

Third Within 132 Miles Of Berlin

Russia Denounces Japan

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—Soviet Russia today denounced its neutrality pact with Japan, accusing Tokyo of helping Germany to war against Russia.

The Moscow radio announced that Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov had informed the Japanese ambassador that continuance of the pact was impossible since Japan was fighting against Russia's Allies, the United States and Great Britain.

"In such a situation the pact of neutrality between Japan and the U.S.S.R. has lost its meaning," Molotov said.

The note was handed the Japanese ambassador at 3 p. m., today in the midst of a new Japanese cabinet crisis.

The pact was signed in April, 1941, and whether Russia would denounce it before the opening of the world security conference at San Francisco April 25 had been a subject of speculation.

The Soviet note emphasized at the outset that "the pact of neutrality between the Soviet Union and Japan was concluded on April 13, 1941—that is before the attack by Germany on the U.S.S.R., and be-

fore the outbreak of war between Japan on the one hand and Great Britain and the United States on the other.

"Situation Said Radically Changed"

"Since that time the situation has radically changed," the note said. "Germany attacked the U.S.S.R. and Japan—Germany's ally—helps the latter in her war effort against the U.S.S.R."

The treaty ordinarily would have run until April, 1946.

The denouncement becomes effective April 13, just 12 days before the opening of the San Francisco conference.

The Moscow announcement said Japan's Ambassador Naotake Sato had "promised to bring the declaration of the Soviet government to the attention of the Japanese government."

There was no indication in the Moscow announcement of Russia's intentions in future relations with Japan. However, Premier Marshal Stalin has publicly described Japan as "an aggressive nation."

Reds Fight In "Greater Vienna"

As Reinforcements Pour Into City

More Troops Of Soviets Pouring Across Danube

By Richard Kasichke
LONDON, April 5 (AP)—The Russians have fought into "greater Vienna," the Germans reported today, and Moscow dispatches said Russian forces were pouring over the Danube between captured Bratislava and the Austrian capital to join the assault.

The Russians were battling to encircle the capital of Austria, which Hitler incorporated into Germany in 1938. While some forces fought to draw lines to the northeast of the capital, others battled to cross the maze of rivers and railways and attack from the southwest.

Great tank battles were being fought in the suburbs of the city of 1,900,000, Moscow said. The famous Deer Park had been converted by the Germans into an artillery position from which heavy batteries fell upon Russian ranks.

Zweilaxing, 1-2 miles from the city limits, was captured yesterday, Moscow announced.

Tank fights were taking place in suburban Laas, Erlau, Rodaun and Inzerdorf, four miles from the center of Vienna.

A heavy struggle was in full swing in another suburb, Perchtoldsdorf, south of the Liesing, a junction vital to the defense of South Vienna.

East of Vienna, a German broadcast said, the Russians captured Bruck, chief communications hub in the 18-mile wide Bratislava Gap, 20 miles from the Austrian capital.

The pressure on Vienna from the east was intensified by the fall of Bratislava, capital of puppet Slovakia on the north bank of the Danube 30 miles east of the Austrian city.

The Moravia, which joins the Danube between Bratislava and Vienna, forms the boundary between northeastern Austria and Slovakia, and between Slovakia and the German protectorate of Moravia—Bohemia—the rump part of Czechoslovakia.

North of Bratislava, Marshal Ivan Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian army, also swung into action yesterday, capturing 60 places in conjunction with Czechoslovak units in northwestern Slovakia, the last corner of the puppet state still under German control.

Safety Council Meet Postponed By Haynie

Meeting of the Big-Spring Safety Council has been postponed from April 9 to April 23, Burl Haynie, president, said Thursday.

The council currently is stressing the need of furnishing safety material to the Howard County Free Library.

More than 1,200 Allied planes Rock German Ordnance Centers

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—More than 1,200 Fortress and Liberator bombers attacked two large German ordnance depots, rail targets and airfields in the Munich and Nuernberg areas of southern Germany today.

The two ordnance depots were at Ingolstadt, 40 miles northeast of Munich, and Grafenwohr, 40 miles northeast of Nuernberg.

Rail targets at Nuernberg, at Bayreuth, 40 miles northeast of Nuernberg and Plauen, near the Czechoslovak border, also were attacked and an airfield at Unter-schlaundersbach, just southwest of Nuernberg, was hit.

The heavy bombers were accompanied by 600 Mustangs and Thunderbolts.

The attacks followed the biggest night raids in over a month by

Okinawa Advance Made; Japan's Cabinet Quits

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

The Japanese cabinet quit in a body today as American forces overran a sixth of Okinawa Island on Nippon's doorstep, invaded the 36th Philippine Island, and destroyed or damaged 56 Japanese vessels and 61 planes.

Newest American amphibious operation was on Masabate in the central Philippines. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced elements of the 40th division landed Tuesday, seized the provincial capital with the aid of guerrillas and "are rapidly securing the entire island."

MacArthur also reported in great detail that seizure of Tawitawi, one of the three other Philippine islands invaded this week, completed a 1,000 mile chain of Philippine air bases which, with other Allied airdromes and submarines, established a strong blockade on all Japanese South Pacific possessions.

As evidence of his blockade, heavy bombers made their first concerted strike against Hong Kong, setting off numerous explosions and fires in the harbor area. Other aircraft ranged from Formosa, down the China coast, across invasion-threatened Borneo to the Dutch Indies, destroyed or damaged 28 small Nipponese ships.

Another 28 vessels were knocked out by American carrier planes raiding the Amami Islands at the northern end of the Ryukyu chain, linking Japan and Formosa. These also knocked out 56 enemy planes which have been trying unsuccessfully to bomb the expanding American grasp on Okinawa, in the center of the Ryukyus.

The Marine Third amphibious corps was advancing northward so rapidly it halted after gains of three to five miles yesterday only for supplies to catch up with them. But the 24th army corps, heading south toward apparently heavy Japanese concentrations, was halted by increasingly heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire.

The 7th division on the east coast was checked after a 500 yard advance. On the west side, the 77th also encountered increasing artillery fire but advanced four times as far to within four miles of Naha, major city and objective on the island.

Fresh successes were reported from China, Burma and on three of the larger Philippine Islands—Pangasinan, Cebu and Luzon where General MacArthur said "many towns" were freed, in one case revealing the mass slaughter of civilians.

Three Japanese aircraft factories were hit for the first time in yesterday's B-29 raid on the Tokyo area. One Superfort was lost.

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ter (establishing independence from the west and conversion to war work) by rationalizers and inventors, whose numbers are continually increasing.

"The machine building (in this case primarily shipbuilding) plants in the city of Komsomolsk have increased output by 50 to 100 per cent. Mining of coal on Sakhalin increases month by month, as it does at Raichikha and in other districts. The Okha oil fields of Sakhalin have increased their production.

"Unlimited Possibilities"
"Our territory possesses virtually unlimited possibilities for the establishment of its own food supply."

The North Pacific has been a primary supply line to the Soviet Union, the Lend-Lease Administration revealed in 1943. At that time nearly one-third of all American shipments to the USSR were being sent in Soviet vessels from our West Coast to ports in the Soviet Far East.

Much of this equipment, presumably, was consigned to Soviet Far East military stores.

Regular winter freight transportation has been established between Vladivostok and ports on both

Koiso And Aides Out Due To Yanks Recent Advances

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—The Japanese government of General Kuniaki Koiso fell today in the midst of the empire's grave military crisis and Emperor Hirohito called on Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, 77-year-old president of the Privy Council, to form a new cabinet, Tokyo broadcasts announced.

Koiso and all his ministers stepped down, a communique said, "because of the gravity of the situation," a reference to the mounting series of disasters during their eight months in office which have reached a climax in the American invasion of Okinawa, on the doorstep of the homeland.

The communique, broadcast by Domei agency, said "a far more powerful administration will be formed" and the choice fell on the aged Suzuki after the emperor had consulted the elder statesmen of the empire.

Suzuki had been in semi-retirement for eight years prior to his appointment as president of the Privy Council last August 10.

(The pre-war years Admiral Suzuki was considered one of Japan's moderate statesmen and an opponent of the extreme army clique's aggressive adventures. He was seriously wounded in the Tokyo army revolt of Feb. 26, 1936, when he held the post of Lord Chamberlain.

(The young officers who led that revolt held Suzuki was counselling moderation on the emperor. Several invaded his home and he received several sword cuts, so severe that for a time his life was despaired of.

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A YANK DIES ON A RHINE RIVER BRIDGE—Killed by a German sniper hidden on the east bank of the river, an American soldier lies on the walk of the wrecked Ernest Ludwig Bridge at Worms, Germany. In background are Pvt. Bill Zimmerman, of Hagerstown, Md., and Pfc. Norman Booher, of Trinidad, Colo. This photo was taken by James Pringle, Associated Press photographer with the wartime still picture pool. (AP Wirephoto.)

Vandenberg Peace Move Is Acclaimed

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg's proposal that a projected new peace-keeping league have power to review wartime boundary and similar decisions appeared headed today for official American approval.

The Michigan republican and other members of this country's delegation to San Francisco begin daily sessions Monday in search of a policy agreement on controversial questions likely to come before the United Nations conference April 25.

Along with amendments proposed by other nations to the Dumbarton Oaks formula for world security, the dega-

be authorized to investigate any dispute which may lead to international friction and, where it finds injustices, to recommend adjustments. These could include revision of treaties and prior decisions.

Discussion of this proposal has developed an apparent administration willingness to accept at least a modified version of the Vandenberg plan. In fact, Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee, reportedly is prepared to back the principle within the delegation.

Delegation members probably will attempt to reach an American position on the small nations complaints, as set forth in a memorandum from the Netherlands government.

Vandenberg told a reporter he felt the delegation was "morally bound" by the president to back the Soviet request, if it is made, although the senator publicly has condemned multiple voting for any country.

Delegates generally believed the demand raised by Russia for a conference seat for the Lublin-Warsaw Polish government may have been killed by British and American rejection.

There were indications, meanwhile, that this government might take some action soon in an effort to break the virtual deadlock in the Moscow Polish commission.

While the South American republic, by signing the act of Chapultepec in Mexico yesterday took another in a series of steps designed to qualify it for early United Nations membership, the possibility of an invitation to San Francisco appeared to be dimming.

As a co-sponsor, Russia would have to approve the bid, and relations between the two nations are cool.

Allies Move Up Toward Hannover

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 5 (AP)—The Third army advanced to within 132 miles of Berlin today in the Schlotheim area while other Allies closed up to the Weser river on a wide front 23 miles from Hannover. The Germans were retreating pell-mell toward the Elbe, which flows within 50 miles of the capital.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Sixth armored division captured the ancient Thuringian town of Muelhausen (36,000) and then moved eight miles northeast to the Schlotheim area, closest approach to Berlin.

The Germans appeared to be evacuating Hannover. At Schlotheim, the Third army was 72 miles from Leipzig and 170 miles from Russian siege lines and within 17 of the great German supply center of Nordhausen, frequently bombed in recent days.

The Weser was reached on a 48-mile front from 15 miles north of Minden to the Pled Piper town of Hameln by four divisions of the American Ninth and British Second armies.

First army troops opened fresh attacks to destroy up to 150,000 trapped Germans in the Ruhr, advancing four miles northwest from the eastern end of the encirclement.

Ninth army divisions northeast of the Ruhr advanced as much as 28 miles and captured Herford (36,000), Detmold (16,000), Bad Oeynhausen (8,000) and Neheim (11,000) and cleared completely the difficult Teutoburger passes near bypassed Bielefeld. Eleven hospitals were taken; one contained a general and the military administrator of Muenster, being treated for "mental fatigue."

Allied planes struck through rain at road-jamming columns of Nazis, in flight east to the Elbe, the last river before Berlin.

Hannover itself, a Prussian rail and industrial center, was immediately threatened. The Germans, still too badly staggered to form an effective line along the 240-foot-wide Weser, were filling secondary roads particularly in their run for the Elber, which flows into the North Sea above Hamburg on the west side of the Danish peninsula.

Pilots said the traffic was heavy all the way from the Weser to well beyond Hannover and that the columns were streaming east.

Armored spearheads of the American Third army, well out on the Napoleonic battlefields of the Thuringian plains, beat down the last 55 miles toward the Saxony rail center of Plauen, near Czechoslovakia, in a drive to bisect Germany and join the Russians. Leipzig was less than 70 miles ahead; the battlefields of Jena were almost in sight.

At Hamelin, the Ninth army was within 158 miles of Berlin and 58 of the aircraft center of Brunswick. The Third army was less than 140 from Berlin.

The British fought into the western outskirts of Minden, 90 miles southwest of Hamburg and 47 south of the naval base of Bremen. They had made another breakthrough and swept 25 miles past Osnabrueck in a single day to reach the Weser, the next to last river before Berlin. Only the Elbe lies between the Weser and Berlin.

A dispatch from British Second army headquarters last night said the British 11th armored division had crossed the Weser river northeast of Osnabrueck and plunged on beyond against light opposition. The same correspondent, however, wireless today that the 11th armored division "which crossed the Weser-Ems canal yesterday after capturing three bridges intact, now was seven miles northwest of Minden." The Weser curves to the northeast at Minden. There was no confirmation at supreme headquarters of the reported Weser river crossing.

Motorists were warned Thursday that it is a violation of the law to display old license plates on motor vehicles.

State Highway Patrolman Burl Haynie said that there were a large number of people who still had their 1944 plates on the front of automobiles since only one plate was issued this year.

On passenger cars the 1945 license plate is to be on the rear of the car and no plate is to be displayed on the front. This rule holds good for most vehicles, including pick-ups, bob-tailed trucks, and commercials with the exception of truck or tractor semi-trailer jobs. On these, the license plate should be displayed on the front of the tractor, said Haynie.

WATER FROM LAKES
Water for Big Spring has been taken from the lakes all this week, it was announced Thursday, with a daily consumption of about 2,000,000 gallons a day. It was expected that consumption would remain at that mark, possibly increasing to the 2,500,000 gallon mark next summer.

Russians Have Strong Back Door Facing Japan

By RICHARD TOMPKINS
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Behind the curtain of the Soviet Far East a powerful arm of the Russian Bear is ready for whatever it may be called upon to do.

This Soviet backdoor area has grown stronger by the necessity of supplying western Russia with the implements of war. Now it is a self-sufficient fortress in its own right.

What military installations exist on this doorstep of Japan naturally are not being revealed by Moscow. But fragmentary news and authoritative reports indicate a mighty fortress, with an army estimated at 1,000,000 men marking time, and with an arsenal and the all essential breadbasket to keep it going.

Pravda gives us a glimpse behind the curtain: "The conversion of industry to war work has required an ability to utilize one's own resources. For example, when the Molotov plant was assigned the manufacture of a product entirely new to it . . . necessary special equipment was found in various small plants. . . . In 25 days the plant was prepared for serial mass production."

"An enormous role is being played in this mat-

coasts of the Kamchatka Peninsula formerly isolated from September to May.

Portly capacity at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula has increased. A floating dock of 5,000 ton capacity has been installed, and Vladivostok and Sovetskaya Gavan have docks of similar design, and capacity.

The military importance of all three is obvious. The Kamchatka Peninsula, particularly, has been singled out as of great importance in hints that war materials were going there from the U.S.

This territory long has been eyed by the Japanese Navy, as a threat both to the Aleutian Islands and Alaska, as well as to the sea and air routes of communications between the U.S. and Russia.

The efferency of Japan is illustrated by the reports in 1942 that she was seeking to negotiate with Russia for the northern half of Sakhalin Island, Kamchatka Peninsula and the Maritime provinces, embracing Vladivostok—all to be held by Japan for "safekeeping" until the war's end.

Although fishing is the main industry of Kamchatka, there are an increased number of oil wells on the coast north of Petropavlovsk, and coal is mined on both coasts. Petropavlovsk, with a popu-

lation of 20,000 in 1937, has been developed into a powerful base, according to reports.

The Japanese have warned the Russians against placing Siberian bases at the disposal of the U.S.

Network Of Airlines Ready

It was announced only recently that Russia had set up a vast Far Eastern network of airlines, operating from permanent, all-weather airfields between Sakhalin Island, the Kamchatka Peninsula and Kolyma, northeasternmost corner of Russia. The fields could be converted almost immediately for military operations.

On the Siberian mainland, the Sikhota-Alin range which follows the coast of the Sea of Japan contains coal, iron, graphite, manganese, gold, tin, lead, zinc and silver. Armaments and munitions are made largely from these raw materials.

Chita Oblast, west of Khabarovsk Territory, is the largest tin producing region in the country. It also mines molybdenum, tungsten, arsenic, fluorspar, iron ore and coal.

Komsomolsk is the major industrial city of the Soviet Far East and takes its name from the youth organization which built it. It is the site of one of the largest steel mills in the Soviet Far East.

American League Has Its Russian

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeatures Sports Writer
FREDERICK, Md. — The Chicago Cubs of the National League or the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League, or whatever club lays claim to Lou Novikoff's contract, can have the Mad Russian. The American League has its own Mad Russian.

He is Charlie Metro (Moreskovich) of Nanty-Glo, Pa., and Mayfield, Ky.

When you speak of the St. Louis Browns having won the 1944 American League pennant, give a little credit to Metro.

Break for the Browns
Without Shortstop Vernon Stephens there's no telling where the Browns would have finished. Stephens is 4F because of Metro.

Metro and Stephens were roommates when they played for Mayfield in the Kitty League in 1939. They got \$75 a month and loved it. One day after a game at Hopkinsville, Ky., Metro and Stephens were in a playful mood. They agreed to an impromptu wrestling match.

Metro got a leg hold and when he set go Stephens' leg swelled up like a balloon. Stephens was rushed to the hospital. He was forced to wear a special brace. Metro had torn just about every cartilage in the knee.

That's why Vernon Stephens is 4F.

But today everything with Metro is on the serious side as he continues to make rapid strides to win over the left field post with the Philadelphia Athletics.

"This is the chance I've been waiting for," says Metro. "I'm going to make good because I feel like Al Simmons always



CHARLIE METRO
Might Make Detroit Sorry

felt: 'That I'm one of the best outfielders in baseball.' I've talked that angle into my head so that nothing can change my mind."

That's exactly the way Charlie spoke a few hours before the opening exhibition game against the Curtis Pay Coast Guard. He promptly drove out a long hit to start a perfect five-for-five afternoon. He belted a triple, two doubles and two singles in accounting for six runs.

He is the A's left fielder after that exhibition of power hitting. Bobby Estalella, who hit .298 last year, will be in center with eight-toed Hal Peck in right. Peck is the pull hitter who slugged so well for Milwaukee last season.

Built Like Keller
Metro is a determined, dark-haired, good-looking athlete, built like Charlie Keller, is 24 and will stay with the club regardless of what he hits.

"We always thought he would hit like that," says Manager Connie Mack in speaking of Metro's 5-for-5 day.

Thumbnail Preview

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS
Pitching—Good
Catching—Good
Infield—Fair
Outfield—Promising
Hitting—Lacking
Finish—1-2-3

In 1936 Metro paid his own fare to New York and attended a Brooklyn tryout class. Failing to catch on, he says, "I then chased Scout Paul Krichell of the Yankees all over town only to learn that no tryouts were being held."

After 125 games with Mayfield in 1939 he played at Palestine and Texarkana in the Cotton States League. In 1941 he hit .317 for the latter, received \$125 a month and finished with Beaumont in the Texas League. He remained there through 1942.

His first major league trial came last spring with the Detroit Tigers. He batted only .200 in 44 games and General Manager Jack Zeller sought to ship him off to Indianapolis. Metro balked.

"What do you want then, your unconditional release?" asked Zeller.

Metro replied in the affirmative and the office girl handed Charlie the pink slip.

Got \$8,000 for Signing
"Then I contacted several clubs and the Athletics signed me as a free agent. I got \$8,000 for signing, and the Athletics have been treating me swell ever since," says Metro.

The 186-pounder, who lacks one-half inch of six feet, well remembers his first game with the A's.

"The Athletics were playing Detroit in Philadelphia and Doc Cramer was at bat," says Metro. "I played with Doc for almost two years with the Tigers and knew just where he'd be most likely to



Metro Follows Through

hit the ball.

"I moved over toward the left field foul line. Connie Mack, sitting on the bench, waved his scorecard at me. I followed instructions and moved a few steps toward center. Mr. Mack kept waving his scorecard. I thought he was all wrong yet I moved to the exact spot."

"Well, Cramer hit a line drive right into my hands."

"You know, I think Mr. Mack is the best outfielder in both leagues."

Sliding Down The Sports Chute

with BILL

Coach Gene McCollum has announced a tentative list of thinly clad lads to take part in the Odessa Invitational track and field meet Saturday, and also in Midland's district track meet next Saturday, April 14. The Bulldogs began practice last week after closing out their spring football drills.

Midland's list of hopefuls and their individual events are:

100-yard dash—M. C. Hale; 220-yard dash, Hale, Wilbur Yeager and Leland Keith; 440-yard dash, Frank Goode, Keith and Charles Patterson; 880-yard run, Jimmie Edwards; mile run, Bobby Drake, Bobby Cole and Waylon Livingston; 1200-yard high hurdles, Edwards; 200-yard low hurdles, Yeager and Goode.

High jump, Bert Conly and Goode; discus throw, Edwards and Hale; broad jump, Hale and Cole; shotput, Hale and Edwards.

Relay teams will be selected later from participants in other running events. Some 30 candidates are now competing for places on the squad.

In looking over the list of Bulldogs, it seems to this corner that Midland is due to come up with a very strong team. Not only are they strong in number, but their quality is high also.

M. C. Hale is due to give tough competition in all his events. He is a big lad, and appeared very fast last season in football. How he will stack up against Mowh Bates of Odessa remains to be seen.

Yeager is another speedy lad who participated in football. He, too may prove a hard man to leave behind in the races.

But all competition is not coming from district three. I noted some fine Class A stars of this section who will be present, and their times and distances place them the heavy favorites in several events. These records were listed in my column Tuesday.

Big Spring's lone first place in the local meet came in the discus, with a distance 12 feet short of the mark set by some of the boys due Saturday.

In the local meet the Steers stacked up this way: fourth in the mile run, shot put, pole vault (tie for third and fourth) 440-yard relay and the broad jump; third in the high and low hurdles; second in the 880, high hurdles and mile relay.

The hurdle times here were very slow compared to what may come up at Odessa. Some two seconds has been shaved off the 17.7 seconds which won the local high hurdles. This was the local place time with Williams and Rankin trailing this, 18 seconds has been bettered by other boys to be at Odessa. This might push the local boys out of the race, unless their time is better.

The time we got in the pole vault here was at eight and one-half feet. Lubbock is due to bring a lad who hit 12 feet last week in the Plains Relays at Canyon. This might leave the Steers far behind in that event.

As can easily be seen the Steers are to have a very busy afternoon if they come up to local hopes. Competition will be much stronger than at the local meet, but the locals should have times trimmed down much more since their first competition.

Any way you look at it, however, Big Spring, Odessa and the other double A schools of the local district are not due to come out with too many firsts. (It is my opinion that the team that comes up with the greatest number of "places" will win, as the individual firsts are due to be scattered over the entire field of 17 teams entered. It is going to be very close).

Think it over . . .

Rice Opens SWC Diamond Chase

DALLAS, April 5 (AP)—The Rice Owls move into Dallas tomorrow to open the Southwest conference baseball season with Southern Methodist while Texas A. and M. will be meeting defending champion Texas at Austin.

The race opens a week late, rain having washed out all games scheduled last Friday and Saturday when Rice was to have played S.M.U. and Texas Christian.

Rice and Southern Methodist play a double-header here tomorrow and the Owls meet T.C.U. at Fort Worth Saturday in a single contest. A. and M. and Texas also play one game.

Auburndale High Boy Pitches No-Hitter

AUBURNDALE, Fla., April 5 (AP)—Alvin Marker, 17-year-old pitcher of the Auburndale high school team, turned in a no-hit performance.

It was his first game in interscholastic competition. He struck out seven men and walked five. The Auburndale team won, 4-1, from Mulberry.

No Watches At Relays

PHILADELPHIA, April 5 (AP)—Penn Relays officials just don't have the time to hunt up gold watches for winners of special events.

Because of the scarcity of timepieces, gold track shoes will be awarded in the April 27-28 meet instead of gold watches, traditional for 50 years.

Nick Etten Is Reclassified; Yanks' Title Chances Hurt

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Uncle Sam continued to shape the 1945 pennant races today as threatened loss of First Baseman Nick Etten, last year's American league home run champion, struck a body blow at the hopes of the New York Yankees.

Etten's reclassification to 1-A by a Chicago draft board was hardly a surprise to Joe McCarthy. The Yank skipper had expected such tidings and planned accordingly.

Emerson Roser's six shutout in

nings in yesterday's 8-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox must have been some comfort to Marce Joe for his title chances lean heavily on the pitching staff. Roser was of little help in 1944 but could win a regular job with that kind of chugging.

Other training camp items: Boston Red Sox — Joe Cronin impressed by ground covering ability of Bein Steiner shifted the rookie to shortstop. Skeeter Newsome will go to third and Jack Tobin to second.

St. Louis Browns — Relief man George Caster arrived to complete roster of expected players. Game with Toledo, postponed by cold, will be played today.

St. Louis Cardinals — Johnny Hopp failed to agree to terms with President Sam Breadon. Holdout Harry Brecheen due to confer today. Billy Southworth said Blx Donnelly may be regular starter.

Chicago Cubs — Charlie Grimm concerned about 13 absentees as game with Reds rained out. Phil Cavarretta due for weekend series. Claude Passeau in Chicago for elbow treatments.

Pittsburgh Pirates — Pitcher Fritz Ostermueller said he would stay with club until induction date set.

Brooklyn Dodgers — Coach Clyde Sukeforth, 42, signed player contract to help catching staff. Mike Sandlock and Les Webber report.

Cleveland Indians — First Baseman Mickey Rocco came to terms, due today freeing Ed Carnett and Paul O'Dea for outfield chores.

Slammin' Sam Has Bad Case Of Putter Jitters To Cause Late Poor Showings

ATLANTA, April 5 (AP)—Sammy Snead, goldfom's slammer from Hot Springs, Va., has a bad case of putter jitters, on which he blames his poor showing in the three North Carolina tournaments.

After two days of concentrated putting practice here preparing for the winter tour's finale, the \$10,000 iron lung invitational which

starts today, he still isn't satisfied with his greens play.

Looking up from a row of balls he was methodically dunking in a cup six feet away, Snead remarked in his soft mountaineer drawl:

"If I could do that under pressure, I could have won three or four more tournaments this year. That's where I fell down."

The pressure for the 72-hole affair here will be even greater, for he is anxious to tie the new tour record set by Byron Nelson. He took a big lead in winning three straight meets, at Guilford, Pensacola and Jacksonville, making his total six. But Nelson, in second place with four wins, took the Tar Heel matches, to go one up.

Also Jimmie Demaret, the previous record holder, is entered here and in two days of practice only one competitor had a better round. Jimmie Hines had a 64 yesterday, compared with Demaret's 65 the day before.

Baylor Bears Return To SWC Grid Campaign

WACO, April 5 (AP)—Southwest conference football hit on six cylinders for a couple of years but now it's back on seven—at full strength with the return of Baylor's Bears.

Baylor opened spring training yesterday and has mapped a full schedule for next fall, playing all other conference members as well as West Texas State, Texas Tech, Southwestern and Tulsa.

It will be like old home week at the Baptist school because Head Coach Frank Kimbrough will use part of his leave from the navy to assist Coaches Bill Henderson and J. D. Stoval in getting the spring grind launched.

One of Kimbrough's players at North Carolina Pre-Flight is on the Baylor squad and is considered the best backfield prospect. He's Jack Price, a 190-pounder from Pennsylvania.

While nothing official has been announced, it is considered likely that Kimbrough will be out of the service in time to take over the coaching next fall. He entered the navy in 1943 and Baylor discontinued football that year.

Observation post—Some experts see a connection between the resignation of Jimmy Byrnes as war mobilizer and the announcement that a new baseball commissioner may be chosen within a couple of weeks.

Service dept.—Keith Steffes, who will pitch for Michigan State college this spring, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and four oak leaf clusters. . . . But does he have a good curve ball?

Pro Football Mergers Must Remain Secret

NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Any recommendations on National football league mergers or a 1945 schedule that the executive committee might have made at yesterday's closed session remained secret.

President Elmer Layden said no news would be available until the usual league sessions opened tomorrow.

Rice Loses Pitcher; Former Lamesa Star

HOUSTON, April 4 (AP)—Rice's chances for the Southwestern conference baseball title were dimmed yesterday with the loss of Hector Arroyo right-handed pitcher.

Coach Jess Neely said Arroyo has been found ineligible because he once played three months with Lamesa of the West Texas-New Mexico league. "That professional activity makes him ineligible for baseball in the Southwest conference," Neely explained.

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Attra And Roach Win Gloves Bouts

CHICAGO, April 5 (AP)—New York's Golden Gloves, who have been trying on alternate years since 1928 to win a championship in the annual inter-city series in Chicago's own ring, have failed again, but it wasn't the fault of the Marines and a trio of Puerto Ricans.

For the fourth time in the 18 years of the inter-city bouts, last night's battling wound up with eight victories for New York and eight for Chicago.

Of New York's eight triumphs, three were scored by three small men from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Three more were marked up by U. S. Marines from the Cherry Point, N. C., air base. Two native New Yorkers won the other two.

Cpl. Adolfo Quijano of the Murco, Calif., air base, deadlocked the meet when he defeated Roland La Starza of New York in the championship bout of the 175-pound division.

Of the four Cherry Point Marines entered, Sgt. Howard Brodt, middleweight; Sgt. Elbert Highers, lightweight, and S/Sgt. La Verne Roach, welterweight, won decisions. Pfc. Joe Rindone was knocked out by Cpl. Tom Attra of Brooks Field, Tex. in the second round for the Marines' only loss.

The fastest knockout of the tourney was scored by Luke Baylark, Chicago heavyweight champion, who sent Jerry Conway of New York down for the count in two minutes, 25 seconds, of the first round.

Golden Gloves results included: 147 pounds: Wendell Wilson, New York, defeated Pvt. Tony Carlucci, Chanute Field, Ill. (3). S/Sgt. La Verne Roach, Cherry Point, defeated Gilbert Garcia, Houston, Tex. (3).

175 pounds: Cpl. Tom Attra, Brooks Field, Tex., knocked out Pfc. Joe Rindone, Cherry Point, (2).

3-Man Committee To Judge Texas Stars

AUSTIN, April 5 (AP)—Picked to select the outstanding athlete in the high school and college-university divisions of the Texas Relays Saturday will be a three-man committee of big-name track officials.

Making up this committee will be Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, athletic director of Tulane and president of the National Collegiate Athletic association; Franklin P. Johnson, track coach at Stanford and former director of the Drake Relays; and Kenneth L. (Tug) Willson, newly-selected commissioner of the Big Ten, secretary of the N.C.A.A. and chairman of the national track and field rules committee.

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High Man Jones Led Texas Loop, Leads In Pacific

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Being high man is something of a habit with "Jake" Jones.

He led the Texas Baseball league in home runs as a rookie in 1940 when he played first base for Shreveport, La. In 1941 he was hitting .306 and was leading the league in homers again. With only a few weeks of the season left, the Chicago White Sox tapped him.

He stayed with the Sox until the following spring when he signed with the United States Navy.

Now he is Lt. (jg) James Murrell Jones. The navy said today he has seven confirmed kills and is the high man in his Hellcat fighter squadron.

The thrill of shooting down a Jap plane, he says, is like hitting a home run with the bases full.

Lt. Jones expected to return to baseball when the war is over, "if I'm not too old." He is now 23. His wife lives at Epps, La.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

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"I don't worry about them," says Sober Hoskins. "So long as we got our own underground in working order."

"What do you mean—our underground?" says Chad. And Sober points out to the fields. "There it is," he says, "under that soil lies the most important

weapon that we've got. American crops—from American fields—strengthening our position overseas in a way no other underground can shake."

From where I sit, Chad's absolutely right. Whether it's for the glass of beer that cheers a tired soldier's spirits, or the bread that feeds our armies and our allies, every bit of grain that American farmers harvest is a part of America's great strength.

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Service Casualty List At 892,909

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Army and navy casualties since the beginning of the war have reached 892,909.

Secretary of War Stimson today reported army losses of 798,383 while the navy listed its casualties at 94,526. The total represented an increase of 20,047 since last week's announcement.

Senate Hopes For Early Conclusion Of Treaty Debate

By MORRIS CLEAVINGER

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—The senate today hoped for an early conclusion of its debate on the proposed United States-Mexico water treaty.

Sen. Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the foreign relations committee, who will leave soon for the United Nations San Francisco conference, said he would seek a senate vote on ratification of the pact not later than April 11.

Few major speeches remain to be made either by proponents or opponents of the convention. But Sen. Downey (D-Calif.), who fought the treaty both in hearings before the foreign relations committee and on the senate floor, made it clear that a vote will come only after a thorough discussion of several amendments he will propose.

Some of the amendments will be introduced today, he said, adding:

"I have no intention of trying to delay a vote. I want to get to work right on these amendments."

Downey previously disclosed he would try to limit the authority and restrict the functions of the international boundary commission which would administer the treaty. Reservations to define the limits of the commission's authority also will be introduced as a counter-measure by friends of the pact.

Texas Weather Warms Some But Damage Is Done

By The Associated Press

Texas warmed up today under clear skies, but over the northern part of the state agriculturists waited to count the cost of an April freeze.

At Dallas the county agent's office said it would be two days before crops damage might be accurately estimated. A report from Brownwood said the temperature had dropped to 32 degrees and that damage to fruit, gardens and other crops was feared in the sandyland fruit belt of central Texas.

The Panhandle turned in the lowest temperatures. Amarillo had a low of 22 early today and Pampa recorded a 27.

In West Texas, Abilene registered 29. It was 32 at Big Spring; 25 at Lubbock; 28 at Amarillo; 25 at Midland and 33 at El Paso.

A. M. Hamrick, head of the Dallas weather bureau, said the full strength of the cold wave had been exhausted and that Texans could count on a general warming up over the state.

Low temperatures early today included: Dallas, 35; Fort Worth, 25; Abilene, 31; Houston, 40; Austin, 37; Mission, 52; Brownsville, 52; Beaumont, 42; San Antonio, 34; Waco, 36; Texarkana, 38 and Tyler, 34.

Children Crawl Under Train But Father Is Killed

LAREDO, April 5 (AP)—Three small children passed under a standing freight train near the International railway bridge yesterday. Then their father, Felix Rodriguez, 78, followed them.

The train began moving and Rodriguez clung to the rods of a freight car. He held on for a few hundred feet. Then he dropped to the rails and both legs were amputated by the wheels. He died in a hospital a short time later.

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Stimson said the army casualties represented individual names compiled here through March 27 and reflected fighting up to the early part of March.

A breakdown on army casualties and corresponding figures for last week:

Killed, 156,471 and 153,791; wounded, 498,929 and 473,689; missing, 88,755 and 86,355; prisoners, 66,228 and 66,228.

Similar figures for the navy:

Killed, 36,649 and 35,750; wounded, 42,988 and 42,302; missing, 10,623 and 10,500; prisoners, 4,266 and 4,267.

Stimson also estimated Japanese casualties in the Philippines at more than 311,000, including 187,799 counted dead, against total U.S. casualties of 36,981, including 8,138 killed. He pointed out that the ratio of enemy counted killed to the Americans reported killed runs 23 to 1.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, April 5 (AP)—Cattle 1,400; calves 400; active and strong; good and choice steers and yearlings 14.50-15.75; common and medium short fed steers and yearlings 10.00-14.00; medium and good beef cows 10.50-12.00; cutters and common cows 8.00-10.00, and canners 6.00-8.00; beef bulls 12.00-12.75, and sausage bulls 9.50-11.50 with thin lightweights 8.00; good fat calves 13.25-14.25; common to medium calves 9.50-13.00; medium to good stocker calves and yearlings 11.00-13.50.

Hogs 1,000; active and strong; good and choice heavyweight hogs 14.55, ceiling; good and choice lightweights 13.75-14.50; sows mostly at 13.80; pigs scarce.

Sheep 4,500; active; good and choice shorn lambs with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts 14.00-50, including some No. 3 pelts 14.50; medium shorn lambs 13.25; medium to good woolled lambs 13.75-14.75; medium and good spring lambs 14.00-50, with common offerings 12.50; medium and good ewes 8.25.

NEW ORLEANS, April 5 (AP)—A crest still several days away, the rampaging Red River, troublemaker of the Mississippi valley, has driven thousands of families from their homes in Louisiana.

While this situation taxed relief agencies, army engineers kept a 24-hour patrol on all main line levees of the flooded Mississippi from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf.

Within the next few days the engineers expect to blast open the Morganza floodway to relieve pressure on the lower Mississippi and divert the waters through the 1,000 square mile Atchafalaya basin.

The floodway has never been used. Already the Bonnet Carre spillway above New Orleans is carrying off 250,000 cubic feet of water a second into Lake Pontchartrain.

The Red Cross established relief headquarters for the Red River disaster at an Alexandria hotel and moved 20 workers into the area.

The coast guard aided in evacuating families from danger zones. Four cutters and two army pontoons were sent to aid rescue work along the Red River.

J. Fritz Thompson, headquarters director, estimated 3,500 families were affected in the area. He reported an unidentified negro herding cattle was drowned in the flood waters yesterday.

Thousands of head of cattle have been lost.

The state board of liquidation met yesterday and appropriated \$100,000 for emergency flood work. Public Works Director Dewitt Pyburn said, however, the amount wouldn't last 24 hours in event of a major levee break.

COLORADO CITY, April 5—A cablegram, "Tour completed, hope to see you soon," sent by T/Sgt. James (Jimmy) Harrison, to his wife, the former Billie Margaret Gregory of Colorado City has indicated that the top turret gunner of a B-17 crew with the 8th air force stationed in England, has completed his stint of missions and is headed home.

Colorado City Man Due Back In States

Big Spring meal planners have been asked by War Food Administration to step up purchases and serve carrots more often while they are plentiful and popularly priced, according to Dan L. Boyd, district representative, WFA's office of supply.

Coming from heavy producing areas of Texas, carrots now are abundant in most retail markets and increased movement from markets to dinner tables is being encouraged to prevent waste of a perishable product, he said.

The first person on record to wear a diamond as a jewel was Aaron (Book of Exodus: 28:17, 18).

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Four-Legged Cop

LOS ANGELES, April 5 (AP)—

While taking a walk with his mistress, Mrs. E. H. James, a dog, named Toby, ran into a vacant lot and began digging furiously.

After awhile, Toby uncovered a jewel box, which was found to contain 14 slim platinum tubes. Mrs. James' husband, having read of the theft of \$3,200 worth of radium from the offices of Dr. Wilmet F. Robinson, telephoned the physician, who identified Toby's find as the missing element.

Fun While It Lasted

FALLS CITY, Neb., April 5 (AP)

Playing catch with Japanese hand grenades on Iwo Jima cost Pvt.

Roy Elms a sniper bullet in the head.

He wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Elms that the Japanese were throwing hand grenades and "I was standing up, like a fool, throwing them back when a sniper from my right shot me."

Couldn't Believe It

ATLANTA, April 5 (AP)—Mrs. William T. Healey ran this ad in the Atlanta Constitution:

"Cook wanted—long hours, work hard, woman disagreeable, pay poor, apply after 6 p. m. Phone—"

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But Mrs. Healey had already hired a cook from another source.

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By BENNETT CERF

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One night Muni's entire family attended the show, and the young star put everything he had into the performance. So eloquent, in fact, was his description of the starving wives and babes of the miners that, at the height of his plea, the actor who was playing the owner suddenly burst into tears and cried, "Stop! Stop! You're breaking my heart. Of course you can have a raise!"

They got the curtain down somehow or other and the manager had to explain that just before the third act began the wicked owner had experienced another change of heart, and had decided to lock the miners out after all.

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Senate Group Sets Date For Hearing

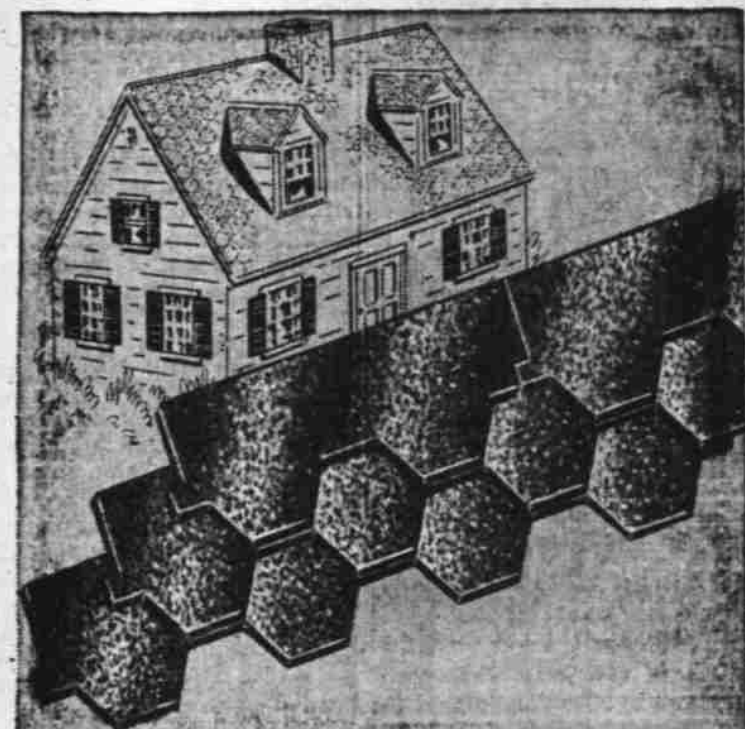
AUSTIN, April 5 (AP)—A senate committee today had set for public hearing next Wednesday, a bill establishing a vocational rehabilitation division under the supervision of the state commission for the blind.

A bill exempting from the inheritance tax, intangible personal property of a non-resident of the state, was approved by the committee and sent to the senate calendar.

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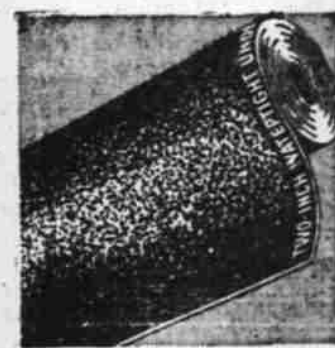
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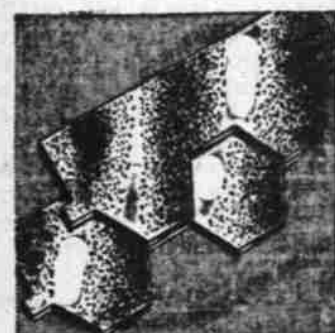
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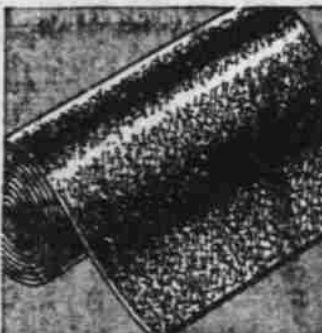
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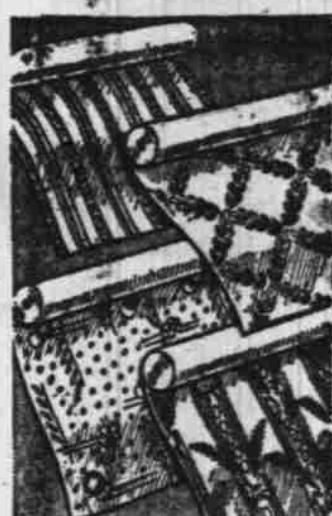
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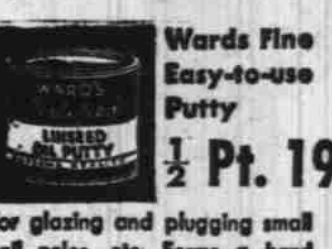
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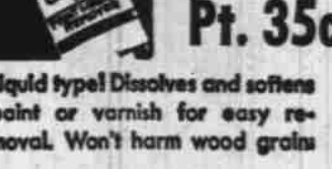
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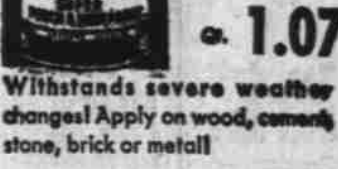
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Farmers Apply For Cotton Insurance

Approximately 25 farmers have applied for cotton crop insurance to cover around 30 farms of Howard county, it was estimated Wednesday evening at the county AAA office.

Deadline for applying for the insurance is April 10.

Rates and yields on many Howard county farms are favorable, it was pointed out. Farms with good production records could pay the insurance over a period of 25 years with the indemnity from one total loss.

M. Weaver, county administrative assistant, urged farmers to at least acquaint themselves with rates, yields and conditions of the 1945 loans whether they wish to participate in the insurance program or not. Information may be had from the AAA office or from any community committeeman.



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DUCKS BEACHED AT IWO JIMA—Beach parties work to free two "ducks", battered by combers and filling with water on the black sands of Iwo Jima following the invasion.

Private Breger Abroad By Dave Breger



"Hey! It ain't necessary to examine captured guns for fingerprints!"

Henderson Trial Opens; Charges Of Murder Made

VAN HORN, April 5 (AP)—The defense begins testimony today in the trial of J. C. Henderson, charged with murder in the slaying of his wife before a jury which yesterday heard read a statement by his wife that "Jimmie shot me."

Mrs. Pearl Henderson and her father, W. C. Ferris, were shot fatally at the Henderson ranch home near Marfa, Tex., Nov. 1943.

"We were all there in the room and he got mad. He knocked me down and shot me. For nothing," said the statement made to Acting District Attorney William Holland of Marfa before Mrs. Henderson died in a hospital.

Henderson, wealthy Jeff Davis county ranchman is on trial only on the charge of killing his wife. Her father was shot to death in an upstairs bedroom of the home.

Miss Olivia Di Anda, a guest in the home at the time, gave the following testimony:

Henderson came into the room where members of a party were gathered, carrying a shotgun. He appeared angry and his wife attempted to quiet him. She was knocked unconscious in the struggle and Henderson left the room. He returned shortly with a small pistol. Henderson stood above the prostrate body of his wife and shot her in the back. Miss Di Anda ran from the house and hid in an automobile. She heard more shots coming from another part of the house. After Mrs. Henderson had been placed in an automobile by soldiers, Henderson rushed to the car, pointed the gun at his wife and attempted to shoot her again. The gun snapped several times and Henderson cursed and screamed "I am going to kill you," Miss Di Anda added.

House And Senate Clear Calendars Of Local Bills

AUSTIN, April 5 (AP)—The house and senate last night cleared their calendars of 76 local and uncontested bills, including five on which legislative action was completed and which were sent to the governor for signature.

The senate wheeled through its 23 bills in a little more than an hour, while the house worked three hours on its longer calendar of 51 such bills. Finally passed and sent to the governor from the senate were these house bills:

To reorganize the 97th judicial district; to repeal all local fishing laws on Lake Waco; increasing the salaries of court reporters in some larger counties; providing for issuance of certificates and certified copies of instruments to service men and women without cost; permitting Texas-chartered charitable corporations to hold meetings outside the state.

Local house bills passed and sent to the senate included measures: Making it unlawful to kill prairie chicken in Cochran county for five years.

Uncontested house bills passed included:

Raising the fee of witnesses in criminal cases to \$4 per day. Permitting use of reflectors instead of flares as warning signals for trucks installed on highways.

Assessing a fine and jail sentence for attempting to tamper with any part of an automobile or tire.

Providing that in case a man is killed in the service overseas, his will may be admitted to probate if two disinterested witnesses can be produced to identify his signature or handwriting. Under the present law, wills may not be probated unless witnessed.

House Committee Will Not Act On New Tax Bills

AUSTIN, April 5 (AP)—The house revenue and taxation committee has reaffirmed its intention of not acting on any proposed tax measure until the need for new revenue has been demonstrated, and until all proposals have been studied at public hearings.

Proposed increases in oil and gas taxes were argued at a long hearing yesterday after the committee instructed a sub-committee to obtain from the comptroller an estimate of revenue needs by next Wednesday. The sub-committee previously had been directed to report yesterday.

Opposition to the tax measures was spearheaded by Andrew Howsley of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association and Lester Clark of Breckenridge, an independent oil operator and former representative. Howsley said he spoke both as a private citizen and as an oil man.

Howsley urged caution in levying new taxes, since present revenues were sufficient to operate the state. Speaking as an oil man, he said the oil and gas industry had met heavy war demands and had suffered because of the necessary over production. Tax increase can only lessen the number of postwar jobs, he declared.

Clark said he had been forced to plug 17 wells on his leases because of present economic conditions. The subsidy paid by the government on stripper wells just keeps them breaking even, he said.

"Don't wreck an industry that already pays a big share of state taxes," he told the committee.



NAMED—Wallace K. Harrison (above) has been named director of the office of inter-American affairs by President Roosevelt, succeeding Nelson Rockefeller, who recently was appointed an assistant secretary of state.

Buy untrimmed cauliflower and use the tender insides as one vegetable. Then leaves may be diced, cooked and served in cream sauce at another meal.

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HEN MOTHERS PUPPIES—This little red hen, owned by Mrs. Minnie Horton of Columbus, Ga., has adopted a family of puppies, watching over them as though they were her chicks and fighting off any intruders.

Rites Slated For Baptist Missionary

DALLAS, April 5 (AP)—Funeral services are planned today for Dr. Walter T. Hillsman, 74, missionary of the Dallas Baptist association for 20 years before his retirement a year and a half ago. Dr. Hillsman died Tuesday after a month's illness.

He was a native of La Grange and taught in Howard Payne college, Brownwood, before coming to Dallas. He had also held pastorates in several Texas towns.

Massage finger tips with vaseline to prevent nails from splitting and cracking.

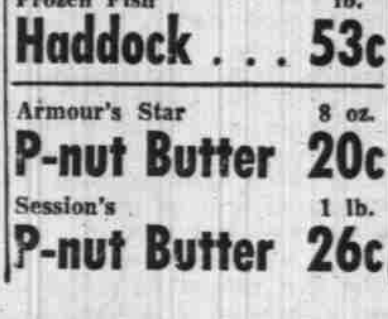
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Circles 8	No. 3 Size	Apple Jelly	32c
Apricots	29c	P-nut Crunch	35c
Silver Dale Bartlett	No. 3 Size	Amia Concord	2 lbs.
Pears	27c	Jam	40c
Libby's	No. 2	Libby's Concord Grape	
Tomato Juice	11c	Preserves	27c
Sacramento	46 oz.	Bright & Early	1 lb.
Tomato Juice	25c	Coffee	26c
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Juice	49c	Folger's	66c
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		Ginger Ale	15c
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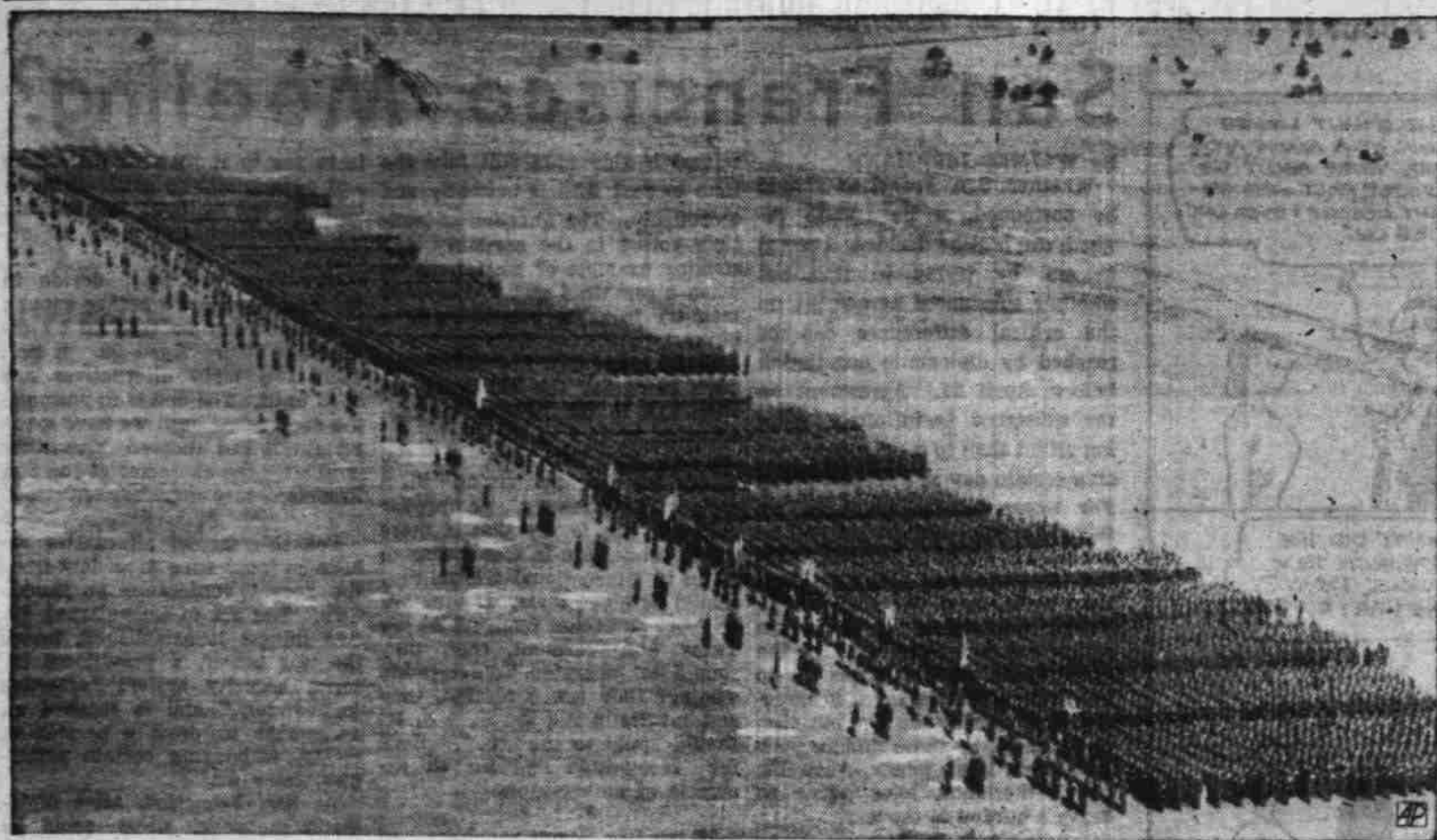
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Today On The Home Front—

Excitement Rises Over Russian Peace Attitude

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth story in a series on the San Francisco conference, why it's being held, the arguments about it.)

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Here's an explanation of the excitement over the San Francisco conference of the United Nations to work out a plan for keeping peace after this war.



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Last autumn here—in a mansion called Dumbarton Oaks—representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Soviet Russia and China drew up plans for a peace-keeping organization. Let's call it the league.

The plans since have become known as the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. The various nations were to use these proposals as a basis on which to build a league.

Two months ago President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin met at Yalta in the Crimea. They arranged for nations able to join the league to meet in San Francisco April 25 to consider the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

Mr. Roosevelt returned and made to congress a lengthy report on the Yalta conference. It was generally assumed he told all that had happened at Yalta, except for military plans.

According to Dumbarton Oaks all the nations in the league would be represented in a general assembly, a powerful organ of the league, and were to have "sovereign equality."

Now suddenly within the week

came two disclosures—shocking to many people because they had been kept secret so long and Mr. Roosevelt had not told congress about them—of what had happened at Yalta seven weeks before:

1. Mr. Stalin wanted three votes in the assembly for Russia, one for Russia, and one each for White Russia and the Ukraine, which are part of Russia.

2. Mr. Roosevelt promised to support Mr. Stalin's claim and at the same time put in a bid for three votes for the United States. This meant this country and Russia wanted two more seats than any other country. Then what of that phrase in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals about the "sovereign equality" of nations? Was that a joke?

Or were these three votes each for this country and Russia intended to balance the six votes of the British commonwealth of nations—the United Kingdom and the five dominions?

To that question, critics of the Roosevelt-Stalin agreement immediately reply: "Bunk. The dominions have grown further and further away from the mother country. They won't vote as a solid bloc with England."

Secretary of State Stettinius was besieged at once by reporters. Stettinius came up with this:

1. There were no other secret agreements of this nature at Yalta. 2. The president will support Russia's request for three votes in the assembly but now has decided not to ask for three for us. 3. The agreement had been kept secret until the president had consulted the American delegates to San Francisco. This he did. The story leaked out before they could decide whether to ask for three votes for us.

This explanation seems to have pacified many people who had become excited and suspicious about the whole Yalta business.

But while the world was wondering about all this, Russia heaved another shocker. It suddenly announced that it wanted the present stop-gap Polish government—which is backed by Russia and is friendly to Russia—recognized at San Francisco.

Right off the bat this country and Great Britain said: Nothing doing.

Howard's Farmers Receive 250 Checks

Howard county farmers have received 250 checks aggregating \$38,049 to date for cooperating in the 1944 soil conservation program, M. Weaver, administrative assistant, reported Thursday.

He predicted that all payments would be cleared by the end of April and would be above \$100,000. They are being made at 100 per cent of the established rate. In Howard county chief practices were terracing, tanking, contour furrowing and leaving stubble on the ground as a protection against wind erosion.

Weaver pointed out that since the inception of the AAA program the average yield of cotton had increased in the county from 112 pounds per acre to over 200 pounds per acre, an increase he attributed almost entirely to "tractor farming and soil and water conservation practices."

According to a recent announcement from Washington, Texas will be given an additional \$6,500,000 to be applied to the current program. This, the administrative assistant thought, would mean another extensive program to enable the county farmers to produce another war crop as well as making water and soil conservation improvements.

Drink cool, slightly salted water occasionally to quench thirst and help get back salt lost in perspiration.

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Rev. M'Gahey Talks To Lions Wednesday

The United States not only should follow a course of being a "good Samaritan" but its people also should be concerned about the propagation of democratic and Christian principles throughout the world, the Rev. Philip C. McGahey, Albuquerque, N. M., told Lions Wednesday.

The Rev. McGahey, who is directing an evangelistic meeting at the First Baptist church this week, said that the US would be called upon to furnish goods, food, clothing and gold to the world for "we must think in terms of world conditions and situations affecting other nations as well as those of our own country."

He added that "we must sell the idea of democracy to other nations of the earth before we can have anything like the type of enduring peace we want." More than this, he said, the challenge of the post-war era would be to take Christianity to other nations while applying it at home.

Ernest Hock favored with a vocal selection and Rev. P. D. O'Brien invited members to attend not only the First Baptist meeting but the one at the First Christian church as well.



NEW PASTOR—The Rev. Wesley R. Hutchings, formerly pastor at Madrid, Iowa, has accepted a call to be pastor of the Main Street Church of God and will arrive here Friday to assume his new charge. He will bring his first sermons Sunday. The Rev. Wesley R. Hutchings' wife, their daughter and a grandson will arrive here in June. The Main Street Church of God has been without a pastor since September when the Rev. E. C. Lee resigned to go to an Indiana pastorate.

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Gather Your Old Clothing

Officially, our campaign for gathering in old clothing has begun, but actually, it is still aborning. Part of this may be attributed to the slowness with which the National Committee has furnished supplies, but this possibly gets back to our tardiness in organizing. But all of this is water under the bridge. Campaign time is here, and the job is to bring in the old clothes.

It makes no difference how convenient the local committee makes it for you to turn in your old clothes—it makes no difference if they come to your house to get them, the fact remains that you will have to take the trouble to go through closets, through old boxes in the attic and garage to weed out garments that have been kept around but never used for one reason or another.

If you do not possess enough human compassion to take the trouble to gather old clothing around your house for the sake of men, women and children all over the world, then there is no amount of organization that can persuade you to participate in this drive of mercy.

We do not know to whom these clothing will go. Our destitute allies possibly will have first call. In Europe alone there are 125,000,000 homeless and wandering people who already are in need of clothing of some description. Add the teeming millions from the Orient and you begin to get a conception of the immensity of the need. All of these are human beings as we. Let's help our brethren, wherever they may be. How about taking your old clothes to the city fire station tomorrow?

An Idea With Merit

The proposal of Land Commissioner Bascom Giles to the legislature for enactment of a program to make well over half a million acres of land available for Texas veterans of this war is further evidence that sentiment is developing in this direction.

Already a measure had been introduced in the house by O. M. Geron, Odessa, incorporating the ideas of Charles Roberts, Andrews county judge and the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners association. Now the state land commissioner enlarges the idea by suggesting the creation of a \$25,000,000 revolving fund from the public free school account. The money would be loaned at four per cent with as much as 40 years to liquidate.

Giles suggests acquisition of lands from federal military installations, Texas prison and other state lands, half a million acres from the public free school land, purchase of some private land. A special board would be set up to administer the loans. Sales could be made with as little as one-tenth down or with all cash for parcels from 50 to 2,500 acres.

The idea has merit, for return of the land to the tax rolls and to productivity might make a notable contribution to the state's economy. The thing to watch, however, is to make it as wise an investment as possible for both the veteran and the state. It will be an injustice to the veteran to stake him on a chunk of land when his experience and background show nothing to indicate a familiarity with problems of successfully operating a farm or ranch.

Ernie Pyle Reports—

Discovers Secret Of Carrier's Ways

By ERNIE PYLE
IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC—(Delayed)—The main thing I never understood about how an aircraft carrier operates, is what they did with all the rest of the planes while one was landing or taking off.

I had thought the flight deck had to be entirely clear of planes. I thought that as soon as one took off, they brought the next one up from the lower deck by elevator, and sent it off.

It isn't that way at all. There are always idle planes standing on deck during landings and takeoffs. They have to be, for the hangar deck down below isn't big enough to hold all the plane. But these idle planes are never along the side of the deck—they are at one end or the other. Here's how it's done.

Planes always take off and land from stern to bow of the ship— from rear to forward as you sample landlubbers would say. For the takeoff, all the planes are parked tightly together at the rear of the deck. All have folding wings, which has been one of the great contributions of this war. Without them a carrier could hardly carry enough planes to justify itself.

These parked planes take up maybe one-eighth of the flight deck—the rear one-eighth. When they get ready to launch their planes, all the engines are started and warmed up while the planes are still parked tightly together. The noise is terrific. Angry propellers whirl within inches of the tail of the next ship. "Plane-pushers" by the dozen crawl around, under, and amidst these flying propellers, adjusting chocks and untying the lines that hold the planes down.

When they are ready, the center plane in the front row it taxis out a few feet. His folded wings are unfolded. The pilot tests his controls, puts down his flaps. A signalman standing ahead and to the right of him indicates by motions when he is to start. He holds on his brakes, speeds up his engine until the noise is ear-splitting, and then the signalman leans over and dramatically swings his arm forward, as though personally to give the plane impetus.

The plane starts rolling. The deck behind him is packed with planes. But the seven—eights of the deck in front is clear. Not a plane or man on it.

No sooner has one plane gone than the next one is ready, has his wings unfolded, and is running up his engine. They take off one right after the other, less than a minute apart, until the whole flight is in the air.

This moving of planes from one end of the flight deck to the other is called "re-spotting." It goes on all day long—back and forth, back and forth.

The planes are pulled by tiny Fordson tractors. As they run around they look like these little electric cars you bump each other with at carnivals.

At night, probably two-thirds of time planes are "spotted" on deck. They are parked tightly together, and tied down to gratings in the flight deck by heavy ropes.

If we're sailing into a storm, they're tied additionally with steel cable. And all night long men are posted among them, to see that nothing breaks or goes wrong.

Despite all this, there have been times when the ocean was so rough and the deck careening at such a steep angle, that planes would break all their moorings and go careening over the side. That would be when I was down in my cabin, very seasick.

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The War Today

by Dewitt Mackenzie
Associated Press War Analyst

Germany's strategic positions on the western front are being liquidated with amazing rapidity, every hour giving fresh proof that organized Hitlerite resistance on a major scale in that great theatre is a thing of the past.

However, there still remain big jobs for Supreme Commander Eisenhower's forces to do, and among the most important of these are the liberation of Holland and the capture of the reich's North Sea ports of Emden, Bremen and Hamburg. Indications now are that the boche will try to withdraw from most of Holland but will make a stand in the great commercial ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Just as they plan to hang onto their own North Sea harbors.

The point of the German resistance at these places is the same old story of depriving the Allies of the use of the ports and thus causing delay.

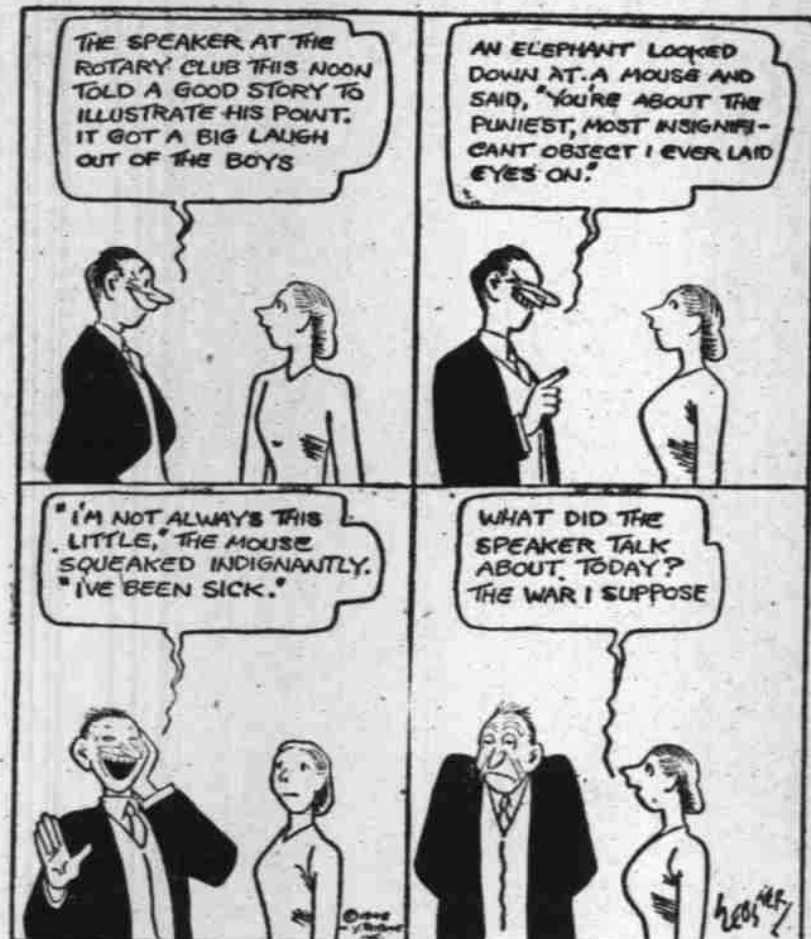
The Germans are withdrawing, or have withdrawn, many of their troops from Holland already, and British forces are smashing northward along the Ems river towards Emden to close the gap along the Dutch-German border through which the Nazis are escaping. Undoubtedly the great majority of the Nazi forces have got out, but the Germans are expected to retain several divisions to make a stand at Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

Garrisons holding these two great Dutch cities will be suicide forces, that is, they will be expected to hang on so long as possible without hope of escape. This has been a favorite trick of the Nazis, as witness the fact that they still are holding several isolated harbors, including Lorient and St. Nazaire, which stood off capture at the time of the invasion of Normandy. Probably the same scheme will be followed at Emden, Bremen, Hamburg and other important North Sea harbors.

The liberation of Holland is, of course, doubly important because of the plight of the unfortunate Dutch folk who have been reduced to terrible straits of privation. Much of their country is flooded and the food situation is grave indeed.

Another highly important reason for clearing Holland is to wipe out the launching sites of the V-bombs which the Germans have been sending against London and other British places with devastating effect. That is one of the tasks in which the Canadians now are engaged, and it would appear that great success already has been achieved, since for about a week the bombs have ceased to fall on England.

And Nothing Can Be Done About It



Hal Boyle: No General In The Army Works As Hard Or As Smooth As O. N. Bradley

By HAL BOYLE

12TH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, April 4 (Delayed) (AP)—No general officer in the army works harder or lives more in his job than Omar Nelson Bradley.

The 12th army commander, who has had more frontline combat troops under his command than any other American general in history, took his last rest vacation in 1933.

He has been going steadily without rest for two years and a few weeks ago he took three days off to visit the French Riviera.

"He was supposed to stay in bed late and have breakfast in bed," said one of his aides, Maj. Chet Hansen, 27, of Elizabeth, N. J.

"But the first day when we came downstairs at 7:30 a. m. we found him already up and back from a walk."

It is the simple regularity of his life which enables Bradley to carry without tension, strain or other signs of fatigue, a burden of work that would break the back even of one of his own native Missouri's mules.

Gen. Bradley rarely gets to indulge in what once was his greatest delight—to visit division commanders and frontline troops daily to work out together problems in

tactics. He rarely nowadays gets to see in advance terrain that his two armies are going to fight over. He is chained largely to desk work and long range strategic planning which requires endless conferences and "horse-trading" deals to get men and materials he needs for jobs he wants to do.

There is about Bradley a sense of timelessness that inspires confidence and a feeling of ease. He never is hurried. Men who come to see him know that this commander is not going to explode in anger or go up in the air like a Fourth of July rocket over trivial details.

He never lifts his voice and his approach to the execution of an order is to ask, "Can you do this?" Instead of a brusque, "Do this."

And no officer I know of can listen to Bradley's gentle "Can you do this?" without answering, "I can."

Under a table behind his desk he keeps a case of a popular American soft drink for visitors. He has two telephones on his desk. One is for conversations over regular army channels. The other is an emergency telephone which he can pick up and in 15 seconds talk to Gen. Eisenhower or either of his widely separated army commanders—Hodges and Patton.

Hollywood—Shoop Talk About Technicians

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD—Col. C. A. Shoop is listed as technical adviser on the Hal Wallis production, "You Came Along," but he thinks he also should be classified as script assistant, set designer and wardrobe master.

Nowadays every picture with a topical or historical background has a technical adviser to guard against inaccuracies. Shoop (he doesn't want it generally known that his first name is Clarence) is one of that all-knowing breed.

"You Came Along" is the story of three Army fliers on a war bond tour and the colonel is well qualified to act as oracle on the Army aspects of the story. He has served in many capacities, from test pilot to commander of a photographic unit overseas.

I met Col. Shoop at Van Nuys Army Air Field where the Wallis unit was shooting some scenes, supposedly at airports in Washington and Wichita.

"Yes," he said, "I have to be on the set all the time, although yesterday I sneaked off to test a P-38. I have to see that the uniforms are correct—they usually aren't, that the military equipment is regulation and that the actors don't make statements which would be improper for Air Forces officers."

"For instance, the script had a doctor saying he was the only one in the Air Forces who could cure a certain disease. Naturally we couldn't allow that."

"Another of my duties is to see that the movie company doesn't interfere with the normal functions of the field. If the Army needs this space, picture making must stop, no matter how costly it is to the company."

Don't get the impression that Col. Shoop doesn't like his work. He likes it very much, especially since it gives him a chance to be with his wife, Julie Bishop, who is acting in the picture.

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Today And Tomorrow—

San Francisco Meeting?

By WALTER LIPPMANN

Whether San Francisco should be postponed, or its agenda revised, can best be decided, it seems to me, by trying to find out whether substantial agreement on the critical differences can be reached by diplomatic negotiation before April 25. Agreement on the substance is infinitely more important than to meet a dead line on a certain day at a certain place. For issues which cannot be resolved by quiet negotiation will be harder, not easier to resolve, under the klieg lights of the San Francisco conference. We shall be flying in the face of all experience and of common sense if before the grand assemblage convenes we do not make sure that there is agreement not only by the five but also, at the least, by those middle powers which, like Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, have borne so heavy a burden in the war.

An assemblage of more than forty governments working under the scrutiny of the press and radio of the whole world, including that of our enemies, cannot possibly be a deliberative body. The Philadelphia Convention of 1787, which was the most successful deliberative body of its kind the world has ever seen, was attended by fifty-five delegates, was conducted behind closed doors, the official journal of the proceedings was not printed until 1819, and the full account of the debates was published for the first time only in 1840.

Washington and Franklin, Madison and Hamilton, knew that if negotiation is to be deliberative, which means that men are open to argument and can change their minds, it must be confidential. As long as the results agreed upon are made public before they are put into effect, confidential negotiation is not, in the true meaning of the term, secret diplomacy. It is essential, as the authors of our own Constitution knew, to a successful and constructive meeting of minds.

Thus Senator Vandenberg, who is making some kind of personal public commitment about every other day, is gradually working himself into a position where he will be unable to debate the issues. He is burning all his bridges behind him by saying what he thinks before he has heard what any one else has to say.

It is, of course, out of the question that the San Francisco conference should be a true deliberative assembly. Under modern conditions a general international conference must be a spectacular affair, and, therefore, it should be asked to do only what can in fact be done by spectacular methods. That is to expound and explain the meaning, and to solemnize the acceptance, of agreements reached in advance.

To throw critical issues into a great public international meeting is to take the most imprudent risks. Either the publicity will magnify them until the issues are insoluble, or the delegates, fearful of the effect of disagreement, will not resolve the issues but will agree to bury them in ambiguities.

No issue has as yet arisen which goes so deep but that it can be

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settled if able men will take the time to deal with it patiently and thoroughly. The question of multiple voting in the assembly is a striking example of what happens when a few tired and preoccupied men try to settle something in a hurry.

Stalin asked that the United Nations recognize the autonomy, as stipulated in the new Soviet constitution, of two of the Soviet republics, the Ukrainian and the White Russian, by giving them seats in the assembly. The proper response was to say that if these two republics are in fact sovereign states in international affairs, they should be given seats. If they are no more sovereign than, let us say Texas and Vermont, then they should not be seated. To determine whether they are sovereign, they and not Stalin and the U. S. S. R., should apply to the other nations for recognition and for an exchange of ambassadors.

If the two Soviet republics had followed this orderly procedure, the allies of the Soviet Union might well have stretched a point in their favor, as in fact they have stretched it for several other only nominally sovereign states. They would well have done this not only because in the assembly two more votes controlled by Moscow will make no practical difference whatsoever, but also because any move, even symbolic, toward decentralization of authority in a great military state is in the general interest of liberty.

But what the President actually did was to ask for two countervailing United States votes. This was a double blunder: it amounted to saying first that we regarded the autonomy of the two republics not as a sincere goal at which the Soviets are aiming but as pure fiction now and in the future; and second, that we do not hold to our own pledge that in the assembly there should be the sovereign equality of recognized states.

But having said all this, let us remember Winston Churchill's terrible judgment in 1919: "the war of the giants has ended, the quarrels of the pygmies have begun." These debates about voting and about the representation of states which unsettled governments are, in the grand perspective of the war and of the future of mankind, pygmy quarrels. Our real business

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is to see to it that we have time and opportunity to settle them as best we can without jeopardizing the supreme objective of an ordered peace.

Therefore, we must decide in the next few days whether enough agreement can be reached by diplomacy before April 25. If not, then two main alternatives are open to us. The one is to postpone the conference until we have made certain it can succeed. The other is to alter the character of the San Francisco meeting.

For this second alternative we have an interesting precedent from the recent conference at Mexico City. The act of Chapultepec did two things: it established, under the war power, a provisional interim security system "effective immediately," and it reached an agreement to draft a permanent treaty, embodying certain principles, later on.

At San Francisco, after diplomatic exchanges which could be made at once, a provisional interim organization could be established "effective immediately," and this provisional organization could be vested with the task of drafting a permanent charter. This might well be the way to overcome the dilemma: whether to postpone the whole thing, and to have no international organization in the closing phases of the war, or to try to settle in too much of a hurry the terms of a permanent charter.

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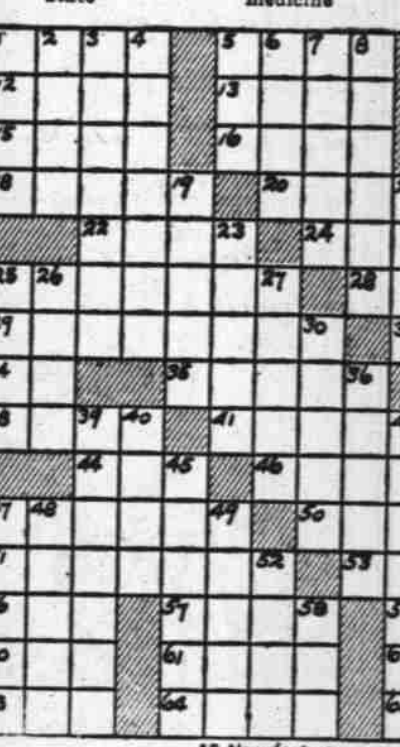
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Land measures
5. Strike gently
8. Behave
12. Tireless person
15. Russian sea
16. Roman household god
17. Some
18. Kind of coffee
20. Domesticated
21. Early
22. To a point inside
24. Sandy waste
25. Glossy fabrics
28. Free
30. Protective garments
31. Secure
34. Perform
35. New England state
37. Conjunction
38. Off
41. Animal a year old
44. Grow sleepy
45. Masculine name
47. Heavy nails
50. Light open
51. Bawls
52. South American
53. Bagg
54. Part of comet
57. Spoken
58. Part of
59. Tub
60. Ancient Irish city
62. Within comb form
63. Female sheep
64. Poem
65. Quantity of medicine
DOWN
2. Border
3. Genius of the rose
6. Dervish's cap
7. Covered with a hard surface
9. City in California
10. One who repairs chaise seats
11. Meeting
12. Water vapor
13. Egyptian deity
14. Something attached in relief
16. Soft drink
19. Acknowledge openly
27. Crazier
28. Molokai
29. Loving
32. Therefore
33. Eagles
35. Enliven
40. Symbol of bondage
41. Philippine native
45. Stiffly
47. Drudge
48. Tropical fruit
49. Thong
52. Hindu garment
54. Young goats
55. Wild plum
56. Ingredient of varnish



AP Newsfeature

Midland Deep Wildcat Being Watched Closely

By JOHN E. BREWER

SAN ANGELO, March 31 — Humble No. 1 Mrs. O. P. Buchanan, Midland county wildcat, threatening to blow out while drilling at 10,347 feet in soft brown lime, drew much attention in West Texas oil operations this week. Two wildcats were staked in Gaines county and one each in Terry, Midland and Pecos counties.

Drilling mud in Humble No. 1 Buchanan showed gas bubbles and there was a slight seep of oil on the pits, according to unofficial reports. There had been no oil signs in drilling samples, Humble announced. The weight of rotary mud was increased before coring was begun. The lime was unidentified but believed by some to be lower Permian, by others the

Strawn of the Pennsylvanian. Elevation is 2,694 feet.

No. 1 Buchanan is in the C SW NW 32-W. M. Baldrige, nine miles southeast of Midland. Seven miles to the northeast, Seaboard and Standard of Texas spotted No. 1 Andrew Faskin, slated 5,000-foot wildcat in the C SW NE 7-36-28-T&P.

Prospective discovery from the lower Permian and Devonian in southwestern Andrews county, Shell-Texas No. 1 Ratliff-Bedford, C NW NE 4-73-psl, recovered 120 feet of clean oil on a drillstem test from 9,093 to 9,110 feet. It deepened to 9,160 and was testing again.

Sun No. 1 N. H. Martin and others, Clear Fork lime strike in Andrews county, C NW NW 17-A41-psl, was finished for a 24-hour flow of 301.25 barrels of oil after acidizing from 6,850 to 7,036 feet, the total depth. It is 1 1-2 miles north of the West Andrews (San Andres) pool.

Shell No. 1 Wm. Pierson in northwestern Gaines county, marking a 1 1-4 mile east extension to Clear Fork lime production in the Russell field, swabbed 151 barrels of oil in 24 hours and prepared for completion at 7,727 feet. It indicated an intermediate Permian lime pay when it recovered 55.6 barrels of oil on a drillstem test from 5,995 to 5,134 feet. Location is the C NE SW 432-G-CSS&RGNG.

Humble prepared to start No. 1 O. L. Bishop, slated 5,500-foot wildcat in northeastern Gaines county, C SE NW 46-H-D&W. Honolulu staked No. 1-98 D. E. Cunningham, scheduled 5,760-foot wildcat in north central Gaines, C NW SE 98-G-WTRR.

Woodley No. 1 W. L. Ellwood in east central Hockley county, C SE SE 26-A-R. M. Thompson, showed 1,700 feet of oil and 700 feet of water at 6,028 feet. Plugging back to shut off the water and spidize was expected. The test is one mile west and quarter mile north of Woodley No. 1 L. A. Harless, opener of the Smyer pool.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp., of Amarillo prepared to deepen Woodley No. 1 W. E. Bird, Lamb county wildcat temporarily abandoned dry at 7,265 feet in Permian lime.

Texas Pacific started a 1,340-foot north offset to Fikes & Murchison, northwestern Terry county producer from the San Andres. Its No. 1 Mrs. Nannie May Williams is 670 from the south, 540 feet from the west line of section 13-K-psl.

Igniting when drilled to 6,309 feet in the Ellenburger, Continental and others' No. 13 J. S. Todd estate in the Todd Deep field in western Crockett county had burned for more than a week when extinguished Friday.

Kenley fire fighters from Houston killed the blaze, which was consuming an estimated 50 to 100 barrels of oil hourly. The well is in the C NW NE 29-WX-GS&SF.

Humble No. 1 J. M. Parrott, eastern Upton county wildcat C SE SE 3-EI&RR, recovered 18 feet of shale and lime showing oil and gas from a core from 9,924-42 feet and 19 feet of shale and lime showing oil and gas from two cores between 6,738-72 feet. It drilled ahead below 10,149 feet, still in lime and shale, believed by some to be the Pennsylvanian. No. 1 Parrott blew out at 9,576 feet in pre-Permian formation Feb. 24 and flowed oil into the pits for six hours before being killed.

Marking a 1 1-2 mile south extension to Yates sand production in the Fort Stockton field in northwestern Pecos county, the Texas Co. No. 1 C. R. Hart, C NE SE 2-114-GC&SF, flowed 108.26 barrels of oil in 24 hours for completion at 2,879 feet following a shot.

Texas Co. No. 1 Ernest Riggs, 1 1-2 miles south of No. 1 Hart, C NE NE 8-146-T&SL, recovered 100 feet of clean oil on a one-hour drillstem test from 2,884 to 2,994 feet. It then cemented 7-inch casing at 2,848 feet.

Dave Elder of San Angel, staked location in northern Pecos county for No. 1 J. H. Tippett, proposed 1,800-foot wildcat 990 from the north, 330 feet from the west line of the northeast quarter of section 64-194-GC&SF.

Lion Oil Refining Co. No. 4-B University, one mile north of Lion No. 1-B University, discovery Delaware oil producer in Ward county four miles west of Fyole, was completed at 4,994 feet from one foot of pay sand for an official gauge of 17 3-4 million cubic feet of gas daily. It is in the C SW NW 58-11-SPRR.

Mrs. Marie Haynes Gets Husband's Medal

Mrs. Marie Haynes has received the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to her husband, Pvt. Gordon Haynes, who was killed in action on Feb. 1 while serving with an artillery unit of the Seventh army.

Mrs. Haynes and her two sons, Carl Phillip and John Gordon, are making their home with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. P. D. O'Brien.



PACE SETTER—Ernest Potter, right, is shown delivering a war bond to Mrs. L. L. Freeman as he started out as pace setter for The Herald route boys' Water Weasel bond selling campaign. Saturday he was still in first place with sales aggregating \$4,550.40 in transactions ranging from 10-cent stamps to a \$3,000 bond. He lost the lead at one time to Holly Bird, who had a good day Saturday with sales of \$225 and \$375. Besides the \$3,000 bond, Ernest also sold one for \$750, \$75 and \$37.50. Although Herald route boys have sold \$5,325.55 in bonds and stamps, enough to buy one Water Weasel with \$518.95 start on their second. (Kelsey Photo).

Denny C. Ivey Killed In Action Off Iwo Island



Lt. Denny C. Ivey, USNR, was confirmed as being lost in action in the battle of Iwo Jima, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ivey, here Wednesday.

Previously, he had been reported missing in action on Feb. 21. Subsequently, the navy released information that his ship, the Bismarck Sea, an aircraft carrier, had been sunk off Iwo Jima.

All available information, said the navy's message, "leads to the conclusion that there is no hope for his survival and that he lost his life as a result of enemy action on Feb. 21, 1945, while in the service of his country."

Lt. Ivey was a steam engineer on the Bismarck Sea and had been in the navy for the past three years.

Born Sept. 5, 1911, at Floydada, he came here with his parents in 1927; was graduated from Peacock Military Academy at San Antonio; attended the University of Texas and received his degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

At the time of his enlistment, he was serving as a government petroleum engineer in Washington, D. C. Commissioned an ensign at Notre Dame, he had specialized training at Great Lakes, Ill., and Norfolk, Va., before becoming an instructor at the naval school at Columbia, Mo. In the interim he had been promoted lieutenant junior grade and shortly before he left for Bremerton, Wash., aboard his ship he was made a full lieutenant. His ship had been in on the Lingayen Gulf campaign which spearheaded the Luzon invasion.

Besides his parents, survivors include his grandmother, Mrs. C. Surginer.

Students At Work Gathering Data

More than 100 high school seniors were at work Wednesday getting information from businessmen concerning post-war plans for enlargement of business houses and staffs.

There were 51 teams of two each in the field to gather in 500 blanks which had been sent out during the week end by the chamber of commerce to local firms.

Not only were the classmembers to gather the information from businessmen, but they were to tabulate results and report it to the chamber of commerce, which is financing the survey.

Big Spring VD Clinic Ships 69 Patients

Sixty-nine patients of the Big Spring VD clinic were sent to rapid treatment centers in March, Nurses Louise Horton and Ann Fisher said Tuesday.

Twenty of the patients went to El Paso and 49 were sent to Mineral Wells. During the month 248 tests for syphilis and 223 for gonorrhea were given and 10 new patients were admitted to the clinic. There was a total of 447 clinic visits and 15 delinquents returned

CC Directors Meet Approve '45 Budget

The 1945 budget of \$18,000 for the chamber of commerce was approved at the meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night.

Otis Grafa made a comprehensive report on the contacts he made recently in Austin in regard to the proposed Big Spring junior college. The junior college committee was authorized to investigate the amount of funds necessary for the construction of college buildings.

The directors decided that the chamber of commerce would sponsor no celebration at the cessation of the war with Germany, but decided that the Pastors' association will be asked to have all local churches open all day for prayer services.

The board approved a resolution which stated that the secretary should write letters to congressmen and senators urging them to support measures approved and adopted by the oil fraternity, and Ben LeFever discussed the bill on intangible assets now before lawmakers.

Further plans were made for the spring clean-up campaign. H. D. Norris, chairman of the membership committee, reported on plans he has made, and Major L. W. Canning spoke to the directors in connection with the clothing collection now underway.

Registration High At County Library; Unit To Join ALA

Registration at the Howard County Free Library climbed 94 during March to 1,199, Doris Nesbitt, librarian, reported Saturday.

At the same time, circulation increased to 2,186 as of March 30, an increase of 217 over February. The librarian considered this a significant gain since it occurred in the face of spring with its gardening, sewing, and pre-Easter preparations.

Sixty-nine new books have been added to the collection and are now in circulation, the librarian reported. The juvenile books are constantly in circulation and local youthful readers have almost exhausted the available supply.

Among the new books added is Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men," given by Ellen Wood in memory of John N. Conrad.

As an affiliate of the American Library association, the Howard County Unit is being asked to join in the ALA movement to maintain representation in the national capitol to help secure army camp library books and equipment primarily for rural school service when this property is no longer needed by the army; to make other federally owned surplus property, including books, available to colleges, public libraries, etc.; to provide federal agencies with information concerning need for improved and extended library service.

Contributions to meet the local quota of \$100 will be handled through Miss Nesbitt.

Action Coming For C of C 1945 Budget

Action will be taken on the 1945 budget for the Big Spring chamber of commerce at the meeting of the directors Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Committee appointments will be made and Otis Grafa will report on his recent trip to Austin in connection with the proposed junior college for Big Spring, J. H. Greene, manager, said Tuesday.

Forty-Five Scouts Attend Concho Camp

Forty five Boy Scouts from Troop 1 and 2 attended the camp on the Concho last week. They left Thursday and returned Saturday afternoon.

Adults attending were Charles Watson, W. D. Willbanks, Pat Kinney, Robert E. Lee, Roy Reed. The boys fished, practiced on Round Up events and worked on advancements.

Charles Brazil Elected Mayor At Colorado City

COLORADO CITY, April 4—A 12-year tenure as mayor of Colorado City was interrupted for J. A. Sadler here yesterday when Charles Brazil upset him, 429 to 309, in record voting.

The total of 743 votes polled was easily tops for this municipality and was a major percentage of a potential of 1,000 votes.

Sadler, at the time of his defeat, was president of the Texas League of Municipalities. Brazil, former high school commercial teacher and Shell Oil employee and now insurance underwriter, entered the race at the last minute.

J. C. Pritchett was the only incumbent, exclusive of unopposed Ford Merritt, who succeeded in his bid for reelection. He polled 606 votes. W. F. Hague got 481 and Albert B. Erwin 472 to win places as councilmen. Clarence Hornberger and Edgar Major, veteran councilmen, polled 295 and 207, respectively.

Merritt, city secretary, drew 722 votes.

Cubs Attain Wolf Rank At Meeting

A large number of Cub Scouts attained Wolf rank Friday night at their meeting.

Wolf Cubs were Lewis Wayne Smith, Willard Stovall, John Warren Masters, Bill Early, Charles Franklin, Harold Haynie, Donald Clark, John T. Johnson, Dewey Byers, J. D. Stevenson, W. C. Carver, Bobby Morgan, Jimmie Porter, James Lee Knuckleson, Doyle Lane, Bobby Wheeler, Warren Anderson, Russell Green, Joe Rhodes, Robert Angel, Derwood Merrick, Wayne Medlin, Floyd Lackey, Jimmie Ray Montgomery.

Wolf Gold Arrows went to Bobby Wheeler, Russell Green, Clinton Jenkins, Richard Sallee, Warren Lee Cooper, Ronald Farquhar, Jimmie Connelly.

Silver Arrows were given to Dickie Dixon, Jimmie Connelly. Those making Bear Cub were Joe Henry Supkins, Russell Green, Joe Rhodes, Pat McKinney, Jimmie Connelly.

Bear Gold Arrows were awarded to Donald Taylor Anderson, Gordon B. Myrick, Gary Warren, Leslie Davis, Billy Troyer made Lion Cub, and Webelos were Grady Dorsey Jr. and B. C. Arthur.

Those graduating from Cubbing into Scouting included Aubrey Dale Armstrong to Troop No. 117, B. C. Arthur to Troop No. 117, Grady Dorsey to Troop No. 9, Troy Abbe to Troop No. 19, and Jimmie Adkins.

Lt. J. H. Williams Named To Be Head S'water Schools

SWEETWATER, March 31—Lt. J. H. Williams, formerly assistant superintendent of the public schools here, has been elected to succeed Ross H. Covey, who has resigned the post he has held for the past 10 years as superintendent.

Williams currently is stationed at San Francisco, is due to go on inactive status by June 1, when the date of Covey's resignation is effective. The new superintendent is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university and holds his masters from the University of Southern California.

Covey, with the exception of two years, has been in the teaching profession for the past 35 years. Before coming to Sweetwater, he headed schools at Bartlett and Sonora, was president of Lions clubs in those cities and served as district Lions governor after coming to Sweetwater. During his tenure, Sweetwater high school has increased from 28 to 50 affiliated units as well as obtaining many physical improvements.

Four Divorces Are Granted By Collings

Four divorce petitions were granted and two change of names applications were approved by Judge Cecil Collings in 70th district court over the weekend.

Arthur E. Merworth was granted a divorce from Mildred Merworth, who was restored her maiden name of Briggs. Ernestine Mitchell was given a divorce from Charles A. Mitchell, and A. L. Thornton was granted a divorce from Lou Thornton. Mamie Padgett Mayfield was given a divorce from Louis A. Mayfield, and an agreement on division of community property was approved.

In ex parte proceedings, the name of Norris Dan Padgett Mayfield; the name of Edward Kaufman Fisher was changed to Edward Kay Fisher.

SUGAR APPLICATIONS

The applications for canning sugar arrived Tuesday, it was disclosed by the Howard County War Price and Rationing Board. These applications will be available at the grocery stores, and the ration board reminded for the quickest service the applications should be mailed in.



Sterling Tucker Dies In Action In Reich Battle

Pfc. Sterling Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tucker, was killed in action on March 21 somewhere in Germany, his parents were informed Thursday by the war department.

He was the first member of the local Ray Fuller VFW post to be 1st in World War II, and also was the first former member of Boy Scout troop No. 5 lost in action.

Born in Big Spring, he was graduated from high school here in 1942. During his school career he had been active in sports. For a time he worked at the Big Spring Bombardier School and later was in the plumbing business with his father and brother before entering the service in February of 1943.

His training came at Camp Swift, Texas with maneuvers at Camp Polk, La. He was selected for specialist training at Texas A. and M. and at a branch of Camp Swift. Assigned to the 285th engineers, his unit was attached to the Ninth army. His outfit was credited with spanning the Roer river.

The day the message came from the war department, his parents received a letter from him written on March 17.

Survivors include his parents; one brother, E. C. (Bud) Tucker; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Woods, Mrs. Frances Brannan, Emma Corene and Charlene Tucker; and an uncle for whom he was named, Sterling Price.

Fifteen Calves Selected For Milk Feeding Project

Fifteen calves for milk feeding demonstrations have been selected, County Agent Durward Lester said Saturday, and 14 have been placed with 4-H club boys.

Jimmy and Mary Sue White, Big Spring, will feed two calves from the Nick Reed herd. R. J. Echols, Coahoma, is to feed one from Tom Roden's herd. W. W. Lay is breeder of two calves to be fed by Wayne White, Coahoma, and one by Louis Lovelless, Coahoma.

Alden Ryan is breeder of the Jimmy Grant feeder. From S. M. Buchanan comes one calf to be fed out by Jimmy White. J. O. Haney will feed two from the Beal Bros. ranch.

Harold and Billy Bob Simpson will feed one each from the Edward Simpson herd while two calves from the O'Barr ranch will be fed out by B. M. Newton and one by Bobby Powell.

Hugh Caughey is feeding out two Aberdeen-Angus calves and one Hereford, the latter bred by Charles Creighton.

Parent-Teacher Leaders Of Area Due Here April 11

Upwards of 200 Parent-Teacher association leaders of district No. 6 are expected here April 11 for a one-day inspirational conference.

Plans rapidly are being completed for entertainment of the meeting, a war-time successor to the annual spring conventions. The meeting will be held in the First Baptist church with Mrs. C. R. Carter, Midland, district vice-president, in charge.

A feature of the inspirational conference is to be the installation of officers for all Big Spring P-T-A. units, and two inspirational addresses by Mrs. F. H. Holman, Taylor, state vice-president.

Some thirty district board members together with 75 or more out of town delegations are expected here for the parley. Bulk of the attendance is due from the 693 Big Spring members together with the five other units in Howard county.

Ten Scouts Pass Marksmanship Test

Ten Scouts from Troop No. 9 passed marksmanship requirements at the monthly camp Friday night.

The 60 Scouts attending the camp included five from Troop No. 4, 18 from Troop No. 9, 10 from Troop No. 3, 15 from Troop No. 5 and eight from Troop No. 19.

Scouting leaders present were Fred Skaggs, Arnold Seydler, Cecil Skaggs, Neel Bumbarner and W. D. Berry.

Six Local Firms Train Veterans

Six Big Spring firms have established a program of apprentice training as approved by the program for the training of discharged veterans, according to C. H. Culpepper of the U. S. Apprentice Training service of Dallas.

Those firms offering the service thus far include the Jones Motor company, Taylor Electric, R. C. Clark Motor company, Big Spring Motor company, Christensen's Tent Shop and The Herald.

The tentative program has been formed at the Lamesa Tractor and Motor Co., of Lamesa.

Under the present training program the veteran is paid while he learns the trade with the compen-

sation from the government of \$50 a month for single men and \$75 for those having dependents. Culpepper said that the wages from the employer may increase as the apprentice goes forward with the program.

However, the wage rate and the subsistence combined cannot equal more than the wage of the skilled worker of the craft.

The requirements for entrance into apprentice training are that the applicant should have a high school education or its equivalent and should show an aptitude for a skilled trade. No previous training in that skill is required.

L. W. Kellers, area training specialist in Abilene, declared that the program is not rigid in its application in that the apprentice may stop the training at any time, and if necessary may transfer to another town or part of the country, if the justification for doing so is strong enough. Similarly, the employer of the apprentice may discharge him if there is sufficient reason.

Employers interested in the setting up of such programs were asked to contact Henry A. Clark of the Big Spring U. S. Employment Service for further information.

In addition to the apprentice training in the shop or firm, the apprentice must have a course of 144 hours per year in a class of public vocational schools. Culpepper stated that the average time for a course in apprentice training is four years.

He added that non-veterans may enter training, although there is no subsistence pay from the government, in limitless fields.

Cecil Weaver Is Killed In Action

Mrs. Earle Weaver was informed by the war department that her husband, Flight Officer Cecil A. Weaver, previously reported missing in flight, had been killed. Date of death was fixed as Feb. 4, 1945, the same date he had been listed as missing. He was assigned to the India - Burma area as a C-46 pilot and presumably had been flying the famed Hump into China.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Brock, San Antonio, a brother, T-Sgt. D. Weaver, assigned to Murve, Calif. Another brother, Sgt. Ralph Weaver was killed in February in a plane crash in England. Julia J. Boyle, Big Spring, is an aunt.

Scout Troops Hold Court Of Honor

One hundred nineteen Boy Scouts and approximately 30 adult leaders and visitors were present at the Court of Honor Tuesday night.

Twenty-two rank awards were made, and 83 merit badges and 11 100-hour civic service bars were given. Dulane Leonard of Troop No. 6 was given the Eagle by Elva Phillips and his badges were pinned on by his mother. The Eagle Bronze Palm was awarded to Charles Seydler of Troop No. 5.

The Court of Honor banner went to Troop No. 15 of which Sgt. George Miller is the scoutmaster. Coahoma's troop No. 8 with George Boswell, scoutmaster, was awarded the Shick trophy.

Three new scoutmasters present were Lt. William Stone of Troop No. 117, Sgt. Stanley Peurifoy, Troop No. 1 and Sgt. George Miller, new Troop No. 15.

Building permits for March, 1945, almost doubled the number issued in the same month for 1944. Expenditures were almost eight times as great this year with \$86,810 as compared with \$11,875 in 1944.

Approximately \$49,000 of the total for this March was made by the Southwestern Investment company for building 10 houses in Washington Place. There were 38 new structures built at a cost of \$74,015. Twenty-one additions amounted to \$7,455. F. W. Bettie, Big Spring building inspector, said Tuesday that building for March of this year was not only increased in quantity, but likewise in quality.

In March, 1944, there were 42 permits issued, 12 of which were for new buildings at a cost of \$3,625. There were 13 additions made at a cost of \$2,265, and six buildings were moved. During March, 1944, the largest expenditure was \$1,000 for demolishing a building.

COULTER VISITS HERE

Jerry Coulter, S-1-c, arrived in Big Spring Tuesday morning for his first furlough since he entered the navy 15 months ago. He has just returned from 12 months of sea duty in the Pacific and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Coulter.

Postal Receipts Take Big Jump

Postal receipts spurted ahead during the first quarter of 1945 with each month a record breaker, the report of Postmaster Nat Shick showed Saturday.

The quarter total was \$41,357.06, which was \$9,608 over the \$31,748.91 for the same quarter last year.

March turned up \$13,503.13 of business, which was \$2,739 above the \$10,763.27.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

America and her "Underground"

We were sitting around after chores the other night talking about the progress of the war. Chad Davis was saying how, in spite of Germany's defeat, there was still the German underground to cope with.

"I don't worry about them," says Sober Hoskins. "So long as we got our own underground in working order."

"What do you mean—our underground?" says Chad. And Sober points out to the fields. "There it is," he says, "under that soil lies the most important

weapon that we've got. American crops—from American fields—strengthening our position overseas in a way no other underground can shake."

From where I sit, Chad's absolutely right. Whether it's for the glass of beer that cheers a tired soldier's spirits, or the bread that feeds our armies and our allies, every bit of grain that American farmers harvest is a part of America's great strength.

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HOUSE OF PARTS—Farmers of Howard county and surrounding area are finding the Johnie Walker Implement Co., 205 N. E. 2nd street, is a handy place for solving parts and other implement troubles. Johnie Walker, shown waiting on a customer, is steadily increasing his parts supplies, both for tractors as well as for implements. In addition, his company does quality repair work. (Kelsey Photo.)

Worrell Looks To Time When Supplies Plentiful

George Worrell states that if a man had no future to which to look then life would indeed be a sad affair. In the statement Worrell summed up his supply of tractors and farm equipment at the Big Spring Tractor company, which he owns.

The company has an over-supply of applications, and no tractors, but Worrell looks to the near future, when the war in Europe does end to the time when he hopes to supply his patient cus-

tomers of all their varied needs. Dealing in Ford tractors with the Ferguson system of equipment the Big Spring tractor company handles one of the best lines of farm and ranch equipment to be had.

Worrell, however, keeps his part bins full and his shop busy every minute he is open for business. L. N. Senter, Bill Witt, and C. E. Manning, three mechanics who have been repairing and improving equipment over a long period of years in Big Spring, are employed by the company to give first rate service in the repair department.

Plus the line of machinery he sells Worrell offers various miscellaneous articles needed by farmers such as lubricants, batteries, etc.

The Berkeley automatic water pump, in a size for every need is another of the company's many offerings.

Any certified seed, with the exception of cotton, can be had at the company in 100-pound bags. A good supply of go-devil knives and sweeps, from six to 40 inches, can be had at the company's quarters on the Lamesa highway.

Looking to the future Worrell states that he will have one of the best equipped show rooms in West Texas, with any piece of machinery needed by farmers and ranchers. His showrooms will carry Ford

and Ferguson front end loaders, disc terracers, blade terracers, disc plows, scoops, middle busters, four-row weedeaters, moldboard plows sub-surface tillers, tandem disc harrows, lister planters, post pole diggers, feed grinders, front end cranes, high-way mowers, agriculture mowers, seven-foot tillers and many other pieces of machinery.

The Dixie Cotton chopper is to be one of the specialties of the company. Fitting on any tractor the machine will cover two rows. It chops and cultivates as many acres as can be driven over in a day. It is a silent operating, smooth running, fast steering machine with each unit driven and controlled separately.

The smaller tractor easily handles up to three of these machines. They are from 36 to 42 inches wide, and can be spaced from six to 20 inches for chopping.

Worrell stated that farmers and ranchers with an eye to peacetime operating at a minimum cost would do well to visit his office for future planning at the present time.

Cranberries were introduced to the early colonists by Indian medicine men.

The longest river in the Netherlands East Indies is the Kapuas.

The fox feeds upon birds, rodents, fruits and berries.

Spring Brings Variety Of New Beauty Needs

Spring is the time for reconditioning of hair, complexion and nails, and the place to have it done is the Settles Beauty Shop. For the best in oil shampoos to get the hair ready for a busy summer is right now. Now is the best time for a good permanent to be all set for the hot summer days and remain attractive despite the heat.

Mrs. Ina McGowan, owner of the Settles shop, reminded that the trees and flowers are all budding out about now, so why not get a new hair style and be in step with the rest of the world.

Nails will come in for a lot of rough treatment this spring with Victory gardens and flower gardens, so to keep them looking their prettiest, Mrs. McGowan advised a weekly manicure.

For the best creams and lotions for keeping the complexion its

Hester's Stocks Wide Range Of Merchandise

From golf tees to Indian jewelry, with office supplies and other items in between, Hester's Office Supply at 114 E. 3rd street is a house of many items, according to Boone Horne, operator.

In the spring a young man's fancy makes him yearn for the great outdoors—but first he must have the necessary equipment. Hester's has tennis shoes, balls and racquets; sweat shirts and socks; baseball bats, balls and mitts; golf clubs, bags, balls and tees; and guns and archery sets.

Every clever hostess must have

loveliest the place to look for them is the Settles Beauty Shop. Also available are the right shades of makeup to enhance a smooth skin. Don't forget that the nail polish must match or at least harmonize with the rest of the makeup, and to be sure of doing that the makeup and nail lacquer should be obtained at the same time.

Concluding three years of making Big Spring women more attractive, despite war time shortages in labor and equipment, Mrs. McGowan invited Big Spring ladies to get an appointment with one of the six operators who are trained for any type of work required.



LOOK FOR HIM—This is the man that a host of people in this area look for when they want motor repairs. "See Curley Rowe," is common advice when the question of where to have best work done is raised. For around 25 years, H. M. Rowe, whose shop is located at 214½ W. 3rd, has been serving as an automobile mechanic. While war conditions have sometimes snowed him under, he still insists on a meticulous job. All makes are familiar to him, but Chevrolet repairs are a particular specialty. (Kelsey Photo.)



SKILLED, EXPERIENCED in optometry is Dr. George L. Wilke, 106 W. 3rd, who has been serving people in the Big Spring area for well over two decades and who has around three decades of experience behind him fitting glasses. He also is skilled as a watch maker. A hobby of Dr. Wilke is collecting native stones. Part of his arrowhead collection may be seen in the background. (Kelsey Photo.)

The Mosquito, England's hard-hitting two-engine bomber, is mostly made of wood and glue.

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