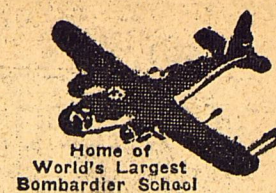




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Action In Manila As Yanks Entered City!!!



Through flame-blackened ruins of this Manila building, upper left, these American infantrymen crouch low as they pursue the retreating Japs. Bitter house-to-house fighting still rages in the city. Upper right pictures a Jap, sprawled grotesquely in death, in a Manila street as American medium tanks and infantrymen advance past shell-pocked Far Eastern University building. Lower left pictures invading Yank infantrymen inspecting a knocked out Jap machinegun nest set up at a street corner in front of Manila's Central Hotel. Lower right shows that only one wall is left standing of this Manila building, set ablaze by retreating Japs, and smoke from other fires still darkens the sky above the city. (Photos by Stanley Troutman, NEA Photographer for the War Picture Pool). (NEA Telephotos).

FDR May Make Direct Report On Conference

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — (P)—President Roosevelt may report directly to Congress and the Nation on the accomplishments and far-reaching significance of his meeting with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

He is reported to be greatly cheered by the agreements reached on both military and political issues. Associates consider it likely that he will want to tell the American people himself, when he gets home, how these agreements can shorten the war and contribute to an Atlantic Charter peace.

First hand information in the historic Big 3 gathering in the Crimea came, meanwhile, from James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization Director, who arrived Tuesday from the Crimea and met newsmen in late afternoon. Byrnes disclosed that the President had acted as chairman of the meeting and proposed two of the agreements—those on liberated areas and the Dumbarton Oaks voting issue—which were announced in Monday's communiqué.

Still Secret
The Dumbarton Oaks decision, like (Continued On Page 8)

Skelly 2 Steeler In S-E Lea Area Offers Prospects

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

Skelly Oil Company No. 2 Steeler, wildcat test for oil in the lower Permian, in Southeast Lea County and in section 17-23S-37E, about six miles southwest of the initial producer in New Mexico from the Clear Fork-Permian, was coring from 6,192 feet.

After showing porosity from 6,152-58 feet, operator cored at 6,158-75 feet, and at 6,175-92 feet. Recovery on both cuttings was 100 per cent. Most of the time showed slight to fair pin-point porosity, and some free oil.

N-W Wheeler Outpost
Sunray Oil Corporation filed application with the Railroad Commission to start drilling a north-west outpost to the proven area in the Wheeler-Ellenburg field, in East Winkler County immediately.

The project will be Sunray No. 1 R. A. Wheeler, located 660 feet from south and west lines of northeast quarter of section 12, block B-7, psi survey. It is slated to drill to (Continued On Page 8)

William And Mary College Dismisses 'Flat Hat' Editor

WILLIAMSBURG, VA.—(P)—The student editor who wrote that negroes should be admitted at some future date to the College of William and Mary "and marry among us" was dismissed from the staff of the college paper Wednesday and a short time later the student body voted against publication of the paper under faculty supervision.

Dr. John E. Pomfret, college president, announced that Miss Marilyn Kaemmerle, of Jackson, Mich., author of the controversial editorial "cannot continue as editor" of the Flat Hat.

To Advise
The college president added that a faculty committee would be appointed to "advise" with undergraduate publications regarding "news and views" that might be considered damaging to the college.

The students, after considerable open floor discussion, voted to have no Flat Hat published under faculty supervision. The decision was by a standing vote, which appeared overwhelmingly in favor of not publishing the paper.

Weather

Fair.

Japs Project Peace Feelers As MacArthur Winds Up Manila Job

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor

A tentative Japanese peace feeler was reported from London Wednesday after Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced "the end is in sight" in the battle for war-torn Manila.

American ground troops seized Cavite Naval Base on Manila Bay with surprising ease, battered through defenses which "must have been designed by the devil himself" to capture Nichols Field on the southern outskirts of Manila, and silenced most of the big Japanese guns commanding the Philippines capital.

The five-weeks' campaign for Luzon has cost the Japanese 68,000 casualties, MacArthur said, perhaps a third of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's force on the main Philippine island. American military casualties were placed at 9,683, including 2,102 killed.

ARABS TO UNITE
CAIRO — (P)—Conferences designed to weld the individual Arab nations into a single political and economic unit begin here Wednesday among government officials, delegates and observers representing a major portion of the Arabic world.

War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—The Paris radio, quoting German frontier reports, said Wednesday the German government was moving from Berlin to Nuernberg, 225 miles southwest of Berlin and 90 miles north of Munich.

LONDON — (AP)—The German communiqué said Wednesday that U-boats equipped with air masts had sunk eight ships totaling 51,000 tons in waters near the British coast and on "the Seven Seas."

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Gen. Chou En-Lai, Communist delegate, has rejected the Chungking government's proposals for a settlement of the Communist question and has returned to Yenan, Information Minister Wang Shih-Chieh announced Wednesday.

ROME—(AP)—The entire Italian front subsided into minor patrol clashes and artillery duels Wednesday, with the Germans probing more actively at Allied lines.

Canadians Outflank City Of Goch

PARIS — (P)—The Canadian First Army charged behind massed guns and flame-throwers Wednesday within a mile and a half of Goch, 11-way German traffic center between the Rhine and Meuse, and outflanked it on the northeast by capturing Hasselt and Bedburg.

The Canadians, Scots and British, moved two miles or so, leaving behind all the 45-square-mile Reichswald after breaking the core of resistance offered by seven strongly armored German divisions. They virtually turned the northern end of the Siegfried Line.

Canadian infantry closed up firmly to the line of the Oude Rhine, a tributary of the main river, northeast of Kleve and sent a strong raiding force from captured Kellen almost to the Rhine ferry crossing facing the industrial center of Emmerich.

Tanks-Planes-Sky Troops

Tanks, huge sky fleet and parachute troops powered the British Empire assault steadily rolling up the soggy German positions between the Rhine and the Meuse and threatening defenses on the Cologne plain between the flooded Roer and the great Rhineland cities.

Murderous barrages were thrown down. The Germans were pushed at least three miles east of Kleve to positions a dozen miles inside the Reich. The foe appeared to be falling back to a new line between Goch, eight miles south of Kleve, and Calcar, close to the Rhine seven miles southeast of Kleve and 15 miles from the Ruhr railroad of West.

More than 100 miles to the south, the American Third Army gained up to a half mile in muddy, tortuous terrain through fresh breaches in the Siegfried Line opposite Northern Luxembourg. Systematic blasting by tank destroyers and self-propelled guns carved avenues through the thickest part of the West Wall and a slackening of German artillery indicated that the Germans were pulling back to new positions south of Pruem.

Breach Expanded
The breach was expanded to 4,000 yards depth and almost 11 miles in width. Other fronts were quiet. General Eisenhower had committed only a small fraction of his strength to the offensive.

Clearing weather over the entire front tended to slow ground operations with increased thaws and flooding, but it permitted great Allied air fleets to fly the foe. Nearly 4,500 bombers and fighters pummeled the Germans in the 24 hours ended at dawn.

The Germans blew more dykes on the Rhine north of Kleve sending fresh torrents into the flooded region. Allied engineers countered by dynamiting other dykes which swamped the enemy.

Scottish troops bridged the Niers near Zelderscheide, just west of German-held Kessel on the approaches to Goch.

Captured Nazi Reports Peace Demonstrations

LONDON—(P)—A captured German soldier was quoted in a Moscow broadcast Wednesday as reporting that a large-scale peace demonstration occurred last week in Leipzig, and that the demonstrators were dispersed by Nazi fliers using tear gas.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT: Canadian First Army closes on Goch, traffic center between the Rhine and the Meuse; U. S. Third Army makes new gains through breach in Siegfried Line opposite Luxembourg.

RUSSIAN FRONT: Red Army drives toward Dresden, battered by heavy RAF concentration; Glogau encircled in drive up west side of Oder.

ITALIAN FRONT: Patrols exchange jobs as artillery duels along front.

PACIFIC FRONT: Japanese Manila survivors massed in southern part of city facing doom; Cavite captured; planes strafe enemy on Bataan.

National Debt Limit Of \$300,000,000,000 Is Being Considered

WASHINGTON—(P)—Congressional fiscal leaders bit their lips Wednesday as they conceded that the national debt limit will have to be boosted to \$300,000,000,000 very shortly.

But they foresaw a chance to start whittling it down not later than two years after the war, provided, as one of them put it, "the people wake up."

Confronted with legislation to add another \$40,000,000,000 stretch to the present debt limit of \$200,000,000,000, the chairman and the ranking Republican member of the House Appropriations Committee joined in demanding sharp curtailment of all government spending.

The debt now stands at \$234,000,000,000. A month before Pearl Harbor it was \$55,000,000,000.

The debt limit boost was proposed Tuesday in a bill by Chairman Doughton (D-NO) of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Rep. Taber of New York, ranking Republican on the appropriations committee, said "a conservative estimate" would be that it would take 30 to 40 years to pay off the debt once federal spending ceases to exceed income.

Temperatures Rise Generally Over Nation

By The Associated Press

Most of the nation, with the exception of snowbound New England, gratefully accepted continuance Wednesday of mild weather, while Texas, where temperatures bubbled as high as 89, basked in summer airs.

It was only a respite, however. The Chicago Weather Bureau cheerfully reported a new cold wave was gathering in the Northwest, and that it would cover most of Minnesota by Thursday and move southward in time to give Mississippi Valley residents a cold weekend.

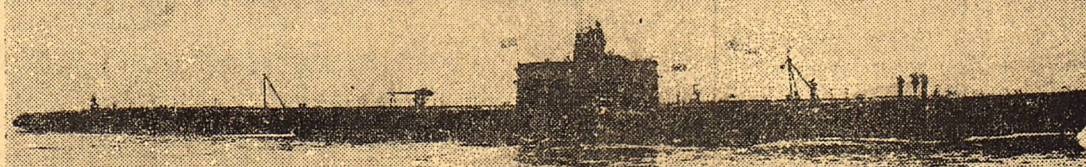
Meanwhile, moderate cold was forecast for New England. A heavy snowfall ranging between 2 and 5 inches struck New York State.

Canadian Cruiser Joins Pacific Fleet

NEW YORK—(P)—The 8,000-ton Canadian cruiser Uganda will join the British fleet in the Pacific, the British radio said Wednesday in an overseas broadcast reported by the Federal Communications Commission.

U. S. Subs Take Heavy Toll of Jap Ships

COMBATANT SHIPS				NON-COMBATANT SHIPS			
	Sunk	Probably Sunk	Damaged	Totals		Sunk	Probably Sunk
Battleships	0	0	1	1	Fleet Tankers	89	1
Aircraft Carriers	1	2	2	5	Transports	133	5
Cruisers	14	2	6	22	Cargo and Supply	575	17
Destroyers	44	5	6	55	Miscellaneous	38	3
Submarines	0	0	0	0	Totals	835	26
Tenders	3	1	1	5	Total Ships of All Types	934	37
Others	37	1	0	38			119
Totals	99	11	15	125			1090



They garner no glaring headlines, their individual heroes' exploits will go unsung until the end of the war, but the Navy's submarine service has been carrying on steadily—and successfully—against the Japs since Pearl Harbor. Chart above, compiled from Navy data, includes sinkings of more than 3,500,000 tons of shipping.

Russian Army Moves North To Join Assault Prepared By Zhukov

LONDON — (P)—Red Army troops have crashed through the Germans' Queis River line less than 68 miles from Dresden, a Moscow dispatch said Wednesday, and Berlin declared armored units to the north had broken into Sorau, junction city 83 miles southeast of Berlin.

Marshal Ivan Konev's forces hitting westward "in a sensational threat to split Germany asunder south of Berlin" were approaching the Upper Neisse River, which runs about 50 miles from Dresden, a direct Moscow dispatch declared.

The German high command said Konev's armor, beating northward toward a junction with other Red Army men along the Oder east of Berlin, had broken into Sorau, eight miles northwest of Sagan and across the Bober River. Sorau is five miles inside Berlin's province of Brandenburg.

Konev A. Sommerfeld
The Swiss radio quoted German sources as saying Konev already had lunged to Sommerfeld, 13 miles northwest of Sorau, and within 17 miles of a junction of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops on the Oder.

Berlin broadcasts said Konev "invariably is tearing gaps in our lines, and that Volkssturm and 'alarm units' were being thrown into the fight to keep open retreat lines to the west."

They also reported Zhukov was "massing strong forces" on the Frankfurt-Euersberg front along the Oder for an assault on Berlin.

RAF Hit Dresden
Menaced Dresden, capital of the old kingdom of Saxony, was bombed by 800 RAF planes Tuesday night, in demonstration of Allied military coordination. Moscow dispatches said Konev was 18 miles or less from the frontier of Saxony.

Konev's lower wing was only some 90 miles from Prague, Czechoslovak capital. The conquest of battle-wrecked Budapest, who siege cost the enemy 159,000 troops captured or killed, freed strong Russian forces for new tasks.

Moscow still had no official comment on German reports that Zhukov had thrown bridgeheads over the Oder within 30 to 40 miles of Berlin.

Some of Zhukov's columns were driving on Chojnice, in the Polish Corridor 62 miles southwest of Danzig, and on Neustettin in Pomerania, 35 miles west of Chojnice.

The Russian communiqué was silent on the Red thrust toward Stettin.

Jealous Bulldog Kills Infant Who Tried To Pet Him

LOS ANGELES — (P)—A pet bulldog grabbed 21-month-old Marguerite Derdinger by the neck and killed her when she tried to pet him Tuesday night.

The child's father, Staff Sgt. Charles P. Derdinger, is stationed at Camp Barkeley.

Her mother, Mrs. Drucilla Derdinger, said the dog previously had shown jealousy of the child.

ROSENMAN LEAVES

PARIS — (P)—Samuel Rosenman left by a special plane Wednesday for Italy where, it was reliably reported, he would confer with President Roosevelt.

Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press

Eastern Front: 32 miles (from Zellin).

Western Front: 300 miles (from Greitshausen).

Italian Front: 544 miles (from Reno River).

Legislative Measure Redistricting Texas To Be Heard Feb. 27

AUSTIN—(P)—The knotty problem of redistricting Texas for representation in the House of Representatives runs the gauntlet of public opinion Feb. 27 before the House Congressional and Legislative Districts Committee.

The committee Tuesday night ordered the hearing after receiving from a sub-committee a revised bill which retains most of the features of a measure introduced by Rep. Harley Sudler of Sweetwater.

Generally, it increases West and South Texas representation and reduces East Texas house seats, a result of population shifts since the last redistricting in 1921.

The committee was one of many which swung into full action by sending bills and resolutions to house and senate calendars or submitting them to subgroups for further processing.

Chiropractic Bill

By a vote of 10 to 9 the House Public Health Committee gave an unfavorable report to a bill by Rep. Mainer Westbrock of Magnolia seeking to exempt chiropractors from the medical practice act.

Latter it sent the measure to the attorney general's department with a request for an opinion on its constitutionality. It seeks to correct a conflict in the present chiropractic law which was invalidated by the court of criminal appeals.

The court held in effect that the present statute places chiropractors within the medical practice act and in another paragraph prohibits them from practicing medicine. This is a fatal conflict, the court held.

The House Constitutional Amendments Committee gave a favorable report to proposed submission of an amendment permitting the legislature to set interest rates on unsecured loans. The constitution now (Continued On Page 8)

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Culture By The Yard

The advertisement gave us a bit of a shock. Here was one of the country's leading book dealers, old, respected and highbrow, offering to sell you a library at what might be called space rates.

"Do you have an empty built-in bookshelf?" the ad inquired. It went on to explain that "For Decorative purpose and Cultural Background, the rooms most frequented in the well appointed home shelve the tomes of the Giants in Literature." (The capitals, the sense and the general literary style, we'll have you know, are the respected, highbrow book dealer's, not ours).

The ad offered three selections of Giants in Literature for the home in lots of 100—priced roughly at \$200, \$500 and \$1,000. There was also a selection of 1520 volumes, price not given, but presumably it would knock your hat off.

Well, we thought, a fine thing when a respected old house baldly offers to make you into a phony literate. Has the day come, we asked ourselves, when the book must go the way of the piano, which long since, in most homes, ceased to be a musical instrument and became a piece of furniture?

And when we got to thinking of the means by which most full bookshelves in our land probably got that way. There were the college textbooks, of course. And the book subscription club selections. And detective novels, the fruit of years of last-minute shopping in stations for something to while away a tedious train journey.

But these only fill a shelf or two. The rest of the books are "sets," the result of visits from hungry, persistent salesmen with their toe in the door and the wiles of the devil on the tip of their tongue. They had a way of making you feel shamefully illiterate, of convincing you that you would have to bear through life the reproachful glances of your children if you didn't buy their history set of lectures or goldleaf encyclopedia.

And so you paid three prices for the set and got beautifully stung. But you weren't the only sucker in town. The acquisition of literary gems throughout America became a series of unhappy incidents that happened in the best of families, and which went unmentioned by common, tacit consent.

We suppose that logic and economy are on the book firm's side. Probably you'd get a better bargain. (And what's so awful about buying literature by the yard—didn't Dr. Eliot sell Harvard Classics by the foot? But still, somehow, the old-time book peddler was a little more flattering.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Fair Exchange?

The War Department has replied to a complaint of Rep. John E. Anderson of California that American soldiers in France, under present arrangements with the French government, are getting only one-fifth as many francs as their dollars would bring them on the open market.

The Army spokesman told Anderson that soldiers are receiving full pay in United States dollars "or the equivalent thereof in legal tender local currency." He also explained the causes of high prices in France. But he did not seem to dispute the congressman's charges.

The question still seems to be whether a soldier, if he got dollars instead of francs from the Army paymaster, could go to a bank and legally get five times as many francs as he is receiving now. If this is so, then surely a new exchange arrangement should be made with the French government.

After all, prices are just as high for the soldier on leave in Paris as they are for the correspondent, the Red Cross workers, or anyone else with dollars in his pocket.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Congress Needs More Help

There were 8852 bills dumped in the legislative hopper in the 78th Congress—January, 1942, to December, 1944. That is an average of more than 16 bills per congressman.

Only about one out of nine of these bills, or 989 of them, became laws. If this average of one public and one private bill per congressman in two years makes you wonder what the solons do with their spare time, it gives a false impression and doesn't begin to tell the story.

The sheer bulk of proposed measures which must be studied so that congressmen will know which bills to vote for and which to vote against is staggering in itself, and this brings up one of the major reforms which has been suggested for modernizing Congress—increasing and improving its staff. Congressmen claim they need more and better and better-paid help to do their jobs.

In the closing days of the last session, congressmen voted themselves an extra clerk to help them take care of the business of their districts and states.

This will give each representative \$9500 a year to hire not more than four clerks. Each senator may hire up to six or seven if the senator comes from a state of more than three million inhabitants. Pay of these clerks is from \$1500 to \$4500, and averages less than \$2500.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Put all war rumor-spreading people behind the bars, suggests a judge. At least they wouldn't be at liberty to speak.

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Coming Events

THURSDAY:

Needlecraft Club will meet with Mrs. J. K. Wright at 3 p.m.

County Museum in the court house basement will be open from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

City Council of Parent Teacher Association will meet at 2 p.m. in the superintendent office at the high school.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be Mrs. E. W. Anguish from 4 until 6 p.m. and Mrs. J. M. Planigan from 7 until 9 p.m.

County Museum will be open in the basement of the court house from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

City-County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet with Mrs. Ida Fay Cowden, 201 North C. at 3 p.m. Wednesday Senior Club will be in charge of the program.

Birch, the magician, sponsored by the Midland Jaycees to be at the Midland High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Nurses' Aide classes will meet from 9 until 11 a.m. on the second floor of the county court house.

Mrs. Juanita Sherrod will review Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" over the Midland County Library program at 4 p.m. over KRLH. The book is at the top of the non-fiction best seller list since its publication.

FRIDAY:

Belmont Bible Class will have a luncheon with Mrs. R. Chancellor, 605 West Ohio, at 1 p.m.

Council of Church Women will sponsor "World Day of Prayer" at 3:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be Mrs. P. C. Cummings from 4 until 6 p.m. and Mrs. R. B. Cowden from 8 until 10:30 p.m.

Ladies Day at the Country Club with golf, bridge, and other competitive games from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a one o'clock luncheon. All members are invited.

Nurses' Aide classes meet from 9 until 11 a.m. on the second floor of the court house.

Mrs. G. A. Wakefield and Mrs. J. P. Cornelius' groups are responsible for surgical dressings at the Salvation Army USO at 9:30 a.m. All wives of military personnel are invited.

Bridge tournament session to be held at the MAAF Officers' Club at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY:

Children's movie films will be shown at 2:30 p.m. preceding the regular Story Hour in the children's library of the court house basement.

Treble Clef Club meets at the Watson School of Music at 11 a.m.

County Museum in the court house basement will be open from 2:30 until 5 p.m.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be Mrs. Jack Goddard from 3:30 until 6 p.m. and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Young from 8 until 11 p.m.

Dance to be held at the MAAF Officers' Club at 9:30 p.m.

Midland School Board Appoints Six Persons

Six persons were elected to be members of the faculty of Midland schools at the meeting of the school board Tuesday night.

They are D. B. Collingsworth, vocational agriculture teacher who came from Garden City, F. C. Gambill who will become band director, Mrs. Ophelia Lindeblad, Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Mrs. Lucille McCree, and Mrs. Helen Hamra. Gambill now is getting his master's degree at Colorado University and will be here about March 1. He has several years experience as a band director. All will fill vacancies on the faculty of the schools.

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Texas Women Legislators Open Society

By MARY L. KENNEDY

AUSTIN—(AP)—A new organization bows into the legislative picture. It is strictly feminine, but tailored to parliamentary lines.

Named "Texas Women Legislators," its purpose is to foster and preserve a record of the work and activities of Texas women who have served in the house and senate; encourage election of women to both state and national office; create a medium through which legislation of particular interest to women may have better recognition.

Eligible for membership are all women who have been, are, or hereafter may become members of the Texas Legislature or represent Texas in the National Congress.

Women who have been legislators of other states may join as associates should they become Texas residents.

Members include

Charter members include the present house members: Representatives Florence Fenley of Uvalde, Nevelle Colson of Navasota, Rae Files of Waxahachie, and Elizabeth Suiter of Wintersboro; all former house members, Edith E. Wilmans of Dallas, Mrs. Helen Moore of Texas City; Mrs. Laura B. Nealey of San Antonio, Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, Mrs. Lee J. Rountree of Bryan, Margaret Harris Gordon of Waco, Mrs. N. R. Stong of Anderson County, and the only former woman senator, Margie Neal of Carthage.

Edith Wilmans, first woman ever to serve in the Texas house (38th legislature) is president.

"She was chosen for this honor," says Rep. Fenley, "because she was the first woman to back a man's world, run for the house and win."

Mrs. Colson is vice president; Mrs. Fenley, historian; Miss Files, treasurer; Elizabeth Suiter, secretary.

All of the charter members were named directors. There are no dues, so the women have worked it out where everybody has a title, and it doesn't cost anything.

First Stage Show In Months To Be Given Here Thursday Night

Two solid hours of magic and music are in store for Midland citizens who attend the show to be given at 8 p.m. Thursday at the High School Auditorium by Birch the master magician and his company. The stage attraction is being brought to Midland by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the show are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce. A special matinee for students will be given at 4:15 Thursday and tickets for the matinee are being sold through the schools.

Makes Pony Disappear

Perhaps the most famous of Birch's illusions is having a Shetland pony disappear from the stage. Hundreds of pounds of equipment are carried to present the show.

Mabel Sperry will be the star of the musical portion of the program. She will play on her specially built marimba.

Advance sale of tickets at the Chamber of Commerce for the show is reported good indicating much interest in the first full fledged professional stage attraction to play in Midland for months.

Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures at noon Wednesday were 35 to 70 cents a bale higher, March 22.04, May 21.94, and July 21.56.

Far East Skipper



Capt. Henry William Urquhart McCol, above, commands H. M. S. Howe, flagship of the newly-formed British Pacific Fleet now assembling in Australian waters to operate against the Japs.

Watt Simmons Trial Verdict Is Affirmed

The verdict and penalty assessed against Watt Simmons, Midland negro, in county court in 1944 on a charge of unlawful possession of liquor was affirmed Wednesday at Austin by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The charge against Simmons was filed February 3, 1944. He was fined \$300 at his trial.

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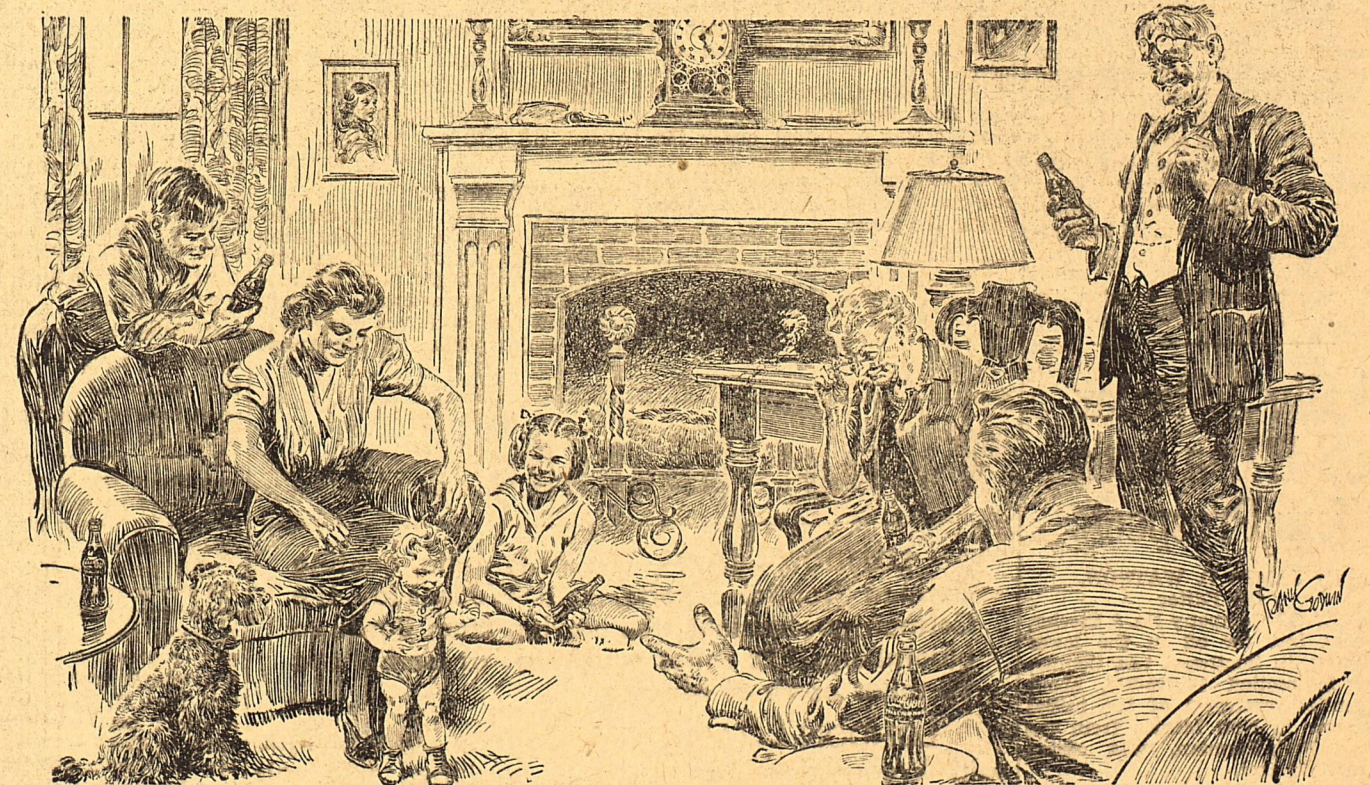
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Society

Twentieth Century Club Hears Review By Mrs. J. M. Speed

The Twentieth Century Study Club held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. B. Koenig, with Mrs. W. G. Epley, president, conducting the business meeting. It was decided that the club would send volunteers to assist the O.P.A. in checking merchandise in the local stores.

Featured on the program for the afternoon was Mrs. John M. Speed Jr., who gave a review of the book, "I Heard The Anzacs Singing," a study of the life and customs of the people of Australia and New Zealand. In her review, Mrs. Speed discussed the extremely democratic and progressive governments of these two countries, where good working and health conditions are fostered by far-sighted social legislation.

Other members present were Mrs. R. L. Alkin, J. E. Banks, S. M. Erickson, Russell Howard, Raymond Leggett, Gene McCollum, Frank Monroe, Carl Peay, W. G. Sanford, W. E. Shipp Jr., R. E. L. Taylor, and C. C. Thomas. Mrs. Dillingham of Abilene was a guest.

Mrs. R. M. Jones Is Ruth Circle Hostess

The Ruth Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. R. M. Jones, 1906 West Texas, Monday afternoon for a program on "Proving Our Love In Christian Stewardship" given by Mrs. William Osborn. She was assisted by Mrs. S. L. Parham and Mrs. J. H. McClure. Refreshments were served. Members attending were Mrs. J. L. Greene, J. Hollis Roberts, R. DeChicis, and F. A. Stout.

DORCAS CIRCLE HAS MEETING WITH MRS. JOHN M. HILLS

Dorcas Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. John M. Hills, 904 West Missouri, Mrs. L. G. Byerley conducted the Bible lesson on "Proving Our Love," assisted by Mrs. M. T. Hartwell.

The hostess served refreshments to Mrs. Andrew Pasken, J. L. Kendrick, C. S. Longcope, Ebb White, M. B. Bell, T. R. Wilson, A. Knickerbocker, Byerley and Hartwell.

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South Elementary P. T. A. Meets For Business Session

With Mrs. Archie Woodward presiding, the South Elementary P.T.A. met Tuesday afternoon at the school. The meeting was opened with a choral reading, "Pancake Boy," given by Mrs. Neva Kelly's second grade room.

At the business meeting, Mrs. J. R. White gave a talk on "The Individual in the World Today." She was followed by Mrs. D. R. Carter, president of the Sixth District, who gave the highlights of her January and February letters to the organizations in her district.

Mrs. Byerley speaks. Mrs. L. G. Byerley, state vice-president, gave a report on the inspirational meetings which will be held in all sections of the district this spring.

The group then elected a nominating committee for the coming election. The committee chosen consists of Mrs. Charles Longcope, chairman; Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mrs. Dennis Murphy, Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Woodward.

Mrs. Kelly's room won the prize for having the most mothers present.

Scharbauer Circle Elects Officers

Mrs. J. M. Prothro was elected chairman of the Mary Scharbauer Circle of the First Methodist Church in a Monday afternoon meeting in the Scharbauer Educational Building. Others elected were Mrs. G. L. Kirk, vice-chairman and reporter; Mrs. J. C. Vian, secretary; Mrs. W. Thorn, treasurer; Mrs. H. M. Reiche, chairman Christian social relations.

To Serve Luncheon. In a business meeting presided over by Mrs. Prothro, the group decided to serve luncheon to the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting in the Scharbauer Educational Building Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Gray was the study leader for the study course "West of the Dateline." Mrs. J. C. Vian gave a paper on "Mohammedanism" and Mrs. J. B. Sanders reported on "Buddhism." Mrs. Gray talked on the "Spread of Christianity."

Others attending the meeting were Mrs. H. M. McReynolds, Mollie McCormick, Mary Lou Snodgrass, and J. C. Ratliff.

Mrs. Reiche closed the meeting with a prayer. The next meeting will be Monday in the Scharbauer Educational Building at 3:15 p.m. it was announced.

Women's Council Of Christian Church Hears Book Review

A review by Mrs. Ray Howard of Allene Porter's popular book, "Papa Was A Preacher," was featured at the Monday afternoon meeting of the Women's Council of the First Christian Church.

The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," with Mrs. Delbert Downing giving the devotional, "Talking With God."

Following the book review, a tea hour was held. Mrs. Glenn S. Brunson, president of the council, presided at the tea table, which was decorated with spring flowers.

Thirty-two members and guests attended.

Spring Temperatures Continue In Midland

Spring weather continued to be the fashion in Midland Tuesday and Wednesday as the thermometer registered a maximum of 72 degrees from 8:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday's minimum temperature was a mild 48 degrees which was registered at 8 a.m.

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Midland League Of Women Voters Study New Project

The Midland League of Women Voters has been studying the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, our foreign policy, and is promoting a secret ballot for Texas voters, declared Mrs. George Putnam Wednesday who announced the organization will study the plan for reorganization of Congress at an early meeting.

Cordell Hull has said, "I wish I could burn this into your minds and memories—and that is that the human race, this hour, this day, this year, is confronted by the gravest crisis in all its experience, and that we, who are here on the scene of action at this critical time have the responsibility of saying which way the world is going for fifty years to come."

Women who are interested in this program and in adding to their knowledge of domestic and world affairs, are invited to call Mrs. Putnam, local president, at telephone 547.

The League of Women Voters was organized in Chicago twenty-five years ago this week by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Mrs. George Gellhorn, Miss Katherine Ludington, and Mrs. Maud Wood Park.

Twenty-five years ago, League members had one primary objective—to teach women how to mark a ballot and cast an intelligent vote. Today members are concerned not only with the good citizenship of one nation's women, but are engaged in a drive for good citizenship of the United States in the society of nations.

BETA SIGMA PHI HAS VALENTINE PARTY

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was hostess Monday evening at a Valentine party held in the home of Mrs. W. E. Pratt. In keeping with the spirit of the party, the game of hearts was played, with Mrs. S. R. McKinney, Mrs. Cecil Waltrip, and Mrs. R. L. Grubb winning prizes. Score cards and tallies carried out the Valentine motif.

At the end of the evening, heart-shaped sandwiches and other refreshments were served buffet style from a table laid with a white Madras linen cloth. Red carnations and white stock arranged in a silver bowl, and flanked by red candles to which streamers of red ribbon were tied, completed the table decorations.

Among the members and guests who attended the party were Mrs. Ted Elzey, John C. O'Neill, R. H. Fizzell Jr., Riley Parr, J. H. Fine, Ralph Guyer, A. A. Jones, A. L. Barr, Jack Harrison, John McClure, Lucille Johnson, Juanita Sherrod, G. B. Hallman, J. Howard Hodge, and L. C. Link.

Others present were Misses Carolyn Oates, Emma John Blake, Lorraine Gallagher, Maedee Roberts, Minnie Lee Hankins, Mary Corbin, Faye Powers, Dorothy Hamilton, Dorothy Bracewell, Deanna Gray, and Aline Maxwell.

OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was issued Tuesday at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble for William C. Jordan and Elizabeth Barker.

Classified Ads bring results

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Prothro Circle Has Study On 'Christian Pioneers In Asia'

Mrs. Stacy Allen was hostess for the Monday meeting of the Winnie Prothro Circle of the First Methodist Church for a study of "Christian Pioneering in Southeast Asia." She opened the meeting with a prayer.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. D. E. Hoover, D. H. Cardwell, T. A. Fanning, N. G. Oates, Clyde Gwyn, Nettie Crawford, O. L. Crooks, Louis Wallace, E. H. Peyton, Ben W. Smith, M. J. Allen, G. P. Cornelius, C. M. Chase, J. L. Tidwell, and W. A. Black.

St. George's Church Marks Opening Of Lenten Season

Marking the opening of the Lenten Season, ashes were distributed Wednesday morning after the regular Mass at St. George's Catholic Church to remind the faithful of the necessity of penance as a preparation for death.

The Rev. Frank Triggs, pastor, announced the Stations of the Cross will be held as special Lenten devotions each Friday at 7:45 p.m. Novena services will be held each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., with the Rev. Joseph Walter of Stanton giving the sermons during Lent.

Ash Wednesday evening services will be held at 8:30 p.m.

Belle Bennett Circle Elects New Officers

The Belle Bennett Circle of the First Methodist Church elected officers at its Monday afternoon meeting with Mrs. A. D. Minney at the Gulf Tank Farm. Mrs. W. B. Hunter was elected chairman; Mrs. Otis Ligon, vice-chairman; Mrs. Mary Gray, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. John A. Sewell, reporter.

Mrs. Earl Chapman, study leader, directed the second session of the new study project "West of the Dateline."

A social hour was held with 13 members attending.

Mrs. Penn Reviews 'Song Of Bernadette'

Mrs. W. Y. Penn reviewed "Song of Bernadette" at a recent meeting of the Play Readers Club in the home of Mrs. B. K. Buffington West Holmesley.

Guests were Mrs. P. D. Moore, Naomi Lancaster, Dick Jones, W. B. Harkrider, Clint Dunagan and Ray Howard.

Members attending were Mrs. E. W. Anguish, Elliott Barron, Ralph Barron, DeLo Douglas, Fred Fuhrman, J. Howard Hodge, Robert Muldrow, Robert Roark, W. E. Shipp, Jr., Charles Klapproth, and W. T. Schneider.

And What Else Could It Be Used For?

SALT LAKE CITY—(P)—Only provision in the \$1 purchase of part of the Salt Lake sewer system from the federal government, following two years negotiations, is that it be used for its original purpose.

Australia's population of about 7,100,000 lives chiefly in the eastern and southeastern portions of the continent.

Mrs. B. W. Recer Is Hostess To Members Of Home Nursing Club

With Mrs. Ray Howard as speaker, the members of the Home Nursing Club met Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. B. W. Recer. Mrs. Howard's topic was "Drugs at War."

Light refreshments were served to the guests as they arrived. Members present were Mrs. C. M. Dunagan, E. R. Powell, Joe Mims, J. C. Vian, H. P. Koester, W. H. Rhodes, and G. A. Wakefield.

Mrs. Ernest Neill and Mrs. B. A. Trammell of Merkel, Texas, were guests.

Mrs. H. E. Hensley Hostess To Meeting Of Haygood Circle

In a Monday afternoon meeting of The Laura Haygood Circle of First Methodist Church, in the home of Mrs. H. E. Hensley, 725 West Kansas, Mrs. D. A. Pass announced the Pledge for the World Crusade.

Mrs. G. L. Shoemaker was the study leader with Mrs. S. H. Rudkins speaking on "Mohammedanism and Buddhism." Mrs. R. L. Aiken gave a talk on "Animism." Two new members attended the session.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. B. F. Haag, 209 North Big Spring.

Royal Ambassadors Of Baptist Church Hold Meet Tuesday

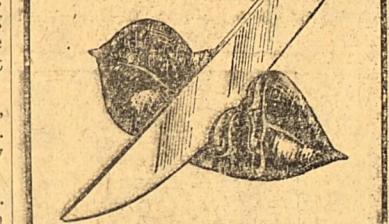
The Glenn Walker Royal Ambassadors met Tuesday afternoon in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. C. M. Dunagan, associate counselor, finished the review of the book, "Kimo," the story of an Indian boy who was converted to Christianity.

At the conclusion of the meeting, heart shaped cakes and other refreshments were served.

Mrs. R. O. Walker, counselor for the group, was in charge.

Read the classified ads

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Three Civil Cases Tried In Court Here

Three civil cases were heard in district court Tuesday by District Judge Cecil C. Collings. One case of trespass to try title was disposed of and two divorces were granted.

Classified Ads bring results

Looking For Market

Ceylon producers, prior to the war, were making an effort to develop a market in the United States for palm-sugar, or "jag-gery." This product is made from the sap of the flower of the coconut palm.

Three-fifths of the land in Cuba produces sugar cane.

Chicago Competition Again Becomes Keen

CHICAGO—(P)—It hasn't happened in Chicago's mechanized loop dis-gery." This product is made from the sap of the flower of the coconut palm. Traffic jammed up across the hood of a parked bakery truck.

Advertise or be forgotten.

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Good Sewing News!

Spring by the yard in Rayon Prints

Shells, feathers, bowknots, buds—sprinkled carelessly spaced evenly against bright-color backgrounds. Thick 'N' Thins, Spun Rayons and Rayon! Crepe weaves, Sprightly fabrics, fun to work with!

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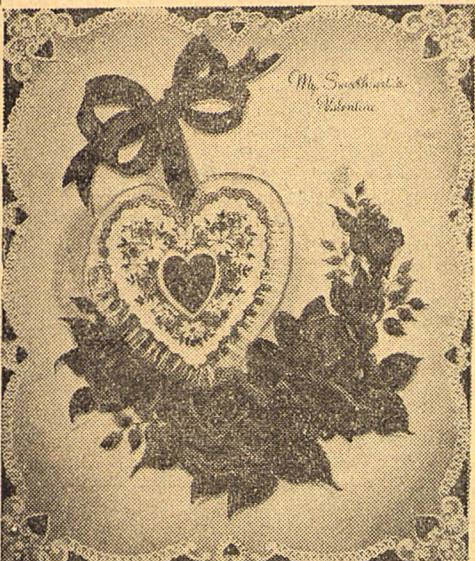
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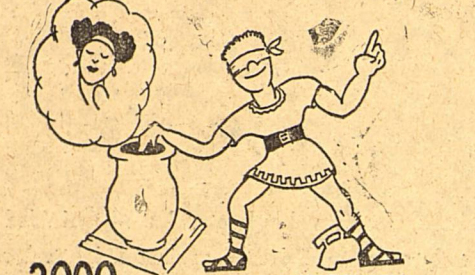
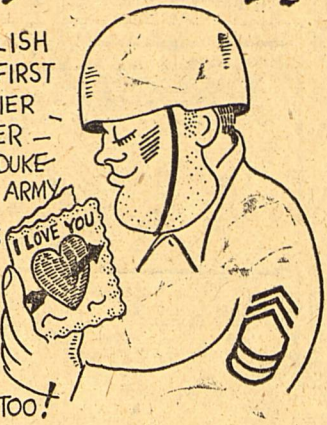


Valentines wear old-fashioned dress but speak in today's language of love. Above is typical of those going overseas. It promises undying love.

OVERSEAS VALENTINES

IN 1813 AN ENGLISH WIFE SENT THE FIRST OVERSEAS SOLDIER VALENTINE TO HER HUSBAND IN THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S ARMY.

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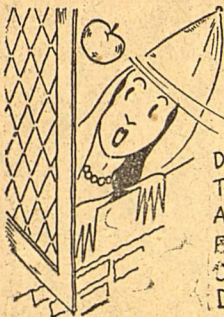
2000 YEARS AGO—ON THE IDES OF FEBRUARY ROMAN YOUTHS DREW THE NAMES OF THEIR GIRL-FRIENDS TO BE FROM AN URN IN A PUBLIC SQUARE. THUS, THE ROMAN "LOVE-LOTTERY"



IN 1797 YOUNG SWAINS WROTE VALENTINE VERSES FROM A BEST-SELLER FULL OF ASSORTED VALENTINE SENTIMENTS.



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BUT TODAY'S SWEETHEARTS WASTE NO TIME OR WORDS. 1945 VALENTINES ARE DIRECT MESSAGES OF LOVE, LIKE THIS

AND FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE FIRST PERSON YOU SAW ON VALENTINE MORNING WAS SLATED TO BE YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE FOREVER.

New Government Clothing Program Intended To Increase Production Of Lower Priced Suits And Dresses

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The intention of the government's new clothing program—it comes late in the game—is this: To get more low-priced items made, including children's and workmen's clothes.

All this doesn't mean a greater general supply of clothing. It means simply more lower-priced goods, less higher-priced goods.

The government finally has worked out this program because it had to. The supply of low-priced garments is very low.

This is what happened up until now:

Under OPA regulations a particular kind of clothing could not be sold for a price greater than that particular kind of clothing was sold for when the OPA regulations went into effect.

Greater Profit

Because manufacturers could make any kind of clothing, they made less of the lower-priced items—where the profit was smaller—and more of the higher-priced lines—where the profit was greater.

As time passed more and more of the low-priced items disappeared. If you wanted to buy clothing, you had to buy the higher-priced stuff. This boosted your living costs.

And this kind of manufacturing was legitimate under the government set-up. But there were a couple of other factors which boosted your living costs in buying clothes:

As the war continued, there was a certain amount of deterioration in the quality of the things you bought. Example:

You paid \$15 for a dress which looked just like the dress you bought for \$15 three years ago. But the quality in the new one was not as good. It wore out faster. So you didn't get your money's worth.

Boosted Living Costs

By adding a few extra trimmings, or putting on a special finish, manufacturers were able to charge more under OPA ceilings which made allowance for the fancy work. This, too, boosted your living costs.

Now this is what the new program is supposed to do:

Mills will save a large part of their civilian fabrics for the manufacturers who are willing to turn

out low-priced goods. And such manufacturers will get priority on the fabrics.

Which means: They'll get first call on the woolen, rayon and cotton goods set aside for civilian use.

This will choke back the higher-priced clothing and enable the lower-priced goods to be made and to reach the retail stores.

And—this is important—the government will try to see that the quality of the clothing is improved for the prices charged for it.

You'll have to wait to see how well this program works. The first stream of the lower-priced stuff is supposed to hit the stores about April and be rolling in by September.

Eisenhower Sponsors Scouts' Paper Drive

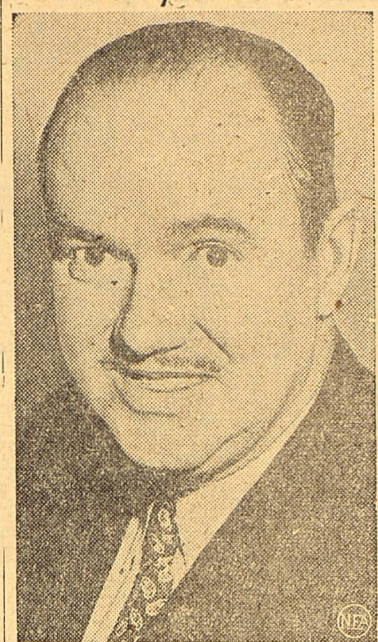
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Boy Scouts have been assigned the mission of collecting 300,000,000 pounds of waste paper in a March-April drive endorsed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The army's assistant chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell, told Scouts and Cubs in behalf of General Eisenhower that waste paper "it needed now as never before to be converted to containers to carry munitions, food and military supplies."

Each Scout or Cub who collect 1,000 pounds of paper will be awarded a medal bearing Eisenhower's likeness, and each troop or cub pack averaging 1,000 pounds a member will receive a shell case—a paper container returned from the European battlefield—carrying a citation signed by the Allied commander.

For nearly three centuries, the land which became Bolivia was part of the colonial empire of the Spaniards.

Money Maker?



Neil Callahan, above, is considered a likely bet as the next director of the U. S. Mint. He's vice chairman of the San Francisco County Central Committee.

Filipino Girl 'Skirts' U. S. Pilot

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—A new note of Allied welcome for Americans invading the Philippines was revealed in a dispatch from an American pilot, according to Lt. Milburn McCarty, Jr., Marine Corps public relations officer.

The pilot described how he was making a run down a road on Leyte Island, looking for Jap trucks. Instead, he saw a Philippine girl, walking along the road.

"She must have recognized the American plane right away," reported the pilot, "because she began jumping up and down like a gleeful little girl."

"Then she got so excited she ripped off her skirt and waved it at me as I buzzed past."

Medical Aide Saves Buddies By Digging

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—(AP)—One medical aide saved two buddies from almost certain death by digging them a foxhole in the middle of a battlefield while the fighting raged around them.

When his platoon was pinned down and suffered numerous casualties in an advance against three enemy machineguns on a 100-yard front, S/Sgt. Ellery M. Andrews of Litchfield, Minn., helped drag all the wounded he could reach back to an aid station.

Farther up were two men who couldn't be moved. Nazi machineguns were sweeping the area. Andrews hesitated a moment—then crawled up to try to help them.

Trusted Red Cross Emblem
He trusted his Red Cross emblem to protect him. They weren't enough. One machinegun bullet ripped the flesh of one leg. Andrews didn't even pause. He wriggled on to the side of the wounded men.

Realizing it was impossible to move them immediately, and that they were likely to be hit by guns or mortar fire if left exposed, he set to work digging a foxhole.

He blew a hole in the frozen earth with TNT and after two hours

Former Paris Sergeant Gets Life Imprisonment

PENDELTON—(AP)—Richard C. King, 36, of Paris, Texas, was sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday after pleading guilty to a charge of second degree murder in the slaying of Pete Doshen here Dec. 17.

King, formerly a Pendleton Field Sergeant, had previously pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to an original first degree murder charge. Psychiatrists testified King had the mentality of a nine-year-old child.

Doshen was slain at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Wallace and Mrs. Wallace was seriously injured.

Goobar Crops

North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama and Texas produce the most peanuts. Of these states, North Carolina has the greatest yield to the acre.

of rugged digging had a hole big enough to shelter the two men. He pulled them over to the refuge while bullets whined overhead.

They lay there until the enemy was forced back. Andrews had the usual reaction of a medic when complimented.

"Aw, it's all in a day's work," he said.

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By VERN HAUGLAND
AN AIRBASE IN THE MARIANAS—(AP)—There's a new name out here for the B-29s that go on reconnaissance over Japan. Snooper-forts.

Remove Shoes Please

A B-29 lieutenant-colonel has a sign on his tent-roofed beach house, "please remove shoes before entering." And brother, he's not kidding. "Even if you're a general, that sign means just what it says," the colonel emphasized.

"I've gone to a lot of trouble getting in a nice floor and having it covered with several coats of paint so it's easy to clean. I don't want anyone tracking in mud or sand."

"Besides, it's cooler in your stocking feet."

Neat

Perhaps the best landscape gardener in the Marianas is Pvt. William Truthman of Concord, N. C. He cleaned the brush out around his area, cultivated hibiscus bushes, made circular rock stands and planted water hyacinths in them, and even put in a lawn. He repaired a burned-out Japanese lawnmower so that he could keep the grass neatly clipped.

Indignant

And the dullest character around these parts is the lineman who, repairing wires at a B-29 airbase, connected the wrong two wires, touched off the air raid siren—and rushed to a foxhole.

The siren blew steadily for half an hour. A crew finally tracked the trouble down to the airstrip false connection.

As the siren quavered and quit, the lineman climbed out of his foxhole, approached the troubleshooters and demanded: "Hey, what are you guys doing up on my telephone pole?"

Help From The Grave

When in dire straits, the Chinese believe they may expect the souls of their ancestors to come to their rescue, but only if the remains have been properly buried and kept intact.

Ocean Is Busy

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Germany Is Moving POW Camps Westward

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Germany is moving westward all prisoners of war in East Prussia, Poland and that part of Pomerania east of the Oder. Acting Secretary of State Grew, announcing this jointly with the War Department, added that information on relocation of such camps

"is constantly being received."

The announcement said details of the camp movements will be made public as soon as they can be confirmed.

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The Reporter-Telegram

Freak Accidents Continue To Be MAAF Headache

A series of bizarre accidents at Midland Army Air Field serve as signal points for emphasizing one of the fundamental aims of the Ground Safety program. The neglect of minor injuries frequently has serious consequences. It has been the desire of the Ground Safety committee to emphasize the necessity of immediate attention to all injuries, however unimportant they may seem at the outset.

One Sunday afternoon an enlisted man was quietly enjoying a cup of tea at a peaceful and convivial tea party, when he accidentally cut his finger on a rough edge of the tea cup. He did no more than curse the tea cup. But only three days later he regretted neglecting the tiny cut, which had now assumed alarming proportions. It had become infected, causing hospitalization.

Cut On Razor Blade
Another conscientious GI, doing his chores as lavine orderly, scooped up a razor blade which nicked his finger. He continued his duties unperturbed by the slight cut. Two days later he was in the hospital hoping that the medical staff would not decide to amputate his index finger. It was another case of a minor injury neglected.

Remedial action in several cases has saved many man hours at MAAF and has prevented a recurrence of accidents. An order providing that two men lift steel cots if the cots are to be placed in a spot above waist level followed the injury to a man who attempted the job alone.

The switch on an electrical saw was moved when the saw was accidentally turned on, injuring the operator. His clothing caught on the switch, the saw roared into operation, and the operator lost a good portion of his finger. The switch was placed within easy reaching distance but in such a place that it could be turned on only by hand.

Accidents in the physical training area have decreased with the regular rolling, grading and policing of the grounds. The obstacle course has been repaired, and the whole PT area is maintained free of accident hazards at all times.

All graduates of the Motor Vehicle School at MAAF are given a course in ground safety, with special emphasis on motor transportation.

And so it goes: The Ground Safety committee seeks to prevent accidents through care; they seek to anticipate accidents and thus prevent them through the use of old fashioned horse sense. They seek to remedy the causes of accidents, and they stress the need of attention to all injuries of any degree.

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Where Meeting Took Place



A general view of the palace at Yalta, Crimea, Russia, where the "Big Three" conference took place. President Roosevelt's quarters and conference room is on the ground floor in the right wing. (Signal Corps photo from NEA Telephoto).

'OPA Boss' Of Chengtu Helps Yank Buyers

By JOHN GROVER
CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA
—(P)—He's the "OPA Administrator of Chengtu," the boss of the downtown ward of this 2,200-year-old west China metropolis. And he's a GI Joe who couldn't order chop suey without pointing to a menu in his native Chicago 18 months ago.

On his job, he's a combination international banker, etiquette authority, love-lorn editor and information supervisor. That's Pfc. C. J. (Chick) Breckinridge, who used to manage a small Chicago loan office.

"Breck" was assigned a desk in the Chengtu military police office nine months ago, a detail of the Army Special Service forces. He was supposed to help bewildered GIs find their way among the town's more than 500,000 equally puzzled Chinese.

The GI wanted steaks, souvenirs, silks and jewels for the girls back home. Breck admits he didn't know his elbow from a bale of hay in Chinese when he first came.

Change Made
It's all different now. Some of the Midwest's "sit up and git" that made Chicago the nation's "freight handler" has been transplanted to this town where pigs are still toted to market in wheelbarrows.

An index was made of Chengtu shops, including an approximately fair price schedule. Richshaw rates were posted to keep payday-happy GIs from blithely paying eight to ten times the normal tariff. Then the vexing problem of money exchange in war-inflated Chinese currency had to be licked.

Chinese merchants—and none are smarter—like the feel of GI-Yankee pocket lettuce and the exchange rates had the doughboys fiscal foolish. When they were handed a bale of crisp, new banknotes totaling \$4-

Sea-Sheik



Coast Guardsman Carl P. Martin, QM/2cl., of Benton, Ill., looked like a sea-going sheik recently as he went about his work aboard a destroyer escort in the Atlantic. He wore the novel head-covering pictured above while using a spray gun on a paint job aboard ship.

860 Chinese for one U. S. \$20 bill, it seems like financial manna.

Breck and helpful, ethical Chinese, learned that some exchange artists were giving Americans only \$240 Chinese for \$1 U. S. while that day's going rate was 260 to 1. At that rate, a money changer could net a profit of \$75 U. S. without much trouble every day.

Hard To Chisel
So Breck got the dope on the exchange rate daily and announced it to shop-bound soldiers. When GI Joe knows the score, he's hard to chisel.

Then, Chinese steaks didn't jibe with American memory of t-bones. So this "Chicago Mandarin" toured the approved restaurants and taught cooking. Now a half-dozen Chengtu restaurants feature "double thick steaks."

The infrequent merchant who jacks up prices beyond reason is checked. The word goes out from Breck's office that some one is sharpshooting, and GI business disappears. This crude OPA system works.

To the Yanks, Breck's the final authority on where, what and when. From Buck Private to Generals, they consult him on living, shopping and dining.

He's stuck, though, when asked "where could a guy get a date?" Chinese girls don't "date." But, otherwise, Breck has Chengtu in hand.

Railroad Workers Win Pay Adjustment Award

DALLAS —(P)—Time and a half pay for overtime was provided in an award filed in federal court here Tuesday, in a dispute between the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship clerks, freight handlers, express employees and Texarkana Union Station trust.

The award, made by an arbitration board under the Railway Labor Act, will be effective in ten days if not contested. Evidence in the case was heard here last week.

Provisions of the award are: Time and one-half pay for a minimum of two hours when employees are called to work before their regular eight-hour shifts begin, or when required to work after the regular shifts; for Sundays and holidays except to employees regularly assigned to work those days when they have another day in the week off; for work on days off.

The award provides for a six-day week with pay on a daily basis.

Souvenir Hunter Draws Sharp Line

IN BELGIAM —(P)—There are limits to souvenir collecting—and S/Sgt. Adolph Mascari, Brooklyn, knows them.

"Dolph" is one of the steadyest "souvenir hounds" in his infantry regiment. One night he was awakened in his snug foxhole by a third on its heavily timbered dirt roof. But he was drowsy and only mildly interested and soon was dreaming again of life back on flatbush Avenue.

When he climbed out of the foxhole the next morning the found an unexploded 88 shell embedded in the logs.

"No souvenir for me—that one!" said Mascari and moved off to find a new home.

Cab Driver Charged With Negligent Homicide

HOUSTON —(P)—P. R. Knowles, 24, Houston cab driver was charged with negligent homicide Tuesday after Mrs. Vester Gibson, 53, was killed when his cab, in which she was riding, collided with the Burlington-Rock Island Rocket.

Helpful

A scientist has figured that the meadowlarks of Sacramento valley, California, destroy 193 tons of insects daily when feeding their young.

Men Below Decks Know Battle Progress As Father Kenealy Talks

By RICHARD C. BERGHOLZ
ABOARD A U. S. BATTLESHIP SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—(P)—The former dean of the law school at Boston College has become something of a broadcaster aboard this battleship whose listening public relies on him for an accurate up-to-the-second account of the local war news.

His name is Lieutenant William J. Kenealy, chaplain aboard the California. During enemy action, his job is to tell the hundreds and hundreds of sweating, anxious boys below decks what's going on topside.

Tells What He Sees
But Father Kenealy plays the game to the hilt. He tells exactly what he sees, mixes in a little Irish humor, uses a little slang and fills in the time gaps by poking fun at various officers and men. But principally, Father Kenealy's main forte is psychology.

Down in the engine rooms, in the magazines, down where the repair parties have nothing to do but wait and wonder, they swear by Father Kenealy's broadcasts.

Takes Position
When the men go to battle stations, Father Kenealy takes his position up on the captain's bridge, picks up his microphone with the extension cord and starts wandering from one side of the bridge to the other, keeping one ear cocked for the incoming battle information being piped up to the bridge.

During the historic battle of Surigao Strait Oct. 25, when the men were at their battle stations for hours, Father Kenealy's soft voice spread through the ship over more than 20 loudspeakers, outlining the battle prospects, the lineups—with names and numbers—of the opposing "teams," the play-by-play account of the shelling, the hits, the maneuvering.

And during the inevitable lulls in the broadcast, Father Kenealy described the weather, the stars, the atmosphere on the bridge. It was his longest continuous performance.

Lucky That His Wife's Name Was On Police List
DALLAS —(P)—"What is her name," asked Jail Supervisor Carl Greer of a Dallas negro who came to corporation court to get his wife out of jail.

They had been married for six months, but—well, he just didn't remember the name.

He managed, however, to pick the right one when Greer read him the names of all the women in jail.

Lt. Earl W. Scofield Receives Air Medal

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMB-ER STATION, ENGLAND — For "meritorious achievement" while participating in bomber combat operations over Germany and enemy occupied Europe, a large group of officers and enlisted men from the Lone Star State have been awarded the Air Medal.

The men include First Lt. Denver C. Marsh, Breckenridge, Texas; and First Lt. Earl W. Scofield, Midland. The airmen are members of the 91st Bombardment Group, veteran heavy bomber unit of more than two years service in the European theater of operations.

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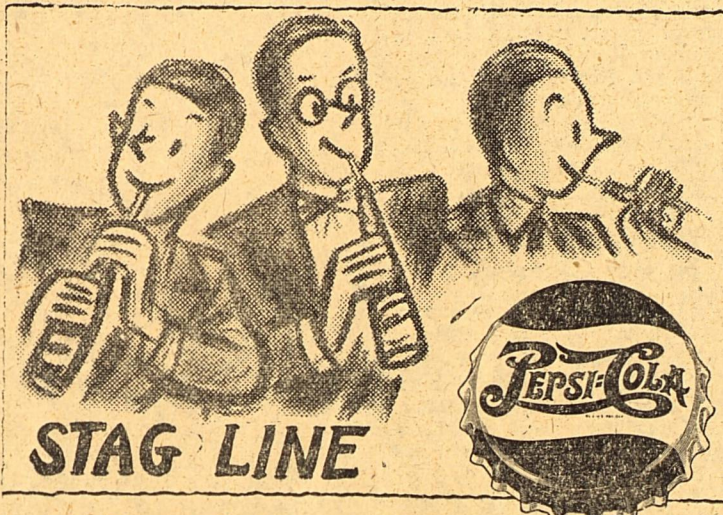
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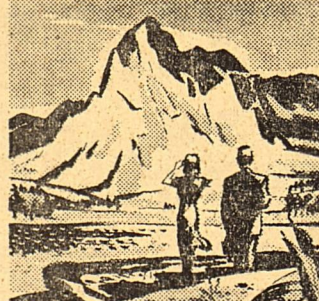
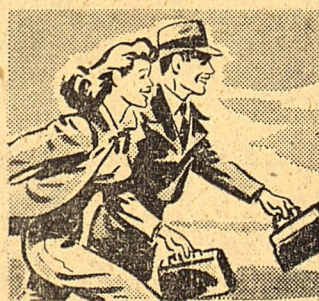
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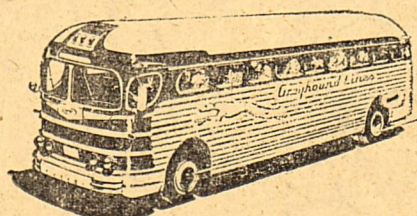
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A SONG TO REMEMBER

By Willard Wiener

THE STORY: In 1832 Poland is still under the Russian yoke, her peasants are chained to a vicious feudal system and any demonstration for freedom is immediately put down by the soldiers of the Czar. Frederic Chopin is 22, has gained distinction as a pianist in his home village of Zelazowa Wola and some celebrity as a composer, even in Warsaw. The night he is to play at Count Wodzinski's, Jozef Elsner invents a pretext that will take him away from home a few hours before the event.

SECRET MEETING

"WHAT'S this you're playing?" Jozef Elsner said, coming into the room where Frederic was at the piano. "What idiot wrote that?" "Thank you, Professor. I am the idiot."

"Tch, tch. Then I'll listen."

Frederic continued his *Mazurka* in *B-flat*.

"Not bad; not bad at all. Did I say, 'not bad'? Please, Elsner, where is your ear? Distinguished! That's what it is. Distinguished—Eh? Tch, tch—it's magnificent—magnificent!"

Frederic played until the final note. Then he came to the old man who took him to his arms, kissed him on each cheek.

"Have you seen him?"

"—Shss! Jozef Elsner closed the door."

"Have you seen him, Professor?" Jozef Elsner nodded.

"Will there be a meeting?"

"Yes."

"What about the Russian?"

Jozef Elsner spoke in a low voice. "Tonight. He's going to speak."

"But why tonight? Why must it be tonight? I wanted to hear him."

"Tch, tch. You will hear him; you'll be there."

"This concert tonight—how can I get out of it?"

Jozef Elsner rolled his tongue. "We'll arrive at the Count's a little late."

THEY trudged in the dark, Jozef Elsner holding Frederic's arm. A strong wind sweeping across the open country somewhat slowed their progress. They were in evening clothes. Frederic drew his cape tighter about him.

"Do you think they will wait? I don't think they will."

He quickened his pace. The old man found it difficult to keep up, he was breathing hard, though he did not complain.

"I am sorry, Professor; we will take it slower."

They turned off the road into a path lined on each side by birches. They paused. They heard only the wind. The path was too narrow for them to walk abreast. Frederic took the lead. They continued for about a quarter of a mile, then they stopped again. Off the path in a place that had once been a clearing but was now weeds and high grass there was a barn, long since abandoned.

They worked their way through the high grass to the farther side of the barn. The door was closed, though not locked. They went inside and from the hayloft they heard voices and they saw the light from a lantern, partially covered that hung from a post.

A face in shadow looked down on them from above.

Frederic said: "Poland free."

The face disappeared; the voices were silent.

JOZEF ELSNER, then Frederic, went up the ladder. A dozen persons, men and women in field clothes and jackets, were already in their places.

Konstancja Gladkowska took Frederic's hand and pressed it. Standing in the half-light of a shaded lantern that cast grotesque shadows on the rotting beams and weathered walls was a short, stocky man, a growth of beard on his face.

"Has he spoken yet?" Frederic asked.

"Just started."

"—Well, as I have said," the stocky man began. His words were said in a conversational manner and not in the way of one making a speech. "America has given us the pattern. It is a good pattern. They fought for the right to live as free men, for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Those are not mere words. They are things for which a man anywhere can fight with his heart and with all the strength that is in him."

There was a clapping of hands. "Quiet!" cried Jan. "None of that."

"—You are ready to fight," the Russian was saying. "We, too, are ready. We, too, have our meetings. We talk, we understand, then we act. That is the way to do it. Our weapons first will be printing presses, later guns—and the money to buy them both. We must have money—and more money—and always more money—"

"Let me tell you this: your meetings are important—this one and all the others that are being held throughout Poland. The Czar is very much troubled, and he has taken desperate measures to prevent what even he must know cannot be prevented. Unfortunately, one measure he has just taken can bring no one any happiness. He has sent you a new governor of Poland."

Boots scraped the floor. There were murmurs of "Ah."

"His record is a bloody one. The Czar has picked the most ruthless hangman he could find—"

Jozef Elsner pulled out his watch. He held it in the dim light close to his face. He took Frederic by the arm.

"—This hangman will hunt down meetings such as this—"

Frederic was on his feet. "Let him dare!"

Jozef Elsner tugged at him. "—Damn the hangman!" he cried, jerking himself free of Elsner's grasp. "Damn him, damn him!"

Jozef Elsner held the watch under Frederic's nose.

"—To hell with tyrants!" screamed Frederic. "To hell!"

(To Be Continued)

More Controversies Face Legislators

AUSTIN—(P)—Two controversies of recent vintage may echo in the Legislature.

Legislation affecting presidential electors and the location of the University of Texas medical branch, headline subjects in recent months, are in position to regain attention.

Amateur Magician's Sink Disappears

DENVER—(P)—William Hyer, Denver amateur magician whose kitchen sink disappeared prematurely as he prepared to use it in an act, has posted a lush reward for its return:

Four packages of cigarettes, six sticks of pre-war chewing gum and a book, "The Ancient Art of Making Things Disappear."

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

America's Card Authority

Shortly after I came to New York in 1934 I lost one of my closest friends and bridge lost one of its greatest players. I am referring to Louis Watson, who died on Valentine's Day 1935.

Louis had several distinctions that made him perhaps one of the most outstanding and best liked of bridge players. His writing on bridge was authoritative and simple. He stood for the best in sportsmanship at the table and could always be counted on to

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give the hand its best play.

Here is a typical Watson hand. The opening lead is trumped in dummy with the ace of spades. The next play must be the king of spades, the ace of diamonds cashed and small heart discarded. Now, a small club to the jack, a club returned and the two hearts are discarded on the ace and king of clubs.

Louis's theory was that if there is only one way to make a hand and you are in that contract, play it that way—to make the contract.

HOLD EVERYTHING

SALT LAKE CITY—(P)—Edward Brown aimed a wooden gun at a flight of pigeons and shouted "Bang, Bang."

To the astonishment of Edward and his companions at rural Butler, a pigeon fell dead.

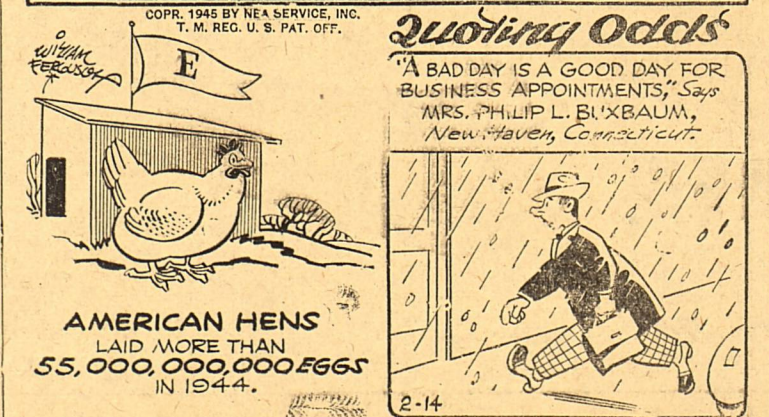
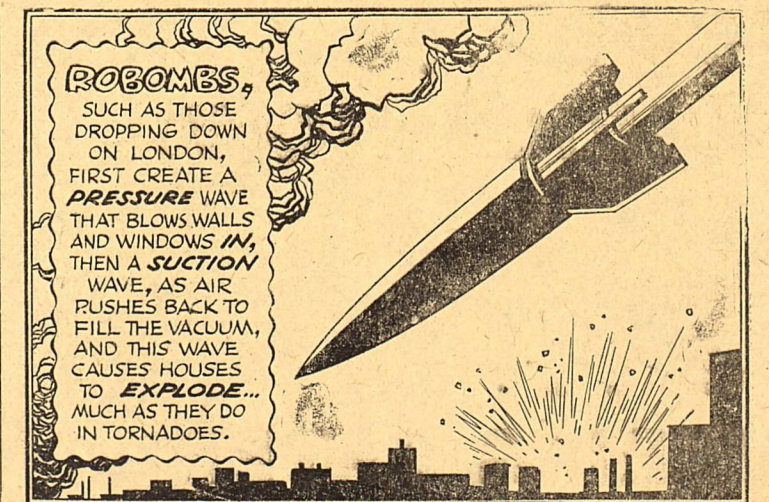
"It was the surprise of my life," commented Deanne Smart, who made the gun. "It's the first time one of my guns ever killed anything."

Elders were convinced the pigeon suffered a heart attack.

According to Indian legend, the Finger Lakes in New York are the imprint left by the hand of the Great Spirit.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



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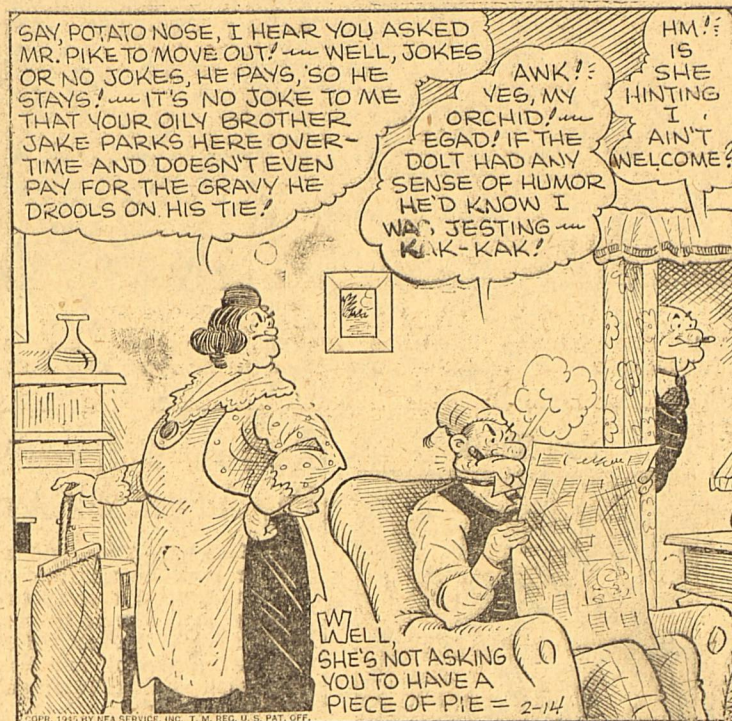
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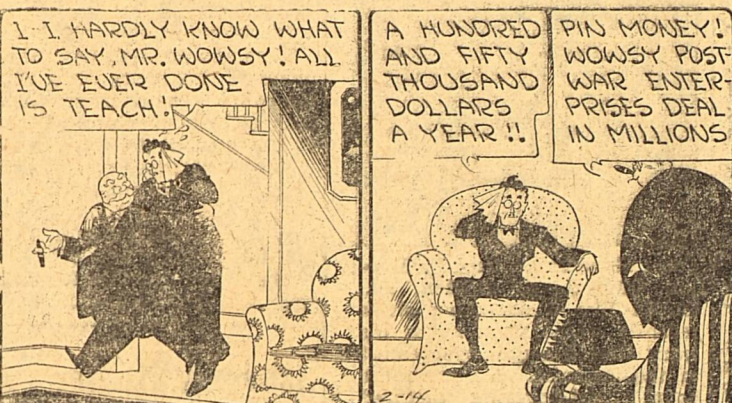
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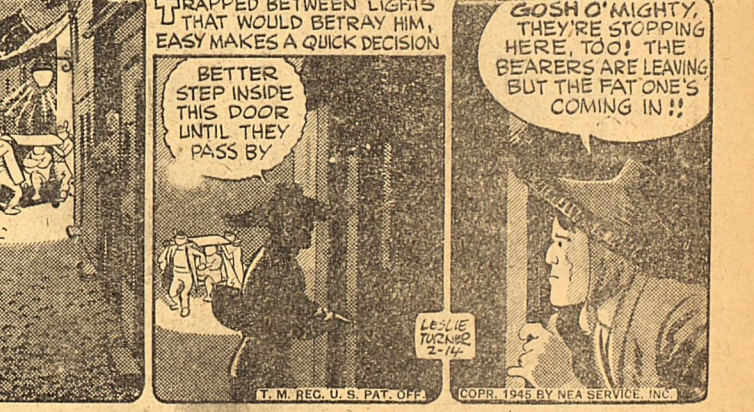
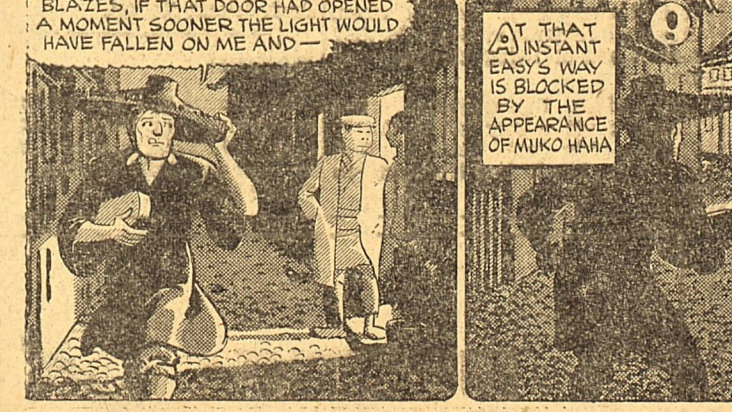
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—By MERRILL BLOSSER



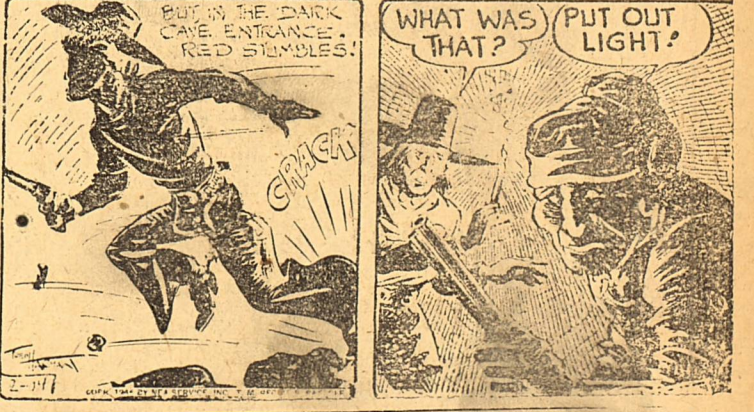
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ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN



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Servicemen Complain Concerning Insurance Government Provides

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(P)—Servicemen have complained in many letters to veterans organizations about what they consider serious defects in the insurance the government gives them.

They complain because the National Service Life Insurance, issued by the government in this war, does:

1. Not permit a beneficiary to be paid off in a lump sum. The payment is in monthly installments over a period of years.
2. Not protect a serviceman from total permanent disability suffered in service. If he's totally and permanently disabled he receives a pension but no insurance.

Organizations Are Active

The three big veterans organizations—the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans—are pushing bills now before Congress to fill those two demands.

And the veterans administration, which administers the insurance, has not recommended those changes.

The insurance given servicemen in World War I protected them against total permanent disability.

But that insurance, like the present kind, did not give beneficiaries lump sum payments. They got monthly installments, too.

But a year after the Armistice—on Dec. 24, 1919—Congress amended the act to permit outright payments.

So far the government has started paying off on more than 200,000 death claims in the present war. The money involved is over two billion dollars.

Both the Spaniards and the English claim discovery of the Palau islands.

Michigan Girls Aided In Escape Of POWs

RAY CITY, MICH.—(P)—Federal Judge Frank A. Picard imposed prison terms Tuesday on two girls convicted of conspiring to aid the escape of two German prisoners of war from a work detachment at Owosso.

Kitty Marie Case, 21, was sentenced to a year and three months; Shirley Jean Druce, 18, to a year and one day.

Testimony at the girls' trial disclosed a series of illicit dates with prisoners assigned to work in a cannery factory proceeded their act in aiding the Nazi prisoners to escape last July 20. They were recaptured the following day.

Roosevelt's Daughter Attended Conference

WASHINGTON—(P)—Anna Roosevelt Boettiger's presence at the Big Three meeting emphasized her role as one of President Roosevelt's chief confidants.

In a photograph taken aboard a U. S. warship at Malta en route to the Crimea, Mrs. Boettiger was shown chatting with the President.

MORE LAND NEEDED FOR BIG BEND PARK

AUSTIN—(P)—An additional appropriation of approximately \$75,000 would be necessary to acquire nineteen land sections which the federal government desires to add to the present Big Bend National Park, the state auditor's office estimated in its annual report on the state parks board.

The additional sections would give the park a total of 707,895 acres.

The state now has 36 parks with a total acreage of 92,510 acres.

Russia's population of 193 million consists of nearly 200 different nationalities and racial and language groups.

SIDE GLANCES



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With Title Secure Rice Goes All Out To Smash Records

By The Associated Press
The Rice Owls are due to break a couple of more Southwest Conference basketball records Wednesday night when they play Texas at Houston.

Already holding the championship, the Owls have nothing to do except concentrate on those records but apparently it won't take much concentration to smash them.

Record Due To Fall

The team scoring mark of 681 set by Arkansas is due to fall because the Owls need only 21 points to do it. Bill Henry, Owl center, needs only eight points to eclipse the all-time scoring record of 246 points set last year by him.

While the Owls are playing their next to last game of the season, Baylor and Texas A. and M. will be deciding the cellar status in a game at College Station. Should A. and M. win Baylor will be in last place to stay.

Friday and Saturday nights Arkansas and Southern Methodist hook up at Dallas with second place in the balance. Saturday night Rice ends the season against Baylor at Waco and Texas entertains A. and M. at Austin.

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Byron Nelson Captures New Orleans Golf Meet

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Byron Nelson—\$1,333.33 richer for his sensational win in the New Orleans Open—was on his way to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Wednesday where he hopes to continue his bid for new all-time tournament record in the \$5,000 Gulfport Open.

The Toledo, O., money-man golfer annexed his fourth tournament victory of the winter season in trimming Hard-Luck Harold (Jug) McSpaden, by five strokes in an 18-hole play-off Tuesday and needs only two more wins to tie the record set by Jimmy Demaret, of Houston, Texas, in 1940.

Great Exhibition
Nelson gave one of the greatest exhibitions in winning the play-off over McSpaden on a soggy course made heavy by hard rains. His card was 32-33-65 for the 18 holes and he played perfect tee-to-green golf on all but one hole. He had 8 birdsies, 7 pars and one bogey.

McSpaden's 1-under par 36-34-70 was never up to Nelson after the third hole.

Nelson's victory boosted his earnings for 1945 to \$7,266.65 in War Bonds (maturity value).

Fifteen Year Billiard Record Cracked Sunday

CHICAGO — (AP) — The run of 127 made Sunday by Willie Mosconi of Toledo, Ohio, to defeat Ralph Greenleaf of Detroit, 125 to minus two in the 26th block of their world pocket billiards title match, has been officially recognized as a new world record by the Billiard Association of America.

The former mark for 125-point blocks of a world title match was 126, set by Greenleaf in 1929.

V-E Day Plans Further Shelved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — V-E Day plans moved perceptible farther away Wednesday from the virtually free economy, with its civilian goods output, which was once officially predicted after German collapse.

War Production Board sources revealed that the major strait-jacket on manufacturing, the controlled materials plan, or "CMP," probably would remain in force even when the war narrows to a single front.

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Sports ★ ★ ★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK — (AP) — Latest suggestion for improving the college athletic setup comes from Dale Arbuckle, Oklahoma U. athletic director, calling for the colleges to establish a national eligibility committee. Arbuckle points out that the Big Six conference schools have been making a little money on wartime athletics because the competition was more even than usual. The committee, he thinks, would keep it even by establishing uniform eligibility rules for the nation's major conferences and by standardization of proselytizing and securing of jobs for athletes. . . . yeah, but who's going to get the "gotta get a team" boys and the "we're pure" crowd to agree on the standards?

Shorts And Stalls

Boxing's service athletic fund has turned to phone calls because it says a majority of camps are well equipped for boxing. But in the Persian Gulf command, the hottest G.I. boxing spot we know, the boys have been boxing for two years without ring shoes, protective devices or bag-punching gloves. The Army issued 16 ounce mittens but nothing else, not even trunks. . . . Graham Bramlett of Clarkdale, Miss., whose brother Leon starred at end for Navy last fall, was chosen as the outstanding player in the "big eight" high school conference at a mid-winter writers' meeting. . . . The Canadian Bowling Association will recognize the 16 consecutive strikes, made by Nina Sumner of Hamilton Ont., as a record of some sort.

Size Ain't Everything

The other day this corner commented on the 49 personal fouls called in a basketball game between east and west high schools of Pawtucket, R. I. . . . Now it develops that the same teams had met the previous night also and 52 personal fouls were called, four players went out via the five-foul rule and two more were tossed out for roughness. . . . a "Pawtucket Pug" explains: "don't think the players around here are ruffins. Seeing we are the smallest state in the union, we have to make up for our lack of size in fight."

China Accepts Invitation

CHUNGKING — (AP) — China has accepted an invitation to be one of the sponsors of the United Nations conference opening at San Francisco on April 25 and has agreed on voting procedure in the peace security organization. It is to set up, Information Minister Wang Shih-Chieh announced Wednesday.

Dan Finlayson Is Prisoner Of Germans

Official word has been received by Mrs. Dan W. Finlayson that her husband, Lt. Dan W. Finlayson, is now a prisoner of the Germans. Lt. Finlayson, a bombardier on a B-17 based in England, has been missing in action since Nov. 26, 1944. His wife is the former Evelyn Hudkins of Midland.

MacArthur --

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base, is undergoing one of the war's most concentrated aerial bombardments. MacArthur reported 150 tons of bombs in the latest announced daily raid. Fortifications were reported weaker now than when Americans abandoned the Rock in 1942.

The 11th Airborne Division seized both Cavite and Nichols Field. The airbase was taken after a five-day bombardment and flame-throwing attack finally broke intricate Japanese defenses, armed with everything up to naval guns and so cleverly devised that artillery shells at first skidded off breastworks.

Squeezed Into Small Area
The First Cavalry finished clearing up Neilson Field and slashed through Manila to Manila Bay while the 37th Infantry squeezed the suicide Japanese force into a three square mile area.

Japanese still hold most of the intramuros, including Manila's biggest docks and government buildings, and smoking Fort Santiago, one time MacArthur's headquarters and more recently a Japanese inquisition chamber.

Philippines-based airplanes destroyed six munitions-laden barges off Bataan, sank four freighters in the Southern Philippines and crippled five cargo vessels off the China and Indo-China coasts.

Chungking reported another failure in efforts to bring Chiang Kai-shek and Chinese Communists together.

East African troops in Central Burma captured Seilpou on the Irrawaddy River, 105 miles southwest of Mandalay.

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Fashion Cleaner Robbery Suspect Is Under Arrest

Nothing which was taken in a burglary of the Fashion Cleaners Sunday night has been recovered at Muskogee, Okla. Police Chief Jack Ellington was notified Wednesday morning by the Muskogee police department.

The Muskogee police did not give Ellington an exact estimate of the amount of clothing recovered, but said one youth was arrested in connection with the Midland burglary and another is expected to be arrested shortly.

The Muskogee police told local officers the youth under arrest said he and another youth committed the burglary as they were passing through Midland.

Legislative —

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declares that interest in excess of 10 per cent per year is usurious.

Women On Juries

Chairman Donald Markle of Galveston broke a six-to-six tie vote to grant a favorable report to another proposed amendment permitting women to serve on juries in Texas. Also approved was a proposed amendment placing members of the legislature on an annual salary basis of \$3,600. They now receive \$10 a day for regular sessions up to 120 days and \$5 a day thereafter.

Unfavorably reported by the House Motor Traffic Committee was a bill removing the 38,000-pound load limit for trucks. Rep. Jack Love of Fort Worth gave notice of a minority report, a method by which it may be possible to get the bill on the house calendar.

The House Insurance Committee reported favorably a series of bills equalizing premium taxes on Texas and out-of-state life and fire insurance companies. Sponsors said this legislation is intended to remove what eventually might be ruled as discrimination against out-of-state companies as a result of a recent holding by the Supreme Court of the United States that insurance is interstate commerce.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

The startling announcement by the government controlled Tokyo radio that Japan's policy is "not to reject any hand which offers peace" came to my desk in pre-dawn hours Wednesday while I was writing this article to report that I understand our forces in the Orient are worried for fear the Allies won't be as gently firm with Nippon as they are with Germany.

The Mikado's little men are scouting in for an easy peace, and that thought fits the thesis of my article. Apprehension.

Murlin Spencer, Associated Press War Correspondent who has been two years on the Pacific front, tells me there is widespread apprehension among the men that the end of the European war will find the American public weary of conflict and inclined to make a compromise peace with Japan. The Yanks who've been battling the barbarians in the heat of the stinking, disease ridden jungles don't want any temporary truce. They want to beat the Japs to a pulp.

I don't believe for a moment the home-front will weaken. We shall see the job through, though the length of time it will take is problematical. The Japanese are fighting a delaying action, just as the Germans have been. They're pursuing this strategy in hope that we will indeed get weary and compromise. For this reason the European war has been a godsend to them. They haven't given a tinker's damn whether Hitler won or lost, so long as he delayed transference of Allied war power to the Orient.

Much depends, of course, on Russia's attitude. If the Muscovites should join in the conflict against Japan, it would expedite the end. It's a safe bet that this thought is in Tokyo's mind in Wednesday's peace fever. They haven't overlooked, either, that Roosevelt and Churchill conferred over the Pacific war at Malta, enroute to the meeting with Stalin.

Churchill Expected To Give Big 3 Report

LONDON — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill is expected to give the House of Commons a full report next week on the "Big Three" conference at Yalta. His present whereabouts remained a closely guarded secret.

There has been some speculation that Churchill may visit Italy and Greece on his homeward trip.

Venezuela Announces Declaration Of War

CARACAS — (AP) — The Foreign Office announced Tuesday night Venezuela's intention of adhering to the United Nations pact and the newspaper El Nacional published the communique Wednesday under the headline "Venezuela will declare war."

The brief bulletin said the government was taking the necessary steps.

French Say FDR's Plane Landed In France

PARIS — (AP) — The newspaper France Libre published an unconfirmed report Wednesday that a plane carrying President Roosevelt from the Crimean conference had landed a few hours at the Marseilles airport outside Marseille in Southern France.

The French news agency and Allied news sources with correspondents at Marseille said they had no confirmation.

PITCHER DRAFTED

HOUSTON — (AP) — Harry Gumbert, 31-year-old pitcher who won 14 games for Cincinnati last year, has been called for an Army induction physical examination Thursday.

Midland Lions Have Odessans As Guests At Hotel Luncheon

Members of the Midland and Odessa Lions Clubs crowded the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel Wednesday in a joint meeting when the Odessa group was guest of the Midland organization.

District Governor Lee Johnson of Wink was present to induct new members into both of the clubs obtained during Melvin Jones month. Nine new members were inducted into each club.

Cited Example
Johnson praised the fellowship and friendship between the two groups in his address inducting the new members, and cited the following as an example of the value of Lionism:

"Lionism is international," the speaker pointed out. "There are Lions clubs in 15 different nations and all are in countries on the Allied side in the war."

The Lions are the fastest growing service organization in the world, Johnson said. Although Lions Clubs are not political or religious organizations, yet individual members take a keen interest in world affairs and religion, the speaker asserted.

Two Major Projects
The two major projects of Lions Clubs in District 2-T are the assimilation of returned service men into civilian life, and helping toward the proper care of returned wounded.

The Odessa Lions Club trio sang three numbers. Members of the trio are Frank Cochran, Fred Gage and Wesley May. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Margie McClelland of Odessa.

The trio sang "Dancing by the Light of the Moon," "Swinging On a Star" and a medley of negro spirituals.

The Rev. Hubert Hopper, president of the Midland club, conducted the joint meeting.

Skelly 2 —

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around 10,500 feet for pay in the Ellenburger.

It is furthestest northwest test drilled so far in the area and is about one-third of a mile north of the nearest well from the lower Ordovician.

Lubbock Prospect Coring
Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 2 Naim, Central Lubbock County exploration, in section 25, block A, about four miles northeast of Lubbock, was coring under 4,983 feet, in the middle Permian.

A core at 4,967-76 feet recovered nine feet of dense, gray dolomite with no shows of petroleum.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-D
Settles, South Howard County wildcat to the lower Ordovician, in section 133, block 29, W&NW survey, had progressed below 9,312 feet, and was drilling ahead in lime and shale.

Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1
Ellwood, section 26, block A, Thompson survey, one mile west and one-quarter mile north of nearest production from the Glorietta-Permian in the Smyer field in East-Central, Hockley County, had drilled hole below 5,749 feet, in time. Operator expects to cement casing at about 5,800 feet, and drill ahead from that level into the expected pay with cable tools.

Caught The Fish
Texas Pacific No. 2-1 Midland Farms, section 45, block 40, G&M&B&A survey, T-2-N, about three-quarters of a mile west of the Malbee field, in Southeast Andrews County, recovered a fish and was preparing to resume drilling from a total depth of 4,901 feet, in dry lime.

Rowan Drilling Company No. 1
TXL, West Ector County wildcat in section 29, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, three miles south and slightly east of the discovery well for Devonian production in the TXL area, had reached 7,755 feet, and was drilling ahead in lime.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1
Federal-Keinath, section 8, 21s-38e, East Lea County, New Mexico exploration, now testing the Clear Fork-Permian, swabbed 100 per cent muddy water during 16 hours. No report was available what took place during the other eight hours of the last 24-hour period.

The project was testing zones at 7,300-25 feet, and at 7,480-7,530 feet, after treating with acid. Some oil had previously been reported.

Coring More Shows
Humble and Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1 Fee, South Gaines County development in section 10, block A-24, psi survey, one mile east and one-quarter of a mile north of discovery for Clear Fork production in the Eubank district, recovered eight feet of hard lime with slight oil stain in a core at 7,173-84 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1
Johnson, section 28, block C, D&W survey, in East-Central Lubbock County, recovered six feet of granite wash in a core at 10,164-171 feet, and was cutting another core below that section.

Magnolia No. 1 Martin, possible discovery in section 13, block A-47, psi survey, in West-Central Andrews County, was coring below 8,779 feet, in lime.

Looking Ahead
After having interesting oil shows on a drillstem test at 8,728-48 feet, in an unidentified lime section, operator drilled from 8,748 feet to 8,776 feet, and then started current coring operation.

Union Oil Company of California
No. 9 Biles, section 12, block A-31, psi survey, on west side of the Union pool, in Northwest Andrews County, recovered 3,000 feet of drilling mud and salt water on a drillstem test at 7,105-7,240 feet, in the Clear Fork section. The fluid was gas-cut, but had no oil. Operator is plugging to abandon. It had drilled to total depth of 8,803 feet, and had failed to find any shows to that level.

New Zealand consists of two large islands and many smaller ones.

Congress To Vote On America's Part In Peace Conference

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress found itself in a position Wednesday to exercise an early and possibly decisive voice about American participation in a projected world security organization.

Four legislators were designated by President Roosevelt as members of a delegation of delegates to attend the San Francisco United Nations Conference opening April 25.

These four apparently have it in their combined power to veto at the outset and arrangements they believe might stall Senate approval of a forthcoming treaty setting up a world league to keep down future aggression.

Communally On Committee

There is every reason to believe that President Roosevelt had this thought in mind when he chose them as members of a group headed by Secretary of State Stettinius. They are Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) and Senator Vandenberg (D-Mich.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Chairman Bloom (D-NY) and Rep. Eaton (R-NJ) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

All four worked closely in the past with former Secretary State Hull on preliminary plans for international peace cooperation.

Hull, named by the President in a White House announcement Wednesday as a member and senior adviser to the American delegation, generally is expected to become the presiding officer of the higher level United Nations Conference.

For the other two members, Roosevelt picked Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Republican governor of Minnesota, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College.

Roosevelt —

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many others arrived at, remains temporarily secret, but it cleared the way for the April 25 United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

That date, Byrnes indicated, may reflect important estimates of future military developments by the big three.

He expressed conviction that it had nothing to do with Russia's plans for possibly entering the war against Japan. He described it as probably the earliest date at which the leaders thought the conference could be called in view of the military situation.

If there is any hope that the major battles for Germany may be finished by that time, however, Byrnes did not indicate it. In fact, he said that the military plans made in the Crimea call "for a war involving more men than ever before in this conflict."

The military chiefs, he added, "do not minimize the possibility of civilian collapse in Germany" but they are counting only on fighting to the bitter end "with greater cooperation than has ever before existed."

Greatest Importance
Byrnes emphasized over and over again that the declaration on liberated areas, in which the United States is committed to share with Britain and Russia in European political settlements, is of the "greatest importance."

It means an end, he said, to the danger of political rivalries between the other two powers which would lead to development of spheres of influence.

And in his opinion it minimizes, if it does not remove, the threat of violence in Europe's small nation where chaos follows in the wake of war.

This in turn should facilitate both the establishment of a United Nations security organization and the writing of the peace at another great international conference to follow sometime after the end of hostilities. Byrnes indicated the Big Three had agreed there should be a general peace conference.

Weber's Life Term Cut To Five Years

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The court-martial sentence of the 27-year-old private who refused to drill at a California Army camp has been reduced progressively from death to five years imprisonment, Senators learned Wednesday.

The modification was officially declared to have been made "to equalize the sentence in accord with War Department policy."

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) of the Senate Military Committee was informed of developments in a letter from Major Gen. Myron C. Cramer, judge advocate general.

The original death sentence, handed down against Pvt. Henry Weber at Camp Roberts, Calif., Feb. 3, previously had been revoked by the trial court itself and the soldier sentenced to life at hard labor.

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Hospital Patients Become 'Cowboys'

Some patients at the Pyote Army Air Field hospital are learning to become "cowboys" as a result of a new activity carried out in the convalescent training program.

Convalescent patients, whether they come from Brooklyn or Cheyenne, have an opportunity to "ride the Texas range" at the Pyote Army Air Field.

Horseback riding has been added to the program through the interest of Lt. Col. Charles TenHouten, station surgeon, who has loaned a number of horses for use of the patients.

The new activity is helping patients, who have almost recovered, get back into the active routine of normal life. It is proving most popular both for the riders and the patient spectators who turn out to cheer the "hospital cowboys." A corral has been built by the patients and they take an added interest in the care and feeding of the animals.

Chief horseman is Pvt. Jack Fitch, a photographer from Brooklyn, who has gone "native" since arriving on Texas soil. He encourages the more timid patients to mount the "critters" and keeps a watchful eye peeled to see that nobody—including the horses—get hurt.

Negro Suffers Burns In Fire Wednesday

Willie Hubbard, negro employee of the Fashion Cleaners, suffered burns on his arms Wednesday morning when a tumbler ignited.

He received emergency treatment at the hospital. Attendants said the burns were not serious.

Damage from the blaze was slight. Fire Chief Luther Tidwell reported. Clothing in the tumbler was burned. Fashion Cleaners workers said the clothing was covered with insurance.

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press
MEATS, FATS, ETC. — Book Four red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31. Stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2.

PROCESSED FOODS — Book Four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31. Stamps C2 through G2 good through June 2.

SUGAR — Book Four stamp 34 good for five pounds through Feb. 28. Stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.

SHOES — Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any.

GASOLINE — 14-A coupons good for four gallons through March 21. B-5, C-5, B-6 and C-6 coupons good for five gallons.

USED FATS — Two meat points given for one pound of waste fat.

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