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## Pfc. Pearson Gets Grant's Autograph



Hollywood film star, paid a visit to Camp Blanding's Army Service Forces Regional Hospital recently, he did a fine job on morale for patients in the various wards as well as WAC medical technicians on duty. Grant's humor, quick repartee and breezy enthusiasm "hit the spot" for the bedridden patients, and pleased the WACS, whom he believes "have become one of the most vital elements of Army hospitals" with his willingness to sign his autograph. Above, as the movie idol uses his knee for a writing desk, he is watched by, left to right, Pfc. Minnie C. Hilton of Ochlochnee, Ga., Pfc. Elsie Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Pearson of 1121 Pershing St., Ranger, Texas, Sgt. Ida Demar of Pittsburgh, Pa., Cpl. Nora G. Bourdeaux of Church Point, La., and Sgt. Lucille Diaz of New Paltz, N. Y. (Official U. S. Army Photo.)

## THEATRES GO OVER TOP IN DIMES DRIVE

The 1945 "March of Dimes" campaign of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the motion picture theaters of Texas was the greatest in history, according to B. E. Garner, manager of the Arcadia theater, who today received a report from Messrs. Karl Hohlitzelle, R. J. O'Donnell and Julius Gordon, state chairmen for the drive, that more than \$200,000.00 had been collected. This figure exceeds the 1944 collection by \$60,000.00. Local theaters report a total collection of \$295.87.

Fifty per cent of the money collected has gone into the "war chests" of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for research, education and relief whenever and wherever the dread epidemics strike again. The other fifty per cent has been returned to the local County Chapters of the Foundation for local and county relief.

In commenting on the recent collection, Chairman O'Donnell said that the amount collected represents voluntary audience collections in all theaters of Interstate Rob and Rowley, Griffith Amusement Company, Jefferson Amusement Company and the independent theaters of Texas. O'Donnell said that the Motion Picture Industry of Texas salutes the moviegoers for their generous contributions to this worthy cause and are proud that movie theaters could act as agencies for the collections.

President Roosevelt, in a letter to Nicholas Schenck, national chairman for the drive, said, "I realize fully that this great humanitarian accomplishment was the result of all of you devoting great time and effort to the crusade against a devastating disease. It is a crusade that will not cease until we have won victory—to the attainment of which the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is dedicated. Aided by the generous support of the American people and by the continuing interest and cooperation of the motion picture industry that day of victory draws closer."

## Male Quartette Presented At Lions Luncheon

W. A. Knox was in charge of the Lions Club program at noon today when that group met for the weekly luncheon at the Gholson Hotel. Knox presented a male quartette composed of Gaston Dixon, Arthur Deffebach, W. H. Clarke and Floyd Killingsworth, and accompanied by Mrs. F. S. Pearsall, in several songs which were very much enjoyed.

In a business meeting presided over by the president, Joe Dennis, the club voted to contribute \$25.00 to the current Red Cross War Fund campaign.

## Dairy Specialist Speaks on DHIA To Cisco Group

G. G. Gibson, Dairy Specialist of A & M College discussed DHIA improvement work with a group of dairymen, business men and agricultural workers at the Cisco Chamber of Commerce Friday night February 23.

Where DHIA organizations are set up a field man is made available for the organization to test the herds of cattle in the association. The field men assist the members with their feeding rations, keeping records, and other pertinent information. This type of record makes it possible for a dairyman to cull out bad breeders, thereby putting the dairy business on a saving basis. A number of men at this meeting indicated their interest in setting up a DHIA organization. If dairymen in the county are interested they can get in touch with the county agent.

Another important phase of the meeting was proper feeding. Rationing, according to Mr. Gibson is basic of all dairy feeding. A dairy cow is entitled to all of the roughage she can eat. Three concentrate mixtures were given. A dairyman should pick out the one that applies to his set up. If a low protein roughage is being fed, your concentrate mixture should be 10 parts grain and 5 parts cotton seed meal. If a medium protein roughage is being fed, your concentrate mixture should be 10 parts grain and 4 parts cotton seed meal. If a high protein roughage is being fed, your concentrate mixture should be 10 parts grain and 3 parts cotton seed meal.

Add to the ration 2 per cent calcium or oyster shell flour and 1 per cent salt. Feed 2 pounds of the concentrate mixture for each gallon of milk the cows give. For young and dry stock, use 1 pound salt and 1 pound of the meal mixture, feed choice.

## Juniors To Give Annual Play At 8:15 Tonight

The Junior class of Ranger High school will present their play this evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Recreation building and the public is invited to attend. The Old School Spirit is the title of the play.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Brown Jr., who is being assisted by Mrs. L. E. Eastland and R. B. Thomas, Jr., class sponsors. Proceeds from the play will be used for the banquet to be given for the senior class sometime before the close of school.

The cast of the play includes Elaine Brazda, Elizabeth Rogers, Andy Jackson, Don Ford, Worth Cardin, Teddie Hamilton, Frances Bankston, Lillian Kirk, Tommie Browning, Bernice Hutton, Junior Arterburn, Richard Bonney and Joe Don Blacklock.

## TH EWEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Cloudy, rain tonight and Friday, warmer Friday and tonight.

## CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS IS LAUNCHED

Red Cross committees set to work this afternoon at 9:00 o'clock and by 10:30 the committee work and the area designated as the A & P block had reported to the Chamber of Commerce with a total of \$247.50.

J. J. Kelley, Lee Dockery and T. J. Anderson composed the committee and stated that their collections covered only individual contributions and did not include any of the so designated "big gifts" from firms. This, too, is not a final report from the committee as part of their area is still to be visited.

No other committees had reported at press time this afternoon but a number were still at work in their areas and more reports are expected before closing hour this afternoon.

Women from ladies organizations are alternating at the Chamber of Commerce to receive funds. This part of the work was arranged by Don Shelby, Ranger chairman, and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall, secretary of the Ranger unit of the Red Cross. Posters and literature for the drive were distributed by Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts under the direction of their masters, Mrs. C. J. McKinney, R. B. Thomas, Jr., and Joe Blackwell.

## Compassion Day To Be Observed By Methodists

CHICAGO — Nation-wide observance of next Sunday (March 4) as the Day of Compassion in 41,000 Methodist churches to climax the appeal for raising \$25,000,000 for the denomination's Crusade for Christ Relief and Reconstruction Fund, has been announced by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, national director of the Crusade.

"Compassion for the peoples of a distraught world" will be demonstrated by the 8,000,000 Methodists through their sacrificial contributions to relief funds. The first Sunday in March has been observed by the denomination for the past four years as a day of expression of compassion for the needy in war-torn and occupied countries.

"Millions of dollars have been raised by Methodists upon church altars on the Day of Compassion during previous years to aid overseas relief and to supply a spiritual ministry to our men and women in the nation's service," Bishop Magee declared. "This year on the Day of Compassion we bring to a climax our three-month effort to raise \$25,000,000 for post-war relief and reconstruction. Leaders of the church are confident that sacrificial giving will make it possible to reach the goal."

## Eastland Boy Is Wounded While On Duty In Germany

Pvt. Homer E. Stiffler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Stiffler, 1409 South Seaman Street, Eastland, was wounded in action in Germany on February 10th, last, according to a telegram received February 22, by his parents from the War Department at Washington. No details as to the nature and extent of the injuries were given.

But Stiffler was inducted into the army on the 20th of August last, and began his basic training at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, on September 18. On December 30 he was transferred to Camp George D. Meade, Maryland, immediately following 7 days spent on furlough in Eastland with his parents. Just three days previous to their receiving the telegram advising them that he had been wounded, Mr. and Mrs. Stiffler received two letters from their son, which was the first and only ones received from him since January 17 while he was still at Camp Meade.

Pvt. Stiffler is with the U. S. 3rd Army, 80th Division.

## What They Think Of Red Cross

In order that the public may know what the Red Cross means to the men and women in service and what the donations it the 1945 War Fund will be doing for them, comments from the service people, who really know the answers, will be run in this column from time to time.

The following is an extract from a letter written to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Galt by their son, Pvt. William H. Galt, who is stationed with the Air Corps in England.

"Mom, don't ever let anyone tell you that the Red Cross is not ok, for you should see the grand job they are doing over here. Of course, I have not been injured and needed their help that way, but plenty of fellows have and got help. I happen to know that on Christmas morning all the fellows who were in the hospital, woke up to find big socks filled with candy, fruit, nuts and books at the head of their bed, and they all expressed much gratitude for the Red Cross."

I know there are some people who have expressed criticism of the Red Cross because the Red Cross could not help them with their particular problem, but they can rest assured that it was not because they did not try. But in cases of injury, getting information on the job is sometimes difficult. So, Mom, help the Red Cross all you can and tell everyone else to. The Red Cross helps and blesses all I only wish everyone could know that."

GETS GREEN LIGHT LONDON (UP)—Prime minister Churchill won a 413 to 6 vote of confidence in Commons today when the voting membership approved the decisions of the Crimea conference.

# German Resistance Stiffens As Yanks Close On Cologne

## PFC. KIM IS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART

Pfc. Stacy L. Kim who was wounded in action on December 23, 1944 has been awarded the Purple Heart and has sent the medal to his wife who with their small daughter, Patricia Louise, is making her home at the Gholson Hotel while her husband is in service.

Pfc. Kim was serving with the 10th Armored Infantry Battalion in Belgium when he was wounded and is now in a hospital somewhere in England. He entered the service on November 17, 1943, was inducted at Camp Wolters and received further training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. He was sent to foreign service on October 18, 1944 and first stationed in France.

A native of Thurber, he was educated in Ellenville and Ranger. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kim live on Route 1, Ranger.

## Lost Battalion Presents Plaque To Jap Rescuers

6TH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE —Survivors of the 36th (Texas) Division's now-famous "Lost Battalion" have presented a silver plaque to the Japanese American soldiers of the 442nd Infantry Regiment who rescued them from death in a Nazi trap.

Under the "Remember the Alamo" regimental insignia of the 141st Infantry Regiment, of which the encircled battalion was a part, and under the insignia of the 442nd, are engraved these words:

To the 442nd Infantry Regiment With Deep Sincerity and Utmost Appreciation for the gallant fight to effect our rescue after we had been isolated for seven days. 1st. Battalion, 141st. Infantry Regiment Biffontaine, France from the 24th to the 30th of October, 1944.

The Texans were surrounded by the Germans after they had paced their regiment in an advance in the Vosges Mountains. For a week they were confined to a circular area roughly 300 yards in diameter. What food and ammunition they received had to be fired to them in artillery shells or dropped by planes. Their only source of water was a stagnant pool.

To accomplish the rescue, the Japanese American doughboys had to rely on a bayonet charge, a gainst superior enemy forces, entrenched on top of a hill, knock out Nazi Tiger tanks that challenged their slow advance through the dim forests, contend with enemy soldiers dressed in American uniforms, disregard radio directions sent by the enemy to mislead them, and to work their way through two and a half miles of terrain intricately and heavily mined, booby-trapped and road-blocked.

## Men Inducted In February Listed By Board

Following is the list of Eastland county men who were inducted into the Armed Forces during the month of February:

Edgar Randall Overstreet, Gorman; William Zinder Ingram, Nimrod; Felix Adolph Goats, Eastland; James David McCoy, Cisco; Joe Gray, Rising Star; Ollie Andrew Hughes, Cisco; Earnest Verlan Overstreet, Gorman; Edward William Willingham, Ranger; Billie Dee Hamrick, Gorman;

Rupert Morris Buntin, Gorman; Tex Rickard Robbins, Ranger; Arthur James Isbell, Gorman; Howard Kelley, Ranger; Teddy Roosevelt Sharp, Cisco; James Truett Grice, Ranger; Woodie Cone Ivie, Cisco; Elmer Joe Capers, Carbon; G. H. Shiley, Carbon; Gayson Wright, Gorman;

David Daniel Jones, Cisco; Walter James Tarver, Cisco; Paul Abraham Crawley, Okra; L. E. Sharp, Desdemona; Gerald Frank Langdon, Desdemona; James Edwin Gann, Eastland; Jimmie Franklin Dean, Gorman; Thomas David Goodwin, Gorman; Billy Mack White, Rising Star; Elba Lawrence Hughes, Eastland; A. G. Parrack, Eastland; Estel Seabourn, Cisco.

## H. D. Agents To Hold Meeting At John Tarleton

Stephenville, February 28 —Miss Hannah Nabors Erath County Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Mattie Walker, director of the Department of Home Economics, John Tarleton Agricultural College, will be co-hosts of a three day meeting of the Home Demonstration Agents of District 7, March 7, 8, and 9. Meetings will be held in the Home Economics Building of John Tarleton College.

Mrs. Dora Barnes, Clothing Specialist; Miss Edith Lawrence, Food Preparation Specialist; Miss Myrtle Murray, Home Industrial Specialist; and Miss Thelma Casey, district Agent, will be in charge of the various phases of the clinic.

Among those who have signified their intentions of attending the meeting are Myra Tankersley and Loma Faye Hearn, Agent and Asst. Agent of Eastland County.

## LT. MORROW OF GORMAN IS WAR VICTIM

GORMAN, Feb. 28 — Lt. Glenn Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow of Gorman, was killed in action in Germany, Feb. 9, according to word received here Saturday.

He had been overseas since August and had not part in several major campaigns. He held two presidential citations.

Born in Gorman, in 1912 he lived all of his life here until after he finished high school in 1929. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and completed four years at Texas University Prior to entering the service in 1942 he worked in the Social Security office in Austin. While there he married Alvine Smith, who with their month old son, lives with her father at Overton.

He is survived by his parents, wife, son, and a sister, Mrs. Elmer Underwood. He is also survived by other relatives including an aunt, Mrs. Tom Haley and an uncle, Turner Collier, both of Eastland.

## U. S. Postpones Compromise Step At Conference

MEXICO CITY (UP)—The United States postponed today the offering of its compromise on the request of Latin American countries that it join in guaranteeing the present boundaries of all the Americas.

The offer of the compromise, which probably will be presented tomorrow was delayed by the late arrival last night of Sen. T. O. Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

The Latin American proposal for use of force against any aggressor—including their neighbors—would have required congressional approval for U. S. participation. Under the compromise proposal declaring that any disturbance during the present war would prejudice the war effort of the United Nations, disturbances could be met by the president under his war powers.

## Hall Walker Is Named C of C Active Director

At a meeting of the directors of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce held Monday night, Hall Walker was elected a director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of T. J. Anderson who was named a director in the recent election.

Walker and E. L. Martin were named alternates in the election and according to the constitution of the organization vacancies in the directorate are filled by choosing a director from the alternates.

A. N. Larson, who was runner up for an alternate place in the recent election by members of the Chamber of Commerce was named an alternate to replace Walker. Martin remains an alternate.

## Insurance Rates Bill Is Passed By Texas House

AUSTIN (UP)—The Texas House of Representatives today finally passed bills adjusting rates on which life, health and accident and fire insurance companies pay taxes to the state.

As approved by the House the graduated rates range from nine-tenths of one per cent to 3.2 per cent of gross premiums of both Texas and out-of-state companies.

A Senate bill permitting Texas building and loan associations to qualify for loans to veterans under terms of the G. I. Bill of Rights was passed unanimously by the House.

## AMERICANS HOLD THREE CROSSINGS ON ERFT AS CANADIANS ADVANCE

American First Army Troops drove within six miles of Cologne today. Heavy fighting was reported before the last defenses of the Rhineland fortress as German resistance stiffened.

The Americans held at least three crossings of the Erft—two of the bridges capable of handling tanks and heavy artillery. The Germans were cleared from all but the eastern edge of Modrath, 6 and one-half miles from Cologne.

To the north, the Canadian First Army battled slowly toward the Ruhr and a junction with the American Ninth Army was hidden behind a news blackout, but Simpson's forces were last reported in the outskirts of Muenchen-Gladbach and adjoining Rheydt. Duesseldorf also was reported within artillery range.

## FDR EXPLAINS CONFERENCE TO PEOPLE

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Roosevelt explained the Crimea conference to congress and the people today in an appeal for acceptance of responsibility for political conditions in Europe.

He explained the compromise in the achievement of peace and a realization that perfection is not attainable—we must simply do the best we can.

"The decision with respect to the boundaries of Poland was a compromise," he said, "which, however, is the most hopeful agreement possible, under the circumstances, for a free, independent and prosperous Polish state."

For the Axis, Mr. Roosevelt promised the fire and the sword. But to the German people he promised that unconditional surrender would not mean for them destruction and enslavement.

## Camp Wolters Orchestra To Play For Dance

Camp Wolters' number one orchestra of ten pieces will furnish the music for the benefit dance which will be given in the Blue Room of the Gholson Hotel Friday evening from 9:00 to 12:00 and tickets for the dance are now on sale.

Chief George Murphy will have tickets for sale and they will also be available at the desk in the Gholson hotel. Tickets for couples will be \$1.00 plus 10c tax and all proceeds from the dance will go to the current Red Cross War Fund drive.

Through the courtesy of M. L. King, iceed soft drinks will be available and will be dispensed from a box furnished by King. Decorations will be arranged by Chief Murphy and all facilities of the hotel will be given free of charge by the owners.

## Today's Telemap of Western Front



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## WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES TACTICAL TRAINING CENTER, ORLANDO, Fla.—Most of the air failures of the present war have been in the air, say the experts at this AAF brain center.

They mention this fact in pointing with something of a red face to the tons of material piled up in Europe today—stuff that has become obsolete since the time it was ordered. The reason for these surpluses is simply that the planes for which these supplies were ordered became obsolete before the supplies could be consumed.

So swift has been the technical advance of military aircraft that at this very moment the logistical men are faced with the possibility that the internal combustion engine may be obsolete for aircraft of the future if the gas turbine, or jet-propelled engine, lives up to its present promise. No one can today give an exact answer to this probability, but it emphasizes what procurement men are up against.

BECAUSE there were no experience data on airplane performance in desert, amphibious, arctic and high altitude warfare, there have been no guidebooks on which supply officers could base their requirements estimates. Only in the last few weeks have the experts been able to compile what they might call a "logistical bible," bringing together all the experience in air supply for this war. It is still a highly imperfect document, subject to numerous and frequent changes. But it is a start at making a handbook for one of the newest branches of military science.

Ordering up for an air war begins with the planes. It is a surprising fact and fact that up to this point in the war perhaps not more than one out of every five planes produced is in action on the front. Training in the United States requires many planes undergoing repair or maintenance accounts for others, planes in transit or reserve number many more. Planes actually lost in combat check off half the total in some categories.

BOMBS make up from 6 to 21 per cent of Air Force supplies by weight, but the one big item is gasoline, which is 60 per cent of the supply problem by weight. It was only last September that the supply of aviation gas became greater than the demand. Production in March of this year is estimated at only 50,000 barrels a day above requirements, but this margin has been obtained only by taking a big allotment of butyrene from the synthetic rubber industry and by reducing the grade of the gasoline from 140 to 130.

Throwing around all these supplies—2½ tons per day per plane—takes manpower and the supply of that is something of a problem, too. A rule of thumb is two and a half men on the ground for every man in the air at a base, but this only begins to tell the story. In certain Pacific operations last year, to keep 450 men in the air required 10,000 men on the ground, to keep 815 planes going took 38,000.

## SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

BILLY KOCH, vanishing himself in Los Angeles, took time out to write a letter to his legion of friends shivering in New York. But the most interesting part of his letter has to do with a ring battle which was fought "49 years ago come Feb. 21."

"It was the second meeting between Bob Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher," writes the veteran referee. "The fight took place in Mexico, just across the border from Langtry, Texas, on Feb. 21, 1896, and attracted considerable setting. Maher was known as the perennial Irish champion, and his title was on the line in addition to a \$10,000 side bet.

"Fitzsimmons had knocked out Maher at the Olympic Club in New Orleans in 32 rounds just about four years previous—March 1, 1892, to be exact—but old Peter had compiled a string of knockouts since, and boasted he was now at his fighting peak.

"A good many of the spectators agreed with Maher, and backed their opinion with cash.

"Maher, tall and lanky, had a devastating right hand punch. Fitz was puffed in this department, out differed in that he could clout equally hard with either hand and his punches traveled only a few inches. Maher's wallop was more of the overland route type.

"GEORGE SILER, greatest referee of his time, was third man in the ring. Both fighters

By J. R. Williams



BUY WAR BONDS



By Boyce House  
I dropped into a bank the other day—it happened to be one of the days that the banks were open.

There was a fellow by the way, who got into trouble by opening a bank. He opened it at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Speaking to the Texas Folklore Society on one occasion, your columnist unburdened himself of the following ideas.

"Of course, humor doesn't count! No really big and important person has ever had any truck with humor—just a few of the unregenerate like Will Rogers, O. Henry, Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Charley Dickens and Bill, the oldest of the Shakespeare boys.

"But I would like to urge a greater interest in the schools and colleges as far as Texas writings are concerned. We have, here in Texas, the richest materials for literature since the Elizabethan, or at least the Victorian, age."

Once upon a time, your columnist wrote some lines of free verse (that means you have to give it away), called "Texas Poets." You wrote about bluebonnets—In a land that knew Houston, here fit for a Greek tragedy; And about cottages nestling in honeysuckle—Tho' there is the spot that saw Goliath's massacre; And about white poplars marching up a hill into the sunset—When men and women face the drouth, the sand, the wind—And somehow smile!

"Texas! With its pirates' gold, its cattle-trails, its gunfighters; Its cotton fields, corn fields, wheat fields and oil fields; Its lonely canyons, carved by nature, in a forgotten land, And the lonelier canyons of its cities: Newsboys waving 'extras,' Wrestlers throwing each other out

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## Psychology Leads To Odd Hobby For A Receptionist

CAMP MAXEY, Tex. (UP)—Psychology in the handling of ailing soldiers led dental receptionist Ruth Grant to a most unusual hobby.

Dental surgeons at the Area 7 Clinic—psychologically as well as physically in the ways of men—found that the practice of having their comely girl "hold hands" with jittery soldiers about to undergo treatment worked wonders with jangled nerves.

Out came the wisdom teeth, and in came a hobby, said Miss Grant. The young receptionist has stitched together a neat 23-tooth bracelet—all perfectly-matched wisdom teeth of 23 once-ailing Camp Maxey soldiers.

Miss Grant's plans call for a wisdom tooth necklace as well as earrings.

Admitting that she had dated several of the contributors to her collection, Miss Grant said quip-frankly, "I may not be wiser as a result of collecting wisdom teeth but I certainly know more about men."

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## Society, Clubs

### NEW ERA CLUB MEETS ON WEDNESDAY

The New Era Club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Vernon Deffebach. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. W. F. Creager.

The club collect was given in union, minutes were read and approved, members were chosen to assist in the Red Cross Drive Monday, March 5th, and Mrs. Vernon Deffebach, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Don Martin, who spoke of Texas' Heroes. Mrs. Martin discussed the early heroes who helped make Texas, also the modern heroes who are playing an important part in the present war. She mentioned the allied commander, Dwight Eisenhower, who was born in Denison, Texas. In closing Mrs. Martin read Eisenhower's stirring invasion order which he delivered on D-Day, June 6, 1944, to the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the expeditionary force.

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Says Iwo Jima Defense Cracked  
 With 3rd Marine Division Assault Forces on Iwo Jima—Gen. Graves B. Erskine, commander of the 3rd Marine Division, said today his Marines have cracked the Japanese defensive bulwark on Iwo Jima but warned there is "lots of tough fighting ahead."

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## A SONG TO REMEMBER

by Willard Wiener

THE STORY: In 1932 Poland is under the Russian yoke. Her peasants are chained to a vicious feudal system and any demonstration for freedom is immediately put down by the soldiers of the czar. Frederic Chopin is 22, has gained distinction as a pianist in his home (Warsaw, Poland) and is now some celebrity as a composer, teacher in Warsaw. He is a child who with being in love and he admits only to being in love with her.

VII  
 THE INWARD VOICE  
 FREDERIC was in love nevertheless. The object of his passion, for it was nothing less, was Mile. Konstancja Gladowska, a student of singing, whom he had met at the Warsaw Conservatorium. To win her approval, his admiration, he attempted what he considered beyond his powers. Yet his affection for her was his own secret. He shared it with none and hid it even from the young woman herself. He dared to speak to her only in the language of love letters. He expressed in compositions what he could not bring his lips to utter. He poured his heart into sound. He made love to her in the language of lovers everywhere but his lips were silent. It was she who inspired the Adagio in his Concerto in F minor, and the Waltz in D flat.

One day in the Conservatorium he said to her: "Frederic, I think of you as the creator of great Polish music."

"Some day perhaps," he replied. "Oh, not little melodies to be played in the salons by every back who thinks himself a pianist. I think of the Polish people and how they have never had a voice. They have a voice, Frederic. They are like the mountains and the rivers, they have an inward voice, and once you have heard it—"

"The inward voice?"  
 "Yes, the inward voice."  
 "I hear it all the time."  
 "I know it, Frederic. I feel it."

He was silent. His lips quivered then parted into a melancholy smile.

HOW little she knew of the inward tumult that gave him neither peace nor quiet for a solitary moment of his waking life. What could she know of his aspirations or of the torment that robbed him of sleep and kept him tossing fitfully night after night, a torment from which his music was a release, but only in part? How could she know? And yet? That was the strange thing. She had touched the truth.

"Never would he be a hack. He would swear to that and may heaven be his witness. Nor would the melodies torn from his heart be the meat of those who lived off salon patronage. 'Konstancja, my beautiful, my good Konstancja,' he would have said, 'you are right, you have divined it.' Some day he, Chopin—just as you have said, Konstancja—would speak for the locked soul of Poland. He had heard the voice, the first whisper. He had heard it in the groans of the wounded, in the tread of naked feet slopping through the mud, in the grunts of the inarticulate, in the curses of the oppressed, in the cries of hungry children."

—Deeper, deeper, deeper. He would go deeper yet, and ever deeper, until he touched the very nerve and fiber, until he came up finally with the sounds of the earth and of the children of that same Polish earth. All this he would do until he had fashioned absolutely the voice of Poland, free and without chains.

Then he said: "The inward voice. You think, Konstancja, I never hear it?"  
 "Oh, no, Frederic. You hear it. I know you do."  
 ZABELA, now a gawky young lady, was being fitted into a new dress. She stood in the middle of the kitchen, her arms skimming, while Mamma Chopin, on her knees, pinned a little here, a little there.

"Very nice," Josef Elzner said, looking over the rim of his spectacles.  
 "Me, Professor—or the dress?"  
 "Tch, tch."  
 "Isabel, how do you expect me to fix anything if you don't stand still!"  
 "But I am, Mamma; I'm only moving my mouth."  
 "Well, don't even move that."  
 Professor Elzner removed his spectacles and wiped the thick lenses with his red kerchief. "A new dress? Hm."  
 "And why not?" Mamma Chopin said. "It's for tonight—for Frederic's concert—at Count Wodzinski's." She said the Count's name with emphasis, for this night was to be an occasion, a most important one. "Don't tell me you have forgotten it?"  
 "Please, Madame, certainly not—certainly not." Josef Elzner sniffed. "Forgotten it? That's a fine thing to say." Then he put his fingers to his head as though to recall it. "I remember exactly. Why, it's tonight!"  
 Mamma Chopin looked out of the corner of her eye. "Yes," she said. "Tonight!"  
 "I suppose the Count honors Frederic?"  
 "Yes, indeed."  
 "—Humph. It is Frederic who honors the Count. How else? He will play for the Count and his guests while they eat and Frederic will have to stuff his ears if he is not to hear the clatter of knives and forks. There will be no silence—none—and his beautiful tones will have to pierce their small talk, and even then, Madame, I doubt they will listen—unless he be with half-cocked ears!"  
 "And where will you be? I will tell you, Madame; I will make the prediction you will get no farther than the pantry. Fine! Then, if you have the stomach for it, you may stand there and put your ear to a crack."  
 Although his spectacles were perfectly clear Josef Elzner took them off anyway, and wiped them. "—All this trouble—Isabel's new dress—for such a privilege!"  
 (To Be Continued)