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Japanese Land Force On Phillipine Islands

YOUNG PILOTS FERRY PLANES FOR TRAINING

By NEIL BURKHARDT
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONG BEACH, Cal. — The most unheralded groups of Americans aiding the democratic cause today are the squadrons of youthful United States Army Air Corps pilots who fly speedy, gray-green warplanes from American aircraft factories to Allied airfields.

Every day hundreds of young Army fliers man the four-engined bombers, attack planes, trainers and fighters manufactured in Southern California and fly them to northern Canadian bases or "installation stations" on the eastern seaboard.

One of the major links in this supply chain is the Western Division Air Corps Ferrying Command based at the Long Beach Municipal Airport. Members of this branch of the newly-organized Ferry Command have the assignment of getting American-made planes into the hands of both the British and Canadian air forces in the shortest possible time.

Hand-Picked Fliers
The men chosen to pilot these planes across the country are graduates of Air Corps schools throughout the nation and many of them have no more than 250 hours in the air. Yet they are hand-picked fliers, chosen by the Army for their ability.

Before these young wingmen, most of whom are brand new commissioning officers, are allowed to handle the controls of the warcraft bound for Britain they must have 10 weeks of intensive training on multiple-engined planes. They then fly first, as co-pilots and, after several flights, are checked out on trial runs. If successful they are classed as "First Pilots" and are permitted to fly the tricky little Curtiss P-40's, the huge Consolidated Liberators and the Lockheed-Hudsons destined for overseas war duty.

Presiding over the rapidly expanding Western Division is veteran Lieut. Col. Raphael Baez, Jr., a level-headed Army pilot who joined the Air Corps in 1917. He is the man who controls the hundreds of daily flights from the Long Beach field. He is assisted by 25 staff officers as well as the countless men who fly the ships.

Fly All Types
Explaining the reason for the use of young commissioned officers in the Ferry Command, Col. Baez said that, not only are these men competent fliers but they also receive valuable training in the handling of complicated warplanes of all types.

The ferry pilots serve four months before returning to their squadrons at the various Army bases. They are then replaced in the ferrying service by other young pilots.

The ships ferried to Canadian and British points come from all West Coast plants turning out planes for the democracies. Some are delivered to the Ferry Command field by company pilots, while others are picked up at the plants by Army fliers. After the pilots complete their ferrying jobs, they return to Long Beach on commercial airliners and start all over again.

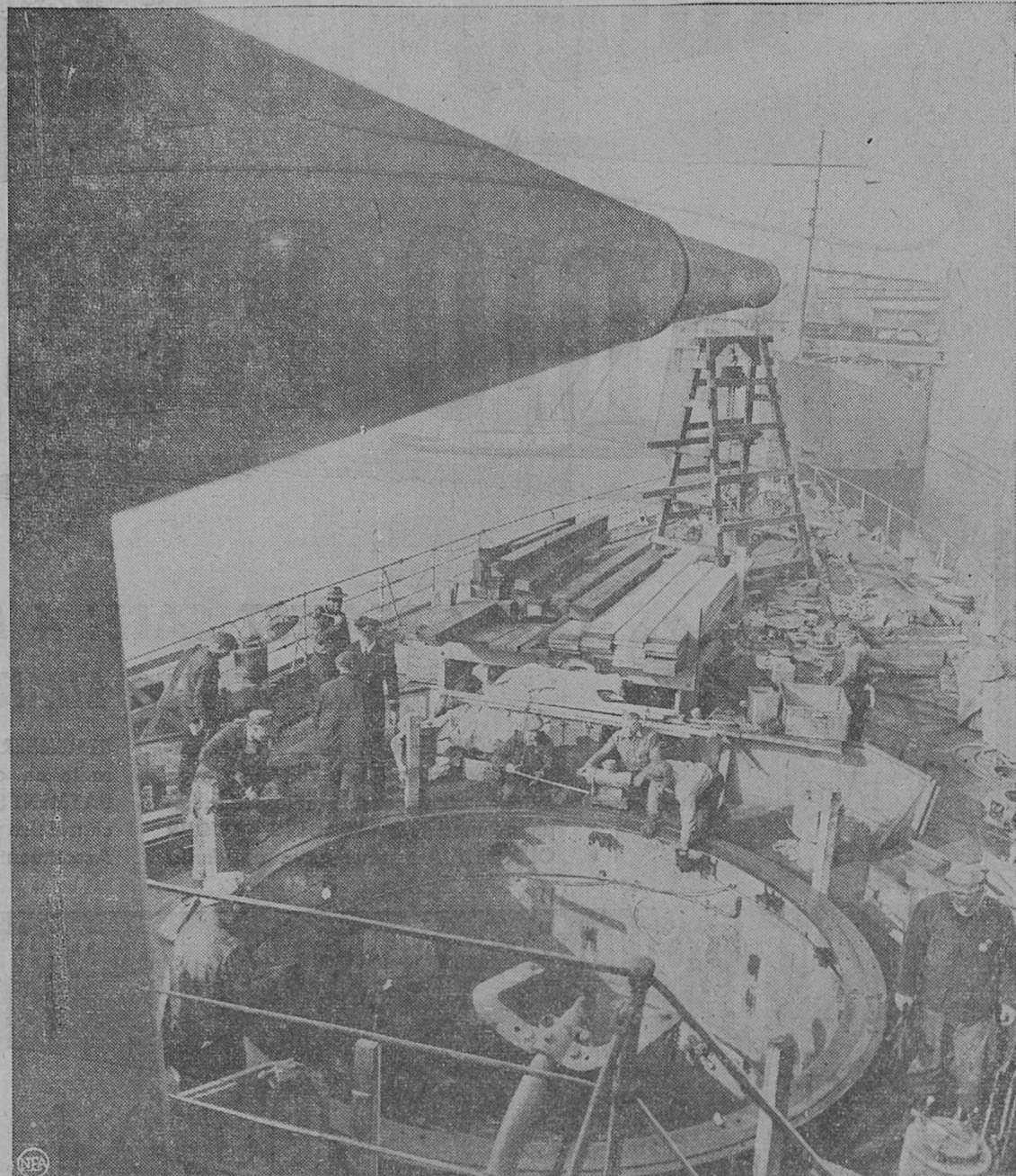
Many of the planes are delivered directly to the Royal Canadian Air Force, others are sent to eastern "installation points" where full flight equipment is installed. From these points the planes are delivered to Montreal, Canada, or Miami, Fla., where a ferry service to Africa and the Middle East is operated.

The Western Division has mushroomed into such an important part of the Army Command that more and more pilots are being transferred to the West Coast headquarters in order to "keep 'em flying" and keep pace with the increasing output of west coast airplane manufacturers.

Will Celebrate Golden Wedding Date On Sunday

W. H. Maynard and wife of Romney plan to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, according to Claude (Curley) Maynard of Eastland, who is a double cousin of Mr. Maynard.

Carries Big Stick



Unusual closeup shows mighty big gun on British cruiser Phoebe, now undergoing repairs in Brooklyn navy yard. Phoebe saw action in battle of Crete and elsewhere in Mediterranean.

4-H Club Council Delegates Form Organization

Council delegates of the 4-H clubs in Eastland county met Dec. 6 in the office of the assistant county home demonstration agent and organized into a county organization. Lurline Jordan was elected chairman; Wanda Donaldson, vice chairman; Doris Wheat, reporter, and Wanda Donaldson, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for the County Christmas Party to be held in Eastland on Dec. 20 at 2 o'clock.

Each girl is to bring a made-at-home gift for the gift exchange. The afternoon program will be made up of numbers from Olden, Morton Valley, Kokomo, Alameda, Gorman, and Kokomo Junior Club. The highlight of the program will be the presentation of the award pins to ninety-five 4-H Club girls in Eastland county. These girls, according to Alice Wheatley, assistant county home demonstration agent, have completed the goals which they set for this year's club work.

Members from various clubs over the county who were present are as follows: Betty Collins, Betty Sue Cooper, Myrtle Blanche Eaves, Wanda Myrick, Mary Gene Ferrill, Oma Lee Hogan, Connie Faye Barnett, Jaunece Reed, Lurline Jordan, Wanda Donaldson, Ima Timmons, Phyllis Donaldson, Mrs. A. L. Wood, sponsor from Kokomo, Mrs. Barron, sponsor from Gorman, Miss Lavere Ussery, sponsor from Alameda, and Miss Alice Wheatley, assistant county home demonstration.

Eastland County Boys Leave For U. S. Army Service

The following named men were sent by the Eastland County Local board this morning to a United States induction station at Dallas:

Randolph Woodruff, Rt. Hising Star; Hilburn McGaha, Rt. Gorman; Robert Obie Duncan, Rt. Eastland; Rudolph Dolgener, 1105 W. 6th street, Cisco; Gordon Edward Taylor, (volunteer) 405 S. Walnut street, Eastland; Charles Edward Harris, Rt. 1, Cisco; Elmer Lee Fleming, Rt. 4, Cisco; Charles Robert Shugart; Charles Leslie Hooper, Star Route, Carbon.

To West Point?



Congressional controversy raged in House Military Affairs Committee as to whether Ananta Khitsangka, son of the prime minister of Thailand, and Purdue engineering student, should be allowed to enter West Point. Republicans objected, fearing the premier's son might go home to Thailand with important American military secrets.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. How can I remember to buy a Defense Savings Bond regularly?

A. Enroll in your company's pay-roll allotment plan; or have your bank deduct the price of a Bond from your checking account write the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., to send you a reminder periodically.

Q. What is the principal difference between Series E Defense Savings Bonds, and Series F and G?

A. Series E Bonds are for ownership only by individuals in their own right and are issued in amounts from \$18.75 to \$750 (cost price). Series F and G Bonds are designed for investment by corporations, trustees, associations, partnerships, etc., as well as individuals, and range from \$74 to \$10,000 (cost price). Any Bond gives the purchaser the opportunity to have a share in National Defense.

Note.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

Waterworks Group Meets At Abilene Filtration Plant

Between 75 and 80 were present at Abilene last night for the opening and inspection of a new filtration plant at Abilene and for a program of the Central West Texas Waterworks Association. Between 12 and 15 towns in this area were represented.

Ranger was represented at the meeting by E. C. White and M. H. Alexander.

The next meeting will be held at Breckenridge Jan. 13, 1942.

Mayor Will Hair, L. A. Grimes, city engineer; E. B. Needham, water superintendent; E. B. Yeatts, sanitary engineer; Ralph Graber, U. S. health service sanitary engineer; Roy Matthews, Albany water commissioner, and J. G. Bartholomew, Dallas, plant contractor, showed visitors through the new plant.

At the association meeting and supper, Mayor Hair and Grover Nelson, water commissioner, welcomed the members, and talks included those by Lieut. Col. Walter E. Miles, 120th medical regiment who is the Oklahoma City health officer on leave; Maj. Thomas B. Maher, Camp Barkley utilities officer, Iram Arrant, city chemist, and Dave Morey, Dallas engineering firm installation engineer.

Olden W. M. U. Has A Week of Prayer

The Olden Baptist Church W. M. U. met December 1, through Thursday, in observance of the December week of prayer.

Mrs. George Riley was in charge of the program, at which an average of 10 ladies was present each day. Good collections were received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

SOVIET VESSEL PREPARES FOR BIG WAR JOB

By GEORGE E. JONES
United Press Staff Correspondent
SEATTLE, Wash.—Faced with the necessity of breaking through the frozen seas of the far north so American aid can be dispatched to the Soviet armies via the "roof of the world," the 330-foot Russian ice-breaker Krasin is undergoing repairs here.

The Krasin is one of the largest ships of its type in the world, and its hull resembles that of a submarine. Driven by 10,000 horsepower, it is particularly adapted for the gruelling task.

Under the command of Capt. M. Markov, the Krasin next spring must open a trail via the Bering sea, the Arctic ocean and into the White sea as far as Murmansk and Archangel. In 1922 the Krasin, with Markov in command, was the first to negotiate this perilous route.

Ice-breaking in winter is a difficult task even for a vessel the size of the Krasin, the captain explained, because ice closes astern almost instantly after the vessel's passage. No cargo ship could follow.

In the spring, however, the "trail" will last for days, then weeks, providing a vital supply line to the Soviet.

The route covers 10,000 miles, entirely unhampered to date—by enemy vessels.

Markov was decorated by the Soviet government in 1934 for his heroism in command of the Chelmskin, an ice-breaker type of cargo vessel, when it foundered and was crushed in ice north of Siberia. Since then not a ship has been lost along the route.

The Krasin's rounded sides and blunt bows enable it to rise on top of ice when the floes close in. Otherwise, the gigantic pressure of the floes would crush the vessel. By a rolling process, achieved by filling tanks on either side of the ship, the Krasin can break through ice with its keel.

The Krasin's 10,000 horsepower is more than that of a giant ocean steamer.

Markov does not fear possible Japanese intervention in the north Pacific.

"Japan is too weak to hinder our operations," he said. "We can hide in the ice, if nothing else, and there isn't a Japanese commander afloat who would dare follow us. The ice is our friend."

Like Russia does not fear enemy intervention in the White sea, Markov said, adding: "There are 42 ice-breakers in the White sea. No enemy can follow us in, because they have no ice-breakers."

Hartsfield Case Being Tried Today

The case of the State of Texas vs. Absher Hartsfield, charged with selling whiskey, went to trial before Judge Adamson of the County court this morning.

The jury selected to try the case is composed of the following: A. H. Woods, Eastland; O. T. Hazard, Eastland, Rt.; A. S. McCord, Eastland; W. R. Ussery, Carbon; J. W. Cooper, Eastland; L. G. Powell, Eastland Rt.

Suits Are Filed In The District Courts

The following suits have been filed in Eastland county district courts: Vyron Davis vs. Continental Oil Company, a corporation, damages; Myrtle Greathouse vs. Roscoe McKeond, annulment; Queen Esther Pantray vs. Lawrence Pantray, divorce; Carol Michael vs. R. L. Chalk et al.

COST OF WELLS UP BUT OIL IS LOW IPA SAYS

TULSA, Okla.—The ability of the United States petroleum industry to supply the crude oil needed for the defense program and for the usual domestic markets—industrial and private consumers—depends upon the finding of new fields.

Because of increased costs of acquiring and finding the new reserves and of producing from those now existing, there is not sufficient incentive today at present prices for crude oil to maintain the needed amount of exploratory work, it is pointed out in a comprehensive survey of crude petroleum costs made by the Independent Petroleum Association of America. The report has been submitted to Price Administrator Leon Henderson and Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes.

The report is a detailed study of the cost of finding, developing and producing crude oil properties during the years 1937-1941. It shows that the average investment required for an oil well has increased from \$28,000 in 1937 to almost \$41,000 in 1941.

On a per barrel basis, the cost of finding, developing and producing crude oil has increased 35 cents per barrel since 1937. The present average price of crude oil paid to the producers is 6 cents less than it was in 1937.

Operating costs of small wells of settled production—pumping wells which make but a few barrels daily—were found to have increased about 30 cents per barrel in the period covered by the survey.

Most of the discoveries of new fields are made by the smaller units in the industry. In 1940, approximately 75 per cent of the new fields were found by independent operators. Their ability to drill "wildcat" or exploratory wells depends upon the incentive of a price for crude oil sufficient to return their investment. And, as a large percentage of these "wildcat" wells are failures, the cost of discovery of a new field is by no means represented by the cost of any one well in a new area.

A new factor has recently come into the calculations on producing oil. That is the salvage value of the equipment used in producing the smaller wells. It is now profitable to abandon what formerly was considered a good well. The steel and other materials can be sold today for more than the operator can expect to realize from the sale of oil for a long time ahead. Concerning these small wells, the report of the Independent association says:

"Material costs have doubled since 1937. Fixed price ceilings in major metal markets have not protected the stripper operator whose materials now cost 14.95 cents per barrel more than in 1937. New material is difficult to obtain and second-hand material is selling at premiums over the quoted price for new materials. For example, casing which formerly cost 45 cents a pound is now selling on the second-hand market at over \$1.00 a pound.

"A survey has been made of several thousand producing wells of all types in the Mid-Continent. These wells have an average daily production nearly twice the national average. However, approximately one-half of these wells produce less than five barrels per day. The average daily production of these latter wells is 2.27 barrels. In these latter wells are nearly five million feet of salvageable pipe which has a present estimated net value of 60 cents a foot."

Plane Is Landed On Its Body When Its Wheels Won't Open

Two army officers, from Brooks Field, San Antonio, landed at the Ranger Airport Tuesday afternoon, making a landing without using the plane's retractable landing gear, which had been stuck.

Only slight damage was done to the plane in making the "belly landing," but damage to the propeller prevented a takeoff.

The plane was described as an advanced trainer.

See a Soldier?



Germans are past masters at camouflage, as witness this SS troop moving up on the Russian front.

ACTION UPON ARMY BILL IS SLOWED DOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, California, today blocked immediate consideration of a bill authorizing the use of National Guard troops and selectees outside the Western Hemisphere.

The legislation, however, will be eligible for consideration under a motion later today.

Sen. Johnson interposed his objection after a parliamentary tangle developed under the Senate rules that unanimous consent would be required to consider the bill before the senate's "unfinished business" the trivariate river compact—was taken care of. The aged Californian had not participated in the debate.

The bill was called up by Chairman Robert Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Reynolds presented a substitute which he described as "taking the kinks" out of the bill proposed by the War Department, although its effect on territorial use of troops was the same.

Canadian Planes Fired Upon While On Flight In U. S.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 10.—The commanding officer of three Canadian patrol bombers, enroute from Ontario to Vancouver, by way of the Atlantic Seaboard, said today his formation had been "fired upon."

He did not reveal where the firing occurred or when.

He telegraphed to San Diego, Cal., to the airbase to fall of his movements, however, "in case any spotters got jittery."

Error Is Made In Names Of Men To Be Tried Dec. 10

In the issue of this paper of Nov. 25 was carried a story that county cases were being set for trial on Dec. 10, among them being the names of several charged with possession of liquor. Among those listed as having cases in county court Dec. 10 was Virgil Northcut.

Virgil Northcut, a check of the court records revealed, was not charged with possession of liquor and the listing of the case was in error. Northcut had a case in county court, which was settled without trial. The wording made it appear that Northcut was to be tried on a charge of possession of liquor, which was not the case.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Thursday with occasional rain in south, colder in interior with temperature below freezing in north tonight. Colder in east and south Thursday.

GUAM IS ALSO INVADED BY A LANDING FORCE

IS FIRST SEA INVASION
OF U. S. SOIL SINCE
THE WAR OF 1812.

By FRANK HEWLETT
United Press Correspondent
Manila, P. I., Dec. 10, (UP) — A Japanese Expeditionary Force today fought through a rain of American bombs to consolidate a foothold on the Island of Luzon for an invasion of the Phillipine Islands.

American bombers rained high explosive bombs on the Japanese transports from which the troops came, sinking or damaging at least three. The Japanese air force countered by sending flight after flight of silver colored bombers high over Manila to attack the key United States air and naval bases around the capital.

Tokyo claimed that Japanese forces also landed on the Island of Guam in the Pacific this morning. The Japanese landings on Guam and the Phillipines were the first invasion of American soil by sea since the British landings in the War of 1812.

The first United States war communique issued at Washington reported three Japanese transports had been hit and three damaged when American forces repulsed the initial Japanese landing attempts on Luzon.

The Japanese landing operations were being attempted along the 150-mile stretch of Luzon's northwest and north coasts. Japanese forces actually were ashore at Aparri on the north coast.

By mid-day flights of Japanese raiding planes had droned over Manila while American anti-aircraft guns barked sharply and American fighter planes roared into the sky to challenge them. Three Japanese planes were reported shot down.

I stood atop the eight-story Wilson Building in the heart of Manila watching the Japanese come over. The fourth flight apparently was the largest of the four. I counted 57 planes, passing over the capital at altitudes of from 12,000 to 15,000 feet.

Japanese planes approached Manila in perfect formation, then broke up into small groups to attack their objectives, chiefly Nichols Military Air Field and the Cavite Naval Base.

Most of Manila's populace, gradually growing accustomed to frequent air alarms and nightly blackouts, remained in their homes or at work when the Japanese were over the city. There are few adequate air raid shelters in the Phillipines.

Purdue Training Women To Lead In Their Communities

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—An experimental curriculum in the training of women, begun two years ago, is turning the educational spotlight on Purdue University.

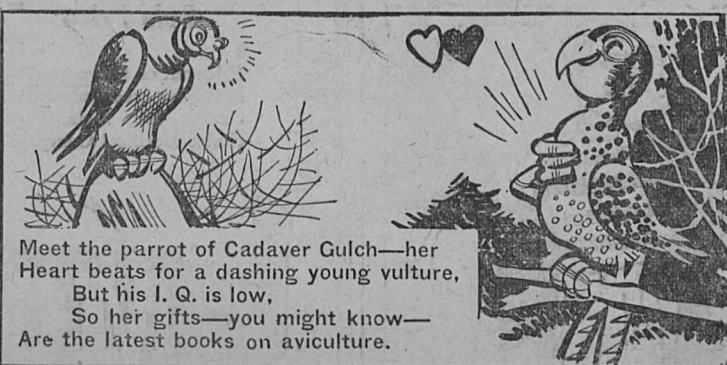
Termed a training in "cultural science," the courses laid out by the university are designed to prepare young women of native leadership for intelligent service in their communities, whether it be small, large, urban or rural.

At present there are 58 "guinea pigs" enrolled for the training, of which 25 are taking the second year course with 33 co-eds in the first year classes.

The special program differs from the normal college curriculum only in the emphasis laid on each subject. A special survey of the regular studies is laid out for the students, with instructors holding regular weekly conferences with each student, who has been concentrating on the cultural aspects of the science.

The final two years will be devoted to working out the particular vocational interest of each student, with summer sessions of actual work in each one's field—much the same plan now used at several of the more progressive colleges and universities.

Inaugurated in the fall of 1939, a special committee of the university spent two years of investigation before the plan was worked out.



Meet the parrot of Cadaver Gulch—her heart beats for a dashing young vulture. But his I. Q. is low. So her gifts—you might know—are the latest books on aviculture.

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Effrontery Now Bears Its Evil Fruit

Probably when we look back to these days and survey the motives and the acts of men in power, the thing that will stand out will be the impudent effrontery of the Nazi mind.

Mark this: There have been wars of conquest before and peoples forced beneath the yoke of conquering armies. "Woe to the vanquished" was an old slogan when Brennus tossed his sword contemptuously into a Roman scale.

But did any conqueror before have the effrontery to assume that millions of free people, being conquered, would then forget so quickly their lost liberties that a quick dose of propaganda, the buying (with money or with place, it makes no difference) of a few "leaders," and a short, sharp economic squeeze, would turn free peoples into docile partisans of a "world order" operated solely for the benefit of the conqueror?

The Nazis really thought they could do it. Their success among their own people, using streamlined techniques of mass persuasion and the rubber truncheon, led them to believe they could succeed equally easily in any fallen land. The Germany of 1933, when the Nazis came to dominate it, was a land of desperation, of grinding poverty, social inequality, closed opportunity, a sick land without hope. What worked in that Germany failed later in a conquered Norway, Netherlands, France, Greece, Yugoslavia, even in Poland. The formula which worked so well at a given time and in a given place, failed to work at all in other times and in other places. The Germans had failed to learn from the Russians, who also had thought they had a universal formula. The Bolsheviks thought that a formula which worked in feudal, war-shattered, oriental Russia must also work in other lands. But it didn't, and the World Revolution never came. Instead, it bred the World Counter-Revolution, called Fascism. Now that, too, is demonstrating its failure

Months after all Europe had been conquered, what do the Nazi leaders find? Eighty thousand Serbs fighting a bitter guerilla war. Nazi soldiers shot in the back in the streets of Paris and Amsterdam. Belgian veterans of World War I "conspiring" (they remember) against their conquerors. Heads falling in Norway and rows of graves in Poland and Greece. Why?

Because the Nazis were wrong. They have led the European horse by a bloody bridle to the brink of Nazism's flood, only to find that the obstinate beast refuses to drink.

Drink he will not, now or ever, except willingly and of the sweet waters of freedom. That is where the Nazis, with their stupendous effrontery, made their blind mistake.

Miami Beach has banned strip-tease in burlesque shows. Oh, well, the bathing beaches will be open as usual.

LATE COMEDIAN

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured late actor.

12 Destitute.

13 Moan.

14 Roman road.

16 To call forth.

18 Termination.

19 Fragrant oleoresin.

20 Exclamation.

21 Rhode Island (abbr.).

22 Iridium (symbol).

23 Fiber knots.

24 Railway (abbr.).

25 Toward.

26 Small draught.

28 Compass point.

29 Onager.

30 Expensive.

32 Constellation.

33 Burmese wood spirit.

35 Unit of work.

37 Mimics.

40 Mystic word.

42 Thus.

43 Nothing.

44 Musical note.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

22 He was born in

25 Former Russian rulers

27 Saddle pad.

29 Part of "be."

31 A chief (Arab.).

34 Appended musical passage (pl.).

36 Pierce with horns.

38 Metal fasteners.

39 Tendon.

41 Feminine courtesy title.

44 Moderately feeble-minded person.

46 Horseback game.

48 Nevada city.

50 Pineapple.

52 Reverend (Egypt.).

53 Moccasin.

54 Beret.

56 Greek letter.

58 Exist.

59 French article.

VERTICAL

1 Brood of birds.

19 Great Lake.

Honor Roll For Young School Is Announced Today

The following is the honor roll for the Young School of Ranger, for the second six weeks of the first semester, as announced today:

First Grade:
Highest Honor: Edward Lee Stephen, Jimmy Harrington.
Honor: Annette Gibbs, Dolores Cox, Virgie Mae Glenn, Barbara Ray Lang, Odis Foy Ball.

Second and Third Grade:
Highest Honor: Florence Ashcraft, Nancy Cox, Charlotte Love, Mary Frances Neal.
Honor: Jerry Edd Dobbs, Max Godwin, Billy Harper, Betty Cox, Champ Pearson.

Fourth Grade:
Highest Honor: Glen McCleskey, Jodie Ann Faircloth, Wanda Jan Edwards.

Fifth Grade:
Highest Honor: Jackie Souther, Dorothy Vinson, Harold Freeman, Margaret Bacon, Wynne Smothers, Jackie Gray.

Sixth Grade:
Highest Honor: Robert Whitehead, Barbara Carroll, Joann Crews, Jo Ann Deaton, Vivian Parrish, Ollie Rogers, Velma Lou Rose, Mary Sue White.

Seventh Grade:
Highest Honor: Patsy Williams, Anne Matthews, Katherine McLarty, Helen McAnelly, Marie Harper, Zenoba Lee Stovall.

Eighth Grade:
Highest Honor: Lilian Ashcraft.
Honor: Frances Bankston, Johnnie Ruth Eaves, Elizabeth Rogers, Billie Beth Rhoads, Kaleen Butcher, Billie Stafford, Elmer Williams, Bobby Walton, Ed Wiesen, Christine Wallace.

Defense Bonds Are Given As Bonus By Anderson - Pruet

Anderson-Pruet, Inc., local Chevrolet dealers, today announced that this year they were giving a Christmas bonus to their employees in the form of United States Defense Bonds.

The company has given a Christmas bonus each year for a number of years, but in the past have always given the bonus in cash. "We decided upon the Defense Bond Bonus," C. B. Pruet, member of the firm, stated today, "for two reasons. In the first place it might encourage further purchases of Defense Bonds by the employees, and other firms might follow the same plan and also increase bond purchases."

Air Raid Posts In County Inspected

Charles H. Bell, chairman of the county organizers, reported today that he had personally inspected nine of the 10 observation posts in the Eastern part of the county and had found all ready for duty. Only the Colony observation post, under Guy T. Smith, was not inspected on Tuesday.

Wednesday afternoon Bell was inspecting the remaining observation posts in the county, which number 18 in all, to see that all have been organized and are ready for service in case of an alert.

Volunteer observers will be on duty only during alert periods, and will be on duty only two hours at a time when it will not interfere with their regular business.

More volunteers are needed in almost all the posts, it was reported, with both men and women being eligible for this duty.

Finds His Family After Thirty Years

SEATTLE, Wash.—Fate scattered the family of Emil von Pein over half the globe for nearly three decades and made "orphans" of his three sons until chance reunited them recently.

This separation involved numerous Atlantic crossings, and searchings through the countries of Germany, Switzerland, Canada and the United States.

In 1914, von Pein, then living in Spokane, took his wife and three sons to Germany to visit his parents. Just before the war broke out, they went to Switzerland. Von Pein wanted to enlist in the Canadian army but feared to tell his family. He returned to this country, and the others remained behind because of lack of ship passage.

The war ended, von Pein traced

Christian Laymen Will Meet Tonight

A laymen's meeting will be held at the First Christian Church of Ranger tonight at 7:15 o'clock, it was announced today by J. C. Carothers, chairman of the official board of the church.

All laymen have been urged to attend.

Statistician says the average person is sick only eight days each year. He forgets that the first of the month comes twelve times.

Maybe it wouldn't be such a bad idea to judge a man as barbers do—on his face value.

Freckles and His Friends — By Blosser



ed his family to High River where he was told they had returned to Switzerland to search for him. Actually, while he was crossing the Atlantic, his family was living in Spokane. Believing his family lost, von Pein settled in Buffalo, N. Y. His wife died in Spokane in 1920. One son, Gustav, became a missionary. The others, George and Jack, opened a Seattle haberdashery. This autumn Gustav, by chance, heard that a man named von Pein lived in Buffalo. He wrote, established his father's identity, hurried east. They returned to Seattle where the father bridged the gap of 27 years with the grown-up sons.

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59⁸⁸ less liberal trade-in

NOW! GET EUROPE! Sale Price **26⁸⁸** Terms

Price cut on this powerful 7-tube! Look at the features—automatic tuning, tone control, loop aerial, big speaker! Includes rectifier! Compare up to \$40!

WHY PAY \$10 MORE? Sale Price **19⁸⁸** Terms

Sensational 6-tube in handsome wood cabinet! Built-in loop aerial and dynamic speaker! Rectifier included! Save now in Wards great 4-day Sale!

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By PETER EDSON

Small Businessman May Get Help Proposed New Government Bureau

BY MILTON BRONNER
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Almost 130,000 small business men who have been crying pretty much in vain that the national defense program with its priorities set-up and contract distribution to big business is about to ruin them, may get quick relief if the government accepts a plan outlined by Guy Holcomb, head of the Small Business section of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice.

In a memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold, Holcomb says he is convinced that the primary need of small business is an independent governmental agency with authority to act swiftly on specific complaints and problems.

It might be called the Office of Small Business Problems. It would serve as a forum where complaints could be heard and as an independent advocate of the cause of small business. More important, it would act as a trouble-shooter to represent small business and get action, and it would have to be clothed with ample power. The President would probably have full authority to appoint such a board, but Holcomb thinks it would have even more force if Congress enacted a law creating it. The membership would be composed of small business men with a few lawyers to give legal advice.

More than half the complaints from small business men received by Holcomb were drafted after they had failed to get relief from other departments of the government. He found small business men as a whole were distrustful of the Office of Production Management. The leading figures on O.P.M. were big business dollar-a-year men, corporation attorneys, labor leaders and professional economists.

TIME after time small business men complained to Holcomb that they saw their big competitors securing priority material after trips to Washington. Holcomb cited a case where a Michigan boiler manufacturer said he was the lowest bidder for installation at an Oklahoma airport, but the award was made to a company bidding \$1700 higher. Holcomb contacted the officials in charge and the Michigan man finally got the contract.

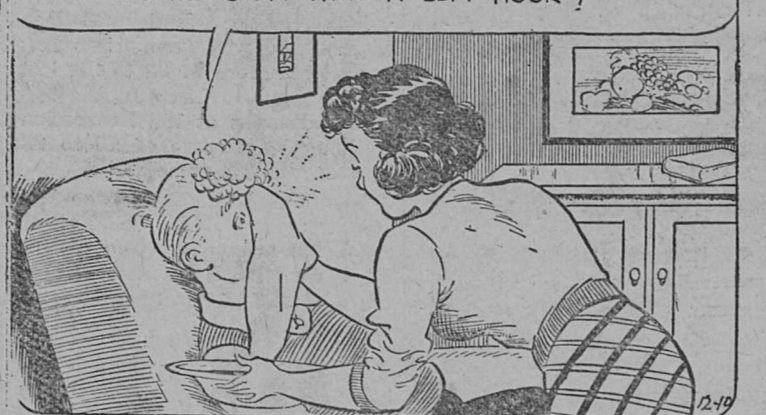
A small but well known manufacturer of outboard motors complained that he was about to close his plant because of priority shut-down on materials, while only 16 miles away his largest competitor was operating full swing on government and civilian contracts. Holcomb has tackled this problem and hopes for results.

CONGRESS is getting restive about this problem. Senators are not convinced that the President's naming of Floyd Odlum as director of O.P.M.'s division of contract distribution is a solution. Senator Hatch of New Mexico, head of a special committee to investigate defense program contacts, is alarmed lest America have the experience of Britain, where 20,000 manufacturing plants were shut down almost overnight in the changeover from peace to a war economy. According to Odlum's own estimate, 2 per cent of the supply of strategic materials would enable 30,000 to 45,000 small metal-working U. S. plants to continue during the first half of 1942.

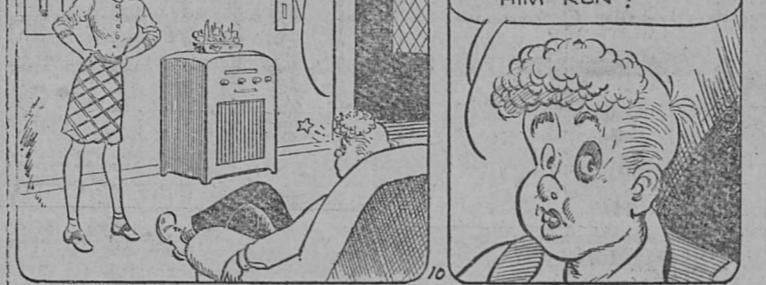
Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, complaining that the little fellows are being kicked around from pillar to post, has introduced a bill to help small business. Under it, any person whose business operation is adversely affected by assignment of priority in any materials used in his business shall be afforded a chance to present his views to an agency designated by the President.

Freckles and His Friends — By Blosser

--- AND HE TOLD ME HE WAS 'JUG' MCCOY ---
MILLIE'S SON! I WAS SO SURPRISED, YOU COULDA
KNOCKED ME OVER WITH A LEFT HOOK!



THEN SHE DID HAVE A SON AFTER ALL! WELL, I'M GLAD WE FOUND IT OUT!



DID HE ACTUALLY RUN WHEN YOU TOLD HIM YOUR NAME?



Library Group Is Devised By Army

CHICAGO.—The freest book-lending scheme ever devised is underway to give men in the nation's armed forces plenty of reading matter from taps to reveille during the long winter nights.

Ten million books for Uncle Sam's servicemen and merchant marines on a novel, no-fee, no-fine distribution plan is the goal of the American Library Association in its National Defense Book Campaign.

Operating jointly with the United Service Organization and the American Red Cross, the association is planning a nationwide book campaign through its local libraries.

Distribution to all army camps, naval bases and USO recreation centers will be made without fees or penalties for lost books, and with no definite return dates for borrowed volumes. Servicemen will be permitted to take out the books at any center, and return them to any other center in the country.

Civilians will be asked to donate books, fiction as well as technical and professional material.

Army Declines To Stretch A Point But A Youth Does

CLEVELAND, O.—It took a lot of trying, but Lawrence Kelley is in the air corps today, an inch and a half taller.

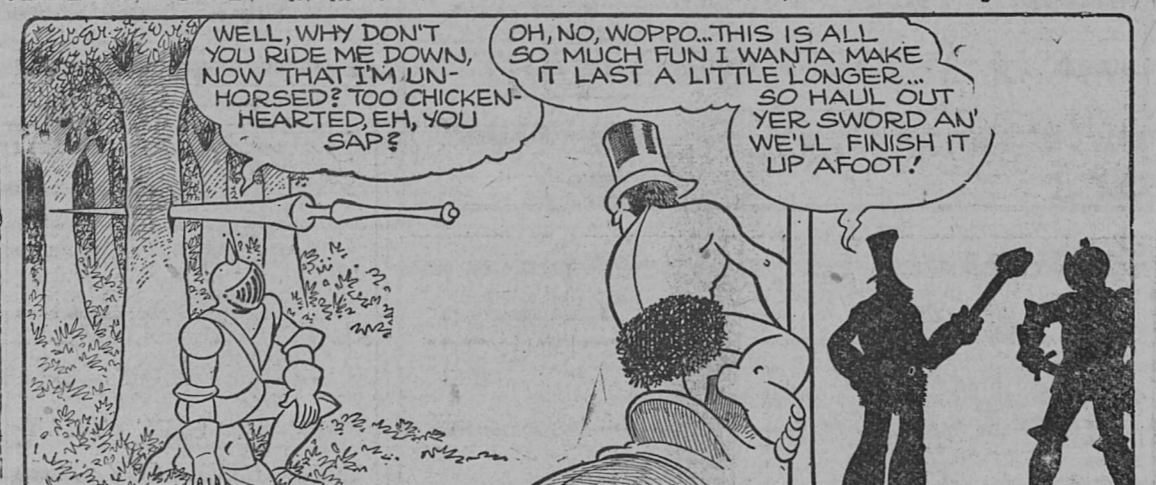
When Kelley first went to the recruiting office in 1939 he found himself an inch and a half short of the required five feet four inches.

He joined a gymnastics class and worked out on the horizontal bars. A year of stretching added an inch to his stature, but the army again turned him down. So, he continued his gymnastics and in April, 1941, returned to the recruiting office—measuring exactly five feet four inches. He was accepted.

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LADY BY REQUEST BY HELEN R. WOODWARD

THE STORY: The climax of many insults aimed at Diana Curt by her sister-in-law, Adela, comes when the vicious, spiteful, girl frames a meeting between Diana and her former employer, Richard Thorpe. Diana, knowing Thorpe and Adela are having an affair, goes to his hunting lodge believing Adela is there. Stephen finds them together, is hurt and bewildered even though his marriage to Diana is temporary and one of convenience, contracted to secure his \$250,000 inheritance which he would not receive unless he married before the age of 35. Others in the story are Phil Bruce, Stephen's best friend who is strongly attracted to Diana; Evelyn Thorpe, beautiful blind wife of Richard, whom Diana believes Stephen loves; "Becky" somewhere, Diana's triumphant Adela asks when her plot to discredit his wife with Stephen has worked. "I love him," flirts Diana, "and I'm going to fight to him!"

PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE
CHAPTER XVIII
IT was three days later that Stephen told Diana he must go away. He had been appointed by the United States government as the most capable man to investigate the operation of airways to South America for the Commerce Department.

His plan, he told Diana in that impersonal tone he had adopted toward her, was to fly by way of the Pan American clipper service to Cristobal, then changing to a large Sikorsky amphibian to complete the journey along the coasts of Ecuador and Colombia. He explained it all in detail, using that detached icy voice that had been apparent in all his relations with her since the night she had gone to Richard Thorpe's lodge.

"But won't there be danger?" she asked, her eyes wide with fear.

Stephen laughed shortly. "No more than on any air trip. It'll be great," he went on, forgetting his animosity for a moment in the contemplation of his adventure. "I've always meant to travel that route. It spells romance, excitement, and adventure to me. The Trail of the Conquistadores!"

"You'll be gone a whole month?"

Stephen's face sobered. "Yes, it can't be helped. I know what you're thinking—about the divorce. It wouldn't be fair to hold you much longer. And—and I have no right to judge you the other night. Your life is your affair. But could you, as a special favor, hang on and look after things here until I return?"

Diana turned to the window and looked out and Stephen came to stand close behind her. His voice was low and a bit husky. His nearness all but destroyed the calm she was trying so hard to maintain.

"If this hadn't come up, things would have gone so smoothly. The divorce would have gone forward without a hitch. I hate to ask it of you—"

She turned to face him. "I am glad to stay, Stephen, as long as you need me. To help you in any way I can. I'm happy and comfortable here."

"Are you, Diana?"

"Yes, of course. When you come back will be quite enough to think of—the divorce."

SHE said it quite stiffly and primly, because her heart was behaving so tumultuously. She did not want to leave at all. She wanted to stay on forever with Stephen Curt, surrounded by his solitude. Even in spite of Adela, she'd endure anything to be near him. Even in spite of his belief that she had gone willingly to Richard Thorpe, whom she despised with all the force of her being. Even if he considered her a Judas in her relations with Evelyn Thorpe! Yes, in spite of everything, she wanted more than he'd ever guess to stay right here. Somehow she'd make him believe in her again. Life couldn't be cruel enough to deny her that!

But Stephen had drawn back imperceptibly at her tone, thinking her disappointed, but resigned to the delay.

"Thank you," he said stiffly, then spoke utterly amazing words: "You will consider yourself the head of this household, then, while I am away."

Diana could scarcely believe her ears, knowing how furious Adela would be at any such arrangement. "Oh, but I couldn't—I'd rather not!"

He smiled a little bleakly. "As another special favor, then, Adela is irresponsible—needs a guiding hand badly. I wouldn't trust things to her alone. She's spoiled, always has had her own way so much that now she's lacking in judgment. You must promise me to look after her, Diana."

She stood silent for a moment, absorbing the irony of his request. At last she spoke slowly, "And you'd ask this of me, believing that—that I'm having an affair with Richard Thorpe, the husband of my dearest friend?"

He flushed hotly. "I have only the evidence of my own eyes," he reminded her. "You have never troubled to make any explanation, you know!"

"I know. And I can't make any now. Except to beg of you to believe that I despise Richard Thorpe, and that I was there in his house that night—"

"Why, Diana?" "It was a cry of wrung from what might have been anguish.

She stopped suddenly. Would it after all be better to say, "Adela is going to break Evelyn's heart?" Some inner voice told her "no."

"I PREFER not to talk about it," she said stiffly, knowing that with those words she had ruined whatever chance of reconciliation there had been before he went away.

"I see," he said, drawing himself up proudly, though he did not see at all. "I shall, however, expect you to do as I say about taking charge of my household!"

He was going to give her \$10,000 for this. He wanted her to know she had no right to refuse. In fact, at the moment he sat down at his desk and wrote the check, put it in her hand. She stood staring at it as if it were not real.

"I'll speak to Adela," he said firmly, "make her understand that I'm putting you in complete charge. I'll instruct the servants, too. After all," a little sternly, "you are my wife, you know. And I think it best you have your money before I go. If anything should happen—"

But Diana would not let herself think of that. Her hand holding the check for \$10,000 trembled.

"I'll show you where I keep my column material," he went on. "I have sent in enough for several weeks and I'll mail more back. You'll see that the editors get it, Diana, this means a great deal to me. Promise me that no matter what happens you'll carry on for me until I get back."

Diana was silent for a long moment. She wondered if Stephen had any idea of what he was letting her in for. She was sure to find Adela hard to handle. She would undoubtedly do her best to make Diana miserable.

"You needn't worry, Stephen. I'll stay. I promise."

His hand closed hard over hers. "Good!" She could see that her promise lifted him from worry, filled his eyes again with that seeking look of adventure.

"When do you go?"

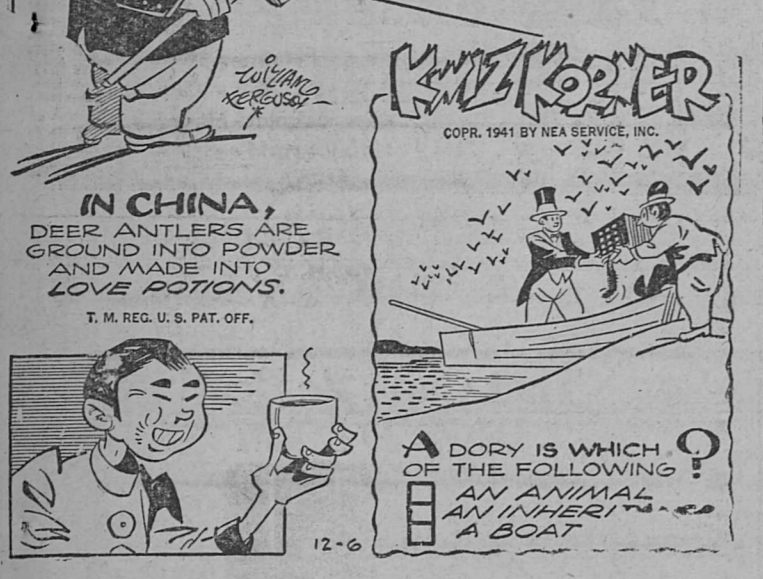
"Tomorrow morning, early. There's a lot to be done. Will you help me?"

"In any way I can."

By this time tomorrow he'd be gone!

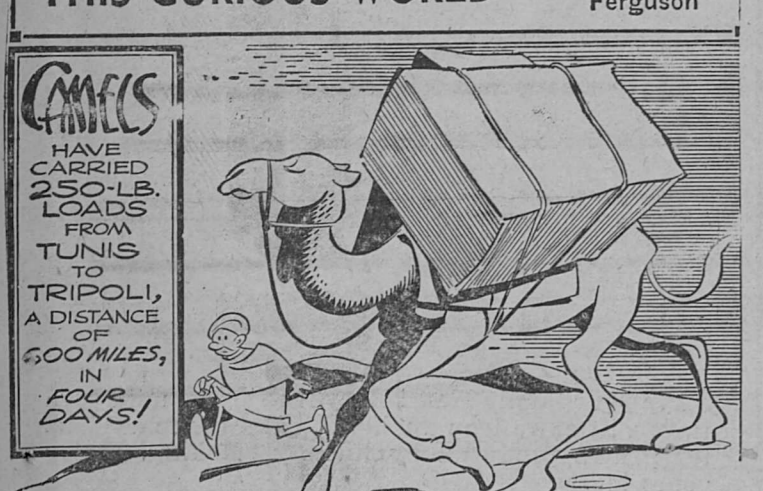
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THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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Society Notes

Library Club Visits Fort Worth Library
Members of the Library Club of Ranger high school accompanied by the sponsor, Mrs. Mary Cleveland, were in Fort Worth Saturday, where they spent the morning in an inspection of the Fort Worth public library.

Officials at the library furnished the club with a guide who conducted them through the building and explained the operation of the institution.

Those making the trip were, Misses Marie Holder, Frances Harris, Laveda Burnett, Mary Lou Simpson, Pauline Smith, Dorene Bruce, Joy Stroud, Reba Dorman and Mrs. Cleveland.

Daughter Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie White
Word was received this morning of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie White of Texas City, formerly of Ranger. The baby was born this morning and weighed seven and one half

pounds. The paternal grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. White.

Mrs. Deffebach Hostess To A. A. U. W.
Mrs. Vernon Deffebach was hostess to the Ranger chapter of the American Association of University Women when that group met at her home Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

In a short business session that opened the meeting Miss Gladys Maddocks, president, appointed Mrs. James P. Morris as chairman of the legal status of women, and Mrs. Vernon Deffebach was appointed publicity chairman.

The guest speaker for the evening was Maurice Orr, Eastland county supervisor of recreation, who spoke of the recreation work being done in the centers of Eastland county and explained plans and ambitions for the work in the future.

Following the discussion by Mr. Orr, members of the association voted to sponsor the improvement of the library and reading room at the Corral Community Center.

The next meeting of the association will be held January 13 in the home of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick.

Columbia Study Club Meets
The regular meeting of the Columbia Study Club was held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. L. Downtain.

A delightful review of "Mr. George's Joint," by Elizabeth Wheaton, was given by Mrs. Joe Holt.

Those attending the meeting were Meses. John Thurman, Leslie Hagaman, L. R. Pearson, O. L. Phillips, Pete Jensen, and Downtain.

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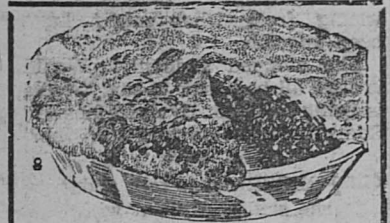
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OUT OUR WAY - - - - - By Williams



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Doctors' Wives Meet
Wives of the doctors of the Eastland and Callahan Counties Medical Society met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall, for the purpose of discussing the organization of a medical auxiliary.

The meeting followed the dinner given earlier in the evening at the Gholson Hotel for members of the Society and their wives. At the meeting for the ladies, tentative plans were made for the organization of the auxiliary, but completion was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Society.

Following the business meeting a review of A. J. Cronin's "The Keys of the Kingdom" was given by Mrs. W. L. Downtain, after which refreshments were served.

Happy Hour Club Meets.

The regular meeting of the Happy Hour Club was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Laura Melton.

The meeting was opened with the group repeating the Lord's prayer after which a business meeting was held.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served to the following: Meses. Bessie Harris, Ruby Greer, Eula Blackwell, Mena McDonald, Laura Melton, Ellen Jones, Minnie Wilson, helma Bott, Jewel Rae, Mabel Southers, and Charles Rea.

The next meeting of the club will be held December 18 in the home of Mrs. Thelma Bott.

March Of Time Shows How War Is Changing U. S.

Every householder alarmed at rising prices, every parent with a son in the service, every businessman struggling with priorities, every defense worker caught up in the net of interminable strikes will feel kinship with Bill Davis, average Main Street American of March of Time's latest film, which comes to the screen of the Arcadia Theatre, beginning today and showing again Thursday.

In "Main Street, U. S. A.," the editors of March of Time have taken a typical American family, the Davises, to show how war and the defense program are influencing the course of their lives. Bill Senior, Veteran and Legionnaire, himself willingly adjusting his small business to meet the restrictions of defense priorities, is moved to indignation by the apathy of some of his neighbors.

His family, in turn, is seen contributing to National Defense, each in his own way. U. S. O. dances, Bundles for Britain, Civil Aeronautics, the duties of an Air Raid Warden are some of the activities we see them engaged in locally.

Even more striking are the scenes in the film showing the work their aid makes possible in Europe and the occupied countries, where the International Red Cross, still functioning from Switzerland, locates countless soldiers given up for dead, as well as distributing food and medical supplies to the victims of Nazi aggression.

But particularly exciting is the climax of the film where Bill Davis shows vividly what a Nazi-dominated world would mean to Main Street. These scenes, high spots of the film, make this March of Time a thought-provoking issue.

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High School And College Cagers In Losses On Tuesday

The Ranger Junior College cagers, who won from Cisco last week by a score of 22 to 21, lost a close game to Cisco Junior College last night at the Recreation Building by a score of 25 to 23 to even the two-game series.

The Ranger Bulldogs, who had previously defeated the Ranger NYA team by a score of 24 to 14, lost to the NYA team by a score of 22 to 18 in another close game.

By previous arrangement it was agreed that the High School and NYA first teams would play the first three quarters, with their second teams taking over in the last period. At the end of three quarters the game was tied at 14-all, with the NYA second team taking the lead in the final period to win.

The regular high school basketball schedule will open on Jan. 16, with the same teams playing in the district as comprise the Oil Belt football district, with home and visiting games being scheduled.

Some people won't even swing at a golf ball for fear they'll miss something.

Christmas Party To Be On Friday Night

The Ranger Home Demonstration Club will meet on Friday night, Dec. 12, for a Christmas Party, instead of on Saturday night, Dec. 13, as previously reported, it was announced today. The party will be at the home of Mrs. Lee Ames.

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