

DOUGHBOYS ROLL INTO CLEAR BEFORE RHINE

Americans Reinstall Manila Government

American commanders in the Pacific today dramatically reestablished the Philippine Commonwealth government in Manila, where Japanese militarists ruled for three years, and predicted that "in a few more days" the Nipponese would be driven from Iwo Island which Tokyo has governed for more than a century.

U. S. Infantrymen invaded another island in the Philippines, taking the enemy by surprise on small but strategic Verde Island astride the shipping lane from Manila to the United States.

Marines captured a strategic hill dominating most of the Japanese held northern half of Iwo Jima, against which Tokyo reported the Yanks had launched a powerful offensive.

British troops threatened the rich central Burma oil fields by capturing Pagan, ancient capital of Burmese kings about 100 miles south of Mandalay and on the northern edge of the oil lands.

Advances of 400 yards by Marines on Iwo Island yesterday in

perhaps the bitterest fighting of the Pacific war brought a confident declaration from Marine Lt. Gen. Holland M. (Howlin') Mad Smith that "we expect to take this island in a few more days."

American infantrymen were wiping out the last of Japanese suicide squads in Manila as Gen. Douglas MacArthur told a cheering crowd of Filipinos in war-ravaged Malacanang palace that "your country is once again at liberty to pursue its destiny."

MacArthur declared "The full powers and responsibilities under the constitution restored to the commonwealth. Accepting, President Sergio Osmena expressed hope the Philippines would attain complete independence this year. Battles still rages on all sides of Manila.

To the south, between Luzon and Mindoro Islands, veteran 24th division troops invaded Verde and cornered the surprised garrison on the east coast. MacArthur said the island was "the key to the control of the animal navigational route through the central Philippines."

On the west, paratroopers were mopping up Corregidor. Yanks have counted 3,056 enemy dead on the fortress island. Uncounted others blew themselves up in Corregidor's tunnels or were killed trying to swim away.

To the north, 40th division infantrymen were cleaning up caves and ravines in the Zambales mountains.

In the east, the dismounted first cavalry and sixth infantry divisions repulsed three counterattacks but ran into increasing opposition. Elements of three other divisions pressed north from this main battle line toward the strongest Japanese concentrations on northern Luzon.

Churchill Says Allies "Ready"

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today the great powers were completely prepared for the collapse of Germany, asserted the proposed Polish frontier would "not sow the seeds of future wars," and gave his personal assurance of Russia's good faith in plans for the peace.

The British leader demanded a vote of confidence from commons on the Crimea plans for a peaceful world, challenging particularly those who have criticized the Polish decisions.

He promised drastic and effective steps "to render offensive action by Germany utterly impossible for generations to come," and called on Germany again to surrender. Churchill said the United States will play "a vitally important part" in a new, far-stronger world security league "which will not shrink from establishing its will against the evil-doer" by force of arms.

Giving the first public account by one of the principals at the momentous Crimea conference, he termed the proposed Polish boundary "the fairest division which can be made between the two countries."

Marshal Stalin has given "the most solemn declarations" that Poland's sovereignty and independence would be maintained, he said, and "this decision has now been joined in both by Great Britain and by the United States."

Then Churchill added: "The impression I brought back from Crimea and from all my contacts is that Marshal Stalin and the Soviet leaders wish to live in honorable friendship and equality with the western democracies. I feel also that their word is their bond. I know of no government which stands on its obligations more solidly than the Russian Soviet government."

He declared the objective of the great powers was "to save the world—not to rule it," and that "the world organization cannot be based upon the dictatorship of the great powers."

Churchill spoke for 70 minutes before lunch, and scheduled the rest of his address in the afternoon.

Churchill gave no hint as to when he believed that collapse of Germany would come, although he did say that the war in Europe had been prolonged a "good many months beyond the hopes of last autumn while the eventual collapse of Japan was nearer than previously anticipated."

From the stocky, 70-year-old British statesman came definite assurance that the great powers had taken into consideration the role of the little nations in the future world security league to be established at the San Francisco parley.

Argentina Unlikely To Join Anti-Nazis

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27 (AP)—Vice President Juan Peron, regarded as the strongest single element in the present Argentine government, asserts there is little chance now that his country will declare war on Germany.

An abrupt declaration of war at this time "on grounds palpably insufficient, tardily recognized and opportunistic," he said last night, "would alienate our friends in this country and other American republics and give our foes an opportunity to heap scorn on us."

"No Argentine would approve such a measure, even if I insisted, and, of course, Germany is not likely to invite it through further provocation."

TEXAS FAMILIES BENEFIT
NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Texas families received \$33,645,000 in life insurance death benefit payments during 1944, compared with \$30,670,000 in the previous year, the institute of life insurance reported today.



18-YEAR-OLD KILLED—Pfc. Robert R. Poague (above), son of a Cincinnati department store owner, was killed in action in France Feb. 3. Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) who knew the youth, said he would tell the senate tomorrow the Poague boy had only 17 weeks training before being shipped overseas (AP Wirephoto).

Yank Heavies Blast Railroad Centers In Reich

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—A fleet of 1,100 American bombers feinted another attack on Berlin where fires still burned from yesterday's record blow then swerved south today and pounded the big railroad centers of Leipzig and Halle.

The giant bomber train, protected by 700 long-range fighters, stretched for 150 miles as it roared to the targets 90 to 100 miles southwest of Berlin.

As the Americans left their objectives, the German radio said formations of RAF bombers were flying in from the west and that yet other formations attacked from the south.

It was the 15th consecutive day of powerful attacks on the reich. A methodical destruction of Berlin from the air was continued through the night by RAF Mosquitos which bombed the German capital by the light of fires started 12 hours earlier by a record force of 1,200 American bombers.

Hitting Berlin for the seventh night running, the Mosquito crews said they observed scores of fires burning over a wide area. The British fliers encountered only weak and erratic anti-aircraft fire. The night-flying Mosquitos also made a moonlight attack on the Nuernberg railroad center in southeastern Germany. Both the Berlin and Nuernberg attacks were carried out without loss, as was an RAF daylight blow yesterday at a Dortmund oil plant.

Texas Blanketed By Snow And Ice As Winter Comes

By The Associated Press

Texas, baking until yesterday in one of its mildest winters in years, stirred heavily today under blankets of snow and ice.

Communications and transportation were clipped. Highways, lines and trees were ice-laden as numbing coal which slipped in through the Panhandle yesterday stretched its fingers deep into Central Texas.

Hardest hit today was the Denison-Sherman-Gainesville triangle in North Texas. Denison and Sherman were nearly isolated. Communications lines into the two cities were down and no interurbans and buses had entered or left the area since 9 p. m. last night. Bus service was resumed this morning. Telephone and electric lines were down.

Durant, Okla., across the Red river, also was hard hit. The ice started forming yesterday in West Texas, and communications in many cities were out of order.

Interurban service out of Dallas extended only to Waxahachie, 50 miles away. Service from Waxahachie to Waco had been disrupted. The highway department reported state highway 34 between Kaufman and Ennis and U. S. highway 175 southeast of Dallas was closed because of a break in the Trinity river levee.

At Amarillo the temperature had risen to 25 degrees from a low yesterday of 18. Snow, which began at 6:30 a. m. today continued falling generally over the Panhandle territory. Snow, ranging from two to six inches, covered the South Plains area, extending as far down as Snyder.

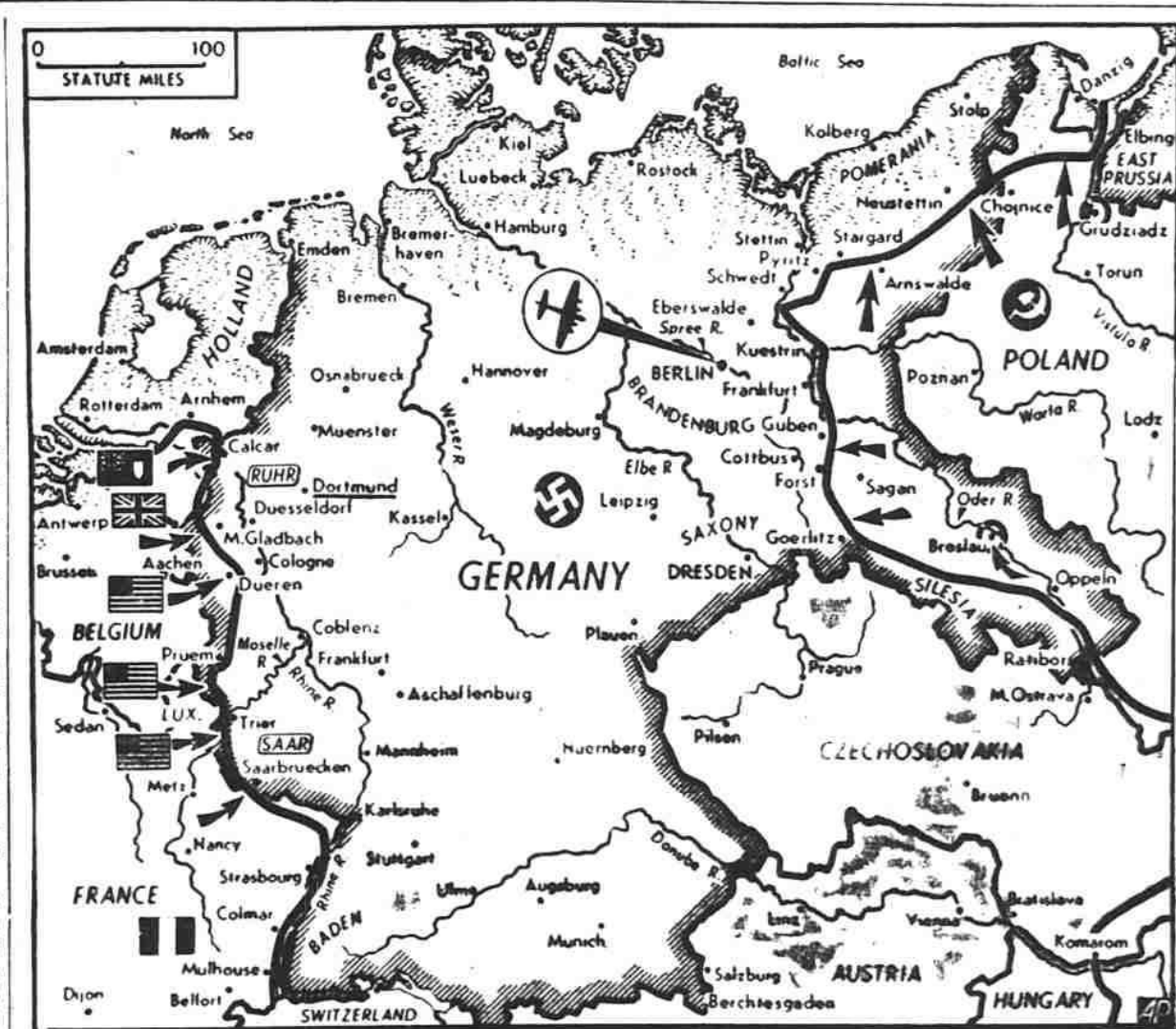
Snow was reported at Big Spring, where an inch had fallen at 7:30 a. m. and Clarendon. Sleet and ice covered the Abilene and Wichita Falls regions.

Stuteville Said Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stuteville received a wire from the War Department Monday night stating that their son, Cpl. Rees Stuteville, was slightly wounded in action February 2nd on Luzon.

Cpl. Stuteville has been in service two years having received training at Camp Meall, N. C., and Camp Polk, Louisiana. He has been overseas since May 4th, 1944. For the past four months he has been in the Philippines coming from New Guinea.

Stuteville is a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division and is 21 years of age.



AMERICAN BOMBERS HIT BERLIN IN BIGGEST RAID—American heavy bombers raided Berlin Feb. 26 in the biggest air attack ever made on the German capital, while RAF bombers raided Dortmund (underlined) again. Arrows indicate Allied drives on eastern and western fronts (solid lines), with Americans advancing toward Cologne while on the eastern front Russians were exerting most pressure against Germans holding Baltic coastal corridor from below Stettin to Danzig. Shaded lines are boundaries of Germany. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Russians Thrust Ahead To Try Danzig Isolation

Japs Lose 233 Planes Sunday

By ELMONT WAITE

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 27 (AP)—Carrier aircraft of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's forces heavily damaged two Japanese aircraft factories, destroyed or damaged 233 planes and sank 5 small enemy vessels in strikes at the Japanese capital and Hachijo Jima, 175 miles to the south, Sunday and Monday.

Faced by only light opposition, although flying under "extremely adverse" weather conditions, the attacking force lost nine planes and suffered slight damage to two of the fleet's lighter units while withdrawing from the action. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced. Five of the pilots of the downed American planes were saved.

Nimitz gave no indication of the size of the air force making Sunday's raids although Japanese reports have varied from 600 to 1,600 planes.

Primary targets of the Tokyo strike were the Nakajima aircraft plants at Ota, 50 miles northwest of Tokyo, and Kaizuma, three miles away. The Ota plant has been 75 per cent destroyed as a result of this attack and B-29 raids, Nimitz reported. Fifteen per cent of the remainder was damaged. The Kaizuma factory was described as "heavily damaged."

A total of 158 enemy planes were destroyed, 37 shot down from the air, and 75 damaged on the ground, as pilots hit at ground installations, hangars and airfields in the two day strike.

In addition, five small enemy vessels were reported as sunk and 19 others sunk or damaged. Two trains were destroyed in the Tokyo area.

The two aircraft factories constitute an extremely important part of Japan's airplane industry. And the damage suffered should be a severe blow to Nipponese productive capacity.

Hachijo Jima, which belongs to the Izu Island chain, is situated almost directly athwart the air route from the Marianas to the industrial area of Tokyo. Since Pearl Harbor, the Japanese have developed the island for aviation purposes, expanding one air strip and constructing others.

About 9 miles long and 4 1/2 miles wide, Hachijo is an ideal lookout base for warning of impending Superfortress strikes and the Japanese are believed to have constructed radio and weather observation stations there. It is 575 miles north of Iwo Island, which it resembles on a larger scale.

It is surrounded by forbidding sea cliffs, some 600 feet high, and is formed by two extinct volcano craters with a lowland of volcanic ash between. The northern peak rises 2,812 feet, the southern 2,298.

Reds Reach Point 28 Miles From Baltic Outlet

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Red army, breaking through for 30 miles in Pomerania in a bid to slice Danzig and Gdynia from the Reich, has thrust to Bublitz and Rummelsburg, 23 and 36 miles from the Baltic, the German high command said today.

A Berlin broadcast said the Soviets had forged even beyond Rummelsburg on the military highway running 31 miles north to Stolp, a communications junction 62 miles east of Danzig.

The German high command said the Russians had thrown bridgeheads over the Neisse river 50 to 60 miles southeast of Berlin, but that these had been knocked back.

Nazi reports of tank battles raging along the Oder-Neisse river suggested the First White Russian and First Ukrainian armies might have opened an offensive to topple Berlin.

The Germans located the Neisse bridgeheads between Guben and Forst, 51 and 57 miles southeast of the capital, and southeast of Forst. This might indicate Soviet attempts to outflank the river bastions of Guben and Forst.

German accounts placed Russian motorized infantry in Pomerania 30 miles beyond their last positions in the Baltic push.

One Berlin broadcaster said the Red army was pounding a triple drive toward Stettin, Kolberg on the Baltic 65 miles farther northeast, and Stolp, and reported Soviet gains toward all three.

By German account, large Russian and German infantry and armored forces were fighting on a 100-mile line extending from Kuestrin, on the Oder 39 miles northeast of Berlin, southward to the approaches to Goerlitz, Saxonia's second city 48 miles east of Dresden.

A broadcast by the Nazi Transocean agency said Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army had reached the Neisse "everywhere" for 60 miles south of its confluence with the Oder southeast of Berlin.

One-mile gains in East Prussia and capture of five localities there were announced in the Soviet communiqué, which said that heavy fighting on both sides of Koenigsberg brought death during the day to more than 2,000 Germans.

CONNALLY IN AUSTIN
AUSTIN, Feb. 27 (AP)—Sen. Tom Connally will be the principal speaker at the statewide Jackson Day dinner here April 20. Connally stopped here enroute to Mexico City, where he will attend the Inter-American conference, to confer with Mayor Tom Miller and Ed Clark, co-chairmen of the affair.

9th Smashes Over Crumbled Nazi Defenses In Wide 10-Mile Surge

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP)—The American Ninth army broke clear through German defenses before the Rhine today in a wide open advance of more than ten miles which carried to the banks of the Erft river and almost to the edge of the Ruhr industrial basin.

U. S. First army tanks blasted their way to within nine miles of Cologne and almost reached the Erft in their sector where the river forms the last water barrier before the great but ruined metropolis.

Ninth army troops captured Morken on the Erft, 15 miles southwest of Duesseldorf, and nearby Konigshoven. The coup badly outflanked Muenchen Gladbach on the south. Rheindahlen, 2 1/2 miles from Muenchen Gladbach, was taken after a tank encounter.

The whole Ninth army front rolled forward toward the Ruhr, greatest arsenal region in Europe, in advances so swift and impetuous that the Germans were described officially as in "extreme confusion."

Gen. Eisenhower's offensive was riding roughshod over confused German units, and carried to the banks of the Erft canal at a point about midway between Cologne and Duesseldorf. The canal flows close to the river, along which the Germans are expected to stand.

To the north, the Canadian First army penetrated the Hochwald defense line, third and last defense barrier before them and the northwest corner of the Ruhr. The whole German stand in the north loosened, just as it did on the Cologne plain and on the approaches to the middle Rhine, where the U. S. Third army was slamming along the Moselle valley toward Coblenz.

The Ninth army, constantly turning on more power, swept through more than 14 towns and entered half a dozen others.

Flame-throwing tanks of Lt. Gen. William H. (Texas Bill) Simpson's U. S. Ninth army crashed into Rheindahlen, 17 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Duesseldorf and 14 from Neuss, which lies on the west bank of the Rhine across from the city.

Rheindahlen is five miles north of Erkelenz and within easy cannon shot of the first chimneys of the Ruhr war industries.

The swift pace of Gen. Eisenhower's drive indicated that the Americans would be standing watch on the Rhine within a fortnight. Half the distance from the pulverized Roer river line to the mighty river has been covered in the first five days of the onslaught.

As the Ninth army veered north in the acute new threat to the Ruhr, First army tanks and infantry smashed another mile down the main highway from Duern to Cologne through Blatzheim into Bergerhausen. They drove on beyond and still were unchecked at last reports.

A bridge guarding the Erft river now was less than three miles ahead of the assault spearheads of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges. Unless the staggered Wehrmacht was able to hold the ridge, a breakthrough to the Rhine could be expected quickly. Cologne lies almost entirely on the west bank, and its ruins could be seen from positions 10 or 20 miles away.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt threw parts of his 9th and 11th tank divisions into the outer ring of defenses guarding both Cologne and Duesseldorf. Although some of these Panzer units have been engaged, there was no reported attempt to deliver a counterblow, if indeed, they were strong enough.

Canadians to the north advanced five miles, capturing the strategic road center of Uedem, and reached outer defenses of the Hochwald defense line guarding the northwest corner of the Ruhr, less than 15 miles away.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's mighty Third army captured high (See BREAKTHRU, Pg. 8, Col. 5)

Clayton Outlines U. S. Policies

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27 (AP)—U. S. Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton assured the Latin American delegations at the Inter-American conference today that they will get their fair share of American machinery to industrialize themselves after the war.

In a speech prepared for delivery before two economic conference committees, Clayton declared that it is in the self-interest of the United States to see Latin America develop itself economically and soundly.

Clayton told the delegates that the United States is committed to the following economic programs:

1. Removing all discrimination in trade.
2. Reducing tariffs and other trade barriers.
3. Approval of the Bretton Woods agreement.
4. Use of international commodity agreements where necessary to control "burdensome surpluses."
5. A determination to remain

Mountain Troops Shove Germans Back In Italy

ROME, Feb. 27 (AP)—The U. S. Tenth mountain division has thrown back a strong German counterattack in the area of Mount d'ella Toraccia, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing a number of prisoners, the Allied command announced today.

The Germans, who have been contesting every Allied gain, moved out in the counterattack below Bologna after an intense artillery barrage. After being forced to withdraw, they continued to throw heavy fire against the American positions in the mountains.

Brazilian troops who had moved to Mount Castello when the U. S. mountain troops made their push to Mount Belvedere and Mount d'ella Toraccia last week likewise were subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. The Brazilians broke up a small counterattack near La Serra.

On the central sector southeast of Bologna a raiding party again tested German defenses and found them stubbornly held. Nevertheless, the Allied patrol cleared out three German pillboxes.

Piner Installed As CC President

Robert T. Piner was installed as the new president of the Big Spring chamber of commerce at the directors' meeting Monday at noon.

Directors discussed the prospects of establishing a junior college in Big Spring and Cliff Wiley was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate and study the possibilities. Other members of the committee were Otis Grafe, Judge James Brooks, Walker Bailley, Dr. M. H. Bennett, W. C. Blankenship, George Boswell of Coahoma, Don McKee of Forsan and Homer Barnes of Garner. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Meeting time for the directors was changed to the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m. at the Settles hotel. Ordinarily the meetings were held at noon on the second and fourth Mondays. At the same time it was decided that the annual chamber of commerce banquet will be eliminated, with two or more smokers during the year for the entire membership to take its place.

Appointed as members of the new executive committee were Robert Currie, A. S. Darby, Dave Duncan, Dr. P. W. Malone, Marvin Miller and Cliff Wiley.

Social Calendar Of Events For Week

TUESDAY

BETA SIGMA PHI will meet at the Crawford Hotel at 7 p. m. and will adjourn in time for the lecture.
REBEKAH LODGE will meet at the I.O.O.F. hall at 7:30 p. m.
CHILD STUDY COURSE will be held at the West Ward School at 2:30 p. m.
PARISH COUNCIL AND ALTAR SOCIETY will meet at the Catholic Church at 7:45.

WEDNESDAY

A.A.U.W. will meet in the home of Mrs. W. J. McAdams at 8 p. m. to hear J. A. Coffey speak.
CHILD STUDY CLUB will meet in the home of Mrs. L. B. Edwards at 2:45 p. m.

THURSDAY

G.I.A. will meet at the W.O.W. Hall at 3 p. m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet at the church at 2 p. m.
SOUTH WARD P.T.A. will meet for the executive meeting at 3 p. m. and the regular meeting at 3:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY

TRAINMEN LADIES will meet at the W.O.W. hall at 2:30 p. m.
LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION will meet at the Country Club at 1 o'clock with Mrs. Jack Roden and Mrs. Shirley Robbins as hostesses.
SUSANNAH WESTLEY CLASS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH will meet in the home of Mrs. W. Olsen at 207 Nolan Street at 3 p. m.

SATURDAY

HYPERION CLUB will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. E. B. McCormick at 709 W. 17th.

Three Coahoma O. E. S. Grand Officers Honored

Mrs. Norman H. Read, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; Mrs. Florence Read, Past Worthy Grand Matron; and Mrs. Claudia Adams, Grand Representative to the State of Michigan, were honored at a reception Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock given by Coahoma Chapter Number 499, O.E.S. at the home of Mrs. D. S. Phillips.

The honored guests and the following composed the receiving line: Mrs. Agnes V. Young, Big Spring, Past Worthy Grand Matron; and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McGee, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Coahoma.

Decorations of blue and yellow were used throughout the rooms in flowers and pottery. Tea and coffee were poured from silver service at either end of a lace laid table centered with an arrangement of blue and yellow flowers with burning blue tapers flanking the centerpiece. Star-shaped sandwiches and sand tarts completed the refreshments.

Mrs. Trilby Johnston, Mrs. Viola O'Daniel, Mrs. Peggy Davis, and Miss Edythe Wright poured tea and coffee during the afternoon. Mrs. Alene Graves and Mrs. Addie Phillips presided at the buffet. Mrs. Emilee Beckham met guests at the door and Mrs. Hattie Bell Shive presided at the register.

Guests were members of the Big Spring Chapter Number 67, and Coahoma Chapter Number 499.

Scout Council Plans Future Activities

Members voted to change the Girl Scout organization into an association when the Girl Scout Council met Monday evening at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. M. S. Toops read the constitution to the group.

Committees reported the plans for the year, out of this a calendar for the year was drawn. Mrs. Gretchen Kidd announced that there will be an all day training course for leaders March 22nd. This course will be for the area and will be instructed by Frances Lee of national headquarters.

It was announced that there will be a meeting of the men's advisory committee on April 10th. A committee was appointed for the next association meeting to be in May. The committee included Mrs. George French and Mrs. C. A. Horton.

Training sessions for all leaders will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. at the First Methodist church. This meeting will be devoted to badge work and program planning for Brownies.

Plans were reported for the annual birthday week which will be observed March 12th. Attending the meeting were Mrs. Robert Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Conley, Mrs. M. S. Toops, Mrs. V. A. Whittington, Mrs. C. Y. Clinkscapes, Mrs. R. L. Pritchett, Mrs. J. B. Mull, Mrs. Wiley Curry, Mrs. Dewey Martin, Lawrence Robinson, Mrs. L. D. Jenkins, Mrs. Ruth Rutherford, Mrs. Ruth Burman, Mrs. R. C. Allen, Mrs. J. L. Roberts, Mrs. Gretchen Kidd, Rev. P. D. O'Brien, and Mrs. Otis Wilson.

Activities at the USO

TUESDAY 8:30—Games and dancing.

WEDNESDAY 6:15—Hospital visiting hour at the post; Lillian Jordan, chairman.

THURSDAY 8:30—General activities.

FRIDAY 8:00—Sketch class; Sgt. Jim Butler in charge.

9:00—Bingo; three-minute free telephone call home with Credit Women's Breakfast club as hostess.

SATURDAY 8:30—Recording hour.

7:00-9:00—Cakes donated by Home Demonstration club.

Mrs. Carpenter Honored At Tea

Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, who is leaving to make her home in Cisco, was honored with a tea Monday afternoon when the Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the church. Mrs. R. V. Middleton was hostess at the tea and Mrs. Sam L. Baker presented the honoree with a gift from the Ruth Circle of the Auxiliary.

At the business meeting preceding the tea Mrs. Harry Hurt, secretary of spiritual life, led the Bible study taken from 12th and 13th Corinthians. She stressed four points: Christ defending His apostolic authority, Paul's warning to people in the church; God's two-fold answer to prayer, and we have to accept Jesus before we have the love of God through fellowship. The study was closed with Mrs. Hurt leading the group in prayer.

During the business session Mrs. J. C. Lane presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. F. H. Talbott.

Attending were Mrs. A. A. Porter, Mrs. Neil Hillard, Mrs. Cecil Wasson, Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, Mrs. Albert Davis, Mrs. James E. Moore, Mrs. E. E. Freeman, Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Guy Tam-sitt, Mrs. J. C. Lane, Mrs. Harry Hurt, Mrs. D. A. Koons, Mrs. Charles Ruhup, Mrs. D. Davis, Mrs. Sam L. Baker, Mrs. P. Marion Sims, Mrs. R. V. Middleton, Mrs. T. S. Currie, Mrs. D. T. Evans and Rev. James E. Moore.

Amendments Get Cold Shoulder For Duration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee today turned thumbs down on all constitutional amendments for the war's duration.

The decision effectively blocks any immediate senate consideration of pending proposals to give the house a part in treaty ratifications and to limit White House tenure.

Noting that the prohibition amendment was proposed during the last war, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) told reporters the millions of men and women in the service should have a part in any future constitutional decisions.

Chairman Hatch (D-NM) of a subcommittee appointed to consider various proposed constitutional amendments said the subcommittee "in effect was instructed not to hold hearings and not to make recommendations, at least until further orders from the committee."

Hatch is a strong supporter of a proposal to permit treaty ratification by a majority vote of both houses instead of the present requirement of a two-thirds vote in the senate only.

In addition to the treaty ratification proposal, constitutional amendments have been suggested to:

Limit the tenure of one man in the presidency to two four-year terms.

Put a ceiling of six years on the time any man might serve either in the presidency or any other elective federal office.

Abolish the electoral college and substitute direct vote of the people for president and vice president.

Provide "equal rights" for women in legal and other transactions.

Provide citizens of the District of Columbia with the right to vote.

Prohibit the collection of a poll tax as a requirement for voting.

Stevenson Signature Ends Closed Fishing

AUSTIN, Feb. 27 (AP)—Governor Coke R. Stevenson's signature today gave immediate effect to a bill abolishing closed seasons on fresh water fishing in Texas and relaxing size limitations on fish. The act overwhelmingly approved by the legislature, repeals the law which ordered a general closed season on fresh water angling in March and April.

It also repeals local laws stipulating closed seasons at variance with the general closed season.



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SHARE IN RECORD—Two Big Spring people, Mrs. Belle R. Black, left, and H. A. Stegner, shared last year in a record investment shown in the 47th annual report by the Southwestern Life Insurance Co. The report showed the biggest gain since 1928. Insurance in force gained 31 millions for a total of \$481,718,273. Assets of the company now total \$108,940,511. Since Pearl Harbor, the company has invested more than 50 millions in government securities. While military deaths were high, the over-all statistics compared favorably with a five-year record due to lower civilian mortality.



Sub-Deb Club Has Business Meet In Betty McGinnis' Home Monday

Plans were made for the Carnival to be held in the high school gymnasium Friday night when the Sub-Deb club met in the home of Betty McGinnis Monday night for a business meeting. Betty McGinnis, secretary, read the constitution.

The treasurer, Wynelle Wilkinson, gave her report. Billie Jean Anderson, president, presided at the meeting and Sub-Deb pins, sweaters and stationery were discussed.

Refreshments were served buffet style from a table laid with an Irish linen embroidered cloth centered with an arrangement of snapdragons on a reflector surrounded by candelabra of the Sub-Deb colors, blue and silver. Anna Clair Waters poured punch from a crystal bowl and pineapple pin wheel sandwiches and individual cakes decorated with the Sub-Deb motif were served.

Jodie Rice, former Sub-Deb member who is home from Texas University was present as the only guest. Members attending were Helen Rount, Wilma Jo Taylor, Cordie Sukirk, Janet Robb, Lynn Wear, Billie Jean Anderson, B. Sue Sweeney, M. L. Dean Anderson, Pat Curry, Wynelle Wilkinson, Coralia Long, Betty McGinnis, Mary Nell Cook, Fobbie Joyce Cobb, the sponsor, Mrs. Mon Ba-

ney, and the hostess, Mrs. McGinnis.

Janet Robb will be next hostess when the club meets in her home next Monday night.

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Pledges Discussed At W. S. C. S. Meet

It was announced that four subscriptions of a popular magazine have been sent to the McCloskey General hospital for the enjoyment of wounded combat men when members of the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Howard Keith presided at the business meeting when officers gave their reports. The treasurer's report stated that \$464 had been pledged and reminded the members that all pledges that will count on this year's report must be in by the fourth Monday of March.

Mrs. H. Clyde Smith gave the devotional on "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes." The meeting was opened with the group singing a hymn led by Mrs. Jake Bishop.

"The American Indian" will be the topic for study at the next three meetings of the organization when it meets in members' homes.

Attending were Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Frank Powell, Mrs. M. E. Ouley, Mrs. H. M. Rowe, Mrs. L. W. Croft, Mrs. W. D. McDonald, Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. H. J. Whittington, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. W. A. Miller, Mrs. F. B. Wilson and Mrs. W. A. Underwood.

ORDER HITS TRIBES

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—The Great White Father's curfew has reached the redmen of the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla tribes. Chief Jim Kanine has ordered that when the next big tribal dance is held in April tom-toms must be silenced at midnight.

Of all the new people hired in west coast aircraft factories in a month, less than 6 per cent have had any previous airplane building experience.

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Bowles Hopes To Lower Prices Of Clothing Soon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles told congress today he hoped to bring down prices of clothing 6 to 7 per cent by next August.

"They are at the top of our order of business," he testified before the senate banking committee. "It is here that we have had our most dangerous increase in living costs since the hold the line order became effective."

"While the average prices of all items going into the cost of living have increased only 1.5 per cent, clothing prices have increased 11.6 per cent in addition to marked quality deterioration."

"Because clothing accounts for about 13 per cent of all living costs, this increase in clothing costs has contributed nearly all of the increase found in total living costs of low and middle income families."

Bowles appeared in support of legislation to extend the price control and stabilization act until Dec. 31, 1946. It is now due to expire next June 30.

EDITOR'S WIFE DEAD

COMMERCIAL, Feb. 27 (AP)—Funeral services for Mrs. Sterling P. Hart, 64, wife of the editor of the Commercial Journal, who died here Sunday, were to be held today. She had lived in Commerce for 36 years.

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Kill Kare Klub Honors Member

The Kill Kare Klub honored Mrs. Nancy Dillard with a going away party Monday night in the home of Mrs. Dennis Wall. Mrs. Dillard will move to McCamey. Hostesses were Mrs. Jewell Madison and Mrs. Wall.

Guests attending were Mrs. Earl Carter, Mrs. Leon Cole, Mrs. Rufus Miller, Mrs. Frank Merrick, Mrs. V. A. Merrick, Mrs. Berie McNallen, Mrs. Roy Grandstaff. Members present were Mrs. Robert Satterwhite, Mrs. Watson Hammond, Mrs. Elvis McCrary, Mrs. Roy Lassiter, Mrs. Ollie Anderson.

Mrs. Dillard won first high in bridge. Mrs. Frank Merrick was second high. Mrs. Leon Cole was bingo winner.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Robert Satterwhite on March 12.

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Schoolboy Basketball Enters Final Phase Before State Playoff Begins

By WILBUR MARTIN
Associated Press Staff

It's three divisions pitted to district champions, Texas interscholastic league basketball this week enters its last phase before the finale.

Bi-district play in class AA is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week, with regional tournaments in class A and B coming up. The state tournament will be held the second week in March with eight teams in every division.

While in almost every instance, district champions have been decided, a few have not reported tidbits to interscholastic league officials.

Most opening games of bi-district series in class AA are on tap tonight, regional A and B tournaments being generally slated this week-end.

All three of last year's champions are on hand at this stage of the playoffs and two are given excellent chances to repeat. Prairie Lea is a prime favorite in class B, while Nocona is rated among the better class A clubs. But class AA champion Sunset, of Dallas, will have a rough row to hoe if it repeats.

Tonight, Milby of Houston, champion of District 13, and Goose Creek, district 14 winner, tangle at Houston. The second game will be played Thursday at

Goose Creek, Austin and Harlingen, champions of districts 15 and 16 respectively, open their series at Austin tonight, move to Harlingen Thursday.

Sunset, holding a one-game advantage over Paschal of Fort Worth, invades Fort Worth for the second game tonight. The Bisons won district eight, while Paschal won district seven.

One class AA state tournament entry has already been decided. Greenville defeated Highland Park of Dallas last week in the meeting between the champions of districts five and six.

Other bi-district playoffs will be between Abilene-El Paso, Pampa-Childress, Breckenridge-Waco and Kilgore-Lufkin.

Sites and dates for regional class A and B tournaments are arranged by participating schools. In class A most have been announced and in class B sites for seven of the eight regions have been picked.

Among strong contenders for bi-district and regional honors are Austin, which has won district 15-AA four years running; Childress, runnerup to Sunset last year, and Mt. Vernon and Blossom, finalists in class A and B respectively.

Sites for regional tournaments in class A are:

Region 1, Plainview; 2, Abilene; 3, Decatur; 4, Commerce; 5, (undecided); 6, Lockhart; 7, Alice. Regional sites in class B are:

1, Canyon; 2, Abilene; 3, Dallas; 4, Kilgore; 5, Houston; 6, San Marcos; 7, Kingsville; 8, (undecided).

Texas 'Glovers' Win Four Bouts At Chicago Meet

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Texas weathered the first night of the 18th Golden Gloves tournament here last night with a score of four wins against one loss.

Texas entries in the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight divisions won their bouts, one of them claiming two wins during the opening night of the event.

In the flyweight class, Gilbert Arche De La Cruz of Fort Worth and San Antonio defeated Paul Holderfield, Memphis, Tenn.

Hector Marquez, bantamweight from Fort Worth and El Paso, defeated W. R. Nixon, Indianapolis, Ind., in his first fight and went on to stop Pvt. Joe Stringer of Peoria, Ill. in the second round of a scheduled three-round fight.

Featherweight puncher L. W. Williams from Fort Worth and Corpus Christi, defeated Alex Gonzalez whose hometown is Fort Worth. Gonzalez, however, is not entered on the Texas team.

The only member of the Texas delegation to lose his opening bout was J. W. Blankenship, Fort Worth and Beaumont lightweight, who dropped a three-round decision to Francisco Pebbles of Cleveland.

Texas fighters in the five heavier classes fight tonight.

Camp Claiborne Wins Service Group Title

LONGVIEW, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Engineers from Camp Claiborne, La., won the Eighth Service Command basketball championship by defeating the war department personnel center of Fort Bliss 42-25 here yesterday.

Glenn General Hospital of Okmulgee, Okla., the third team to go into a title play-off of a three-way tie, defaulted yesterday to Fort Bliss.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Army and Navy are co-favorites to win the I.C. 4-A track meet Saturday, and the Army-Navy basketball tussle likely will be the best of the eastern season.

But did you ever stop to think that these teams are both by-products of the 1944 'football squads'?

The track teams, without Max Minor, Doc Blanchard, Ben Hartin and Hal Hamberg (Navy) would be good but wouldn't dominate the field. . . . Footballer Dick Duden is the spark plug of Navy's cage team while Army's includes Glenn Davis, Doug Kenna, Dale Hall, Bobby Dobbs and Ed Rafalko. . . . So, can you blame the athletic departments if they're out looking for more good football material?

One-minute sports page—Returning his 1945 contract unsigned, Ted Wills, Cardinals pitcher, remarked: "I thought I was a major league success until I looked at the terms."

Memo to college football coaches who think they might find a soft touch in the pro business: 23 of 24 National league sectional titles have gone to coaches who graduated from pro ranks. Patsy Clark won the other at Detroit after he had been in the league six years.

Service dept.—

The Fourth Marine division football team which has a successful though unheralded season at a rest camp between the Saipan and Tinian battles and the invasion of Iwo Jima, was coached by Lt. Col. Pat Hanley, who holds the Bronze Star medal for bravery. Major Frank E. Garretson, backfield coach, holds the Legion of Merit and the Navy Cross. The lineup included two wearers of the Silver Star, one Bronze Star medal wearer and the team rated six Purple Hearts. . . . Jeering section: At a recent boxing bout in southern France between Earl Eppinger, roly-poly negro heavyweight, and an emaciated looking rival, a fan shouted to the skinny guy: "Come on, Jackson, hit him in the mess hall."

Hanson Tops Cage Scorers In Nation

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Vince Hanson, of Washington State, crossed the 500-point mark last week as he retained the No. 1 spot at the top of the nation's college basketball scorers.

Jack Perrault, of Eastern Washington, jumped into second place. The nation's leading scorers as compiled by the Associated Press include:

Name, team	G	FG	FL	TP
Vince Hanson, Wash. State	32	208	89	505
Bill Henry, Rice	31	168	97	433
George Kok, Arkansas	23	172	55	399

China Clippers Enter State Girls Tourney

CHINA, Tex., Feb. 27 (AP)—The China Clippers, boasting the longest basketball winning streak in the country, will participate in the state high school girls basketball tournament for the first time.

The team, which has won 97 straight and 112 out of its last 113 games, last weekend won the district championship and will go to Hillsboro March 8 to play in the state tourney.

STEEN LOSES DECISION

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27 (AP)—Howell Steen, Dallas, Tex., dropped a ten-round decision to Sgt. Tommy Roman of Barksdale Field, La., here last night. Roman weighed 156 pounds and Steen 146 1-2.

Sport Shots—

Water-Boy Career Is Invaluable To Texas' Billy "Rooster" Andrews

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

Associated Press Sports Editor

DALLAS, Feb. 27 (AP)—Billy (The Rooster) Andrews who made a career of being a water boy and did so well pro football wants him, says he wouldn't take \$10,000,000 for the experience.

And, we might add, the University of Texas got as much out of it as did The Rooster. Not only has he been the athletic handyman but he's brought to the state school barrels of favorable publicity. Billy's quite a guy.

He arrived at the university in September, 1941, all 4 feet 11 inches of him bursting with ambition to make the best student manager the athletic squads ever had. Billy took charge and in no time had made himself an institution. Soon he attracted attention elsewhere. He was manager for the

West team in the East-West Shrine game at New Orleans in 1942, then served in succession with the college All-Stars at Chicago in 1942, 1943 and 1944. He'll be going back to Chicago next fall if he's invited and who thinks he won't be?

Seven Rice Cagers Given Letter Awards

HOUSTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Seven players and the team manager won basketball letters for their part in steering Rice Institute into the Southwest conference championship this season.

The five starters and two subs were announced as lettermen last night at a banquet honoring the unbeaten Owls.

They were Bill Henry, Dick Wehr, Grover Noonan, Murray Mendenhall and Bob Foley, regulars, and Paul Vahldiek and Tom Roach, subs. Roy Goodearl, team manager, also won a letter.

Wartime Traveler

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 27 (AP)—Trainmen on a South Shore electric train lifted an exhausted and bruised malted cat from the air hose between two coaches—apparently the cat's seat during a speedy 90-mile ride from Chicago.

One of tabby's ears was frozen and it was bleeding from cuts, apparently from cinders. The trainmen gave it a name—Breezy—and found it a new home, the South Bend station.

Four Years Ago

By The Associated Press

Feb. 27, 1941—Prime Minister Churchill given unanimous vote of confidence in commons on bill permitting members to retain their parliamentary seats while at posts abroad, particularly affected were Malcolm MacDonald, high commissioner to Canada, and Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir Stafford Cripps, ambassadors in Madrid and Moscow.

Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press

1—Eastern Front: 32 miles (from Zelin).
2—Western Front: 295 miles (from west of Cologne).
3—Italian Front: 544 miles (from Reno River).

11 HURT IN WRECK

YOKUM, Feb. 27 (AP)—A southbound Southern Pacific passenger train rammed the rear of a freight train at Shiner yesterday, injuring 11 persons. Among the injured was A. H. Cunningham of Waco.

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Baseball Moguls Postpone Meeting

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 27 (AP)—

Mystery surrounded baseball's next move to find a new commissioner today, following an indefinite postponement of what was to have been the first formal meeting of a four-man committee considering possible candidates.

A secret meeting scheduled here for today became known publicly three days ago. Yesterday, Sam Breadon, St. Louis Cardinals' owner, announced postponement.

Breadon has indicated many times that he felt the work of the committee—himself, P. K. Wrigley, Chicago Cubs; Don Barnes, St. Louis Browns; and Alva Bradley, Cleveland Indians—should be private. On-the-scenes observers were certain that premature announcement of today's session figures in its postponement.

Toots Mansfield Wins Rodeo Prize

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 27 (AP)—

Toots Mansfield of Big Spring, was final money winner in the calf roping contest in the last events in La Fiesta de los Vaqueros. Tucson's annual rodeo, ended Sunday.

His time on two calves was 41 seconds and his prize \$380.

Byron Lisenbee of Beaumont won second money of \$150 in bull riding, an event in which the \$200 first prize was taken by Marvin Shoulters of Tulsa, Okla.

Other winners, their time and prizes: Steer wrestling—Buck Sorrells, Tucson, time on two steers 35.2 seconds, \$275. Saddle bronc riding—Bud Linderman, Red Dodge, Mont., \$145.

Uvalde Announces Hiring Of Coach

UVALDE, Feb. 27 (AP)—Orville Etheredge, who formerly coached at Mission, Lockhart and Edinburg, will be head football coach at Uvalde high school next season. Superintendent of Schools C. D. Landolt announced yesterday.

Etheredge, former Howard Payne college football player, succeeds W. B. Drennan who has resigned to accept a coaching job at Jacksonville.

"Either Or Else" Is Minor League Theme As Contract Work Continues

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—There

was a definite "either or else" tendency apparent today as representatives of baseball's minor leagues went ahead with their plans for revision of the major-minor league agreement.

A committee of 10 officials from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which includes all the minors, definitely were on the offensive as they went into the second day of their sessions, seeking to broaden their powers insofar as matters of baseball policy are concerned.

The committee in a resolution yesterday demanded a voice in selection of a commissioner to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis, better protection against invasion of minor league territory by the majors, and in a statement threatened abrogation of the major-minor agreement in event

their demands are not satisfied.

Recommendations by the committee, called into session to propose changes in the pact which expires next January, will have to be passed upon at a meeting of the national association next December. Then an agreement will have to be reached at a joint session with the major leagues.

But, if yesterday's opening session can be taken as a criterion, there will be plenty of teeth in the recommendations.



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Public Utility and Corporation Bonds		3,394,648.47	3,698,085.82
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate		15,271,149.61	13,798,933.35
Home Office Building		1,470,000.00	1,445,000.00
Other Real Estate		752,912.00	445,113.45
Preferred and Common Stocks		3,168,279.94	3,684,912.87
Cash		3,865,282.45	2,249,933.14
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance		167,368.00	285,472.00
Accrued Interest on Investments		553,251.88	588,249.61
Unpaid Interest		12,663.37	7,509.78
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies		13,839,236.96	13,011,536.37
		\$98,188,742.98	\$108,940,511.97
LIABILITIES			
Policy Reserves		\$85,602,697.79	\$ 90,536,659.08
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance		2,413,510.11	2,621,634.02
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities		922,535.08	1,032,218.87
Total Liabilities		\$88,938,742.98	\$ 94,190,511.97
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:			
Capital Stock		4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus		5,250,000.00	5,750,000.00
		\$98,188,742.98	\$108,940,511.97

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Today On The Home Front—

Special Tax Features For Soldiers

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Servicemen and women and their families get special income tax privileges and exemptions although, generally, the rules that apply to civilians apply to them.

While everyone with income of \$500 or more in 1944 must file a tax return by March 15, the following government pay to service people and their families is exempt from tax and need not be reported at all:

The first \$1,500 of active service pay; rent and subsistence pay; mustering-out pay; government contributions to monthly family allowances; pensions; disability compensation; disability retirement pay for service-connected disability; benefits and living allowances given war veterans for education and training or vocational rehabilitation.

If a soldier's only income was from army pay he would not need to file a return on the first \$1,999.50 of it because, with the first \$1,500 exempt, no return would be necessary until he'd received at least a full \$500 more.

But a soldier who received as much as \$500 from a civilian source would have to file a return, no matter how small his army pay.

If you must file check further on the various items which servicemen can deduct or do not need to file at all. There's no room here to list all of them.

Here's an extremely important point for a serviceman's wife to remember: If her husband is filing no return but she is, because she has civilian income of \$500 or more, she can claim him as an exemption.

Which means, she can't lose \$500 off her income before it is taxed. Now let's see when a serviceman who files must file:

If he's on sea duty or outside the continental United States on

March 15, he can postpone filing and making any tax payment until the 15th day of the fourth month after his return. He doesn't have to ask permission for this.

If a serviceman files but can't pay his tax because his ability to pay has been impaired by his military service, he can ask the internal revenue collector for a deferment for a period ending not more than six months after he leaves the service.

A serviceman who has returned to this country since Dec. 15 after 90 days or more on foreign service or sea duty does not have to file a return until the 15th day after the fourth month following his return.

2:30 The Listening Post.

2:45 Gems of Melody.

3:00 Views of the News.

3:15 Johnson Family.

3:30 Reports from Abroad.

3:45 International News Events.

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Wednesday Evening

5:00 Terry & The Pirates.

5:15 TSN News.

5:30 Tom Mix.

5:45 Music for Swing.

6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.

6:15 Raymond Gram Swing.

6:30 Evening Melodies.

6:45 Community Soapbox.

7:00 Frank Singiser & The News.

7:15 Sports Cast.

7:30 Khaki Music Hall.

8:00 Gabriel Heatter.

8:15 Real Stories, From Real Life.

8:30 American Forum of the Air.

9:15 War News Analyst.

9:30 One Man's Family.

10:00 Radio Newsreel.

10:15 Report from Washington.

10:30 Sign Off.

Wednesday Morning

6:30 Musical Clock.

7:00 Martin Agronsky.

7:15 Bandwagon.

7:30 News.

7:45 Between the Lines.

8:00 News Summary.

8:05 Breakfast Club.

9:00 My True Story.

9:25 Aunt Jemima.

9:30 Sunny Side of the Street.

9:45 Songs by Bing Crosby.

10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood.

10:30 Gil Martin—News.

10:45 Serenade in Swingtime.

10:50 OPA Scripts.

10:55 Lanny & Ginger.

11:00 Glamour Manor.

11:30 Amos R. Wood.

11:35 Farm & Homemakers.

Wednesday Afternoon

12:00 Lunch Time.

12:15 Luncheon Dance Varieties.

12:30 News.

12:45 Homer Rodeheaver.

1:00 Cedric Foster.

1:15 Mystery Chef.

1:30 Ladies Be Seated.

2:00 Motion Downey.

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Applying Last Squeeze

Not that we think the war in Europe will be over next week, or the week after that, but the signs are unmistakable that the final squeeze is being launched. Germany has lost her chance to counter-attack extensively along the eastern lines and thus create dangerous supply problems for the Russians. At the same time, the nazis are faced with a desperate choice of making a stand on the west side of the Rhine with probable annihilation, or behind the Rhine with the lost advantage of the natural barrier and with vital, rich industrial areas as the battleground.

And now there is talk of pressure from the north, which even as a nerve element, has its force. Turkey has belatedly come into the fight and may, if the conflict drags on for several weeks, throw considerable weight into the struggle from the south.

Hitler is aware of the hopeless predicament. In his written address to the Nazi old guard at Munich, he exhorted his people, either out of fear of consequences for their wrongs or out of fear of punishment from the Nazis, to fight to the end. His repeated appeals to Providence are ironically amusing, coming as they do from the man who did his utmost to substitute nazism for Christianity and paganism for Divine worship. Does Hitler seriously hope that God is moved by anguished cries from the devil?

The only hope German leadership holds out to the people of that doomed land is will-o-wisp promise that this year will bring a historic change in the war. In reality, if the German people cling to this futile hope, it means the acceptance of his invitation to national suicide. It is a hard and foolish course, but if they take it, they may answer a lot of questions for us.

Try To Keep Healthy

Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, makes a timely appeal to people to maintain good health and to avoid risks which might result in needless calls on time and service of doctors. There has been a tremendous drain on the profession for military demands and that means carrying increasingly heavier patient loads.

It becomes almost a patriotic duty to everyone to observe good rules of health during these times. When something does come up, it should be checked promptly to avoid more serious trouble which would require vastly more medical attention. Whenever possible, home calls should be abandoned in favor of office calls, urged the state health officer. Frequently a telephone call will suffice.

Here are some of the things he thinks laymen should do: Eat nutritious foods; obtain sufficient rest and sleep at night; avoid deliberating and exhausting activities; keep the use of stimulants

The War Today

by Dewitt Mackenzie
Associated Press War Analyst

Guarding the western approach to the once stately but now bomb-shattered cathedral city of Cologne is the little river Erft, which straggles northward across the rolling plain to empty into the Rhine near Duesseldorf, and if you will watch what happens when the Allied advance hits the Erft you will be able to solve the mystery of whether the Germans intend to make a stand west of the Rhine.

To be sure, Nazi Field Marshal von Rundstedt has issued a ringing order of the day, calling on his troops to fight to the last man in defense of the approaches to the great manufacturing center of the Ruhr—which is the heart of Hitler's war industries. The marshal says all will be lost if the Ruhr goes. That's a true bill, but the Ruhr is east of the Rhine and Rundstedt's order naturally doesn't disclose how he intends to make his defense.

Well, it won't be long before we know—perhaps it will be today—for the American Ninth and First armies, which are driving forward in the center of the great battle-line, are near the Erft as this is written. That isn't much of a river, but it's the natural defense of Cologne, and Rundstedt will fight there unless he intends to retreat to the east of the Rhine. If withdrawal is his scheme, then he undoubtedly has moved some of his forces across already.

Should the Nazi commander manage to perform the tremendously difficult and dangerous feat of crossing the Rhine in full retreat, he would have deprived the Allies of the decisive victory which they would achieve by annihilating his armies on the Cologne plain. Then Eisenhower would have to follow over the Rhine and finish the job there.

However, only time—and not speculation—will give us the answer. The great offensive goes well far better than could have been anticipated—not only in the center but in the north where the Canadian First Army (a fine outfit that) is driving against the German flank, and in the south where Patton's hell-raising Third is turning the Germans left.

within sensible bounds; exercise daily; avoid worry to the greatest extent possible.

Life's Darkest Moment



Hal Boyle: Hweilungsha Mountain Becomes A Monument To Chinese-Yank Unity

By CLAUDE A. FARNSWORTH
(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

PAOSHAN, China, 475—Hweilungsha, a gray-green 4,000 foot mountain, has become a monument to one of the greatest Chinese-American achievements in the coordination of air and artillery support with an infantry assault.

This great mass, rising 2,500 feet above the floor of the Che-fang valley, from whence it dominates the Burma Road about six miles northeast of Wanting, has looked down upon the passage of armies and caravans throughout the centuries and probably has been a "hill feature" innumerable times in the forgotten wars of the past. In this war it was the key position in the battle for Wanting.

In numbers of men, guns and planes employed, Hweilungshan was a battle in miniature, but in its implications for the China theater it bulks large.

The Japanese 56th division fell back to prepared positions before Wanting late in December. Hweilungshan was their anchor, providing a series of elevated positions from which their artillery controlled valley floors.

The Chinese expeditionary force had been bled nearly white by seven months of campaigning through some of the most formidable terrain in the world. Hweilungshan stood in the path of the Chinese troops.

Enemy cannon raked the road and flatlands. Machineguns and mortars turned back all attempts to gain the summit. Finally, two regiments dug in on the lower slopes.

The Laopings (Chinese infantrymen) assaulted the mountain positions repeatedly, only to be cut down in their tracks. P-40 pilots of the U. S. 14th air force's western composite wing witnessed these futile attempts during their straf-

ing and bombing attacks on the mountain. It seemed as if Hweilungshan might consume what was left of the CEF.

Lt. Col. John C. Habecker, 30-year-old West Pointer (class of '39), commander of the western echelon of the 14th's western wing, and Col. John K. Sells of Lompoc, Calif., who holds the western command of the American ground forces liaison setup, were in the habit of having weekly dinners attended by a few subordinates. They talked shop over little eels sizzled in deep fat, bamboo shoots, mushrooms in brown sauce and the like.

Maj. John J. (Packy) Pakula, Worcester, Mass., was the air-ground officer with Col. John H. Stodter's liaison group, attached to the Chinese. Pakula was an expert at "talking" planes to their targets.

Sells relayed the inquiry to Stodter and Pakula. The answer: "Plenty!"

Habecker briefed the pilots, had them look over Hweilungshan on their return from other missions. Jan. 10 was picked.

There were P-51s and P-40s carrying fragmentation and fire bombs and other explosives; P-38s with 1,000-pounders; B-25 bombers.

The Chinese clung to their trenches and foxholes while bombs landed only 300 yards away. They waited for the moment to storm upward, which didn't come until after the greatest concentration of Chinese cannonading ever known. Stodter and his artillery officer, Lt. Col. Web Wilder, Cherokee, Okla., had negotiated this part of the plan.

At 4:30 p. m. Jan. 10, Hweilungshan was in Chinese hands and the 400 Japanese who had held it were dead, all but two who were found staggering about babbling and glassy-eyed.

What It Means— Occupation of Dresden, known because of its wealth in art treasures as "Germany's Florence," would place the southern arm of the Red army's pincers 111 miles from Berlin and would cut shipping on the important Hamburg-Prague Elbe river highway.

Dresden, a city of some 650,000 population, is one of the main spokes in the German military wheel. Excellent highways and extensive railway communications tie Dresden with other chief cities of northern and central Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and the east. Here cross the Berlin-Vienna and Chemnitz-Gorlitz-Breslau trunk lines, and two rail lines go out to Leipzig, 71 miles to the east.

The main sections of Dresden are split by the Elbe river. Altstadt (old town) on the left bank and Neustadt (new town) on the right are joined by five fine bridges, one a railway crossing. The Elbe vies with the Danube as a central Europe shipping lane.

Introduction of heavy industry late in the 19th century robbed this old Saxon capital of much of its medieval charm, but the grace of its picturesque architecture and the beauty of its Elbe valley basin setting continued to make it a lovely city.

Yes, the Islands are a Paradise and life here is fine—except it's empty and there is no diversion and the monotony eventually gnaws at you.

Today And Tomorrow—

The Mexico City Conflab

By WALTER LIPPMANN

Mr. Sumner Wells, whose opinions carry much weight in Latin America, has declared that the refusal to invite Argentina and El Salvador to Mexico City is a sign of "disintegration in the structure of . . . (the) inter-American system." If that is true, it is a serious charge. But the very argument which Mr. Wells uses to support his charge is, I submit, a complete refutation of it. "And yet," he says, "this meeting has been called primarily to consider the project for international organization formulated at Dumbarton Oaks." For how could Argentina, which is not one of the United Nations, be invited to participate in a project which is being undertaken by the United Nations?

Just why and how it may be asked, does the present Argentine government have rights which no one is proposing to grant to Franco's Spain, or even to genuine neutrals like Sweden and Switzerland? If Mr. Wells thinks Argentina should have been invited to Mexico City to consider Dumbarton Oaks, will he contend that Argentina should also be invited to San Francisco?

If there is "disintegration," surely it is because Argentina did not rally to the common defense of the American republics, and not because they did not invite her to Mexico City.

If Mr. Wells is right that there should be no distinction between those who have defended this hemisphere in its time of great peril, and those who have not, then he is proposing to inaugurate a system of collective security by denying at the outset that there is any such thing as collective responsibility.

The time will come for Argentina, as it will for Spain, and eventually even for the enemies we are fighting, when they can be admitted as equals in the world organization. But that time is not now. And because it is not now, we must look upon all our decisions and arrangements as provisional and not as the final shape of things for a world which has achieved peace. They are measures of war, and for that period of pacification through which the nations must pass before there is peace.

In all our deliberations we shall have to bear this in mind. After organized hostilities end, we have immediately before us a period of some years during which we shall be making the transition from war to peace. It is the period when we must police our enemies, repair the ravages and dislocations of the war, reconvert from a military economic order to a civilian, and demobilize at least 50,000,000 armed men all over the world. It is in

and Polish kings long fought for and plundered Dresden. Here Napoleon won his last great victory against the Austrians, Prussians and Russians in 1813.

Dresden owes part of its fame to its splendid picture gallery, founded by Augustus I, containing about 2,500 pictures, especially rich in specimens of Italian, Dutch and Flemish schools. Other imposing buildings are the Roman Catholic Hofkirche with its 300-foot tower, the Frauenkirche, the former Saxon royal palace, the Augustusbrunne and the Hoftheater. Dresden also is the seat of a number of prominent scientific associations and institutions of higher education in engineering, political economics, music, drama and art.

Cuba has produced as much as 5 million pounds of sugar in one year.

that period that the peace will be won or lost.

Seen in this perspective it seems very clear that the soundest way to meet the most serious criticism of Dumbarton Oaks is to recognize that the structure and authority of the security council, where the great powers have a special position, is delegated by the assembly of all the United Nations that in the form to be agreed upon at San Francisco it is provisional for the period of pacification, and that the assembly shall be, among its other functions the constituent body of the permanent international system.

If this principle were adopted at San Francisco a very great part I believe, of the basic criticism by nations like Mexico, Brazil, Canada, the Netherlands, would have been met. It would have been met without the risk of dissolving prematurely the combined action of those powers which must lead the world back to tranquillity.

Effective provisional arrangements for the economic transition from war to peace will be a paramount concern of the Mexico City conference. There will be no dispute on the principle that nations which have been allied in war must do their utmost to see one another through the aftermath of war.

This will mean among other things that we having been great purchasers of vitally needed supplies cannot suddenly leave our neighbors without a market for these supplies. They must have time and the means to change over from production for the abnormal demands of war to normal civilian trade. Our delegation will have useful and concrete proposals to make.

But it will be necessary to go further than they are able to go with the legal authority they possess. For this we may hope that

the delegation will return with proposals to Congress for the purchase of raw materials that can be stock-piled in the United States. Every one would gain and no one would lose. The American republics would have a market for the transitional period. We should not only have reasonably prosperous and settled neighbors but we should also replenish our national capital, our basic resources, which have been more seriously drawn down than most people in this country realize.

And in the true sense of the term, such a policy would cost us nothing except a part of the gold of which we have so much that it serves no purpose. Instead of a stock pile of gold in Kentucky, we should have in addition to more than enough gold stock piles of other metals like copper and manganese which in war and peace are in fact more useful than gold.

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Ernie Pyle Reports—

Explaining Yanks In Marianas

(Ernie Pyle is with the Navy in the Pacific. This article was written on the way.)

By ERNIE PYLE

IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)—You may wonder why we have American troops at all here in the Marianas Islands, since we are 1,500 miles away from the Philippines, China or Japan itself. Well, it's because in this Pacific war of east water distances, we have to make gigantic bases of each group of islands we take, in order to build up supplies and preparations for future invasions farther on.

The Marianas happen to be a sort of crossroads in the Western Pacific. Stuff can go either west or north from here. Whoever sits in the Marianas can have his finger on the whole wide web of the war.

Thus the Marianas are becoming a heart of the Pacific war. Our naval and military leaders make no bones about it, for the Japs know it anyhow, but they're too far away to do anything about it.

The Marianas are both thrilling and engaging right now. Scores of thousands of troops of all kinds are here. Furious building is going on. Planes arrive on schedule from all directions as though this were Chicago Airport—only they've come thousands of miles

over water. Convoys unload unbelievable tonnages. These islands will hum throughout the war and they will never return to their former placid life, for we are building on almost every inch of useable land.

Supplies in staggering quantities are being stacked up here for future use. You can take your pick of K-rations or lumber or bombs, and you'd find enough of either to feed a city, build one, or blow it up.

Fleets can base here between engagements. Combat troops train here. Other troops come back to rest. Great hospitals are set up for our future wounded. Pipelines criss-cross the islands. Trucks bumper to bumper dash forward as though they were on the Western Front. Oxcart trails turn almost overnight into four-lane macadam highways for military traffic.

There is no blackout in the islands. If raiders come the lights are turned off, but they seldom come any more. The Marianas are a pretty safe place now.

Great long macadam airstrips are in operation and others are being laid. The Marianas are the seat of some of our B-29 bomber fleets which will grow and grow and grow.

Thousands of square tents, they've come thousands of miles

huts, thousands of huge, permanent warehouses and office buildings dot the islands.

Lights burn all night and the roar of planes, the clank of bulldozers and the clatter of hammers is constant. It is a strange contrast to the stillness that dwelt amidst this greenery for so many centuries.

There are 15 islands in this chain, running due north and south. They string out a total distance of more than 400 miles. We are on the southern end.

We hold only three islands, but they are the biggest and the only three that count. The other islands are completely "neutralized" by our occupancy of these three.

There are a few Japs living on some of the others, but there's nothing they can do to harm us. The islands we haven't bothered with are small and worthless. Most of them have no inhabitants at all.

The islands we took are Guam, Tinian and Saipan. Guam had been ours for many years before Japan took it away from us just after Pearl Harbor. Tinian and Saipan had been Japanese since the last war. We took the whole batch last summer.

Guam is the biggest, and southernmost. Tinian and Saipan are right together, 120 miles north of Guam. You can fly up there in less than an hour, and our transport planes shuttle back and forth several times daily on regular schedule. They have to make a "dog-leg" around the island of Rota, about half way up, for there are still Japs on it with 50 caliber machine guns, and they'll shoot at you.

I've been on all three of our islands, and I must admit two things—I like it here, and that you can't help but be thrilled by what the Americans are doing.

And from all I've picked up so far, I think it can be said that most Americans like the Marianas Islands, assuming they have to be away from home at all.

The savage heat and the dread diseases and the awful jungles of the more southern Pacific islands do not exist here. The climate is good, the islands are pretty, and the native Chamorros are nice people.

Health conditions among our men are excellent. They work in shorts or without shirts and are deeply tanned. The mosquito and fly problem has been licked. There is almost no venereal disease. Food is good. The weather is always warm but not cruelly hot. Almost always a breeze is blowing.

Anywhere you look, you have a pretty view.

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Fighting Texans In The War—

Figuring In Every Major Battle

By The Associated Press

Fighting Texans from the Lone Star state figured in news stories from every major theatre of war yesterday (Sunday).

Outstanding war developments yesterday probably was the resumption of the attack on Tokyo, and the leader of a B-29 squadron was Col. Carl Storey of Denton, Texas.

"That town (Tokyo) really must be burning tonight," he said when he returned to his base in the Marianas. "We could not see through that soup but I'm sure we must have laid some bombs in the main street."

On the other side of the world, two air force pilots from Waco destroyed twenty coaches in a 50-car German troop train heading toward the eastern front between Ludwigshafen and Stuttgart.

They were Lt. John Cunick (1712 South 10th St.) and Lt. Billy Clemmons (1801 West Seventh St.). Both are with the U. S. Eighth air force.

"I never saw such a mass of humanity climbing up a hillside trying to escape," Lt. Cunick said.

"I got the engine on the first pass," Lt. Clemmons said. "Then Cunick and I buzzed around the train, shooting up troops."

American Doughboys smashed into Dorn and took the German city north of Brachelen. With the first troops was Sgt. Robert J. Richardson (205 North 19th St.) Corsicana.

Gunnery Mate Second Class Wm.

C. Hartgrove, Austin, Texas, has returned to the United States, and it was revealed in San Francisco that he was decorated on Guadalcanal for heroism after he boarded a burning LST and tossed off the ammunition, preventing an explosion. He had served on Guadalcanal, New Guinea and the Admiralties.

One of the best stories of the day was about Lt. Jack Knight of Mineral Wells. His action was termed one of the greatest displays of courage, leadership and valor by an American officer in the year and a half of vicious fighting in the Burma jungles.

Leading his cavalry troops, in a six-hour battle, Lt. Knight personally killed 15 Japanese, threw grenades into enemy pillboxes and though wounded twice, led his men forward and gained his objective.

Knight was mortally wounded, his men were falling around him, but he cried "Come on, we have them!" and his men, inspired by his courage, attacked and won. He shouted instructions to his men after he was wounded a second time, urging them on as he lay dying. Knight's brother, Sgt. Curtis Knight, was with him, and saw him fall, but he, too, was wounded. Sgt. Knight, however, is recovering in a hospital.

Still another Texan figured in the same conflict—Lt. Leo Tynan of San Antonio, who later took command of the troops when Knight fell. He killed a Jap who was lunging at Knight with a bayonet.

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