

# ALLIES DOWN 84 AXIS PLANES

## Council Reduces Midland's Tax Rate

### Water Rate Cut For Hot Months

Midland's ad valorem tax rate was reduced 20 cents per \$100 valuation, and a 15 percent discount for five months was ordered in the municipal water rate by the City Council at a special meeting Tuesday evening in the City Hall.

The two big dividends came as a surprise to most taxpayers but Mayor M. C. Ulmer and members of the council long has been making plans for the action, and carefully had arranged the city's financial affairs so as to gain their goal.

Midland's municipal government never was in a healthier financial condition and councilmen were unanimous in reducing the tax rate and also granting the water rate concession for

five months to aid Victory gardeners and residents who desire to maintain beautiful yards and lawns during the hot weather.

Mayor-Elect A. N. Hendrickson and City Councilman-elect John P. Butler attended the special meeting and concurred in the two dividends.

Financial affairs of the municipality were outlined to them. Ulmer recommended the tax rate be reduced from \$1.20 per \$100 valuation to \$1, a drop of 20 cents. In 1935 the tax rate was reduced from \$1.60 to \$1.20.

Statements, reports, and columns of figures were studied and explained by members of the council and the men who soon will take their places in the government.

Adequate reserves built up over a period of years have made the step possible, the mayor asserted.

Councilman Ralph M. Barron, a member of the council since 1929, explained that in 1934 the tax rate was \$1.60. Reserves of the city which have been put aside to meet bond payments when they become due now total more than \$70,000.

It has taken years to build up the adequate backlog. But Midland's officials have done just that and they were confident that rates could be trimmed.

Reserves in the general operating funds account total approximately \$80,000, of which \$30,000 now is invested in U. S. Government 2 per cent bonds.

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### City Buys \$30,000 Worth Of War Bonds

Midland was \$30,000 nearer its quota of \$645,000 in the Second War Loan drive Wednesday after the City Council agreed to purchase \$30,000 worth of 2 per cent War Bonds with money from the city's reserve fund.

Councilman Ralph M. Barron suggested the action and asserted municipal finances were adequate for the purchase. Mayor M. C. Ulmer and members of the council agreed, and an order was issued for the purchase of the bonds.

Mayor-elect A. N. Hendrickson and Councilman-elect John P. Butler concurred in the proposal.

### War Bond Purchases Total Only \$70,830

War bond purchases in Midland Tuesday totaled \$18,300 to bring the total for the week to \$70,830. The Second War Loan Drive got underway Monday.

Midland's quota for the month is \$645,000 and purchases of war bonds and stamps must increase to meet it. If the quota is met, Sponsoring agencies are authorized to order that it will be necessary for regular purchasers, large and small, to double war bond investments this month in order to meet the highest quota ever assigned this country. Midland County never has failed to meet its war fund quotas and leaders predicted Midland will not fail in this drive.

"They Give Their Lives — You Lend Your Money" is the slogan of the campaign.

### Japan Threatens To Attack U.S.

By The Associated Press  
Japan raised a bogie-man threat of bombing the United States Wednesday as Maj. Gen. Kenryo Sato, chief of the bureau of military affairs, declared that preparations were completed for "a vast air attack on the American mainland."

Sato said Japanese, German and Italian air forces would collaborate in the assault.

His threat came four days before the first anniversary of Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

Meanwhile, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Australia's Prime Minister John Curtin renewed official warnings that Japan was ready to strike out in a new offensive to gain control of the skies in the Southwest Pacific battle theater.

"If we lose the air, naval power cannot save us," Gen. MacArthur said, less than 24 hours after his field commander, Gen. Sir Thomas A. Blamey, asserted that Japan had 200,000 first-line troops massed in island bases north of Australia.

Air Control Threatened

"If the enemy wins control of the air, his naval units can at once bring forward convoys of ground forces to continue his attack to the southward," Gen. MacArthur said, and he added:

"A primary threat to Australia does not require a great initial local concentration of naval striking power.

"Japanese naval forces in great strength, although beyond our bomber range, are within easy striking distance of Australia."

Gen. MacArthur's statement followed an assertion in Washington Tuesday by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that there was no indication Japan was concentrating ships for an invasion of Australia.

Prime Minister Curtin, amplifying Gen. Blamey's warning, said the Japanese "apparently are contemplating further attacks against New Guinea and the Solomons."

Jap Ships Bombed  
While discussion of Pacific strategy broke into the open, Allied warplanes continued to strike at Japanese bases and shipping in the South Seas, probably sinking a 10,000-ton vessel and leaving another 8,000-tonner in flames in Hansa Bay, New Guinea, and strafing two Japanese coastal ships in the Kai Islands.

On the Burma front, British headquarters announced that Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's forces frustrated new Japanese attempts to infiltrate into reformed British lines in the Gwyndaw sector, along the Bay of Bengal, north of the Mayu Peninsula.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters, obviously exaggerating, asserted that the Japanese had destroyed 465 Allied planes, killed 4,200 British soldiers, captured 516 prisoners, and sunk or damaged 34 ships off the coast during the Burma campaign prior to April 10.

Retriever Prison Farm Manager Is Replaced  
HOUSTON —(AP)—W. D. Sloan has succeeded Capt. J. A. Lockwood as manager of the Retriever prison farm, Major W. D. Stakes, general manager of the prison system, has announced.

Sloan has been manager of the Ferguson farm.

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### Meeting Was Simple



Two Army sergeants, one a thin Devonshire boy named William Brown, left, and one a slight young man named Joseph Randall, right, of State Center, Iowa, stopped on the Gafsa-Gabes highway at mid-afternoon, shook hands and slapped each other on the back. In that fashion Montgomery's brilliant 8th Army and the American Northwest African Expeditionary Corps brought to a conclusion their tremendous march toward each other in Tunisia. (NEA Radio-Telephoto.)

### Japs Make Strong Raid On Milne Bay

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA —(AP)—Headquarters of General MacArthur Wednesday night announced tersely that a strong force of Japanese aircraft raided Milne Bay during daylight Wednesday. Details were not immediately received.

The raid was believed to have been on the approximate scale of other big raids in the Southwest Pacific recently, which General MacArthur has termed the beginning of Japanese aerial offensive in this area.

Attack Is Heavy  
These were raids on Oro Bay, Tulagi and Port Moresby. Eighty-five and forty-five planes were used by the Japanese in separate assaults against Oro Bay, 97 against Tulagi, and approximately 100 against Port Moresby.

The announcement followed by a matter of 12 hours General MacArthur's special statement issued at the regular noon communique time, voicing a new warning of inherent danger of a Japanese attempt to wrest aerial supremacy from the Allies in the Southwest Pacific.

The raid on Milne Bay, which lies on the southeast tip of Papua (New Guinea), was the heaviest there since January. It was by medium bombers escorted by 20 Zero fighters at night.

Other Raids At Night  
The other raids against Milne Bay have been night sorties in which nine planes were the most the enemy used at one time.

The announcement Wednesday night did not disclose whether our planes were able to get aloft to intercept the Japanese force with the same success as during other raids in recent days.

In the Port Moresby raid on April 12, 37 Japanese planes were shot out of action either in dog-fights over Moresby or by ack-ack.

Following the Port Moresby raid, General MacArthur's communique said "it is believed the enemy's air offensive has been blunted and his immediate plans dislocated."

OSBORNE IN LONDON  
LONDON —(AP)—Francis Osborne, British minister to the Vatican, arrived in London Wednesday for his first visit since Italy's declaration of war confined him to Vatican City for a time.

while coming discussions with Rumanian and Hungarian officials will attempt to settle their border territory dispute and strengthen the Axis banner.

A correspondent for the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, meanwhile, told of a visit of Axis journalists to the "Atlantic Wall," the Todt-built defense line which was strengthened after Dieppe raid in 1942. The correspondent said the line would withstand any Allied attack and was bigger than the Maginot Line or the Siegfried Line in Germany.

(An Italian correspondent writing in the Lisbon press called Europe "a steel wall several thousand miles long" with defenses not only along the coast but "along the borders of those countries which are neutral and may be used as landing piers.")

Hitler And Mussolini Attempting To Weld Satellites Into Final Struggle

BERN, SWITZERLAND —(AP)—The conference between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini last week was reported Wednesday to have resulted in a promise that Germany would carry on the struggle for Fascist expansion, including Africa, in return for greater mobilization of all Italian military and economic resources.

A series of conferences with Bulgarian, Rumanian and Hungarian leaders, it was understood here, was aimed at one general objective: to try to weld the satellites into the final struggle for defense of the "European fortress" as the situation in North Africa and an expected second front point up the Axis urgency.

King Boris of Bulgaria has been given potatoes and other food shipments for his country and promised aid for territorial ambitions, information from Axis circles, said.

WEATHER  
WEST TEXAS: Little temperature change.

### British Pounding Rommel Defenses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—The Allied forces in Tunisia have driven up to Marshal Edwinn Rommel's mountain defenses ringing Tunis and Bizerte, a communique from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced Wednesday, and American and British aircraft have destroyed 84 more Axis planes.

The mass destruction of Axis aerial strength was led by American Flying Fortresses which, reconnaissance showed, destroyed 73 planes in two raids on Sicilian airfields which were thoroughly covered with bomb bursts. One hundred of the enemy's aircraft were seen on one field.

The British Eighth Army, continuing to press the African Corp to the northward from Sousse, ran into Rommel's "prepared positions between Enfidaville and Djebel Bou Hadjar," the communique said.

This apparently was the mountain defense line running west from Enfidaville, itself 27 miles north of Sousse and 50 miles south of Tunis, upon which Rommel had fixed his main stand.

Djebel Bou Hadjar is 32 miles west and south of Enfidaville and 25 miles northwest of Kairouan. French Drive Forward

Despite the continued pressure of the Eighth Army, however, the Algiers radio report Tuesday that Enfidaville had been captured appeared to be untrue.

The British First Army, exerting steady pressure from the west upon Rommel's narrow corner of Tunisia, also pushed the Germans back along the Beja road north of Medjez-El-Tab to within three miles of Sidi Nsir, about 40 miles west of Tunis.

In between the Eighth and First armies, the French squeezed the Germans back farther into their bridgehead with another advance to the extreme north of the secondary Tunisian dorsal range on which the western end of Rommel's southern front apparently is anchored.

The destruction of 84 German and Italian aircraft was rated at headquarters as a crushing blow to Adolf Hitler's Mediterranean strategy.

The blow was accomplished with a loss of three Allied planes. Evacuation Reported

The Algiers radio and a Reuters dispatch from Switzerland, where roundabout reports from Rome and Marseille were gathered, said Rommel already was beginning an evacuation of at least part of his forces from Tunisia.

(The Algiers radio said the forces being removed were a considerable number of German technical personnel. This suggested that the Germans might be removing their air force ground personnel. The British radio Wednesday said Rommel had only three airfields left.)

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Escaped Convict Is Captured At Houston  
HOUSTON —(AP)—E. J. Williams, 47, escaped convict from Ramsey State prison farm, was captured here Tuesday.

Williams escaped from the prison farm on Dec. 23. He had served two of 60 years for burglaries and robberies in El Paso county.

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Check Is Ordered  
OPA said the postponement was ordered "to permit a re-examination of the prices in the light of the recent 'hold-the-line' presidential order."

Meanwhile, OPA regional and district offices have been instructed to make an immediate check of the new retail ceilings against retail prices in effect at the time of the President's order.

On the basis of these surveys, together with trace meetings, OPA said it "will determine whether revisions are needed."

REBOARD MEMBERS RESIGN  
KANSAS CITY —(AP)—Twenty-two of the 32 members of the Jackson County (Kansas City) gasoline rationing panel resigned Wednesday in protest against charges of favoritism brought against William J. Slack, former panel chairman, by the OPA legal division last week.

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Navy Publicity

It is time for Commander-in-Chief Roosevelt, who is an acknowledged expert on popular psychology, to do something about the disturbing breakdown in naval public relations.

Admiral King is a fighting man. He is not a publicist. Nevertheless, taking advantage of divided authority in connection with the dissemination of war news, he persists in sitting on the lid and overruling the considered judgment of experts who know as much about public relations as the good admiral knows about fighting wars.

It is not uncommon gossip in Washington that the Office of War Information, which is staffed with competent newspapermen—some of internationally recognized caliber—is at bitter odds with the Navy about the withholding of important war news. The OWI men know, from long experience, the terrific kickback which can come from foolish censorship.

Word has been spreading of late that Nazi U-boats were concentrated in great numbers in American near-coastal water. It is understood that many of these are of the newest, most formidable type. Such concentration of such submarines could hardly fail to do a great deal of damage, both by actual sinkings and by delaying convoys which do succeed in getting through.

That would be a serious development. It would awaken the public to a greater awareness of the tremendous sacrifices we have not yet begun to make—of the urgent necessity for stepping up every phase of our war activity.

The public is not satisfied with devious semi-denials, camouflaged as half-truths. It has long since learned that it can not expect to get straightforward information from the Navy.

There are and always will be, while the war lasts, certain facts which must be held up, and a very, very few which cannot be made public at all. Nobody asks that anything really helpful to the enemy be publicized. But the Navy starts out by delaying for argued reasons, and too often winds up by flatly forbidding the release of news which no longer could help Hitler. The Navy attitude as to news seems to be "This is our business and none of the public's. You have an awful nerve to ask questions."

If Elmer Davis is worth his desk space, he knows more about what should be publicized than Admiral King ever will know. Only a firm word from the President is needed to straighten out this mess.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Quality And Spirit

Economic Minister Walther Funk of the Reich agrees with most Americans that quality and spirit will win this war which, he told a gathering of business leaders recently, has resolved itself into a merciless demonstration of the survival of the fittest.

Funk, speaking for his boss, Schickelgruber, inevitably was inferring that Germany has the quality and the winning spirit. Otherwise he would have no head by this time.

But when Germany did have the quality and a semblance of the spirit she did not win. That was because Great Britain—particularly the English under the blitz—and later Russia, proved to have a much better spirit. Now the Allies also have the quality, plus numbers and masses which Herr Funk deprecated.

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Ceilings On Corn Prices Are Raised

WASHINGTON (AP)—A pair of farm price orders—raising yellow corn ceilings in the Midwest and placing horsemeat under price control—provided the major inflation front action Wednesday as other developments projected by President Roosevelt in his "bold line" order generally lagged.

The Office of Price Administration announced that a five-cent-a-bushel increase in the present ceiling prices on yellow corn would become effective Wednesday, in line with instructions from Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes and Food Administrator Chester C. Davis.

Horsemeat Prices Set Davis termed it part of a program to bring about "a more equitable relationship" among live-stock meat and feed grain prices to provide continued heavy production of livestock.

OPA explained it would be put into effect by abandoning previous plans for smaller, month-by-month increases in the price, and adopting immediately the Sept. 15, 1943, planned ceiling price on corn.

Effective April 20, the top retail prices for horsemeat is 18 cents a pound for all boneless cuts, 17 cents for ground horsemeat with bone, 19 cents for boneless ground horsemeat either in bulk of glass jars. Larger cuts or carcasses were priced at 14 cents a pound.

The United States has loaned Latin-American republics more than \$85,000,000 to speed construction of the Pan-American highway.

Odessa Lions Present War Bond Program

A patriotic program of music, "Lionism at War—At Home and Abroad," was presented by members of the Odessa Lions Club at the luncheon of the Midland Lions Club in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon.

Taylor Rushing, president of the Odessa club, presented the unique and inspirational program which was concluded with a sale of War Stamps.

A men's trio, composed of Fred Gage, Frank Cochran and Wesley May sang several numbers. Several selections also were presented by a girl's trio composed of Martha Jane Moore, Marcella Dennison, and Billie Marie Morton. Miss Marjorie Sue Killian was at the piano.

Frank Spaulding sang two solos. Murry H. Fly, district governor, and Dr. J. Dow Scott of the Odessa club also attended the meeting.

Status Of Screen Star's Son Being Judged In Court NEW LONDON, CONN. (AP)—Judge William J. Shea in superior court Tuesday opened an action expected to determine legally whether 14-year-old Peter Bennett Plant is the real son of Film Star Constance Bennett and the late Phil Plant or Miss Bennett's adopted son.

But Not This Time, Mister



Midland Geologists To Meet At Noon Thursday

Tom Koch, president of the Midland Geological Society, has called a luncheon meeting Thursday noon at the Cactus Cafe. Members who attended the convention last week of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in Fort Worth will report on the session to the Midland group.

Water Rate --

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cent bonds. Another \$30,000 from sinking funds also is invested in U. S. Government 2 per cent bonds. The city's total cash and bond investment reserve is more than \$165,000 and its bonded debt is only \$775,000.

Expect \$80,000 In Taxes With an assessed valuation of more than \$8,000,000 this year, the new rate should produce approximately \$80,000 in taxes.

City officials have spent hours studying municipal finances, and Mayor Ulmer did not hesitate in recommending the reduction in the rate.

For years it has been his goal to trim the rate to \$1 and the achievement comes just before he steps from the mayor's chair. He declined to seek reelection in the recent municipal election. Councilman Farron and Councilman D. H. Roeter who faithfully have served the municipality also declined to seek additional service on the council.

Councilman Paul McHargue made the motion for the reduction in the tax rate and it was seconded by Councilman Roetter.

Mayor Ulmer said the city had achieved an enviable reputation with its finances. Numerous questions concerning various funds, allotments, expenses and revenue accounts were answered by veteran members of the council.

The meeting was informal and all had a clear picture of municipal finances before the session ended. Now Has Low Water Rate Ulmer also proposed a reduction in the water rates during the summer months, but first explained that Midland now enjoys one of the lowest water rates in Texas. A new survey of the rates had just been completed by J. C. Hudman, city secretary.

Statistics on Midland's water department revenues for several years were presented by the mayor who suggested a 5 cent reduction in the rate for the three summer months, but with no reduction in the minimum rate.

Others suggested the reduction be spread over four or five months. A thorough study of the prospects and possibilities followed. Hendrickson and Butler joined in the discussion and agreed that the rate could be reduced and that everything possible should be done to encourage Victory gardeners and to assure that Midland will continue to be a city of beautiful homes, trees, lawns and flowers. Officials said Midland now has an abundant water supply and distribution system.

Action Is Unanimous By unanimous action, the council adopted an order for a 15 per cent discount, over and above the \$1.50 minimum monthly charge on all water bills which are paid by the tenth of the month for water received in May, June, July, August and September. The motion was made by Roetter and seconded by Councilman D. M. Secor.

So 1943, despite wartime, brought two dividends to residents of Midland, thanks to the foresightedness, thoughtful planning and thorough administration of its municipal affairs by its officials.

Before adjournment the city officials agreed to invest \$30,000 of the municipality's reserve funds in 2 per cent War Bonds. Considerable thought and study also was given this proposal, advanced by Councilman Barron, Hendrickson and Butler agreed with members of the council that it would be a splendid idea.

Hendrickson, Butler and J. R. Martin will become members of the council this month. Martin was absent from the city Tuesday.

Boulder Dam is the highest dam in the world.

Magnolia --

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countered in the Tubb zone of the lower Permian by Magnolia and Anderson-Fritchard Oil Corporation No. 1-96 State-Mrs. E. C. Powell, scheduled deep wildcat in Northern Pecos County one and three-quarter miles northeast of the Apco-Warner Ellenburger pool.

No. 1-96 State-Powell encountered cavity from 3,652-55 feet, and started losing returns, mud in casing dropping 130 feet. Operators spotted in 40 sacks of cement to squeeze off cavity and raised drillpipe 900 feet while letting cement set. However, at 1 a. m. Wednesday the well blew out, flowing oil estimated all the way from 150 to 500 barrels per hour. By 6:30 a. m. flow had decreased to 50 barrels an hour, and oil was carrying a slight showing of sulphur water. At 8 a. m. the well was flowing only 35 barrels of fluid hourly, 10 per cent oil and 90 per cent sulphur water. Operators plan to go back in and circulate to condition hole. They may run a drillstem test on the lower zone since there is a possibility that upper water is drowning out the deep oil.

McCandless At 4,536 Seven miles southeast of the Apco-Warner pool, Bryce McCandless No. 1 University, an Ordovician test, is drilling at 4,536 feet in Permian lime.

In the Heiner Ellenburger pool five miles west of the Apco-Warner, Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., of Midland No. 1 R. G. Heiner is bottomed at 3,623 feet in lime while waiting on cement squeeze to set. Bridge was set at 2,500 feet.

Magnolia No. 1-29 H. J. Eaton, six miles southwest of Imperial in Northern Pecos, recovered 10 feet of hard Ellenburger dolomite by coring from 8,269-84 feet, total depth, and now is running a Lane-Wells Gamma ray device.

First Ordovician exploratory test for the Yates Permian field in Eastern Pecos, Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 Douglas Oil Company et al is drilling at 6,076 feet in black shale and lime. It is on the west flank of the field.

Todd Drills Ahead John I. Moore and P. D. Moore, both of Midland, No. 1 Amerada-J. S. Todd estate et al, Western Crockett County deep wildcat, is drilling below 7,802 feet in Ellenburger dolomite topped at 7,645 feet. A 17-minute drillstem test from 7,742-57 feet recovered 450 feet of drilling mud, with no oil, gas or water.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1-B Sawyer Cattle Company of Texas, Ordovician wildcat 12 miles east of Stiles in East Central Reagan County, is drilling at 7,077 feet in shale.

Shell Oil Company No. 3 Sealy-Smith Foundation, west offset to the discovery Tubb producer in the Monahans Permian field of North-eastern Ward County, will be deepened to the 10,000-foot Ellenburger pay of the Monahans Field proper.

Almost 425,000 Texas Fathers To Get Deferments

AUSTIN (AP)—Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page, State Selective Service director, said Wednesday that the amended Selective Service regulations mean for Texas that approximately 425,000 fathers of military age will be granted draft-deferment for as long as possible.

Returning from a conference with National Selective Service officials in Washington, Gen. Page said that the effect of the new national policy would be to "enable the Selective Service system to continue to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces, war production, agriculture and other essential civilian activities, and, at the same time, protect as long as possible homes where there are children."

Local boards have been directed to continue "insofar as possible" to induct men finally classified in 1-A categorically as follows: 1. Single men with no dependents. 2. Single men with collateral dependents. 3. Married men with wives only. 4. Men with children.

TRUCK CONVOY HEADS WEST A convoy of heavy Army trucks passed through Midland at noon Wednesday. Drivers ate lunch here.

It found the Tubb horizon barren. The No. 3 now is drilling below 5,931 feet in lime.

Delaney Rigging Up M. J. Delaney Company of Dallas is rigging up rotary for its No. 1 Scharbauer Cattle Company, new Southwestern Martin County wildcat seven miles north of Midland. It is on acreage assembled by Jack D. Bodkins, Midland oil operator. Spudding is expected Friday or Saturday.

In Southern Andrews County, Skelly Oil Company No. 1-K University is drilling at 5,030 feet in dolomite.

Humble No. 1 Tamehill Brothers, Inc., et al, deep wildcat in Southwestern Yoakum County, four miles west of the Mason field, is drilling at 6,185 feet in lime.

In Western Lubbock County, J. R. Sharp et al No. 1 R. D. Martin is drilling at 5,670 feet in dolomite.

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City's Financial Statement

Midland's municipal government today is in the best financial condition in its history, the City Council agreed at its meeting Tuesday evening before it slashed tax rates and ordered a discount in the water rates for five months.

A resume of its ten year financial statement, from April 1, 1933 to April 1, 1943, shows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Income and investments, Airports, Buildings, Equipment, general revenues, Furniture and fixtures, Land, Park improvements, Paving, Sewer system, Traffic signal lights, Waterworks extension, Total cost to city, Total expended, Summary of sources of funds, Bond funds, Special assessments, General revenues, Federal funds, Total.

British Pound --

(Continued from Page 1) in Tunisia, all under heavy air attack. Reuters reports, however, said most of the troops being evacuated were Italians arriving at Sardinian and Sicilian ports after overnight trips in small boats, and said the Germans apparently were under orders to defend the Tunisian bridgehead "to the last man."

These Zoot Suiters Are The Sole Of Wit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A couple of zoot-suiters on Salt Lake City's busiest downtown corner: "Nice looking pair of two-toned shoes you got there." "Yeah, These are my B-17s." "Whaddaya mean, B-17s?" "You know — bought before coupon 17."

Wool

BOSTON (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Country graded Ohio medium wool was sold in Boston Wednesday at a delivered gross price of 53 to 53 1-2 cents. Contracting in the west continues at a slower pace with prices unchanged. Medium fine corriedale wools were purchased in Texas at a gross price range of 50 to 15 cents. Estimates of amount of 1943 wool contracted or purchased to date are between 90 and 95 million pounds.

Nevada enacted a pension law for its aged March 5, 1923.

GOP Chief Says New Deal Uses Propaganda Plan

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—Harrison E. Spangler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, asserted here Wednesday that a propaganda machine has been built up by the New Deal through "the hiring of thousands of experts in this field and the spending of millions of dollars" and the country "had seen 'character assassination—the smart-made almost-accepted form of political activity.'"

"And today let me tell you that this un-American device is being aimed right at the heart of the Congress of the United States," he declared in a prepared address before the Women's Republican Club of New Hampshire.

"That propaganda," Spangler added, "is designed to undermine the confidence of the American people in their rejuvenated Congress. It is designed to force Congress back into the role of rubber-stamp in domestic affairs. And it is aimed at giving the president of the United States a blank check in foreign affairs x x x."

He asserted that "the fourth term lightning rod raised so brazenly a few weeks ago by the New Deal henchmen is beginning already to tarnish and wobble."

ADAPTED SUPPLIES FOR EMERGENCIES AVAILABLE

CHICAGO (AP)—George Van Gorder, president of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, said Wednesday that adequate drugs, medicines and materials to treat the ill and injured were available to meet all emergencies on the home front.

The rest-pause that refreshes Welcome in peace... more welcome in war work IN letter after letter from war plants and factories, managers write in to tell how important they consider Coca-Cola in providing energy-giving refreshment for workers... with ice-cold Coca-Cola to make it the pause that refreshes. Ice-cold Coca-Cola quenches thirst. But it goes further to add pure, wholesome refreshment that you feel and enjoy. Made with a finished art, Coca-Cola has a taste all its own... a goodness you always welcome. Popularity with war-workers has made Coca-Cola the symbol of the rest-pause. And remember: only The Coca-Cola Company produces Coca-Cola. Letters from plant managers from coast to coast emphasize that the little moment from an ice-cold Coca-Cola means a lot to workers in war plants. It's a refreshing moment on the sunny side of things... a way to turn to refreshment without turning from work. Drink Coca-Cola Delicious and Refreshing The best is always the better buy! BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY TEXAS COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY



SERIAL STORY

DARK JUNGLES

BY JOHN C. FLEMING & LOIS EBY

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THE STORY: Allison Topping, society girl, is off to Guatemala, to run her father's cacao plantation. Barry Fielding has tried many times to dissuade her. At Puerto Barrios, Allison introduces Barry to Renaldo, her father's attorney. Renaldo also warns Allison to turn back. She is dismayed when she learns the trek to the plantation is to be by mule train. Barry accompanies them, since Renaldo's guide is later to take him into the Quiche territory.

LOST GLAMOR CHAPTER IX DARKNESS engulfed them gradually as the small mule caravan moved farther into the jungle, but the matted roof of trees above them kept off the heaviest force of the rain.

For the first hour along the slippery trail there was a constant checking of mules and luggage by the muleteer, the Indian servant boy and Renaldo. Then, satisfied the baggage was secure and the mules arranged in the best order possible, they settled down to the arduous, monotonous task of sticking onto the muscular little animals as they made their way over steep, slippery roots and pulled themselves out of mud holes.

Barry, mopping the water from his face, peered ahead at Allison's slight figure beginning to slump in the saddle. "How you coming?" he called.

When she didn't answer, he spurred his mule ahead at a wide spot in the trail and came alongside her. There was a look of strained pain on her face under the rivulets of water.

"Anything wrong?" Honest concern and humorous malice blended nicely in Barry's voice. She pulled up the corners of her mouth in angry imitation of mirth. "Wrong?" she echoed, her voice wobbling shrilly. She raised one trembling hand and pushed back tendrils of escaping hair, with a fluttering laugh.

"What could be wrong?" she scoffed, bitterly. "Beyond being broken in 16 pieces, every tooth in my head shaken out by this fendish beast of a mule, and baked and drowned at the same time, I'm just fine. How are all your family?"

Barry threw back his head with a laugh. "It hasn't touched your disposition yet," he said.

"If I ever find out," she added vehemently, "that there's any other way of getting into that plantation than over this torture rack, I'll shoot Renaldo right in the middle of that beautiful back of his and draw and quarter him with my own hands."

Renaldo turned about in his saddle with a dismayed smile. "After an hour or so," he suggested, "we might stop for an early lunch."

"You can put me right in the kettle," Allison blazed, "I'll be dead and pounded tender by then."

THE rain went steadily on. By afternoon the trail was a quagmire and the mules' progress painfully slow. Allison had revived somewhat during the pause for lunch—enough to resent Renaldo's plea that she go back to Puerto Barrios.

"Have I held you up this morning?" she demanded indignantly. "No," Renaldo admitted, his sharp, dark eyes brooding over her pale face, "but I can't bear to see you suffer."

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Cassidy. Look at him hopping around like a sand flea." Renaldo drew his mule up at the first good specimen of zapote tree. Allison examined it eagerly. She turned to Barry with a flash of her old spirit.

"That's what I'm going to climb when I learn to be a chicleero," she said arrogantly. "You see that other tree so close to the zapote?" Renaldo went on. "That is the compadre tree—very poisonous. Its leaves drip into the eyes of the chicleeros. Many have their eyeballs destroyed."

Allison didn't answer him. She dug her heels abruptly into the sides of Cassidy and went on, but Barry could see the shiver of horror that went through her slim body.

They were within a mile of the estancia where they would stop for the night, balancing their last hoarded strength against these final minutes—when it happened. The hindmost mule of the baggage train stumbled wearily into a vicious suck hole. The two small trunks lashed to its back were half submerged before the servant's call brought help.

Renaldo's face was set and strained with fatigue. He looked at the small creature whose head and terrorized eyes only were above the sucking mud and said, "It's no use. I'm sorry about your trunks, Miss Topping."

Allison grabbed his hand as it pulled the gun from his holster. Her voice whipped out in hysterical command.

Barry watched the exhausted natives, under her screamed threats, run for block and tackle, hitch ropes through wooden blocks tied to overhanging trees. Angriely he muttered to her as six mules strained in agonized effort at the rope tied about the bogged animal's head.

"You would have to save your precious trunks!" She looked at him and said nothing, but he was struck with a sudden feeling of iron buried somewhere beneath that deceptively delicate nature of hers. She was down on her knees, a slim white figure, helping get the slings under the beast. It was her hands, scratching and bleeding, that supported the shaking beast when it was finally pulled up onto firm ground.

Renaldo slashed the ropes and, as the muddy trunks dropped, she helped ease the suffering animal to the ground, murmuring to it as she poured water over its square little head. Then she raised her eyes in one last flash of command.

"Throw those trunks in the suck hole!" she said.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney America's Card Authority

I received a letter recently from Harold Fagin of New Haven, Conn., formerly of New York, with which he enclosed today's hand. He admits that six clubs is a much easier contract, but he and his partner got into six diamonds.

Fagin (South) won the opening lead with dummy's ace of spades, played a small club and won with the ace in his own hand. Next he led a small diamond and finessed dummy's jack. Another club was led, East won with the king and

Hand diagram showing cards: ♠ A, 10, 6, 4, 3, 2, ♣ 10, 8, 7, 5, ♠ Q, 7, 3, ♣ K, 6, 5, ♠ Q, 6, ♠ K, J, 6, 4, 3, 2, ♠ J, 8, 2, ♠ 10, 2, ♠ K, ♠ Fagin ♠ A, ♣ A, 9, 5, 4, ♠ Q, 9, 7, 3, ♠ A, 10, 5. Duplicate—N. and S. vul. South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass 4♥ Opening—A 7. 14

returned a small heart. Fagin won with the king, and now came the problem of the diamond play. East decided in his own mind that East did not originally hold only a singleton diamond, and the only way to make the contract was to find the ten of diamonds on the East hand. So he played the queen of diamonds. West covered with the king and dummy's ace won, dropping the ten-spot. Now, of course, the hand was cold.

Six clubs is an easier contract because you don't have to guess the diamond play. You can set the hearts.

TEIA Buys \$10,000 Worth Of War Bonds

The Texas Employers' Insurance Association late Tuesday purchased \$10,000 worth of war bonds through its district manager, Willard W. Phillips, here. Phillips made the purchase at the First National Bank. The purchase spurred the Midland campaign to sell \$645,000 worth of war bonds and stamps in the Second War Loan Drive which ends this month. The association, Phillips explained, is purchasing bonds in cities where their 18 district offices are located to assist these communities in meeting their bond quotas.

Thief Has Big Meal With Rationed Foods

TEXAS CITY (AP)—Mrs. Paul Hurd recalls longingly that lovely beef roast she bought—along with butter, coffee and other rationed foods.

Someone stole her car and the Houston police found the car, later, parked in front of a house. The burglar, they said, had broken into the house long enough to cook—and eat—the Hurd groceries.

4,000 TEXAS COMPANY EMPLOYEES IN SERVICE

More than 4,000 of the 24,000 employees of The Texas Company and subsidiaries in the United States are serving in the armed forces, and nearly 100 others, including many executive officers, are serving the government in various civilian capacities.

An automobile's connecting rods should be tightened every 20,000 miles.

Blondy Bridwell To Report For Navy Duty

E. G. (Blondy) Bridwell, popular Midland cafe operator, has received orders to report for active duty with the Navy as a chief petty officer. He will leave Monday for Dallas and go from there to Camp Peary, Maryland. Va., to join the Navy's commissary branch.

Bridwell enlisted several months ago, and sold the Cactus Cafe so he would be ready when called to duty. He operated the cafe here six

WAR BOND SPEECH PROVES SUCCESSFUL

KANSAS CITY (AP)—F. H. MacDonald, member of the war bond sales committee, rehearsed his sales talk while getting a haircut.

The barber listened politely—and wrote out a check for \$2,000 worth of bonds. and one-half years and prior to that owned the Bridwell Coffee Shop in McCamey. Mrs. Bridwell will remain in Midland while he is in the Navy.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE

Comic strip panel showing a man with a good left hook used to be able to seize a slab of bread at this table, but since you've been working a commando couldn't capture a crumb! Does toting a whistle come under the head of work?—but that's Hoople luck—after years of park-bench astronomy you land a job that's a fine bell laugh! Fawn your chimp—Anzee gibberish leaves me unruffled!—After a day of honest toil I'm too weary to reply to such flapdoodle!

OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

Comic strip panel showing a man on a horse. He was out all night—I don't think he knows he's drillin'! Th' horse always did know th' drills better than him, anyway! HE SAVED MY BACON. MANY TIMES, THAT OLD TROOP HORSE OF MINE. SO IF THE BREAD AND BEANS GIVE OUT, ON ROOTS AND GRASS I'LL DINE... BEFORE I'D TOUCH A T-BONE OF THAT OLD TROOP HORSE OF MINE!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Comic strip panel showing a woman talking to a man. Smatter, hon? Arithmetic. Aw, do I have to learn this stuff? Sure! Girls have to know every thing nowadays! Let me help you. You know, Cora—actually, I'm going to make a scholar out of you.

—By EDGAR MARTIN

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. Yippee! Hold on! I'm gonna pitch!

FUNNY BUSINESS

Cartoon showing a man at a SENTRY POST NO. 2. "It says 'Who goes there?' in case I get stage fright!"

HOLD EVERYTHING

Cartoon showing a man in a doorway. "Our hotel detective got tired of stooping all the time!" When greeting friends, native Indian women of Bolivia lift their hats.

Horace E. Brown To Receive Commission

Horace E. Brown of Midland will graduate Friday from officers' candidate school in Camp Lee, Va., and receive his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army.

- Find It With A Want Ad! Sell It With A Want Ad! Buy It With A Want Ad! Phone 7 or 8

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

Illustration of an airplane. AN AMERICAN, EUGENE ELY, MADE THE FIRST AIRPLANE TAKEOFF FROM THE DECK OF A SHIP, IN 1910, AND THE FIRST LANDING, IN 1911.

By William Ferguson

Illustration of a dog. IN CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, THE AVERAGE PERSON USES 6 POUNDS OF RICE ANNUALLY. IN HAWAII, THE AVERAGE IS 177 POUNDS. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DOG "SALLA" IS A WHITE HOUSE BLACK HOUSE-DOG. WM. S. HOFFMAN, State College, Pennsylvania.

SIDE GLANCES

Cartoon showing a man and a woman. "Gosh, Maisy, Bill hasn't got a date—I hope you won't mind if he tags along with us!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. I've located the screw-top! See if you can find a long stick, Freckle! OKAY! IT'S A PRETTY BIG-TANK LARD! THE STICK GOES DOWN QUITE A WAYS! SEE IF IT COMES UP WET!

—By MERRILL BLOSSER

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. STAND BACK AND I'LL LIGHT A MATCH! HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT STUFF IS GASOLINE? EXHIBIT "A"! COVER THE HOLE... QUICKLY! SOMEBODY'S COMING AND I THINK IT'S EXHIBIT "B"!

WASH TUBBS

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. I'VE LOCATED THE SCREW-TOP! SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A LONG STICK, FRECKLE! OKAY! IT'S A PRETTY BIG-TANK LARD! THE STICK GOES DOWN QUITE A WAYS! SEE IF IT COMES UP WET!

—By ROY CRANE

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. THE ALERT IS SOUNDED ALONG THE ENTIRE FRENCH COAST SOUTH OF BREAST. AND LONG BEFORE THE AMERICANS PLACES SMIT THE U-BOAT BASE AT L'ESCARAF, FOCKE-WULFS ARE CLIMBING TO INTERCEPT THEM.

RED RYDER

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. ME GOTTA FOOD FOR MANY DAYS, LITTLE DEANER! YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND RED RYDER? FOOD YOUR JOB? FIND-UM TRAIL IS MAN JOB?

—By FRED HARMAN

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. I GOTTA REST, RANDEY! I'M TICKERED OUT! NOBODY'LL FIND US HERE! WEAKENED FROM THE INDIAN TORTURE DANCE, RED DISMOUNTS ON THE CREST OF A RIMROCK OVERLOOKING THE NAVAJO VALLEY.

ALLEY OOP

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. WELL, ELBERT, I SEE YOU'VE COME AROUND, PERHAPS NOW YOU'LL LAY OFF THE VIOLENCE AND STICK TO SCIENCE. DIDN'T I JUST HEAR OOP SAY HE'D GIVEN UP TRYING TO GET INTO THE ARMY AGAIN? IT SEEMS HIS QUARREL WITH HITLER WAS BASED ON THE MEAT SHORTAGE RATHER THAN WAR. I SIMPLY ANTICIPATED TROUBLE WHERE THERE WAS NONE, EH?

—By V. T. HAMLIN

Comic strip panel showing a man and a woman. THAT SEEMS TO BE IT? WELL, OOP I'M SORRY. I TAKE IT YOU'RE PREPARED TO RETURN TO MOO FOR THE DURATION?? NOPE!

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Personal 3 NOTARY Public at Reporter-Telegram. O. M. Luton, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. (157-14)

LISTEN in on Radio Station KRLH from 1 to 1:15 P.M. each Saturday, for Sunday issues.

HORSE shoeing at Sheriff Posse Barn B, Fair Grounds. (26-6)

TUNE in on KRLH for special broadcast this afternoon at 4:30. (29-5)

DO YOU know that you can buy a baby bed complete with pad for \$15.00 at Western Furniture Co., 201 So. Main. (30-4)

Travel Bureau 5 WANT ride to Hamlin, Texas, Thursday. Call 1147-J. (30-2)

TWO people want to share expense to Chickasha, Okla., first of next week. Phone 1143. (31-3)

Beauty Parlors 6 CALL Petroleum Beauty Shop and ask about Easter Specials on Permanent Waves. (30-6)

New Vacuum Cleaners While They Last All Guaranteed! Parts and Service for All Makes G. BLAIN LUSE Phone 74 Will Pay Cash for Used Cleaners

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Lost and Found 7

FOUND: A place to eat, delicious home cooked food, pastries, hot rolls. Chicken Tavern. Block west Courthouse. (28-6)

LOST: Reporter-Telegram newsboy lost dollar bill on Main Street. His profit for the day's work. Bill folded several times. Return to Reporter-Telegram. Boy needs it. (30-2)

LOST: Poland China black boar hog, about 175 pounds. Darrell O'Neal, route 1. (30-3)

LOST: Gold Conklin fountain pen, between Junior High and Minute Inn. Reward, Phone 9025-F-2. (31-3)

Help Wanted 9

WHITE woman to help with housework 2 days a week. Phone 1729-J. (29-3)

EXPERIENCED construction job payroll clerk, also combination typist and ambulance driver. Persons now employed on defense projects will not be considered. Write in own handwriting, Box 488, Pyote, Texas. (29-6)

WANTED: Boys to sell Reporter-Telegram on streets in business district after school and Sunday morning. Apply to Mr. Russell, Reporter-Telegram. (29-4)

WHITE woman to live on place, do housework and care for children. Phone 1289. (29-3)

WANTED—A seamstress for upholstery work. Sanders Furniture Shop. Phone 752. (31-3)

Situations Wanted 10

SOLDIER'S wife wants routine office work. Phone 298-J. (30-1)

WANTED: Farm job. Fully experienced. Melvin Morris, Airport Tourist Camp, Big Spring, Texas. (29-6)

HOOVER USERS Our Hoover-trained service man will protect the life and efficiency of your cleaner.

MIDLAND Hardware and Furniture Co. Phone 1500

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RENTALS

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Bedrooms 12 ROOM in rear with private bath and phone, 1204 S. Main. (29-3)

Bedroom, three blocks from Petroleum Bldg., 202 S. Big Spring. (30-3)

Furnished Apartments 14 ONE ROOM apartment, utilities paid. \$3.50 per week. 210 S. Terrell. (30-2)

Furnished Houses 17 NICE 3-room furnished house, vacant 15th. Apply 1500 1/2 S. Lorraine. (30-3)

Wanted To Rent 21 WANT well furnished house or apartment. Will rent or lease. Couple only. No pets. Call Mr. Lambert at Crawford Hotel. (28-4)

Household Goods 22 FOR SALE: 5 1/2-foot Norge Refrigerator. 1308 W. Kentucky. (30-3)

It has been estimated that American farm horses can accomplish from 25 to 50 per cent more work if correctly managed and properly fed.

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Used Cars 54 WE will pay cash for late model used cars. ELDER CHEVROLET CO (196-14)

We pay highest cash prices for used cars. MACKAY MOTOR CO. 200 S. Lorraine Phone 245. (4-14)

Ration Board Office Closes Early Saturday The Midland County War Price and Rationing Board Wednesday called attention to the new Saturday closing hour for the office, located on the second floor of the courthouse. Effective Saturday, the office will be closed at 12:15, and persons having business with the board are requested to transact it before noon.

Yemen, in southwest Arabia, was the site of the Biblical kingdom of Sheba.

SPECIAL SUITS and DRESSES Cleaned & Pressed 49c PETROLEUM Cleaners Next to Yucca

C of C Managers Will Meet Here Early In May

The seventh annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Managers Association of West Texas will be held in Midland, May 6, 7 and 8, with the Midland Chamber of Commerce as the host organization.

Arrangements for the war conference were worked out Tuesday in Big Spring at a conference between Collyns and J. H. Greene, president of the regional organization.

The meeting will be termed a War Conference, with the program built around the theme, "The Chamber of Commerce in War Time." The program will be announced shortly.

Plan Program The conference will open with an informal meeting Thursday evening, May 6, and will close with a luncheon Saturday, May 8. Two luncheons, a banquet and dance will highlight the entertainment program.

Directors of the West Texas organization are Joe Cooley, Amarillo; J. C. Watson, Lubbock; Milo Roth, Sweetwater; Jerry Debenport, Odessa; and R. W. Knight, Wichita Falls.

Raymond Lee Johnson, Plainview, secretary-treasurer; and Melvin Sisk of Graham, a director, now are in the Armed Forces.

Blimp Sails Off After Spilling Crew On Ridge

HOLLISTER, CALIF. —(P)— A Navy patrol blimp crashed west of Hollister early Wednesday, spilling out its crew of nine, and then bounded off over the low coastal hills, coming to rest—a complete wreck—about 12 miles away.

One of the nine received a head injury, a second suffered a broken leg and three others were less seriously hurt. None was killed.

Searching parties spread out over the hills some 85 miles south of San Francisco hunting the fugitive bag.

The 12th Naval District at San Francisco issued a "flash report" identifying the missing blimp as a Navy craft and stating none of its crew was killed, one severely injured and three less seriously hurt.

Observers noted a curious parallel between the current mishap and the only other known patrol blimp crash in this area since the start of the war.

In this case the blimp is missing. In the previous instance last summer, the crew disappeared and never was found, while the unmanned craft bounced inland over San Francisco's hills, finally coming to rest in a Daly City street just south of San Francisco.

Windshield Wipers Won't Be Necessary On Post-War Autos

DETROIT —(P)— No windshield wipers will be needed on post-war automobiles because of new types of glass now being made for fighting.

This was a prediction to the American Chemical Society Wednesday by Dr. Gustav Egloff of Chicago. The new glass contains no silica. Neither rain nor snow will wet or cover it, he declared.

Windshields probably will be proof against glare, due to new qualities of glass. At the same time the window areas will have transparent supporting posts, which do not obstruct vision.

Yank Photographer Gets Big Surprise

CAIRO —(P)— Sgt. Worden F. Lowell of Malden, Mass., a United States Army photographer, is one of the most embarrassed men in Tunisia.

Scurrying along in a jeep to catch up with an advanced unit of the Eighth Army in the Gabes area, he asked a group of soldiers in battle-dress for direction. Instead of answering, one of the soldiers asked him why he wanted to know.

"I was in a helluva rush and in no mood to carry on a conversation," Lowell related. "I told him so very plainly."

They swapped a few personal remarks and the soldier walked away. "That fellow must be a sergeant the way he talked to me," Lowell remarks to a British photographer nearby.

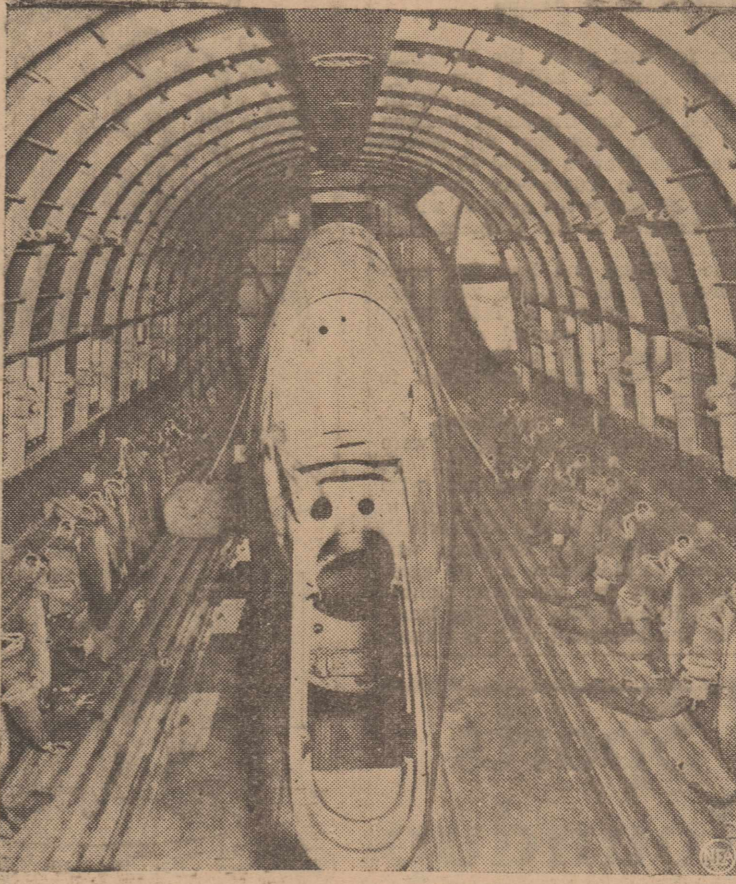
Traitor's Execution Is Set For April 27

DETROIT —(P)— Execution of German-born Max Stephan, convicted traitor, was set for Tuesday, April 27, at the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Mich., by Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle in United States District Court here Wednesday.

Stephan, handcuffed to two United States marshals, wept through the entire proceedings.

Judge Tuttle refused a plea from the traitor's attorney, Nicholas Salowich to set an execution date about the middle of May. The judge told the attorney and the defendant that the only door open to them is to appeal to President Roosevelt for executive clemency.

Plane in a Plane



With wings taken off and tied beneath the transport, this British P-40 Warhawk fits snugly inside a giant Douglas C-47 Sytrairn somewhere in Africa. The P-40 was being flown to a base for repairs.

Thompson Claims Independent Oil Men Forced Out

AUSTIN —(P)—Lack of profit incentive is forcing independent oil producers to sell their properties to major companies at an alarming rate, Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson asserted.

In 1941, independent operators discovered 77 per cent of Texas' new fields while in 1942 their discoveries declined to 48 per cent, his statement claimed.

The statement was issued shortly before Thompson left for Washington to urge the need for a crude oil price increase before the House small business committee and the interstate and foreign commerce committee.

"We are going to be short of crude oil with which to make gasoline unless prompt encouragement is given to wildcatting," Thompson predicted.

"We are consuming oil five times as fast as we are discovering new oil pools."

Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Illinois cannot produce any more oil daily than they are now producing without great damage to the wells."

Five Dive Bombers Will Carry On For Sullivan Brothers

EL SEGUNDO, CALIF. —(P)— Five new dive bombers will carry on, in the air, the traditions for which the five Sullivan brothers gave their lives at sea.

The planes were dedicated Tuesday at the Douglas plant here, in the presence of the brothers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Sullivan, and their sister, Genevieve, now in the WAVES.

The Sullivan boys, of Waterloo, Ia., were lost when the cruiser Juneau was sunk during the Savo Island battle. Each of the new planes bears a plaque upon which is engraved the name of one of the brothers: George, Francis, Joseph, Madison and Albert.

Military Personnel To Blossom Forth In Khaki Thursday

From olive drab to khaki—that's the change due to take place overnight at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. Bright and early Thursday morning the military personnel of the school will blossom forth with their new khaki summer uniforms.

The uniform and equipment to be worn was designated recently in special orders by the War Department. Olive drab uniforms will be regulation after 6:45 p.m. until Oct. 30. After that time and until Oct. 30, the khaki uniform will be regulation.

Midland Jaycees To War Conclave

Russell Howard, president of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce; Clint Dunagan, retiring president; Taylor Cole, state vice president; U. A. Hyde and Joe Wilson left Wednesday for San Antonio to attend the annual War Conclave of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce. They will return Sunday.

Pvt. Jerry Alsobrook Is In Camp Callan

Pvt. Jerry Alsobrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Alsobrook, now is stationed at Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif. Pvt. Alsobrook, a 1941 graduate of Midland High School, was employed with the Texas Electric Company here before entering the Army March 4.

DID THE JOKES GO, TOO? HOLLYWOOD —(P)— Comedian Bob Hope's show at the Kingman, Ariz., Army Gummy School ended too late Tuesday night for him to get plans or train sleeper accommodations back to his Hollywood movie job.

So his sponsors sent him home in a hired ambulance.

USO Indicates It Will Take Charge Of Soldier Center

MAYOR M. C. Ulmer told the City Council at a special meeting Tuesday evening the USO had indicated it will take over the Soldier Recreation Center here, and reimburse the city and county for money which they have invested in furnishing the club rooms.

Until the WPA was discontinued several months ago, it cooperated with the city and the county in financing the recreation center. Since its demise, the city has carried on the work to serve men of the Armed Forces, and the county has aided in the program.

Meanwhile, an application was placed with the USO asking it to assume the burden and pointing out that Midland oversubscribed its quota by several thousand dollars in the last USO campaign.

A USO representative several days ago visited the center and expressed praise for the "homey" atmosphere and the program being carried on here.

Definite action is expected in the near future and indications are that the Salvation Army may operate the center under the USO arrangement.

Prices Last Week To Be Maximum For Cafes

DALLAS —(P)— The Office of War Information says it is generally understood that maximum prices for all eating and drinking establishments will be the highest prices prevailing last week.

Authority to set up maximum prices was delegated by the Dallas regional Office of Price Administration to state and district offices in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

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# Scribes Rank Yankees First For American League Flag

NEW YORK —(AP)—The New York Yankees lost three-fourths of their infield, the best part of their outfield and the dean of their pitching staff to Uncle Sam but they're still the team to beat for the American League pennant, say the sports scribes.

Realizing that the war might change any team on short notice, 56 of the 74 writers participating in The Associated Press' annual survey named the Yanks to top the junior circuit for the third straight year. They polled 569 votes on the basis of eight for first, seven for second, six for third, etc.

With five of the scribes naming

them for first place, the St. Louis Browns received ballots for every position except seventh and eighth to nose out the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox for second place. The Browns polled 437 votes to take the runner-up position, one notch above the spot in which they finished in the pennant race last season.

The Indians and Red Sox each received six first place votes but the Tribe showed a little more strength in the second and third place ballots. As a result, they finished third with 418 votes to the Red Sox's 401.

Cleveland was mentioned for every position except last as were the Detroit Tigers, who with one first place vote, finished fifth with 331 tallies. The sixth slot went to the Chicago White Sox and seventh to the Washington Senators, who received consideration for all positions except the top rung. Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics landed in the basement with a thump.

# Jim Tyack Hopes To Make Good In Major League

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)—Lanky, rawboned Jim Tyack, who looks more like a railroad engineer than a rookie, took a lingering look around Shibe Park. He said:

"Golly, I've heard ball players say, 'let 'em send me back to the bushes, just so I get the same money.' Well, let 'em cut me if they want to, just so I stay up here."

They passed him by—the major league scouts—seven years although he hits well over 300, snares high ones like a youngster and fits Connie Mack's ideal of a gentleman player.

Four Exemptions

"They took a look at this," he said, brushing his gray-speckled temples. "I'm 30 years old. The scouts want kids."

Before the gray appeared? Maybe it was because I can't seem to get started early. In 70 games with Hollywood in 1939 I couldn't hit better than .290, but when they sent me back to Little Rock I hit .354.

"When I get started I don't care who's pitching, but until then—well, Mr. Mack's letting me play and get my batting and that's what I need."

His wife and three children, Tyack admits, may be as big an asset as his batting eye to the draft-riddled majors.

WACO TEAM TO PLAY TWO TILTS WITH TEXAS

AUSTIN —(AP)—The Waco Army Flying School baseball team, standard with ex-big league and minor league players, came here Wednesday for the first of a two-game series with the University of Texas.

# Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK —(AP)—A recent note about Americo Wojcieszkes, who collected rare butterflies as well as Japs during his stay on Guadalcanal, reminded Harry Sheer of the Madison, Wis., Capital Times of the Syracuse U. boxer with the unpronounceable name who fought for the N. C. A. A. light-heavyweight title there four years ago—just listen:

"Wojcieszkes was a one-man general store if there ever was one. He was a front-ranking pigeon fancier and some of his birds won national championships. He won prize after prize at Syracuse for baking cakes. . . He played the clarinet and trumpet like Artie Shaw and Harry James combined and there was little about Bach and Mozart Americo didn't know. . . He went to school days (studying forestry), then worked in a steel mill nights supporting his mother and several younger sisters and brothers."

Service Dept.

During the world war, William Wallace Wade, Jr. was born at Fort Sill, Okla. Last fall he was graduated from officer candidate school there. . . A few days ago his dad, Lieut. Col. William Wallace Wade, Sr., the former Duke football coach, arrived at Fort Sill to take a course in the field artillery school. . . But there was no reunion. W. W. Wade, Jr. is in Africa.

Cleaning The Cuff

Noting reports from the Tigers' training camp about Dick Wakefield's fielding, Texas Leaguers point out that Dick made twice as many errors as any other Texas League right fielder last season—but he also caught more fly balls and made more assists than any other. . . Add rationing problems: Members of the Canadian Hill Country Club at Phillips, Texas, were requested to bring their own food for after-tournament dinners. . . They could learn from the Oak Park, Ill. Country Club, which is supplementing its victory garden by raising 200 chickens.

AGGIES BEAT COAST GUARD

COLLEGE STATION —(AP)—The Aggies defeated the Coast Guard team of La Porte, 4-2, in a baseball game Tuesday featured by three innings of no-hit, no-run ball pitched by lefty Johnny Shuford.

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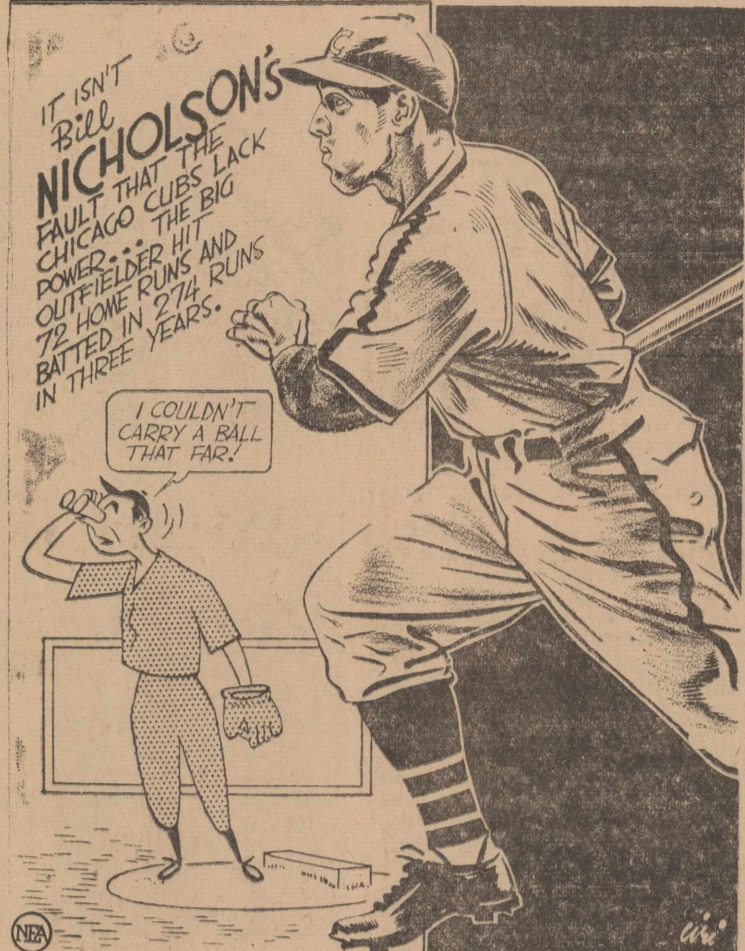
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# Training Camp Briefs

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS—Luke Sewell, boss of the St. Louis Browns, shifted Chet Laabs to left field and sent Mike Kreevich to center Wednesday as the Browns and St. Louis Cardinals resumed their city series. The left field post was vacated Tuesday by Glenn McQuillen who was inducted into the Navy.

BOSTON—Al Simmons, veteran outfielder trying a comeback with the Boston Red Sox, pulled a ligament in his right calf Tuesday while scoring a home run against Boston College.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The Chicago Cubs and White Sox wound up the Indiana phase of their spring training Wednesday before starting the city series in the Windy City on Friday.

PHILADELPHIA—Connie Mack has decided to retain John Burrows, southpaw pitcher who is the property of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Burrows, trained with the Philadelphia Athletics and defeated the Washington Senators Monday.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Tommy Bridges, veteran curve ball artist, was Manager Steve O'Neill's selection to hurl for the Detroit Tigers Wednesday against the Minneapolis Millers of the American Association.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Frankie Frisch is disgusted with the "shadow boxing attack" of the Pittsburgh Pirates and isn't keeping his displeasure secret. Right now he says his club couldn't hit the 245 the 1942 Pucs compiled.

Augusta Course Now Cow Pasture

AUGUSTA, GA. —(AP)—There are no Pinkerton guards at the Augusta National Golf Club today—and the only thing around the wisteria-covered clubhouse is a fence to keep out cows.

High Cliff

When Cliff Thompson, 7-foot 7-inch junior in Marquette University School of Law and the world's tallest man, joined Delta Theta Phi, legal fraternity, at Milwaukee, there was some difficulty in getting his membership pin placed on his lapel.

Count Fleet Odds-On Favorite For Derby

NEW YORK —(AP)—Broadway's better bookmakers think Count Fleet is such a sure pop for the Kentucky Derby May 1 that they dropped him down to odds of 4 to 5 Wednesday.

Texas League Umps Go To Other Loops

DALLAS —(AP)—Half of the Texas League umpiring staff of last season has moved on to other circuits.

Boy Admits Pushing Youths Over Cliff

GOLDEN, Colo. —(AP)—A murder charge will be filed against William Eugene Wymer, 16, who has calmly confessed he pushed two younger boys off skyscraper-like Castle Rock near here. Deputy District Attorney Martin C. Molholm declared Wednesday.

MME. CHIANG ENROUTE EAST

EN ROUTE EAST—(AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek was scheduled to arrive Wednesday at a country place on the Hudson River where she plans to rest for a fortnight before going to Washington to confer with President Roosevelt.

CURRY AT AMARILLO

AMARILLO —(AP)—Lieut. Bruce Curry of the West Texas recruiting and induction center, Lubbock, has been assigned to Amarillo to work with Army officers of this area in arranging the program for the official opening of Buffalo Lake May 1.

# Two Convicts Die In Attempting To Escape Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)—Listing two convicts as dead and two recaptured in the latest escape attempt at Alcatraz federal prison in San Francisco Bay, Warden James A. Johnston said Wednesday the men who made the dash were "all accounted for."

Last to be checked off was Fred Hunter of Ohio, 43-year-old stoop-shouldered former pal of the late Alvin (Old Creepy) Karpis, post office and train robber.

The warden also said four one-gallon paint cans were found, each stuffed with Army uniform clothing. The men had planned to use the cans to help keep them afloat in the bay and the clothing, taken from the prison shop where Army goods are reclaimed, to serve as disguise.

The dead, picked off by guards' rifle fire as three of the convicts battled the ebb tide, were: James A. Boorman, 24, Indianapolis bank robber and youngest member of the quartet, and Floyd G. Hamilton, 36, once a member of the Bonnie Parker-Clyde Barrow gang which terrorized the Southwest a decade ago.

Pulled from the water naked and returned to his cell was Harold M. Brest, 31, Pennsylvania bank robber serving a life sentence. He suffered an elbow wound which required two stitches.

# Supreme Court Gets Conscientious Draft Objector Test Case

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A test case to determine whether a person seeking exemption from military service as a conscientious objector must report for induction when called, if his claim has been denied by a draft board, came before the Supreme Court Wednesday for argument.

It was the first conscientious objector case argued before the tribunal since the present war started. It involves Whitney Bowles of Newfoundland, N. J., sentenced to three years' imprisonment for not answering an induction call.

Wendell Berge, assistant attorney general, contends in his brief that such a registrant must appear for induction and then, if he passes the physical examination, might seek a writ of habeas corpus to challenge the board's refusal to classify him as a conscientious objector.

Miners Turn Down Government Offer

NEW YORK —(AP)—Northern Appalachian bituminous mine operators have rejected a government proposal that a six-day work week with time and a half pay for the sixth day be guaranteed the nation's 450,000 soft coal miners.

Submitted by the Labor Department in a move to break the deadlocked bituminous wage conference, the proposal, Secretary Frances Perkins announced in Washington Tuesday night, has been accepted by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, as "a basis" of settling the union's dispute with the operators.

The government's suggestion was advanced through Dr. John R. Steelman, head of the U. S. Conciliation Service, who announced at a general press conference that the northern wage conference "seems completely deadlocked."

# London Is Still Taking It



The German raiders are coming over more infrequently, but their bombs are still causing death and damage in London. Here firemen search through the still-smoldering ruins of a bombed house on the outskirts of the British capital after a daylight raid.

# Sayre Declares World After War Must Exchange Goods On Broad Trade Plan

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Francis B. Sayre, special assistant to the secretary of state, told Congress Wednesday the world of the future must exchange its goods on a broad trading basis because "if goods can't cross national frontiers, armies will."

Sayre, high commissioner to the Philippines when the islands fell to the Japanese, testified before the House ways and means committee in behalf of the administration's request for renewal of reciprocal trade agreements with 27 nations. The agreements expire in June.

Sound Warning

Replying to criticism of some Republican committee members that the trade policy with its lower tariffs hurts American industry and agriculture, Sayre declared that "the embargo policy is and always will be injurious to labor for it destroys markets. The practical way to obtain increased markets is to widen the field of trade both at home and abroad."

Warning that international security was involved, Sayre told the committee that these steps must be taken:

1. Development of effective methods of organized international cooperation and for making political adjustments without resort to violence.
2. Finding a practicable way to reduce and control armaments.
3. Creation of an organization to enforce peace with some form of an international court of justice.

# WAACs Replacing Soldiers Now In Non-Combat Jobs

NEW YORK —(AP)—The first group of WAACs to be assigned to a field force in the United States Wednesday took over jobs releasing men to New York anti-aircraft battle stations.

Involving what was a man's world, a company of several hundred women was assigned to an anti-aircraft artillery headquarters, nerve center of the entire regiment, which mans runs, automatic weapons and searchlights stationed on Long Island.

The women including a full-blooded Apache Indian and several who were born in Europe, will aid in defense of the New York area, said Col. Joseph B. Hafer, regimental commander.

The women are being trained to perform all non-combat jobs—plotting of plane flights telephoned into their secret filter center by soldier observers of the anti-aircraft intelligence service; drawing of maps and charts; operation of switchboards and teletype machines; everything but the actual manning of guns, searchlights and fire-control instruments.

The women then will work with the men whose jobs they are assuming. At the end of the training period, all of the non-combat jobs at the installation will be taken over by the WAACs.

# Newspapers Aiding War Bond Campaign

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The 13 billion dollar second war bond drive rolled along Wednesday behind unofficial estimates that some \$2,000,000,000 had probably been subscribed the first 24 hours.

The Treasury estimated that at least 6,000 newspapers—daily and weekly—are carrying advertisements, stories and editorials explaining and supporting the campaign, which started Monday and will continue for three weeks.

Space was given by the newspapers and their advertisers, without charge to the government, and the Treasury reported a total of about 18,750 full pages, costing millions of dollars, will be printed during the rest of the month.

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