

21 NAZI DIVISIONS TRAPPED

Americans Advance Into Okinawa

Nine Mile Sector Secured With Only Minor Opposition

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor

A great force of American soldiers and infantrymen invaded Okinawa Island 325 miles from Japan Easter morning and virtually without seeing a Japanese soldier overran three airfields and a dozen towns and villages. Monday they held a nine-mile-long sector, three to five miles deep, on the west coast.

The operation was the largest of the amphibious Pacific war, supported by 1,400 ships and 1,500 carrier planes, and it met the lightest opposition the Japanese have put up against a major landing.

Completely overshadowed were advances throughout the Philippines where Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported 10,971 enemy dead were counted in the last five days. MacArthur's totals now list 307,000 Japanese dead and 30,000 U. S. casualties.

Tokyo reported the deaths of 14 more admirals in recent actions. Since last May approximately 110 Japanese admirals have died. The emperor reshuffled some of his ranking generals, naming Lt. Gen. Takeo Yasuda to head the air force. And he belatedly granted limited political rights to Korea and Formosa.

About 200 Superforts rained Tokyo early Monday raining bombs and incendiaries on the Nakajima aircraft factory. Tokyo claimed 15 were shot down.

The Okinawa landing was preceded by seizure last week of all eight islands of the Kerama group, lying 15 to 25 miles west of Okinawa in the center of the Ryukyu archipelago, and several islets just west of Okinawa. Heavy artillery from these islands supported the landings.

An estimated 60,000 to 80,000 Japanese soldiers garrisoned Okinawa. (Continued on page 2)

Humble Is Coring Below 10,409 Ft. On 1 Buchanan

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Buchanan, East Midland County wildcat, in Baldridge survey No. 22-692, was coring from 10,409 feet in lime.

Official report on the project since Saturday morning as released Monday follows:

Section at 10,315-388 feet was tested with a 5/8-inch bottom-hole choke and a 2,900-foot water blanket. The test was for 70 minutes. The well was shut in for 20 minutes.

There was a blow of air at surface during period. Sweet gas came to surface in 20 minutes after tool was closed.

Pipe Unloaded
When operator had pulled 28 stands of drill pipe, the pipe unloaded and blew gas for 10 minutes. Last 11 stands of the drill pipe contained foamy drilling mud, cut with distillate, or condensate. When all pipe except five stands had been pulled the pipe unloaded for eight minutes. Final recovery was about 1,600 feet of amber colored drilling fluid with some 52.79 gravity distillate.

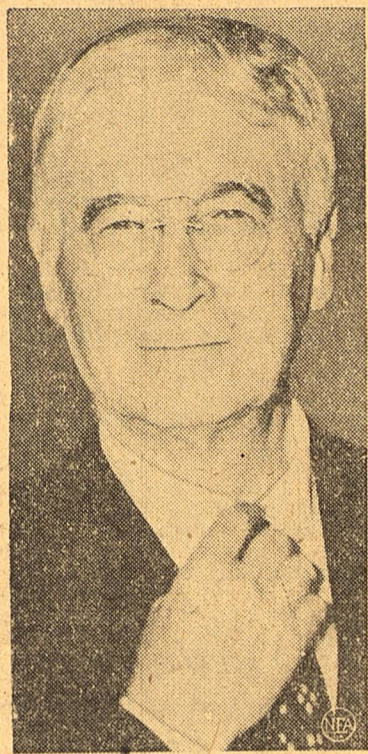
The well was then drilled from 10,388 feet to 10,390 feet, and after that a core was cut from 10,390-409 feet. Recovery in that core was seven feet of d-1 lime, with no indicated shows of production.

Heart For SE Martin
American Republics Corporation has filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill Mrs. Anna Boehmke, 330 feet from north and east lines of northeast quarter of section 34, block 35, TP survey, T-1-N, in Southeast Martin County, to 7,000 feet, starting by April 15.

The test will be six miles northeast of Stanton and is on a block of about 20,000 acres on which the company has been working for several months. Richmond Drilling Company, Midland, is the contractor.

Oscar Donley, Fort Worth, has filed application to drill No. 1 Ella P. and D. C. O. Wilson, 330 feet from south and east lines of southeast 10 acres in section 5, block 145, T&STL survey, about eight miles southeast of Baldridge, in (Continued On Page 2)

Baruch Abroad



Bernard M. Baruch, above, elder statesman and adviser of the President, has arrived in London on an as yet undisclosed White House mission, but reportedly to discuss with Prime Minister Churchill plans for occupying a rapidly disintegrating Germany.

FDR Accepts Resignation Of Byrnes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt accepted Monday the resignation of James F. Byrnes as director of war mobilization and reconversion, and picked Fred M. Vinson to succeed him.

Byrnes will stay on the job until Vinson's nomination is approved by the Senate. Then he will break Vinson into his new duties.

It was the second change of jobs for Vinson in less than a month. On March 6 he was nominated federal loan administrator. Prior to that date he was director of economic stabilization.

Submitted March 24

Byrnes had submitted his resignation on March 24, while preparing a report to President Roosevelt and Congress which outlined the plans he has developed for reconversion after Germany's collapse.

The report was dated Sunday and Byrnes had hoped to leave office Monday.

Vinson worked closely with Byrnes while serving as stabilization director.

Before that, Vinson was a judge on the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Earlier he served a long term as a representative from Kentucky.

"Heartfelt Regret"
Roosevelt said it was with "heartfelt regret" that he had received Byrnes' resignation.

He said he had no alternative other than to accept, but requested the former Supreme Court justice and senator from South Carolina to make the resignation effective when Vinson qualifies for the job.

After turning over the reins to Vinson, Byrnes plans to take a rest at his home at Spartanburg, South Carolina. An aide said he had "absolutely no plans" made after that.

Disastrous Floods Threaten Northeast Texas Communities

By The Associated Press

The threat of disastrous flood deepened in Northeast Texas Monday with the business district of one town under water and hundreds of persons rendered homeless by raging streams.

The United States Weather Bureau at Shreveport reported that from all indications the worst flood on record was developing in the area drained by the Little, Red, Sulphur and Cypress Rivers.

Waist Deep
At Jefferson, the entire business district was covered with water and was waist deep in some places. Families living in the main part of the town evacuated their homes. Buildings had been sandbagged but did not hold.

River Gauger R. C. Conner said the Cypress River was about 30 feet Monday morning.

Only one highway—49 to Avinger and Hughes Springs—was open and water was over railroad tracks.

The flood area includes the Texas-Arkansas-Louisiana corner.

Russians Battle For Neudorf

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW — (P) — Russian forces battled for Neudorf, three miles east of the Messerschmitt assembly center of Wiener Neustadt in Austria Monday.

Other Soviet columns smashed within 20 miles of Vienna and drove hard against Germans in the Bratislava gap. (London dispatches said the Bratislava radio went silent and unconfirmed reports said the Russians had made a 13-mile dash to the outskirts of that capital of the puppet state of Slovakia less than 30 miles east of Vienna.)

Spearheads of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army pounded gap fortifications from the south between captured Sopron on the Neusiedler See and Wiener Neustadt, and pushed into the Ilietha Mountains farther north. The Russians drove within eight miles of Wiener Neustadt, and were only four miles from the vital railway linking Vienna with Northern Italy.

Moving Down Karpaty
East of Bratislava, troops of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army were moving down the Karpaty Mountains, west of Trnava and within 12 miles of the capital of Slovakia.

Another Russian column fought for the railway junction of Lanschutz, only eight and a half miles west of Bratislava and five miles east of Sz'nc.

More than 32,150 Nazi prisoners surrendered in the last 24 hours as Tolbukhin advanced 15 miles Sunday in one of the swiftest operations of the war on the Eastern Front.

Premier Stalin announced in one of three orders of the day that the long-encircled Ored River citadel of Glogau, 53 miles northwest of Breslau, had fallen with a total of 8,000 German prisoners, after a seven-week siege.

Other Tolbukhin troops fighting north of the Yugoslav border in Southern Hungary advanced on a 26-mile front between Lake Balaton and the Drava River, capturing at least 60 towns and villages.

(The German radio, meanwhile, said that 450,000 Russian troops had opened an all-out assault against defenses along the Oder River. Berlin's lin said Third White Russian Army divisions had taken up positions opposite Berlin after marching from East Prussia.)

This set the stage for another possible crisis in a month, but both miners and operators were hopeful they could work out a new contract before then. Negotiators planned to resume their conferences Monday.

If Monday's conference should determine that further collective bargaining were hopeless, the WLB would be asked to take over the whole show in an effort to resolve the case by May 1.

Weather

MIDLAND AND VICINITY
Clear Monday afternoon with strong winds. Temperature scheduled to drop to near freezing during night. T & S adv. cloudy and much cooler with the possibility of light rains.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

• **WESTERN FRONT:** Allies battle to wipe out Germans trapped in Ruhr, fight into Kassel and Fulda.

• **EASTERN FRONT:** Russians close on Wiener Neustadt and Bratislava Gap; Berlin reports heavy assault on Stettin.

• **ITALIAN FRONT:** Artillery exchanges and patrol actions on land front.

• **PACIFIC FRONT:** U.S. 10th Army infantrymen and Marines invading Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan.

Vienna-Bound



Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin, above, commands the Third Ukrainian Army Group, first Red Army unit across the Austrian border in the drive toward Vienna.

Nazi Commander Begg Yank POWs To Please Leave

By THOBURN WIANT

NEAR SIEGENHAIN, GERMANY
—(P)—Harshly treated American prisoners played sick, stalled for time and so exasperated the German commandant who had ordered them evacuated ahead of the approaching Third Army that he begged for 50 volunteers to leave the camp to uphold his prestige.

They ignored his request and 1,277 Americans captured in the Belgian bulge battle last winter were among 5,000 prisoners freed from the barbed wire enclosure when the Sixth Armored Division arrived.

The Americans, who came from almost every state in the union, had lost 25 to 40 pounds a man during 3 1/2 months as prisoners on a semi-starvation diet.

Supermen Wait For Parachuting Yanks To Land To Surrender
WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY —(P)—Lt. William Emerick of North Collins, N. Y., was piloting a Piper Cub Sunday for artillery observer Capt. Jan's E. Mahan, Chickasha, Okla., when they were pounced on by a flight of German fighter planes.

Deciding they were no match for the Nazi fighter planes, they bailed out and when they scrambled down from a tree found 20 German soldiers dutifully waiting to surrender.

Texas Airmen In Nazi Prisons Organize Club
BEAUMONT —(P)—Texas airmen held in Stalag Luft No. 1 German prison camp have formed an organization called "The Texas Fraternity of Combat Airmen" and sent the constitution of the association to Gov. Coke R. Stevenson with a request for a charter.

Boy Scouts Collect Twenty Tons Of Paper
An estimated 40,000 pounds of waste paper was collected by Midland's Boy Scouts and Cubs Friday afternoon, Saturday and Monday morning.

The rain Saturday interfered with collection of the paper in the residential district, but the Scouts and Cubs made up for the interference by going to work again Monday morning.

They have done a wonderful job and deserve the thanks of all citizens of Midland," Clint Dugan, county salvage chairman, said.

Humane Treatment For Japanese ? ?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of the Manila atrocity stories herein summarized were reported by The Associated Press as they were discovered during the fighting in the city. The following is a summation as compiled by American military units and sworn to by civilians who survived them or by soldiers who discovered them. The complete reports, most of them in affidavit form, were disclosed Tuesday.)

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA —(P)—Captured Japanese documents bearing dates between last Dec. 23 and February 14 strongly suggested Monday that the wholesale atrocities on civilians in Manila were the result of battle orders issued to the Japanese garrison.

The atrocities were not, the reports indicated, the work of isolated groups of Japanese who took matters into their own hands, although at the time a good many of them so appeared.

Included in the documentary reports were Nipponese documents and orders captured by soldiers of the U. S. Army's 14th Corps, some of them mimeographed and bound.

One Japanese message book contained the following order issued to the Kobayashi group, then inside the walled Intramuros, on Feb. 13: "... Will Be Put to Death"

"All people on the battlefield with the exception of Japanese military personnel, Japanese civilians and special construction units will be put to death."

The following is a paragraph from a Japanese battalion order dated Feb. 8, captured in the Intramuros by 14th Corps soldiers: "When Filipinos are to be killed, they must be gathered into one place and disposed of with the consideration that ammunition and manpower must not be used to excess. Because the disposal of dead bodies is a troublesome task, they should be gathered into houses which are scheduled to be burned or demolished. They should also be thrown into the river."

Most Brutal In History
Some of the cases rival the most brutal of history's inquisitions and tortures. Perhaps the most horrible (Continued On Page 2)

British Second Closes On North Coastal Ports

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS —(P)—The American First and Ninth armies have trapped 21 divisions of 110,000 first-line enemy troops in the Ruhr and the British Second Army, driving swiftly northeast, threatened Monday to throw a noose about another whole army group in Holland, reducing German strength in the west by two-thirds.

The Ninth Army has driven 100 miles east of the Rhine, well past the Ruhr and its vast steel and coal works. The Third Army, rambling swiftly and almost at will over Central Germany, crashed into Kassel and Fulda and drove within 155 miles of Berlin and 198 of the Russian lines in the east in a mighty campaign to bisect Germany.

The British Second Army, wheeling toward the North German ports, plunged to the outskirts of Lengerich, 20 miles northeast of the Westphalian capital of Muenster and 122 from Hamburg. Lengerich is 74 miles from Bremen and 217 from Berlin.

American and British armored troops crashed into the Westphalian capital of Muenster (pop: 143,748) and the Tommies cut the Dortmund-Ems canal—major German inland waterway—in at least two places near Reisenbeck and farther east.

Lt. Gen. Miles S. Dempsey's British and Scottish troops fought into the Teutoburg Forest near Bielefeld (128,700) drove from captured Rheine to within 12 miles of the traffic center of Osnabrueck (89,000), 67 miles west of Hannover.

LCI 974 Is Lost In Philippines
WASHINGTON —(P)—Loss of the LCI 974 in the Philippine area as a result of enemy action was announced Monday by the Navy.

Sinking of the vessel brought to 278 the announced number of Navy craft sunk, overdue and presumed lost or destroyed to prevent capture since the start of the war.

The move was coupled with cancellation by the agency of a subsidy reduction to these slaughterers scheduled to go into effect Sunday. Elimination of the slated 50-cent cut—from 80 to 30 cents a hundred pounds—was a direct result of the court's finding that the non-processor packers were not breaking even financially under present ceilings and the higher subsidies.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles, in a weekend statement, said OPA nevertheless was convinced that the 80-cent subsidy is "more than sufficient."

Diplomats In Spin Over Polish Problem
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON —(P)—United States diplomats are working at top speed to avoid a showdown with Russia over Polish participation in the San Francisco United Nations Conference.

High officials here hope the Polish National Unity government agreed upon at Yalta in February still may be set up in time to resolve the controversy.

Should it appear in the next few days that this hope might be transformed into a probability with additional time, the opening date of the conference may be delayed two or three weeks beyond April 25.

Oh Well, We All Make Mistakes
IWO JIMA —(P)—There came a time when Marine First Lieutenant W. E. Trantham of Alice, Texas, regretted his technique for cleaning out Jap pillboxes—that of tossing in a couple of grenades and then spraying the inside with sub-machine gun bullets from the nearest opening.

Once after this special treatment he found the Japs had fled —his "victims" were two cases of Jap beer.

Road To Berlin
By The Associated Press
Eastern Front: 32 miles (from Zellin).
Western Front: 155 miles (from beyond Kassel).
Italian Front: 544 miles (from Reno River).

west, the 15th Army and portions of the battered First Parachute Army. 4,000 Square Mile Bag
In the 4,000 square mile Ruhr bag are five tank, ten infantry, two parachute and four other divisions of Volkstrum and Volksgrenadier troops. Model was believed to have escaped before the Second and Third (Continued On Page 2)

England Losing Fear Of Future V-Bombing
LONDON —(P)—Hope that Great Britain's long months of V-bomb terror raids have ended sprang up in London Monday.

An official announcement said that not a single vengeance weapon had landed anywhere in England since last Thursday night and additional reports poured in of attempted Nazi troop withdrawals from Northern Holland, location of the V-bomb launching sites.

Car License Sale Totals 4,094 Plates
A total of 4,094 automotive vehicle licenses for 1945 had been issued at the office of County Tax Assessor-Collector J. H. Fine when he closed his office Saturday night.

A total of 3,384 passenger car licenses were issued: 460 commercials, 148 farm, 17 motorcycles, 85 trailers and two dealer plates.

15th Air Force Blasts German Rail Lines
ROME —(P)—The U. S. 15th Air Force, attacking in Austria and Yugoslavia Sunday to disrupt German rail traffic to the Russian front knocked the Maribor rail bridge out of service temporarily. The rail bridge near Ybbs, 60 miles west of Vienna, also was damaged heavily by Lightnings and all through rail lines to Linz were reported out.

San Francisco
SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)—American assault forces landed at 8:25 p. m. Sunday night, Japanese time, (7:25 a. m. Sunday CWT) on the southern tip of Kume Island, 52 miles west of invaded Okinawa in the Ryukyus, the Tokyo radio reported Monday.

London
LONDON —(AP)—The German communique said Monday that fighting had broken out on the "Forgotten Front" in the France-Italy border region and Allied troops had gained a "small foothold" on Petit St. Bernard, just south of Mont Blanc.

Formation of German Guerrilla Bands
LONDON —(AP)—Formation of German guerrilla bands called werewolves was proclaimed Sunday night by Berlin, and the Moscow radio commented Monday: "The wolf hunt is on—good hunting."

Rome
ROME —(AP)—Allied warships raked German positions along the French-Italian frontier, including the harbor of San Remo, as the long lull on the Italian land front continued, Allied Headquarters announced Monday.

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Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes and see what is this that goeth forth.—Zechariah 5:5.

'Miscalculation' By High Command

Among the less evident contributors to the present food crisis are Field Marshal von Rundstedt, the American soldiers who diverted gasoline to the black market last summer, and the Frenchmen who bought it.

This was made clear, though not in so many words, by a member of Parliament in a recent speech before the American Chamber of Commerce in London. Capt. Leonard Gammans, the M. P., said that ships which, in the light of present circumstances, might be carrying supplies for the British, French, Dutch and Belgians, have been diverted to the Pacific. And the reason is that the Allied High Command foresaw the end of the European war in 1944.

The High Command seems to have been as hopeful of the breakthrough in France last summer as were the civilians back home. Obviously the loss of great quantities of fuel helped put the brakes to that swift mechanized advance. Then, after the promising conquest of Aachen, came Rundstedt's Belgian Bulge offensive.

Those were the two major disappointments in an otherwise brilliantly successful year. And somewhere along the line, either before them or despite them, the High Command evidently decided that the war against Japan, the war that had to wait, could start picking up momentum.

Result of the consequent transfer of many vessels to the Pacific area is apparent in the tightening of food shipments to Europe. And while the shipping crisis isn't the whole story of the food problem, it is a big factor and a regrettable one.

But if we can see the unhappy result of this shift in less food for Europe's hungry millions, we can also see its heartening military result in the Pacific. And while it seems heartless to have to make the choice, it can scarcely be denied that the decision which brings victory closer is of first importance.

Stepping up the Pacific war has certainly hastened the day of Japan's downfall, even though the decision that set it in motion may have been something of a miscalculation. It is scarcely necessary to say that without the new flow of supplies, the victories on Luzon, Mindanao, Panay and Iwo Jima would not have come so soon, nor would the raids on Japan's naval strength and war production have been so punishing.

The High Command's "miscalculation" has put the United States in command of Japan's air, and of her east-coast approaches almost to the shores of the home islands. It has dealt her navy another crippling blow, and played havoc with her supply routes. And while the great crucial battle with Japan's main army has still to be fought, Japan has already received the mortal wounds which she must carry into that battle.

Buy War Bonds and Savings Stamps

A Big Job

When William M. Jeffers stepped down as rubber director, it was with the assurance that the rubber problem had been licked. Japan's greatest triumph, the conquest of virtually all our sources of natural rubber, had finally been neutralized by our swift development of a synthetic industry.

That was encouraging and true as far as it went. But today, though the rubber problem is licked, the tire shortage is more acute than ever. Scarcity of cotton and rayon cord, carbon black, natural rubber and manpower, together with constantly increasing military demands, has made the situation more critical than ever.

Into this spot steps John L. Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich Co., as special director of rubber programs. And with all respect to Jeffers and his successor, Colonel Dewey, it is comforting to know that an experienced executive from the rubber industry is now in charge.

Collyer has been in the industry for 23 years. He was one of the leaders in the prewar movement for a government-sponsored synthetic rubber program. He has served as adviser to the State Department in international rubber conferences in the last two years.

It is a tremendously important job that Collyer has to do, and it must be done quickly. But we think the job is in good hands, and we wish him luck.

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An Unbelievable Record

If anyone wants to get an idea of what the American oil industry has done during the war emergency, let him look at one of our new bombers, the largest in the world. It carries four 2,600-h.p. engines and a load of 10,480 gallons of gasoline.

If you feel you are a little abused in not being able to get all the gas you want, think of thousands of such bombers, plus tens of thousands of smaller fighting planes. Then think of the tanks and ships that must be fueled with oil.

When you realize the demand that all this equipment in our armed services makes on our oil industry, you will begin to wonder how you get any gasoline at all. And yet the oil industry has kept everything rolling, in addition to "oiling" not only our own military requirements, but a large part of the requirements of our allies.

It has done an unprecedented job, and its production in the face of untold difficulties will go down as another outstanding monument to American initiative and enterprise.

Bluebirds In The Springtime



Humane -

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is contained in the report of atrocities at Fort Santiago, inside the Intramuros, sworn to by Col. J. D. Frederick, commander of the 129th Infantry of the 37th Division.

Probing in the rubble of the destroyed fort, Frederick and his men found a dungeon-like room partially below ground whose only exits were sealed by two seven-foot steel doors bolted from the outside.

Inside, they found the decomposing bodies of between 250 and 300 Oriental civilians. The only window in the five-foot thick walls was partially sealed.

Frederick thinks most of the victims starved to death, but that some of them suffocated. Thirty bodies were sprawled around the steel doors. They died trying to force the doors.

Throughout the Intramuros Frederick and his men found smaller piles of corpses, of both sexes, many with their hands bound and bearing bayonet wounds.

Carolina Coruna, 22-year-old student nurse working in St. Paul's Hospital, related in an affidavit that early in February the Japanese issued leaflets ordering civilians to remain in their homes under penalty of death and set up machineguns at street intersections.

"Twice I was an actual eyewitness at the killing of an estimated 75 to 100 civilians."

Women Were Slaughtered
Women of the victims who ran up to the firing squad to plead for mercy were likewise killed.

Major David V. Binkley of the 37th Division surgeon's office viewed the remains of 45 women killed in a group at a residence on Taft Ave. He said there was evidence of assault and that several of the women were bayoneted through the genital organs.

Dr. Walter Frankel, Manila surgeon, attested to surviving the wholesale burning of a group of persons in a Pasay district home. He said the Japanese bound the victims, huddled them in kneeling positions toward the walls, piled furniture around them and doused it with gasoline. Before the torch was applied, several men, women and children were shot for trying to arise.

One was Frankel's wife. He said her blood "flowed in streams over me on my left side, over my shirt. I shall keep it forever in that condition."

A few managed to escape after the fire was set when a Filipino house girl got into the room and freed them.

Livestock

FORT WORTH —(P)—Cattle 2,500; calves 800; active, steady; good and choice steers and yearlings 14.25-15.50; common to medium steers and yearlings 10.00-14.00; medium to good beef cows 10.00-12.50; good and choice fat calves 12.25-14.25; common to medium calves 9.50-13.00; stocker and feeder calves and yearlings, medium to good, 11.00-14.00; stocker yearling steers weighing about 550 lbs. 14.00; heifers of same class 13.00; replacement cows 8.00-11.00.

Hogs 600; active; steady; good and choice hogs in heavy-weights continued at ceiling 14.55; lighter weights 14.00-50; sows mostly 13.80; stocker pigs 13.00 down.

Sheep 1,500 active; strong; good and choice 103 lb. woolled lambs 15.50; common lambs 13.00; very few spring lambs offered; clipped lambs 14.25 down; common and medium ewes 7.00-7.50; good woolled ewes 8.50.

Advertise or be forgotten.

Study Annual Wage

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Whether Uncle Sam will see to it that every employed person will have a guaranteed annual wage is the problem to be tackled by the four people pictured above. An advisory committee to James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization and reconversion, they are: Upper left, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, New York regional manpower director; right, Philip Murray, CIO president; lower left, Eric A. Johnston, president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; right, Albert S. Goss, manager, farmers' National Grange.



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Quarter Of Million Texans Drive Illegally

AUSTIN —(P)—More than a quarter of a million Texans are driving automobiles without valid drivers licenses, Director Homer Garrison of the Department of Public Safety said Monday.

Garrison said this was not a deliberate, wholesale violation, but was a condition that resulted from neglect. Drivers have failed to observe the expiration dates on their licenses.

Ordinary drivers licenses expire two years from date of issue; chauffeurs and commercial operator's licenses expire one year from date of issue. Sporadic renewals bring an uneven labor load on the drivers license division, and all drivers were asked to make regular checks of expiration dates.

Application blanks for renewals are available at drivers license and highway patrol offices, courthouses, and at some city halls, fire stations and service stations.

Navy Airmen Rescued Off California Coast

SAN FRANCISCO —(P)—Seven Navy airmen and their pet dog were safe Monday at the Alameda Naval Air Station after being rescued Sunday from 35-foot breakers off a San Francisco ocean beach within sight of thousands of Easter holiday vacationers.

Their plane—a Martin Mariner inbound from Hawaii—was forced down by motor trouble less than 35 miles from their destination and the crew credited the pilot with saving their lives in the dangerous landing.

Junior High P-TA Meet

Junior High School P-TA will meet Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the school music room.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is believed to have a greater variety of plant life than any other section of the world, more than 1,500 varieties.

Balmy Weather Is One Of Greatest Assets Of Texas

By JACK RUTLEDGE, Associated Press Staff

Maybe this isn't the right time to bring it up, but the climate of Texas is considered possibly its greatest natural resource. It says so on page 123 of the Texas Almanac.

Texas' climate is mild, on the average, with a relatively low humidity and a high percentage of sunny days.

Its occasional antics, like the recent stormy period and current floods, actually help both crops and livestock. Floods, for example, enrich soil.

Compare storms of the past with those of today. The 1945 version was mild:

Back in September, 1921, a rain-storm moved inland from the Gulf of Mexico and dumped a record 17 inches of rain on Taylor, Williamson County. Thirteen inches fell the following day. Damage was \$17,000,000 and 224 lives were lost. August 17, 1915, a three-day storm brought 13.5 inches of rain to San Augustine, damaged Galveston and other points to the tune of \$50,000,000 and took 275 lives.

And then there was the Galveston hurricane, Sept. 8-9, 1900. Between 5,000 and 8,000 lives were lost. No one ever knew the exact toll. The Corpus Christi storm, Sept. 14, 1919 killed 284 persons, and the Valley hurricane in September, 1933, was no pikier—damage was \$50,000,000.

Floods have been costly, too. A Brazos River flood June and July, 1899, followed a 33-inch rainfall and took 35 lives. Another Brazos flood in 1913 killed 180, caused \$8,000,000 damage.

Speaking of rain, in July 1933 a Gulf storm caused rain that averaged (averaged, mind you) 7 inches over an area of 84,000 square miles. We could go on and on (with the help of the Almanac). The weather may look bad Monday, but is it?

Dateline: PACIFIC

By JAMES HUTCHESON

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON CORREGIDOR —(P)—The top of famed, tunneled Malinta Hill on Corregidor is a small spot. Two companies of the 34th Regiment's Third Battalion occupied it at the end of the first mad dash upward after the landing on "The Rock."

By coincidence, the commanders of both companies were from the same Illinois county. They didn't go into the Army together; they hadn't even known each other until they drifted into the same outfit. But there they were, virtual neighbors back home, sitting together on top of hundreds of Japanese perched in Malinta's network of tunnels.

One was Lt. Lewis F. Sterns, Champaign, Ill., the other Lt. Paul J. Cain, Ivesdale, Ill. Special Significance

To Sterns there was a special sentimental significance to the storming of Malinta, on which his company played the way. He explained it this way:

"You remember Colonel William E. Dyess, who survived the Bataan march of death and was one of the men who told the story of the Japanese atrocities. (He later was killed in an airplane crash in the United States.)

"Well, Mrs. Dyess is the publisher of my home town paper in Champaign. I fell like I am helping give her a present in partial payment for what she had to suffer."

Cpl. Joseph W. Sinclair, Presque Isle, Maine, a veteran of 14 years in the Army, was on Corregidor for three years. He left Oct. 12, 1941. Hundreds of the men with whom he served were on "The Rock" when the Japanese came.

The second day after he returned to Corregidor with the new army of liberation, he found a neglected little array of bones. He picked up the battered, corroded identifying "dog tag" that lay beside them. It bore the name of a Corregidor friend.

at 6,931-7,050 feet, for 45 minutes and recovering 25 feet of drilling mud, with no shows of oil, gas or water.

Old Soak



"One beer, please, no chaser," is an order of the day for "Ruby," pet cat and favorite entertainer at the Billy Goat Tavern, in Chicago, Ill. Here owner Bill Sianis has "set one up on the house" for puss.

T&P General Report Reveals Substantial Revenue Increases

DALLAS —(P)—The Texas and Pacific Railway carried 112,367 more passengers, and much more freight, in 1944 than the preceding year. President J. L. Lancaster said in his annual report released Monday.

Operating revenues increased \$9,335,100 to \$80,002,745. Operating expenses were \$45,921,333, an increase of \$5,108,646.

Freight revenue was \$52,100,370, after reserving \$1,056,000 for government transportation adjustments, an increase of \$8,131,021. Revenue from the 4,941,941 passengers was \$21,081,932, with \$180,000 reserved for adjustments. This was an increase of \$889,721.

Maintenance expenses were \$22,243,349, a gain of \$2,408,472. Of this \$10,926,137 was for maintaining roadway and structures and \$11,317,155 for equipment.

Americans -

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narrow 65-mile-long potential air and naval base for American strikes against Japan, occupied China and Formosa. But sporadic mortar and artillery fire and one brief tank clash was the only opposition they offered to perhaps 100,000 Americans who waded ashore upright, behind amphibious tanks.

"This is grave," said Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., commander of the newly-created Tenth Army. "We expected a tough time."

Japanese troops apparently withdrew to the rugged hills and Buckner, who led the 7th Infantry Division in its conquest of Attu, warned, "Undoubtedly we will have a tough time ahead."

Veterans Major Gen. Roy S. Geiger, whose Third Marine Amphibious Corps is part of Buckner's command, added, "Maybe the Japs have something up their sleeve."

British -

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divisions slammed shut the tight steel trap on Easter Sunday.

The trapped Germans thrashed about looking for a weak spot they could not find.

Farther south, the Seventh Army threatened the great Nazi shrine city of Nuremberg from positions 45 miles away, as well as Stuttgart. The Third Army in the center threw tanks within 95 miles of Leipzig and 82 of Czechoslovakia.

Enschede, captured by the British, is 98 miles from Bremen and 196 from the port of Wilhelmshaven.

Rhine is on the Ems River 17 miles inside Germany from Holland, 80 miles from Bremen and 135 from Hamburg. Its vast railyards have frequently been bombed.

Bombed Into Ruins
Gronau is close to Enschede and between that Dutch city of 90,289 and Rheine, Enschede was Field Marshal Johannes "Blaskowitz" headquarters, which were bombed into ruins last week.

The U. S. Ninth Army was disclosed to be clearing up the difficult fuit up Ruhr area north of the Emser canal, connecting Duisburg with the Dortmund-Ems canal—perhaps the most important artificial waterway in Germany except for the Kiel canal.

A dispatch from Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army Group headquarters said:

"The German situations in the west is falling apart to badly that the possibility of an attempt to transfer some divisions from the east isn't excluded, despite the sorry German situation in the east."

Gas Conservation Bill Up For Hearing

AUSTIN —(P)—Dead for the general session of the 49th Legislature Monday was a bill prohibiting cities from further use of parking meters without a vote of the people.

In the Senate, the rules were suspended to permit introduction of a compromise gas conservation bill by Sen. J. Franklin Spears of San Antonio.

This was the measure worked out in conference by members of the Oil and Gas industry and the Railroad Commission, aimed at stopping waste of flare or casinghead gas, and to promote recovery of hydrocarbons.

It will be considered at a public hearing here Thursday.

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Rainfall For March Is Above Average
March ended with 74 of an inch of rainfall, .09 of an inch more than the 23 year average precipitation for the month.
The rain ceased in time for Midland citizens to enjoy a clear Easter Sunday.
Reports gathered at the AAA office indicate the rain was general over the county.

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Society

Off to Russia



Mrs. Winston Churchill, above, wife of Britain's Prime Minister, plans a month's visit in Russia to inspect hospital facilities and methods of treating battle casualties. Mrs. Churchill said she is going as a "private individual on a good-will visit."

Women Assigned To New Circles At Presbyterian Church

Members for the new roll lists for the six circles of the Presbyterian Auxiliary have been released.

Ruth Circle: Mrs. Vern Cubit, chairman; Mrs. J. M. Devereux, co-chairman, and Mmes. John Elliott, Karl Elliott, J. G. Abernathy, W. M. Osborn, J. G. Harper, Arthur Stout, L. C. Link, D. M. Secor, W. B. Denson, John Hills, R. L. Miller, R. L. Foulks, J. H. Roberts, Ora Hozgral, K. Erockerson, L. T. Boynton, J. E. Martin, Minter King, Joe Seymour, Earnest Sidwell, J. E. Simmons, O. M. Luton, Frank Downey, Harry Sisson, J. P. Shreeves, D. R. Dickson and Miss Laura Hitchcock.

Dorcas Circle: Mrs. Ebb White, chairman; Mrs. B. Knickerbocker, co-chairman, and Mmes. E. W. Anguish, J. B. Richards, Andrew Fasken, E. C. Hitchcock, C. W. Ledebur, A. W. Putnam, Charles L'hrer, Sam Farhan, C. A. McHale, Charles Little, W. E. Rancu, Bill Collins, Mildred Dickerson, C. W. Dodson, J. A. Lash, E. R. Osburn, George Kroenlein, Hazen Wood, Frank Wolcott, W. W. LaForce, Richard Prather, N. A. Lancaster, William Simpson, S. R. McKinney, R. C. Pickel, Gilbert H. Northey, J. E. Hogan, Karl Keidenbach, S. S. Shine and Harvey Sloan.

Rachel Circle: Mrs. N. E. Winter, chairman; Mrs. T. R. Wilson, and Mmes. M. B. Bell, H. H. Hopper, John Drummond, J. M. Armstrong, W. P. Knight, A. B. Cather, Y. D. McMurry, Lena Cshorn, H. L. Johnson, W. G. Whitehouse, W. B. Standefer, P. W. Morrison, R. DeChicche, Frank Midkiff, R. E. Young, J. C. Roberts, L. G. Mackey, Nell Staten, John Redfern, G. W. Herring, Perry Collins, H. E. McRae, H. L. Scott, Ed Watts, W. C. Fritz and W. C. Lansford.

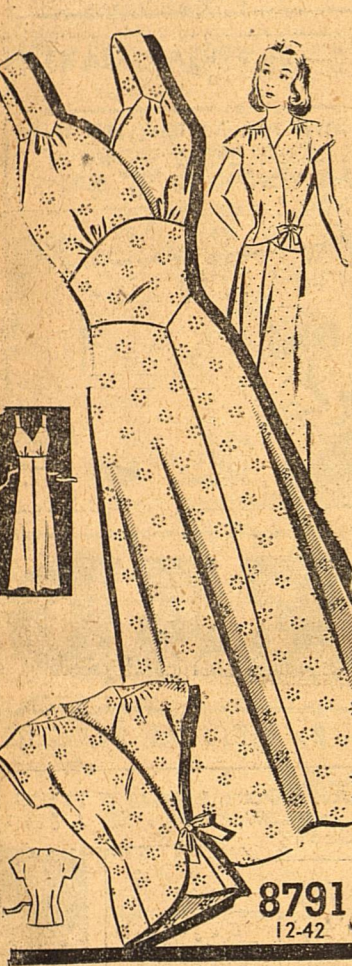
Rebecca Circle: Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, chairman; Mrs. Nelson Puetz, co-chairman, and Mmes. G. T. Abell, R. C. Crabb, R. M. Carroll, B. H. Hutsell, J. M. Hawkins, H. K. McKinnon, Frank Stubbeman, Robert Wood, Ralph Pickett, Richard Peters, Lloyd Mills, C. T. Hartwell, Grace McClure, C. E. Pritchard, J. G. Tamsitt, J. P. H. McMullen, B. R. Forman, Maude Leonard, M. J. McKinney, Hayden Miles, S. S. Shinson, E. G. Bedford, W. B. Neley, Olin Fryer, Ridge, Latham, Al Cowden, Don Knight and Miss Lydie Watson.

Esther Circle: Mrs. J. L. Green, chairman; Mrs. Harry Adams, co-chairman, and Mmes. C. S. Longcope, Fred Turner, Alan Leeper, R. A. Doran, L. G. Byerley, L. B. Park, N. M. Raun, J. L. Kendrick, R. M. Jones, N. D. McKee, P. R. Pattison, Ray Pool, Clinton Cuyler, C. A. Tanner, W. G. Henderson, J. H. McClure, W. Y. Penn, L. G. Berry, J. S. Merrivether, A. E. Lynch, C. R. Spivey, Jack Ellington, M. L. Hall, Thomas B. Hooks, T. E. Allen, Joe Dobson and Miss Iola Hopkins.

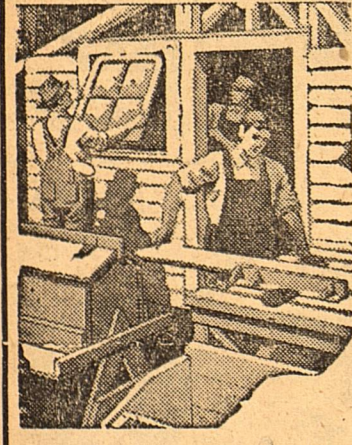
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Civic Theater To Meet
An interesting program has been planned for the monthly session of the Midland Civic Theater Monday at 8 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium.

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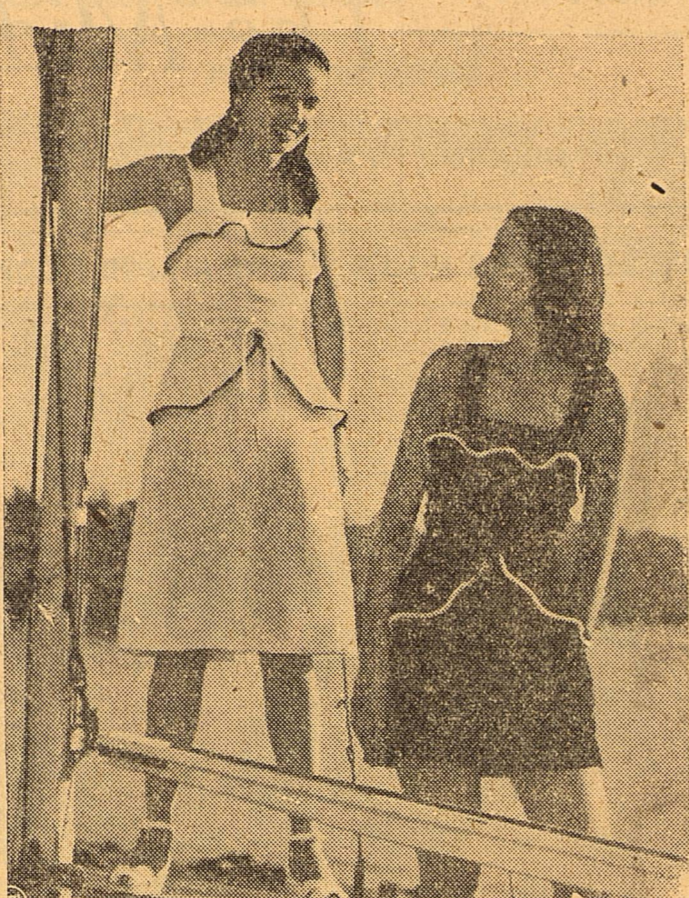
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SUMMER PLAYCLOTHES PREVIEW

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By EPSIE KINARD
NEA Staff Writer
NEW YORK—Though the calendar leaves no doubt that it's winter, summer has arrived in New York shops—or at least the newest resort collections make it seem so. Once planned for southbound play girls, today's lines are primarily designed to give war-working women on the home front a preview of next year's sun styles and an opportunity to start planning vacation wardrobes.

TUESDAY
The Wesley Bible Class of the First Methodist Church will meet for a business and social session at 2:30 p. m. in the Scharbauer Educational Building of the church.

A meeting of the Gray Ladies organization will be held at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Martha McGuigan, 204 Club Drive.

MOW Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. Norman Goodman at 1206 West Kentucky.

A musical program will be presented by the Civic Music Club at 2 p. m. at the meeting of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter, D.A.R., at the home of Mrs. John P. Butler, 1603 Holloway Street.

The Props, a club for wives of enlisted men of MAAF, will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Salvation Army USO to roll bandages.

WEDNESDAY
Mrs. B. K. Buffington will be hostess for the meeting of the Fine Arts Club at 3 p. m. at her home, 514 West Holmsley.

The Modern Study Club will meet at 3:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. C. Bulnes, 1213 West Tennessee.

Luther Parish Workers meeting has been changed from April 4 to April 11 at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Walter Krieger.

A meeting of the Woman's Wednesday Club will be held at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 West Missouri.

THURSDAY
The Needlecraft Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Anton Thien, 601 West Kansas.

Midland Garden Club will meet at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Addison Wadley, 1801 West Holloway.

A review of the book, "Footnote to Life," will be given by Mrs. Howard Markley of Odessa on the Midland County Library radio program over KRLH at 4 p. m.

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

SATURDAY
A luncheon meeting for the AAUW will be held at 1 p. m. in the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

The Play Readers annual tea will be held in the home of Mrs. W. Y. Penn, 806 West Storey, at 3 p. m.

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.

Members of TAC Club Meet At Alkire Home For Business Session

Members of the TAC Club met for a business session Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Billie Dean Alkire, 300 N. Carrizo.

Those present were Misses Ruth Hall, LaMoyné Tabor, Billie Dean Alkire, Louise Harless, Dorothy Harrison, Margaret Dougherty, Dorothy Freeman, Delores Pattison. Guests calling during the social hour were Misses Ruth Anderson, Ann Thorn, Beverly Bedeaux and Betty Hays.

Coming Events

ODESSA WOMAN TO GIVE BOOK REVIEW FOR LIBRARY HOUR
Mrs. Howard Markley of Odessa will be presented in a review of the book, "Footnote to Life," by Eleanor Arnett Nash, on the radio program Thursday at 4 p. m. over KRLH. This is the regular weekly program sponsored by the Midland County Library.

The plot of the book centers around the life of a typical Wall Street broker, whose main interest in life is gaining power, but whose failure in life to lay in being unable to make his wife understand him. "Footnote to Life" is the first novel to be written by the sister of Ogden Nash.

Ruby Barrington To Enter Nurses School
Ruby Barrington of Midland, will be a member of the new class entering Baylor University School of Nursing in Dallas, April 5. She is one of 24 new student nurses coming from Oklahoma, Nebraska, Louisiana, California, New Mexico and 14 Texas towns.

Following registration on the 5th, the period to April 10 will be spent in orientation. Complete physical examinations will be given new students and lectures on student nurse life will be held. The week's activities will be climaxed with a tea on April 10, at Holiday Hall on the Baylor Hospital campus. Classes will begin April 11.

Total Of Nine Marriage Licenses Sold
Sale of marriage licenses at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble last week registered an 80 per cent increase over the preceding week with nine licenses issued. Only one divorce suit was filed with District Clerk Nettie Rorer.

Eye Full Of Darkness
EYE, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND—(AP) Eye, known as "Black Eye" to residents because many things go wrong there, is going to stay in the dark. The council can't get a license to buy the necessary material to fit street-lamps for a dim-out.

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PROCESSED FOODS — Book Four blue stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 good through June 2; N2 through S2 good through June 30; T2 through X2 good through July 31.

SUGAR—Book Four stamp #5 valid for five pounds through June 2. Next stamp becomes valid May 1.

SHOES—Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

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Easter Programs Heard At Church Services Sunday

Hundreds attended the sunrise Easter services at Midland Army Air Field Sunday morning in the Post Service Club. The service was originally scheduled to be an outdoor assembly, but was moved inside following the Saturday rain.

The Rev. Vernon O. Yearby delivered the Resurrection message. The Rev. Frederick P. Loman, post chaplain, was in charge of arrangements for the service. Other ministers assisting were the Rev. Hubert Hopper, First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Will C. House, First Methodist Church, and the Rev. R. R. Yelderman, Odessa First Christian Church.

Special music was by a choir of 80 voices under the direction of Capt. Jerome Snyder. Organ music during the service was by Sgt. Donald M. Gillett and band music was directed by Sgt. Thomas Marell.

Following the service, breakfast was served by members of the National Association of Air Forces Women and the Salvation Army USO.

Three Services at MAAF
Other services were held at MAAF, including a musical program at the Catholic chapel, directed by Mrs. Ben Dansby, while an anthem, and several vocal solos were presented at the Protestant chapel, in addition to the sermon by Chaplain Frederick P. Loman.

Mrs. Joe Mims, organist, and Mrs. Raymond Hall, pianist, played accompaniment for the Easter music heard at the morning service of the First Baptist Church. Raymond Hall was in charge of the music. At the evening services, a girls' ensemble presented "The Prayer Perfect."

"The Heavens Are Declaring" was the anthem presented under the direction of Mrs. Preston Lea Sunday morning at the Trinity Episcopal Church. Rev. R. J. Snell conducted the Holy Communion service.

High Mass
The sermon for High Mass at St. George's Catholic Church was delivered by Rev. Frank Triggs. Choir music was directed by Paul G. Shaefer with Roy DeWolfe at the organ.

Regular Easter services were heard Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church with a special music program given at 8 p. m. "The Story of Easter According to St. Matthew" was the title of a cantata presented by the church choir. Adding to the program were scripture readings by Miss Elinor Hedrick, R. L. Langford and J. W. Thorne.

An afternoon musical was presented at the First Presbyterian, a cantata, "Redeeming Love." The two-part cantata was directed by Merl Cornelius and organ accompaniment was played by Mrs. H. W. Swaim.

SCARCE FABRICS ARE AGAIN ON SPRING COUNTERS

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Fashion Editor

Some fabrics long absent from the American fashion scene are beginning to trickle back—not in quantity, it's true, but enough to remind us that there are such things as pure silk and pure linen.

Spring collections of New York designers were notable for the amount of pure silk shown by many top houses, made up into handsome suits and summer frocks.

Now comes the news that Irish linen is with us once more, in a limited number of resort dresses styled by top sportswear houses.

In handling both the silk and the linen, designers have relied on the beauty of the fabric to achieve their effects, presenting the precious materials in beautifully simple styles and in soft pastel colors.

Irish linen is shown in pale blue, pink, aqua, yellow and natural for resort wear, with a little navy and brown for town dresses.

One designer has used natural linen for a simple dress with a high round neckline and short cap sleeves, unadorned except for a white bow applied on the right shoulder and on the center front of the waistline.

Another has worked sheer handkerchief linen into a smart town frock of navy blue, set off with a crisp white collar in sawtooth motif which is repeated on the short sleeves.

The linen frocks, as well as the silk, are limited in number, but serve as forerunners of better things to come—after the war.

The first WAC to cross the English Channel after D-Day was the daughter of Chaplain John MacWilliams of the Eighth Service Command.

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Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS

THE STORY: Cass Hapes of the local police force stops by to investigate the Hights at The Ledges. He is surprised to find the Hudson party there, saying he has suspected provokers on the estate for some time. He shows a bullet hole in his hat from the night before. After he leaves, Charley announces that he had told Cass only that afternoon who was staying at the house.

THE SILENCER

THAT coffee was inordinately strong. I had had three cups of it and I had worn a path on the bedroom rug from the bed to the window. The rain beat dimly on the roof of the north wing below, and I could see the beam of the Juniper Hill air beacon as it flashed across the sky.

I found a book on the bureau: The Case of the Hanging Corpse. It was one of those swift-moving affairs that trusted little to the patience of the reader, and on the first page a brunette clad in white satin swung gently to and fro from a chandelier with a corded bell-pull knotted neatly about her throat. I closed the book and turned out my light.

I lay on my back and I was thinking about a day 20 years ago. A bright, sunny day with the foliage thick and green and the checkered shadows of the maples dappling the streets. I had got into a fight with Bernard Spiegel solely because he was German. The bitterness of the first World War was still very close to us. I was failing away vigorously but ineffectually when my father came along and stopped the fight.

The war, he had explained, was over. People should not hate one another. There would never again be wars such as the last war. Certainly if the war had taught us anything, it had taught us that. Right there is where I stopped my dreaming. Because of the pal-

pable falsity of that last statement I opened my eyes. Something was wrong. Across the floor of my bedroom was a symmetrical line of pale yellow that didn't belong there. It ran diagonally away from the door sill and made a broadening pillar on the carpet. Someone was softly opening the door of my room. I saw his shadow darkening the doorway. Then with a movement so swift and silent that it seemed unreal, the figure was in the room and had closed the door behind him.

A FLASHLIGHT beam licked along the wall. I lay still as a shroud. Straining my eyes against the curtain of blackness, I sucked in my breath. But my nerve-taut body craved action.

My cigaret-lighter stood on the table at the head of my bed. I reached out, seized it, and hurried it straight through the upper panes of the open window. The shattering glass ripped into the silence as I heaved myself off the bed. There was the soft wam of a silencer and the swift "blup" of a bullet into the plaster.

Then I got a fistful of coat and dragged the man close, groping for his gun-hand. Immediately I found myself on the floor with a hard thick forearm clamped around my windpipe. Pain seared my brain. Golden pinwheels spun before my eyes.

Dreamily, on the fringe of consciousness, I waited for the man to shoot. I began to wish he would. My lungs ballooned against my ribs and black misery swamped my senses. I went limp; the forearm relaxed slightly; and with a sudden upward thrust, I malleted the man's chin with the back of my head. I whirled, got a bar on his arm, my fingers slithering over the barrel of the gun. Savagely I yanked downward. Fear and anger lent me strength and I took up another notch. There was a sudden

grunt of pain and the pistol came loose in my hand.

I rolled clear and saw his shadow in the doorway. He looked big and that's all I saw. An excellent target, but I did not shoot. I know by now how ready a man must be to kill, yet I could not bring myself to it. Then he was gone.

IN the corridor, the door to the adjoining room was open. I saw the curtains fluttering inward from an open window. Outside there was nothing but an easy drop to an outshod roof a man's height from the ground, blue shadows in the darkness, and in the sky a placid, beautiful, but quite unilluminating sickle moon, which had appeared after the rain.

I went back to my room, put on my robe and slippers and kicked the broken glass into a corner. I turned out my light again, tilted a chair against the wall facing the door, took out my cigars, and laid the pistol on my knee. Smoking in the darkness is not much fun, but it helps to keep you awake. And I did stay awake through three cigars, but my thinking was very muddy. Only one clear thought shone beacon-like in my brain: whoever had entered my room had an implacable enemy in Nicholas Trent and it's an unreasonably long and lazy worm that never turns. With this consoling thought I fell asleep.

When I awoke, the sun was shining and there was the odor of sea and rain-washed earth. I was back in bed, although I didn't remember lying down. And I should have thought last night was a dream, if I hadn't been clutching the pistol. I liked the feeling of it. I examined it. The layman gets little information about the ownership of a pistol from staring at its exterior. It was an unlovely thing with a silencer bulking over the chamber.

I found the bullet in the plaster to the left of the bed, and I dug it out with my knife. It was a very ugly and lethal-looking slug, and I think it would have made a quite untidy hole in my chest.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

The Mixed Pair Championship in the recent Eastern States Tournament was won by Amby Casner and Mrs. Barbara Collier Cook. They just nosed out Walter Malowan and Mrs. Louise Wainwright.

Casner has been playing good bridge, as demonstrated in today's hand. He won the opening lead with the ace of spades, cashed the ace and king of diamonds and discarded his losing spade.

Seven of hearts was led from

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Casner | | | |
| ♠ 3 | ♥ QJ10854 | ♦ J1087 | ♣ KQ985 |
| ♠ 76 | ♥ 42 | ♦ AKQJ75 | ♣ 32 |
| ♠ 9 | ♥ K64 | ♦ AQ95 | ♣ 1063 |
| Duplicate—E. W. vul. | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3N.T. | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| Opening—E. W. vul. | | | |
| ♠ | ♥ | ♦ | ♣ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

dummy, West played low and Casner put on the ten. Now, it is true that if he had finessed the eight, there would have been no problem, but that would be a double dummy play.

East won and led the queen of spades, which Casner trumped with a heart. The queen of hearts was then led, West won with the ace. The ten of spades was returned, declarer trumping with the five of hearts. Now the jack of clubs was finessed and lost to the king.

West returned a club, which was won in dummy, and now diamonds were led until West was forced to trump. This allowed the declarer to over-trump with the eight spot and pick up the nine with the queen.

Two Forestry Students Almost Didn't Qualify

SEATTLE, WASH.—(AP)—Two forestry students at the University of Washington were tossed fully clothed into a campus pond—required penalty for failing to grow a beard for the foresters' traditional "Garb Day."

Their names? Priscilla Lewis and Ellen Johnson.

Tulsa Parcel Post Clerks Turn Purple

TULSA, OKLA.—(AP)—Parcel post clerks turned purple Monday, not with rage but with good reason.

When purple spots appeared on workers' hands and faces, Paul Anderson, foreman at the post office, found brown packages of a fine powder thought to be potash. It had filtered into the air, making purple blotches wherever it made contact.

Classified Ads bring results

Air Sickness Can Be Prevented By Exercise Believes MAAF Officer

Lt. Louis A. Zemo, Jr., a veteran of 50 combat missions against Nazi Germany, has a theory.

"Many cases of air sickness," declares Lieutenant Zemo, "are caused by weak abdominal muscles. In my opinion, exercises which stress abdominal development are invaluable in preventing air sickness."

How much support such a theory will receive in medical circles is uncertain, but Lieutenant Zemo's overseas observations lead him to believe that the training program which builds physical condition goes a long way toward making a better bombardier.

Fundamental moderate daily physical training periods which includes sit-ups and bending and stretching exercises are fundamental in my formula for a well-conditioned combat flyer," the lieutenant adds.

Now assistant legal assistance officer at MAAF, Lieutenant Zemo participated in the Regensburg raid during February of 1944. He has been awarded the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf clusters and a Distinguished Unit Citation.

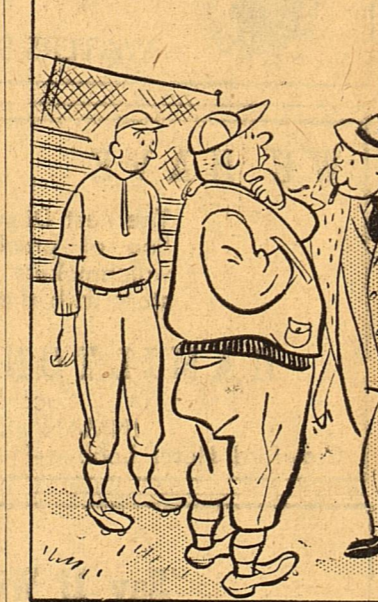
Carrying Merchandising Just A Little Too Far

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—(AP)—The customer was insistent even after being told by Druggist David L. Marcus that he couldn't fill an order for one pint of vanilla ice cream, let alone two pints.

"But my child is sick and crying for it," said the customer. "Well," said Marcus, "I might give you a pint if the doctor ordered it. And the doctor did—by prescription written in Latin and including directions for appropriate dosage."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



"I tell the truth, boss—I've never seen him in action—but boy! I have I seen him eat Wheaties!"

Champion material—in a big bowl of milk, fruit, and Wheaties, "Breakfast of Champions." Solid whole wheat nourishment (plus all the bran) backed

in those crisp-toasted, malt-sweet flakes. Boy! Will you eat Wheaties when your appetite meets up with that famous "second helping" flavor.

Quoting Odds

GOOD BOWLERS ARE GENERALLY ON A STRIKE," SAYS RICHARD HURST, Lexington, Kentucky.

THE NAVIGATOR'S TERM "DEAD RECKONING" COMES FROM "D-E-D" AN ABBREVIATION OF ITS ORIGINAL NAME OF DEDUCED RECKONING.

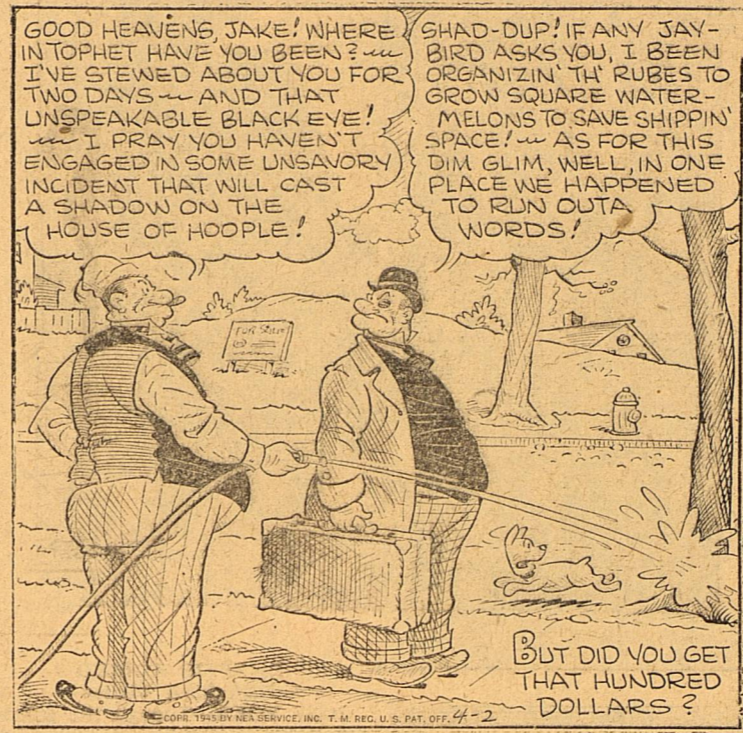
NEXT: The high price of world wars.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS



GOOD HEAVENS, JAKE! WHERE IN TROPHET HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE STEWED ABOUT YOU FOR TWO DAYS—AND THAT UNSPEAKABLE BLACK EYE! I PRAY YOU HAVEN'T ENGAGED IN SOME UNSAVORY INCIDENT THAT WILL CAST A SHADOW ON THE HOUSE OF HOOPLE!

SHAD-DUP! IF ANY JAY-BIRD ASKS YOU, I BEEN ORGANIZIN' TH' RUBES TO GROW SQUARE WATER-MELONS TO SAVE SHIPPIN' SPACE—AS FOR THIS DIM GLIM, WELL, IN ONE PLACE WE HAPPENED TO RUN OUTA WORDS!

BUT DID YOU GET THAT HUNDRED DOLLARS?

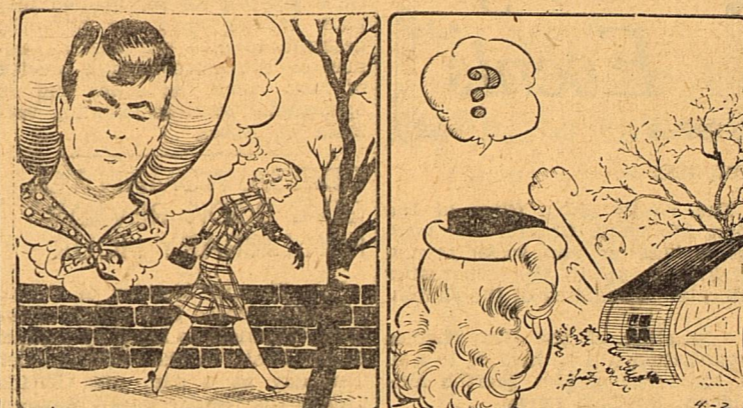


YOU KNOW WHO SHOWED HIM HOW TO WRITE THAT ON THERE—YOU KNOW HE CAN'T SPELL OR WRITE YET! I'M ALWAYS BEING INSULTED WHEN I COME HERE!

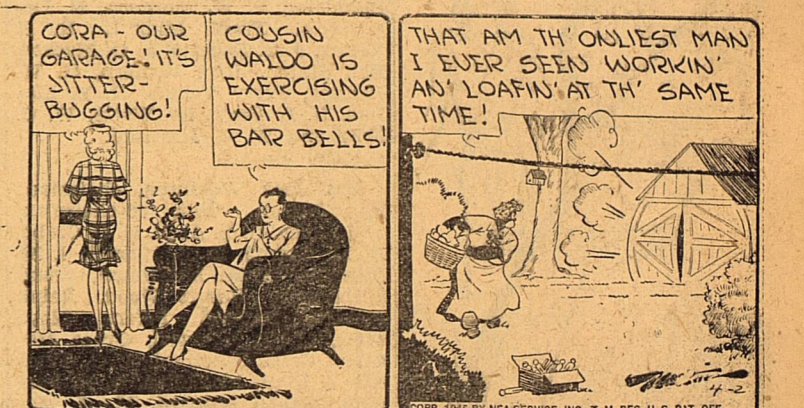
WELL, FER HIM THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL LADY—FER HIS TALENT THAT'S A GORGEOUS CREATURE! IF YOU HAVE EVER NOTICED SOME OF TH' STUFF HE DRAWS, THAT'S A BIG COMPLIMENT—SUMPIN' TO BE PROUD OF!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN



CORA - OUR GARAGE, IT'S SITTER-BUGGING!

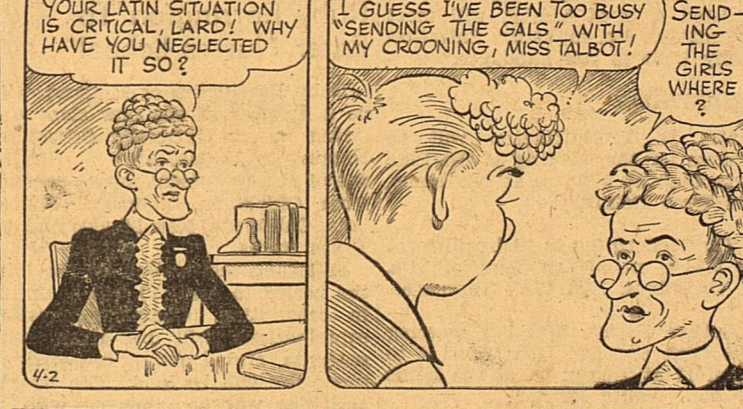


COUSIN WALDO IS EXERCISING WITH HIS BAR BELLS

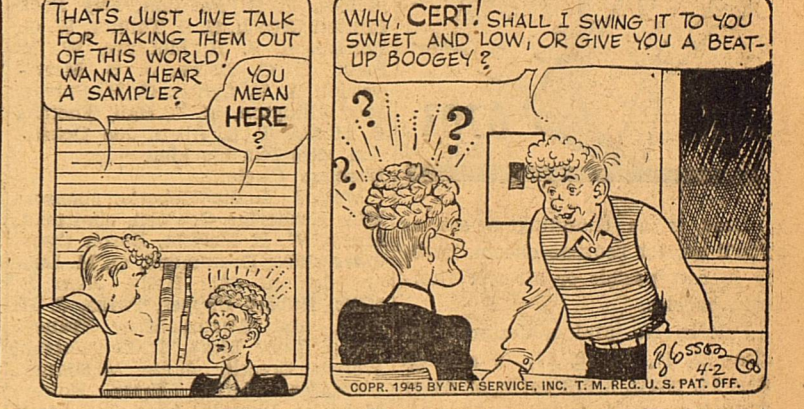
THAT AM TH' OLDEST MAN I EVER SEEN WORKIN' AN' LOAFIN' AT TH' SAME TIME!

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOSSER

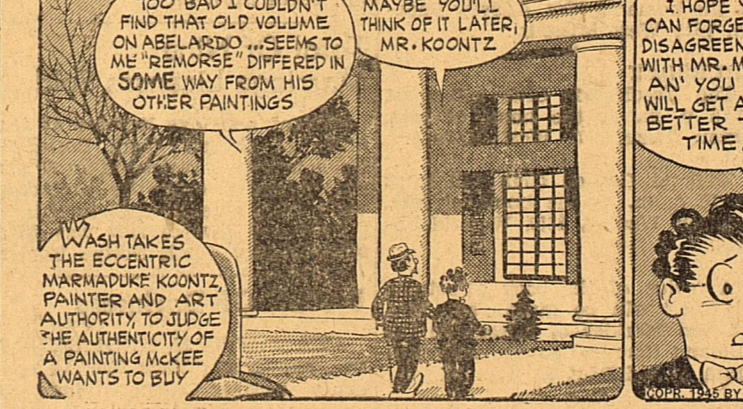


YOUR LATIN SITUATION IS CRITICAL, LARD! WHY HAVE YOU NEGLECTED IT SO?

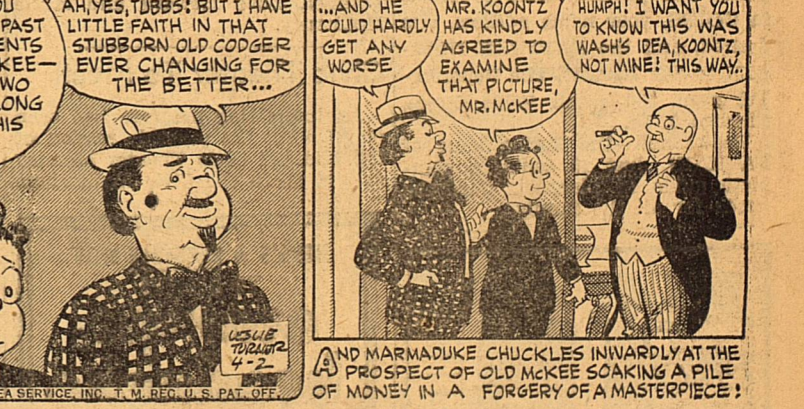


I GUESS I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY "SENDING THE GALS" WITH MY CROONING, MISS TALBOT!

WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

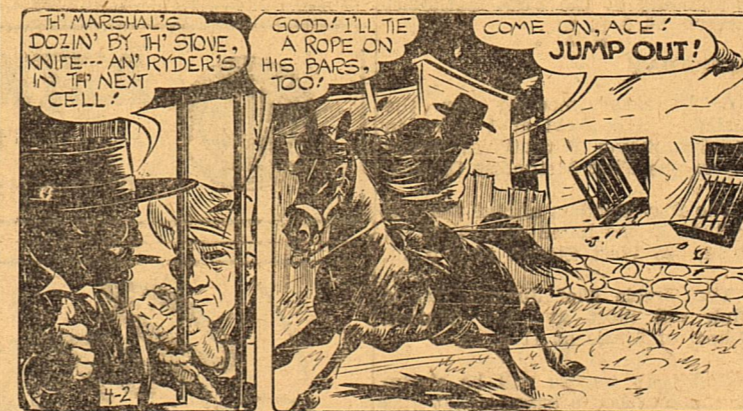


TOO BAD I COULDN'T FIND THAT OLD VOLUME ON ABELARDO—SEEMS TO ME "REMORSE" DIFFERED IN SOME WAY FROM HIS OTHER PAINTINGS

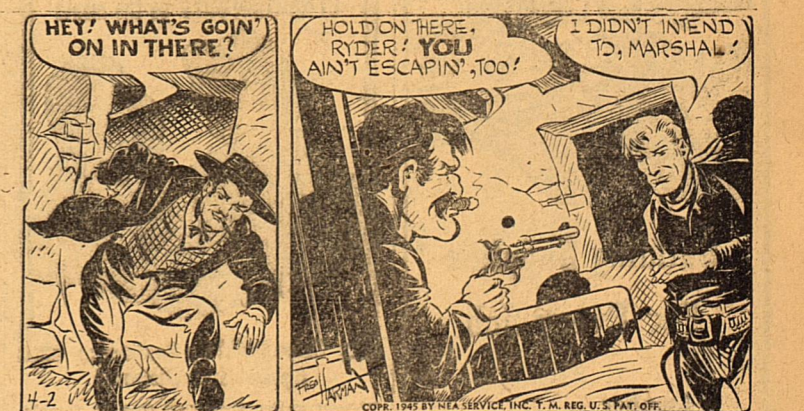


WASH TAKES THE ECCENTRIC MARMADUKE KOONTZ PAINTER AND ART AUTHORITY TO JUDGE THE AUTHENTICITY OF A PAINTING MCKEE WANTS TO BUY

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

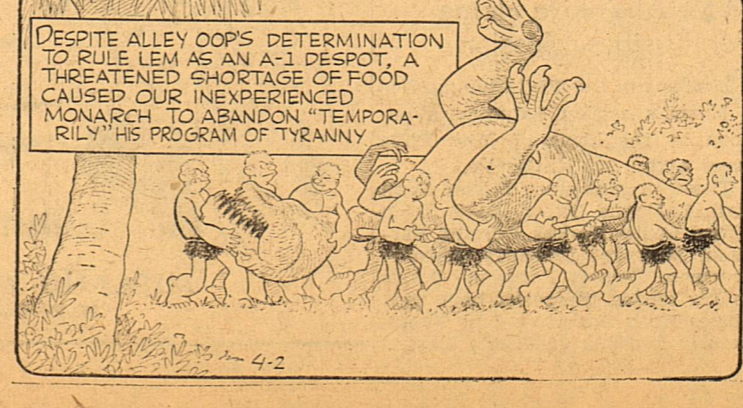


TH' MARSHAL'S DOZIN' BY TH' SIVVE KNIFE—AN' RYDER'S IN TH' NEXT CELL!



HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE?

ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN



DESPITE ALLEY OOP'S DETERMINATION TO RULE LEM AS AN A-1 DESPOT, A THREATENED SHORTAGE OF FOOD CAUSED OUR INEXPERIENCED MONARCH TO ABANDON TEMPORARILY HIS PROGRAM OF TYRANNY



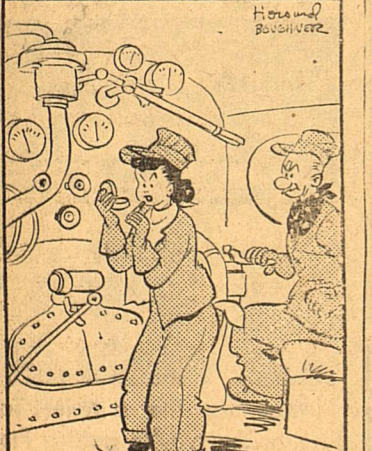
NOW, BY GADDEY, NOBODY CAN SAY KING OOP LETS HIS PEOPLE GO HUNGRY! ANYWAY, IT'S A RULER'S BUSINESS T' SEE TO IT HIS SUBJECTS STAY WELL AN' STRONG!

FATSO...



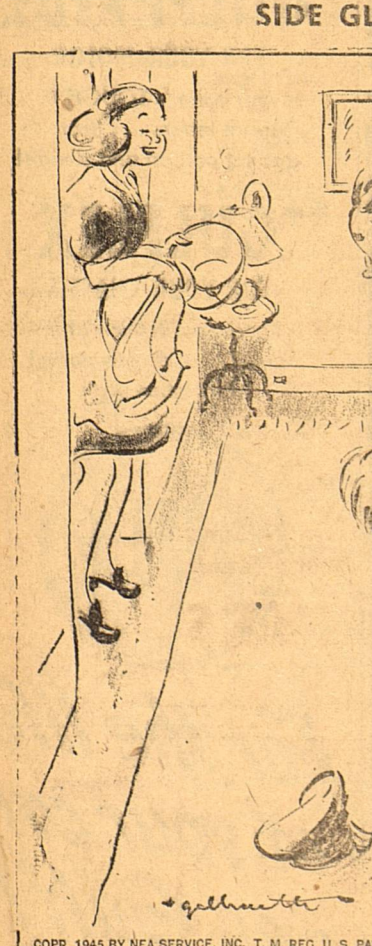
OH, OH! DID YOU TAKE YOUR USED FAT TO THE BUTCHER?

HOLD EVERYTHING



"You wait! I don't care if we are late—I can't go into the station looking like this!"

SIDE GLANCES



"When I gave orders to the men they respected me as a sergeant, but when I frown and growl at these kids they just laugh!"

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Personal 3

NOTARY PUBLIC at Reporter-Telegram. O. M. Lutton, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

LISTEN in on Radio Station KRLH from 1 to 1:15 p. m. each Saturday—your best cattle market is on the air. LUBBOCK AUCTION & COMMISSION CO.

PHONE 2202, W. D. North, for service on typewriters, adding machines and cash registers. Labor and parts cash.

NURSERY play school, open Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9 to 12; open Monday through Saturday, 1 to 6 p. m.; open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday after 7 p. m.; for babies under 2 years. Mrs. Moore, 310 South F. Phone 2018-J. —Please Clip This—

Lost and Found 7

LOST: New Sealy mattress between Fred Barber's place and 801 West Michigan. Phone 1231.

LOST: Vicinity Harris - Luckett Store, a brown coin purse; reward; Phone 1478.

LOST: Green knit round purse, containing ration books, check and cash, and other articles. Reward. To 323 S. Baird.

RED and white faced bull calf, weighs about 450, strayed from farm 6 miles south of Midland. B. T. Graham, Route 1.

LOST: Irish setter, name "Patsy," reward. Phone 1919-J.

Help Wanted 9

WANTED: Auto mechanics, top pay, permanent job. Murray Young Motors.

SODA GIRL wanted. No night or Sunday work. Apply in person only. City Drug.

EXPERIENCED groceryman wanted. B&B Food Store.

WANTED: Handy and cleanup man. Steady work. Haley Hotel.

WAITRESSES wanted - Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop.

WAITRESS wanted, day or night work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe.

WOMEN wanted for help in grocery store. B & B Food Store.

Help Wanted 9

WANTED: Waitress - Experience not necessary if willing to learn. Good pay, short hours. Call 1817-W mornings or 1421 afternoons.

WANTED: Checker. Must be reliable with good references. Apply in person. Banner Creamery.

STENOGRAPHER wanted. Apply in person. 615 Thomas Bldg.

WANTED: Two porters for MAAF Exchange. Good working conditions and salary. Apply to Exchange Officer or Phone 900, Ext. 261.

COLORED or Mexican operator wanted. Petroleum Bldg.

EXTRACTOR man wanted. Midland Steam Laundry.

WANTED: White man, young or middle age, for general work at Ellis Funeral Home.

WANTED: Silk blocker and alteration-repair lady. Excel-Sure Cleaners.

WANTED: 3 men for permanent, essential work at airport. A&L Housing & Lumber Co. Phone 949 or 767-W.

Situations Wanted 10

EXPERT linoleum laying. All work cash. See Foster, 409 N. "D." Phone 1109-J.

RENTALS

Wanted to Rent 21

ON MAY 1st, responsible local business man desires to rent 2 or 3 bedroom house, May 1st. Phone 64.

PERMANENT residents of Midland need 5 or 6 room unfurnished house. Phone 749-M.

WANTED: By representative of major manufacturing company, nicely furnished 2 or 3 bedroom home. Will pay up to \$125.00 month. Best references. Permanent. Near school. Write Box 428 care this paper.

WORKING girl, permanent, wants room in good home. Phone 7 or 8

WANTED: Room by single man, permanent. Preferably near business district. Peter Damm, phone 2088 or Scharbauer Hotel.

RETURNED combat officer, wife and 2 year old child need a house or small furnished apt. immediately. Call Mrs. Dean, Phone 900, Ext. 353.

WANTED: Partly furnished apt. or house. Lt. Eldridge. Phone Odessa 9502, Room 23.

GENTLEMAN geologist, studios, agreeable; desires room or apartment. Phone 1400.

LT. and wife wants apt. or room with kitchen privileges. Call 2110-R.

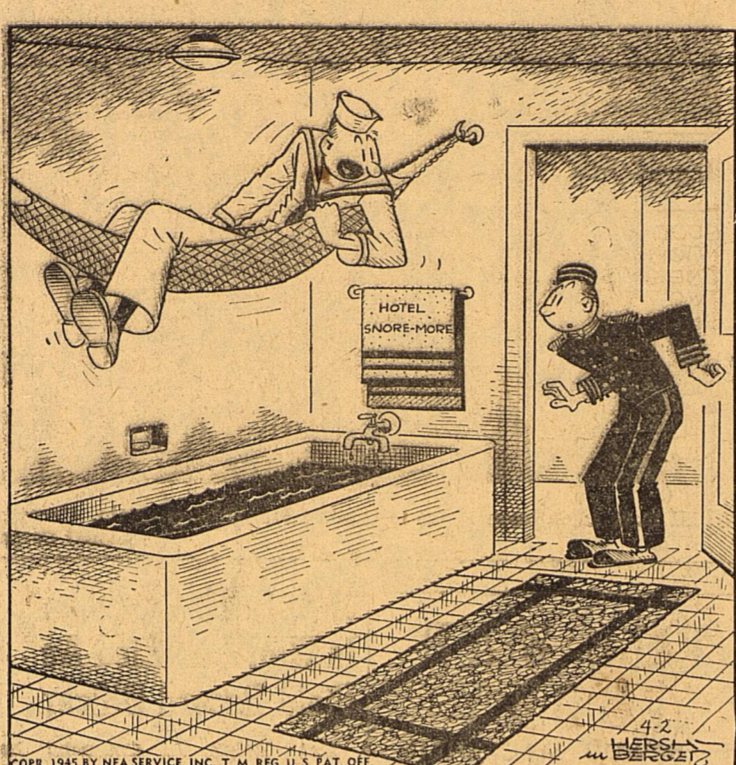
WANTED: Small apartment; enlisted man; permanent personnel; no drinking or parties. Call Rath, 900, ext. 211. Midland references.

LOCAL & LONG DISTANCE MOVING

ROCKY FORD MOVING VANS

Phone 400 Day or Night

FUNNY BUSINESS



"I can't sleep well unless I'm over water!"

Wanted to Rent 21

TWO women, college graduates, require furnished apartment or comfortable room. Permanent employees of oil company. References. Please call 1400 before 5 p. m. or write P. O. Box 871.

Wanted to Buy 26

WANTED to buy—Fly rod or bait casting rod. Will pay top price if in good condition. 308 W. Indiana after 5:00 p. m.

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30

CHINESE Elm trees, 4 to 8 ft. high. First house north Pagoda Pool on Andrews Highway, Phone 1865-J.

NICE variety of evergreens, why not plant a shrub for every returning serviceman? Located Haley Hotel lot. Day and night service.

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22

PIECE of new linoleum, 6x14, for sale. Phone 686-W.

INLAIN linoleum for sale. 309 W. Wall.

Miscellaneous 23

4 BURNER Kerosene stove, good condition. 1006 W. Front St., between 3 and 6 p. m.

BOYS' 26" pre-war bicycle for sale. Phone 964-J.

1936 Farmall 20 tractor with equipment; Owen Kelly, 5 miles south, west of Stanton.

MANS and ladies' bicycles for sale; also bedstead, mattress and springs. Phone 1333.

FOR SALE: 1 complete soda fountain with white marble bar compressor and 3/4 HP compressor; all ready to run. Also a complete line of air conditioners, fan blades motor and large ventilating fans. We have a fresh car of aspen wood. Any this for air conditioning equipment. C & H Dist. Co., Abilene, Texas.

Monuments 23-A

OUR respect for our loved ones, latest designs, all kinds of material. R. O. Walker, Phone 253.

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WANTED: Clean cotton rags, no scraps or strings. Reporter-Telegram.

WANT to rent or buy, 3 bedroom house. Mr. Howell, Phone 2357.

WANTED: Walking planter with seed plates. O. H. Jones, Petroleum Barber Shop, Midland.

WANTED: 35 mm camera. Phone 567.

YOUR CHOICE Sooner or Later

We will pay calling price for used cars.

CHARLTON GARAGE 110 S. Baird - Phone 99

We will pay cash for late model used cars.

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REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale 61

3 ROOM modern furnished house, with or without lot. Also 2 modern 5 room houses at 709 and 711 N. Baird St., two neat trailer houses. Phone 142, Haley Hotel.

5 ROOM modern frame house for sale, excellent condition. Immediate possession. Well located. 711 N. Baird.

GOOD 5 room house, just remodelled. 2 1/2 acres ground; Butane system. See Owner, Glen Petree, Stanton, Texas.

3-ROOM modern frame house to be moved; wiring, plumbing, nice cabinet, large closet, ready to move into. 1 1/2 mi. on Rankin Hwy. A. W. Logsdon.

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Home Front Crime Leaps Up As War Violence Increases

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON—(AP)—While the battlefronts erupt in violence, the home front erupts in violence, too. Crime is on the upswing.

Crime climbs while the fighting men are away.

There were more rapes and more assaults in this country in 1944 than in any previous year.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) gives this report of what is happening every 24 hours:

24 felonious killings.
 150 aggravated assaults.
 120 robberies.
 555 auto thefts.
 749 burglaries.
 2,176 larcenies.

Rape Jumped 27 Per Cent
 The number of rapes leaped 27 per cent over any previous year. Assaults were up 19 per cent.

In the long days of summer, killings and assaults were at their peak. Thefts were at their peak in the long, dark winter days.

More women—44.6 per cent more—were arrested in 1944 than in any previous year.

But of all the males and females arrested in 1944 the 17-year-olds led all the rest.

Murders and rapes slumped in the country areas and picked up in the crowded city areas.

On March 1 the number of federal prisoners was 22,685, a 12 per cent increase over 1935. Some of the reasons for the increase in prison population:

About 4,700 were violators of the Selective Service Act, some were military prisoners sent to civil prisons by Army authorities, some violated OPA regulations. Others were in for illegally wearing uniforms, sabotage, espionage and so on.

There were 1,393,655 major crimes in 1944.

Expectant Fathers Should Take Long Nap

CAMP MCCOY, WIS.—(AP)—Sgt. Ernest Haschka of the Camp McCoy chemical warfare branch says he has the answer to a major problem—rest going for expectant fathers.

Just sleep through it all.

Haschka administered chlorine gas tests to several hundred Army Nurse Corps recruits and the effects put him to sleep. He awoke to learn his wife had given birth to a son.

MRS. CHURCHILL ARRIVES MOSCOW

MOSCOW—(AP)—Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the British prime minister, arrived in Moscow by plane at noon Monday after an all-night flight from Cairo.

Used Cars 54

FOUR large rooms, well built, hardwood floors. On South Colorado. Price now reduced.

SIX room brick, price now reduced; 1008 West Michigan. One of the best homes in Midland. Now vacant.

SEVERAL lots just west of South Ward School on paved Rankin Highway.

ROY MCKEE Phone 495

5-ROOM modern house and bath; good garage and chicken house; 2 corner lots, lots elm shade trees, immediate possession. T. D. Jones Sr., 1303 S. Loraine.

LOTS for sale 62

SEVERAL nice South Side lots. All city conveniences. W. R. Upham, telephone 2062-J.

FARMS for sale 63

1/4 section grass land for sale, sheep fenced, good barns, corrals, nice 5 room house, all modern conveniences; close in on paved road. Write Box 10, care this paper.

320 Acre farm near Brownfield, Texas. 250 acres in cultivation, balance good grass. Excellent water, good barn and outbuildings and good small house. This is a good stock farm and some money can be made on it. \$15.00 per acre for surface only.

SPARKS & BARRON Tel. 79 First Natl Bank Bldg.

REAL ESTATE WANTED 67

HOMES WANTED
 If your home or other property is for sale I can sell it. Homes especially wanted at once. Call—
BARNEY GRAFA Ph. 106
 203 Thomas Bldg.

LEGAL NOTICES 68

CITATION BY DEFENDANT
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: Betty Porter, GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 30th day of April, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Midland County at the Court House in Midland, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of January, 1945. The file number of said suit being No. 4018.

The names of the parties in said suit are: J. P. Porter, as Plaintiff, and Betty Porter, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit for divorce alleging cruel treatment.

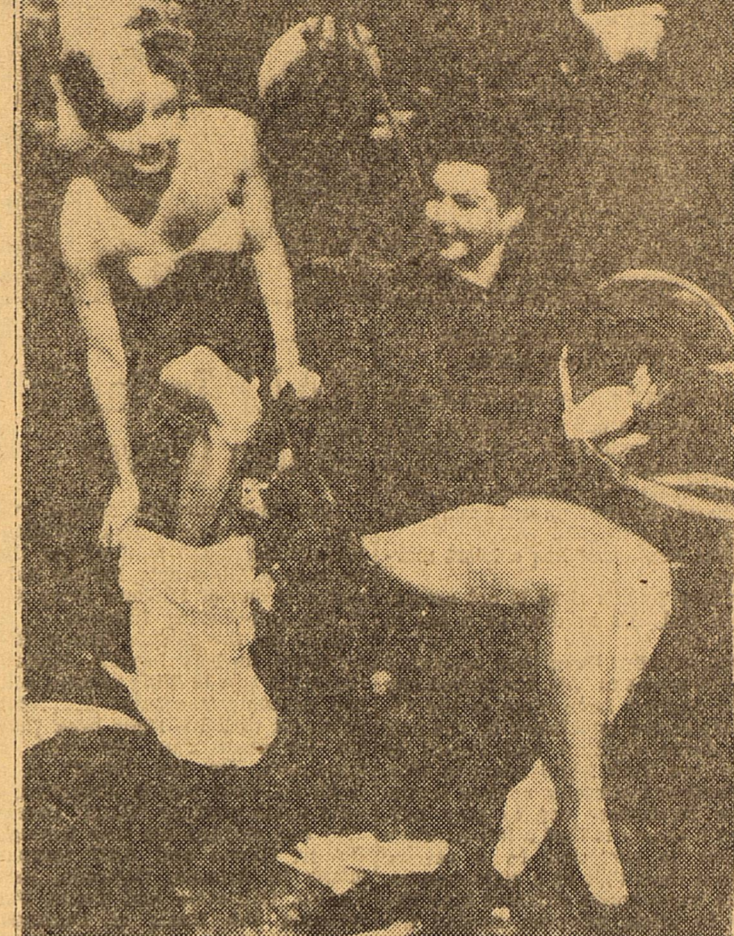
Issued this 16th day of March, 1945.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 16th day of March, A. D. 1945.

(Signed)
 NETTIE C. ROMER, Clerk, District Court, Midland County, Texas.

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Strip Poker—For Clothing Drive



Toni Seven, left, peels off her straight lost to Ann Miller's, right, flush during a strip poker session five shapely movie queens staged for the United National clothing drive at a swanky Hollywood party. —NEA Telephoto

Hitler's Role Is Becoming Increasingly Like That Of Benito

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY—(AP)—Adolf Hitler looks more and more like his old pal Benito Mussolini as the American Army marches through the industrially rich Rhineland.

It is not so much that the German army has been compelled to retreat. It has retreated before—then recoiled to strike smashing blows again. It is not even that this time the wehrmacht is retreating in a considerable disorder.

It has brought order out of chaos before—notably after the disastrous and costly withdrawal from Normandy and Brittany.

But never before in modern times has a German leader had to take a drubbing of this kind on the home grounds. The reaction is much the same as it was in Sicily when Benito's faithful were being bounced back.

Heart For War Gone
 The heart for war had gone out of the Italian people. And the heart for war is almost dead now in those areas of Germany which have come within the range of the pounding artillery of Eisenhower's armies.

Aside from the increasing servility of the German civilians who readily bow to conceal their secret relief that the long nightmare of war is over—even at the stern price of defeat—there are two other similarities to Mussolini's grandiosities: stand in Sicily which compel the observer to believe that Hitler is on the toboggan with his own people.

Highflown Slogans
 First, there are the highflown slogans painted on every wall and building to stir the herrenvolk's faded patriotism.

"What have you done for the fatherland today," they ask. Others say "one people, one fatherland, one leader" and others deliver an even more unconvincing message: "The Fuehrer is our victory."

It was by just such exhilarating outdoor advertising that Mussolini vainly tried to rally the dubious Sicilians under his Fascist banner before the Allied landing in July, 1943. But in 38 days the island fell—and the Sicilians were cheering all the way.

The second similarity lies in the strength of the defenses. Sicily had an intricate coastal network of pillboxes, bunkers, minefields, tank traps and barbed wire barriers.

They failed because there was more steel in the pillboxes than in the men who manned them.

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Joseph Lister, noted surgeon, was the first to use antiseptics. He invented a three-legged pump which threw

Doctors Advised Newhouser Not To Pitch, So Boy With Bad Heart Won 29 Games



By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

EVANSVILLE — For the benefit of those who can't understand how a major league ball player can be 4-F, the men giving the Tigers their remarkable one-two pitching punch—Hal Newhouser and Paul Trout—are so classified.

Hal Newhouser has a heart murmur. Dizzy Trout's sight is not acceptable and he's as deaf as a bat in one ear.

So, between them they accounted for 56 games in 1944, the closest any two pitchers have come to the 64-game record established by the pair of Jacks—Chesbro and Powell, of the New York Highlanders in 1904.

Doctors last spring advised southpaw Newhouser not to play ball, and a theory is that a left-hander's ticker is subjected to a severer strain than that of a right-hander. The home-grown strikeout king liked to pitch, however, needed the money, figured that if he was to keel over he might just as well do it in the pitcher's box.

Newhouser at no time showed signs of distress helping himself to 29 games, an earned-run average of 2.22 and the strikeout sceptre with 187. All the keeling over was done by batters.

Trout formerly wore glasses and contact lenses, but gets along without either now except at night, when he dons cheaters to catch signs. The Hoosier's peppers can't be so bad when you take into consideration the fact that he is one of the more dangerous hitters on the club. And he does not pitch with either ear.

Newhouser, not yet 24, suddenly leveled off last season under the skillful handling of the veteran Paul Rapier Richards, who of necessity learned to nurse pitchers while managing the Atlanta club.

It was while with the Crackers that the Texan was first to call for Emil Leonard's knuckle ball. "If you get it over the batter is out," reasoned with Leonard. "You might as well walk him as throw the fast ball and let him have an extra base hit."

His confidence built, Leonard came up to star with Washington and to reward his old boss by beating Detroit out of the pennant in the final game last fall.

At bat the 36-year-old Richards hardly strikes error into the hearts of pitchers and he's nearly as slow as Schnozzola Lombardi, but he's a receiver from Receiversville and the Waxahachie Wonder at throwing to the bases. Ask Snuffy Stirrweiss and George Washington Case.

It was 62 degrees at the Evansville ball park one day and 64 degrees the next, when it rained until 1:30 and the field was perfectly dry for a workout two hours later.

Hal Newhouser, Dizzy Trout, a splendid training site and the weather are not the only reasons why things are less grim here than at several other big league camps. Paul Richards is another. Steve O'Neill couldn't run things any better were he behind the bat himself.

Southwest Conference Baseball Under Way
By The Associated Press
The Southwest Conference baseball race opens full blast this week, with five teams swinging into action with four games.

Rice has busiest schedule, playing three contests in two days—a double-header with Southern Methodist at Dallas Friday then dropping over to Fort Worth to meet Texas Christian Saturday.

Feature game of the week, however, will be at Austin Friday where Texas A&M battles defending champion Texas.

Rice was to have played SMU and TCU last week-end but the games had to be reset due to rain.

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Marion, voted the most valuable player in the senior circuit last year, said he received a substantial salary boost.

Training Camp Items:
Cleveland Indians — Outfielder Pat Seery hit ninth-inning two-run homer to beat Lafayette, Ind., semi-pros, 5-3.

Pittsburgh Pirates—Addition of Southpaw Al Gerheauser, traded by Phils for Vince DiMaggio, brings Pirates' pitching staff to 12, not counting Ray Starr who has not reported.

Chicago Cubs — Regulars beat Yanigans, 10-7, in final practice game before meeting Cincinnati Tuesday.

Boston Braves—Pitcher Al Javery may be lost for month due to wrenched muscles in pitching arm.

Boston Red Sox—Manager Joe Cronin moved practice ahead an hour so the squad will be able to watch Yanks play Giants.

White Sox
Chicago White Sox—Club to play first exhibition game on Wednesday against Detroit Tigers at George Field for benefit of servicemen.

Washington Senators—Lt. Bert Shepard, who lost part of his right leg in combat, pitched one hitless inning in relief for Senators against Norfolk NTS.

New York Giants—Rookie Loren Bain, from Minneapolis, teamed with Bill Voiselle to whip Yankees, 5-1.

Brooklyn Dodgers—Rookie Shortstop Tommy Brown helped Dodgers whip Montreal by starting fast doubleplay in ninth that ended game.

San Francisco Peace Conference Has Working Chance
By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The delegates to the United Nations conference in San Francisco April 25 will try to turn man's age-old dream—no more wars—into a reality.

They are going there to work out a charter for a world organization to preserve peace after this war. The San Francisco conference is not a peace conference connected with this war.

The delegates will carry the charter back home with them. Their governments will have to approve it before the world organization can start to operate.

Second Try
This is the second time in 25 years that the nations have tried to set up a peace-keeping plan. The last time it was called the League of Nations.

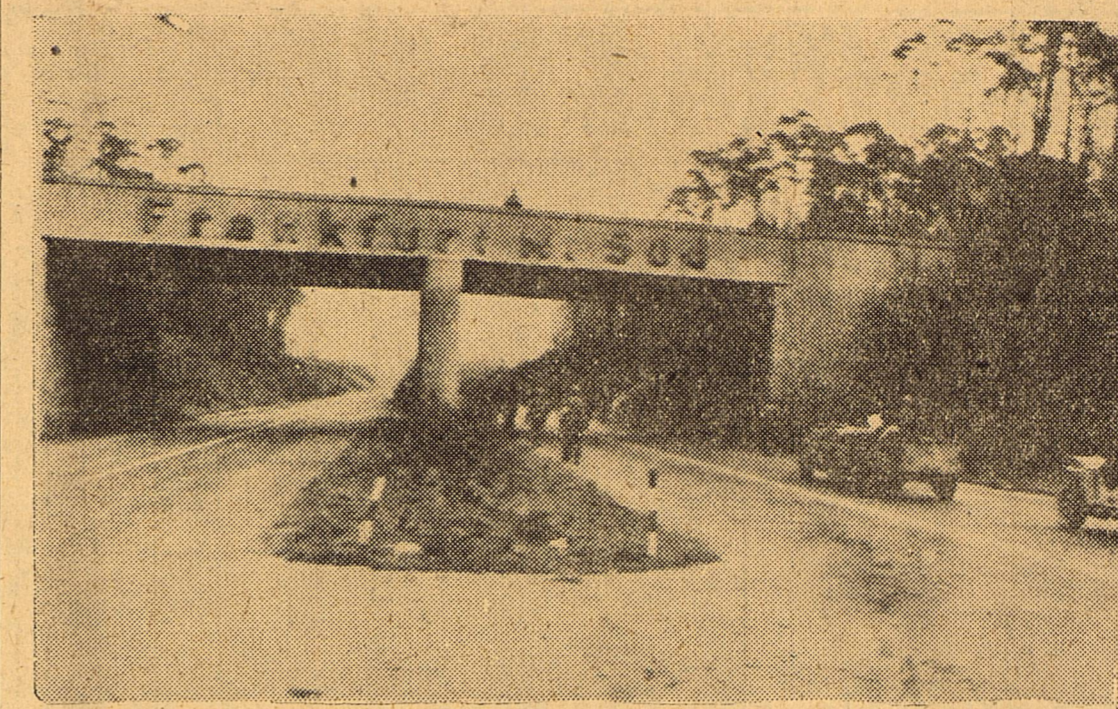
This country stayed out of the old league. Eventually, the league failed, as this war shows. But this war has changed American thinking about joining a world organization.

We can't join such an organization without approval of the Senate. The charter to be drawn at San Francisco is like a list of rules and regulations. The nations will agree to do certain things in the event some trouble arises.

Our Senate may want to change or amend some of the rules and regulations worked out in San Francisco.

May Be Far-Reaching
The changes might be so far-reaching that other nations would not agree or so crippling that the organization would be hopeless from birth.

U. S. Forces Move On Super-Highway



Third U. S. Army troops move to capture Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, up the autobahn super highway. —Signal Corps Radiotelephoto from NEA Telephoto

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Uncle Sam's amphibious invasion of Okinawa means that we actually have boarded an integral part of the mikado's domain, only 325 miles from the homeland—a sensational event whatever way you look at it and one which we have achieved much sooner than we had any right to expect.

That's the most significant aspect of this biggest operation of its kind seen thus far in the Pacific war. Of course Okinawa also is of vast strategic importance, but what rings the bell is that we've flung any army of some 100,000 into a heavily populated section of Emperor Hirohito's immediate domain. That is enough to make us divide our attention for a bit between tottering Germany and the Japanese.

Some of you may recall that on March 19 this column called attention to the likelihood of a fresh invasion of Jap territory. Well, Okinawa was what I had in mind, since it was clearly marked for the kill by the tremendous aerial bombardment it had been getting—but we weren't supposed to give a name to it at that stage of operation. The fact that all this time has been devoted to intensive preparation speaks loudly of the strength of the position and the dangers of invasion.

Happy Surprise
Our easy landing is indeed a happy surprise. With little cost in casualties our infantrymen and Marines quickly established a substantial beachhead, captured two or more airfields and overran a dozen villages. Dispatches indicate, however, that we shall be unable to take this as a measure of the fighting to come. Jap forces on Okinawa are estimated at from 60,000 to 100,000 and the big island is heavily fortified. Therefore we must expect fierce resistance of the usual Nipponese fanatical type.

Okinawa is about 67 miles long and varies in width from three to ten miles. It has a population of close to half a million.

Okinawa is an important naval and air base. It has numerous useful ports and the towns are linked by steam and electric railways. In short it is a veritable treasure island for us—or will be when we have finished the job of subduing it.

Last—but far from least—this island will be an invaluable asset to us as an advance base when we are ready to invade the Japanese mainland. Meanwhile Okinawa's airports will make it much easier for us to fling our bombers at the mainland, and its ports will vastly facilitate the operation of Allied naval forces in neighboring waters.

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Wood Baptist's Hold Church In Theater
BROWNWOOD—(AP)—Members of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, one of Brownwood's largest churches, held Easter services in a local theater after fire of unknown origin Sunday destroyed the \$150,000 structure, leaving only blackened walls.

Sgt. William M. Neil Receives Promotion
The promotion of William M. Neil from staff sergeant to technical sergeant has been announced. Sergeant Neil is serving as a chief clerk of property accounting with the Air Corps in England.

Sergeant Neil is the son of Mrs. Alice M. Neil of Teague, formerly of Midland, and husband of Mrs. Genevieve C. Niel of Midland.

Former Philippine Prisoner Eyes Cat
SPOKANE, WASH.—(AP)—Home from the Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, Sgt. Glen Hasstrom eyed a fluffy cat belonging to a friend.

"That cat," he mused with a smile, "would have made good eating."

BOMAR FLINGS HOT BALL
CHICAGO—(AP)—Buddy Bomar, National Match Game Bowling Champion, had his strike ball working to near perfection Sunday as he defeated Andy Varipapa of Hempstead, N. Y., in the second block of their \$4,000, 54-game non-title match.

Maj. R. E. Cotanche Is Well Qualified As Field Record Officer

Maj. Ralph E. Cotanche has brought to his assignment as publications and records officer at Midland Army Air Field a wealth of experience gleaned from his World War I life and from his position as superintendent of schools in Skokie, Ill.

As a sergeant in the last war, Major Cotanche worked in psychological testing and trade testing. The observations he and his colleagues made at that time formed the basis of the Army Specialized Training Program in this war.

As a superintendent of schools, Major Cotanche acquired the administrative skill which serves him in good stead in his current assignment.

In general, the publications officer at MAAF supervises the editing and preparation of military publications. He estimates costs and approves all purchases of printing, engraving, and lithography supplies and equipment.

More specifically, Major Cotanche's job has three phases. He supplies all blank forms used on the post, he regulates and distributes all publications that appear at and stations; and he prints all material that originated on the field.

Before coming to MAAF he spent two years at Garden City AAF at Garden City, Kan., where he was among the first men to arrive at the post and was the last individual to leave when the field was deactivated.

Prior to the two years he spent at Garden City AAF, Major Cotanche was assigned to Blackland AAF at Waco, Texas.

Major Cotanche entered the Army in September of 1942, as a first lieutenant.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Major Cotanche holds a BA degree in education from Western State Normal College in Michigan and an MA, also in education, from Northwestern University.

TEXAN COMMANDS IWO JIMA
GUAM—(AP)—Maj. Gen. James Chaney, Wichita Falls, Army airman and commander of United States forces in the British Isles in 1942, has assumed duty as island commander of Iwo Jima Pacific Fleet Headquarters, announced Monday.

Citizens To Select Officials For City

Balloting will start at 8 a. m. Tuesday in the Civic Auditorium for the election of a mayor and three members of the City Council. The polls will remain open until 6 p. m.

Mayor A. N. Hendrickson is unopposed for reelection. Frank Stubbeman and John P. Butler are unopposed for reelection to the city council. Fred T. Hogan is seeking his first term on the council and also is unopposed.

Holt Jowell will act as election judge. Miss Cordelia Taylor, Mrs. Alma Ligon and Mrs. Allen Tolbert will be election clerks.

Norman Completes Sixty Missions
Mrs. Mittie Norman has received a letter from her son, Lt. Joe Norman, saying he has completed 35 sorties and 60 missions with the Air Corps. He wrote that he did not think he would see any more combat duty.

Idaho Sage Hen Attacks Automobile In Duel
BOISE, IDAHO—(AP)—Two years of protection from hunters have made of the Idaho sage hen an aggressive, healthy animal—almost to healthy, says Motorist F. E. Shook.

In a suicide attack a 12-pound hen collared head-on with his car while Shook was driving over the Lava Flows desert and almost forced the machine off the road.

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The parachute landing course is now going full blast at Midland Army Air Field.

Following a preliminary training period in which four films were shown, the officer students in the instructors school are now actively engaged in the first phase of the parachute landing program—tumbling.

Lt. Curtis Emery, director of the parachute landing course, has indicated that there are four definite aims to the tumbling phase of the training program, the first being to teach body control and coordination.

The second aim of the program is to teach proper distribution of the landing shock throughout the body. Then the program endeavors to point out specialized tumbling techniques adaptable to specific landing situations.

Teaches Rapid Recovery
Finally, the program aims to teach rapid recovery of the upright position to enable the individual to collapse the parachute and disengage the harness in a minimum of time following landing.

The reason for the sudden concentration of attention on parachute landing has come about as a result of recent studies of injury and fatality rates incident to parachute escape which indicated a need for specialized training in the principles and techniques of abandonment of aircraft in flight.

The high frequency and seriousness of the injuries occasioned in parachute landings are due mainly to the lack of skill and knowledge of how to cushion the landing shock or how to break the fall.

It has been discovered that proper application of certain body rolls on tumblers at the time of landing greatly reduces the injury rate. Hence, MAAF's current course in parachute landing techniques.

Fire Burns Cotton, Upholstery Cloth
Fire at 2:30 a. m. Sunday destroyed a quantity of cotton and upholstery material in the basement of the repair shop of the Sanders Furniture Company. Loss was estimated at about \$200.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

During one of the more torrid games of the recent NCAA basketball tournament Howard Cann of NYU just couldn't bear to watch any longer so he turned around, asked: "Why does anyone coach basketball?"

Kentucky's Adolph Rupp, sitting behind him, commented softly: "Remember, Howard, you applied for the job." "Yes," admitted Cann, stealing another look "but that was twenty years ago."

Monday Matinee

The Dodgers have more than 200 requests from service teams to play exhibitions during the regular season. . . Ysaac Soane, 18-year-old Cuban catcher trying out with the Senators, traveled from Miami to Washington without a thing to eat or drink. He doesn't speak English and was too tired to try sign language on the trainmen.

Service Dept.

When 38-year-old Joe Marino of Staten Island, N. Y., a veteran of 328 fights, entered the recent Inter-Allied boxing tournament at Khorramshahr, Iran, the medical officer told him he was too old to fight. . . Marino offered to bet any amount of rials he could lick the medical officer or any heavyweight in the tournament. That didn't work so Joe went to the colonel in charge, protesting: "If I'm too old to fight in this tournament, I'm too old to be in the Army." That did the trick and Joe proved he was right by winning the title. . . The Persian Gulf Command team, which won the trophy sent from New Orleans by Lew Raymond, looked so good the boys were told to get ready to go to Italy for a few fights.

North Carolinian Is Top Pitcher For MAAF Transiteer Ball Club

Certainly the biggest, and thus far the most effective pitcher on the Transiteers. . . Midland Army Air Field's baseball team, is S/Sgt. Fred Deter of Cherryville, N. C.

Sergeant Deter measures six feet, two and one-half inches in his stocking feet and he tips the beam at 225 pounds.

Stationed at Guadalcanal, Australia and New Caledonia for a total of 33 months, Sergeant Deter managed to find time to pitch a full season for the 29th Service Group, winning twenty games, losing one and tying one.

Eighteen Strike-Outs
In one game overseas Deter turned in a record performance of 18 strike-outs. He hurled three no-hit, no-run games and on one occasion permitted no one to reach second base. In this contest he allowed no runs, no hits, and no walks, but one man reached first on an infield error.

Sergeant Deter started pitching with the Cherryville High School nine and then entered the ranks of the American Textile League in North Carolina, where he pitched for five years before entering the Army.

Primarily a control pitcher, Deter can spot a batter's weakness in jig time and he has the accuracy to toss the old apple just where he wants to. In his bag of tricks he has a terrific in-shoot and a fast-breaking curve. His easy motion carries with it a world of deception.

Says Coach L. Gabriel Ferrazzi, "Right now Deter looks like our number one pitcher."

Spring Swing



Studies of grace in motion are recruit right-handers Allen Gettel, Floyd Bevans and Karl Drews, left to right, enjoying Florida-like training weather with Yankees in training at Atlantic City's Bader Field. Gettel was recalled from Norfolk club, Bevans and Drews from Binghamton.

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