

# SAAR VALLEY IS SEIZED

## Jap Navy Finally Forced To Fight

### Yanks Account For 30 Ships And Down 475 Nip Planes

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

A thousand or more American carrier planes trapped the elusive Japanese fleet in the Inland Sea, crippled 17 warships, sank or damaged 13 merchant vessels and destroyed 475 aircraft in a two-day foray that jolted the enemy into excited preparations Wednesday for the inevitable Battle of Japan.

A jubilant communique from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced "crippling damage was inflicted on the Japanese fleet" without loss of a single American warship.

Radio Tokyo reported Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier forces were within 60 miles of the homeland and would return for further attacks. Government spokesmen said new fortifications were being built throughout Japan to repel an invasion, the army was preparing to take over private property, factories were being rushed into underground fortifications, and newly-evacuated areas of Tokyo would be demolished as firebreeds to lessen damage from Superfort raids.

Conquest of the Philippines quickened. Guerrillas captured San Fernando, important port north of Manila. The U. S. 40th Division on Panay advanced 25 miles to join strong guerrilla forces, reached the edge of flaming Iloilo and captured (Continued on Page 2)

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By JAMES C. WATSON,  
Oil Editor

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### Soviets Prepare For Kill

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW (AP)—The First White Russian Army, now in possession of virtually the entire east bank of the Oder from the Baltic to its confluence with the Neisse, crowded siege artillery to the very edge of Stettin Wednesday after wiping out the enemy's Altdamm bridgehead.

The menace to Berlin grew hourly as Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov probed many places along the river, seeking springboards for his next big attack east and northeast of ruined Berlin.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev still is engaged in liquidating trapped garrisons in Breslau and Glogau on the Upper Oder, but has moved additional units of his First Ukraine Army group to the Neisse line south-east of Berlin.

In East Prussia, Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky was staging the final "push" in a dwindling German pocket along the coast southwest of Koenigsberg.

Disclosure that Vasilevsky had taken over the Third White Russian Army from the battle death of Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky was made in Marshal Stalin's order of the day Tuesday saluting the capture of Braunsberg, one of two German bastions in the pocket.

Vasilevsky's seizure of Braunsberg gathered 4,000 prisoners into the bag.

Zhukov took Altdamm with one fierce lunge after a series of hard action had reached this suburb less than five miles from Stettin proper. Front dispatches said an aviation engine factory with more than 1,000 new engines intact, and airplane assembly plant and a torpedo factory were among the booty.

As in Kolberg last week, Russian storm units found German dead hanging from makeshift gallows in Altdamm. An Ivestia dispatch said an order from Hitler had been found saying that troops leaving positions voluntarily should be shot on the spot. On bodies in army uniforms were signs, reading: "Hanged Because I Fought Badly." The corpses of executed civilians had a sign saying: "I was Hanged Because I Evacuated."

(Far to the south at the lower end (Continued on Page 2)

### ABA President Frowns Upon Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Bankers Association told Congress Wednesday "we believe we can attain the objectives of Bretton Woods at half the cost."

The association added that under the agreements, as now drawn, Uncle Sam might be branded by the world as "Uncle Shylock."

In testimony prepared for the House Banking Committee, ABA President W. Randolph Burgess said his organization "agrees with the purposes" of Bretton Woods, but turns thumbs down on creation of a separate international currency stabilization fund.

Burgess was the first witness to oppose the agreement drawn at a conference of 44 nations at Bretton Woods, N. H., last summer. They propose a \$9,100,000,000 world bank for reconstruction and development, and a \$8,800,000,000 stabilization fund.

### THIS WAY SUPERMAN

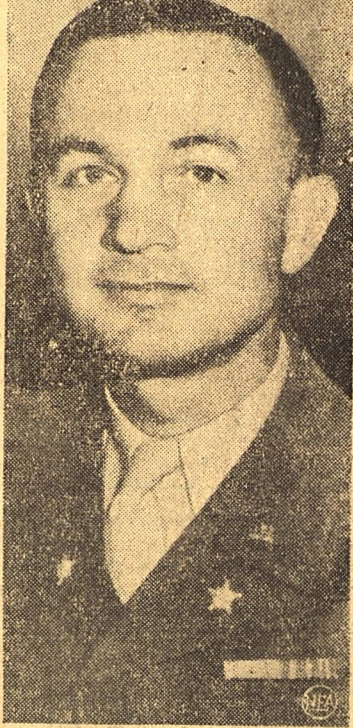
LONDON (AP)—Thousands of German soldiers roaming about the Western Front intending to surrender are being directed to prison camps by Allied planes, radio Luxembourg said Wednesday.

### WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

- **WESTERN FRONT:** American Saarland offensive cost Germans 80,000 or more casualties; Saarbruecken, Zweibruecken, Worms, other cities toppled; Third and Seventh joined; Remagen bridgehead expanded; vigorous patrolling reported across Rhine in the north.
- **RUSSIAN FRONT:** Red Army massed siege guns at outskirts of Stettin; Russians held Oder's east bank all the way to the Neisse, Berlin reported new offensives in the south toward Austria and Southwest Germany.
- **ITALIAN FRONT:** British made local advances northwest of Ravenna.
- **PACIFIC FRONT:** Seventeen Japanese warships reported crippled after attack by more than 1,000 U.S. carrier planes Monday in Nippon's Inland Sea; Americans battled into burning Iloilo, Panay capital.

### FDR's New Aide



Col. Richard Park, Jr., 33-year-old general staff officer, of Washington, D. C., has been named to succeed the late Major Edwin Watson as military aide to President Roosevelt.

### War Department Orders GIs To Heed Curfew Law

NEW YORK (AP)—The War Department, in a move interpreted as the government's first counter-measure against Mayor La Guardia's curfew extension, has ordered all military personnel to "observe all laws of entertainment by midnight."

In New York City, which still is holding out as a 1 a.m. oasis, the order came as a surprise to cafe owners, barkeepers and grumbling soldiers.

The first inkling anyone had of the order was when military police suddenly appeared in the plush confines of the Stork Club and ordered all Army personnel to leave.

The Service Command then confirmed that a midnight curfew enforcement order had been issued and a few minutes later in Washington the War Department announced that all service commands had been instructed to live up to the "letter and spirit" of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' curfew request.

Although the order was issued to all service commands, it obviously was aimed at New York City, where Mayor La Guardia has authorized the 1 a.m. closing. Officials at Naval Shore Patrol headquarters here said no similar order had been issued by the Navy.

President Roosevelt indicated at a press conference Tuesday in Washington that he favored continuation of the midnight curfew but he said he hadn't considered taking any steps to bring New York City back in line.

### Navy Announces Submarine Barbel Lost At Sea

WASHINGTON (AP)—The submarine Barbel is overdue from patrol and presumed lost with its officers and crew, normally about 65 men.

A Navy communique Wednesday said next of kin had been notified.

The vessel, commanded by Lt. Comdr. Conde LeRoy Raguel, was the 34th American submarine reported overdue and presumed lost, and the 40th lost from all causes, including four sunk and two destroyed to prevent capture.

It was built in 1944.

### Champions Announced In Stock Show

Two Martin County youth, Bob Cox and L. R. Shoemaker, carried off top honors in the Midland Livestock Show Tuesday afternoon, when Cox's 890-pound calf was judged champion of the milk fed division, and Shoemaker's 900-pound calf won the championship in the dry lot division.

The milk fed champion was bred by Sam Cox of Tarzan, and the Shoemaker calf was bred by Tom Brothers of Stanton.

The champion cross bred lamb weighs 160 pounds and was shown by Janet Hightower of Garden City. The animal was bred by Ray Hightower, Fields Edwin Branch of Upton County exhibited the champion fine wool lamb. The 139-pound animal was bred by Ed Guy Branch.

Jerry Olliff was the only Midland County youth to carry off a top honor. His hog won the championship in both the Midland County competition and in the district contest.

**Blue Ribbon Winners**  
Blue ribbon winners in the lightweight dry lot division are George Knox, James R. Currie, Jean Conner and Glenn Williams. Red ribbon winners are Barry Boone, Bobby Althart and Alvin Bohannan.

In the heavyweight dry lot division blue ribbon animals were shown by George Knox, Randal Smith, Alton Free, Royce Howard and Jean Conner. Animals shown by Weldon Free and Randal Smith took red ribbons.

Blue Ribbon winners in the heavyweight milk fed division were exhibited by Jerry Bohannan (two), W. D. Chandler (two), Manis Standifer, Leland Howard, Benny Kelly, Goodman King, Hazelle Midkiff, T. (Continued on Page 5)

### Livestock Sale Gets Underway At Sales Barn

The auction sale of animals exhibited by 4-H Club boys and Future Farmers of America at the Midland Livestock Show was held Wednesday afternoon in the auction ring of the Texas Cattle Sales Company. The animals were taken from the show barn to the ring Wednesday morning.

Spirited bidding at the sale was predicted by George Glass, president of the Chamber of Commerce and general chairman of the show.

## Third And Seventh Armies Join To Clamp Huge Pincers On Stray Nazis In Saarland

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—Third Army columns fought within five miles of the great chemical center of Ludwigshafen-Mannheim and in the Hessian capital of Mainz Wednesday in the whirlwind conquest of the Saarland and Palatinate which already has cost the Germans 80,000 or more casualties.

The rich Saar Valley, with its steel mills and vast coal deposits, was won, taking from Germany her third largest industrial sector.

Important cities such as Saarbruecken (population 135,000), Kaiserslautern (61,000), Worms (50,000), Voelklingen (31,000) and Zweibruecken (16,000) were captured by the surging American Third and Seventh Armies.

Some divisions advanced 15 miles or more a day. The destruction of the German forces was so complete it seemed doubtful that Hitler's army could rally for a stand in strength east of the Rhine—where greater offensives currently were in the making.

Extension of the First Army's East Rhine bridgehead to a deployment area at least 25 miles long and up to nine wide underscored the clearcut threat to the Ruhr, invaded on the west and threatened by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops which captured Beul, Bonn suburb 14 miles south of the Ruhr. General Eisenhower warned that the Ruhr, the source of 75 per cent of all German war production in 1942, was next in line of conquest.

No Punching Power  
Already the lack of punching power east of the Rhine was apparent in German ranks. Prisoners plodded dejectedly to the rear in uncounted thousands. The enemy had thrown the best troops saved from the First Parachute and Sixth Panzer armies at the Remagen bridgehead and failed to check its expansion.

The enemy was falling back upon the narrow Sieg and Wied rivers, plainly despairing of driving the (Continued on Page 2)

Churchill Denies England Has Big Food Reserve  
LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill Wednesday denied the suggestions in "some quarters in the United States" that Britain had 700,000,000 tons of food stocks on hand and said the country had rather less than 6,000,000 tons.

This amount, he said, is in the process of being reduced by aid to liberated countries and by the end of June will amount to only 4,750,000 tons.

No More Than Necessary  
"This latter figure," Churchill said, "is no more than is necessary to maintain the regular flow of distribution under present conditions."

The Prime Minister explained that Britain's food stocks had been (Continued on Page 2)

Legion Appoints Steering Committee  
A ways and means committee of legionnaires was appointed Tuesday night at a meeting of the Woods W. Lynch post of the American Legion held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Scharbauer to map a program of activities for the post and devise means to carry out the program. A. C. Hefner, post commander, made the appointments.

Members of the committee are J. S. Noland, chairman, Elliott H. Burton, T. Paul Barron, Hugh Corrigan, John Y. Francis, Walter B. Preston, O. C. Harper, Joseph Haygood, John W. House, Ben Dansby, Watson LaForce, Paul McHargue, R. V. Lawrence, Charles Rorbaugh, Q. M. Shelton, Reese Cleveland, John Shipley, W. Harvey Sloan, Fred Turner, Jr., Allen J. Watts, Fred Wemple, W. G. Whitehouse, Wilbur A. Yeager, Hal Peck, C. V. Lyman and John H. Finmister.

Hefner suggested in making the appointments that a meeting of the committee be called as early as possible to begin making plans for increasing the activity of the Midland Post. One of the principal functions of the committee will be to direct action toward acquiring a legion hut.

The committee will function more or less as a steering committee for the legion post, Hefner said.

A prediction was made at the meeting by Capt. J. M. Devereux, veteran of the invasion and fighting in France, that the Germans will not be defeated before September.

Captain Devereux declared the younger Germans are so fanatical in their Nazi beliefs they will continue to fight until they are wiped out or captured.

## War Bulletins

PARIS (AP)—The German debacle in the Saarland and Palatinate appeared likely Wednesday to cost Hitler's badly bled forces close to 100,000 casualties.

LONDON (AP)—A force of 2,000 American bombers and fighters attacked nine air fields in Northwestern Germany and a tank factory at Plauen, 10 miles from the Czechoslovak border, while another fleet of British planes blasted a large oil refinery at Bremen Wednesday.

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Russia Tuesday night denounced her 1925 treaty of friendship and neutrality with Turkey and declared "serious improvements" were needed in the pact.

WITH THE FIRST ARMY ACROSS THE RHINE (AP)—The Ludendorff bridge across the Rhine to the expanding Remagen bridgehead is wrecked so completely that there is no possibility of it being repaired before the war ends. Pontoons are bearing the traffic.

252. Ward County School Land survey. The company has a block of 10,784.5 acres surrounding drill-site.

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Government By Radio?

We have long enjoyed the distant contemplation of Mayor F. H. La Guardia's conduct of New York City affairs. And the longer we contemplate it the more we wonder if both the mayor and the city aren't governed to some extent by a haunting necessity familiar to most newspapermen.

That is the necessity of having so many words of news or comment prepared for public consumption by a certain time. In short, a deadline.

La Guardia is no newspaperman. He doesn't like newspapermen very much. That is why he abandoned press conferences some years ago and since has addressed most of his remarks to New York citizens in a 30-minute broadcast each Sunday on the city's radio station.

But he still is beset by the newspaperman's problem. Thirty minutes a week of new material requires a lot of words. We can sympathize with La Guardia in his problem of finding those words. But we can envy him his peculiar advantage of making news of the colorful sort that the listeners—and voters—obviously like. And La Guardia is nothing if not colorful.

His style ranges from the chatty to the theatrical. He takes an interest in anything of possible civic significance. People's diets and pleasure enlist his fatherly concern, and generally some suggestions on how to change both.

He goes in for everything from recipes to threats. And while the recipes are economical, the threats are likely to be extravagant examples of towering wrath. Let the mayor hear of betting in Manhattan, black-marketing in Brooklyn, poker-playing in the Bronx or post-curfew revelry in Queens, and the tidings can call forth dire warnings and predictions that would be the envy of an old-fashioned evangelist.

But thousands and maybe millions of New Yorkers seem to love this synthesis of sportscast, Sisters of the Skillet, Mr. Anthony, Raymond Swing and Gang Busters which La Guardia gives them in his "Talks to the People."

But we shall have to admit to a skeptical feeling that some of La Guardia's advice, indignation and crusading might be born of the stern necessity of filling a half hour's radio time with the expected showmanship.

So we find ourselves wondering how differently the wheels of New York's municipal government would turn if the mayor's broadcast was only 15 minutes long—or even no minutes.

There's something rather chastening and right, we still feel, about filtering a few of the pronouncements of public officials through the typewriters of reporters who are discouragingly unimpressed by "personality."

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Robot Bomb As 'Artillery'

Use of the German V-1 type of robot bomb as "artillery" against troop or supply concentrations may be emerging gradually as another new type of weapon of the present war.

From Europe have come scattered reports of flying bombs falling in rear areas of the western front beyond the range of German artillery. Because they are extremely inaccurate and have not been launched in any great numbers, the robot bombs have been generally scoffed at by U. S. Troops. But they do go off with a big noise, create a lot of damage where they land, and as psychological or terror weapon they have their effectiveness since there is no place to go to get out of their range.

Up to the present time there has been no weapon which could effectively cover what may now be considered the "middle distances"—beyond the range of artillery. An exception must of course be made for bombs dropped from airplanes. But airplanes can seldom take the place of artillery, and an improved robot, launching its missiles from the ground, could extend the range of artillery tremendously.

The V-1 is of course the flying bomb which the Germans launched against London from bases across the Channel in France, Belgium and Holland, a range of nearly 200 miles. With an explosive head of from one to two tons, the robot bomb can make the biggest field gun look like a toy weapon.

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A Warming Example

"My goodness, it's been cold at Buckingham Palace lately," was the Queen of England's fervent comment as she looked longingly at a new heating unit in an exhibition. It was the spontaneous remark of a monarch who lives on the same rations as her subjects, and endures the same privations.

When we say that a cat may look at a king, we are expressing the essential democracy of the human spirit. But when we say that a queen may look at a stove, we are speaking of real, practical "democracy in action."

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Then there's the guy who made anti-freeze by hiding under woolen pajamas.

Envy is a madness which cannot endure the good of... judge a man as well by his foes as by his...

The Echo



Third Army -

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Americans from the east bank of the Rhine.

To the north, the American Ninth, British Second and Canadian First stood in strength opposite the cities of Duesseldorf and Duisburg and engaged in vigorous patrolling over the wide reaches of the Lower Rhine. Weather was favorable and improving daily.

**Patch Takes Nine Towns**  
Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army captured at least nine cities and towns after forging the trap around the Saarland in conjunction with Patton's Third Army 12 miles west of Kaiserslautern. The two armies were squeezing German stragglers in a double pincer.

Among places captured were Niederwuerbach, Hassel, Kirdel, the steel producing city of St. Ingbert (23,000), and Homburg (26,000), on the eastern boundary of the Saarland.

The 103rd (Cactus) Division of Major Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, hero of Bastogne, moved seven miles north of Wissembourg and captured 1,000 prisoners, 14 of whom asked the honor of surrendering personally to the Washington general.

Up to Tuesday, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army had inflicted 45,000 casualties on the German First and Seventh armies in the Saarland, Palatinate and Hesse. He added 8,229 prisoners to that Tuesday, and still had 20,000 awaiting transport to cages. The Seventh Army, serving as an anvil for Patton's hammer blows from the north, had captured 6,040 prisoners by Tuesday and inflicted some thousands more casualties in killed and wounded.

At the pace Patton's tanks were traveling, it was reasonable to expect that the vanguards would reach the Ludwigshafen-Mannheim area before dusk. The twin cities on the Rhine have a combined population of 427,000. Ludwigshafen, 143,000, is on the west bank and Mannheim is on the east.

At Mainz, Patton was 265 miles from Berlin and 93 miles inside Germany and controlling more Reich real estate than any other Western Front general. The 9th Division of Texans and Oklahomans reached that historic city Tuesday.

Mainz had been one of the strongest fortress positions on the Rhine.

**Philippine POW Has Draft Board Trouble**  
LOUISVILLE, KY. —(AP)—Cpl. Louis Bertrand Barry, 29, had matters straightened out with his draft board Wednesday and was ready to relax from three years' confinement as a Japanese war prisoner.

Upon his arrival home Tuesday, Barry's mother informed him that "the draft board is after you." It developed that the War Department had failed to notify the draft board of Barry's capture in 1942.

The board also had been given no record of Barry's enlistment in California in February, 1941.

**Japan Imposes Military Control Over Civilians**  
LONDON.—(AP)—Japan announced imposition of military control over civilian property and installations Wednesday as the first of a series of projected steps designed to prepare the homeland to meet invasion.

"The war situation clearly indicates the Japanese homeland will become a battlefield," War Minister Gen. Sugiyama said in broadcast statement from Tokyo.

Senate Passes Old Age Aid Bill Of \$300,000

AUSTIN.—(AP)—The Senate Wednesday by a vote of 24 to 3, passed House Bill 89, increasing old age assistance appropriations approximately \$300,000 a month for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Senate approved a motion by Pat Bullock of Colorado City by a vote of 15 to 10 to table a Senate committee amendment which would have reduced the monthly appropriation from the House version of \$300,000 to \$165,000.

By voice vote a second amendment placing a ceiling on the administration cost was approved with one dissenting vote.

Three more proposed constitutional amendments including one to virtually freeze the present law against diversion of highway funds, went to the calendar of the House with favorable committee recommendation.

**State School Boast Proposed**  
The House committee on constitutional amendments Tuesday night also approved a proposed constitutional amendment designed to provide approximately \$1,750,000 annually for the seven state teachers' colleges, Texas Technological College, Texas State College for Women and the College of Arts and Industries.

Constitutional amendment resolutions must be approved by two thirds of both Houses before they are submitted to the voters.

Another proposed constitutional amendment was approved by the committee. It would consolidate the offices of county and district clerks in all counties of less than 30,000 population.

The House Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations favorably reported a bill by W. R. Chambers of May authorizing establishment of cooperative hospitals in communities under 2,500 population.

Alexander Hamilton wrote America's first report on lighthouses in 1780.

Reds -

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of the Eastern Front, two or more Russian Army groups were reported by Berlin to be driving toward the mountainous area of Southern Germany and Austria, where the Nazis, according to some reports, may make a final stand after defeat on the Reich's northern plains.

Berlin said Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin has hurled 200,000 of his Third Ukraine Army troops and supporting armor into an offensive through Northwestern Hungary, with advance forces already plunging beyond Tatra, 10 miles southeast of the big Danube River stronghold of Komorn. This is the direct route toward Vienna.

In another Russian drive, which Berlin has been reporting for most of the week but which still has no Russian confirmation, the First Ukraine Army, clearing up Upper Silesia below Breslau, was said to have thrust to Ziegenhals on the Czechoslovak border.

Churchill -

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"built up by foresight and self-denial over five years and under bombardment."

Earlier, Col. John Llewellyn, food minister, told Commons the government had decided that it would have to continue to prohibit export of food from Britain except on government account.

Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly

If you suffer from rheumatic arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Hu-Fix Compound, a two-week supply, today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. No trouble at all and pleasant. You need only 3 tablespoons two times a day. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—sudden results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, return the empty package and Hu-Fix will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Hu-Fix Compound is for sale and recommended by Midland Drug Co. and drug stores everywhere.

Martin County -

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1,320 feet south of same concern's No. 40 Mabee, first commercial oil well in Martin County, which has been shut in for several weeks, while waiting for a pipe line connection.

The No. 48 Mabee will drill in Sar. Andrus pay section above 5,000 feet, and is to start shortly.

George T. Abell, Midland, has filed applications with the Railroad Commission to drill two more explorations on southwest side of production in the Pecos Valley High Gravity area of Central-North Pecos County.

Abell No. 2 H. J. Eaton will be 1,340 feet from northwest line and 1,538 feet from southwest line of the northeast line of section 39, block 3, H&TC survey. It is to drill to 1,800 feet, with cable tools, and will start at once.

Abell No. 3 H. J. Eaton is 330 feet from the east line and 543 feet from southwest line of northeast quarter of section 39, block 3, H&TC survey. It will also dig to 1,800 feet and is to commence immediately.

**One Dry In Yaokum**  
Texas Gulf Producing Company No. 1 E. C. Powell, semi-wildcat in section 4, block D, John H. Gibson survey, north and east of closest production in the Onmy field, in East-Central Yaokum County, has been pronounced dry and will be abandoned on total depth of 5,522 feet, in lime. It had some slight shows of oil, but those were not sufficient to make an oil well.

Continental Oil Company No. 3-B Siasaga, East Lea County, New Mexico exploration to the Wolfcamp, at around 7,800 feet, in section 23-20s-37e, recovered 720 feet of gas and oil cut drilling mud during a one-hour drillstem test at 6,421-6,504 feet, in middle Permian lime, and was drilling ahead.

**Todd Well On Fire**  
Conoco No. 13 Todd, outpost to production in the Todd field in Crockett County, caught fire late Tuesday afternoon, while drilling past 6,309 feet, in the lower Ellenburger. There was no blowout, and operator expects to have the fire extinguished shortly. No one was injured.

Sun Oil Company No. 1 Wheeler, section 13, block E-7, psi survey, on west side of proven limits of the Wheeler-Ellenburger field, in East Winkler County, was swabbing after treating the Devonian section at 8,540-90 feet, with 3,000 gallons of acid, through 300 perforations in the 5½-inch casing.

Total depth is at 10,610 feet, in Ellenburger. Pipe is cemented on bottom. The Ellenburger has shown for production, and operator plans to make a dual completion of the well — taking oil from both the Devonian and the Ellenburger. The upper pay section has already made some oil natural, and showed up remarkably well on drillstem tests while drilling was going on.

**"Running High"**  
C. M. Pearce No. 1 Cities Service Oil Company-State, wildcat in section 31-16s-33e, in Central-West Lea County, New Mexico, cemented 8½-inch casing at 1,204 feet, with 500 sacks, and was drilling ahead past 2,245 feet. Top of anhydrite was at 1,210 feet, and base of salt was at 2,240 feet. Elevation is 4,245 feet.

Some operators who have checked the project say it is "unusually high."

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 McDow, North Glasscock County exploration, in section 31, block 34, TP survey, T-2-S, was making new hole, past 8,569 feet, in unreported formation. No indications of oil or gas have been "runored" from this test, since it started down from 8,470 feet.

Japs -

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its airport. Conquest of Basilan Island was completed with the capture of Isabela in a combined amphibious and overland operation.

The months-long hunt for Japan's fleet reached a climax Monday when carrier airmen found principal units of the surviving imperial navy hiding in the 240-mile-long Inland Sea.

A 45,000-ton Yamato class battleship, four large carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers, one destroyer escort and one submarine were heavily damaged.

Six small freighters were sunk and seven others probably sunk. Arsenals, hangars, shops and oil tanks were destroyed in military installations on the three island borders the sea—Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu.

Two hundred Japanese planes were shot down, 275 wrecked on the ground and more than 100 others damaged.

Many of the enemy aircraft were brought down in persistent attacks on Mitscher's ships. One American warcraft was heavily damaged and a "few others received minor damage." All withdrew under their own power.

Admiral Nimitz described American aircraft losses as "extremely light." Most of those brought down were victims of anti-aircraft fire which pilots said was "heavy enough to walk on."

Japanese imperial communiques claimed eight U. S. warships were sunk, two damaged and 187 attacking aircraft shot down.

British and Indian troops had reportedly reached as far as 20 miles south of Mandalay.

Major Gen. Willis H. Hale, commanding Army Air Forces in the Pacific, intimated that long-range Mustang fighters, already based on newly-conquered Iwo Jima, would soon be escorting Superforts in raids on Japan.

Scientists are now able to produce 10,000 different colors and shades of dyes from coal as well as several types and odors of perfume.

development, in section 8, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, ran a drillstem test for 70 minutes at 8,014-73 feet, in lime.

There was a faint blow of air after five minutes, which continued for remainder of the period. Recovery was 150 feet of drilling mud, with no shows of oil, gas or water of any sort. It is drilling ahead below 8,087 feet in lime and chert.

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Eighth Army Troops Improve Positions

ROME.—(AP)—Eighth Army troops in the Adriatic sector improved their positions northwest of Ravenna with a local advance in the Mezzano area Tuesday. Otherwise activity along the Italian front was limited to patrol operations. Allied Headquarters said.

Increased activity of Italian patriots in German-held Northern Italy was reported and a 15th Army Group communique quoted a captured enemy officer as saying the Nazis often were forced to use a whole regiment to combat partisan attacks on supply dumps and troop movements.

Heavy Winds Lash Alabama Areas

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—(AP)—Two persons were hurt, several houses were damaged and other buildings were damaged Tuesday as heavy winds struck in two Alabama localities—at Eufaula and near Cleveland, approximately 200 miles apart.

GENERAL ARNOLD RETURNS

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, returned to his desk at Air Force Headquarters Wednesday after more than a month in Florida. The rest was ordered as a result of illness.

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# Society

## Mrs. W. D. Horton Named Honoree Of Luncheon Tuesday

Members of the Tawasi Club entertained with the luncheon Tuesday in the Blue Room of the Scharbauer Hotel honoring Mrs. Wilford D. Horton who before her marriage to Lieutenant Horton at MAAF March 18, was Miss Louise McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baker of this city.

Centering the luncheon table was an arrangement of white and pink spring blossoms. A corsage of yellow jonquils was presented to the honoree and Mrs. Baker's corsage was of white carnations.

A gift of crystal was presented to Mrs. Horton by the hostesses.

Twenty-two members were present for the entertainment.

## Episcopal Auxiliary To Supply Cookies For Airport Canteen

Mrs. W. B. Harkrider was hostess to the luncheon Tuesday of the Trinity Episcopal Church Monday afternoon. After the meeting opened with a prayer by Mrs. A. T. Barrett, Mrs. Paul Kohn presided over the business meeting.

It was decided that the auxiliary would accept the responsibility of furnishing 25 dozen cookies per week for the Red Cross Canteen at Midland Municipal Airport. Mrs. Ralph Hickman was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the cookies, with Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Jack Lively as her committee members.

**Elect New Secretary**

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Louis A. Bartha, who resigned as secretary, in appreciation of her services. Mrs. William Kerr was elected to finish out Mrs. Bartha's term.

Following the business session, a program on "Ventures In Learning" was held, with Mrs. Felix Ankele in charge.

Other members attending were Mmes. J. P. Butler, I. E. Daniel, C. L. Griffin, R. W. Hamilton, S. P. Hazlip, Roy Kinsey, N. B. Lash, S. J. Lones, J. P. Ruckman, John Shipley, W. A. Yeager, and D. R. Carter.

## MRS. S. C. COOPER TO GIVE REVIEW AT BAPTIST W.M.S.

Mrs. S. C. Cooper of Big Spring will be presented in a review of the recently released book, "If My People," by Helen Reagan Smith, at a program to be sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church Monday at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Smith is the sister of Lucile Reagan, who gave her life as a Southern Baptist Missionary to Nigeria, West Africa, and lives in Big Spring.

The authoress has taken the verse from II Chronicles 7:14 apart, treated each great principal in it separately, and then brought together in symmetrical balance the over-all meaning.

All women of Midland, as well as members of the First Baptist Church are invited to hear Mrs. Cooper.

## Mission Study Concluded At Mary Martha Circle

Mrs. Arnold Scharbauer presented the last lesson from the home mission study book, "Home Missions in New Worlds," at a meeting of the Mary Martha Circle of the First Baptist Church Monday. Mrs. J. G. White was hostess for the occasion at her home on 1615 West Texas.

After the session was called to order by Mrs. Billy Gilbert, circle leader, Mrs. R. W. Harris led in prayer. Mrs. Harrell Cheeves conducted the Bible study.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mmes. Harrell Cheeves, Billy Gilbert, A. A. Jones, Raymond Leggett, Frank Monroe, Jerry Roberts, Arnold Scharbauer, O. D. Schuelke, P. D. Phillips, Jr., R. J. Rhorer and J. S. Griffiths.

## Congratulations To

Mr. and Mrs. John Alan Hord of 213 Ridglea Drive on the birth of a daughter, Melinda Ann, on March 14 in a Dallas hospital. Hord is a geologist with the Gulf Oil Corporation in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jennings Adcock of Midland on the birth of a son, Richard Lowell Adcock, Tuesday in the Western Clinic.

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## NOTED LECTURER NAMED HONOREE OF LUNCHEON TUESDAY

A luncheon honoring Dr. Bernice Moore of the Hogg Foundation in Austin was held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the private dining room in the Scharbauer Hotel. The Midland City Council of the Parent-Teacher Association was hostess for the event.

Mrs. Glenn Brunson, president of the P-TA Council, presided over the meeting.

Tables for the occasion were arranged in the form of a T, and decorated with bouquet of Spring Flowers.

Guests were Frank Monroe and Mmes. Glenn Brunson, S. J. Lones, R. L. Denton, J. D. McClure, W. C. Fritz, L. W. Leggett, B. P. Guyton, Lamar Lunt, Harry Tolbert, Alma Thomas, Troy Stephenson, F. D. Breedlove, L. G. Byerly, C. F. Longcoppe, Don Johnson, George Vannaman, W. B. Collins and the guest of honor, Dr. Moore.

## METHODIST CIRCLE MEETS FOR STUDY

"The Lift That Can Be" was the topic of the lesson study given at the meeting of the Winnie Prothro Circle of the First Methodist Church Monday at the home of Mrs. J. P. Cornelius, 109 Ridglea Drive. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Mrs. Lutha Tidwell presented the lesson and led in a discussion on "The World, The Church and Ourselves of Tomorrow."

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Stacy Allen, chairman. Refreshments were served to three visitors, Mrs. J. W. Thorne, Mrs. Dennis Murphy, Mrs. H. M. McReynolds, and the following members: Mmes. T. A. Fannin, E. H. Peyton, J. P. Cornelius, Stacy Allen, M. J. Allen, Dave Hoover, Neider Crawford, Clyde Gwyn, Luther Tidwell, O. L. Crooks and W. A. Black.

## Fun Night Planned For Valley View Youths

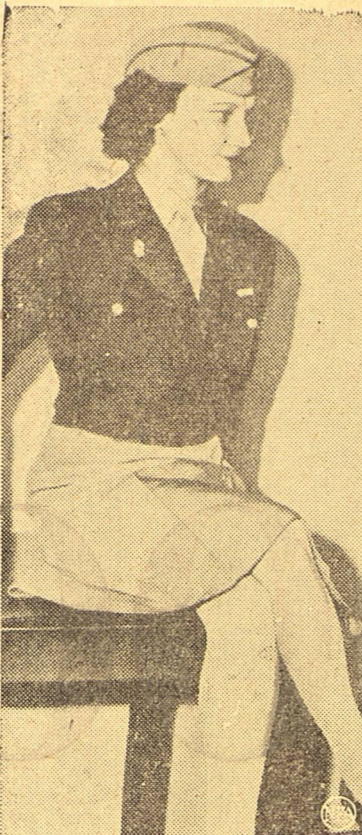
A "fun night" was planned for the young people of the Valley View Community Friday evening at the Community Center.

Arrangements for the entertainment are being made under the direction of Mrs. Jim W. Baker, chairman of the program committee, and other committee members: Mrs. Herd Midkiff, Mrs. J. D. Bartlett, Mrs. Dalton Hall, Dwight McDonald and Buck Green.

Mr. Green will show some colored movies in addition to the other entertainment planned for the evening.

Refreshments will be served.

## WAC Jacket



Army's "style show" in Philadelphia Customs House revealed the latest military will wear in the WAC. Capt. Gertrude C. Dye, Wellsburg, W. Va., models new issue of Eisenhower jacket.

## Glenn Walker R. A. Chapter Meets Tuesday

The meeting of the Glenn Walker R. A. Chapter Tuesday afternoon opened with the group singing "The R. A. Song" and "I Love To Tell The Story." Mrs. C. M. Dunagan offered a prayer after which Billy Crites led members in repeating the watch word.

Those present were Billy Crites, Don Scott, Charles Sutton, Jerry Webb, Allen Olson, Mrs. R. O. Walker, Mrs. C. M. Dunagan, Mrs. Roy Hyatt and one new member, Clifford Wilcox.

## James L. Bielby Returns To States

Sgt. James L. Bielby has returned to the United States from England and is in an Army hospital at New York. He is the son of Mrs. Ada Bielby and a brother of Mrs. Nora Newsom. Sergeant Bielby attended the Valley View school and has been in the Army since June, 1940.

## American Legion Aims To Be Publicized

A committee was appointed Tuesday night at a meeting of the Woods W. Lynch post of the American Legion to devise ways and means of acquainting the members and returning veterans of World War II with the purpose and aims of the Legion.

Post Commander A. C. Hefner appointed Ralph J. Auld, Robert W. Hamilton and John H. Elmister as members of the committee.

## Fisherman's Weather Prevails In Midland

Perfect fishing weather prevailed in Midland Tuesday and Wednesday if there was a place to fish. The temperature reached a maximum of 70 degrees Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

During the night the mercury fell to 46 degrees at 4 a.m. and remained there until 9 a.m. before starting upward.

## Moscow Reports Brisk Slave Traffic By Nazis

LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio said that a brisk slave market had existed in Koehnigsberg, capital of East Prussia, at which adult persons from occupied lands were sold for about ten marks (about \$4 pre-war) each, and children for five or six marks each.

A good time to select birth announcements is when you are purchasing baby's layette.



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## Dr. Moore Is Speaker At P-TA Meeting Tuesday

"A Changing Family in a Changing World" was the theme of the talk given by Dr. Bernice Moore of the Hogg Foundation in Austin, at the evening session of the Midland County Parent-Teacher Association Council one-day inspirational meeting Tuesday in the High School auditorium. The speaker was introduced by Miss Ruth Carden, president of A.A.U.W.

These meetings, held throughout the district in the county seats, will take the place of the district convention this year.

Mrs. Glenn Brunson, president of the City Council of P-TA, presided during the meeting. Mrs. L. G. Byerly, state P-TA vice-president, gave the invocation.

Two musical selections were presented by a vocal trio from the North Elementary School, composed of Mrs. George Bennett, Mrs. Joe Mims and Mrs. Vernon Yearby. Piano accompaniment was played by Mrs. A. C. Smith.

**Introduce Local Presidents**

A review of the year's work was given by Mrs. Brunson, who in turn introduced the presidents of the four local units: Mrs. R. L. Denton, High School; Mrs. Don Johnson, Junior High School; Mrs. L. W. Leggett, North Elementary; and Mrs. F. D. Breedlove, South Elementary.

Mrs. D. R. Carter, district president, reported on the work in the district and introduced members of the district board present, Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Byerly. The district president presented Mrs. Byerly with a State P-TA Life Membership certificate awarded her at the state meeting in Fort Worth in the fall. A talk on local P-TA work was given by Mrs. Byerly, who later presented a State Life Membership to Mrs. Carter in recognition of her work in the local as well as the state organization.

At the close of the session, Frank Monroe, state recreational chairman, directed a skit on "One Local Unit." Girls in the speech department of high school took part in the skit.

About 200 were present.

## Good Roads Presidency Remains With Eplen

AUSTIN—(AP)—The presidency of the Texas Good Roads Association will remain in the hands of Tom Eplen of Abilene for another year.

Eplen was re-elected at a meeting Tuesday of the board of directors which also re-elected R. J. Potts of Waco, H. B. Zachary of San Antonio, and Oscar Burton of Tyler as vice presidents; Charles E. Simmons of Austin as executive vice president, and E. P. Cravens of Austin as secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected to the executive committee were W. H. Hiltzberger of Dallas and L. W. Kemp of Houston. S. W. Henderson of Lubbock was added to the executive committee.

Forty-four members of the board of directors were re-elected.

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## Coming Events

### THURSDAY

The Needlecraft Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. F. King, 507 N. Loraine.

City Federation of Women's Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. O. B. Holt, 1109 North B Street. Dr. Bernice Moore will be the principal speaker.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be: 4 to 6 p. m., Mrs. C. L. Budeau; 7 to 9 p. m., Mrs. D. E. Shoemaker.

Mrs. Marjorie Freeburg, library assistant, will tell DuBose Heyward's Easter story, "The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes" over the Midland County Library radio program at 4 p. m.

The Midland County museum will be open from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

### FRIDAY

Mrs. R. F. Shaffner and Mrs. W. J. Ash's Spotters Groups will be responsible for the surgical dressings at the Salvation Army USO from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon. All Army wives are invited.

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

Junior Canteen hostesses will be: 4 to 6 p. m., Mrs. Cora Hunter; 7 to 9 p. m., Mrs. C. C. Tull.

St. Anne's Altar Society of St. George's Catholic Church will hold a bake sale at 10 a. m. at the H. and H. Grocery Store.

### SATURDAY

The League of Women Voters will meet for a luncheon Saturday at 1 p. m. at the Methodist Church.

The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at the Watson School of Music at 11 a. m.

Children's movies will be shown in the courthouse basement at 2:30 p. m.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be: 3:30 to 6 p. m., Mrs. H. S. Collings. Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lewis will be chaperons in the evening.

The Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

## Wyoming Says Hitler Does Not Own Ranch

CHEYENNE, WYO. — (AP) — The Wyoming Department of Agriculture doesn't know who won the argument but it does know that Adolf Hitler never did, doesn't now and never will own a ranch in Wyoming.

It so advised Lorene Harris, Folsom, Calif., who asked the department to settle a "hot argument" on the subject.

The Chinese used to perfume tapestries, furniture, carpets and clothes.

## Keeps His Wife At Home Barefooted

CHICAGO — (AP) — Mrs. Elaine Straulin, 23, told Superior Judge Joseph Sabath Tuesday that her husband's plan to keep her at home was to keep her barefooted.

"He keeps me barefooted for two or three months at a time," Mrs. Straulin testified in her suit for separate maintenance on the ground of cruelty. "I can't buy my own shoes because he holds the ration books, and when I go to the store I have to wear my husband's shoes—if it's cold."

Judge Sabath awarded Mrs. Straulin temporary support of \$65 a month for her son, Thomas Jr., 1 year old. They were married Sept. 5, 1942, and separated last Jan. 24 when, Mrs. Straulin said, she succeeded in buying a pair of shoes for herself.

## Kansas City Police Suffer Calamity

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—In the Kansas City police station, a room is set aside for bicycles that have been picked up on the street.

A sergeant says the job is to get the bicycles back into the hands of the rightful owners, adding it's "a difficult job at best."

Wednesday a wayward goat, corralled temporarily with the bikes, chewed the identification tags of the recovered vehicles.

"Now we don't even know where they were found," moaned the officer.



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## Joseph F. Bledsoe Killed In Action

S/Sgt. Joseph F. (Buddy) Bledsoe, a graduate of Midland High School, is reported killed in action February 24 on Luzon. His mother, Mrs. J. W. Bledsoe, now lives in San Angelo.

He was with an infantry division and had served in the South Pacific from Guadalcanal to Luzon. Sergeant Bledsoe entered the service February 18, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. Later he was stationed in Hawaii. He had been overseas 34 months.

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That future will be best guaranteed by not only buying War Bonds, but by holding them. Your country's interest is best served by buying and holding them, and so is your own interest.

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### Midnight Curfew Proving To Have Little Merit

By JAMES MARLOW  
 WASHINGTON—(AP)—I have made a conscientious effort to find out among officials, connected with the curfew enforcement, how it would save on manpower.

Because of their delicate connection with the problem, they did not want to be quoted by name or organization. But this is what they said:

"They can't see how it will save in manpower at all. It may save some food. And it may prevent some absenteeism among war-workers who might lay off their job if night spots stayed open all night."

And they said—this is an attempt to express some official thinking among officials who don't want to be identified in a controversy—that:

#### Not Well Handled

They think the curfew edict was not well-handled from the start, that the American people should have been told from the beginning that it was intended to prevent absenteeism; that it was intended to whip up a true feeling about the war, although the attempt was late in the war; and that it would help conserve food.

Mayor LaGuardia submitted to War Mobilization Director Byrnes' wishes for a week or so and then told New Yorkers not to observe the curfew until 1 a. m. This was the first break in the national observance of the Byrnes edict.

James Byrnes is helpless to do anything about New York. Any future compliance by other cities or other mayors will depend upon their individual feelings in the matter.

To assist Byrnes, congress created an advisory board, appointed by the President. It was supposed to advise him on policies. Byrnes doesn't have to consult with the board. Apparently, he hasn't. The board has passed a resolution asking Byrnes to take the board members into his confidence.

### WMC Office Will Be Opened In Midland

An office of the War Manpower Commission is scheduled to be opened in Midland, Fred C. Wendt, area director of the El Paso office of the WMC, announced at a meeting of the American Legion Tuesday night at the Scharbauer Hotel.

One of the principal reasons for opening the office will be to assist returning World War II veterans. He pointed out there are more than 1,200 from Midland County now in the services.

**Agencies Interested**

The WMC official said there are 15 or more governmental agencies concerned with World War II veterans, and many of the returning veterans are confused as to where to turn to obtain some of the rights to which they are entitled.

Wendt said the office would be more or less a clearing house for the veterans so they can obtain information they wish and learn just which agencies to turn to.

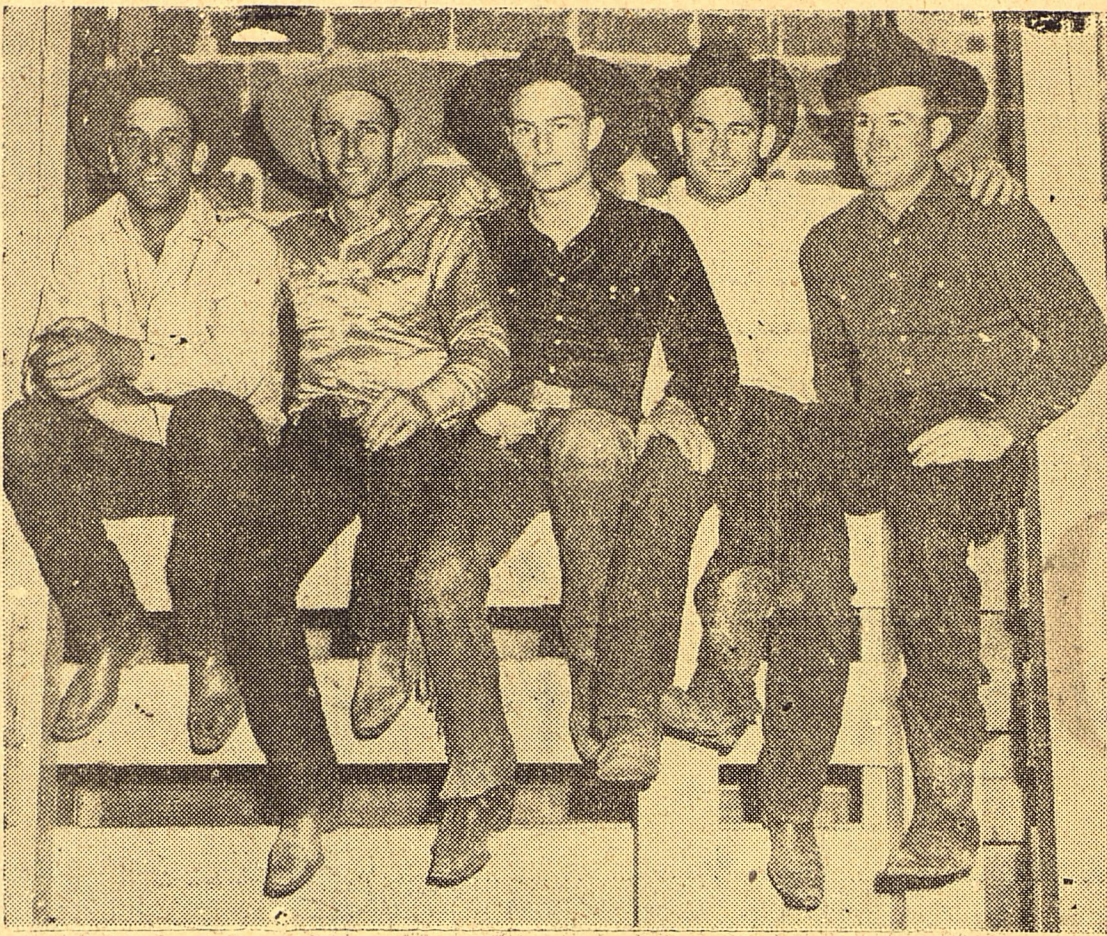
### Mississippi Continues Record Breaking Rise

MEMPHIS—(AP)—Spring rains forced the swollen Mississippi river to an eight-year high here Wednesday and threatened to prolong weeks-old food battles in Arkansas and West Tennessee.

Two deaths were attributed to the flood in the Louisiana-Mississippi area as the Mississippi continued on the rise from St. Louis to the Gulf.

The waltz, most popular of the 19th century dances, came from Germany though several other countries claim it.

### Champions At The Chute



These five cowboys are the 1945 rodeo champions of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held at Fort Worth. They were awarded titles at the final rodeo performance. Left to right, Royse Sewalt, King, steer wrestling; Gerald Roberts, Phoenix, Ariz., saddle bronc riding; Ken Roberts, Strong City, Kan., wild bull riding; Bud Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont., bareback riding; and Homer Pettigrew, Grady, N. M., calf roping. The Roberts cowboys are brothers. Ken Roberts and Pettigrew won the same titles there a year ago.

### Gulf Company Makes Changes In Top Slots

FORT WORTH—P. O. Settle, head of the legal department of the Gulf Oil Corporation since 1930, has been elected associate general counsel and secretary of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Gulf Refining Company and all other principal Gulf companies. Settle entered the employ of the Gulf companies in 1926, at Houston, and served in the legal department of the Houston office from 1926 to 1930.

Settle has announced he will continue to maintain his residence and office in Fort Worth, although considerable time will be spent at headquarters of the Gulf Company in Pittsburgh.

Other changes announced for the Gulf companies include the resignation of H. L. Stone as general counsel and member of the executive and finance committees of the Gulf Oil Corporation, as executive vice president and general counsel of the Gulf Refining Company, and as director and general counsel of all other principal Gulf companies. He will continue in the exclusive employ of the Gulf as consulting counsel, with headquarters in his home town, San Angelo.

David Proctor, for many years assistant general counsel and secretary of Gulf Oil Corporation, Gulf Refining Company, and all other principal Gulf companies, was elected director, vice president, general counsel and member of the finance committee of the Gulf Oil Corporation, and director, vice president, general counsel of the Gulf Refining Company, and director and general counsel of all other principal Gulf companies.

### Champions -

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 O. Midkiff, John Midkiff and Jerrie Currie.

In the lightweight milk fed class blue ribbons were received by W. D. Chandler, Elmer Criswell, Weldon Free, John Bob Kelly, W. B. Criswell, Alton Free and Wayne Church. Red ribbon animals were shown by Bob Midkiff, Douglas Church, W. D. Chandler and Bobby Airhart.

#### Lambs

Top cross-bred heavyweight lambs were shown by Buddy Calcote, Larry Willeke, Arthur Lancaster, Gene Willeke, Leroy Lenny (two), Basil Kethly, Mona Sue Branch, Herman Calcote and Helen Calcote.

Red ribbon lambs in this classification were exhibited by Frank Robbins, Basil Kethly, Joe Cunningham, L. B. Wartenbach, Tony Willeke and Jack Berry.

Blue ribbon cross-bred lightweight lambs were shown by John Robert Prude, L. B. Wartenbach, Leonard Hanson and Elizabeth Prude. The red ribbon winners are L. B. Wartenbach, Leonard Hanson, John Robert Prude and Bruce and John Hanson.

In the lightweight fine wool division blue ribbon animals were exhibited by Elizabeth Prude, Jimmy Armstrong, Roy Frazier, John Aubrey Glidewell, Eugene Burrow, Billy Gene Culp and Wayne McKandless.

The red ribbon fine wool lamb winners were shown by Dan Bradshaw, J. L. Sawyer (two), Jimmy Armstrong, Billy Ray Bizzell (two), Bill Brown, Eugene Burrow, Don Bizzell, James Locklar (two), and Wayne McKandless.

White ribbon winners were exhibited by James McKandless, Griff McConal, Don Bizzell, Billy John McConal (two) and Billy Culp.

In the heavyweight fine wool division blue ribbon winners included Jack Berry, Bob Pauley, Mona Sue Branch, Frank Robbins, David Pauley, J. L. Sawyers, Gulla Bettis, Buddy Calcote, Charles Locklar, Bill Brown, William Weyman.

Red ribbon winners were shown by Roy Frazier, Billy Gene Culp, James McKandless, Frank Locklar, Floyd Smith, Robert Peyton, Billy Ray Bizzell, Jimmy Armstrong, Floyd Smith, Charles Ponder, Dale Bizzell and Don Bradshaw.

The blue ribbon winners were shown by Ray Culp (two), Walter Trent, Bill Brown (two), Clarence Hardin, David Hyatt, Clint Morgan, Marvin Sanders, Bobby Howard, Jimmy Kennedy, Kenneth Goode, Ray Douglas and James Ramsey.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge is insured for approximately \$40,000,000.

### Better Stock Show Facilities Advocated By Greene To Lions

Midland needs better facilities for staging its livestock show, members of the Lions Club were told by County Agent J. H. Greene at their meeting Wednesday noon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel.

The calves exhibited at the Midland show rank with the best shown anywhere, Greene said. The boys work hard getting the animals ready for the event and like to show in Midland. The show would be much larger if better facilities were available, the county agent predicted.

#### Like To Show In Midland

J. H. Martin, county agent of Martin County, said the boys in his county preferred showing in Midland to any other show.

"It is a splendid condition where two neighboring counties work together with such a good spirit as Midland and Martin counties show," the county agent asserted.

Four of the exhibitors of championship animals at the livestock show were introduced. They are Fields Branch of Upton County, Bob Cox of Tarzan, Janet Hightower of Garden City, and L. R. Shoemaker of Martin County.

Members of the club voted to sponsor an appearance here in May of Royal Arch Gunnison, noted radio commentator who made the first broadcast from Manila after its capture by General MacArthur's troops.

The Rev. Hubert Hopper presided.

## THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
 Associated Press War Analyst

We don't need a soothsayer to tell us we are near the end of the European war. Indeed, we are so close to it that the Nazis might quit at any time!

Fighting might continue for some time if Hitler and Goebbels cling to their mad scheme of battling to a finish. Even so, it will be surprising if it goes farther than late spring or early summer.

The Hitlerites have been fishing for peace—and that's official. When the armistice comes, it may arrive out of the blue without warning, as the result of sub-rosa discussions of a "semi-official" character.

#### Two Factors

I always have thought that the collapse of Germany would be premised on one of two things: (1) the loss of Hitler's personal leadership, and (2) deterioration of the German military machine to the point where the Allies would be able to crash through the last great barriers of Hitler's inner fortress—the Siegfried Line and the Rhine in the west, and the powerful Oder defenses in the east.

We are on the verge of fulfilling the military requirement.

Once the Russian and the Western Allies are sweeping across Germany, organized resistance will collapse quickly—if it lasts that long.

The other requirement—loss of Hitler's leadership—already has been fulfilled. He is reported to be a broken shell of a man for whom Himmler the hangman and Propaganda Minister Goebbels are ghosting in an effort to keep the facts from the German public.

#### Germans Claim U-Boats Sink Seven Allied Ships

LONDON—(AP)—The German high command declared in a broadcast communique Wednesday that U-boats had sunk seven ships, totaling 43,000 tons, two destroyers and one corvette "in hard fighting off the British Isles."

The claim is unconfirmed by Allied sources.

The upper part of the body is built around a bony cage called the thorax—the walls of which are the ribs.

### Firemen Battle Two Hours To Save Feed

A fire resulting in the destruction of two large stacks of feed on the H. B. Dunagan farm south of Midland, was finally brought under control Tuesday after a two-hour fight by firemen. Several other stacks, equally as large were saved. Origin of the fire which started around 6 p. m., was unknown.

### Odessa Killed In Crossing Accident

ODESSA—(AP)—Ollie M. Wood, 35, of Odessa, was killed Tuesday night when his automobile was struck by a special Army hospital train at a crossing.

### EN ROUTE

A TASK FORCE IN BURMA—(AP)—T/Sgt. Robert E. Fiske, a former South Chicago bartender, said Wednesday he had shot a Japanese sniper from a tree with a single bullet from his pistol after the sniper fired on his ambulance plane flying a wounded man to a rear hospital.

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

### Peru Candidate Ureta Demands American Unity

AP Newsfeatures  
 LIMA, PERU—Gen. Eloy G. Ureta, former inspector-general of the army who aspires to be Peru's next president, calls himself a "man of the Americas" pledged to work for hemispheric union and understanding.

Ureta has taken off his uniform and says if elected he will govern as a civilian although Peru's constitution, like that of the United States, makes the chief executive commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The elections are scheduled for June and the winner assumes office in July. Many people think Ureta is a sure bet, but the situation is complicated and subject to last-minute upsets.

"My guiding policy will be one of hemispheric solidarity and of friendship to the other American countries, especially those bordering on Peru," he says. He mentions Chile and Ecuador in particular. As commander of the army he conducted the military campaign against Ecuador in 1941 which for a time threatened to

### False Start Costly

EAST LANSING, MICH.—For the first time in 25 years of track coaching, Karl A. Schlademan of Michigan State lost a man through a false start. It happened to Herb Speerstra in the 440 of a dual meet with Indiana.

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

develop into a state of declared war.

For the United States General Ureta professes great affection. He says if elected he would maintain close friendly relations with Washington.

His policy at home, he says, would be to take urgent action to alleviate conditions of the working class.

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### Deaths BRIGHT DIAMONDS

THE STORY: Nick Trent, Army pilot, has been buzz-bombed out of the war. On the last home a mysterious stranger named Booker makes him a vague money-proposition which he turns down. Pat Hudson and Charley Strand, old friends, greet him at the dock. While Nick is waiting for Charley later that afternoon in the lobby of the Parker House, Booker reappears. He introduces him to exotic Magda Calavestri. On parting, Calavestri presses something into his hand and whispers "Touch it."

THE AMULET  
III  
I LEFT Magda Calavestri and Booker standing there together and walked across the lobby to join Charley.

"Come," I said. "Let's get out of here."  
"Who on earth are those people?" he asked.  
"Never mind that now. Where's your car?"  
"Just around the corner. But I thought we might mull a bit over an old-fashioned."  
"Not here, Charley," I shook my head. "Let's go down to the yacht club."  
After Charley had his drink we sat in the lounge of winter quarters of the Sandy Point Yacht Club looking out over T wharf at the harbor lights. Except for two somewhat disgruntled cribbage players in the corner, we were alone. Charley had in his hand the object that Calavestri had given me. He held it up between his fingers and whistled softly.  
"Nicholas, Nicholas," he said and shook his head.  
I stared at the thing. It was a kind of gold amulet, shaped like a Maltese cross. In its center was set the most beautiful diamond I had ever seen—large and exquisitely cut. Fire-lights flashed out from the stone.  
"Nick, what do you suppose this is worth?" Charley asked.  
"A life or two," I said.  
Charley turned and stared.

irresponsibility. When he left us in the library, he looked thoughtful with an expression intended to convey parental sternness and said:  
"Well, Nicholas, now that you're back with us, I hope you've gotten over your little foolishnesses and are ready to settle down."  
I thought of Calavestri's amulet in my pocket and shuddered.  
Pat and I sat for a few moments in silence. Then she asked:  
"What did you do this afternoon, Nick?"  
"I slept."  
"Why?" Pat looked thoughtful.  
"Oh?"  
"I just wondered," Pat frowned. "I was thinking of that strange-looking chap at the pier. I thought perhaps you might have seen him again."  
"Who, Booker?" I took out my pipe and ran my thumb along the shiny grain of the bowl. "What makes you think that?"  
"Nothing," Pat made a gesture with her hands. "Just a woman's intuition."  
"As a matter of fact, I did see Booker," I said.  
"Pat was fingerin' the jeweled pendant of her necklace. Now her hand stopped and her knuckles whitened as she gripped the necklace tightly."  
"What about, Nick?"  
"I merely ran into him in the lobby of the Parker House."  
"Who is he anyway?"  
"A casual of the war, I guess. I think he was evacuated from the Low Countries."  
"He has the look of a jackal," Pat shuddered. "I don't like him."  
The doorman rang. In the silence we stared at each other and then I heard Simms as he crossed the hall. Pat and I at me carefully.  
"Oh," she said, "I forgot to tell you. That must be Eric. He asked if he might come over tonight."  
"Tonight?" I asked. "Did he know I was going to be here?"  
"Yes," Pat stood up and went to the cigar box on the table. She turned with a cigaret held in her fingers. "That's why he's coming. Have you a match?"

MAY FORM INTERNATIONAL FBI  
LONDON—(AP)—Formation of an international counterpart of the U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation to seek out and arrest war criminals and Nazis regarded as dangerous to the future peace was reported under consideration in responsible quarters Wednesday.

### MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority

I am doing the unusual today: running a hand that appeared in my column several weeks ago. Mrs. Glennie Tarbox of San Francisco discovered such a unique defense for this hand that I thought you ought to see it.

When the original hand was played, South cashed the king of diamonds and then led the ace.

3-21

♠ 7 5 4 3 2		♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ A Q 9 8		♥ K J
♦ Q J 10 7 2		♦ 9 8 2
♣ 9 4		♣ A 10 8 2
♠ J 10 5 6	W	♠ Q 7 6 2
♥ A Q 9 8	E	♥ K J
♦ Q J 10 7 2	S	♦ 9 8 2
♣ K 7 5	D	♣ A 10 8 2
Dealer		
♠ A K 5 4		
♥ 10 9		
♦ A K 6 5		
♣ J 6 3		

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South West North East  
1 ♦ Double Pass 1 ♠  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣  
3 ♣ 4 ♣ 4 ♣ 3 ♣  
4 ♣ 4 ♣ 4 ♣ 3 ♣  
Double Redouble Pass Pass  
Opening—♦ K. 21

PAT HUDSON'S place in Louisburg Square had about it the kind of homely elegance such as only people who are very sure of themselves can support. There were antimaccassars on all the chairs and sofas, and there was a Ming vase in the hall into which Mr. Hudson occasionally put his umbrella.  
I was punctual that night and Mr. Hudson remarked upon the fact somewhat caustically, as I had been customarily late. All during the meal he asked me pontifical questions about the war. But he did not listen to the answers. He assumed quite sensibly that 30 missions over Europe and an experience with a rocket bomb would throw little light upon the economic and financial affairs of Europe.  
He considered my 16 months in the air force a footless junket that was largely due to youth and

### Rep. Mansfield Invites Storm From Texans

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Mike Mansfield—a Montanan—is braced for a stormy rebuff by members of the Texas delegation to a speech he delivered Tuesday before the House.

Mike began the oration by declaring he thought Texans, "like Californians," are too modest. He figured somebody ought to give Texas due credit, and set about it.

"We all remember the furor created last year when a survey was undertaken among college students concerning their knowledge of American history.

### Goes to Senate



Republican Milton R. Young, above, "dirty farmer," and member of the North Dakota State Legislature for 19 years, was chosen by Gov. Fred Aandahl to fill the unexpired term of the late Democratic Sen. John Moses. Young's appointment ended rumors that former Sen. Gerald Nye might get the post.

### Grave Miscalculations Responsible For Meat Shortage In Country

By OVID A. MARTIN  
Associated Press Farm Writer  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Last summer and fall some Allied military leaders were saying that the war in Europe could end by Christmas.

Fearing surpluses, the WFA made no effort to bring about a substantial revival in meat production— which a return of plentiful feed supplies would have made possible. The agency kept in force the reduced price guarantees for hogs which it established earlier when feed became scarce and livestock liquidation became necessary.

Had They Planned  
Had food officials planned last September with the idea that the European war could continue well into 1945, they undoubtedly would have raised the hog price guarantee. This would have encouraged higher production later in 1944 and through 1945.

### PACKERS FOR FATTENED CATTLE, HAS BEEN TOO NARROW, EISED AGAIN

Last fall, when end of the European conflict appeared to some to be near at hand, WFA called upon farmers to reduce egg laying flocks and to plan fewer chickens for meat in 1945.

WFA was influenced by unhappy experience it had with an egg surplus in the spring of 1944.

Civilians could get all the meat they wanted then and consequently tended to eat fewer eggs. Now the situation has reversed. There is a shortage of meats and civilians are clamoring more eggs as a substitute for meats.

Yet this year's output of both eggs and poultry meat will be smaller than in 1944.

### Rep. Mansfield Invites Storm From Texans

1775—Paul Revere's ride. Paul's horse was from Texas.  
1776—Washington crosses the Delaware, piloted by a Texan.  
1845—The union joins Texas.  
1943—Texans fight Nazi tanks barehanded.  
1945—Texans get Hitler's goat at Berchtesgaden. Germany collapses. There wasn't any immediate answer from the Texans.

### Lt. Joe J. Hewett Receives Air Medal

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Second Lt. Joe J. Hewett Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Hewitt Sr., of Midland, Texas, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight."  
Flying as pilot in a 15th Air Force Liberator group, Lieutenant Hewett has participated in operations against many important and heavily-defended Nazi installations.

### SIDE GLANCES



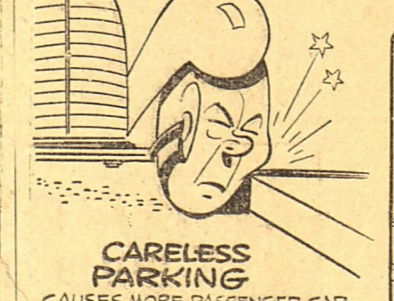
"It's not so strange for her to be crazy about a swoon-crooner—remember that opera opera I rescued you from who now weighs 200 pounds?"

### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



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UM—HAW! HOW'S THAT? BOXER VERSUS WRESTLER?—MY WORD, TWIGGS, THE VERY SCHEME IS HATCHING THIS MINUTE—YAS, HAR—RUMPH!

WHY DIDN'T I CONCEIVE THAT FIRST?

SOME HIGH-SPEED HATCHING =

### OUT OUR WAY

—By J. R. WILLIAMS

I THINK IT'S JUST A CHARLEY HORSE, MA'AM, BUT THEY'RE VERY PAINFUL AN' YOU CAN'T WALK ER. CARRY NOTHIN'! IT JIS COME ON HIM A FEW DOORS DOWN TH--

SHUT UP! YOU'RE OVERDOIN' IT! SHE'S MY SISTER, BUT SHE HAS SOME SENSE!

YEH, TH' FIRST THING YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE TELLIN' HER IT'S A CHARLEY HORSE TO KEEP FROM BEIN' A PACK HORSE!

BRIDGE CHAIRS TO GO BACK TO MAM!

THE 'DRAFT' DODGER

### BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

—By EDGAR MARSH

AT EASE, SMALL FRY! YOU'RE TALKING WITH CORAS COUSIN, PROF. WALDO WOTT—FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMP OF THE MIDWEST, NOW MUSCLE BUILDER DE LUXE!

WELL, CMON ANYWAY! BOY! IS AUNTIE C. DUE FOR A JOLT!

HOW ABOUT LENDING A HAND WITH THE LUGGAGE, CHUM?

### REFKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

—By MERRILL BLOSSEP

MOTHER, MAY I PUT ON MY BOBBY SOCKS?

YES, MY DARLING SWOONER!

YOU MAY PUT ON YOUR BOBBY SOCKS— BUT DON'T GO NEAR THE CROONER!

WHOO—OOO—OOOOOS!

LISTEN, SACKFACE, YOU AIN'T EVEN REMOTELY CUTE! DO YOU WANNA MAKE SOMETHIN' OF IT?

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### WASH TUBBS

—By LESLIE TURNER

IS THIS A GENUINE ABELARDO, RAMON?

GENERATIONS! MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS! WHEN THE NAZI CAME TO MY COUNTRY EET WAS ALL I SAVE! BUT NOW MY DEAR SEESTER STARVES AND I MUST SELL EET!

SO YOU STAGED A FAKE ACCIDENT TO AVOID SELLING THE PAINTING? I UNDERSTAND, RAMON, AND YOUR HONESTY IN CONFESSING SHOULD BE REWARDED.

I'LL BUY THE PAINTING AND KEEP IT UNTIL YOU CAN RAISE THE MONEY TO BUY IT BACK!

EET IS A MOST GENEROUS OFFER!

BUT OF COURSE, SINCE YOU TRICKED ME ONCE, I'LL HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS... I'LL HAVE IT EXAMINED BY AN EXPERT TO MAKE SURE IT'S GENUINE.

OF COURSE! TAKE EET TO AN EXPERT!

### RED RYDER

—By FRED HARMAN

I'VE KNOWN YOU TOO LONG TO TRUST YOU, ACE HANLON! DON'T GO FOR YOUR GUN!

I GOT NO GUN, RYDER—SEARCH ME!

I'M TIRED OF BEIN' HUNTED, SO I'M SURRENDERIN' TO YOU! I FIGURE YOU CAN HELP GET MY PRISON TERM SHORTENED!

I'M NOT PROMISIN' ANYTHIN'— HANLON, BUT YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE LOT OF A NERVE! COME ON, WE'RE GOIN' TO JAIL!

WAIT— I FEEL FUNNY— KINDA SUDDEN LIKE!

I TINED THOSE KNOCKOUT PILLS— JUST RIGHT!

### ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN

GADFRY, IT'S RAININ' EIGHT-BALLS AFTER A TOUGH DAY WITH LEMIAN AFFAIRS OF STATE, KING ALLEY OOP RETIRES TO DREAMLAND.

HOLY COW! I NEVER SAW SO MANY EIGHT-BALLS IN ONE PLACE BEFORE...

... AN' THEY'RE GETTIN' BIGGER ALL TH' TIME!

COOSH!



### Texas Tech Announces Football Schedule

LUBBOCK — (AP) — A ten-game football schedule has been arranged for Texas Tech, with the opener set for Sept. 22 with Southwestern University. Five Southwest Conference teams — Texas A. and M., Texas, Baylor, Rice and Texas Christian — will be played. The Red Raiders also will meet Tulsa and Oklahoma A. and M. in inter-sectional tilts. Other teams on the schedule are West Texas State and New Mexico University.

### Texan Corral 19 Nazi Prisoners With Cub

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY EAST OF THE RHINE — (AP) — Lt. J. C. Gaston of Corsicana, Texas, herded 19 prisoners to captivity on the First Army Bridgehead with a Cub observation plane. The Texan was on a mission with Lt. James O. Cox of Bradenton, Fla., when he saw a group of Germans in a field. The Germans made no hostile move, so Gaston swooped low over them and motioned toward the American lines. The prisoners started in the direction he pointed and he saw them safely in.

About 18 per cent of the clothing and equipment issued to troops overseas is clothing which has been reclaimed at overseas repair depots.

### Memories



### 'Rip' Sewell To Return To Pittsburgh

NEW YORK — (AP) — Truett "Rip" Sewell and his famous "blipper" pitch will be back with the Pittsburgh Pirates as usual this year. The veteran righthander, who won 21 games last season, signed his contract Tuesday. Training Front: Brooklyn — Manager Leo Durocher took the offer of President Branch Rickey that he would pay a bonus of \$1,000 if Leo would play second base for the first 15 games of the season. Detroit — Total of 21 players now in camp. Chicago White Sox — Bill Nagel back in majors for third time. Phillies — Pitchers Louis Luder and Charley Sproul and Catcher Andy Seminick signed. Braves — Boston Braves — Johnny Hutchings, 260-pound pitcher, hit home run in practice, but fell exhausted as he rounded third. Boston Red Sox — Outfielder Johnny Lazor, who also can catch, came to terms. New York Yankees — Hank Borowy, last year's 17-game winner, signed contract. St. Louis Cards — Lost Outfielder Danny Litwhiler who was inducted into Army.

### Small Flaws In Top Sprinters Matter Little

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Sports Editor DALLAS — (AP) — If sprinters who run 100 yards from 9:5 to 9:7 have any flaws they are bound to be negligible so far as the opposition is concerned. However, famed Charley Parker had one last year; his successor as Thomas Jefferson High School dash star — Perry Samuels — also shows one. Strangely they are entirely opposites. Parker usually got a slow start. His great speed and competitive spirit, however, made up for it, because he could pass any runner after 50 yards. Samuels' flaw is in the finish. He is trying to break himself of the habit of slowing down in the last 25 yards. May Have Answer: Bones Irvin, Thomas Jefferson coach, might have the answer to Perry's trouble. Bones says it may be that because Samuels always was beaten by Parker last year in the final 50 yards he just got in the habit of letting up when Charley passed him and is having difficulty in breaking himself of it this season, although he hasn't yet lost a race. One Top Race: We want a ringside seat when they run the half-mile in the State Interscholastic League meet this year. It's going to be one of the greatest races of all time. You have Rhea Nichols, the Adamson (Dallas) star who won at Austin last year; Don Sparks, the Fort Worth Tech ace who was regional champion in 1944 in the same meet with Nichols; and Gordon Moore of Jefferson (San Antonio). All three have been running the 800 in around 2:04.

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### Montague Tells Cattle Association Result Of Government Restriction

SAN ANTONIO — (AP) — Joe G. Montague, attorney for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, believes one billion more pounds of beef should have been produced during the past year. Speaking at a meeting of association directors here Tuesday, Montague said while 2,000,000 more head of cattle were slaughtered last year than in 1943, the 1944 kill produced a half-billion pounds less than in 1943, the 1944 kill produced a half-billion pounds less than in 1943. Montague said ceilings, based on the March, 1942, market price, compared with what he estimated as almost doubled prices on feed and 343 per cent higher labor costs. The resulting differential, he added, was so small as to destroy any incentive of cattlemen to produce better beef. Peppermint is a herbaceous perennial plant.

They tell this one on colorful Bully Gilstrap, Texas U football and basketball coach who will go out of his way for a laugh: It seems Ox Higgins, who operates a store in Austin, gave his pal, Bully, a \$9 shirt as a Christmas present. It wasn't the right size, however, and had to be exchanged. But Mrs. Gilstrap, who took the shirt to the store, couldn't find the size desired in the shirts of the \$9 range, so she selected a \$7 one. The next day Bully went to the store and said he wanted the \$2 difference! In West Texas: Out in Ector County the Junior American Legion baseball program is due to boom. Six former professional players, including two ex-big leaguers, are going to manage teams. Les Numamaker of Penwell, who played for Cleveland in 1920; Rollie Fairbairn of Odessa, who pitched for the White Sox in the same period; Fred Pipkin of Penwell, Max Thomas and John Butler of Odessa, former Texas Leaguers, and Jim Payne of Odessa, who once played in the Western League, have already started organizing teams. Other ex-pro players in that area also are reported interested in directing Legion nine. Snipe Conroy of Texon and Jodie Tate of Lamessa, who played in the Texas League, are expected to line up teams.

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**Mickey Cochran's Son Is Killed In Action**

LAKE FOREST, ILL. — (AP) — Pfc. Gordon Cochran, 20 year old son of Lt. Comdr. Gordon (Mickey) Cochran, former American League star catcher and manager, was killed in action Feb. 25 in Holland, his mother was notified by the War Department.

**Snead And Nelson Still Tied At Charlotte Open**

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — (AP) — Byron Nelson, the leading money winner this year and last, and Sammy Snead, leading tournament winner, continued their golf marathon Wednesday for the \$10,000 Charlotte Open title—a preview of their scheduled National Championship meeting in New York later this season. The two ace snappers who have won 10 of the 13 tournaments played on the winter circuit — Snead six and Nelson four—finished all square at the end of their first 18-hole playoff before some 3,000 customers Tuesday, after tying at 272 for the regulation 72 holes. Each had a 69, three under par. Neither Will Benefit: The players themselves decided on the extra 18 holes instead of going on to the 19th for a sudden death finish, although neither will benefit from the added game. The reasons were not hard to guess. Snead again was tiring in the stretch, having blown the tournament a second day in a row with a ball out of bounds on the 17th. Nelson, on the other hand, probably recalled that Snead had three birdies in four rounds on No. 1, the first playoff hole. He also remembers Snead beat him on the first extra hole in their playoff at Gulfport, Miss., last month, starting Sammy's streak that has now run to three in a row.

**Sports Roundup**  
By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK — (AP) — Van Garrison, Burlington, Ia., Hawk-Eye Gazette: "Nearly all the Big Ten basketball teams had lower average scores this season and the coaches are puzzled as to the reason. . . . That's easy? Chicago U served as a stooge last season to let the other nine quintets run up big scores. This year they were out."

**SPORTS BEFORE YOUR EYES**  
Freddie Corcoran, who runs the PGA show, picks Claude Harmon, former Orlando, Fla., pro, as the best newcomer making the winter golf tour. . . . Fred Voelkel, top-flight Brooklyn bowler, lost the tips he was repairing the other day. . . . The Newark Bears have signed a seven-foot pitcher, Ralph Siewert. He ought to be able to bear down.

**Coach Bob Feller Learns To Moan Early In Game**

By JIMMY JORDAN

GREAT LAKES, ILL. — (AP) — For a coach who's been on the job only 24 hours, Chief, Specialist Bob Rapid Robert) Feller can moan like a veteran. It was only Tuesday the Navy appointed Bob, Cleveland Indians' fireball artist a few years back, to head the Great Lakes baseball dynasty for 1945. Already he's worried about material, but he has more able-bodied and experienced players than many of the 16 major league clubs. The 26-year-old former pitching king of the American League is taking over his first managerial job right on the heels of a great season by Bluejacket diamond stars, who were managed by Lt. Comdr. Gordon (Mickey) Cochran, one of the all-time great catchers of the majors and former Detroit manager.

**Predicament To Be Solved Only By Police**

HELENA, MONT. — (AP) — Policeman Ben Lordeman received this call at headquarters: "I can't find my wife. She was in your custody Tuesday night and I'm leaving Thursday for the Army. I want to find out what to do with the baby for, as you know, you can't take it with you."

**COUNTS FOUR LETTERRMEN**  
SOUTH BEND, IND. — (AP) — Hugh Devore, Notre Dame's new football coach, counted four lettermen from the 1944 squad among the 54 candidates who reported for spring grid practice Tuesday.

**NOTICE**  
To Service Station Operators

City ordinances require service station operators to keep sand traps clean and provide penalties for putting waste oil in them as the practice clogs sewer lines. The ordinances also require operator to haul off waste oil and not pour it in streets or alleys.

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**Slacker Only Holds One Job At A Time**

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — "I wish some more young fellows would follow me out here and go to work," remarked 99-year-old Joseph Manning as he boarded a bus Tuesday for Clearfield Naval Supply Depot where he will work. Manning, who claims to be an ex-Indian fighter and Civil War veteran, applied at the U. S. Employment Office for war work last Friday but put off starting the job so he could attend a dance over the weekend. The longest river in the Netherlands East Indies is the Kapuas.

**Reinstatement Plea Of Brooklyn College Players Is Turned Down Monday**

NEW YORK — (AP) — Four of the five Brooklyn College basketball players, involved in the January gambling scandal, appealed to the board of higher education for reinstatement. The board, however, unanimously voted to uphold their expulsion. A single root will produce peppermint plants for about four years.

**Service Dept.**  
Capt. Alex Gordon of St. Louis was one of the standouts in the recent Assam Olympics, winning the 800 and mile and anchoring the winning relay team. But India won the meet largely because Ghuslan Mohamed, a barefooted craftsman, took the broad jump and placed second in the 220. . . . Boxing has become so popular at the Bainbridge Naval Training Center that athletic officers are planning a summer show and think it will jam the amphitheater that holds 17,000.

**Wailing**  
"I don't have near the players I should for the schedule we play," Feller said in an interview Wednesday. "You know, we plan to play every major league team at least once, and all eight American Association teams once each." But for a nucleus around which to build, Rapid Robert admits he has the veteran Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati Reds' pitcher; Outfielder Max Marshall of Cincinnati; Ken Keltner of the Cleveland Indians, who reached Great Lakes Tuesday; and possibly Dick Wakefield, who pulled Detroit to within a game of the American League pennant last year. Then, too, there'll be Bob Feller on the mound. "Yes, I'll pitch," he said. "I've been working out as much as possible and should be in pretty good shape by the time we start practice April 1.

**CARS COLLIDE**  
Little damage was caused Tuesday afternoon when a Chrysler and Chevrolet pickup collided on West Missouri near El Campo tourist court. The right head light and left front fender of the Chevrolet were damaged.