

REDS ENCIRCLING FRANKFURT

American Marines Inch Forward In Fierce Iwo Jima Fighting

Second Jap Airfield Being Enveloped By Tank-Led Devildogs

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Tank-led American Marines, who suffered 3,650 casualties in the first two days of fighting on Iwo Jima, gained up to 1,000 yards in the third day of their invasion Wednesday as they began to envelop the island's central airfield.

Gains of 500 to 1,000 yards were made by two divisions climbing the rugged, rocky slopes from the captured bomber field toward the central fighter strip. The Fifth Division flanked the field on the left while the fourth drove at the southern tip.

On the southern end of the volcanic island, within bomber range of Tokyo, Yanks climbed 100 yards up the heavily fortified slopes of Suribachi Yama, volcanic fortress.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz did not make a breakdown of Marine casualties but indicated less than 600 were killed or missing. He said 3,063 wounded were evacuated.

25 Jap Ships Sunk
American submarines have sunk 25 more Japanese ships in the Western Pacific, the Navy announced Wednesday, running their wartime total to 1,045. Their latest bag included an escort carrier, a destroyer, a converted cruiser, two transports, three cargo transports and 17 freighters. The converted cruiser was believed to be a pre-war 18,000-ton luxury liner.

Effects of the sea war and the Iwo Jima battle within Japan's inner defense line were felt in Tokyo, where Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso's unstable cabinet was reshuffled for the second time in 11 days.

Intensity of fighting on Iwo, now in its third day, surpassed the outstanding battles of the Philippines, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur estimated 92,000 Japanese casualties have been inflicted in six weeks. There were 12,929 American casualties—2,676 killed, 10,008 wounded and 245 missing.

Nips Sealed In
Surviving Japanese on Corregidor were being sealed into the tomblike tunnels of the Manila Bay island fortress. Nipponese in Manila (Continued On Page 8)

Sunco 1 Martin Had Free Oil At 6,787-6,962 Feet

By JAMES C. WATSON,
Oil Editor
Sun Oil Company No. 1 Martin, South Andrews County wildcat, in section 17, block A-41, psi survey, recovered 30 feet of free oil in a one-hour drillstem test at 6,787-6,962 feet in the lower Permian.

Using a 5/8-inch bottom hole choke and a 1/4-inch opening on top of the tubing, the test had a flow of air for first 25 minutes, and a flow of gas last 35 minutes of period. The 1,350-foot water blanket was recovered, and that was followed by the 30 feet of clean oil. Operator is coring ahead below 6,962 feet.

Some Oil And Gas Shows
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Parrott, section 3, EL survey, in East-Central County, was bottomed at 9,494 feet, in lime and shale, and was circulating and conditioning the hole, after mixing a new batch of drilling mud.

While changing drilling equipment, after reaching current bottom, the well had shows of oil and gas, according to reliable sources, and it is likely that the operator will test that section shortly.

Stanotex 1-D Re-Treated
Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-D University, section 8, block 11, University survey, in Southwest Andrews County, was flowing oil after a fourth shot of acid—this time 7,500 gallons—through perforations in casing at 8,300-55 feet, in the Devonian.

Prior to that treatment, the well had settled down, and flowed clean oil at the rate of 18 barrels per hour, for about 14 hours, after it (Continued on page 2)

Goch Captured By Canadians As 3rd Advances

PARIS—(AP)—Scots of the Canadian Army captured the Northern German fortress city of Goch Wednesday, while in the center of the Western Front the American Third Army advanced up to five miles in a broad sweep in the Moselle Valley toward the Rhine, seizing 11 towns.

Lt. George S. Patton's tanks and infantry thundered forward through the Eifel mountains on a 50-mile front. Vanguards reached to within two miles of the heavily fortified road center of Saarburg, a key to German defenses along the Moselle.

In the north, the last enemy suicide squads were cleared from the ruined road center of Goch, once a town of 13,500 and still the center of eight military highways. The Scots thrust on 600 yards southward. Goch is eight miles south of captured Kleve, terminal of the original Siegfried Line, and 17 miles southeast of the Dutch city of Nijmegen, whence the Canadian offensive started.

Open Plain
Beyond the once-bristling town lies a small open plain in which no fixed German fortifications have been noted.

British Empire troops fighting with Gen. Henry Crerar's command gathered momentum and drove deeper into the center of German defenses in synchronized thrusts through Buchholt and Halverboom, villages near besieged Calcar.

Scottish troops seized the marshland village of Buchholt and pushed on toward the German stronghold of Uedem, only two and a half miles to the southeast.

On Patton's southern flank, the U. S. Seventh Army pressed to less than three miles of the ruined Saar district capital of Saarbrücken. (Continued On Page 2)

Midland Hospital Committee Named By C. Of C. Board

The Midland Chamber of Commerce's executive committee Tuesday afternoon appointed fifteen members of a special committee to investigate the need for a proposed large hospital in Midland and to obtain all essential information and outline plans.

All members of the special committee were selected by unanimous votes. They are Frank Stubbeman, George Abell, M. C. Ulmer, Dr. John B. Thomas, County Judge E. H. Eversen, Mrs. J. Howard Hodges, Ralph Barron, R. J. Dickey, Jack Wilkinson, L. G. Byerley, Fred Wright, E. R. Osburn, B. F. Abbott, Lester Grant, and Clint Dumanigan.

All members of the executive committee attended the session. They are George W. Glass, president; O. C. Harper, Mayor; A. N. Hendrickson, Paul McHargue, and Fred Hogan, vice presidents; and John P. Butler, treasurer.

The special committee will present its report to directors of the Chamber of Commerce. It will make a progress report the second Monday in March, and hopes are held for a final report by the second Monday in April.

Report Will Be Published
The committee will elect its own chairman and handle its own organization. Facilities of the Chamber of Commerce will be available to the group. Its report will be made public.

The committee will convene at 8 p.m. Thursday night in the Chamber of Commerce to perfect its organization. Glass will call the group to order.

It will first determine the hospital needs of Midland. If it decides Midland needs increased hospital facilities, it will assemble facts and information concerning the requirements, best methods and means of meeting them, and also the best methods and means of maintaining and operating a hospital. Its report will contain the recommendations of the committee as to the best method of handling the project.

Forest Executives Visiting Midland

Forest Dorn Bradford, Pa., president of Forest Development Corporation, and Martin Casey, San Antonio, manager of Texas operations of that concern, are in Midland, conferring with Robert L. Dickey, district geologist and Clint W. Ledebur, district landman for the organization in the Permian Basin.

Heads C. Of C.



George W. Glass, prominent West Texas cattleman, is president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce for 1945. He was selected by its directors at a recent meeting.

Allies In Italy Take Belvedere From Germans

ROME—(AP)—American troops striking over Italian mountain terrain so forbidding that at times they used ropes to scramble up the steep slopes, have captured Monte Belvedere and several villages on the peaks west of the Pistoia-Bologna highway.

The Germans fought back viciously, but all counterattacks were repulsed and the fighting for the dominant heights continues, an Allied communiqué said Wednesday.

Once before Allied troops had held the commanding, 3,500-foot peak of Monte Belvedere, but the Nazis recaptured it last Nov. 29 and had held it since.

Hitler Using Convicts In Frontline Fighting

SHAERF—(AP)—Hitler's army now is giving its suicide assignments to battalions of the damned, made up of German soldiers convicted of military offenses, it was learned authoritatively Wednesday.

Instead of going to prison, they go back to the front.

David Lloyd George Still Seriously Ill

LONDON—(AP)—David Lloyd George, Britain's prime minister in World War I, was reported still seriously ill Wednesday at his home in North Wales but physicians said his condition was "not critical."

The 82-year-old liberal has been in failing health for some time.

War Bulletins

PARIS—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. hurled an armored division Wednesday through a hole gouged in the central German front in the Moselle-Saar triangle and the tanks smashed five and a half miles forward toward Trier through disorganized resistance.

LONDON—(AP)—Red Army troops have captured the Polish town of Czersk, 17 miles northwest of Chojnice and 45 miles from Danzig, Premier Stalin announced Wednesday.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—The exchange liner Gripsholm nosed into her pier at noon Wednesday, bringing home 1,209 repatriates, including 509 American soldiers and merchant seamen who were prisoners of war in Germany.

LONDON—(AP)—More than 1,200 American bombers escorted by 650 fighters Wednesday attacked rail and industrial targets at Nuernberg for the second consecutive day.

Berchtesgaden Rocket Slashed By Yank Planes

ROME—(AP)—Rocket-firing Thunderbolts of the U. S. 12th Air Force made the first attack of the war Tuesday on Hitler's private city of Berchtesgaden, the mountain hideout high in the snow-capped Bavarian Alps, it was announced Wednesday.

The planes, sweeping in from Italian bases, pumped rockets into rail yards at low levels, ripped rail tracks, cars and locomotives and smashed at other targets in and near Berchtesgaden, which may be the most heavily fortified spot in all the Reich. They ran into intense flak and small arms fire.

While there was no official comment on the attack, it was speculated that the surprise attack was directed against the movement of top priority personnel, supplies and Nazi files from Berlin.

"It is believed to be Hitler's hideout," an Air Force officer said, adding that if the raiders found railway cars there, "one guess is as good as another as to what they might contain."

RR Commission Approved Upped Oil Production

AUSTIN—(AP)—The Railroad Commission has approved a March production pattern calculated to result in a daily flow of 2,160,675 barrels of Texas crude oil.

This is 95 more barrels daily than certified by the Petroleum Administration for War to fill war and civilian demands.

Although the commission order permits production of 2,294,928 barrels of crude daily, actual production is estimated to be 5.85 per cent less than allowable.

The March pattern includes 25 general producing days and 25 for East Texas. The Panhandle is exempt from closing days.

Overall allowable including 159,883 barrels daily of distillates and natural gasoline is 2,320,558 barrels or 4,558 more barrels daily than certified by PAW for all petroleum liquids.

Variety Of Weather Hits Midland Area

Snow was falling at noon Wednesday at Carlsbad and Hobbs, N. M., slightly over 100 miles west of Midland, and the cold front was reported headed in this direction and due to hit by mid-afternoon.

Midland experienced a variety of weather Tuesday and Wednesday consisting of rain, overcast skies, clear skies and high winds.

The skies were clear Wednesday morning but a 45 mile-an-hour wind was whipping things up. The minimum temperature Wednesday was 42 degrees at 6 a.m.

The cloudy skies of Tuesday finally gave up some rain when 11 of an inch fell late Tuesday afternoon and early Tuesday night.

The maximum temperature for Tuesday was 60 degrees from 5 to 6 p.m.

Zhukov's Men 'Temporarily' Slash Lifelines To Berlin

LONDON—(AP)—Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops, fighting to encircle Frankfurt on the Oder 58 miles east of Berlin, have "temporarily" slashed the city's lifelines to the capital, a German military commentator said Wednesday.

The fortress town on the west bank of the Oder is under siege and the constant hammering of Russian artillery and bombers, said the report from inside the city by Transocean War Reporter Hans Arntz.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's assault teams of infantry, tanks and mobile guns grimly punched out short gains in the forested hilly section of Brandenburg Province before the Neisse River strongpoints of Guben and Forst, southeast of Berlin.

His advances temporarily have been reduced from an epic of miles to yards, but there was a general impression in Moscow that his present limited blows were steadily

building a springboard for the next big jump that might well take him within gunshot of Berlin.

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Is Texas Air Property Of Texas Or Of Federal Government Is Problem That Has Texas Legislature Upset

AUSTIN—(AP)—Whether the air above Texas is Texas air or Federal air was argued Tuesday night by the newly-born House Committee on Aeronautics.

The committee had before it bills relating to aviation, and referred four of them to sub-committee for further study. One, by Rep. H. A. Hull of Fort Worth, had the blessing of the Texas Private Flyers' Association and of representatives of commercial airlines. They argued against other measures giving the state broader powers to regulate aviation.

Agency To Expedite
Hull's bill principally sets up an agency to expedite the handling of Federal funds for aviation development. Others referred to sub-committee would set up aviation commissions, or give a division of the Railroad Commission the right to control such matters in aviation as safety and routing of airlines, and permits to operate.

Chairman Cecil Storey of Longview raised the question of state's rights in interrogating Raymond Buck of Fort Worth, attorney for American Airlines.

Storey referred to the treaty of annexation under which Texas came into the Union, noting that under it Texas reserved its public lands. He said that in the law, ownership in land extends to the center of the earth and "to the heavens above."

No Test Yet
Buck countered that while there had been no direct test of the principle specifically with the Texas treaty of annexation cited, "Texas has no right to control of the air to the point it would interfere with the sovereign right of the Nation."

After defeating a motion by a close vote of 7 to 5 to defer action pending a ruling by the attorney general, the Senate committee on public health Tuesday night voted approval of a bill to license chiropractors.

The bill offered by Senator Pat Bullock of Colorado City would limit chiropractors to the alignment of the spine and would require four years' training in an accredited school of chiropractic.

Weather
MIDLAND AND VICINITY
High winds are slated to abate Wednesday night which will be clear. Thursday, clear and continued cool.

War Seems Very Far Away
Bluefish are running in Lake Worth, Fla., and small boats which go out for them daily make a picture of serenity in a frame of palm trees.

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A Forgotten Ally

France is back in the war. Her soldiers are fighting with our and Britain's, and there will be many more of them as soon as they can be equipped. Her farms and towns again have been scorched by battle. Her ports and railroads and highways form the chief supply lines for the western attack on Germany.

France is willing to do her part now, and to carry her full share of policing Germany after the war. But France was not included in the Big Three conference which mapped the course of the defeat, surrender and immediate disposition of the dangerous neighbor who has caused her to suffer so often and so bitterly.

All these things and more, General de Gaulle pointed out in an address which, though perhaps not a model of diplomacy, carried a full measure of logic and justice.

It is difficult to determine why the French leader was not invited to meet with the American, British and Russian heads of government. All three of them have recognized the provisional government of which he is chief.

Certainly the Big Three could not have thought that the future of Germany did not concern France. By the evidence of history and geography, France is more anxiously concerned that any of the three great powers at war with Hitler's Third Reich.

Naturally, then, the head of the French state could not do less than announce that he would not be bound by decisions and agreements in which he was not consulted. And naturally he felt it time to advise the world of his country's wishes in the formation of a postwar Europe in which she hopes to regain her former standing.

France will unquestionably have to go along with the Big Three's general decisions. And General de Gaulle gave no indication that he had lost interest in eventually taking his country into the world security organization outlined at Dumbarton Oaks.

Nevertheless, the snub that he has received places another obstacle in the path of international unity. It has forced the general to postpone "until we shall have recovered full liberty of action and all our territories" a wholehearted co-operation in the effort toward world peace. It has probably aggravated a distrustful feeling which may take the shape of a set of separate backstop alliances between France and her neighbors.

And the snub can scarcely fail to suggest to General de Gaulle and his countrymen that the Big Three already consider France a minor power and intend to keep her so. The effect of that inference promises to complicate further the difficult problems of world agreement.

—Buy War Bonds and Savings Stamps—

What Peace For Japan?

An Australian clergyman in this country has urged a "just peace" which would not crush Japan's economic development or reduce her to a third-class power. He argues that, while those who have suffered at the Japs' hands may favor harsh terms, our children in another 25 years will be unwilling to continue such an attitude. He fears a sullen, vengeful Japan and a repetition of "this whole bloody business."

Yet we always bequeath to our children prisons that contain criminal types who are a menace to public safety. Our children may have forgotten their crimes. But they will know that they are sullen and resentful types who would resume a criminal life is released. So they do not hesitate to confine them for the duration of their sentences.

Confining a criminal nation is not so simple as putting a murderer in jail. But the principal is the same. So for safety, not for vengeance, we should preserve for our children the full record of the Japs' and Germans' brutal crimes against world society. And we should remind them, by all possible means, of the dangers which abandonment of watchfulness and control would invite.

—Buy War Bonds and Savings Stamps—

Police seized \$10,000 from owners of an Illinois gambling spot. Customers likely laughed up their sleeves—if they had a shirt left.

An Illinois couple had a 200-pound wedding cake in the shape of a ship. It was sunk during the wedding reception.

WANTED

Clean Cotton Rags

5c lb.

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Mein Kampf's Unwritten Chapter



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had flowed to cleanout following third acid treatment, which was 5,000 gallons.

No report on the production has been released after the last section—however, informed observers disclosed it was an increase from former flows.

Bay Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Humble-Cox, West-Central Gaines County wildcat, in section 468, block G, CCSD&RGNG survey, was to be abandoned and plugged.

Will Plug And Abandon
After treating with 2,000 gallons of acid, through casing perforations at 6,230-80 feet, project swabbed water, and no oil. It was standing with 2,000 feet of sulphur water when decision to abandon was announced, according to operator representatives.

Stanolind No. 1-B Texas Land & Mortgage Company, section 17, block C-37, psi survey, in South-east Terry County, was drilling ahead below 5,062 feet, in lime, while owner's executives were "thinking."

Not Encouraging
During a one-hour drillstem test at 4,959-5,062 feet, there was a slight rainbow of oil in the 270 feet of drilling mud recovered. In addition there was 990 feet of black sulphur water.

Skelly Oil Company No. 2 Steeler, Southeast Lea County, New Mexico development in section 17-23S-37E, was to drill ahead from 6,338 feet, in dolomite. A core at 6,320-53 feet, recovered 13.5 feet of hard, dense, dry dolomite, with no shows.

G. E. Day and associates, No. 1 McBurnett, Schleicher County wildcat, in section 11, block L, GH&SA survey, east of the Page field, is to drill ahead to the Ellenburger. At last report, according to an unofficial, but reliable source, the test had reached 5,550 feet, and was going ahead in the Cisco lime. It had gone through some gas, and slight shows of oil.

Humble Oil & Refining Company and Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 Fee, section 10, block A-24, psi survey, in South Gaines County, had perforated casing at 7,065-7,105 feet, over total depth of 7,184 feet. A total of 120 shots—three to the foot—had been perforated.

Will Use Chemicals
Operators had washed the section with 500 gallons of acid, and were preparing to inject another acid load.

Located one mile east and one-quarter of a mile north of the initial producer in the Eubank area, this producer had shown possibilities of production in the lower Permian. F. A. Gallery and associates, No. 1 Shannon, Crockett County exploration, in section 27, block WX, GC&SF survey, 1,980 feet northeast of nearest part of the Todd field which has shown for Ellenburger production, is bottomed at 6,304 feet, in Ellenburger, and is to run 7-inch casing to the total depth, and cement it there.

Three Possible Sections
It is reported that this test had three zones of porosity and saturation between top of the Ellenburger, said to be around 5,915-25 feet—and total depth. Those horizons will be tested through casing perforations.

R. A. Barger No. 4-E University, in northeast quarter of section 40, block 30, University survey, in the McElroy field in Crane County, is reported to have flowed 250 barrels of oil in one hour and thirty seven minutes, after a nitro shot in pay section at 2,333-3,063 feet. The seven-inch casing was at 2,830 feet. The well is in course of being completed.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL

Firemen answered a call at 10 a.m. Wednesday to the 300 block of West New Jersey. The blaze, a bed on fire, had been extinguished when the firemen arrived. There was no great damage.

Col. John W. White Presents Awards At Colorful Retreat Ceremony At MAAF

In a colorful and impressive ceremony held Tuesday afternoon at Midland Army Air Field, in which officers, enlisted men and Wacs participated, Colonel John W. White, Post Commander, presented ten military decorations to five officers, one enlisted man and to the next of kin of three service men.

The official review got underway at 4 p.m. when retreat was sounded by the 630th AAF Band under the direction of Sgt. Vincent DeLuca, followed by a burst from the cannon in front of Post Headquarters as the band began to play the National Anthem.

The presentation of medals and decorations followed the retreat ceremony. Commanding Officer of Troops, Lt. Col. Orland G. Huffman, accompanied by a color guard marched five officers and one enlisted man to the reviewing section where they were presented to Colonel White who awarded aerial decorations. Already standing alongside the bombardier base commander were three civilians who would also be presented medals and decorations.

Large Review Party
In addition to Colonel White, the reviewing party included Lt. Col.

North Texas Areas Flooded By Rains

By The Associated Press
Heavy rains brought flood conditions to North Texas Wednesday, with residents of lowlands around Dallas being warned to leave their homes and with several buildings surrounded by mounting flood waters at Fort Worth.

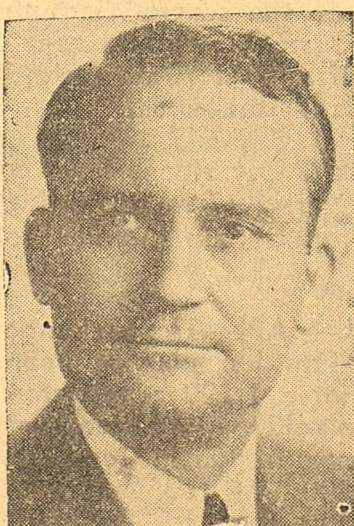
Mounting water at Fort Worth surrounded a half dozen houses and flowed into a church on the north side, backed sewer lines up into an estimated 50 homes in Arlington Heights and forced the closing of one road in Forest Park. Rain which had been falling there several days caused little Belmont Creek to overflow its banks and back up behind a fill. Creek waters entered the Belmont Baptist Church.

JUDGE HEARS MOTION

A hearing on a motion for judgment was heard in district court here Tuesday by District Judge Cecil C. Collings. The judge is considering his decision.

Early day Mexicans indicated their wealth by the amount of decorations on their sombreros.

Evangelist



Evangelist A. H. Clark who is speaking at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. at the Church of Christ. The meeting is to continue through Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. (Adv)

Goch -

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plunged across the Saar River anew to capture the German village of Klein-Blittersdorf, and struck into the outskirts of Forbach, French rail center which almost joins Saarbrücken.

Rivers Continue to Fall

The British Second and American First and Ninth armies stood in mighty strength along the receding Roer River between the Canadians and Patton's Third Army. The Germans repeated that an offensive was imminent across the Roer toward the great cities of the Rhine and the Ruhr valleys.

Patton finally got his armor clanking up the Moselle Valley toward the Rhine after many days of bitter fighting in the Siegfried Line and in floods caused by thaws and freshets.

An armored division which broke across the Moselle drove up to five miles in the triangle formed by the Saar and Moselle and captured Orscholz, Freudenburg and Kollentzen. The same outfit cleared Kelsen and Korrig, moving within two miles southwest of the fortified

WRECK VICTIM

Pic. Vernon E. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anderson, of Midland, is reported a patient in the McDill Field hospital at Tampa, Fla.

His injuries resulted from an automobile wreck and consist of a broken arm, facial lacerations and a leg injury.

center of Saarbrugg, a key to German defenses.

Patton's charging men captured 1,200 prisoners in the Saar-Moselle triangle alone in fighting Tuesday.

In a half mile gain northeast, the Fifth Division reached a point eight miles northeast of Echternach, occupying a six mile stretch along the Prumm River beyond the breached Siegfried Line.

After crossing the Enz River, the 80th Division pushed a half mile north, reaching a point six miles north of Bollendorf. The 80th also repulsed a counterattack in the Mettendorf area and advanced a mile northwest into Roth, five miles northeast of Diekirch.

Other Third Army troops drove a half mile east, capturing Langfuhr, Leucken. The same outfit cleared Kelsen and Korrig, moving within two miles southwest of the fortified Vianden.

Kidnaping Case Is Slated To Go To Jury

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Both state and defense attorneys indicated they thought the case of a pretty 19-year-old Army flier's wife, on trial here on a charge of kidnaping two-months-old Milly McGill, would go to the jury Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Branson, wife of a Laredo Army Air Field instructor, is charged with kidnaping the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McGill of Fort Worth Jan. 9. The baby was found in a San Antonio bus station the next day. Ten days later Mrs. Branson was arrested at Laredo.

Last Saturday Mrs. McGill filed suit for divorce from her husband and asked that custody of Milly be given to Mrs. Branson.

A doctor, whose name was not disclosed—the second to be called to the stand by the defense—was to testify Wednesday. The prosecution said it would put eight rebuttal witnesses on the stand Wednesday, most of them to testify as to Mrs. Branson's character.

The defense has indicated it would plead temporary insanity in the case.



WARNING! The traffic toll in winter regularly climbs to a peak fifty per cent higher than the summer accident rate.

And this winter, because tires and cars are older, both cars and lives will be wrecked at a rate far faster than ever, unless YOU do something about it!

So take every possible precaution . . . Drive slowly and alertly, because it requires from four to eleven times the usual braking distance to stop a car, without chains, on wet snow or ice. . . Don't close-in on the car ahead. . . Slow down well before reaching crossings. . . And watch out for pedestrians picking their way in hazy twilight or darkness.

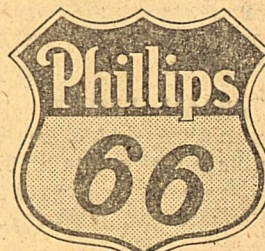
At any other time in our nation's history, there would have been something sacrilegious in discussing the saving of cars in the same breath with the saving of human life. To-

day, however, the country's war effort and well-being depend on an ever-dwindling supply of essential transportation. Lives are important, and so are irreplaceable automobiles.

Do your humane and patriotic part to save lives. Let your Phillips 66 Service Man do his patriotic part to help you save your car.

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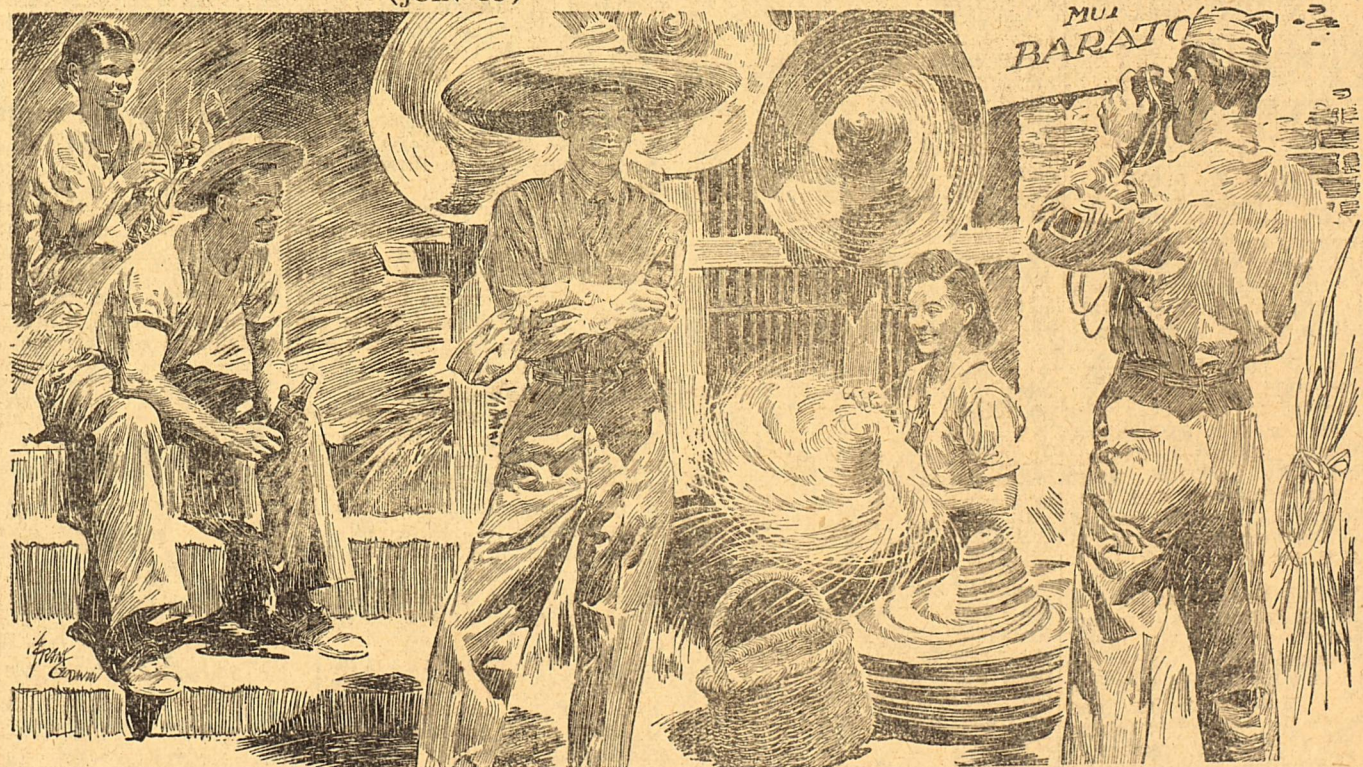
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Society

Mrs. L. E. Edwards Is Hostess To Trinity Episcopal Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church met Monday at the home of Mrs. L. E. Edwards, 2010 Holloway, Mrs. Paul H. Kolm, president, presiding.

Mrs. James N. Allison led in the moments of prayer, the members repeating in unison the auxiliary prayer, the Lord's prayer and the creed.

For four meetings the subject, "Ventures in Christian Living" will be presented in its several aspects. This week's consideration of the subject was related to worship, and was led by Mrs. D. R. Carter. The miscellaneous bake sale, at which cookies, rolls, pies and cakes can be purchased, will be held at the Safeway store at 9:30 Saturday morning.

In addition to members above mentioned, there were present: Mmes. Felix Ankele, Louis Bartina, Jack E. Bliss, B. K. Buffington, Reese Cleveland, Lewis Clemons, R. E. Gile, C. L. Griffin, R. W. Hamilton, W. T. Hoey, William Kerr, Roy Kinsey, Jack Lively, S. J. Lones, Eugene Russell and John Shipley.

The auxiliary will meet next Monday with Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, 1110 West Texas, instead of Mrs. J. P. Ruckman, as previously announced.

Paul Barron Holds Valley View Red Cross Benefit Meet

Paul Barron, head of rural Red Cross drives, will be in charge of the Red Cross benefit meeting to be held on Friday at the Valley View schoolhouse. There will be a musical program and Delbert Downing will be guest speaker for the evening.

An auction of two quilts will be held followed by refreshments. Mrs. Dwight McDonald and Mrs. J. M. Baker of the Victory Council will be present.

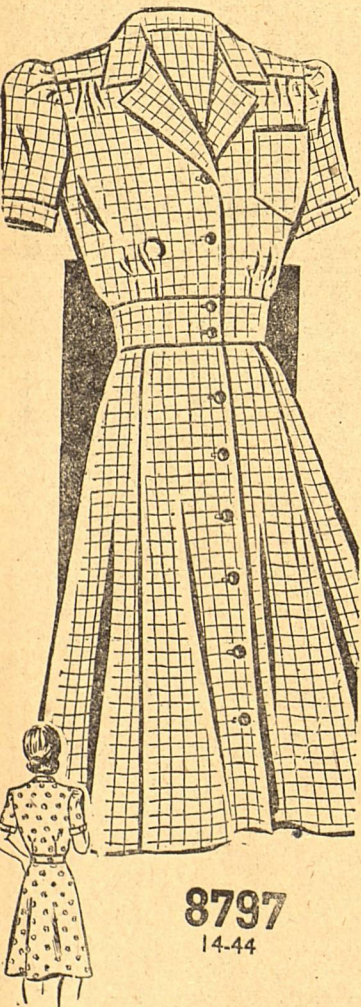
Albert Clement Goes To Dallas Clinic

Albert Clement, who is employed as foreman at the Mackey Motor Co. garage, left Sunday morning for Dallas, to enter the Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic, where he will undergo a complete clinical examination.

VISITING IN MIDLAND

Mrs. B. W. Brunson of Anson is visiting her sons, Henry and Lenton Brunson of this city, and is expected to be here for a few weeks.

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MRS. W. A. BLACK IS HOSTESS TO WINNIE PROTHRO CIRCLE

At the home of Mrs. W. A. Black, the Winnie Prothro Circle held its regular meeting Monday, with Mrs. T. A. Fannin assisting as co-hostess.

A prayer by Mrs. M. J. Allen opened the gathering. Mrs. Stacy Allen, circle chairman, conducted the business session, and the program which consisted of a debate on the question of European extension of power and its unhappy effects on other continents and islands.

The affirmative was taken by Mrs. C. M. Chase, Mrs. D. H. Cardwell and Mrs. M. J. Allen. The negative was handled by Mrs. Stacy Allen, Mrs. J. P. Cornelius and Mrs. O. L. Crooks. Judges were Mrs. Ben W. Smith, Mrs. T. A. Fannin and Mrs. W. A. Black.

An imaginary conversation between a Japanese and a Japanese officer was given by Mrs. C. L. Wallace and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell. The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer, followed by refreshments. Mrs. C. H. Peyton was also present.

Mrs. E. E. Reigle To Be Hostess To AAUW Thursday Night

Mrs. E. E. Reigle will entertain the International Relations Study Group of the AAUW at her home, 613 Storey, at which time a report by Miss Maria Spencer, in charge of program activity, will be made and followed by discussion of her subject, "Diplomatic Relations of Russia."

This discussion is more of a round table talk on the proceedings at Dumbarton Oaks.

Coming Events

THURSDAY—

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

Nurses' Aide classes will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second floor of the courthouse.

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

The International Relations Study Group of AAUW will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reigle, 613 W. Storey, with Miss Maria Spencer in charge of program on "Diplomatic Relations of Russia."

FRIDAY—

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

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

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

Belmont Bible Class will meet at 3 p.m. at the Scharbauer Educational Building of First Methodist Church.

The Valley View Community will hold a Red Cross Benefit at the Schoolhouse, with Delbert Downing as guest speaker. All members of the community are invited.

Spotters Groups No. 2 and 3, will hold a bingo party at the Officers' club at 8 p.m. Funds will be used for benefit of the day nursery. Sponsors are Mrs. J. P. Cornelius and Mrs. G. A. Wakefield.

Mrs. A. M. Baird's group and Mrs. C. W. Allen's group will have charge of the surgical dressings at the USO at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY—

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

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Mrs. D. W. Finlayson Is Hostess To MOW

At the home of Mrs. D. W. Finlayson, 1200 W. Indiana, the MOW group met for a business meeting and social hour Tuesday night with Mrs. Bob White presiding. Refreshments were served.

Members present were Mmes. C. D. Blount, R. S. Elliott, Rocky Ford, Jr., Waldo Grossman, C. L. Monical, D. J. Rhorer, Paul Dickey, K. F. Elliott, L. M. Freels, J. M. Goodman, F. B. Hall, T. D. Phillips, T. G. Thomas, W. W. Wainwright, Frank Whitaker, R. K. White, C. M. Thorne and T. R. Wright.

The next meeting will be held at the Log Cabin and will be in celebration of the group's first anniversary.

library of the courthouse basement.

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

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

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a bake sale at 9:30 a.m. at the Safeway Grocery Store.

Junior Canteen Hostess from 3:30 to 6 p.m. will be Mrs. J. W. Goddard. Mr. and Mrs. R. Chanslor will serve from 8 to 11 p.m.

Martin Named As Scout Executive

W. E. Martin of Snyder accepted the position of scout executive here at a meeting of the district scout committee held Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce. He will take the place of J. V. Niedermayer who will leave March 1. Martin said he would be here by March 1.

P. V. Thorson, district scout executive, reported on the progress of scouting in the Buffalo Trail Council. He announced the council had been given the Walter W. Head Acorn award in recognition of membership achievement in 1944. Thorson said the council made the greatest growth in 1944 of any year in the council's history.

Voted Appreciation

The committee voted appreciation of the members for the work done by Niedermayer during the time he has served as scout executive here.

Committee members who attended the meeting Tuesday night were E. W. Statton, Ray Upham, Percy Bridgewater, Guy Breneman, Frank Monroe and the Rev. Hubert Hopper.

Visitors present were J. M. McDonald, A. N. Griffith, Floyd Dennis, Allan Heard, Fred Morrow, and Bill Martin.

North Elementary P-TA Is Entertained By First Grade Rhythm Band

The North Elementary P-TA met Tuesday afternoon at the school with Mrs. Waldo Legett, president presiding and Mrs. George Putman in charge of the program.

The rhythm band made up of first grade pupils played three numbers, "Flying Birds," "Scarf Dance" and "Snowflakes." The speaker was Frank Stubbeman, whose subject, "Children's Stake in World Peace." The four important points brought out in his talk, which would insure an enduring peace were: good homes; better educational opportunities; worthwhile religion and freedom of opportunity.

At the business meeting plans for purchase of visual educational equipment were considered and appointment of a committee on forming a pre-school PTA was made consisting of Mrs. Stanley Erskine, Mrs. John M. White and Mrs. Lloyd Mills.

The large attendance was attributed to the room-mothers meeting at a coffee held last Thursday.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Mrs. A. C. Heard of 1200 West Florida, has just received word of the marriage, on Feb. 9th, of her sister, Mrs. Doris Gilmore, to Pvt. Vol. Krebs Jr., formerly of the MAAF band, but now stationed in Edmonton, Canada, where they will make their home for the present.

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Whitaker Serves As Surgical Technician

Pvt. William B. Whitaker, formerly of Midland, is serving as a surgical technician with the Second Convalescent Hospital now supporting combat units of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers' 6th Army in Italy.

The hospital receives patients after their battle wounds are healed and reconditions them by a series of graduated exercises which takes the stiffness out of the body.

Deadline Near For Subsidy Payments

All applications for dairy subsidy payments for the November and December period must be in at the Midland County AAA office by February 23. William H. Waddle, secretary of the AAA, announced Wednesday.

The payments are being made on the basis of 10 cents a pound for butter fat and 70 cents per hundred weight for whole milk. Pay-

USO TO BE CLOSED FOR FLOOR WORK

The USO Salvation Army will be closed Wednesday night and Thursday morning for the waxing of the floors. Activities will be resumed as usual following that time.

ment cannot be made upon any applications for November and December which came in after the deadline, Waddle said.

The AA will begin receiving applications April 1 for the January, February and March period.

HAVE FALSE ALARM

Firemen answered a call at 10 p.m. Tuesday from West Missouri. The alarm proved to be false, Fire Chief Luther Tidwell said.

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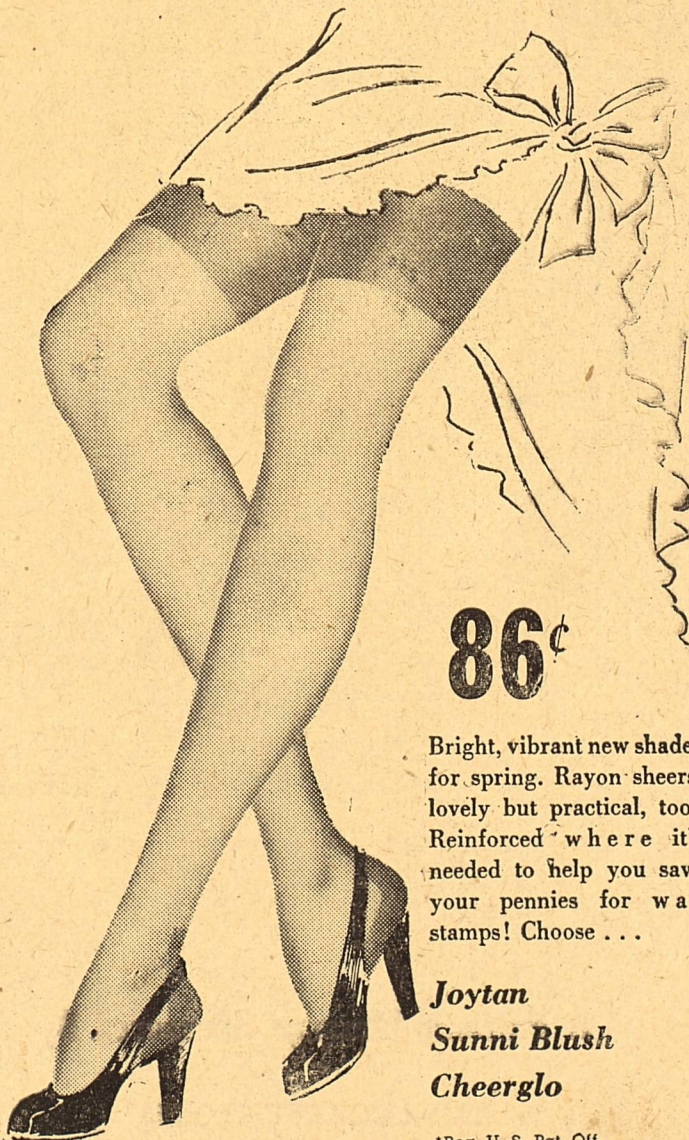
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Dateline: PACIFIC

By MORRIS LANDSBERG
ABOARD AN LCI OFF PALAU ISLAND—(AP)—The anchor came up at dusk and little landing craft, infantry, began moving off.

The skipper, Lt. Phillip Butler, Lake Geneva, Ill., leaned casually on the rim of the tiny bridge. "Stand by No. 2 and 3 guns," he said, looking at the rocky, high-backed islands ahead.

Then, "be on the lookout for reefs and mines." The word was passed to the crew by telephone but this was hardly necessary. The captain's voice could be heard from one end of the 150-foot long ship to the other.

On Night Patrol
The LCI slipped listlessly through the dark-green water, throbbing with the working of its diesel engines. We were off on a night patrol into Yoo Passage between the Japanese-occupied islands of El Malk and Urakthapel.

"Maybe we'll have some fireworks," the skipper said almost hopefully. Capt. John H. Morrill, Minneapolis, Minn., commander of the flotilla of landing craft, infantry, converted to gunboats, told us earlier why the crews keep such a sharp lookout. On dark or rainy nights, Japanese swim out with explosive charges and try to blow the ships up.

Stand Between
The LCIs stand between the Japanese and free communications among the various islands in which they have been contained since American troops captured Peleliu and Angaur last fall. The continuous patrol, as well as aerial and artillery bombardment, have immobilized thousands of the enemy mainly on Koror and Babelthap.

"We're trying to seal the Jap up," was the way Captain Morrill put it. He said the enemy never showed himself in the daytime, and only once did they fire on the LCIs. This was when several LCIs crouched around one of their number which had been damaged by a mine. The Japanese missed.

Strafed Beach
As our LCI passed close to El Malk, Lt. Butler ordered the port guns to open up and strafe the beach area. El Malk, like all the other Palaus, appears made up exclusively of rocks and closely growing trees. There was no sign of life.

We'd have time for supper before taking our station in Yoo Passage, the skipper said. The wardroom seated six, but the food would be welcome in the wardroom of an aircraft carrier which can accommodate several hundred officers.

At midnight, after several hours sleep, the LCI woke up. Any Japanese in the vicinity with a full-scale miniature bombardment and firing of illumination shells. This served both to harass the enemy and keep him holed up wherever he was.

The ship continued intermittent fire on the Jap islands until daybreak, then turned back toward its station not many miles from Peleliu. Nothing had happened except a demonstration in the art of neutralizing enemy positions. There'll be other nights, though.

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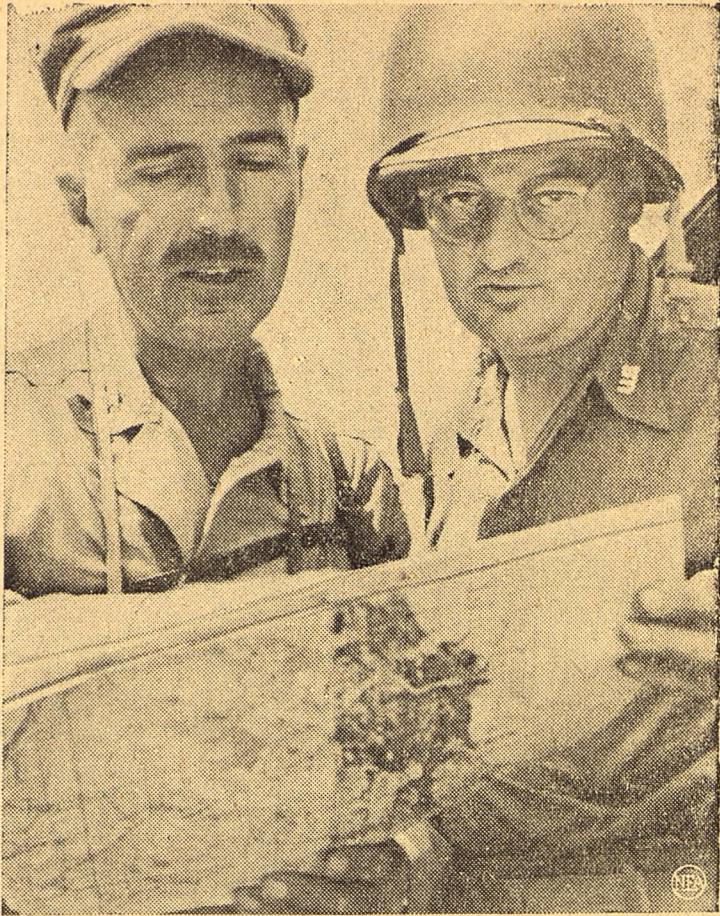
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Brig.-Gen. William C. Chase, left, whose 1st Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division was first into Manila, checks Yank progress on a map for Tom Shafer, NEA Service-Acme Newspictures camera correspondent for the war picture pool.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Little Joe Goebbels, Herr Hitler's bull-voiced propaganda minister, has been complaining that the Allies have ganged up on the Reich, and says Germany could win hands down if it could take on its enemies singly.

The last time I saw Joe he was spell-binding 50,000 people in an outdoor meeting in Berlin, just before Munich. I wasn't much impressed with his line of double-talk at the time—though he put on a good show—but it must be admitted he has something now. The Allies not only have ganged up, but as I see it they're giving a remarkable display of military unity.

Big Squeeze
Allied activities on both Eastern and Western fronts point to early intensification of the big squeeze on Hitlerdom. One of the most satisfactory aspects of this is that it represents a full partnership and concerted action. The Big Three are going in for the kill together.

Now barring a great emergency the Western Allies wouldn't be attempting an all-out offensive at this time. As I pointed out Tuesday, this is the season when the Rhineland weather is at its worst—and that's mighty bad. The vital work of the Tactical Air Force frequently is suspended for days because of dense fog or rain—it is largely halted Wednesday, for instance. The terrain either is a sea of mud or is under water. The Allied troops—Canadians, killed Scotsmen, Britons, French, Yanks—have had to fight in mud and water to their waists at times, and actually have had to use amphibious equipment in some places which normally are high and dry.

Kept On Attacking
Despite all this General Eisenhower has kept on attacking and improving his positions in preparation for the big push, instead of waiting for decent weather with the beginning of April, only a few weeks away. The full weight of our armies is needed on the Western Front to complement the Red drive.

Rundstedt may try to withdraw across the Rhine rather than make a stand on the Cologne Plain.

Transference of the main battle to the east side of the Rhine might produce some sensational developments. The great Allied Airborne Army likely would be brought into action, for instance. Then there's another possibility, if the Germans are able to stand off the Allied advance and hang onto Northern Germany. This is an Allied amphibious invasion of the German coast from the North Sea—say in the Bremen or Hamburg area.

Attar of roses, a perfume base, is so valuable to the rose oil industry of Bulgaria that it is deposited in banks.

First Move Taken By Legion Toward Acquiring Building

The first step toward acquiring an American Legion building was taken Tuesday night at a meeting of the Woods W. Lynch Legion Post held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel.

R. W. Hamilton was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate and determine if a building here, which might be remodeled, can be purchased. He is to report to the next meeting of the post.

Discussion was unanimous that now is the time to obtain any necessary funds for a legion building, and that if a building cannot be bought the funds should be obtained and ready to be used for construction of a building as soon as materials and labor is obtainable.

Reese Cleveland, second vice commander, presided in the absence of A. C. Heiner, post commander.

C. W. SCHOPPE WINS AWARD FROM HUMBLE

HOUSTON—C. W. Schoppe, employee of Humble Oil & Refining Company's production department in Midland, recently was presented a cash award for developing a labor-saving device in connection with his work for the company. It was announced in naming prize winners for the final quarter of 1944 in Humble's Coin-Your-ideas award program.

Company awards totaled 72, with \$2,745 in cash prizes distributed for 69 winning ideas that are helping to streamline operations in all Humble divisions.

Little Robin Knows Army Morale Secret

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.—(AP)—Six-year-old Robin Lynne Baxter, whose father is serving with the Army in North Africa, is learning how to keep up armed force morale. Given a cake on her last birthday, Robin Lynne passed up a party and took the delicacy down to the Red Cross Canteen in a local railroad station. Servicemen passing through found her there cutting the cake for their benefit.

Siberia and Alaska are only 40 miles apart.

CITY 80 CABS

Monahans To Vote On City Hospital

MONAHANS — Monahans' city council has passed an ordinance abolishing the office of city attorney effective at the end of the present term.

The council also called an election for March 13, 1945, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the matter of voting ad valorem bonds to the amount of \$75,000 with which to build a municipal hospital. The bonds are to mature serially and not to exceed 5% interest over a period not to exceed 40 years.

STARTS TRAINING

James Clyde Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chandler, has arrived at Camp Wolters to begin his basic training as an infantryman.

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While Police Looked At Evidence It Vanished

MOSCOW, IDAHO —(AP)— Police examined a dirty lump of material which John Llewellyn said was used in smashing a large plate glass window in his store.

When they washed it in warm water, it vanished.

Officers decided that it must have been a muddy piece of ice flipped into the window by a passing car's wheel.

Wheelbarrow License

A wheelbarrow used in the town of Rumford, Maine, by the local mail carrier for carting mail 100 yards from the station to the postoffice had to be registered as a "for hire" vehicle. The owner paid the \$3 fee.

Two-Time Loser Is Cop And Robber Victim

SANTA FE, N. M.—(AP)—Ted McFarland, mechanical superintendent for the Santa Fe New Mexican, lost his shirt to a burglar.

McFarland reported that the burglar helped himself to a shirt, two watches, a quart of milk and some peach preserves. The intruder left a soiled shirt in exchange for the one he took, but police claimed the discarded shirt as evidence.

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A SONG TO REMEMBER

by Willard Wiener

THE STORY: Louis Pleyel is not interested in Frederic Chopin, claiming there is already too much musical genius in Paris. He has just ordered Frederic and the irrepressible Jozef Elsner out of his office when Pleyel is heard playing a piano in the salon. Frederic recognizes one of his own compositions.

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FRANZ LISZT

THE renown of Franz Liszt, that "touchy Hungarian" who as a child had been blessed by Beethoven, was spread over the world. As composer and pianist, he was a vigorous innovator. He had even dared, it was said, to strike the keys with his nose! Whatever the truth of that, he had indeed explored the possibilities of the piano beyond anything ever before attempted. But his renown was not limited either to his genius as a pianist nor to his genius as a composer. Paris was at his feet. No woman of glamor enjoyed greater popularity. There was not a Duchess in all the France of Louis Philippe who would not have been proud to say, "Franz Liszt is mine." The noblest, the most beautiful women of Europe had sought his attention. The most talented men in music, literature and art called him friend. There was not a salon in Paris to which this bon vivant was not welcome.

Frederic's heart pounded. His mouth was agape. His eyes feasted from afar on Franz Liszt.

It was his, Chopin's music, that was guiding the fingers of this immortal! It was the Polonaise in A-flat being played, yes, exactly as it must be played, as Frederic himself had dreamed it would be played.

Louis Pleyel, his coat-ends flying, reached the handsome virtuoso. "Maestro!" He bent low. "Pleyel," Liszt said without looking up, "who wrote this?" Louis Pleyel turned to his secretary, "Dupont! Who wrote this?"

Henri Dupont looked at Louis Pleyel and Louis Pleyel looked at Henri Dupont. Henri Dupont shook his head. Louis Pleyel moved his shoulders. Henri Dupont, not to be outdone, moved his shoulders also.

Frederic had taken a step closer, then another until, one step and another, he was very close.

Jozef Elsner's head wagged in rhythm to the music. He removed his spectacles from his nose and wiped them, although they did not require wiping.

FREDERIC was seized with an impulse to speak with Liszt in the very language of Liszt! He was unnoticed by Louis Pleyel. He was unnoticed by Henri Dupont. He was unnoticed by Jozef Elsner. He was noticed only by the gaping clerk at the back of the room who threw up his hands as Frederic seated himself at a piano.

Liszt's back—and struck the keys. His tones melted into those of Liszt. So Liszt and Chopin played together. They played in perfect and exact rhythm, back to back, yet together.

Franz Liszt, without taking his eyes from the score, said, over the music: "The composer!"

Louis Pleyel exchanged glances with Henri Dupont. Louis Pleyel moved his shoulders. And Henri Dupont, not to be outdone, moved his.

But Jozef Elsner had heard. He also saw. He almost spluttered. But he kept silent.

Frederic, now confident and with an utter disregard of Louis Pleyel and Henri Dupont, said: "You do me great honor, Monsieur Liszt!"

Louis Pleyel took his eyes from the "touchy Hungarian" to glare at Frederic Chopin.

Louis Pleyel gulped. Henri Dupont gulped.

Franz Liszt said: "What do you call this?"

"A polonaise. It's unfinished—"

"Polonaise!"
"Yes."
"Spirit of Poland!"
"Yes!"
"Magnificent!"

Frederic groped for words.

"Thank you—thank you, Maestro."

THEY played on, together, and for some time the room was filled with no other sound but the tones of Chopin's unfinished polonaise. Then Liszt said: "And you play with spirit, too."

"Thank you, Maestro."

"I mean it, Monsieur; you have the fire of a patriot!"

"As to that, Maestro—I don't know."

"I do know! And I should like very much to shake your hand—but I don't want to stop!"

"To take the hand of Franz Liszt!"

It was Frederic's turn to gulp. Frederic gulped again. Then after his second gulp he was all right. Then he said, with airy exuberance, "If you play the melody and I the bass—"

"Excellent!"

Frederic played the bass, Liszt the melody. Then with their feet

other and clasped them warmly. A portion of the score remained to be played. They played on, Liszt and Chopin!

Louis Pleyel coughed in his hand. "My dear Elsner—"

"Eh?"

"Two weeks! Is that enough time?"

Jozef Elsner touched his kerchief to his face. "Eh?"

Louis Pleyel said: "I am asking if Monsieur Chopin can get a concert ready in two weeks?"

"—Louis—" Jozef Elsner's jaw started to work again. But he could not speak.

Louis Pleyel raised his voice: "Isn't that what you came to Paris for?"

Frederic was laughing over the melody of the polonaise.

But there were tears in Jozef Elsner's eyes. Then he caught his voice. "Yes," he said, nodding. "Naturally. Why else did we come to Paris?"

(To Be Continued)

Surrealism In Its Only Excusable Form

SEATTLE, WASH.—(AP)—Hale E. Landry, Boeing aircraft instructor and pastel landscape painter, is color blind and uses special lenses for his work. But when he forgets them:

A friend once turned his palette around when he was doing a farm scene.

"It was terrible," he recalled. "I had blue cows, and red haystacks, and you know, someone who saw it exclaimed: 'My, how modern!'"

Another time he did a portrait of a girl with green lips.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Sometimes you have to bid a hand with all the skill you and your partner can muster and you have to make squeeze-plays and end-plays. Here is a hand that requires all of that and a little bit more. Charlie Sanders said he thought this was the luckiest hand he ever played.

He let the opening lead ride around to his eight spot. Now he led the ten of diamonds. West refused to cover and he let it ride.

♠ Q 3 2	♥ A J 5 2	♦ K 10 9 6	♣ A 10 2
♠ 7 5 4	♥ 8 3	♦ Q 9 6 4	♣ 8 3 2
♠ Q 7 5 4	♥ K 7 4 3	♦ A 10 2	♣ 6 5

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass
Opening—♠ 3. 21

Duplicate—Neither vul.
When it held, Sanders played the queen of clubs but West would not cover that either so he again took the finesse.

Another club was played, hoping to drop the king, but West had four of them and East discarded a spade.

Sanders now decided that as long as West held the king of clubs and the queen of spades, so he played a small heart from dummy and finessed the ten spot, which held. He then cashed his two good diamonds and the king and ace of hearts. He led the fourth heart, forcing East to win.

East had to lead a spade, which was in dummy with the queen and then the jack of spades finessed, giving the declarer six odd.

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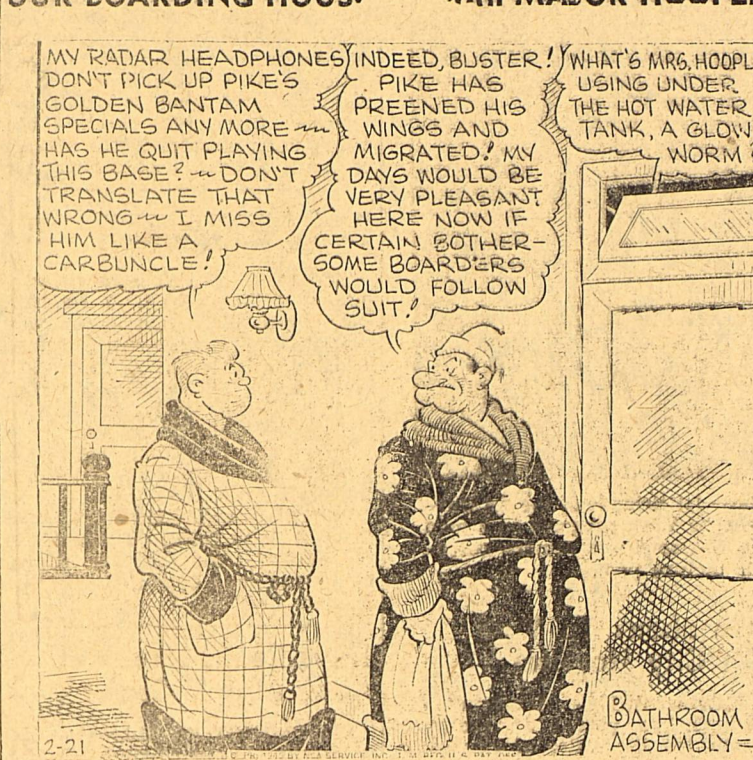
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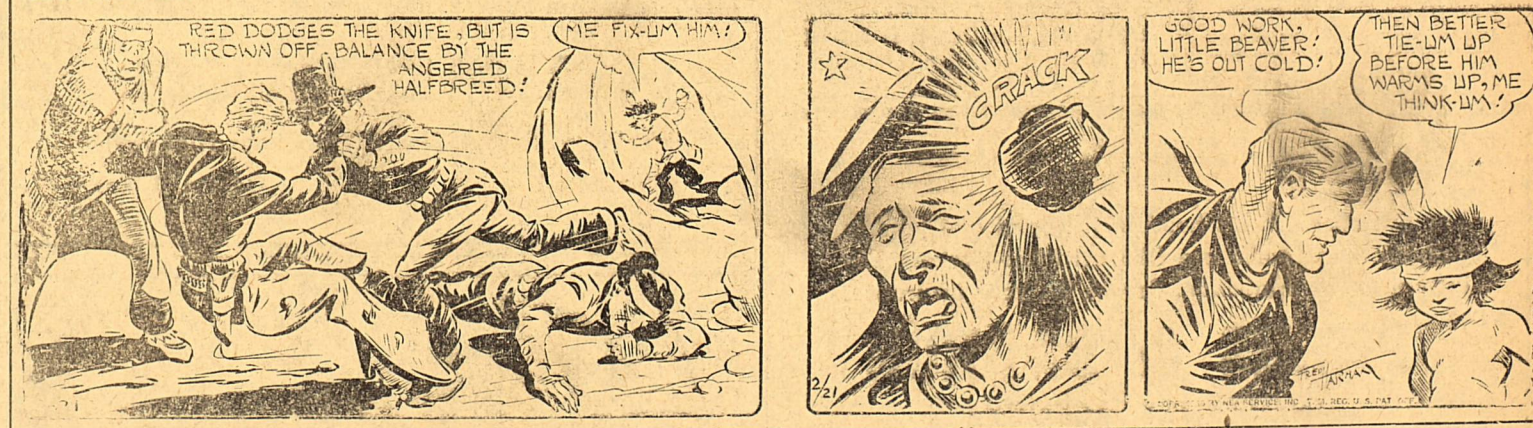
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INCOME TAX TIPS

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—This story will answer the question: "Who can use form W-2—the withholding receipt—in making his income tax return for 1944?"

Form W-2, slightly larger than a bank check, is the receipt a boss gives a worker for taxes withheld from his wages or salary in 1944.

You can use it only:

1. If your income was less than \$5,000 and practically all of it came from wages or salary from which taxes were regularly withheld.

2. If, in addition to the wages or salary, you had an income not over \$100 from interest or dividends or other wages not subject to withholding, provided that extra income did not bring the total to \$5,000.

Who Can And Can't

Here are examples of who can and can't use form W-2:

A. Your salary was \$4,500. Taxes were regularly withheld from it. You had no other income. You can use form W-2.

B. Your salary was \$4,500. Taxes were regularly withheld from it. You had income of \$100 from interest or dividends or wages not subject to withholding. You can use form W-2.

C. Your salary was \$4,500. Taxes were regularly withheld from it. You had added income of only \$50 from rents. You could not use form W-2. You'd use the 1040 short-form.

You cannot use form W-2 for reporting any income from rents, professional fees, business, partnership, estate, trust or annuities.

Husbands and wives can make a combined return on form W-2 if their combined income was less than \$5,000 and if that income fits the requirements listed above. Example:

A. Jones' salary was \$2,500. His

wife's salary was \$2,000. Both salaries regularly had taxes withheld. One of them additionally had \$95 income from interest. They could use form W-2 jointly or singly.

Could Not Use W-2

B. Jones' salary was \$2,500 and his wife had no salary but did have income of \$300 from dividends. Because her income from dividends was more than \$100, she could not file a form W-2 nor could they make a joint return on form W-2. He could use a form W-2 for his own return, and she could use the 1040 short form or they could make a joint return on a 1040 short form.

In the 2 community-property states—Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington—husbands and wives cannot file separately on form W-2. But they could, if they wanted to, file separate return on form 1040.

There's a place on form W-2 for listing your exemptions: yourself, wife and dependent relatives.

But there is no place for listing allowable deductions for charitable contributions, taxes, interest on mortgages, medical and dental expenses, union dues and so on.

The reason in checking your return to determine the tax on you, the collector uses a tax table which automatically allows everyone using form W-2 deduction of about 10 per cent. Most people's deductions are not that much.

If your deductions amount to more than 10 percent, don't use form W-2. You'll lose money. Use the 1040 long-form. There you'll have to itemize your deductions—and work out your own tax—but you can get credit for them if they're more than 10 percent.

You can't use the 1040 short-form and claim deductions. There, just as in form W-2, you are allowed about 10 per cent in deductions.

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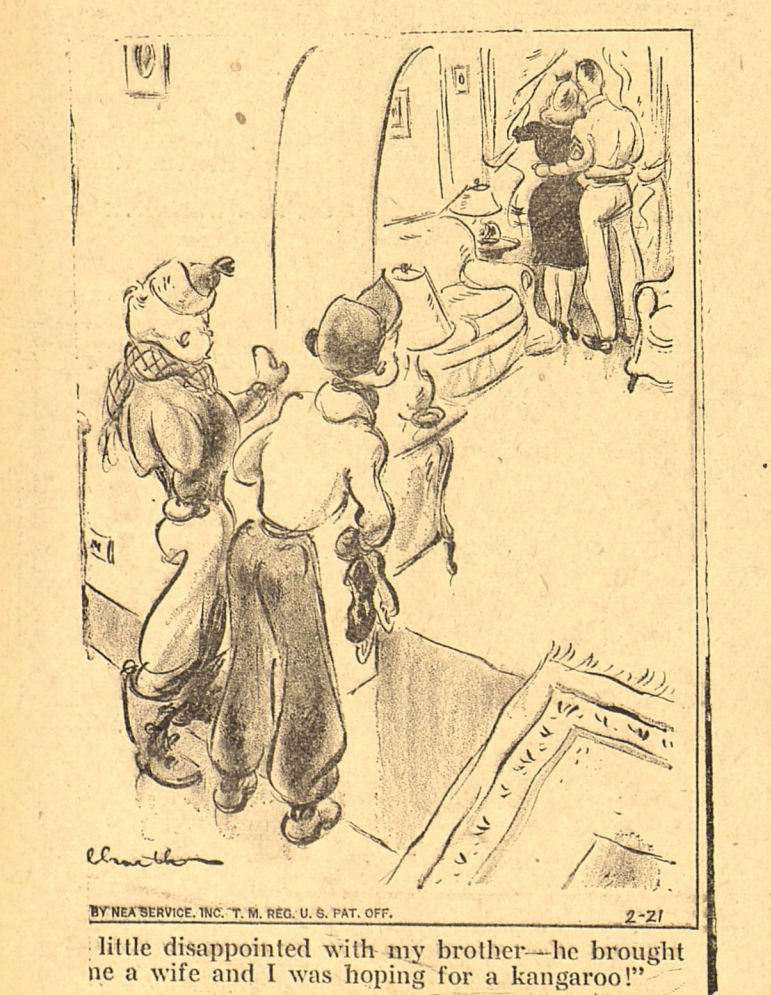
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Investigation Of Garden Results In Clean Bill Of Health

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK—(P)—No evidence of dishonesty or corrupt dealings has been found in college basketball games played at Madison Square Garden, the department of investigation reported Tuesday.

Commissioner Edgar Bromberger, who began a probe after the Brooklyn College gambling scandal broke on Jan. 29, asserted "although there have been vague rumors and intimations (of corruption) during each season that intercollegiate basketball has been established at Madison Square Garden x x x there is no evidence of any dishonesty, culpable irregularity or corrupt dealings in the negotiations between the garden corporation and City College of New York and Brooklyn College, or in the conduct of the games themselves or in the financial transactions resulting therefrom."

40 Page Report

In addition, the 40-page interim report to Mayor Fiorello La Guardia declared that the "officials in charge of the games are, according to unanimous opinion of high character and incorruptible conduct."

Bromberger said "two instances of apparent attempted corruption of players" were disclosed in the testimony.

William Levine, CNY captain, testified, the report asserted, that about a week prior to the CNY-Syracuse at the garden Jan. 10 "he was approached by someone whose type he recognized as that of a gambler as asked whether he desired to make any money, x x Levine further stated that Red Holzman, formerly CNY captain, told him some years ago that he had been approached with a proposition to throw a game." In both cases the players rejected the offers, Bromberger said.

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Sports ★★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK—(P)—Ellis (Doc) Blanchard, Army's All America fullback, and Halfback Max Minor have entered Saturday's National A.A.U. Track and Field Championships, Blanchard in the shot put and Minor in the broad jump. . . that probably explains the absence of Notre Dame entrants. . . If Gunder Haegg and Hurdler Haakon Lidman don't get here for the meet, why not substitute Sharkey, the high-hurdling seal from the national sportsmen's show, for the latter? He's right down in the garden basement. . . Bill Tilden, age 52, calls his old doubles partner, Vinnie Richards, 41, "Sonny." . . Joseph Borden, who pitched the first no-hit game in organized baseball (for Philadelphia vs Boston, National Association, 1875) used the name of "Joseph" on the field because he didn't think it was quite correct for his own name to appear in box scores. . . we can see where a good athlete these days might get the same sort of idea.

Kerr-Set The Luck

Andy Kerr, Jr., son of the Colgate football coach, came within four seconds of having a perfect season in his first coaching attempt last fall. . . Andy, Jr., a doctor attached to a general hospital in England, tutored the 11th Aces, who were unbeaten and unscored-on going into the season's fifth and final game against the 307th Hospital. . . things continued to go well until the last four seconds when one of Andy's boys tried to pass, was rushed and the ball was deflected into the arms of an opposing guard, who ran for a touchdown.

Service Dept.

The Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Technical Training Center boxing team complains that it has run clear out of opposition. Wonder if the sailors know about that Fort Bragg 2nd Pz Squad that includes Cpl. Al Hostak, ex-middleweight champ, and Mike Raffa, former featherweight title contender? . . . Don Kinzie, former Duke U. hurdler who has been wearing R.C.A.F. colors in the indoor track meets, has transferred to the American Air Force. . . Lt. Harry Kline, New York Giants end, has been handed a Purple Heart and a medical discharge by the Navy.

BETWEEN HALVES

NEW YORK—Arrangements are being made to match the champion ping-pong players from each General Bronze plant with finals to take place between halves of a basketball game.

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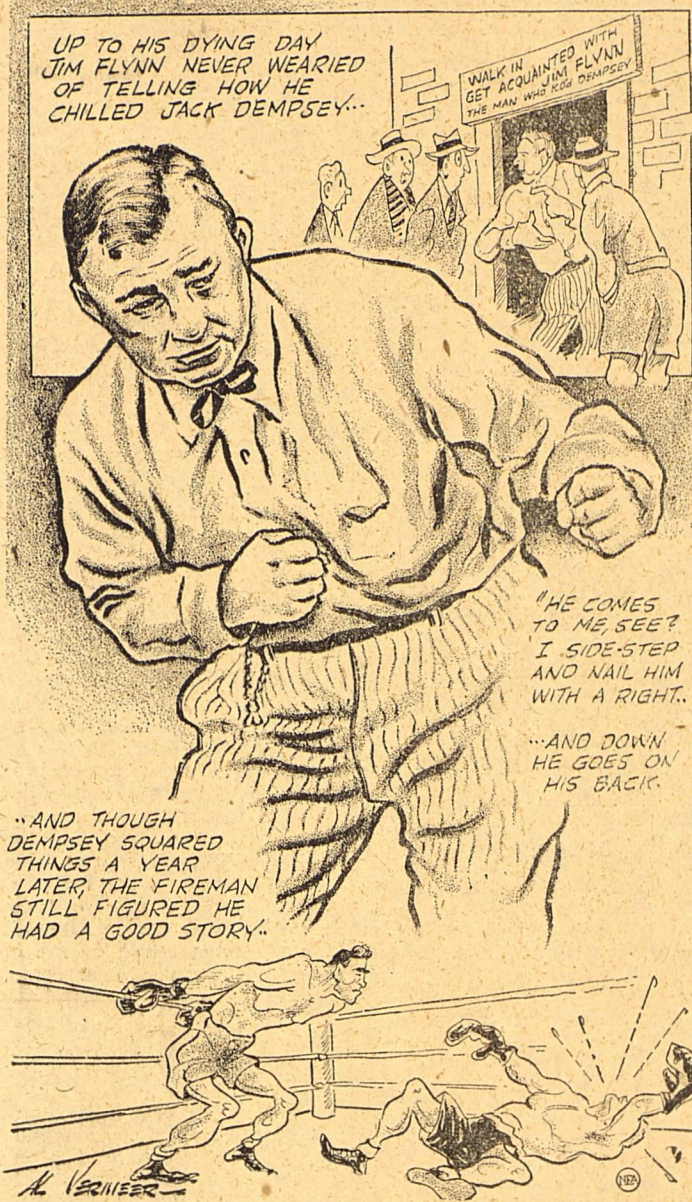
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Baseball Presidents Investigate Travel Problem With Johnson

WASHINGTON—(P)—Baseball's representatives look into the transportation situation Wednesday following an apparently satisfactory conference on manpower with War Mobilizer Byrnes.

Ford Frick and Will Harridge, Major League's presidents, will end their official business here in a talk with Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Office of Defense Transportation director.

With spring training starting early next month, the two problems—manpower and transportation—are considered the sport's most pressing.

Frick and Harridge had little to say after a discussion with Byrnes. Byrnes had no comment.

Eight Southern Cal Footballers Commissioned

LOS ANGELES—(P)—Eight members of Southern California's 1945 Rose Bowl football champions soon will be doing their stuff on bigger fields. Seven, headed by Capt. Jim Hardy and All-American tackle John Ferraro, were commissioned as ensigns Tuesday. Center Russ Antles became a Marine Second Lieutenant.

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MAAF Invaders To Meet Carlsbad Wednesday Night

The Invaders of Midland Army Air Field will be out after their sixth straight victory Wednesday night at the Post Service Club when they meet Carlsbad AAF in a return engagement. On February 10, the Invaders defeated Carlsbad 56 to 52.

The season's record for the Invaders is seven wins and five losses, and they haven't lost a game on their home court.

The Invaders will play their first game Wednesday night without the services of "Iron Man" Cpl. Neil Perry, who rightly deserves that title, because he has never missed a second of play with the post team. He was transferred earlier this week to another station.

Eagles Win First Game Of Playoff

ABILENE—Abilene's Eagles took the opening contest in the District 3AA basketball championship from the Odessa Bronchos Tuesday night by a score of 29 to 23. The Eagles had to come from behind in the closing minutes of the exciting and rough contest.

High scoring honors went to Herschel Kibrell, Eagle Center, who netted 15 points.

The two teams clash again Friday night in Odessa. If a third game is necessary, it will be played in Odessa Saturday.

Sam Snead Rocks Up With 67 At Pensacola

PENSACOLA, FLA.—(P)—Golf's "hot and cold" performer, Slammin' Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., seems to be hot again.

Snead, forced out of two tournaments by a recent back injury, blasted a sizzling five-under-par 67 Tuesday as he warmed up for the \$6,500 Pensacola Open.

A pro-amateur round Thursday precedes the tournament proper. Eighteen holes will be played Friday, another 18 Saturday, and the 36-hole final Sunday.

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Inter-American War Conference Opens In Mexico

By NORMAN CARIGNAN
MEXICO CITY—(P)—The inter-American conference on war and postwar problems opens Wednesday faced with the job of tailoring the broad outlines of the Crimea conference to the special needs of this hemisphere.

The first plenary session will be held at 7 p.m. (CWT) when President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico will address the delegates. His talk will be broadcast on an international hookup.

Most of the day has been set aside for organizational matters, with delegation chiefs called to meet at Chapultepec Castle at 12 noon (CWT).

Told Conference Results

U. S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, who arrived Tuesday already has communicated the results of the Big Three Conference to the assembled delegation chiefs. Stettinius and Ezequiel Padilla, Mexican foreign minister, are scheduled to share the spotlight at the second business session Thursday afternoon. Both will address the 19 delegations at that time.

The United States delegation intends to sponsor at least two resolutions, one providing for freedom of information in the Americas and another putting teeth into the Pan-American Union.

The resolution on freedom of information will urge equal access to news throughout the hemisphere and stress the importance of exchange of news to inter-American relations.

The other is expected to give the Pan-American Union sufficient political and economic powers so that it can function as a subdivision of the world organization contemplated in the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

Business Section Red Cross Workers To Hold Meeting

Names of the workers who will work the business section of the city for the 1945 War Fund Campaign of the American Red Cross which will get underway March 1 were announced Wednesday by John Scrogins, chairman of the downtown business committee.

These workers will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the district courtroom of the courthouse to receive instructions and assignments.

The workers for the business section are J. E. Beakey, Charles Vertrees, E. W. Statton, G. J. Sevier, Joe Mims, Don Oliver, Ronald DeFord, Delbert Downing, Tott Watlington, Tom Henderson, J. R. Maedgen, Elmer Adams, Don Scott, Marvin English, Russell Howard, Ed Prichard, Ted Thompson, Paul Nelson, L. W. Samsky, John Sewall, Maurice Cox and U. A. Hyde.

Members of the Texas sorority will obtain contributions from the women employees in the office buildings of the city.

Monarchs To Extend Water And Sewer Lines

MONAHANS—The City Council Tuesday night awarded contracts totaling \$171,454.04 for water and sewer system extensions here.

Water system contracts were let to McDonald Brothers Construction Company of Dallas, and pipe for the system was purchased from the Johns Mapville Sales Corporation for a combined total of \$104,653.03.

The sewer system contract was awarded to E. L. Dalton Company of Dallas for a total of \$66,800.96. Work will begin immediately.

CAA Sets 60 Day Limit On Air Carrier Hearings

FORT WORTH—(P)—Civil Aeronautics Board Trial Examiner Thomas L. Wynn has set a time limit of 60 days for individuals and companies seeking to establish carrier air systems in the Southwest and Midwest to file briefs with the board.

Wichita Falls Air Transport and West Central Airlines presented testimony in support of proposed systems Tuesday.

West Central, according to testimony, would operate north from Laredo, Texas, to El Paso, N. D., and would connect with every east-west transcontinental air route between the two points.

The Wichita Falls company proposed establishment of an air route serving Oklahoma City, Okla.; Wichita Falls and Midland, Texas.

It is estimated that a 10 per cent saving in home use of electricity would save 2,000,000 tons of coal.

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Charles Aiken Describes Battle Horrors To Lions

Charles Aiken, wounded and discharged veteran of theaters in Africa, Sicily and Italy, described graphically to members of the Midland Lions Club some of the incredible hardships of war at their meeting held Wednesday noon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel.

Only 18 men were left out of 192 who were with him at the Salerno landing, Aiken said. He and a small group of men were pinned up in a house by the Germans for three days without food and nothing to drink but wine.

Only Wine To Drink
At Casino only 29 out of 165 men who attempted a crossing of the Rapido river returned to the American side.

"War makes men mean, but I expect no crime wave when the boys return as most of them will feel as I do, tired of death and killing," Aiken said.

The speaker also told of some of the work done by the Red Cross at the front.

"To my mind it is the best organization in the world," he declared.

Ernest Sidwell proposed a plan for the Lions Club to distribute books which readers would autograph and pass on to others to read. A message would be printed in each book stating the books are gifts of the Lions Club and requesting readers to autograph them and pass them on. The plan was adopted by the club.

The Rev. Hubert Hopper, who presided, announced there would be a meeting of the board of directors in the Blue Room of the Scharbauer Hotel Thursday noon.

The Rev. W. R. Mann made an announcement concerning the Rotary Institute which will be conducted here, with the first speaker appearing here Monday.

Allies -

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pering Allied positions with propaganda leaflets.

The attack in the Belvedere area was launched Monday night. The mountain villages of Polio, Valpi, and Monte Gongoleco were brought into the Fifth Army lines.

American troops, especially trained to operate in the snow-capped Apennines, worked their way through heavy minefields to begin the assault shortly after midnight.

In the central sector of the Fifth Army front considerable enemy movement was reported. German positions were put under heavy shell fire and raiding parties were sent out to distract the Germans. One of the raiding parties engaged in a grenade fight with the enemy.

Circus Officials Get Heavy Prison Terms Over Big Top Fire

HARTFORD, CONN.—(P)—Judge William J. Shea Wednesday, in Superior Court, imposed heavy prison sentences on three officials of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus and sent three other circus men to jail, all for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the circus fire here last July which claimed 168 lives.

Those sentenced were George W. Smith, 51, of Sarasota, Fla., general manager, and Leonard S. Aylesworth, 52, chief tent man of Sarasota, two to seven years in state prison.

James A. Hales, 46-year-old vice president and director, Sarasota, one to five years in state prison.

Edward R. Versteeg, 44, chief electrician, Sarasota, and William Caley, 35, chief salesman, Sarasota, one year in the county jail.

David W. Blanchfield, 57, chief truckman, Hartford, six months in jail.

Judge Shea fined the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows, Inc., the official name of the concern, \$10,000.

The defendants and the corporation had pleaded no contest to involuntary manslaughter and before passing sentence Judge Shea remarked that this was "equivalent to a plea of guilty."

LUTHERAN LENTEN SERVICE

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its first Lenten service Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, with the Reverend G. C. Pecker presiding, it was announced.

Ration Calendar

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

PROCESSED FOODS — Book Four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31. Stamps C1 through G2 good through June 2.

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

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

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

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

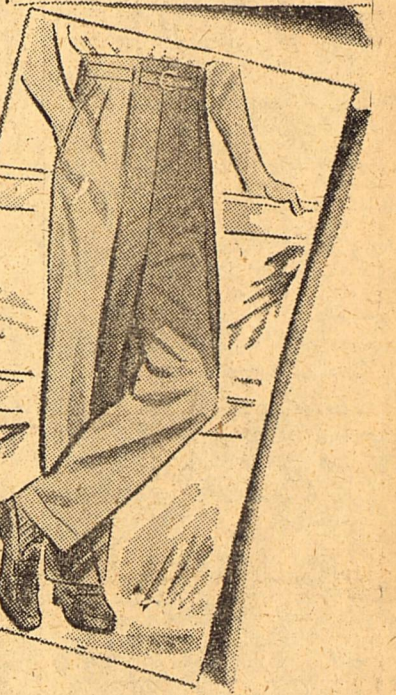
SAVE WASTE FATS

Necessary SLACKS

• You can't do a thing in comfort without them—and how they make your jackets seem a whole wardrobe! These all feature smart, wool fabrics given the benefit of excellent tailoring.

High waisted gabardine and flannel finish worsteds. Zipper fly.

SLACKS
\$9.95
COATS
\$19.95



JOIN THE FIGHT — BUY WAR BONDS



Iwo Jima -

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were squeezed into a half square mile of the medieval Intramuros, where MacArthur said they were showing "the greatest savagery" toward 7,000 civilians trapped with them.

The Fifth Marine Corps firmly holds a third of Iwo Island, captured ahead of schedule with its big bomber field 750 miles from Tokyo. But every square yard of conquered territory is under the muzzles of hidden Japanese guns.

Marines are pushing northeastward and uphill over a cold, wet, rocky mass of gun pits, tank traps, land mines and underground works from the bomber field toward a fighter strip known as Motoyama Airfield No. 2. A Pacific Fleet communiqué Tuesday night announced the Marines had made "slight gains" in covering the 700 yards separating the two fields.

Rock Quarry Battle
Fiercest fighting appeared to be around a rock quarry, dominating the northern end of the original U. S. beachhead and approximately half a mile from the smaller airfield.

A hundred U. S. tanks were reported engaged in the rock quarry battle.

Unconfirmed Tokyo broadcasts claimed 100 tanks have been knocked out and Marines were "suffering huge casualties."

Tokyo, throbbing with activity engendered by the impending loss of the fortress island, reported the Americans were "continuously landing fresh troops" on Iwo.

A Japanese legislator warned that if Iwo is lost American fighter planes would swarm over Japan, so "we must not waste a single moment in complete fortification of the homeland."

The Nipponese munitions ministry called for more wooden aircraft for defense "whether we like it or not." Administrators of four industrial districts told Emperor Hirohito that "despite air raids, earthquakes and a lack of foods," Japanese morale was high.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 100; calves 500; steady; good fed steers and yearlings 14.00-15.00; good and choice fat calves 13.50-14.50; stockers and feeders scarce.

Hogs 500; unchanged; good and choice 180-400 lb. butcher hogs 14.50; lighter weight butchers 13.50-14.50; sows 13.80 down and stocker pigs at 12.50 down.

Sheep 1500; slow, steady; good woolled lambs with wet fleeces 14.25; good shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts 14.25; other sheep were scarce.

Substandard -

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his 100,000 members of further adherence to the no-strike pledge—a genuinethreat to vital military cloth and tire production.

The delay in announcing the decisions was laid to the dispute between the board and Vinson over his ruling that no wage adjustments should be announced until the OPA first had determined that prices would not be forced upward.

OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE
A marriage license was issued Tuesday at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble for John Joseph Marcell and Lena Gladine Newsome.

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The U. S. Navy Tuesday announced a subchaser and two PT boats were lost in the Philippines. These small craft are operating in Manila Bay.