Cadet Davis is a graduate of Austin High in El Paso, and attended the El Paso College of Mines where he was a member of the College Players and Alpha Psi fraternity. He entered the Air Forces in August.

Following the bridegroom's graduation from the Midland Bombarrier school Thursday the bride will return to Houston for a few days, then will join her husband.

Midland Garden Club Will Meet Thursday

The Midland Garden Club will meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning in the assembly room of the courthouse. Mrs. Johnnie Gram will speak on transplanting plants and yearbooks will be distributed.

Coming Events

THURSDAY
Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock.
Red Cross surgical dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.
Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.
The Stitch and Chatter Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Bessie Boyett, 305 North Fort Worth.

Delta Pegasus Club will meet at 3 p. m. with Mrs. George P. Bradbury, Magnolia Tank Farms.
The Dos Reales Club will meet at 2 p. m. with Mrs. W. L. Crothers, 1208 West Indiana.
The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will have a party at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. B. Slickney, 707 West Tennessee. Mrs. Velma Smith and Mrs. J. B. Terry will be co-hostesses.

The Grace Lutheran Parish Workers will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. A. Baumann.

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So-Sum Club Members Sew For Red Cross

Regular Red Cross work was carried on by members of the So-Sum Club when they met Tuesday with Mrs. Herold Amussen at the home of Mrs. W. I. Pratt, 911 West Kansas.

Those present included Mmes. Percy Mims, W. M. Schrock, N. B. Larsh, S. M. Vaughan, Rea Sindorf, E. C. Hitchcock, and the hostess.

Members of the Itusko Saito Intermediate Girls Auxiliary were entertained with a party Monday evening at the First Baptist Church. Games were played and refreshments were served by the WMU to Dorothy Shelburne Thelma Jo Brown, Fay Shelburne, Billie Jean Jones, Barbara Brown, Frances Palmer, Dorothy Rose Otho, Mrs. J. R. Wright, Mrs. D. Aycott, Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. A. W. Wyatt and Mrs. John Matthews.

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Children's Service League will meet at 2 p. m. at the surgical dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse. After work there, a business session will be held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Blunden, 2011 West Brunson.

The W.F.M.S. of the Church of the Nazarene will meet at 2:30 p. m.

The Belmont Bible Class will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the educational building of the First Baptist Church.

The regular monthly meeting of AAUW will be held in the form of a luncheon at the Cactus Cafe at one p. m. Call Mrs. Russell Farmer for reservations.

Cinnamon apples make a colorful and taste-satisfying dish. Select three large apples, peel and core and cut into quarters. Combine a cup of sugar, one of water and a half pound of red cinnamon candies and boil 10 minutes to form a syrup. Bail the apple quarters in the cinnamon syrup for 20 minutes. Top with black cherries.

Dolly Madison's former home, in Guilford, N. C., now rents for \$30 a month.

In Midland



Lieut. Jessie Gardner, WAAC recruiting officer, is in Midland Wednesday afternoon and will be here all day Thursday and Friday to meet and interview women interested in joining the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Thursday noon she will address the Midland Geological Society at its luncheon in the Cactus Cafe.

Midland County's record is one of our very best, Lieutenant Gardner said. "Seven of its quota of eight already have been enrolled in the WAAC, and knowing Midland people the way I do, I've good reason to believe that we're going to top that quota by a good dozen."

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Those attending included Floyd A. Styron, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Speaker and daughter from Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Styron and daughter of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauldon and daughter of Midland, Mrs. M. L. Styron of Oklahoma City, Leroy Collyar of Midland, Lorene Styron and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Styron.

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DEATH AHEAD

CHAPTER XXVIII

"PAT! . . . Pat Friday, Plane Number 10! . . . Oh my God, PAT!"

Capt. James Carr, U. S. Army pilot of the motor ship towing a sky train, was frantically trying to get a radio communication through. He yelled at his microphone while the ship dived and bucked and twisted in the storm over Superstition Mountain. He gritted his teeth, threw electric switches, twisted dials. Beside him, Loraine Stuart was white with fear, but he ignored her presence. "PAT!" he shrieked again. "Number 10 . . . Pat!"

In technical truth, that frantic cry of his did get through to Patsy, struggling now in that same storm. She heard him, and she tried to answer. It was Jimmy's receiving apparatus that had gone temporarily dead. But then, her own radio, both ways, seemed to be fluctuating. What's more, Pat couldn't spare the time to try to tune it. From her position as tail-end ship of the train, she had cut loose with astonishing courage. Her plane had dipped. The gusty blow had caught her unprepared. "Eee-e-e-e!" She shrieked there in the loneliness.

For a matter of seconds she rolled sideways. And it took all the skill and strength she could muster to right the ship again. When she came out of it she could see no sign of the parent train, because the cloud around her was streaked, streaming, boiling. Lightning darted through it. Oddly, in this moment of stress she remembered what a newspaper reporter had told her about Superstition Mountain.

"The Indians say the Thunder Gods live up there," he had said, "and it's a fact, because on stormy days you can listen and hear them pounding their gargantuan toms-toms."

She heard the tom-toms now. Off right, then left. Assailing her ears, crashing against clouds and against the earth itself. She felt infinitesimal, and indeed, she was exactly that compared to the bulk and anger of Nature here.

"If I can . . . keep a . . . level head," she was pleading with herself. The cloth and aluminum sail-plane she piloted was a wisp of straw. Wind whined outside the transparent hood like banshees

wailing. Daylight came through the storm at intervals, showing gray nothingness ahead and all around. Lightning intensified that same blank oblivion.

"Jimmy! . . . Captain Carr! . . . Number 10 reporting!" She jiggled radio dials. Even as she did so she knew she was wasting time. The set was completely dead.

She had watched her altimeter with greatest care. That delicate needle had shown 12,200 feet when she cut loose from the tow line. It had dropped a little. Then Pat had remembered Superstition Mountain beneath, so she soared widely, seeking a thermal, an up-current of air.

SHE found it! "Wh-r-r-r-r-r-r!" It was verily like a volcano's force, this storm thermal, for her craft shot upward so fast her ears pained. Twelve thousand eight hundred. Thirteen six. Fourteen. She watched the needle, and looked fearfully through the hood for any sign of earth at all, any possible mountain peak or crag. Fifteen eight ninety. Sixteen thousand.

Pat was beginning to suffer acutely from cold and rarified air now. Three miles above earth can be terrific. She had to fight the controls in an effort to go back down, and she was afraid to go down with visibility at zero.

"I've got to think!" she literally spoke aloud, to herself. "That . . . that chart! . . . It said the highest peak in Superstition was only 5080 feet! . . . My goodness! . . . And . . . and even San Francisco Peaks, in northern Arizona, are only 12,000. . . . What am I doing up here!"

She was up there because she couldn't help herself, and she knew it. For one thing, she knew Jimmy had tried to ride above the storm. He had tried to succeed. Because she knew she must be very near Globe, her original destination, she had cut loose. But the thermal lifts had been too powerful.

Now her altimeter was galloping left to right; galloping and bouncing so as to be of no possible use.

"I might be 100 feet or 100,000!" Pat breathed, desperately. She knew she was somewhere under the three-mile point. But where? The needle tried to settle at 14,000 and again at 11,600, but in a single instant it shot up to 20,000, then back again. Pat knew it was off. But it was all

she had to go by, and she almost pleaded with the thing.

A good quarter-hour must have passed before Pat realized fully that the instrument was functioning after all. The truth was, she had been looping, twisting, side-slipping. Unconsciously she and her ship had done all manner of "impossible" things. Seasoned pilots, even motor ship pilots, could have told her that storm experiences are like that. You soon become a part of the wind and action, your ship gives with it, tumbles with it, weaves with it, and because you are strapped in, you don't fully realize all that is going on. If you didn't give and weave this way, you'd be destroyed!

That all came back to Pat's mind. Lectures! Things Jimmy Carr and that Captain Witter and old Colonel Furey had said. Surely! She remembered now. Those intensified courses she had taken back in Elmir. She had had to sit near Loraine Stuart, and had borne many of Loraine's petty slights. Here, in a real storm 2000-odd miles from Elmir, those slights seemed trivial indeed. So did all of the pettiness concerning Loraine. Loraine, who was still with Jimmy, flying with him, loving him, betrothed to him for life. Jimmy, whom she herself had so poignantly loved and, in her heart, loved still.

This backward streaming of her thoughts served oddly to bring Pat a new feeling of calm.

"But I can't stay up here in it forever!" she told herself. "I haven't the equipment nor the food nor the strength for an endurance test. Anyway I—I want to land, near Globe!"

That goal stuck doggedly in her. It was a part of the plan. A part of Jimmy's project for the sky train. Her assigned task from the beginning.

During a momentary lull Pat flipped her controls and nosed down. The altimeter reacted fast. Ten thousand. Nine thousand. Seven thousand, two hundred. Five thousand eight sixty. Five, two ten.

She decided she had better look hard. The storm was a bit softer here and—yes, there was a glimpse of mother earth! She headed downhill again. But all at once, a minute later—

"Oh-h-h-h-h!" She screamed it, jerking her controls.

The dead ahead was the ominous red bulk of rock wall.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.
I was glad that Sgt. Joseph L. O'Connor of New York was able to be on hand at the Eastern States Non-Masters Pair event, to defend the title he won last year with Jules G. Aceves. It was interesting that at the end of the first session, Capt.

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and Mrs. A. C. Manley of West Point were in the lead.

At the end of the finals, however, the championship went to Pvt. Martin J. Dupraw of White Plains and Louis Keeler of Scarsdale, N. Y. Sergeant O'Connor congratulated Private Dupraw on his victory when he handed him his trophy.

Said the sergeant to the private, "Keep it well polished, because after we finish this little job we have with the Japs, I'll be on hand next year to win it back."

Today's hand helped Private Dupraw to win the championship. With the favorable opening of the seven clubs, which allowed him to discard his losing heart, he saw that he would have little difficulty if the trumps were split two-two. However, he decided to play as though they were split three-one.

After winning the club in dummy, he led a low spade and finessed the jack, which held. He played a trump to the king and again finessed the spade. Now he ruffed a spade with his ace of diamonds, came to his hand with a heart ruff, and conceded a trump trick, making six.

Workers At El Paso Choose CIO Union

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board Wednesday certified that the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Local 509, affiliated with the CIO, had been selected in a recent election by a majority of all production and maintenance employees of American Smelting and Refining Company, El Paso, as their representative for the purposes of collective bargaining.

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Out Of Season Bomb

GREAT FALLS, MONT. —(AP)—"There's a 'lime bomb in my yard!' an excited woman telephoned the sheriff's office. Deputy Sheriff Mike Quaal cautiously approached the hedge where she said someone had thrown the bomb. He pulled out a football.

The average housewife handles 340 tons of china annually in washing dishes.

FOURTH ANNUAL COTTON CONGRESS SET FOR JULY

WACO—(AP)—The fourth annual cotton research congress will meet in Dallas July 8 and 9. Chairman Curtis C. Jackson of the state-wide cotton committee of Texas, has announced. Red, white, and blue are the world's favorite colors for flags. The art of photography is only a little more than 100 years old.

Shocked Shock Trooper

PORTLAND, ORE. —(AP)—"Unarmed and alone in Jap territory, I met one of Tojo's favorite marine shock troopers at a distance of 10 feet. Roger Tower, 29, Navy pharmacist's mate, wrote his parents from Guadalcanal. "I borrowed his rifle and bayonet. He inclosed a picture of the Jap flag he took from the body. Read Reporter-Telegram Classifieds

JOBS FOR WOMEN

SALT LAKE CITY —(AP)—Fifteen of the 21 candidates for University of Utah student offices April 10 are coeds. Jarring note: Both nominees for president are men. Furs taken in Alaska during 1939 amounted to 553,696 pelts. South Dakota has an Indian population of 26,500, who live on nine reservations.

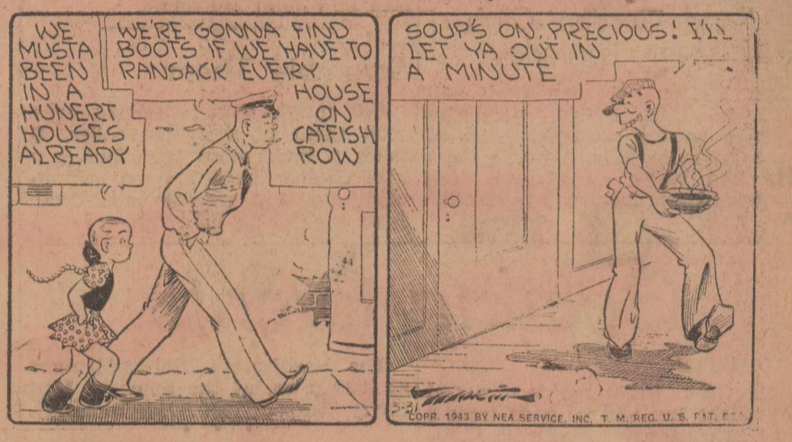
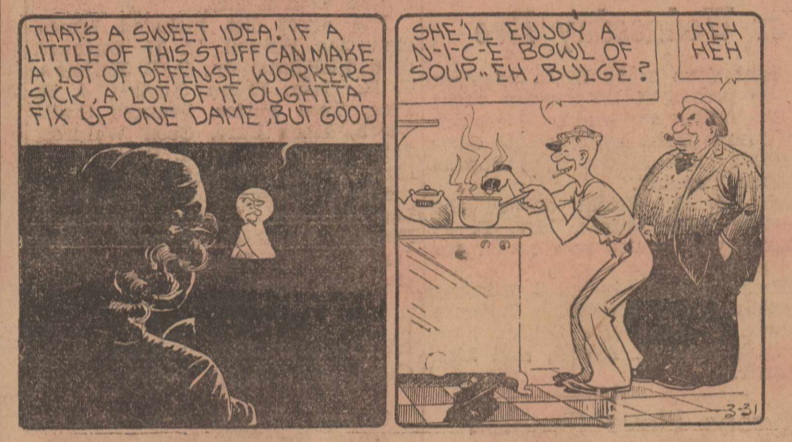
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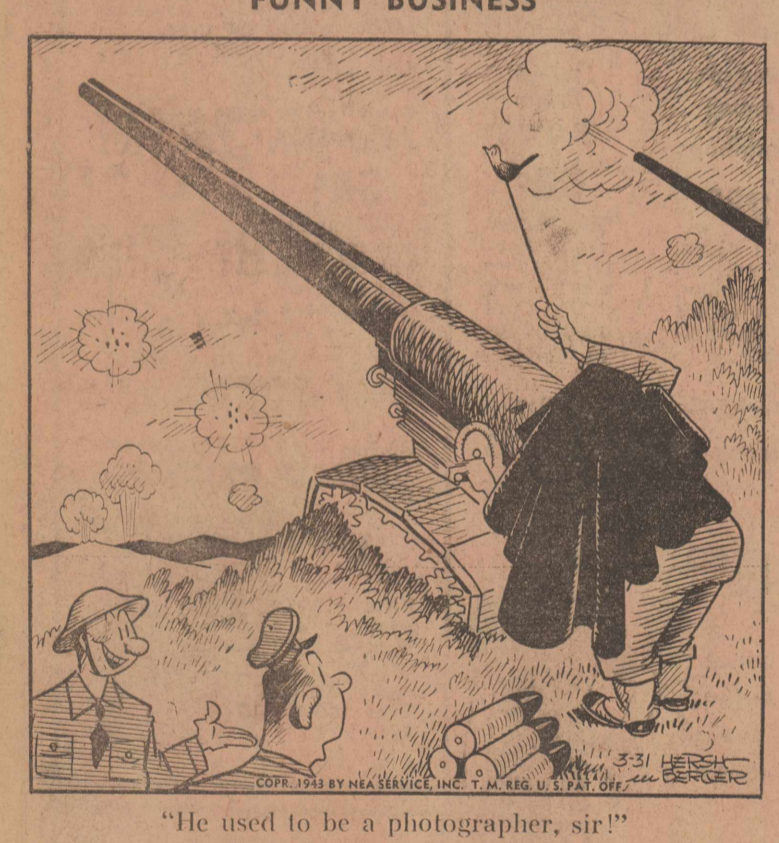


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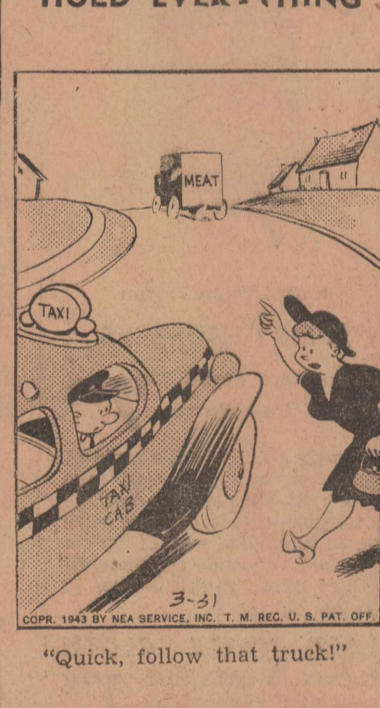
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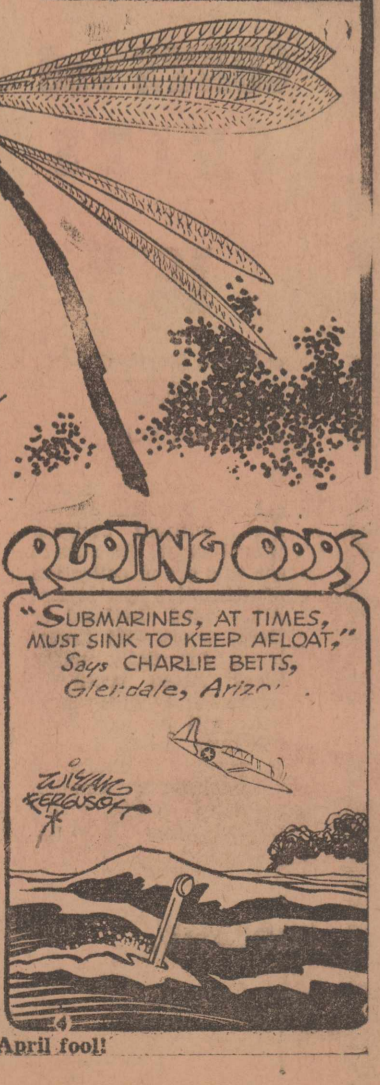


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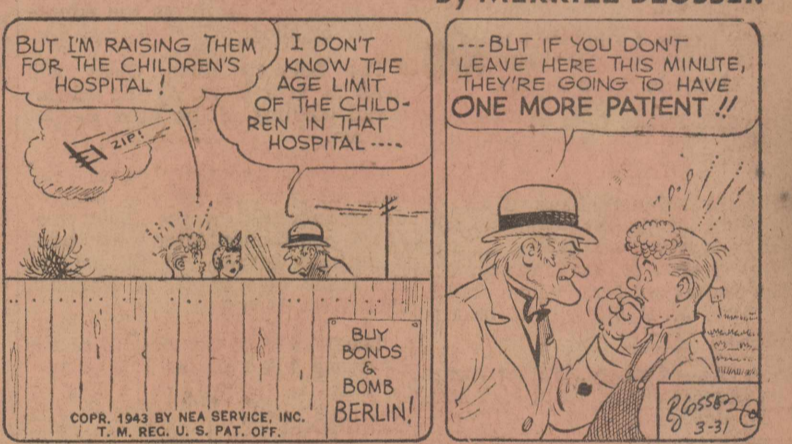
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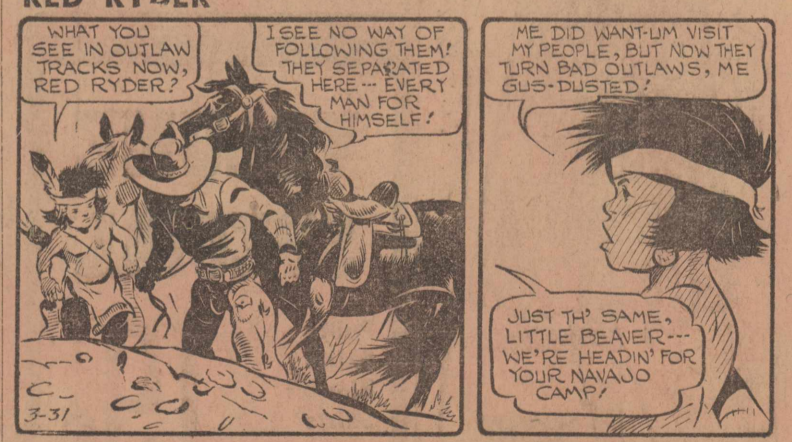
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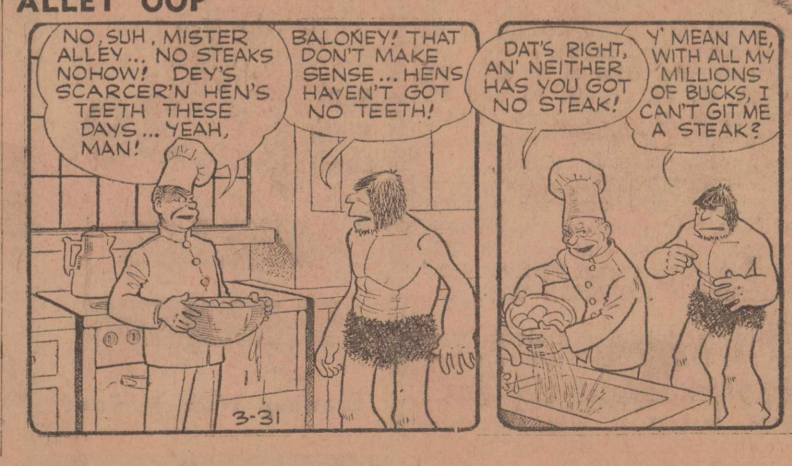
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Good Things To Eat 4
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Lost and Found 7
 LOST: One brown leather billfold. Reward. Box 16, Stanton, Texas. (15-7)

LOST: Gold chain and locket, Initial "E. S. W." Return to this paper. (19-1)

HELP WANTED 9
 WANTED: automobile mechanics; permanent position with a good compensation plan. We have a large volume of service business; good working conditions. See Mr. Erskine, Elder Chevrolet Company, Midland. (7-1f)

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 SANDERS Furniture and Upholstering Shop has a divan for sale. Phone 752. (19-3)

Wanted To Buy 26
 WANTED TO BUY—Small used radios any condition. Must be not over three years old. Radio Service Co. 108 W. Missouri. (2-24)

WANTED TO BUY: Letter file, 1, 2 or 4 drawer. McLaughlin, Reporter-Telegram. (13-1f)

Farms For Sale 63
 70 ACRES, good improvements, 2 miles from Courthouse. Roy McKee, Phone 495. (15-1f)
 FOR SALE: 160 acres land 5 miles N-E Midland. Write V. H. Wyatt, Box 201, Stephenville, Texas. (16-6)

Wartime Research In Aviation Brings Out Many New Advances

CHICAGO—(AP)—Research in aviation to further the war effort has brought many new advances in the industry, including an invention that means the elimination of the hazards of blind flying through fog, even at night, says one of the industry's leaders.
 President Ernest R. Breech of the Bendix Aviation Corporation in an address Tuesday night to the Illinois Manufacturers' Costs Association disclosed that "through a startling development" hazards of blind flying "will be definitely conquered."
 He divulged no details, stating that "these developments are so broad in the scope of their application for military purposes that I cannot hint to you how this has been accomplished."

Mother Of Midland Woman Dies Tuesday

Mrs. G. A. Bruton, 94, mother of Mrs. W. L. Holmsley of Midland, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home in Comanche, after several months' illness.
 Survivors besides Mrs. Holmsley, include two sons, K. E. Bruton of Dallas and D. D. Bruton of Houston, and two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Harick and Miss Lucille Bruton of Comanche.
 Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday in Comanche.

Hearings Continued On Regulation Bill

AUSTIN—(AP)—Public hearing will be resumed Wednesday night on a bill proposing regulation of river authorities, with many of its original provisions altered by committee amendments.
 Decision to continue the hearing came after a House committee Tuesday night spent three hours amending the sub-committee bill.

Governor Addresses Women's Federation

WAXAHACHIE—(AP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson, addressing the annual conference of the second district of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Tuesday night, said women were playing an extremely important part in the war effort and their work would be a vital factor toward an Allied victory.
 "All of us should do everything we can to help the president win this war and then, when victory is won, strive to bring our government back to the principles that have made our country the greatest nation in the history of the world," the governor said.

Smuggling On Border Continues To Grow

ROMA, TEXAS—(AP)—The wave of smuggling that has been growing along the lower Texas border has shown no signs of letup since U. S. rationing started, and officers' latest bag includes four boys, one of them only 12 years old.
 The kids were captured by customs patrol inspectors at La Grulla in Starr County after crossing the Rio Grande in a canvas boat. They had several pounds of coffee and beans with them.

We change sleeping positions from 20 to 65 times each night, no matter how soundly we sleep.

Last Bubble

Hollywood's last balloon—no more due to rubber shortage—is used by Martha O'Driscoll in bubble dance for a new film.

'Round the World Pick-a-Back

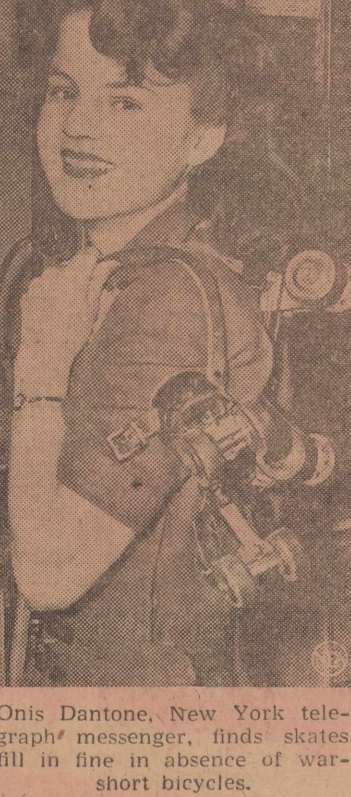


Senegalese woman (left), seeing her husband off to war from Dakar, totes her youngster in the same manner as the Indian woman shipyard worker at Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Manhattan Music Masters To Give Show Wednesday

A musical treat of rare excellence will be presented by USO-Camp Shows Wednesday night at the Midland AAF Bombardier School Post Service Club when the Manhattan Music Masters, a group of talented vocalists, musicians and dancers, offer their programs of popular classical and operatic favorites.
 There will be two shows, one at 7:30 and another at 9 p. m. Each will be free to all enlisted men, cadets and officers of the bombardier college and there will be a reserved section for officers. Transportation will be furnished between the post exchange and the service club during the evening.
 Manhattan Music Masters, recruited from the top quality talent of the musical field, will present the equivalent of a compact concert season in an evening of singing, playing and dancing.
 Vocalists of the group are Edna Lora, soprano, and Garfield Swift, baritone. Instrumentalists are Eyrd Elliot, violinist, and Howard Kubik, pianist. The art of terpsichore will be interpreted by Rosa Roland and Nicolas Beriozoff, members of the world famous Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo Company.
 The program will include such popular favorites as the "Vals Huguette" from the "Student Prince," by Prini; "All The Things You Are," by Romberg; Mendelssohn's "On Wings Of Song"; Fritz Kreisler's "Liebeslied"; and excerpts from Gershwin's opera, "Porgy and Bess."

Roller Runner



Onis Dantone, New York telegraph messenger, finds skates fill in fine in absence of war-short bicycles.

Feathered Creatures Have Flight Signals

NEW YORK—(AP)—Here is evidence of a signal system between birds in flight. The signal operates with extraordinary speed. Five-thousandths of a second is enough time for a bird to receive the signal and alter its course of flight.
 R. W. Gerard University of Chicago, tells the story in Science, official journal of American scientists. He was driving in Vermont when about 50 birds in a flock flew alongside his car. They were only 15 feet from his window.
 Car and birds were doing exactly 35 miles an hour. After a few seconds the flock wheeled away from the car. They did not follow the leader. They did not do a column left. Every single bird wheeled at exactly the same instant.
 Had a bird taken even 10 thousandths of a second to make the turn, it would have lagged at 35 miles an hour, six inches behind its fellows. No bird, says Mr. Gerard, lagged that much.
 He got no clue to the nature of the signal. It could be sound, or sight. Possibly the signal is something connected with the mysterious thing that enables homing pigeons to find direction. The bird signal and maneuver works faster than anything human columns can do.

BORGER TO GET TRAILERS

DALLAS—(AP)—Fifty trailers will be supplied Borger under a war housing program approved for this region, Preston L. Wright, National Housing Agency regional representative, has announced.

WMC Says Strippers Can't Take It Off

CLEVELAND—(AP)—A regional War Manpower Commission official says strip-teasers legally can't take it off.
 "Come, we mean."
 Lois De Fee, six foot, two and one-half inch burlesque charmer, figured it would be nice if strip-teasers worked a 48-hour week instead of her 70-hour week.
 The WMC, however, said the 48-hour week isn't mandatory where people couldn't be released for other work. That leaves strip-teasers out in the cold.

Dixon Trades Track Suit For Army O.D.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Frank T. Dixon III was notified by the Army Enlisted Reserve to report for active duty.
 The New York University freshman ran third behind Gilbert Foddis and Earl Mitchell in his last race—the Bankers Mile of the Chicago Relays, which at 4:08.5 was the fastest of the year.
 In cross country, the 20-year-old Dixon was undefeated in dual meets and won the Metropolitan Intercollegiate, the I.C.A.A. National A. A. U. and Metropolitan A. A. U. championships.

Americans

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 seven of their own planes. Eleven of the enemy planes were shot down by Americans.
 Western desert air forces from Montgomery's sector swept the roads between Sfax and Gekhira, north of Gabes, and between Cokhira and Gafsa.
 Spitfire squadrons shot down two Messerschmitts, and Warhawks got four Focke-Wulfes and five Messerschmitts. Another Messerschmitt was shot down in the north for a total of 12, while the Allies lost seven aircraft, the communique said.
 Landings At Sfax
 "The Italians, in their communique, admit that 'violent new attacks' had been made by the Allies Tuesday, but the Germans said the attacks had slackened somewhat in view of determined resistance.
 Round about reports, however, suggested that Rommel had no intention of stopping his retreat for a good many miles. One such report by the London Daily Mail's correspondent in Madrid said that Rommel had ordered the destruction of Sfax harbor, 70 miles north of Sfax to cut off Rommel's retreat.
 (British sources in London Wednesday were unable to confirm this report, and emphasized that Sfax harbor probably could not accommodate a ship larger than 1,000 tons.)
 Australia has 12,000 miles of coastline.

News Men And Army Officials Inspect Bombardier School

Bill White, Associated Press War editor, and John Mecklin, a United States staff writer, who are studying training methods of the Army Air Forces, inspected the Midland AAF Bombardier School Wednesday and learned of its work as the world's largest bombardier training center.

Accompanying them was David Davis of Acme News Photo, and a party of Army officers, headed by Brig. Gen. W. W. Welsh, chief of staff of the AAF South East Training Center, Maxwell Field, Ala., and Brig. Gen. I. Davies, commanding officer of the 24th Flying Training Wing and formerly head of the bombardier school here.

Other members of the official party were Col. John McBlain, commanding officer of the 30th Flying Training Wing South East Training Center, who is stationed at Jackson, Miss.; Maj. John Fitzwater of Maxwell Field; Capt. C. L. Holt, assistant public relations officer of the Flying Training Command at Fort Worth; Lieut. Reavis O'Neal, aide to General Davies; and Lieut. Paul B. DeWitt, assistant to Colonel McBlain.

Members of the city council and officials of the Chamber of Commerce also attended the dinner.

Lockheed Production Tripled Since 1941

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Production of warplanes and spare parts by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, a stockholders' report discloses, was three times greater last year than in 1941, and 11 times greater than in 1940.

GIRL BORN TO FOWLERS

Mrs. Myrtle Stevens has been informed that her son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. William H. Fowler of San Angelo, are the parents of a daughter born in San Angelo Tuesday. Sgt. and Mrs. Fowler are former residents of Midland.

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Signs Of The Times—

Waiter At Dodger's Training Camp Is Signed To Play Ball

By The Associated Press
BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y.—Carl Kerjam, New York City high schooler who came here to wait on tables at the Brooklyn training camp, has been signed to a Dodger farm contract.

recent curve ball pitching by Roy Starr, Elmer Riddle and Johnny Vander Meer and now Manager Bill McKechnie is moving Eric Tipton into the position.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—The Cincinnati Reds are having left fielditis again. The spot has had some 39 occupants since 1938 and was allotted to Frank Kelleher for the coming campaign.

Pittsburgh Plans Mass Production Football Program

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Mass production—that's what Coach Clark Shaughnessy plans for the University of Pittsburgh this season in an attempt to bring the Panthers back as a football power.

COLLEGE PARK, MD.—Just when Manager Ossie Bluege and Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators were getting all excited about their shortstop find—18-year-old Joe Jacobs of Wichita, Kas.—the youngster received his draft questionnaire.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—Mike Chartak, lanky St. Louis Brown outfielder, is in the midst of a personal hitting spree. After collecting five for eight in a pair of games he shoved a pitch from Bill Seimsoth over the right field barrier 450 feet away—in Tuesday's workout.

Wyoming Team Wins College Cage Crown

NEW YORK—(AP)—The national collegiate basketball title, constant property of the Big Ten conference until Stanford broke the spell last season, is back in the far west for another season with Wyoming on the throne.

The Cowboys checked their ponies at the doorway of Madison Square Garden Tuesday night but still had speed enough to wallop Georgetown, eastern representative, 46 to 34.

Both teams will remain here for Thursday night's double header with Wyoming playing St. John's of Brooklyn, national invitational tourney winner, and Georgetown battling Toledo, second to St. John's in the preliminary. Receipts of the twin bill will go to the Red Cross.

Mixed Doubles In Chungking



Native soldiers form gallery as foreign-born Chinese girls and touring American soldiers team for mixed doubles in shelter-pitted Chungking. Left to right, Sgt. Ivan O. Stanberry of Pomona, Calif.; Toots Wong, born in Alberta, Canada; Sgt. Dick Shaffer of Chicago; Mabis Chang, born in Vancouver, B. C.; Sgt. James R. Lytle of Pittsburgh; and Annie Lee, born in New Zealand.

814th Squadron To Meet Big Spring Cage Loop Champions Wednesday

The 814th Bombardier Training Squadron basketball team, champions of the Midland AAF Bombardier School's enlisted men's league, will clash with the 816th squadron, champs of the Big Spring Bombardier School, in a game Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Big Spring.

Abilene Golfer Has Scored Four Dodos

ABILENE—(AP)—A golfer making a hole-in-one in a lifetime usually considers himself fortunate. But take Lon Steffens of Abilene. He has made four.

FIGHT DATE CHANGED
FORT WORTH—(AP)—Manuel Ortiz' world bantamweight title fight against an unnamed foe will be April 28 instead of May 5, Ft. Worth clubs sponsoring the fight said. It will be a 15-round bout.

Officials Believe Van Lingle Mungo Has It This Year

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—(AP)—The only difference between a New Year's resolution and Van Lingle Mungo up to now has been that you had to break one and the other fized out all by itself.

Year after year, when spring is in the air and any strong-backed young fellow's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of a series cut next fall, Van Lingle-Mungo has come out as regularly as the cuckoo in the clock and said that his arm was better than ever and that he'd probably win 20. But come fall, and Van would head back to the Black Hills of North Carolina without his 20 and with the old "wait'll next year" war cry.

Same Old Story
It's the same old patter this spring as the bad boy from Pageland heads the New York Giant pitchers in training in the Jersey piney woods. Though everyone around this camp has heard Van's April New Year's resolution time after time, they're inclined to believe maybe the big guy really has something this year.

It's the hardest working man in the outfit; he says he's throwing more freely than at any time in the past five years, and he's the only elbow who already has turned loose his entire assortment of stuff.

Leading the drum-beating brigade for Mungo is Master Melvin Ott, the boss-man of the Giants, who has to grab at any ray of sunshine, no matter how beclouded, this spring.

Got The Stuff
"Last Sunday," Mel related "Mungo was pitching to batters and asked me if it was okay to cut loose. It was my turn to hit, I told him to go ahead. He whiffed me on three pitches, and the last one looked enough like his old fireball to make me glad he's on our side this season."

One possible reason for the return of "Jingle Jangle's" smoke after winning only one game for the Giants last summer, may be that his right arm has finally uncovered from a shoulder operation performed after the 1941 season.

Shell Union Oil Lists Net Income Of \$21,205,493

Shell Union Oil Corporation and its subsidiaries, according to R. G. A. van der Woude, president, has reported for the year 1942 a net operating income of \$21,205,493 before special reserve of \$4,345,486, giving a net income of \$16,859,007, as compared with \$16,768,157 in 1941.

Net income from operations was equivalent to \$1.63 per share on 13,970,625 shares of common stock, while his reduced to \$1.29 after allowing for the \$4,345,486 deduction mentioned above. This compares with \$1.59 per share in 1941 and \$1.28 after allowing for the special deduction of \$4,000,000 also made that year.

The company declared and paid during 1942 \$13,070,625 in dividends, being \$1.00 per share of common stock. The consolidated earned surplus plus at Dec. 31, 1942, amounted to \$20,050,249.

Expenditures on capital projects amounting to approximately \$41,858,000 were made during the year, compared with \$53,568,000 in 1941.

Van der Woude reported on the leading position the company has taken in the development of high octane aviation fuels, to the point that in 1942 Shell produced more 100 octane aviation gasoline than any other company in the world. It pioneered as far back as 1934 in the manufacture of iso-octane and more recently has contributed substantially to the development of the alkylation process and during the past year pioneered the production of Cumene, one of the most powerful of all aviation fuel components yet found.

A great deal of attention was given to obtaining maximum production of butadiene from the plant which the company completed and put into operation some months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. This plant uses a process developed by Shell research and was financed by company funds. In addition to this, the company is participating in the government's synthetic rubber program through construction of a \$15,000,000 project on behalf of the government which Shell Chemical Company will subsequently operate.

The Spanish gourd has been crossed with a cucumber to produce a new vegetable. The thread-finned fish of the Amazon leaps out of the water and lays its eggs on overhanging plants.

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Kansas Cage Mentor Hits Proposed Rule

LAWRENCE—(AP)—"No," plus lots of other words constitutes the vote of Coach F. C. Allen against the proposed N. C. A. A. ruling to prevent touching a basketball on its downward curve into the hoop.

"Why should altitudinous defensive players be designated as mezzanine-peering goons simply because they can reach the basket—when a towering offensive player is allowed to dunk the ball into the basket or rap it through when it's on the rim?" inquired the Kansas University cage mentor.

He's still plugging his own remedy for under-basket congestion: raise the hoops to 12 feet.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
NEW YORK—(AP)—Fort Worth, Texas, is the latest town to hop aboard the boxing bandwagon, which has been making a lot of noise in various other cities lately.

Plans call for Manuel Ortiz to defend his bantam title against a still-unnamed opponent in a benefit bout May 6 and the committee in charge has scaled the house to gross \$30,000, which would be a record Texas gate. The Yankees will be the main attraction at a "sports night" for 1,000 soldiers from Fort Monmouth, N. J., and its sub post at Long Beach, N. J., Wednesday night. Baseballs autographed by the players will be used as door prizes.

Shorts And Shells
Prexy Frank Shaughnessy of the International League figures his umpires will have to work for their gough this year with Pepper Martin, Gabby Harnett, Burleigh Grimes and Fresco Thompson managing clubs in the circuit.

Did you know that Henry Armstrong took part in the last finish fight in ring records? . . . He and Alton Black fought "to a finish" at Reno, Nev., in 1936—and Henry finished Black in eight rounds. Stout Steve Owne of the football Giants and Ev Shelton, Wyoming coach, renewed acquaintance before the N. C. A. A. basketball final. They were gridiron teammates at Phillips U. in Oklahoma.

Today's Guest Star
Art Cohn, Oakland (Calif.) Tribune: "Bay Meadows put on quite a show opening day. Dragged out horses and wagons and all the trimmings. The praise agent called it the talyho meet. . . That's the first time I ever saw ballyho spelled talyho.

Spelled Dept.
Leo Martin "duration" amateur golf champion of Massachusetts, is listed as missing in action as a Navy gunner on a merchant ship.

Hope he got in a few good drives at those subs first. . . . Mil Gross, president of the New York Basketball Writers' Association, just got in under the wire on the invitation tournament. He saw the final Monday and reported to the Army at Camp Upton, N. Y., Tuesday.

Sgt. Carl Metz, former trainer of Jack Dempsey and Vitvitz Cleveland Indians, trained the two Fort Sill, Okla., boxers who recently won Chicago Golden Gloves titles, Earl "Jeep" O'Neil and Barry Darby.

Musical Program Entertains Lions

A Midland High School orchestra, under the direction of Ralph Utley, band director, was presented in an all-musical program at the meeting of the Midland Lions Club in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon.

Norma Conely and Gene Hayes were vocalists. Orchestra members included Bob Stallworth, Charles Borjupach, Van Cummings, Charles Sherwood, Nellie Brunson, Johnnie Rodriguez, Mary Fern Bray, Glenna Graham, Frank Trosteth, Max Allen, Roy De Wolfe and Utley.

Roy Minear, John Mashburn and W. H. Gilmore were elected to membership in the club.

Thugs Kidnap And Rob Three Youths

CHICAGO—(AP)—Two youths and a girl, members of wealthy, socially prominent families, were kidnaped and robbed early Wednesday by five young toughs, three of whom, Police Chief Frank Tiffany of Lake Forest said, had been captured by police and identified by the girl as among the abductors.

Victims of the kidnaping who were released as police from the Indiana to the Wisconsin state lines entered the hunt were: Helen Priebe, 18, heiress to the bulk of an \$800,000 coffee fortune.

Thomas Stanton Armour, 18, grandnephew of Ogden Armour, meat packing magnate, and son of Lieut. Commr. Lester Armour.

Kent Clow, Jr., 18, son of Kent Clow, Sr., wealthy plumbing supply manufacturer.

Wool
BOSTON—(AP)—(US Dept Agr)—Contracting of wool was extremely active in the territory states and in Texas, it was reported in the Boston market Wednesday. Wools were contracted in Nevada at a greasy price range of 48-43 cents, in Montana at 43-43 1-2 cents, and in Wyoming in a range of 38-40 cents. Offerings were made in Idaho of 43-44 1-2 cents for mixed grade lots.

Advertisement for Dunlap's shoes. Features a woman in a hat and a high-heeled shoe. Text includes 'THE PULSE OF FASHION', 'REFLECTED IN PATENTS BY JOHANSEN', '\$7.95', and 'DUNLAP'S "A Better Department Store"'.

Over 200 Miles Of 24-Inch Line Laid, Ickes Says
WASHINGTON—(AP)—More than 200 miles of the 809-mile eastern leg of the 24-inch crude oil pipeline have been laid despite snow and mud that severely hampered construction crews, says Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

Moore Brothers
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No. 1 W. B. Atkinson, Southern Sterling wildcat, is fishing for tools at 2,020 feet in dolomite. Six and five-eighths inch casing is landed at 1,660 feet. The well topped the San Angelo member of the Permian at 1,953 feet.

First Synthetic Rubber Produced For Government
BATON ROUGE—(AP)—An extensive new plant built with skillful engineering economy in strategic materials turned out the government's first synthetic rubber Wednesday in compact bales destined to keep Allied war machines rolling to victory.

Nose Bag
New M-5 gas mask for cavalry horses fits snug on the nose and has flexible hose connecting it to a canister of air-purifying material. (Signal Corps Photo)

Advertisement for Cactus Home Baked Pastries. Text includes 'CACTUS HOME BAKED PASTRIES', 'COR. WALL & LORAIN', 'J. H. WALLACE MGR.', and 'GOOD FOOD'.

Large advertisement for Coca-Cola. Features a man in a suit holding a glass of Coca-Cola. Text includes 'That Extra Something!', '... You can spot it every time', 'SPOTLIGHT Bands', 'The only thing like Coca-Cola is Coca-Cola, itself.', and 'The best is always the better buy!'.

Midland Woman Hurt At Comanche Sunday
Friends here have learned that Mrs. W. L. Holmsley of Midland fell and broke a leg at the home of her mother at Comanche Sunday.

O'Daniel Seeks Raise In Prices Of Chickens
DALLAS—(AP)—An increase of the ceiling price on broilers to insure the chicken hatchery business of Gonzales County against loss has been urged on Prentiss Brown, head of the Office of Price Administration, by Senator W. Lee O'Daniel.

INSANITY RATIO LISTED
WASHINGTON—(AP)—One person out of every 221 in the United States was living in a mental institution at the end of 1941, the census bureau reported Wednesday. This represents an increase of two per cent over 1940.

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