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American Tank Forces Inside Rennes

ILLINOIS TO TRAIN WORKERS VET PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UP)—Illinois had moved today to set up a system for aiding World War II veterans, a system which may serve as a model for other states in the training of workers to meet the state's servicemen as they move back from the battle fronts into civilian life.

The workers are those trained in what is said to be the first school of its kind in the country. One class of more than 400 accredited representatives of the state veteran's rehabilitation and employment committee comprised its first graduating class in June.

The graduates are from all parts of Illinois and are now prepared to inform returning soldiers, sailors and marines of benefits due them and to help them in getting such assistance. Other schools are expected as the situation develops.

The school idea has met popular favor to the extent that other states sent representatives here to find out about it. Some of those who attended it at Jackson-sonville in central Illinois were from other states where similar such schools may be conducted.

The Illinois veterans' committee is headed by Gov. Dwight H. Green, himself an Army air corps veteran of World War I. It was formed last year by Green's orders and is composed of state directors who are specialists in health, welfare, education, agriculture and labor.

Also on the committee are representatives of the American Legion which backed the "G.I. Bill of Rights" and other veterans organizations.

"The state can never discharge in full its obligation to the veterans," Governor Green said, "but of a co-ordinated program of rehabilitation, repay in part its most urgent debt of honor."

Homer G. Bradney, school administrator, said William E. Reyer, Minnesota's director of veterans' affairs found "invaluable information" at the six day course.

Bradney said that several other states have studied procedures for aiding veterans but that "Illinois has taken definite, practical steps" which those states have praised and "plan to emulate."

"It's no easy task to become a fully trained consultant," Bradney said. "Intensive schooling in intricate detail aspects of the program and proper methods of discussing the soldier's individual problems was emphasized in classroom taught by nationally known experts."

Under the Illinois plan, many benefits await homecoming servicemen, Bradney said. Free tuition to all state-supported colleges and universities has been made available.

Servicemen who in civilian life held licenses or certificates or registration as architects, barbers, school teachers, detectives, funeral directors, and the like will receive their licenses upon application within one year of their return, without payment of lapsed renewal fees.

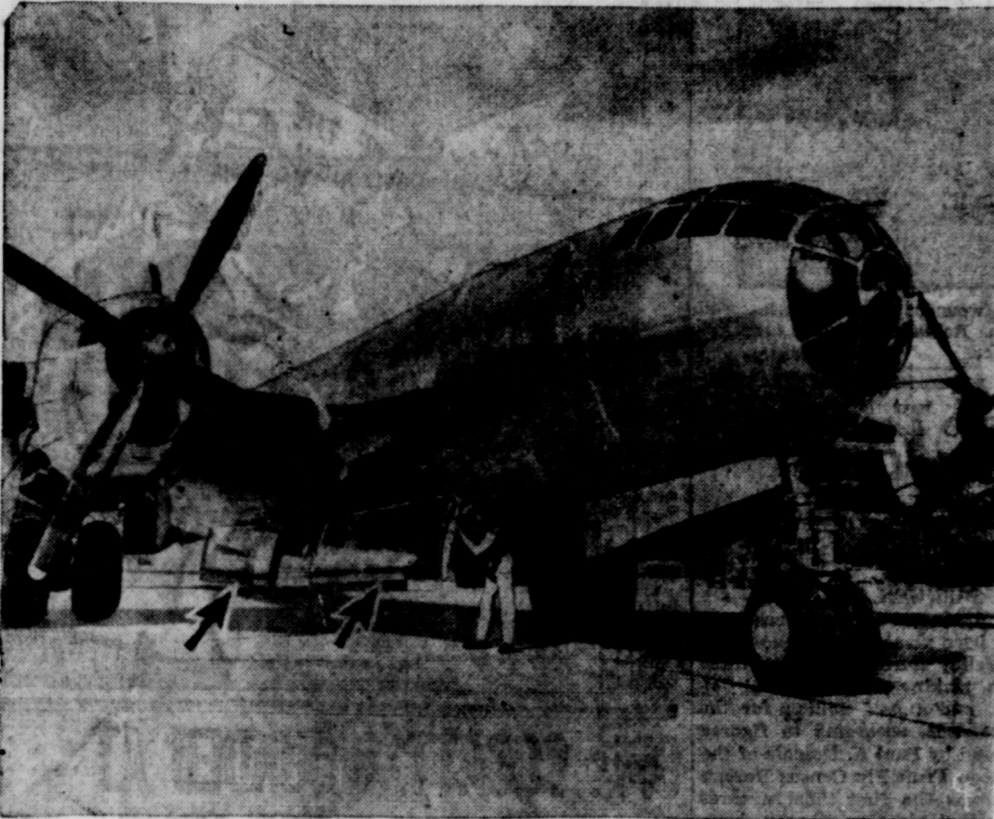
Training in practically every imaginable trade or profession has been prepared which applicants receive free of charge. Bradney said. Business and trade schools, colleges, universities, and teaching hospitals co-operated in making a complete curriculum as possible for the veteran to choose from.

"These benefits and many more are ready for the asking," Bradney said, "and through training at this unique school, representatives are helping veterans in making a choice and showing him how to apply for and get them."

POSTWAR HIGHWAY
CHILDRESS, Tex. (UP)—Childress County taxpayers will vote in a special election Saturday, August 26, to decide if \$30,000 in bonds shall be issued to purchase right-of-way for postwar highway construction.

Road improvements totaling a half million dollars are proposed by the State Highway Department for Childress County.

B-29'S SPORT TWO BOMB BAYS TO BLAST TOKYO



INDICATING THE TREMENDOUS STRIKING power of the new B-29 Superfortress, power that Japan has already felt, it is disclosed for the first time that the bombers have two bomb bays to carry their massive loads. The arrows indicate positions of the two bays. The exact bomb capacity is still restricted information, however, it is revealed that a mechanism drops bombs alternately from one bay and then the other. Thus the huge planes have a truly terrific "one-two" punch. (International)

If Vacating Remember 3 T's Red Cross Says

If you are going on vacation and want the fullest enjoyment, remember the three T's.

"The three T's," according to L. H. Taylor, Ranger first aid chairman of the Eastland county chapter of Red Cross, are "temperature, tetanus and ticks."

Throughout the United States, public fatalities are most frequent from May until August, with a daily average of 56 per cent above the other eight months, Taylor pointed out. Vacation months add more than 263 deaths each day to the year's toll, the peak being reached during July.

"When temperature is high, take your sun gradually," he advised. "Cover up before you get red. Eat salt, in tablet form or the common table variety, as you prefer. Lunch lightly. Remember that common sense is called for indoors as well as out, for heat stroke in a cottage is just as serious as sunstroke on a golf course."

Tetanus (lockjaw) spores lurk in cultivated soil, he reminded. "Even a small puncture of the skin is big enough for those spores to get through," said Taylor. "Don't ignore a cut, blister on your hand, a scratch from a briar. There's no trifling with tetanus."

Ticks
His further advice is: Ticks transmit spotted fever. If one settles on you, remove him—the poison usually is not transmitted until a few hours. Use tweezers or a piece of paper, and don't leave his head imbedded in your skin. Don't crush the tick and thereby spread his poison on your skin. If he is imbedded, a gentle twisting motion will help in extracting him. So will a lighted cigarette held near him.

And if you want to take this caution business seriously, Mr. Taylor adds: "Watch out for poison ivy."

Rev. Fleming At Mt. Sequoah, Aug. 3rd to 15th.

Rev. L. Durwood Fleming, pastor of the Eastland Methodist church is serving as the Dean for Young Peoples' leadership Conference at Mt. Sequoah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 3 to 15. This is the training ground for the South Central Jurisdiction and 400 young people will be there representing 8 states from Nebraska southward.

Rev. Fleming attended the Mt. Sequoah Conference many times as a young person, then and as an instructor and now as dean. He will return to his church here in time for the Sunday August 20, services.

Miss Wilda Drago of Eastland will be the music director for the Mt. Sequoah Conference.

PACIFIC GI'S BET \$2,000 ON BALL GAME

AN ADVANCE ALLIED BASE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (UP)—Whether he's in Brooklyn or New Guinea, your GI is a sportsman ready to back his favorites on the diamond with cold cash.

Cpl. C. J. Papara, former Rhinelander, Wis., newspaperman now with the 8th special service company, wrote the United Press in a dispatch from the Pacific battle zone that more than \$2,000 changed hands in bets on a single game.

"At another game," he said, "the gamblers hired a fine hurler from another organization to pitch for their nine, paying him \$25 to win and guaranteeing him at least \$5 even if he lost. At least a half dozen softball loops are now in operation in all parts of the island, each with eight teams. League names are patterned after those in the States—American, National, Piedmont, and Dixie, among others.

The playing fields, as good as the average diamonds in the States, are dragged daily," Papara reported. "A truck, pulling heavy pieces of lumber with several soldiers riding them for extra weight, is employed regularly for this task. Most of the gloves, balls and bats are furnished by special service units or special service officers in various units."

Papara also reported that volleyball, horseshoe pitching, ping-pong, touch football, and badminton also were much in vogue at the base and that an estimated 50 per cent of the personnel participated in some sort of recreation along this line. Army, Navy and Marine units are stern rivals for supremacy in sports, he said.

The island was a masculine paradise at first, from a material standpoint, of course. Servicemen bathed in their birthday suits and, off duty, lolled about in sheer masculine comfort. But all of this was changed and the proprieties of civilized dress returned with arrival of a group of Army nurses.

GOING TO DETROIT
Roy Baughman, well known Carbon groceryman, has closed out his business and expects to leave soon for Detroit, Michigan, where he will make his home. He has a son in Detroit who is a noted radio singer. He also has a brother, Mark Baughman, who resides in Detroit.

Bill Gattis Is Guest Speaker At Lions Club

Bill Gattis, of the United States submarine service, talked Tuesday noon before the Eastland Lions Club and for 20 or 30 minutes entertained his hearers with information regarding the service he is in.

Born in Eastland, the son of Mrs. May Gattis and the late I. L. Gattis, Bill, who is a cook second class in the submarine service, has been in the service for approximately 4 years and during this time he has been over much of the world's sea lanes. He stated that at one time he went 67 days without seeing the sun. He also stated that he had been in sight of the coastline of Japan.

J. T. Shirley had charge of the program for Tuesday's meeting and introduced Dr. J. H. Caton, who in turn introduced Gattis, who is here on a visit. He is now in training in the United States.

Local Girls To Attend TSCW at Sept. Opening

DENTON, —Nationally recognized as the foremost college for women in the South, T.S.C.W. will open its regular session in September with three young women enrolled from Eastland county, a survey of room reservations in the dormitories show.

Prestige of Texas State College for Women has grown through its leadership in both technical and liberal arts education, according to L. H. Hubbard, president since 1926.

All dormitory rooms will be assigned when registration begins Sept. 18, the report shows. Dormitories open at noon, Sept. 17.

Marjorie Brown, Dorothy Haggood Perkins, and Rozelle Simpson will be enrolled as old students. Respectively their home towns are Desdemona, Eastland, and Nimrod.

Eastland Boys Meet In Italy

Mrs. W. B. Casey of Eastland is in receipt of a letter from her son, George, who is with the United States military forces in Italy in which he told her of meeting his brother Bill, also in Italy. He stated that both of them were well and getting along splendidly.

Bill, an engineer in a Tank Lighting Company, has been overseas for 2 years while George is a member of an engineering corp, has been overseas one year. The two brothers were in 150 miles of each other and each knew the other's whereabouts but they had not seen each other before the time George mentions. They had an hour and one-half visit.

Last Rites For Mrs. Edmondson Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 6:00 p. m. at the Eastland Methodist church for Mrs. A. A. Edmondson, 54, who died at the family home in Eastland early Monday morning. Rev. Philip W. Walker of Denton and Rev. J. Daniel Barron of Sulphur Spring, both former pastors of the Eastland Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery. Hamner's was in charge.

Pallbearers were Earl O'Brien, Clyde Karkalits, J. W. Jackson, H. M. Gilbert, Airey Bendy, and J. T. Cooper.

Survivors include the husband, two children, five brothers and four sisters as follows:

Mrs. James R. Gilkey of Eastland, a daughter; Pvt. Edwin A. Edmondson, army air corps, Amarillo a son; Brothers and sisters are Wade H. Swift, Odessa; W. D. Swift, McCamey, Seth C. Swift, Los Angeles; Ira L. Swift, Rising Star; Cicero H. Swift, San Angelo; Mrs. R. A. Dickson, Ballinger; Mrs. F. E. Thomas, and Mrs. C. L. Sargent of Fort Worth; and Miss Ruby Ray Swift of Cisco.

All members of the family were present for the funeral rites except Seth C. Swift.

Winnie Swift was born in Runnels County, Texas, January 26, 1890, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swift, and was married to A. A. Edmondson at Carbon, Texas, May 18, 1913. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church, and a member of the Martha Dorcas Sunday school class in all of which she had been a faithful and active worker until failing health prevented. A kind and affectionate mother, Mrs. Edmondson was loved by all who knew her.

Cpl. R. L. Martin Promoted In U. S. Air Service

An Air Transport Command in Great Britain—Corporal Richard L. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Martin, 1301 S. Mulberry street, Eastland, has been promoted to sergeant in the United States Army Air Forces, according to an announcement received from his commanding officer.

Sergeant Martin entered the service October 19, 1943 and received his basic training at Sheppard Field and later training at Greeley, Colorado, prior to being sent overseas. He has served in the British Isles with the European Division of the USAAF Air Transport Command, for the past five months and at present is a clerk in the operations section of this base.

Delivery of the thousands of bomber and fighter planes now participating in the liberation of Nazi-held Europe is one of the major missions of ATC's European division. As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Great Britain, the division, in a recent six-months' period, operated more than 650 passenger and cargo planes, carrying more than 7,000 passengers and several million pounds of war materials and mail between these two countries.

Sergeant Martin attended Texas Tech where he was graduated with a PBA degree in 1943.

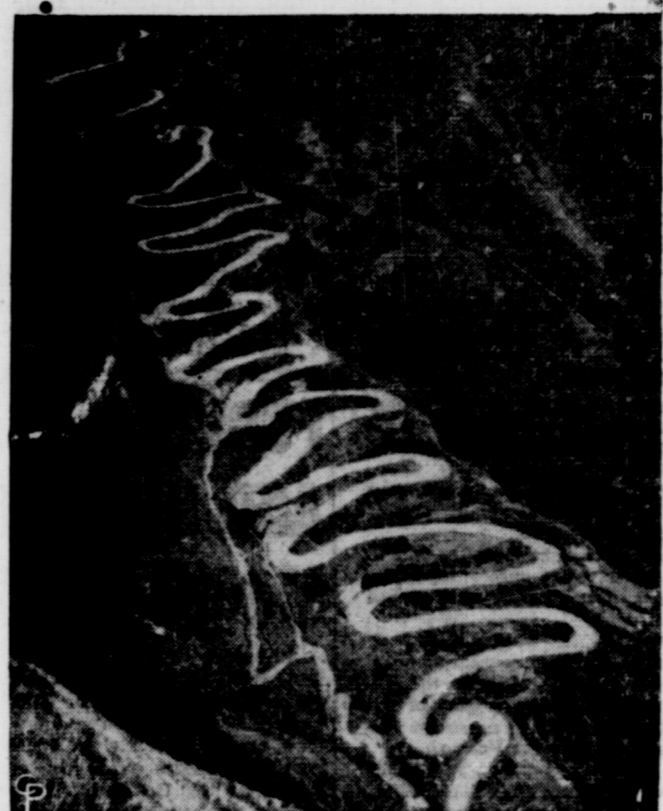
Tom's Laundry Moves To New Location On East Plummer

Tom's Help-Ur-Self steam laundry recently purchased the building at 106 East Plummer street for many years occupied by the Eastland Weekly Chronicle and Eastland Daily Telegram and has moved to that location where they are prepared, because of large quarters, to render their patrons better service.

In their new location additional equipment has been installed and the building remodeled and fitted for the purpose. They are doing in addition to Help-Ur-Self, wet wash, rough dry and flat work.

Mr. Laster stated that this week made five years since they came to Eastland and entered the laundry business.

BURMA ROAD HAS 24 SWITCHBACKS



THIS IS A SECTION OF THE Burma road in China as pictured by a U. S. Signal Corps photographer in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. The road contains 24 switchbacks. This is an official United States Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

C. T. Lucas And John White Will Open New Store

Charles T. Lucas and John White, well known Eastland business men, will open a Firestone Tire and Home Supply store in Eastland on or about September 1. The new store will occupy the building on the North side of the square recently acquired by Peter Cornelius. It has been completely remodeled. A large stock of merchandise will be carried.

Post war plans by the company include the handling of a large stock of electrical supplies, refrigerators, washing machines, etc.

Mr. Lucas, who has operated the Lucas Service station for the past 17 years, will be in charge of the new business until Mr. White's term as Eastland County District clerk, expires next January when Mr. White will assume charge. Lucas will continue to operate his present service station, which will, in no way, be connected with the up-town store.

Pfc. Gene Rhodes Recognized For Service In Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Private First Class Gene V. Rhodes, son of A. H. Rhodes, Eastland, Texas, has been cited by his regiment of the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proven his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Military Rites For Soldier At Carbon Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Carbon Tuesday afternoon for Rex Mangum, 25, of the United States Army Air Corps, who was killed at Salina, Kansas, Saturday, July 29, in line of duty. Revs. Uesery, Clements and Martin officiated. Hamner's of Eastland and Carbon was in charge. Interment was in the Carbon cemetery. A full military funeral was conducted by soldiers from Camp Berkeley, Abilene.

Survivors include the wife, the former Charley Faye Harlow of Eastland, and a 5-months old son and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mangum of Carbon.

YANKS BREAK 7 DIVISIONS, CAPTURE OVER 20,000 NAZIS

American tank forces in France have driven into Rennes, key transport hub nearly half-way across the Brittany peninsula, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson

LONDON (UP)— Polish guerilla riflemen are fighting savage hand-to-hand street battles with Nazi garrison troops in blazing Warsaw today.

said today. Other American motorized units, racing westward toward Piest, are 14 miles south-east of St. Malo, a port on the northern Brittany coast. Stimson said in their 10-day, 60-mile advance, Americans destroyed seven Nazi divisions, captured more than 20,000 prisoners and liberated more than 1000 square miles of French territory. Meanwhile,

War Production Board Chairman Donald Nelson reported today that only 48 per cent of the \$69,000,000,000 1944 munitions program was completed at the mid-year mark.

while, British troops are swinging the weight of their attack eastward for a drive below Nazi defenses south of Caen and toward Paris.

More than 650 Italian-based American heavy bombers raised Friedriehshafen today. A part of the big force veered off east to smash Nazi railway lines and bridges, including the Brenner Pass route from northern Italy into Germany.

London and parts of southern England underwent a deadly barrage of Nazi flying bombs last night and early today. Seven hospitals were hit. The bombs took a heavy toll of killed and wounded.

With British Second Army (UP)—Germans checked the British break-through east of Vire today, massed their tanks across the Noireau river, and sent them out fanwise with orders to crash the Allied lines at all costs. Some penetrations were made.

British Eighth Army troops have captured new high ground overlooking Florence from the southwest, a communique reported. Other British forces south and west of the city have scored gains in violent fighting.

The Germans reported today that reinforced Red army troops have reached the borders of East Prussia. The anti-Nazi radio Atlantic said Soviets crossed the boundary near Kaunas-Konigsberg railway.

Tokyo radio said today that American officers are commanding Chinese troops at Tengyang in southern China. A broadcast said 60 officers are operating from headquarters inside the besieged rail city.

Army Casualties More Than Double For July 6 to 13

WASHINGTON (UP)— Announced casualties of the U. S. Army personnel jumped 11,190 during the week from July 6 to July 13, Secretary of War Stimson revealed today. Apparently reflecting bitter fighting in Normandy and Italy, the figure was more than twice the usual number of army casualties announced during an even-day period, which normally has been around 5,000 in recent months.

JULY WEATHER
The temperature for Eastland during the month of July reached a high of 106 degrees. For the 26, 27, and 28th of the month the reading was 105 and 106.

Rain fall for the past month of July in Eastland was 2.1 inches.

THE LAST LINK IS BROKEN

Ginger is dead and Associate Justice O. C. Funderburk of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals, Eastland, is grieved immeasurably because with her passing the last link connecting his family is broken.

Since puppyhood, Ginger, a thoroughbred registered Cocker Spaniel, had been the pet and constant companion of the Funderburks and following the passing of Ginger's mistress one two or three years ago, Judge Funderburk became more closely attached to her because of the memories she brought and saw to it that she was well cared for.

One evening this week when he went home Ginger failed to greet him as was her custom. Sensing that something was wrong Judge Funderburk instituted a search of the premises for her and in the back yard he found her cold in death, the victim of a poisoner's hand.

Blind Woman Leaves \$27,000 To Research

ITHACA, N. Y. (UP)—An 82-year old woman, who believed that if physicians had known more about eyes her own sign might have been saved, has willed \$27,000 to Cornell University Medical College, the income to be applied for study and research in diseases of the eye.

Blind the greater part of her life, Marie P. Minot also left \$500 to the Albany, N. Y., hospital in appreciation of their attention to her when she was a charity patient.

A native of Albany, who later acquired a home on Green Island, near Cohes, in Albany County, Miss Minot partially lost her sight in infancy, the result of injuries caused when she was thrown from an overturned baby carriage.

After the death of her parents, she lived alone, going into business to eke out a livelihood and selling everything from pins to dresses, tobaccos and groceries. She remained very poor during most of her life, her money coming to her in 1927, when she was 66 years old, through a bequest from a cousin. The day after she became wealthy she bought some eggs to eat, declaring they were "the first I have had in years."

Breaks Wrist
Mrs. Ila Mitchell suffered a fractured wrist last Friday afternoon at the Eastland bus station. Local physicians sent her to Harris Memorial Hospital in Ft. Worth for treatment by a specialist.

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Inside WASHINGTON

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Much Sooner Than Expected | Of GOP National Ticket

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The smashing victories of the Russian army are causing military authorities in Washington to revise their ideas as to the probable end of the war in Europe. Some experts think the German army may collapse as early as September.

It is no secret among Allied military men that Germany is in very bad shape, and that she is virtually defeated so far as any hope of waging a successful military campaign is concerned.

However, the German army is expected to fight until the will to resist is knocked out of it and some conservative authorities therefore are wary about predicting the end. But an increase in "peace feelers" may be expected from now on.

GENERAL HO YING-CHIN, chief of the Chinese general staff, and minister of war in the Chiang Kai-shek cabinet, believes the current Jap offensive in central China is part of the enemy's long-range strategy to assure an escape corridor for its forces in the southwest Pacific.

According to the general, the Japanese are attempting to cut an escape corridor from north China, which they occupy, to Canton, along the Canton-Hankow railway, which they can use in the event their sea communications are cut.

He points out that this strategy is the result of spectacular American successes at sea and in the air. Once American forces reach the Philippines, Jap garrisons in the Indies will be in an almost hopeless position.

THE FLYING BOMB has made it highly essential, in the opinion of many informed persons, that really effective machinery be set up and maintained to prevent another world war.

Although the robots that are being dropped over England are discounted as of no real military value, the plain truth is that this new weapon is something which the future will have to reckon with.

It may not even dent British morale, coming at a time when Germany is already virtually beaten. But the future can scarcely take a chance, informed observers believe, on such an all-weather air force being unleashed suddenly on helpless civilians.

The flying bomb, these observers say, should be of particular interest to the United States, because it has not merely narrowed but has erased the oceans. A barrage of 10-ton or larger robots directed against Manhattan by distant radio control is believed to be a definite possibility if there should be a World War III.

SOME QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON expect a public endorsement of the Dewey-Bricker Republican ticket by John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers.

One straw in the wind was the recent article in Lewis' UMWA journal recommending the GOP platform.

Except for repeated attacks on the Roosevelt administration, Lewis has been on the political sidelines since 1940, but he is expected to jump back into the spotlight, probably at the miners' convention in Cleveland in September.

POWERFUL FORCES OF THE FRENCH underground are expected to play an important role in aiding the Allies when the big drive begins in Paris.

Since D-Day, French underground troops estimated at more than 175,000 have been doing important work behind the German lines cutting communications and generally harassing the Nazis.

As the Allies sweep forward, the French guerrilla armies are expected to form important units in the Allied lines.

THE BELIEF IS GROWING in military circles in Washington that American and Allied forces will be back in the Philippines much sooner than previously expected.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces now are less than 900 miles from Mindanao in the southwest Pacific and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and his powerful fleet are only 1,400 miles away in the Marianas. Thus developments indicate that American and Filipino forces may be fighting side by side again in the Philippines, probably weeks before the third anniversary of the Jap sneak attack.

NAZI PRISONERS TAKE SUN BATHS ON WAY TO U. S.



SUNNING THEMSELVES on the deck of a Coast Guard transport ship, wounded Nazi war prisoners are shown above on their way to internment in a United States camp. Robes and slippers are provided for their comfort. A U. S. sailor at right is chatting with a prisoner. (International)

BEGINNING THE LAST CHAPTER



FURNACE THAT COOLS AND HEATS IS AMONG MAGIC GAS INVENTIONS

A furnace that cools as well as heats will be among the magic gas appliances ready for Southwestern homes as soon as the war ends, according to Ray N. Wilson, Eastland district manager for Lone Star Gas Company. The gas all-year air conditioner heats the house in winter and cools it in summer by the flip of a lever, all done with a gas flame. The furnace combines all the functions of complete air-conditioning in one simple unit, can be installed in a space 8x8x8 feet, and the control system is as easy to operate as the ordinary radio.

This is one element in an expansion program the gas company is planning after the war, Mr. Wilson said.

The new furnace, which has been developed by the pacetime manufacturers of the Servel Gas refrigerator, is all ready for production. The unit is simply operated, and is designed for residential and small commercial use giving every home owner a long-awaited chance to control indoor temperature. This one simple gas unit not only maintains uniform warmth in winter and cool summer temperatures, but also humidifies, filters and circulates air through all rooms of the house.

The gas air-conditioning units are now operating in a number of homes throughout the country and are now on display in some of the district offices of Lone Star Gas Company.

Another development is the coordinated ventilated kitchen combines gas range, water heater, sink and cabinets all in one package and will be ventilated to remove all cooking odors. Improved gas refrigerators, with perhaps deep freeze compartments, and new gas ranges, also are predicted.

Mr. Wilson said that because of the great amount of gas being delivered to war industries it will be necessary to drill many new wells after the war in order to bring reserves back to normal. Many new homes must be connected to the gas lines, and an entirely new sales force must be built up to promote the business in the keenly competitive world after the war.

NAVY SPEEDS MAIL TO MEN IN MARIANAS

By Charles P. Arnot
United Press War Correspondent
WITH U. S. PACIFIC FLEET IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC (UP)—Triple the average number of letters received by the average citizen of Indianapolis, for instance, and you have a rough idea of the postal problem the Navy faced when the Central Pacific front surged westward 4,000 miles from Pearl Harbor to the Marianas via the Gilberts and Marshalls.

The Navy solved the complex jig-saw puzzle, Lt. Comdr. Earle D. Chance of (6437 W. Fifth St.) Los Angeles, revealed here with a handful of orders from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, fleets of transport planes, the judgement of veteran mail handler and a deft bit of postal "quarterbacking."

Now it isn't unusual for airmail letters posted in New York City on a Sunday to be in the hands of a serviceman in the Marshall Islands 9,000 miles away just a week later. In the Gilberts airmail letters from home are being received regularly in three to four days. The standing record in the Marshalls is four days from Virginia.

To Chance, a postal inspector for 27 years in his home city went the job of setting up machinery to get the mail to men at the front. Since October, 1942, he has flown nearly 60,000 miles.

"The average post office knows approximately where its patrons can be found," Chance explained, "but out here men move around with such lightning speed we must anticipate their movements and then set the mail there ahead of them."

Mail deliveries have reached a peak of efficiency in the forward area of the Central Pacific theater. At Tarawa ships carrying postal details were so close behind the assault forces that their crews watched the preinvasion bombardment.

With the invasion forces at Saipan was an LST carrying a fleet post office unit. Delivery of mail to servicemen aboard assault ships began four days after the invasion. Two days later seaplanes were rushing the first airmail to the Marianas and four days later service was under way for troops ashore.

In spite of the care and speed with which the mail is handled the fleet records office has thousands of undelivered letters which

More Than One Million Citrus Trees In Valley

HARLINGEN, Tex., (UP)—More than one million citrus trees have been planted in the Rio Grande Valley during the past three years, making a grand total of eight and a half million for the entire area, according to figures released by Paul A. Hoidale of the Mexican Fruit Fly Census Bureau. It was the first time in three years that planting figures have been revealed.

The count reached 1,090,479, bringing the grand total of plantings in this area to 8,549,469.

Of the grand total of trees in the Valley, 7,001,891 are in commercial production. Although trees will begin bearing at two to three years, they usually are not considered in commercial production until they are five years old.

Valley citrus acreage is preponderantly grapefruit, with 5,615,393 trees. Orange plantings now total 2,689,312. Lemon plantings increased by 10,769 trees and tangerine plantings by 4,864.

About eight per cent of the new Valley plants since 1941 count were in Hidalgo County. Three Valley communities, Edinburg, Mission and La Feria, accounted for more than a third of the increase since 1941.

Buy War Bonds

were improperly or illegally addressed. For instance, there are 11,000 Smiths in the Pacific fleet chance disclosed, suggesting that addresses should include service numbers.

CPL. COSATT, WOUNDED AT SALERNO, HERE FOR VISIT

RANGER, Texas, August 4—Cpl. Jack Cosatt, a youthful veteran of the North African and Italian campaigns and who was wounded in the invasion of Italy at Salerno on September 9, has arrived for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Sanford D. Preslar, whose husband, Major Preslar is with the army in Italy.

The youthful soldier whose pleasant smile still flashes frequently in spite of the battle scars that he carries, was serving with the communications section of the 142nd Infantry with the 36th Division and was in foreign service from April 1943 until December 1943 and arrived in the United States on Christmas Day.

As a member of a communications company Cpl. Cosatt was with the first wave of soldiers to go into Italy and hit the beach about 2:30 a. m., September 9. He stated that the second wave had just hit the beach when the German fire opened up and he was struck by mortar fragments and rifle fire. He stated that a shell exploded right beside him and exploded knocked him several feet into the air and sort of paralyzed

him. One of two others with him was killed by the explosion and the arm of the other was mangled by the shot.

Cosatt said that he used a dead German for a pillow and fought off an intense desire to go to sleep for fear that he would be mistaken for dead. A German gave him first aid when the spot became too hot he left and later some Seabees found him. One stayed with him while others went for help. At 2 o'clock that afternoon American first aid men removed him from the beach to the transport ship which was being used to take the men back to Oran. While the ship loaded with wounded was enroute from Italy to Oran it was attacked by a German bomber.

He is at present on leave from the Ashford General Hospital in West Virginia where he has already had three operations on his left leg which was shattered in Salerno. Two more operations will make the leg as good as new, he has been told. On his right arm where a chunk of flesh was torn out by shell fragments skilled sur-

geons have already grafted skin from his leg over the place where the hole was. Two fingers on the right hand are useless as the result of torn muscles and the little finger on the left hand lost the first joint from rifle fire. Of the surgery he said, "They are doing a marvelous piece of work," and had high praise for the medical corps and the work they are doing.

Cpl. Cosatt won the purple Heart which was awarded him while he was in the hospital in Oran. He also wears the bronze star for participation in a major combat, the European-North African campaign ribbon, a Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, (he entered the service in January 1940), and a good conduct ribbon.

While in the hospital in North Africa he said that General Eisenhower visited the wounded soldiers and he and the General had a nice long chat.

He stated he would not likely go back to combat duty; as much as he would like to, but would likely be placed in detached service which means that he will fill some job that will release another man for combat. He asked for the detached service rather than an honorable discharge.

With him here for the visit with Mrs. Preslar is his sister, Mrs. Carl H. Nelson, Mr. Nelson, and their daughter, Linda, from Sherman.

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Society

MISS WILLIAMSON ENTERTAINS WITH LAWN PARTY FOR BRIDE

Miss Alma Williamson entertained with a lawn party Saturday, July 29, for Mrs. Albert Ebb Bullock, the former Miss Sidney Scott. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Dixie Williamson, in serving punch and cake.

Those present: Honoree, Mrs. Bullock, Meses. Jean Morton, Anne Perry, Donice Parrish, Anne Tornquist, Jerry Galloway, Muri Dean Hancock, Patsy Dobyns, Mildred Bean, and Misses Virginia Garrett, Katherine Garrett, Elizabeth Jones, Nan Mickle, Amy Ruth P'Poole, Betty Jean Lane, Rita Barton, Dorothy Perkins Betty Wiegand, Nannette Tanner, Teddy Hagendoorne, of Dallas; Nelda Wood, Melba Wood and Julia Brown.

TEA HONORS MRS. ALBERT ED BULLOCK

Mrs. E. E. Layton, Mrs. W. A. Wiegand and Mrs. W. D. R. Owen entertained with a tea Friday, July 28, from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m. at the Woman's Club, for Mrs. Albert Ebb Bullock, the former Miss Sidney Scott.

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins and Mrs. Dan Childress, Sr., greeted guests at the door. Those in the receiving line were: Mrs. E. E. Layton, honoree Mrs. Albert Ebb Bullock, her mother, Mrs. Ben Scott, honoree's grandmother, Mrs. F. J. Hagendoorne of El Paso, Mrs. Leyla Scott of El Paso, Mrs. George Scott of Dallas, Miss Teddy Hagendoorne of Dallas, Miss Alma Williamson, Mrs. W. D. R. Owen, and Mrs. W. A. Wiegand. All members of the house

party were Mrs. Frank Lovett and Mrs. M. H. Perry.

Mrs. T. H. Green of San Antonio, and Miss Verna Johnson presided over the register. Mrs. Donald Kinnaird, Mrs. Victor Ginn and Mrs. R. N. Grisham were in charge of the music. Mrs. Kinnaird played piano music and accompanied Miss Mary Ruth Gillam, Miss Virginia Garrett, Mrs. R. N. Grisham and Mrs. Victor Ginn in vocal selections.

The club house was beautifully decorated with Texas Blue bells in vari-colored marigolds in crystal bowls. A huge bouquet of The lace covered table with white candles in crystal holders was centered with a large bowl of blue-bells and marigolds.

Miss Betty Wiegand and Miss Florence Perkins poured frosted punch from a crystal bowl. White cakes trimmed in green and mints were served by Mrs. S. L. Dobyns, Mrs. Martin Jean Morton, Mrs. Pilly Jack Parrish, Mrs. Luther Bean, Misses Rita Lee Barton, Nan Mickle, Betsy Jones, Virginia Garrett.

About 175 guests attended the tea among those out-of-town guests not mentioned were Mrs. T. H. Green of San Antonio, Mrs. Frank Weaver of Kilgore, Miss Charlene Baker of Missouri.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jack Hilburn and little daughter, Nellie Jean, of Monahans, returned Tuesday to their home after a three week's visit here with Mrs. Hilburn's mother, Mrs. Nellie Pate.

Tonight (Friday) at 8:00 o'clock the 9:49 Men's Bible class will have their annual watermelon feast at the City Park. A cordial invitation is extended members of all men's Sunday school classes of the city to attend.

Mrs. Fred Harrell and son Pvt. Raymond Harrell, residing near Fort Worth spent from Thursday of last week until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Gerald Wingate and family. They were joined here Sunday by Mr. Harrell and Mrs. and Mrs. Rich White, who returned home with them.

Miss Roseann Richter, injured some weeks ago in a car accident and who has been in Baylor Hospital at Dallas, has moved to the Medical and Surgical Hospital in Dallas and requests that her friends write her there. It may be several weeks before she will be able to be brought to her home in Eastland.

Rev. Chief Warden announces a revival meeting at the Methodist church at Guntersville for August 4 to 13th. Services will be held at 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. C. R. Copeland of Vera, Texas.

A. D. Abbott and wife of Grandbury were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Lambert and Mr. Lambert.

Mrs. W. Snyder of Weatherford was a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. J. Lambert, this week and with Mrs. Lambert attended the funeral of their uncle, Jim Gibson, in Merkel, Wednesday.

E. Elmore of Archer City is here this week visiting his twin sister, Mrs. W. S. Barber. He and Mrs. Barber visited at Gorman Thursday.

I. D. Ewing and little son, Billy Jim, of Dallas came in Wednesday for a three days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie King, and daughters, Glenna Ray and Jimmie Darrel, of Fort Worth, are here visiting Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters.

Mrs. R. B. Braly has her son, Lt. and Mrs. Earl Braly, her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Perryman of Ft. Worth, in her home this week. Lt. Braly is in the signal corps of the Public Relations office at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Ensign J. W. Powell, pre-med student at John Sealey Hospital, Galveston, and son of Mr. and J. H. Powell of Ranger, was a

guest of Miss Norma Jean Walters this week.

Sheriff and Mrs. John Hart spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hock at Loraine.

Lt. James Poe Lovett with the United States Navy, who recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovett, here, returned to his post of duty. He has been serving overseas. Lt. Poe was joined in his visit here by his wife and little son, James Poe, Jr. The baby remained with his grand parents and Mrs. Lovett accompanied her husband to his post of duty.

Lt. Raymond E. Lovett was recently promoted to the rank of captain. He is flight surgeon in the air corps stationed in England.

Lt. (jg) Frank Lovett, Jr., is on sea duty with the United States Navy. He is in the medical corps.

Cpl. Jerry Bailey, in the army air corps, stationed at Bloomington, N. C., accompanied Bruce Pipkin, of Dallas, to Eastland Sunday for a visit.

Jack Collins, recently discharged from military forces, was in Eastland Monday. He has recently been employed in defense work.

Mrs. Albert Ebb Bullock, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott, the past week end, returned Monday to Waco and left there Thursday for San Diego, to join her husband, Ensign Bullock who is taking a course in gunnery and fire control in the United States Navy. Mr. Bullock recently received her B. A. degree last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Pen Scott had as their guests the past week her mother, Mrs. F. J. Hagendoorne of El Paso; Mr. Scott's sister, Mrs. Leyla Scott of Houston; Mrs. Scott's niece, Miss Teddy Hagendoorne of Dallas; and their sister-in-law, Mrs. George Scott of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Weaver had as their guests last week, his brother, Frank Weaver and wife of Kilgore; and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garrett of Dallas and Cpl. Erving W. McMaskey of C m p Bowie.

Mrs. Joseph M. Weaver returned Saturday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Russell and

new baby, in Austin. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Ruth Weaver, who were visiting the Russells, remained for an extended visit.

Mrs. J. A. Graves of Brownwood is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Hood, Sr., this week end.

Mrs. S. L. Dobyns and little son, Michael, of Fort Worth, spent the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiegand. Capt. Dobyns is in charge of navigation at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth.

Miss Betty Wiegand who has been employed at Concho Field, San Angelo, has resigned her position and returned to her home here. She is visiting relatives this week in Fort Worth.

Lt. Roland E. Tornquist, son-in-law of Mrs. Harry Taylor, is now in England in the Army Air Corps. Mrs. Tornquist is here with her mother and Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. Keith Beyette and two small daughters of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins. Mr. Beyette will join them here this week end.

Mrs. T. H. Green of San Antonio, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. D. R. Owen the past month, left Monday for her home.

Miss Betty and Master Pobby Kegley of Temple left Monday for their home after a visit here with their uncle, Jess Richardson and family.

G. M. Campbell of Findlay, Ohio, left Friday last week after a visit with his brother, W. C. Campbell, and wife. He is a retired oil man.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beard returned Saturday from Midland where they visited their daughter, Mrs. George Bennett.

Lt. E. V. Simmonds, chaplain in the United States Army, is now located at Fort Knox, Ky.

Sgt. Clyde Garrett, Jr., in the United States army air corps, and who has been stationed at Biggs Field, El Paso, spent three days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garrett. He was enroute to Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Maurice R. Bullock is here with an indefinite stay with

ILLNESS RATE IN ALEUTIANS CITED LOWEST

AN ALEUTIAN BASE (UP)—Aleutian-stationed troops curse the fog, the rain, the howling winds and bleakness of North Pacific islands but Army medical officers report the area is among the healthiest in the world with the rate of illness lower than in any other war theater.

"There were no diseases on the island before the troops arrived and anything the men are suffering now has either been brought in the last two years or is something they contracted before leaving the United States," Maj Henry W. Thompson of the Army medical corps declared.

Coughs and colds are the most prevalent cause of illness. Thompson said, but the blame for even those can be fixed on "outside" causes—contracting cold germs from new arrivals or before leaving the mainland.

"It's like the expeditions to the Antarctic where the men spent months in miserable climate without sickness only to return home and contract every disease that came along," Thompson said. "There are just very few disease germs for men to contract up here."

The base hospital's isolation ward has been the least used since B. Frost, Mr. Fullock is with the Army Intelligence department and stationed at Shreveport, La.

Lt. Carl Garrett, 29, commanding officer in charge of a ship, returned to Houston from overseas duty about ten days ago. Since he was awaiting a call for overseas duty, Lt. Garrett was unable to visit his wife and parer parents, Judge and Mrs. Cyents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Garrett here. He has been on sea duty since 1942.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Daniel Barron of Sulphur Springs visited friends in Eastland from Tuesday to Thursday on their vacation.

Mrs. L. Durwood Fleming and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh January, in Dallas.

building on the island and is often empty. Also, the per capita incidence of venereal disease here is the lowest among U. S. troops anywhere, partly because they have no opportunity to contact infected women and because persons infected before arrival are isolated and treated immediately.

Although williwaws and fog as thick as smoke may be unpleasant, medical officers credited the weather for the lack of disease. Insect and water borne disease have been unknown in the Aleutians and there has been a complete absence of malaria, typhoid and dengue fever, which has plagued U. S. troops elsewhere in the Pacific.

To overcome the lack of sunshine, a contributing factor in such diseases as pneumonia and tuberculosis, the Army has constructed several colariums where soldiers receive ultra-violet ray treatment in daily one or two minute doses.

Brig. Gen. Harry Thompson, post commander, believes the even temperature of the Aleutians has been a major reason for the health condition of the troops here. He pointed out that the maximum was 17 degrees, with the average difference between minimum and maximum about eight degrees. The lack of sharp temperature fluctuations common to the United States eliminates one of the major causes for colds and similar illness, he said.

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METHODIST WSCS COMPLETES BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hoffmann Monday afternoon in completion of the Bible Study, "Word of His Grace." The lesson was given by Mrs. Ed Williams, president.

Mrs. Hoffmann was assisted in serving fruit juices and cake by her daughter, Mary Katherine, and Miss Julie Brown.

BURR'S FOURTH ANNUAL STPLE SHOW

Burr's 4th annual style show to be held August 9th at the American Legion hall, City Park, at 8:15 p. m. will have about 20 models, all Eastland women. Sportswear, Rexmoor, and other national advertised coats will be modeled as well as Kay Dunhill, Mary Allen, Johnathon Logan, Jr., dresses. Also Connie Carter suits and dresses.

The public is cordially invited.

PIONEER PASSES

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ in Flatwoods Sunday for Thomas O. Byrd, pioneer resident of that community, who died at his home in the community Saturday.

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Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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