



WAR STRATEGY IS 'UNCHANGED'

105 Dead After Twisters Lash Tri-State Area



Tornado-lashed Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri counted at least 105 dead, hundreds injured and untold property damage as they took stock of havoc wrought by a series of violent twisters which struck with sudden fury. Oklahoma, hardest hit had reports of 60 deaths, most of them in the southeastern corner of the state where 55 lives were taken. The above two pictures were taken in Antlers, Okla., and picture the destruction to residential sections of the town. Note the wrecked automobile in the upper photo which was tossed into this position by the storm. The violence of the storm in Antlers is clearly seen in these pictures.

—NEA Telephoto.

Texas I-B Fraser Gets O & G Shows In Silurian Zone

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

The Texas Company No. 1-B Fraser, West Ector County wildcat, in southeast corner of section 31, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, and in the south side of the TXL area, recovered 210 feet of oil and gas cut drilling mud during a two-hour and ten minute drillstem test at 9,093-9,245 feet in the Silurian.

There was a steady blow of air for the two hours and ten minutes and then that stopped. This action indicated, operator representatives think, that the tool must have become clogged.

The hole was to be deepened about 15 to 20 feet Monday morning and another drillstem test was then to be taken.

This development is about two and three-quarter miles south and one and one-quarter miles west of Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1-A TXL, discovery for flowing production in the Silurian.

Phillips No. 1-D TXL, 667 feet from west and 690 feet from north lines of northwest quarter of section 33, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, is a new exploration on southeast side of the TXL area, to drill to 8,000 feet, starting at once.

It is three-quarters of a mile south and east of Rowan Drilling Company No. 1 TXL, farthest southwest Devonian producer in the region.

Rowan No. 1 TXL, in northwest corner of west 81 acres in southeast quarter of section 29, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, and which has been in course of completion for several weeks after finding production two and one-half miles southeast of initial producer in the TXL, filed official completion report with the Railroad Commission.

Official Completion That report revealed that the well made a 24-hour flowing potential of 2,782.08 barrels of 42-gravity oil with gas-oil ratio of 1.135-1. Pay section at 7,826-7,915 feet had been treated

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

● **WESTERN FRONT:** Americans within eight miles of bisecting Germany; deepen Elbe bridgehead despite setback; Canadians reach North Sea.

● **EASTERN FRONT:** Germans report mammoth offensive launched from Oder Line against Berlin on 25-mile front.

● **ITALIAN FRONT:** General Allied offensive opened with Fifth Army starting assault southwest of Bologna.

● **PACIFIC FRONT:** 400 Superfortresses bombard Tokyo and Kowasaki.

Rising Water And Heavy Snows Hamper Areas

By The Associated Press

Anxious eyes watching rising rivers and continued torrential rains in the four-state area of Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas Monday, while residents of Colorado and Wyoming dug out from a severe snowstorm.

The rampaging flood waters were doubly tragic for the Southwest which counted its dead at more than 100 as a result of widespread tornadoes Thursday. A new twister hit Nuyaka, Okla., near Okmulgee Sunday night, injuring three persons and destroying over 20 houses, the highway patrol reported.

The weather man holds out no hope for cessation of the rains which have pounded down steadily over the four states for several days, and evacuation of residents of the lowlands continues.

Superforts Set Torch To Tokyo While Fires Rage

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Four hundred Superfortresses put the torch to Tokyo again Monday before it had a chance to cool off from last Saturday's holocaust while the Japanese said, earlier and land-based American aircraft made their second successive joint raid on Japan.

Yank amphibious troops scooped up four more small islands — one near Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan, and three in the Philippines. Ground forces broke up repeated Nipponese counterattacks on Okinawa and closed in from three directions on Baguio, Nipponese military headquarters in the Philippines. Jap Death Toll At 323,000

The Japanese death toll for the Philippines campaign was raised to 323,000, or approximately ten times the announced U. S. casualties, when 8,156 more bodies were counted last week.

Still blazing fires guided B-29 pilots to Tokyo on their latest attack which began before midnight and continued into the early morning hours. Kawasaki industrial suburb and ninth largest city of Japan, was also hit and left burning.

The 21st Bomber Command Headquarters on Guam announced that ten and three quarters square miles of Tokyo's arsenal area were burned out by Saturday's strike, from which six of the 400 Superfortresses failed to return.

This makes 27 1/2 square miles of industrial Tokyo blacked out in two big incendiary raids. The burned area is nearly half the industrial area. Forty-three and a half square miles in four of Japan's largest cities—Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe have been destroyed.

Two Plants Out Demolition raids have virtually knocked out two plants producing 75 per cent of all Nipponese aircraft engines—the Mitsubishi plant at Nagoya, 95 per cent destroyed, and the Nakajima Musashino plant near Tokyo, more than half destroyed.

In two days Gen. Douglas MacArthur (Continued on Page 6)

Allies Bisect Reich

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS—(P)—Third Army infantry advanced within seven miles of Czechoslovakia Monday and virtually bisected Germany, whose Western Front already has been split into northern and southern commands.

The Germans rushed troops and tanks from the Eastern Front and Berlin to oppose the grave threat to their ruined capital, 45 miles from the Ninth Army elements north of Magerburg. Three Nazi divisions stamped out the original Elbe River bridgehead at Magdeburg, but another east bank salient at Barby was deepened five miles to within 52 miles of Berlin on the open Brandenburg Plain.

The final liquidation of the Ruhr pocket, now in two shrinking pieces, is imminent, a dispatch from Gen. Omar Bradley's 12th Army group

Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press

Eastern Front: 24 miles (from Wriezen—German report).
Western Front: 45 miles (from Tangermunde).
Italian Front: 530 miles (from Menate).

headquarters said. Already 176,000 prisoners have been taken from the trap including the surrendered Panzer Lehr (First Armored) Division, its commanding general and his staff. The Lehr was one of the best units in the German Army.

Some 3,000 Germans were surrendered by their commander in the eastern segment of the severed Ruhr pocket. Correspondent Don Whitehead said there was "the strongest possibility that both sections of the Ruhr pocket will be liquidated Monday." Already 146,349 German prisoners have been counted from the Ruhr and hundreds more were being taken from the great industrial region.

The British opened an assault on Bremen and moved to within two and a half miles of that port. The U. S. Third Army besieged the big Saxony center of Chemnitz from the same distance, while the First (Continued on Page 6)

General Clark Says Spring Offensive Is On

By LYNN HEINZERLING

ROME—(P)—Gen. Mark W. Clark announced Monday that the "spring offensive in the Mediterranean Theater has begun," with the U. S. Fifth and the British Eighth Armies engaged in operations along the entire Italian battlefield.

The British Eighth Army struck on the eastern end of the front a week ago and the U. S. Fifth jumped into the fight Monday along the central and western sectors.

The Fifth's attack was preceded Sunday by 1,233 heavy bombers of the U. S. 15th Air Force which blasted German targets south of Bologna. At places the carpet of bombs fell within five and a half miles of Fifth Army lines.

Twenty Persons Die In Airliner's Crash

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—(P)—

The wreckage of a Pennsylvania Central Airlines transport with 17 passengers and three crewmen dead was found Sunday on a mountain-side deep in the West Virginia hills where the liner crashed in storm weather Saturday.

The big plane, flying from Pittsburgh to Birmingham, was smashed in pieces and the bodies of the victims mangled.

AMI Finds Meat Problem Worsening

CHICAGO—(P)—Meat counters

which Monday are almost empty probably will remain that way for some time, the American Meat Institute believes.

In fact, the institute said in releasing a survey of 75 packers, the shortages are slightly worse than a month ago. The survey was made at the request of the Office of Price Administration.

Reds Launch Long Expected Berlin Attack

LONDON—(P)—The German High Command announced Monday that the Russians had launched their long awaited large-scale offensive from the east side of the German waist at Berlin.

Earlier Berlin broadcasts had made similar announcements, but this was the first confirmation by the formal communique, which usually proves more accurate than the German news services. The high command declared the big Soviet steamroller swung into action along a 60-mile front from the mouth of the Neisse so east of Berlin to the Oderbruch, a low plain on the west bank of the Oder northeast of Berlin.

"Bitter fighting is in progress on the entire front," said Berlin's war bulletin.

Even Broader Front German broadcasts indicated that the Russian assault was being mounted on an even broader front, and reported that a new bridgehead had been forged in the first hours of the offensive in the Schwedt area, 30 miles south of Stettin and 44 miles northeast of Berlin.

Schwedt is 105 miles from Seehausen, where American forces stand on the Elbe.

However Russian and American forces were even closer to a junction north of Berlin, German broadcasts indicated. The Russians were reported attacking close to Wriezen, 24 miles northwest of Berlin and 91 miles from the American Ninth Army on the Elbe at Tangermunde.

The Germans said strong Soviet tank forces had made breaches in attacks toward the Seelow Heights, Seelow is 27 miles east of Berlin.

Southeast of Berlin, a Transocean broadcast said, the Russians lashed out in the Puerstenberg area on the Oder toward Beeskow, 27 miles from the capital and 87 miles from American forces attacking in the Dessau area.

To Enlarge Bridgehead "The first Russian aim seems to be to enlarge the Kuestrin bridgehead," the German radio said in referring to the Seelow operations.

By German account the Russian offensive was being directed by (Continued on Page 6)

Midland Jaycees Win State Award

The Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas activities program won the state cup at the Texas Junior C of C conference Saturday in San Antonio, Clint Danagan, state president, announced.

The cup-winning program was planned by Frank Monroe, chairman of the activities program. The program included a toy matinee, visiting shut-ins Christmas Day, radio broadcasts and many other features.

Since winning the state cup, the program is entered in the national contest automatically.

R. Benton Ross of Wichita Falls was chosen to succeed Danagan as state president. Danagan will retire from the office July 1.

Harold Powell of San Angelo was chosen vice president for the Midland district of the Jaycees.

Interscholastic Tourney Dates Are Changed

AUSTIN—(P)—To avoid week-end

travel, the state meet of the University of Texas Interscholastic League will be held Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, Roy Bedichek, director, announced.

War Bulletins

TARTHUN, GERMANY—(AP)—A German

factory producing 600-mile-an-hour jet fighter planes was discovered Sunday 900 feet underground in an innocent-looking salt mine by U. S. Second Armored Division tankmen.

LONDON—(AP)—A fleet of 450 Flying Fortresses blasted German ground installations on the Gironde Estuary at Bordeaux for the third straight day Monday.

LONDON—(AP)—Russian Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov will visit President Truman at the White House en route to the San Francisco World Security Conference, the Moscow radio announced Monday.

Roosevelt Rests In Garden Of His Family Home Site

By HOWARD FLIEGER
ROOSEVELT ESTATE, HYDE PARK, N. Y.—(P)—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, world traveler in search of lasting peace, slept Monday in the spot on earth he loved above all others—the garden of his family home in the peaceful Hudson Valley.

In burial rites majestic in their simplicity, the four-term Chief Executive was laid to rest Sunday behind the hemlock hedge which borders the century old garden, a cherished pride of the Roosevelt family.

His modest-mannered successor, President Truman joined other high government dignitaries in the ceremony—then sped back to Washington to shoulder in earnest the crushing task which fell his lot Thursday when a cerebral hemorrhage caused the death of President Roosevelt.

With President Truman went Mrs. Roosevelt, back to the White House to terminate the first-family housekeeping she began March 4, 1933.

Simple neighbors of Hyde Park mingled with cabinet officers, Supreme Court justices, Congressional and military leaders and foreign executives to pay final homage to the man who gave up the country squire life he wanted, to lead an embattled nation through its greatest conflict.

Hitler Tries To Rally War Sick Germans

LONDON—(P)—Adolf Hitler, in

an order of the day to German soldiers on the Eastern Front, declared Monday:

"For the last time the Jewish-Bolshevik arch enemy has launched his massed attack. He is trying to destroy Germany and to wipe out our people."

"Soldiers in the east, you yourselves know what fate threatens, particularly the German women, girls and children," Hitler asserted.

"While old men and children are being reduced to the status of prostitutes. The remainder, led away to Siberia."

Offensive Expected "We have expected this offensive and since January of this year everything has been done in order to build up a strong front. A tremendous artillery concentration is meeting the enemy," Hitler continued.

"This time the Bolsheviks will suffer the old fate of Asia—they must and will perish in front of the German capital."

"Whoever at this moment does not fulfill his duty is a traitor to our nation."

London Is Jammed With V-E Day Hopefuls LONDON—(P)—Thousands of visitors are pouring into London and jamming hotels, hopeful of being here for the celebration that will take place when "V-E" Day is proclaimed.

The police announced plans for concentrating hundreds of officers in Central London, but the bobbies have been instructed to allow the celebrators "considerable latitude."

Weather

MIDLAND AND VICINITY

Continued fair Monday afternoon and Tuesday with moderate winds. Warmer Tuesday.

Congress Told By Truman U.S. Must Share Responsibility

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Truman promised Monday that the grand strategy of the war will remain "unchanged and unhampered" by his accession to the Presidency.

Making his first address to a joint session of Congress, the new President declared this nation, along with its Allies, must shoulder the "grave responsibility" of making secure future peace.

To accomplish this objective, Truman said, the United States must join in punishing those guilty for bringing on the war.

"Lasting peace can never be secured if we permit our dangerous opponents to plot future wars with impunity at any mountain retreat—how-ever distant," the President said, in an apparent allusion to reports that Hitler may attempt to seek refuge in the Bavarian Mountains of Germany.

"The armies of liberation today are bringing to an end Hitler's ghastly threat to dominate the world," President Truman said. "Tokyo rocks under the weight of our bombs."

Grand Strategy Determined "The grand strategy of a United Nations war has been determined—due in no small measure to the wisdom of our departed Commander-in-Chief. We are now carrying on our part of that strategy under the able direction of Admiral Leahy, General Marshall, Admiral King, General Arnold, General Eisenhower, Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur."

"I want the entire world to know that this direction must and will remain unchanged and unhampered."

Speaking only one day after the burial of Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Truman paid high tribute to his predecessor.

"Tragic fate has thrust upon us grave responsibilities," he said. "We must carry on."

"Our devoted leader never looked backward. He looked forward and moved forward. That is what he would want us to do."

That is what America will do. Holds Two Conferences Truman went to the capitol after two early morning conferences on international affairs. The first was with Secretary of State Stettinius, the second with Stettinius, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax, the British ambassador.

Long before the President arrived at the capitol, police and secret servicemen placed a careful guard about the building.

Speaking from the rostrum where he heard President Roosevelt on March 1 describe the accomplishments of the Yalta conference, Truman said that American policy remained "unconditional surrender."

Declaring that the nation is "deeply conscious" that much hard fighting remains, the President said:

"Having to pay such a heavy price to make complete victory certain, America will never become a party to any plan for partial victory. We will not traffic with the breakers of the peace on the terms of the peace."

Must Have Courage "Noting that within an hour after he took office last Thursday he had announced that the San Francisco United Nations Conference would proceed on schedule, Truman said the nation must face the problems of peace 'with the same courage that we have faced and mastered the problems of war.'"

"In the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice—in the memory of our fallen President—we shall not fail," the President said.

It is not enough, Truman said, merely to yearn for peace.

"We must work, and if necessary, fight for it," he declared.

The task of creating a sound international organization is complicated and difficult. But the President added that "machinery for the just settlement of international differences must be found."

"Without such machinery," President Truman said, "the entire world will have to remain an armed camp. The world will be doomed to deadly conflict, devoid of hope for real peace."

Appeals For Support Appealing to all Americans for support in efforts to build a strong and lasting United Nations organization, the President said:

"You, the members of Congress, surely know how I feel. Only with your help can I hope to complete one of the greatest tasks ever assigned to a public servant. With Odesa to the Texas Civil Judicial divine guidance, and your help, we Council.

will find the new passage to a far better world, a kindly and friendly world, with just and lasting peace.

"With confidence, I am depending upon all of you."

Departing briefly from his war and peace theme, President Truman said that America had labored long and hard to achieve a social order worthy of its great heritage.

"In our time," the President said, "tremendous progress has been made toward a really democratic way of life. Let me assure the forward looking people of America that there will be no relaxation in our efforts to improve the lot of the common people."

"In the difficult days ahead, unquestionably we shall face problems of staggering proportions. However, with the faith of our fathers in our hearts, we fear no future."

President Truman concluded his brief address with a quotation from First Kings, third chapter, verse 3. It was:

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"

"I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people," President Truman said.

Expresses Nation's Grief At the outset of his speech President Truman said words were inadequate to describe the nation's grief in the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The most eloquent tribute would be a reverent silence," President Truman said. "Yet in this decisive hour, when world events are moving rapidly, our silence might be misunderstood and might give comfort to our enemies."

Truman said "no man could possibly fill the tremendous void left by the passing of that noble soul, for the world knows it has lost a heroic champion of justice and freedom."

In appealing for aid in his new responsibilities, the President said:

"Even the most experienced pilot cannot bring a ship safely into harbor, unless he has the full cooperation of all, every individual must do his duty."

"I appeal to every American regardless of party, race, creed, or color, to support our efforts to build a strong and lasting United Nations organization."

No Misunderstanding Emphasizing the unconditional surrender demand, the President said:

"So there can be no possible misunderstanding, both Germany and Japan can be certain, beyond any shadow of doubt, America will continue the fight for freedom until no vestige of resistance remains."

As Mr. Roosevelt so often had declared, President Truman said, it is futile "to seek safety behind geographical barriers."

"Real security will be found only in law and in justice," he asserted.

Leaving the White House with Secretary of State Stettinius and Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, after 20 minutes with Truman, then told reporters:

"I naturally took from the prime minister a message as to how grateful we all are over the close and intimate relationships which exist between our countries in all our affairs."

Tuesday night, Truman goes on the air with an address beamed to American fighting men in every clime.

Medical Examiners Are Appointed AUSTIN—(P)—Appointed to the State Board of Medical Examiners Monday for six-year terms by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson were Drs. Charles S. Carter of Belts, Grayson County; T. J. Crowe of Dallas, Everett W. Wilson of San Antonio and J. T. Lawson of Bowie.

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This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we swore unto them.—Joshua 9:20.

Freedom And Beyond

Soon after American forces first entered upon German soil, General Eisenhower broadcast an appeal for revolt to the foreign workers inside Germany. The appeal went unanswered, and the revolt did not develop. Now the Americans are finding out why.

Thousands of these slave laborers have been freed by the Allied advance. And reporters who have seen them have spoken particularly of their apathy. They are, as one writer described them, "numb." It is not surprising that they had neither the strength nor the spirit to revolt.

We do not know now the exact contribution to this apathy, but it seems safe to construct a general explanation. It must have been something like this:

To the first prisoner-laborers, the numbness came with the swift, stunning defeat of Poland, and afterwards of France and the Low Countries. Before the effect of the blow had worn off they were uprooted and carried off to supply the conqueror's war machine under threat of the conqueror's guns.

At first they planned underground organization and, perhaps, open rebellion. Those who came later nourished the same plans at first. But not even the most ardent spirit could survive many months of the long, heavy hours of labor, poor and scanty food, and the filth and misery of their dwellings.

Later the Allied bombers came, the prelude to liberation but still a source of terror and danger to friend as well as enemy. As the bombings increased so did the brutal vigilance of the Gestapo and SS guards. Food grew less and worse, cold and fatigue increased.

Only when the imminent arrival of the Americans brought confusion did these enslaved workers summon the strength to rise up and flee. And when freedom at last came, their only wish was to be fed and allowed to make their weary way out of the hated land of Germany by the shortest route, whether or not the way led to their homeland.

There are still millions of these displaced prisoners in what is left of Hitler's Germany. Returning them to homes scattered all over Europe is a tremendous task that will require months and perhaps years. Until it is accomplished they must be housed and fed.

And their eventual resettlement will not solve the problem. The nightmare of servitude, which for some has lasted five years, must have left these millions sick in body and mind. It is doubtful that many will recover completely from the experience.

So these men (and women, too) who should have helped form the core of European recovery may instead become problems to themselves, their families, their country and the whole postwar world. They will make up still another segment of the tragic aftermath of war.

New Isolationism

The Moscow radio hails the meeting of the international security organization in the United States as proof of the defeat of American isolationism. That is a true but belated observation. American isolationism was defeated and for all practical purposes killed when Congress and both political parties formally disavowed it some months ago.

But with the defeat of American isolationism there have appeared some disturbing tendencies toward a new and international sort of isolationism. It is the isolationism of heads of governments and of statesmen from the people whose destinies they control to a great extent.

Such a tendency was revealed with the forced disclosure of a secret agreement among the Big Three at Yalta. This agreement on Russia's request for extra votes in the world assembly contradicted the intervening assurances of our State Department that there would be one vote for each nation.

Decisions and compromises on organization for world peace ultimately affect the people, not the statesmen. Secrecy in these decisions and compromises naturally breeds a suspicion among the people that there may be other undisclosed agreements which could have a profound and tragic effect on their lives and fortunes.

Premier Stalin is not directly accountable to his people for the decisions that affect them. But Great Britain's prime minister and the President of the United States are. And in this country, more embarrassing disclosures of a lack of frankness must inevitably revive and strengthen the isolationism that most Americans have repudiated, and which the Moscow radio has declared defeated.

Coming Up!

The Russians, long busy with those tough German customers up front, are about ready to give some attention to a party of Japs who have been waiting around for some time. We can hardly wait to see what the boys in the back room are going to get.

The person with a frown will feel a lot better if he'll take another look.

The way to make your dreams come true is to wake up and get busy.

Great, Great Grandson Of The Argonauts



Patton's Teacher Watches Pupil With Great Pride

By JACK RUTLEDGE

As Pistol Packing Patton punches his dazzling way across the face of Germany, a proud gentleman in Brownsville follows his tactics and beams, "That's my boy!"

General S. D. Rockenbach, now retired and living in the Rio Grande Valley, was Patton's commander in the last war.

Rockenbach pioneered the U. S. Tank Corps, and Patton learned about tanks from him.

Patton was a lieutenant under him in World War I.

"He was a fighting fool," Rockenbach says. "He was very daring—but good."

"In a few months I had steadily to move him all the way from lieutenant to colonel."

Rockenbach has albums packed with letters and clippings which, some day, will prove historically valuable. In his collection is a letter he prizes.

It is from Patton, and in it "Old Blood and Guts" thanks Rockenbach for the privileges of having served under him during the war.

He also thanked the general for putting up with his "vagaries."

"Rocky" recalls fondly that Patton was always turning up where the going was tough, and had to be reprimanded for taking unnecessary chances.

Far Ahead
The retired general says that after the last war the United States was far ahead of the world in development of armor.

His album has pictures showing guns on tanks, and on tractors, amphibious landing equipment, and forerunners of the celebrated Weasel, Duck, Alligator and Buffalo.

Today's he's grimly content, watching the movements of the U. S. Third Army probably with greater interest than anyone except Eisenhower himself.

In this war, his pupil, Patton, races across Germany using the theories and equipment and the men Rockenbach helped produce.

Marriage License Sale Continues High

County Clerk Susie G. Noble issued 10 marriage licenses last week.

Two divorces and one suit for annulment were filed during the week at the office of District Clerk Nettie Romer.

fast the rendezvous was in Yank hands before the hour of the pre-arranged meeting.

The officer said the "Werewolf" group was not a serious threat to Army operations in Germany, and added bitterly:

"It's one of the dirtiest things the Nazis ever tried to get kids a few years beyond the cradle to do a job they weren't able to do themselves."

He said that young boy members of the "Werewolves" were known as "Panzer Commandos" and were instructed in how to fire panzerfausts, bazookas for knocking out tanks and other vehicles.

"Our job is to perform small acts of sabotage and hinder your war effort until such time as the fucher is ready to strike again," the youngster said.

"We recognize other members by a password," the boy said with the naive pride of a youngster playing soldier.

Both Were Armed
When captured, both boys were carrying pistols and daggers. They who gave them orders operated was to send young "Werewolves" into Allied lines and arrange to meet them later behind the German lines. In this way the boys would take all chances and the German Army "Svengali" would be safe.

But the American Army moved so

Soviets Moving Germans Into Russia To Begin Rebuilding

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Diplomatic News Editor

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Soviet policy declarations calling for transportation of Germans into Russia to help clean up and rebuild war-wrecked cities have already been put into effect in the Balkans.

This became evident Monday from diplomatic information reaching Washington. It disclosed that:

1. About 70,000 men and women out of the half-million Germans in Romania—where they fought and supported the Nazi armies—have been removed to the Soviet Union. Originally, Moscow wanted to take virtually the entire half-million, but—

American and Allied intervention against such a wholesale transfer caused Russia to reconsider.

2. An estimated 100,000 Germans have been removed from Yugoslavia. Presumably they were sent into Russia, but Marshal Tito handled the operation himself and refrained from reporting on it to his Western Allies. All that seems reasonably well established is that they have gone from Yugoslavia.

3. In addition, still another 40,000 persons, who originally lived in Bessarabia, now Russian, have been sent back to that former Romanian province from Romania. They fled from Bessarabia before the Red Army, and the Russian explanation for returning them is that they are displaced peoples being put back into their homes. This explanation has been accepted here.

Little Information
There have been some signs that able-bodied Germans were being moved out of Hungary, but little information has come through on that.

This problem of moving portions of enemy manpower into Russia is likely to be among the first diplomatic headaches besetting President Truman. It may be high on the agenda of any talks Truman has with Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov.

There is no doubt among diplomats here that Russia intends to use such manpower as she finds desirable.

The subject came up at Yalta, but evidently without agreement. Shortly after Yalta the issue was raised at a White House news conference. President Roosevelt said that after seeing the destruction of Crimean cities he thought it might be a good idea to use Germans to clean them up.

Some of Truman's advisers are known to be opposed to the Russian plan, but the belief among diplomats is that Moscow will not be swerved from its purpose by the Western Allies.

Considerable encouragement is felt here that arguments presented by American and other diplomats in the case of the Romanian Germans evidently helped to cut the number transported from a possible half-million to 70,000 or less.

The whole issue is part of a much broader question—that of German reparations. Despite the imminent end of the war in Europe, virtually no progress has been made on this.

Gratitude Is A Thing Of The Past
LOUISVILLE—(AP)—Crisis-hit a Louisville cafe when two waiters attempting to serve 150 diners suddenly walked out.

Two regular patrons donned aprons and finished the job with the remark "We all gotta eat." They received 65 cents in tips.

Lying-In Hospital For A Batch Of Cats
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—(AP)—Mrs. Jean Hickman noticed the covers of her son's crib stir. Since Tommy was absent, she investigated.

Underneath was a cat belonging to a neighbor, Mrs. John Johnson. With it were two newly-born kittens.

Yanks Capture Two Pistol Packing 15 Year-Old 'Werewolves'

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY—(AP)—Two pistol-packing 15-year-old boy "Werewolves"—first members of Germany's newest underground movement to be taken on the Western Front—were captured trying to organize a group of German boys to commit petty sabotage behind the Allied lines.

They wore dark blue uniforms of the Volksturm, the German Home Guard, and 300 "Werewolf" propaganda leaflets were found in their possession.

Both boys were badly frightened. Too Scared To Talk
One boy, tall and blonde, was too scared to speak. The other lad, small and dark, did all the talking.

"Germany has lost," he said. "There will be no more life here. Give me the bullet."

He said that young boy members of the "Werewolves" were known as "Panzer Commandos" and were instructed in how to fire panzerfausts, bazookas for knocking out tanks and other vehicles.

"Our job is to perform small acts of sabotage and hinder your war effort until such time as the fucher is ready to strike again," the youngster said.

"We recognize other members by a password," the boy said with the naive pride of a youngster playing soldier.

Both Were Armed
When captured, both boys were carrying pistols and daggers. They who gave them orders operated was to send young "Werewolves" into Allied lines and arrange to meet them later behind the German lines. In this way the boys would take all chances and the German Army "Svengali" would be safe.

But the American Army moved so

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Unfriendly Act On Fellow Sergeant's Part Saves His Life

S/Sgt. ELL PEEBLES, a veteran of 51 missions as an aerial photographer in the ETO, can thank an ungracious refusal for his having survived his overseas experience.

Just before take-off time, the sergeant asked another aerial photographer to trade places with him so that he could fly with some

particular friends.

The other photographer refused for no particular reason—"He just didn't like me," Sergeant Peebles recalls. The plane the MAAF man wanted to get on was struck by ack-ack over the target and blew up, killing all on board.

A resident of Hillsboro, Ala., Sergeant Peebles entered the Army in January 1943 and headed across the water in December 1943. He returned to the States in October 1944 and he's now working as a camera repairman at the photo lab here.

Sergeant Peebles was stationed with the 15th Air Force in Italy and participated in several missions over the Poesti oil fields as well as other continental points.

A week before the invasion of southern France he participated in the softening up of enemy emplacements along the coast and on D-Day was back at the scene just ahead of the landing forces.

"We could see the landing barges circling in the water offshore," he relates.

Sergeant Peebles' job was to start taking pictures the instant he heard the bombardier's call, "Bombs Away!" in order to record the damage done.

—AAF Photo by AAF/TC S/SGT. ELL PEEBLES

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His father, W. C. Baker, resides in Midland, Texas.

Midland Way Over On Red Cross Quota

Total contributions to Midland County's share of the 1945 War Fund campaign of the American Red Cross have now reached \$27,478.55. E. M. Funkhouser, general chairman of the campaign, announced Monday.

The total exceeds the county's \$18,300 quota by \$9,178.55 and was obtained in a little more than a week after general solicitation began.

C Of C Officials To Attend Odessa Meet

A number of Midland Chamber of Commerce officials are expected to attend a dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Elliott Hotel in Odessa to hear an address by Hodson Lewis of Dallas, manager of the southwest division of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Lewis' talk will concern the national affairs program of the USCC. All officers and directors and members of the national affairs committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce have been invited to attend.

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War-essential service is furnished promptly, of course. But as things look now, it's hard to say when everyone waiting for new telephone service will get it. At best it will not be soon. Your patience and understanding are a big help.



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Mrs. Carter Presides At P-TA Meetings

Mrs. D. R. Carter, Sixth District president, returned to Midland Saturday night after attending a series of P-TA Inspirational Day meetings. She presided at the two day session held in Big Spring Tuesday and Wednesday, which was attended by over 200.

Also present at the meeting were Mrs. F. E. Holman, of Taylor, state vice president, and Frank Monroe of Midland, state recreational chairman.

Highlight of this meeting was a panel discussion on junior canteens led by Miss Marcelle McClure of Midland, who was assisted by Mrs. John Reese of Colorado City and Mrs. Tyson Mickiff of Rankin.

Big Spring Was Host

Big Spring Chamber of Commerce was host for a dinner Tuesday for district board members and also entertained with a barbecue for the entire group Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Holman also attended meetings at Junction on Thursday; Del Rio, Friday; and Bracketville, Saturday. Mrs. Carter served as presiding officer at these sessions.

Mrs. Carter will leave Midland Tuesday to conduct another series of inspirational meetings to be held in Stephenville and Fort Worth.

Ration Calendar

MEATS, FATS, ETC. — Book Four red stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2; E2 through J2 good through June 30; K2 through P2 good through July 31.

PROCESSED FOOD — Book Four blue stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28. Stamps 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 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Next stamp valid May 1.

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

GASOLINE — 15-A coupons good for four gallons each through June 21. B-6, C-6, B-7 and C-7 good for five gallons each.

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MRS. L. WIMBERLEY HONOREE OF SHOWER AT EDMON HOME

Mrs. Loyd Wimberley of Port O'Connor was honored with a "pink and blue" shower Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dan Edgmon, 609 North Weatherford. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. C. H. Hobbs, Mrs. F. G. Shipp, Mrs. Harvey Kiser and Mrs. Edgmon.

Decorations in the Edgmon home were in keeping with a pink and blue color scheme. Centering the dining table was an arrangement of roses. Pink tapers in crystal candelabra flanked the centerpiece.

Guest List

Guests were Meses. W. E. Hobbs, S. D. Wimberley, Lois Wilson, W. A. Hoekendorf, Edd Hoekendorf, Vernon Kelly, A. B. Shipp, Steve Parr, D. M. Bizzell, Alfred Martin, F. T. Drummond, Curtis Cook, Iva Beauchamp, Elmer Sellers, Peck Hale, Fritz Kinikin, Charles Robertson, Floyd Pace, Harold Malone, Troy Laxton, B. L. Mason, Melvin Haney and J. D. Jackson.

Those sending gifts who were unable to attend were: Meses. Melvin Wimberley, Preston Vest, L. E. Cook, Leo Robertson, W. H. Wesson, Archie Booth, Violet Newkirk, Mary Perkins, Bud Wallis, Nettie Stanich, J. W. Pace, Golda Haney, O. J. Schoolcraft, Nora Hewitt, Esta Leene Antinoro, Johnnie Bryan, M. D. Cox, Eldred Hobbs, John Woody, Glenn E. Cook, Frank Douglas, Douglas Leonard, Mildred Gossard, Jimmie Smith, and Misses Loretta Wright, Patsy Edgmon and Atrelle Pace.

Eileen Beauchamp Honored On Birthday

Eileen Beauchamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beauchamp, 1001 North Main, was named honoree of a party on her sixth birthday Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. T. Drummond, 611 North Weatherford. Hostess for the entertainment was Mrs. Beauchamp. Games were played during the afternoon.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Wanda Jean Beauchamp, Arlene and Billie Schoolcraft, Bobbie Timmons, Mary Pace, Donna Jean Edgmon, Earleen and Shirley Watson, Joyce, Doris and Dolores Johnson, Maxine Cogburn, Charles Ray Watson, Mike Schoolcraft and Don Drummond.

Also present were Meses. L. S. Webb, Ray Watson, Harold Malone, Garnis Martin and Isaac Johnson.

Civic Music Club To Present Program At Federation Meet

Members of the Civic Music Club will present a musical program at a meeting of the City-County Federation of Women's Clubs Thursday at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Foy Proctor, 2005 West Holloway.

Preceding the program, a business session will be held at which time new officers for the City-County Federation will be elected.

VISIT IN MIDLAND

Cpl. and Mrs. Loyd Wimberley of Port O'Connor are spending a 21-day furlough in Midland with relatives and friends. Corporal Wimberley is stationed on Matagorda.

RETURN TO LEAGUE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Barron have returned to their home in League City after visiting friends and relatives in Midland.

GO TO McCAMEY

Mrs. J. D. Monroe and Mrs. Walter Wingo have gone to McCamey for a short visit with Mrs. Jack Monroe, who is recuperating from a recent operation.

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These New Hair-Do's Are Easy To Set

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

Want a new hair-do? Something subtly styled, which can give you a lift this spring and summer without troublesome upkeep?

From Hollywood, where no hair is left unturned when it comes to glorifying famous heads, come suggestions.

Says M-G-M stylist Sidney Gullaroff: "Take out your pins, get your brush, plant yourself in front of a mirror, and give several styles a try-out before you settle for any one."

If you decide on the "flat-top," such as blonde Audrey Tetter wears at top left, Gullaroff says that hair needs a soft permanent in order to shape it into this persuasive mold, and to clinch the impression as the week wears on. Brushed back from the brow and dipped from a deeply furrowed wave, all ends of a long bob are set in a pag' boy roll that drops like a waterfall in the back and swirls to the front to make a soft, neat frame for the face.

If you want to look as young as a cherub, settle for the feather-cut. Hair must be cut short—top length five inches, lower locks about three—and given a good stout permanent for springy uplift. Newest version, popularized by Marsha Hunt (lower left), is side-parted, with long top hair brushed up and out from the part to lie snug and high in soft ringlets.

From Helen Hunt, Columbia's studio hair stylist, come tricks which you can work out with long hair and a head scarf (see Marguerite Chapman's halo at upper right), or a square of fabric to match the color of your dress.

To copy, begin by parting hair in the center all the way down the back. Separate hair into two strands on either side. Now take a large square scarf, fold diagonally for the headband fashion in front, and use the loose ends as the third strand of the braid. The braids are then brought together at the nape of the neck and the scarf ends are tied in a part knot.

Want a trick upside-down? Try Leonce's slight-of-hand trick of glorifying a topknot, shown at lower right. To copy, says this New York stylist, hair should be shouldered length and ends permanently. Begin by parting hair across the head from ear to ear. Braid the back section and pin the ends of the "queue" to the top of your head. Push front hair up and lodge it to your head at front and sides with tuck combs. Brush the topknot into a gent, curving circular roll, tuck ends under roll and pin. You'll notice that the roll hides the tufted ends of your pinned-up braid.



Choose a style that fits your face and years.

California Girl, MAAF Officer Are Married

Miss Barbara Jane Beekman of Los Angeles, Calif., became the bride of Capt. Roy L. Gilliam of Valley, Neb., and Midland Army Air Field, in a simple but impressive ceremony performed Saturday at 7 p. m. at the First Methodist Church in Midland.

Rev. Will C. House read the vows for the double ring ceremony as the couple stood before the altar which was decorated with baskets of pink gladioli. Burning tapers in the floor-length candelabra added soft illumination to the setting.

Pre-nuptial music was by Capt. Jerome Snyder, organist, who played "Tintil" and the traditional wedding marches, and he accompanied Lt. J. R. Toussaint as he sang "Always." Captain Snyder played "O Promise Me" softly during the ceremony.

Bride In Aquamarine

Attired in an aquamarine wool gabardine suit, the bride chose dusty rose accessories. She wore a dusty rose straw hat fashioned with roses and a shoulder-length veil. An orchid corsage completed her costume.

Attendants to the couple were Lt. and Mrs. Edward Dreesen of Midland. Mrs. Dreesen wore a yellow wool suit with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Robert Harold Beekman, mother of the bride, wore a black flowered print dress and a corsage of gardenias. Mr. Beekman was also present for the wedding.

Following the ceremony, a reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Iley Pratt, 911 West Kansas, was attended by approximately 35 guests.

Centering the dining table, which was covered with a red damask cloth, was an arrangement of yellow tulips, pink stock and bridal wreath, in a silver bowl. The centerpiece was placed on a mirror reflector and flanked with tapers in crystal holders. A three-tiered wedding cake topped with a bridal couple was placed on one end of the table, while a crystal punch bowl was on the other end of the refreshment table.

Mrs. J. M. Speed, Jr., poured punch and Mrs. Dreesen served the cake. Presiding at the guest book, which was heart-shaped and designed with a hand-painted blue-bonnet scene, was Mrs. Walter Theus. Musical entertainment during the reception was by Mrs. Charlotte Kinsey.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harold Beekman of Los Angeles, Calif. She received her college training at the University of Southern California.

Captain Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gale Gilliam of Valley, Neb., attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Neb. He returned to the States in January after spending 14 months overseas as

KATHRYN HANKS RECEIVES BID TO ALPHA PSI AT ACC

Miss Kathryn Hanks of Midland has been extended a bid to membership in the Alpha Psi, a national honorary organization in dramatics, at Abilene Christian College at Abilene. To be eligible for membership in this unit, students must show unusual ability in acting and stagecraft and be unambiguously accepted by the members.

Miss Hanks is a sophomore student at ACC and is majoring in speech. She is active in the Gavel Club, Meliponenean Players, a dramatic club; is secretary of the sophomore class; business manager of the Optimist; the school paper; and is a member of the Ko-Jo-Kai, a girl's social club on the campus of ACC.

A play, "Sweet and Twenty" will be presented under the direction of Miss Hanks in the near future. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hanks, 301 North Pecos.

DAR Poet Laureate's Funeral Held Monday

PALESTINE—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Monday for Mary Kate Hunter, poet and music teacher, who died here Sunday. Miss Hunter, author of a collection of poems published under the title "Visions," was poet laureate of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Texas.

Temperature Falls To 33 Degrees Here

Midland's spring norther Saturday night sent the mercury tumbling to reach a minimum temperature of 33 degrees from 6 to 9 a. m. Sunday. The temperature climbed during the day to the 60 degree mark at 5:30 p. m.

A minimum temperature of 50 degrees for Monday was registered at 2 a. m.

a bombardier on a B-24 in the European Theater of War. He wears the DFC with one cluster, the Air Medal with four clusters, and four battle stars.

Captain and Mrs. Gilliam will reside in Midland while he is stationed at MAAF for CIS training.

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Coming Events

TUESDAY

Mrs. Tom Nance will be hostess for a meeting of the Ed-lweis Club at 2:30 p. m. at her home, 202 South G Street.

The Legion Auxiliary will meet at 8 p. m. in the assembly room.

A meeting of the Home Nursing Club will be held at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, 510 West Tennessee.

The MOW Club will meet with Mrs. P. D. Phillips, 1204 West Indiana, at 8 p. m.

A social has been planned for the Pros at the NCO at the Midland Army Air Field. All wives of enlisted men at MAAF are invited to attend and are asked to meet at the Salvation Army USO at 7:45 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Midweek communion service will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church at 10 a. m. Following the communion service, a Bible class will be held at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Fred H. Fuhrman will be hostess for a meeting of the Play Readers Club at 3:30 p. m. at her home, 705 West Storey.

Members of Lucky Thirteen Club will assist with Red Cross work at 2 p. m. in the sewing room at the old Heidelberg Inn.

Spotters Group One will meet with Mrs. B. B. Klose, 505 North Pecos, at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hubert H. Hopper will be hostess for a meeting of the Modern Study Club at 3:15 p. m. at her home, 1210 West Missouri.

The Women's Wednesday Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. R. C. Conking, 700 West Storey.

Leaders of the local Girl Scout organization will meet at 10 a. m. for an "outdoor cookout" at the home of Mrs. Don Johnson, 1007 West Illinois.

THURSDAY

Midland County Library radio program will be broadcast over KRLH at 4 p. m.

Miss Foy Proctor, 2005 West Holloway, will be hostess for the meeting of the City-County Federation of Women's Clubs at 3 p. m.

City Council P-TA will meet at 2 p. m. in the superintendent's office located in the high school building.

FRIDAY

Groups directed by Mrs. W. J. Ash and Mrs. Shaeffer will be responsible for work on surgical dressings at the Salvation Army USO from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon. All wives of military personnel of MAAF are invited.

Girl Scout Troop Two will meet at 4 p. m. in the music room of Junior High School.

Mrs. Harry D. Aggers, Mrs. Walter Faye Averitt and Mrs. G. A. Black will be hostesses for the luncheon meeting of the Ladies

Winds Cause Damage In North Midland

A chicken house and a contractor's house were destroyed and the roofs of several residence were damaged at 2:15 a. m. Sunday when a small tornado struck in North Midland.

The wind drove a part of the tool house into the roof of one residence. Some chickens were killed in another building.

Cadet Hejl Completes Basic Flying Training

Cadet Jerome Clifton Hejl, son of W. F. Hejl of Midland, has successfully completed the basic flying training course at Marana Army Air Field, Tucson, Ariz., and graduated from the school.

He will be sent to an advanced flying school to complete the last phase of cadet training after which he will be awarded his silver wings.

Cadet Hejl attended Midland High School and Abilene Christian College before entering the armed forces.

LEAVES FOR MARYLAND

Pvt. Joe R. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard, left Saturday for the U. S. Army Replacement Center in Fort Meade, Md. Private Howard was stationed at Camp Walters in Mineral Wells prior to his new assignment.

STATIONED IN SEATTLE

Reverend W. Cutbirth, seaman first class in the U. S. Navy, left Friday for Seattle, Wash., for medical treatment. Seaman Cutbirth was in Fort Worth for medical examination prior to going to Seattle. He was accompanied to Fort Worth by his wife and Ben A. Barron.

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Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS by Lionel Mosher

SHOES BY BLAKELY AND HOGGON

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CHARLEY left about noon and I sat in the library smoking myself dizzy.

"It will do you good, sir." "Simms," I said, "I have small interest in eggs, raw or cooked. Is there coffee?"

"Yes, sir." I followed him into the kitchen, found some cold ham and bread, and made myself a sandwich while Simms brewed the coffee.

"Simms," I said, "you're going to miss Mr. Hudson."

"I never quarrel with fate, Mr. Trent."

"But, Simms, Mr. Hudson was murdered."

"I know that, sir." The old man's voice was quite steady.

"You were very close to Mr. Hudson. Have you any idea who might have done it?"

"Yes, sir." Promptly and firmly. "Who?"

"I'd rather not say, sir, until I know for sure."

"That," I said, "might be too late."

"Too late for what, Mr. Trent?" "Never mind, Simms. What was the relationship between Mr. Hudson and Mr. Woolf?"

Simms considered this for a moment. Then he said: "I could never quite fathom it, Mr. Trent, but it seemed to me to be that of employer and employe."

"You mean Mr. Hudson had hired Mr. Woolf for some purpose?"

"Oh, no, sir. It was the other way 'round."

"What leads you to think that, Simms?"

"It was merely an observation, Mr. Trent." Simms peered at me soberly. "It was not my affair to investigate."

"Naturally not," I said. "It is regrettable that the majority of us don't mind our own business so well. What are you going to do now that Mr. Hudson's gone?"

I did not realize the callousness of the question until it was out. The old gentleman seemed to wilt. "I had hoped that Miss Pat might keep me on," he said.

"I'm afraid," I said gently, "that that is not possible. You see, Mr. Hudson's affairs, well—"

"I quite understand, sir." Simms would never let you down. "But you see I had been with Mr. Hudson for almost a year now without pay. I shouldn't want anything from Miss Pat, but the privilege of carrying on as usual."

I looked at Simms. He was a good servant and proud of his ability to serve loyalty and well. He had integrity. And I had a lump in my throat.

"We'll see Miss Pat," I said.

THAT little talk with Simms was not good for me. It reminded me that wholeness of soul still lingered in the world, and it put me off my guard.

Simms's words lived with me throughout the remainder of the day. And that night I was still warmed by their fire as I sat in the library and watched the fire shadows play on the ceiling.

I began to think about Calavestri and Booker and the Ostermann diamonds and the fire at The Ledges, but my emotions got in the way. And I thought instead of Pat upstairs—asleep, harried by dreams—or staring awake with

her memories of horror. And Phineas Hudson—dead in the green parlor—sealed in his coffin. Pat would not consent to his resting at the undertaking rooms.

Some inner compulsion sent me across the hall to the green parlor. As I opened the door, the ripe sweet musk of too many flowers rolled out, and I looked through the dimness at the coffin banked with floral sprays.

I couldn't think that Phineas Hudson was inside that somber box with half of his face shot away. I shut the door and stood there a moment before turning. An icy drop trickled down my spine and I felt my stomach growl taut. Someone was in the hall behind me. In the shadows. At first I heard nothing, merely sensed a presence at my back. Now it moved and I heard the stirring of its body in the stillness. I turned.

"Something you wanted in there?" a voice asked. I stared through the darkness, made out the shine of buttons. It was a policeman.

"No," I said. "Nothing. Where on earth did you come from?" "Right here," he said. "In this hall. I've been here all afternoon."

"Inspector Marks's orders?" He nodded and gave me a queer look. I wanted to say something about looking in on the casket, but there was really nothing to say. So I mumbled: "Yes, must be hungry."

"I could do with a cup of coffee." "You'll find Simms in the kitchen, I think. He'll take care of you."

I went across the hall, bewildered, but faintly relieved. I opened the door to the library and stepped in. Somebody put something hard and cold to my temple and hissed in my ear.

"No noise, please!" I was a statue. Moving only my eyes downward I saw his feet. Big! A perfect match for those Blakely and Hoggon's in the cellar at The Ledges. And even against the deadly pressure of that pistol on my head, I turned.

"Surprised?" Booker asked with the thinnest of smiles.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

Bob Hawk, radio quizmaster of "Thanks to the Yanks," won a warm spot in the hearts of New York bridge players when he recently acted as auctioneer at The Whist Club tournament, a benefit of the A. C. B. L. Children's Fund.

He sold the pairs at more than double what they sold for last year with the result that the Children's Fund benefited to the extent of more than \$3000.

Bob Hawk in the tournament with B. Jay Becker and handled

Bridge hand diagram showing cards and dealer position.

the play of today's hand pretty well. Hawk won the opening lead with the king of spades after East went up with the queen. He now led the five of clubs and did not make the mistake of playing the queen from dummy, but let West hold the trick. A careless player would have figured the clubs would have to break three two, but of course you are not paid off on bad guesses.

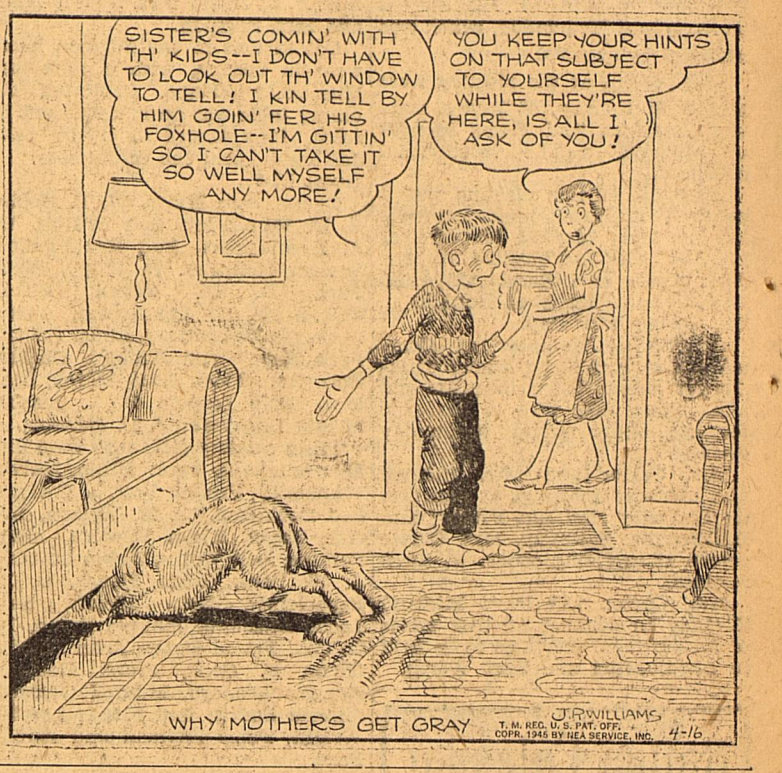
Now, there is nothing the opponents can do to prevent Hawk from winding up with five clubs, the ace of diamonds, two hearts and a spade.

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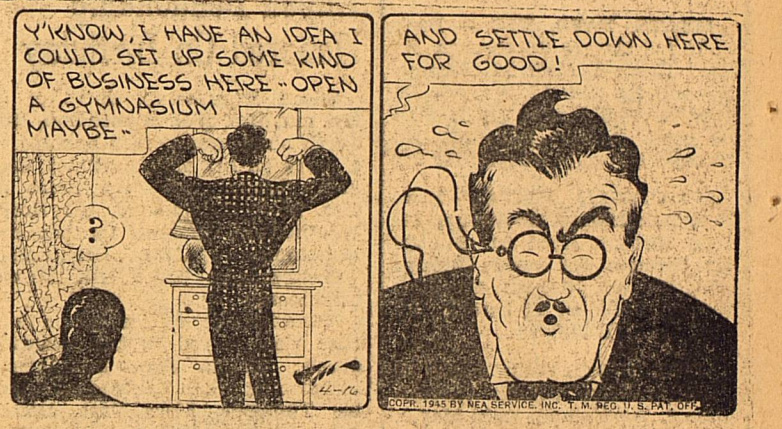
OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE



OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN



MAAF Prop Wash

"Bingo for War Bonds" will be the rallying cry at the NCO Club each Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Bingo will be played weekly starting next Wednesday, April 18, and ending on Wednesday night, June 27. War Bond sweepstakes prizes will be awarded to the four who have won the most bingo games during the tournament. First prize will be a \$100 War Bond; second prize a \$50 War Bond; third and fourth prizes a \$25 War Bond each. A fee of five cents a card will be charged, with no limit on the number of cards a player may operate during the game. "Weekly prizes are being selected," stated M/Sgt. William Flatters, NCO Club steward.

LOCAL ART SCORES HIT WITH BAND LEADER

A huge colorful lifelike painting of Stan Kenton seated at his piano, which was made by S/Sgt. Horace Busby, that served as a backdrop for the orchestra when they played at the Post Service Club last Monday and Tuesday, made such a hit with the band leader that he refused to part without the depicted art of himself, on pasteboard. Through the courtesy of Major Russell B. Brown, Personnel Services officer, Sergeant Busby's art work is now traveling with the Kenton orchestra on its tour of Army air fields.

TED FIO RITA ON HIS WAY

On April 30 and May 1, MAAF will get another musical treat when Ted Fio Rita and his orchestra play at the Post Service Club. The first night will be for enlisted personnel and guests, and the second night for officers and guests. The MAAF branch of the National Association of Air Forces Women is sponsoring the two-day appearances of Fio Rita's nationally-known orchestra.

Because of the recent appearance of Stan Kenton, Personnel Services is unable to present Ted Fio Rita as a free attraction. Therefore NAAFV undertook the task of contracting the orchestra both as a service to MAAF and as a means of raising funds for its officially-sanctioned activities. Admission price for enlisted will

be 55 cents per person; for officers, \$1.10 per person.

HOME, SWEET HOME

S/Sgt. Hardy O. White, a real native Texan, is an "oldtimer," with over four years of experience in aircraft maintenance, three of them at MAAF. He started up the ladder the hard way, as a "wing-wiper," then crew chief, and now a full-fledged flight chief. "Hardy-O," as he is called, is noted for the unusual decorations

in the barracks room he shares with S/Sgt. Carmelo Mangano. Curtained windows, a rug on the floor, a cloth on the table, and a basket of fruit.

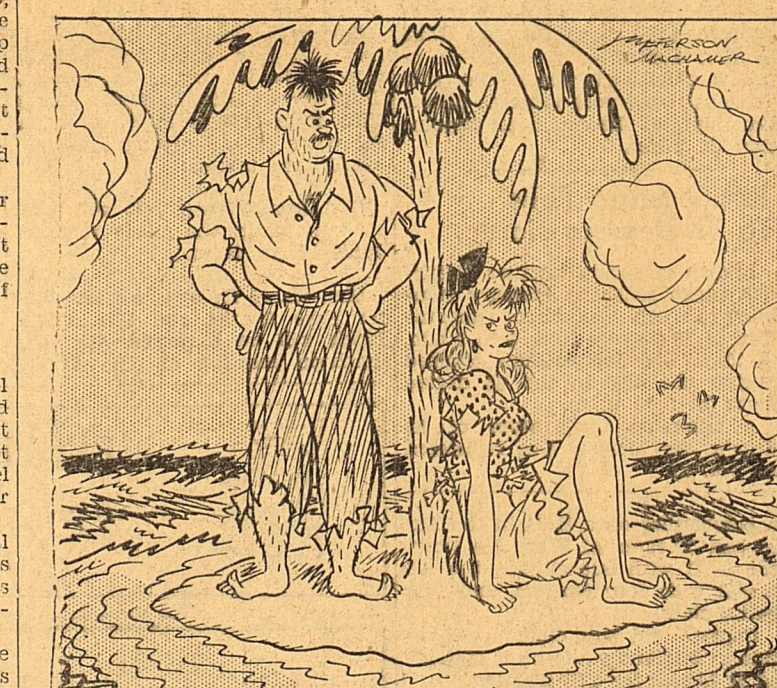
Surround this with framed pictures, built-in shoe racks, writing desk and a convenient reading lamp—is it any wonder both men call this "Home"?

One hundred miles of sensible driving won't use as much rubber from your automobile tires as one quick getaway.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"Now I can throw away the dirty ones I left in the sink!"



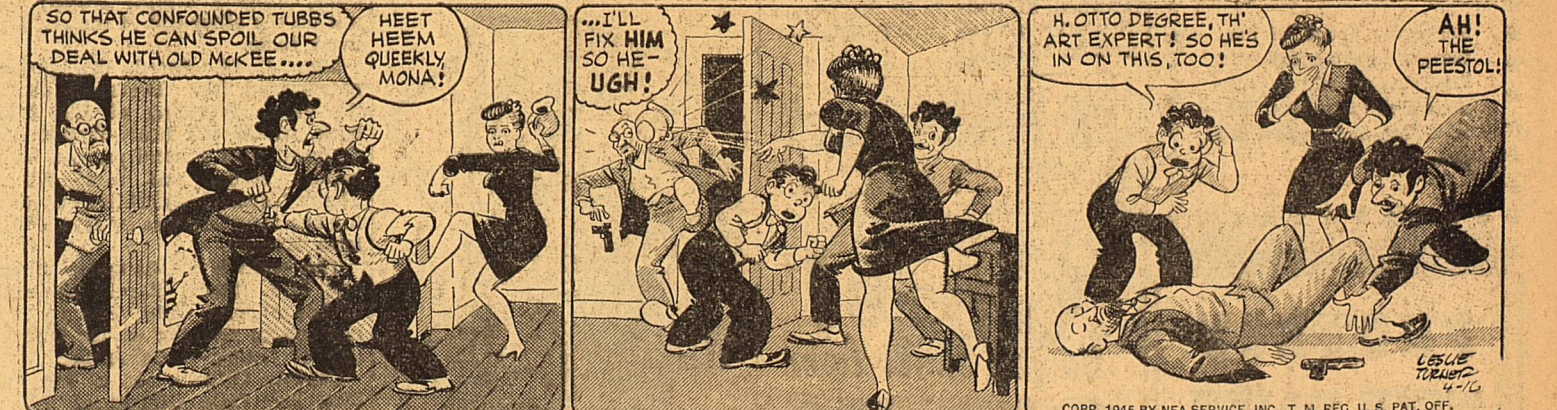
"Frankly, I wish you'd been a case of Wheaties!" Stuff you'd most like to be marooned on an island with—Wheaties. Big flakes of widely known essential whole wheat nourishment—with all the bran. Jam-packed with delicious malty-rich flavor. Try milk, fruit, and Wheaties. Famous "Breakfast of Champions." You could not wish for a better breakfast dish.

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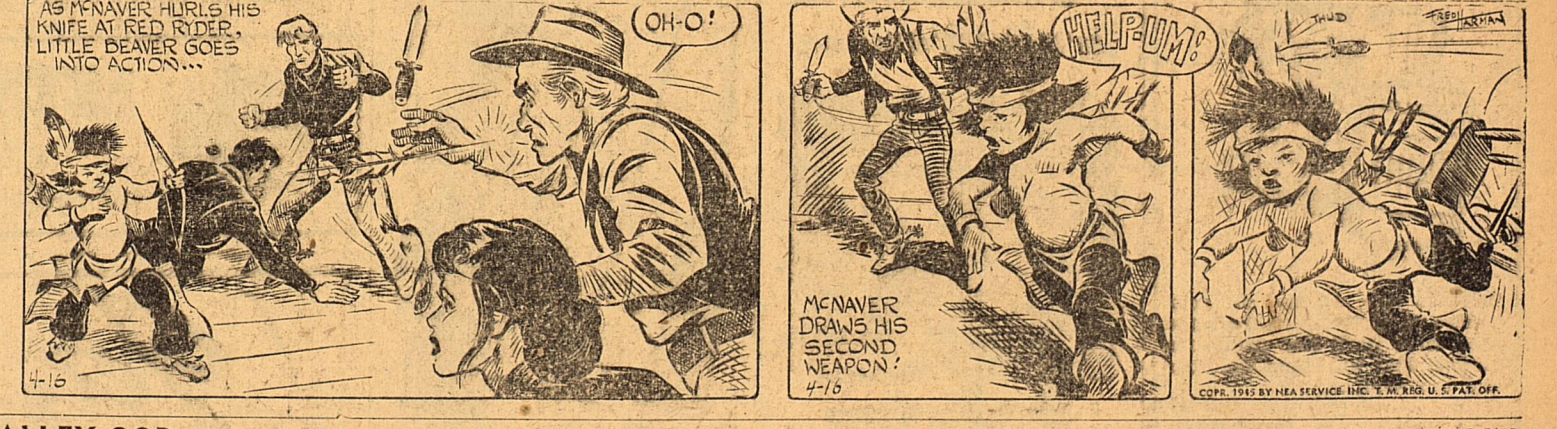
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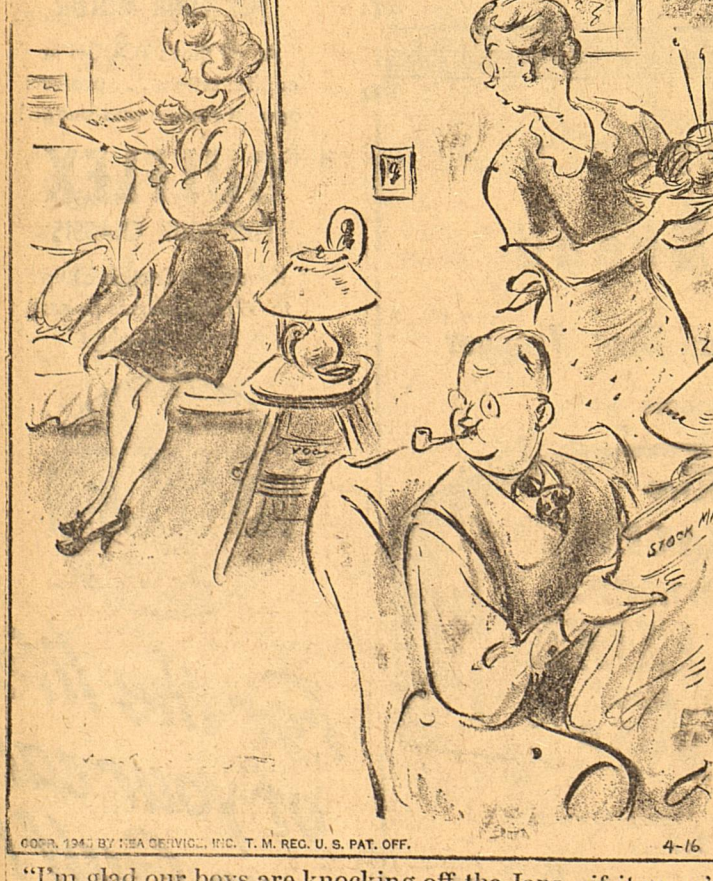
RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN



ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN



SIDE GLANCES



"I'm glad our boys are knocking off the Japs—if it wasn't for those sneaks, I'd be married now and have a family, instead of being a spinster 20 years old!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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

W. C. THOMAS, lawn mower repairman, has moved from 706 S. Colorado to 407 S. Main.

WESTERN Mattress Co. representative, J. R. Bilderback, here twice monthly. Leave names at Galbraith's, 201 S. Main.

WILL CARE for children, special rates to working mothers, 704 S. Weatherford. Phone 347-W.

WILL keep children in home by hour, day, week. Room and board, 1009 S. Big Spring, Phone 1444-J.

NOTICE
 Anyone cutting down yards please do not pile dirt in street and expect city to haul it off as the city does not have the trucks to run and do the work. Please help by hauling it off.

IRION County Abstract Company, Mertzon, Texas. Call or write Mrs. W. W. Carson, manager, Mertzon, Texas.

Lost and Found 7
 LOST—Brown zipper billfold in Harris-Luckett Store. Leave at this paper. Keep money.

LOST—Child's red tricycle, large solid tires. Last seen in front Country Club. Reward for return. Telephone 731-J, Carlton Maley.

LOST—White and gray cat, girl's pet, 605 W. Ohio, Phone 1274-J.

LOST—Black and white kid glove, downtown. Gift from Italy. Return to postoffice.

Help Wanted 9
 WAITRESSES wanted—Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop.

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

BURTON LINGO CO.
 Building Supplies
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 119 E. Texas Phone 58

Help Wanted 9

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

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

WANTED—Soda girl. Experience preferred but not essential. City Drug Store.

WANTED—Large colored boy for Reporter-Telegram route in colored section of city, good paying route now open. See Mr. Russell, Circulation Department, Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED—2 or 3 good reliable boys with bicycles for well established and excellent paying routes to be open soon. See Mr. Russell, Circulation Manager, Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED—Young ladies between ages 17 and 25, high school graduates, to train as clerk-operators at Western Union school San Angelo, Texas. Salary nineteen dollars per week while training. Apply Manager Western Union, Midland.

PRESS hands wanted. Midland Steam Laundry.

WANTED—Service man for Servel Electrolux Refrigerators and washing machines. Cox Appliance, Phone 454, 400 West Kansas.

WANTED—Experienced stenographer, typing and mailing work, permanent with good future. Call Mr. McGraw, Phone 508, Atlantic Pipe Line Co.

WAITRESS wanted. Apply Blue Grill Cafe.

WANTED—Experienced maid. Quarters if desired. Phone 372.

WANTED—Woman clerk, Petroleum Cleaners.

BEAUTY operator wanted, top commission paid. Call Mrs. Fair, 1298, Odessa.

WANTED—Lady to run bottle filler. Banner Creamery.

WANTED—Log plotter. State qualifications first letter. Box 20, care this paper.

WANTED—Male, 16 years or over, with drivers license for full time work as sample clerk. Phillips Petroleum.


Situations Wanted 10
 EXPERT linoleum laying. All work cash. See Foster, 409 N. "D", Phone 1109-J.

RENTALS

Bedrooms 12
 BEDROOM for one or two working men. 507 S. Weatherford.

BEDROOM for one working man. Outside entrance. 1308 S. Loraine.

Wanted to Rent 21
 WANTED to rent, 2 or 3 bedroom house. Write Box 13 care this paper.

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Wanted to Buy 26
 WANTED—Clean cotton rags, no scraps or strings. Reporter-Telegram.

WANTED to buy—modern 2 or 3 bedroom home. Write Box 13, care this paper.

WANTED to buy—well located lot in good residential area. Write Box 13, care this paper.

WANTED—One HP electric motor. W. G. Shirey, Phone 2045-J.

Radios and Service 27
 ELECTRIC radio for sale, cabinet type. 511 E. Illinois.

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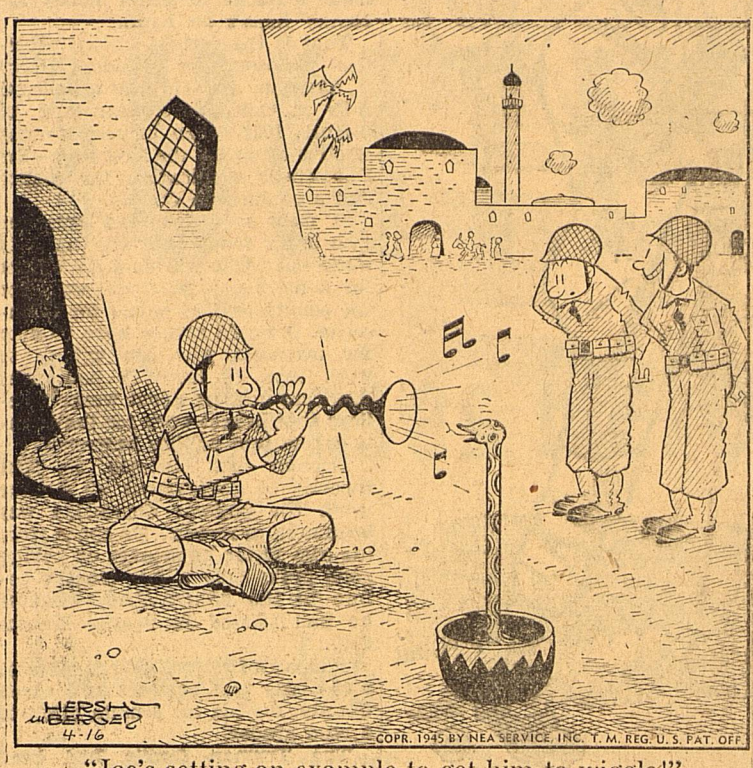
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FUNNY BUSINESS



"Joe's setting an example to get him to wiggle!"

Wanted to Rent 21
 ON MAY 1st, responsible local business man desires to rent 2 or 3 bedroom house, May 1st. Phone 64.

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

ARMY doctor, wife, and 3 1/2 year old child want to rent a furnished apartment or house. Will pay any rental. Call Capt. Hifer, Scharbauer Hotel, Room 301.

COMBAT officer and wife need a bedroom. Crawford, Room 204, between 5 and 8.

WANTED—Unfurnished house. Permanent. References. Box 10, care this paper.

LT. AND WIFE desire a bedroom. Room 319, Crawford Hotel.

FOR SALE
Household Goods 22
 WANTED—Used furniture, highest prices paid.
GALBRAITH'S
 Furniture Floor Covering
 201 S. Main — Phone 746

Miscellaneous 23
 NEW merchandise just arrived. Matches, Napkins (cocktail and luncheon), Party Goods for Monogramming, Scotch Tape — 60c, \$1.08, \$1.75 rolls. Mother's Day Cards, Greeting Cards.
RAY GWYN OFFICE SUPPLY
 215 W. Wall

FOR SALE—Small new prewar metal lathe and accessories, without motor. Phone 679.

BABY bed and mattress for sale. Phone 778.

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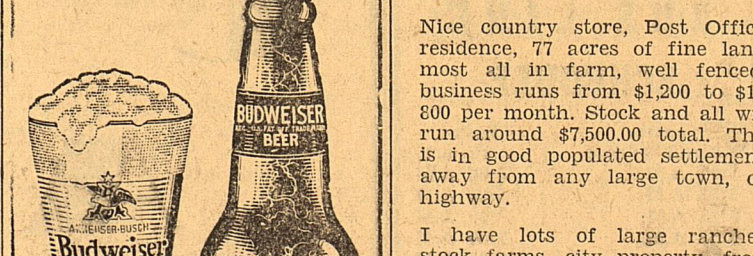
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Your Complaint May Influence Big Conference

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON—(AP)—If you have a complaint to make or an opinion to express—about the United Nations Conference on postwar peace in San Francisco—you can make it known.

You address what you have to say to:

The Division of Public Liaison, American Delegation, United Nations Conference, San Francisco, Calif.

That division is going to try to:

Used Cars 54
 1936 INDIAN motorcycle for sale. 560 W. Wall, Phone 2099.

1937 DODGE pickup for sale, bargain. Phone 746.

Used Cars Wanted 54-A
 We will pay ceiling 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, W. Haley Hotel.

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 frame house for sale, excellent condition. Immediate possession. Well located. Phone 142, C. E. Nix, Haley Hotel

FIVE room FHA house on Big Spring for sale by owner. Write Anson Chamber of Commerce or call Anson, 2711 from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

4 ROOM house, sleeping porch, 618 S. Cypress, Peecos, Texas. E. I. Skelton, above address.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION
 4 room concrete house on Highway No. 30 about 12 miles east of Midland. All modern conveniences. Basement. Will sell furnished or unfurnished. Priced to sell this week. Exclusively—
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6 ROOM BRICK
 Well located north of High School on paved street. Three bed rooms. Very nice place. Possession in 30 days. \$5,000 cash, balance less than rent. Exclusively—
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 Located on paved street 4 blocks north of school. All large rooms. Possession on May 1st. Shown by appointment only.
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306 WEST PENNSYLVANIA
 2 bed room frame home; garage with nice storage room; garden spot, small orchard, poultry house. \$2,500.00 down.
SPARKS & BARRON
 Tel. 79 First Natl Bank Bldg.

HOUSE to be moved. Three rooms and bath with wiring and plumbing. Large closet and cabinet. A. W. Logsdon, 1 1/2 miles south on Rankin highway.

FOR SALE—Two bed room, kitchen dining room combination, large living room, bath and garage. House is equipped with Venetian blinds and floor furnace. This will make an attractive home for someone and possession can be given in ten days. \$2,500.00 cash, balance like rent. 2002 W. Kentucky.

FOR SALE—Five room frame, modern with garage attached, well landscaped yard, back yard well fenced. House has Venetian blinds throughout and floor furnace. Located in Ridgela Addition. \$6,500.00. Terms can be arranged.
MIMS & CRANE
 Phone 24 205 W. Wall

Lots for Sale 62
 FOR SALE—I have several South Side lots with utilities suitable to move small houses on. Also 3 or 4 suitable for trailer camp houses. Will consider some terms
BARNEY GRAFA
 203 Thomas Bldg. Ph. 106

Ranches for Sale 64
 FOR SALE by owner, section 5, block 38, Midland County. Dr. J. F. Roberson, 700 Belview, Amarillo, Texas.

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—
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In Death Probe



Scion of a socially-prominent Richmond, Va., family, Lt. Samuel C. Epps, above, was held for grand jury action in connection with the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Lee Epps, former Jacksonville, Fla., school teacher. Mrs. Epps' body was found after a three-months' search, buried in a foxhole on the Fort Jackson Military Reservation, Columbia, S. C.

organize the expressions of opinion which it receives and make them known to the delegates.

Begin To Think
 Suppose the delegates, fumbling around for a solution to some knotty problem, begin to think they have hit on a solution.

Suppose the American delegates call in the newspapermen and say: "Boys, we're having a pretty difficult time on this point. But we finally have decided that the best thing we can do is so and so."

The newspapermen publish that statement.

Then you, John Jones, or you, the Amalgamated Association of Bumble Bee Raisers, send a fiery protest—or a fervent note of approval—to the division of public liaison.

Your note alone may not have much influence.

But Suppose
 But suppose 500 organizations, or 50,000 individuals, wrote to San Francisco in protest or approval.

Then that combined opinion might have real influence on the delegates' thinking and decision.

This set-up—keeping the finger on the public pulse—makes sense. Whatever is done at San Francisco will have to be approved by the United States Senate.

If the people of the country are behind work done at the conference, that is all the more reason why the Senate should approve of the work done there.

But if it becomes clear that the American people frown on the work of the conference the Senate will know and probably will frown too.

Too much Senate frowning would break the back of the league before it got a chance to be born.

Episcopal Troop Is Presented Charter

Ten members of Troop 52, Boy Scouts of America, were present at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Trinity Episcopal Church when the Rev. R. J. Snell presented the troop its charter. The troop is sponsored by the church with Jack Cecil as scoutmaster.

Charles Ed Chambers, patrol leader; Don Downing, patrol leader; Robert Rorbaugh, scribe and patrol leader; Harold Cutbirth, Jimmy Funkhouser, Cecil Stephens, Kent Miller, Jimmy Olson, Jimmy Davenport and Allen Olson were present and representing the troop.

Rubinoff Finally Plays For Second Wedding

ROSSELL, N. M.—(AP)—Violinist Rubinoff, playing a concert for patients at the Army hospital here, remarked that in his entire career he had played at only one wedding.

"Is anybody here getting married?" he quipped.

There was, and a short time later Sgt. Walter M. Haynie, Kansas City, Kans., and WAC Pvt. Ruth M. Gaudin, Rockwell, Ill., marched down the chapel aisle to the strains of Rubinoff's famous Stradivarius.

Farmer Has Potato Returned From Oahu

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO—(AP)—Farmer Henry Metz sold some potatoes to the Army last February. On Oct. 11 he wrote, "Whoever gets this, write me," and signed it.

"This week the potato came back—inscribed 'March 23, 1945. Oahu Island (Hawaiians). Let me hear from you. (Signed) Cpl. Clare E. Pfeiffer."

In captivity, ruffed grouse produce more offspring than they do in their natural haunts.

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THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
 Associated Press War Analyst

V-E Day is still on the wing and the signs are that it's going to take some gunning to bring it down.

The overall picture in Europe is that of a German virtually slashed in halves, but with two great areas of Nazi resistance developing for a last stand. One of these will be along the northern coast, directed into Denmark, and the forces defending Berlin will figure on retiring towards the sea when the Allied pressure against the capital becomes too strong. The other will be centered in Hitler's Alpine fortress about Berchtesgaden.

One Of War's Great Coups
 The capture of Franz von Papen, Hitler's right-hand man in diplomatic devilry, by American troops is one of the war's great coups. Von Papen is among the dozen most dangerous men in the world—and I doubt if that gives him high enough rating.

This arrogant Prussian aristocrat is the essence of the militarism which the Allies have sworn to wipe out in Europe. He is one of the shrewdest schemers of our time and has been responsible for many of Hitler's most profitable ventures. He moves by razor-edge craft where he can, but is utterly without conscience or principle.

This is the second war in which Von Papen has plotted against the United States. Many of you will remember that back in the last conflict, before the United States came in, he was German military attaché in Washington and under protection of this official position directed a campaign of sabotage throughout the country. The Kaiser recalled him on our demand.

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U. S. Senator

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL
 1 Pictured U. S. senator from Indiana, Homer E.
 2 Indian mulberry
 3 Equality
 4 Toiletry case
 5 Express contempt
 6 Ancient Order of Hibernians (ab.)
 7 Registered nurse (ab.)
 8 Pertaining to tides
 9 Bury
 10 Painful
 11 Genus of shrubs
 12 Boundary (Scott.)
 13 Drowse
 14 Hurry
 15 Expire
 16 Spread
 18 Exists
 19 Wireless
 21 Dentures
 22 Please
 23 Year (ab.)
 24 Toward
 25 Hour (ab.)
 26 Army order (ab.)
 27 Road (ab.)
 29 Civil Service (ab.)
 31 Symbol for erbium
 32 Accomplish
 34 Not asleep
 37 More secure
 39 Lower
 40 Area measure
 42 Rapid
 43 Scottish sheepfold
 44 Exclamation
 46 Evening before
 47 He was a
 50 Begs

VERTICAL
 1 Musical passage
 2 Pigpen
 3 White crane
 4 Reparation
 5 Over (contr.)
 6 Receptacles
 7 Carriage
 8 Hive
 9 Put off
 10 Morsel
 11 On the ocean
 12 City in New Hampshire
 13 Numeral
 14 Wing-shaped
 15 Speed contest
 16 Astern
 17 Station (ab.)
 18 Negative prefix
 19 Note in Guido's scale
 20

READ REPORTER TELEGRAM CLASSIFIED ADS

Favored New York Yankees Meet Washington Senators

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Misty, chilly weather Monday caused the opening game of the major league baseball season between the New York Yankees and Washington Senators to be called off.

Speaker Sam Rayburn was selected to pitch the first ball.

The dedicatory ceremonies to Mr. Roosevelt will be carried out Friday when the Senators face the Yankees here after a three-day series in Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Another major league baseball season opens Monday under sad and unusual circumstances as the New York Yankees meet Washington's Senators at Griffith Stadium.

For the first time, the inaugural contest is dedicated to the memory of a former president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, frequent champion of the sport who died only four days ago.

It marks the debut of the Yankees under new owners, Larry MacPhail, Dan Topping and Del Webb, who purchased the club from the Jacob Ruppert estate during the winter.

It is the start of the 57th season for Clark Griffith, owner of the Senators.

It still was unknown whether the new President, Harry S. Truman, would toss out the first ball in keeping with a custom which began in 1910 when William Howard Taft was in the White House.

Two veteran righthanders will do the pitching, Alcy Donald for the Yankees and Dutch Leonard for the Senators.

The Yankees, who finished third last season, entertain some championship hopes, but the Senators, last in 1944, are not so ambitious. Both teams have almost the same lineups as a year ago.

Sports ★ ★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Now that the baseball season is ready to start, it looks as if it might be a mistake to wait until the 24th to name a new commissioner—if the major league bosses plan to do it then.

After watching a week of the kind of ball they'll be playing this season, the men they pick may decide he doesn't want to be associated with anything like that.

When the Dodgers shipped Howie Schultz and Tom Brown to St. Paul the other day, some observers claimed it had to be a two-man deal because Schultz is the only first sacker tall enough to spear Brown's wild heaves from short.

Joe Sprinz, veteran catcher, maintains the greatest change in baseball in his 20-odd years in the game is the improvement in riding qualities of ambulances. He has been kayped often enough to know.

Home Folks' Privilege

When someone asked Steamboat Johnson, a Southern Association umpire for 25 years, why he never had been interested in a major league job, old Steamer replied: "When I get cussed I want it to be in a Southern accent."

Service Dept.

Attention coaches: Highest scorer in the Central Pacific Area Basketball League in Hawaii last winter was Ed Lewinski, whose pre-Army experience was gained at Chicago's Bowen High.

Three former Penn State athletes are credited with "firsts" in the present drive through Germany. Maj. Jim (6 points) Conte, the footballer, was in the first regiment to reach the Rhine; Cpl. Mickey Becket, the liver, was the first 7th Army infantryman to cross the Rhine via boat, and Lt. Col. Dave Penning, football, commanded the engineers' battalion that built the first pontoon bridge across that river.

League Managers Pick Leading Contenders

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK—(AP)—St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh and possibly New York will battle for the National League pennant, and St. Louis, Detroit and New York for the American loop flag, according to a digest Monday of pre-season comment by major league managers for the Associated Press.

None ventured an outright pennant pick and all expected their own clubs to show "improvement," qualifying all remarks with "if we can keep what we have." As usual, no manager expected his team to finish in the cellar, occupied last year by Washington and the Phillies.

All skippers agreed a fine break from the weatherman who provided unusually warm March and early April left the clubs in the best condition since northern spring training was inaugurated.

Due to travel restrictions and curtailed exhibition schedules, managers had not been able to size up the opposition accurately. All they know about the rookies in most cases, was what they had read.

RETURN TO HOUSTON

Frank Frankel, Houston, of the Frank and George Frankel oil operating organization, and Paul Barnhart, general manager for the partnership, have returned to headquarters after inspecting their properties in the Fullerton field, and in other sections of the Permian Basin.

Drawing Cards



"That's the yea we fought the Iroquois."



Texas I-B

(Continued from Page 1)

with 1,000 gallons of acid. Potential was based on a flow made during six hours through a one-half inch tubing choke.

Forest Development Corporation filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill No. 12-A Paul Moss, on southeast side of the South Cowden field, in Northeast Ector County, to 6,000 feet to test the lower Permian in that area.

To 6,000 Feet

This test, located in southeast quarter of section 42, block 42, TP survey, T-2-S, drilled to 4,450 feet and had been dry in regular South Cowden pay section.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Lizzie Cole, to be 660 feet from north and east lines of southeast quarter of section 49, block M, EL survey, in Northwest Dawson County, is a new prospector to 6,000 feet, or pay in the Permian above that point.

It is northeast of Magnolia No. 1 Cole completed last week for a 24-hour pumpout potential of 108 barrels of oil natural, to extend the producing limits of the area slightly over one mile to the southwest.

No Petroleum Yet

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 McKnight, Northwest Crane County wildcat, in section 6, block B-10, ps1 survey, was drilling ahead below 10,455 feet in dry Ellenburger dolomite.

A drillstem test was taken at 10,433 feet. No shows of oil or gas were developed.

The Texas Company No. 2 Blinberry, in southeast quarter of section 14-22S-38E, northwest outcrop to initial producer from the Clear Fork in the Drinkard area of South-east Lea County, New Mexico, was drilling ahead, past 7,045 feet in lower Permian, after taking a drillstem test at 6,819-6,988 feet.

Gets Gas Shows

Recovery was 10,000 cubic feet of sweet gas per day, and 650 feet of gas cut drilling mud. The section is below the pay in the initial producer.

Skelly Oil Company No. 1 Hogg, in south quarter of section 24, block B-10, ps1 survey, and on north side of the North Monahans field in Southeast Winkler County, was coring ahead from 6,181 feet after recovering eleven feet and seven inches of dolomite with fair to good oil staining and scattered porosity.

Settles To DST

Continental Oil Company No. 1-D Settles, South Howard County wildcat in the Ellenburger, in section 133, block 29, W&NW survey, set a retainer at 10,114 feet over total depth of 10,129 feet, and was preparing to run a drillstem test at 10,110-10,150 feet.

Sun Oil Company No. 2 Keystone, North Winkler County Silurian prospector in section 4, block 77, ps1 survey, swabbed 24 hours and recovered a total of 170.52 barrels of fluid. It was cut from 28 to 50 percent with acid residue and drilling water. Fluid is from perforated section at 8,460-8,530 feet.

Amerada-TXL Case

Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1 TXL, in northwest quarter of north half of southeast quarter of section 7, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, about one-quarter of a mile northwest of the discovery for Devonian production in the TXL field in West Ector County, was waiting for cement to settle after running 7-inch casing to 8,068 feet, two feet off Lottom, and setting with 300 sacks.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Jones, in northeast corner of section 17, block A-40, ps1 survey, in West Andrews County, was to resume drilling at 8,364 feet in lime after a drillstem test at 8,289-8,365 feet recovered 900 feet of drilling mud and 5,700 feet of sulphur water during one hour.

Richard the Lionhearted first used the motto, "Dieu et Mon Droit," in the 12th century.

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MAAF Personnel Pay Final Tribute To President Sunday

The post chapel at Midland Army Air Field was the scene of a special memorial service at 9:15 a. m. Sunday, when military personnel of the bombardier base gathered to pay final homage to their late Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

During the service, Col. John W. White, commanding officer of MAAF, read a message from Secretary of War Stimson. Text of the message follows:

"The Army is deeply grieved at the untimely death of our Commander-in-Chief. He prepared us to meet the savage onslaught of our enemies and led us through the bitterness of our early reversals. His unwavering courage in the face of overwhelming odds, his abiding faith in the final triumph of democratic ideals and his clear vision of the paths to be followed were a source of constant inspiration. He gave the Army unstintingly of his strength and wisdom, and his unremitting labors hastened his death. Although he leaves us while there is still much hard fighting ahead, the ultimate victory has been fashioned in his heart and spirit."

The three chaplains who conducted the memorial service were Major Claude T. Miller, Capt. Frederick P. Loman, both Protestant chaplains, and Capt. James F. Orford, Catholic chaplain.

Because of the intensive training program at Midland Army Air Field, this AAF installation, like many others throughout the nation, dispensed with the wearing of mourning bands, firing of salutes, and draping of colors.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 2-400; calves 800; steady; some cows 25 higher; good and choice steers and yearling active at 14.25-15.50; odd head 17.00; common to medium steers and yearlings 10.00-14.00; medium to good beef cows 10.50-12.50; few up to 13.00; good and choice fat calves 13.25-14.50; common to medium calves 9.50-13.00; stocker calves and yearlings 11.00-14.00; stocker cows 8.00-10.50.

Hogs 700; active, steady; good and choice heavyweight hogs active, 14.50; good and choice lightweight 14.25-50; sows steady, 13.80; stocker pigs 14.00.

Spring lambs were steady; medium and good qualities active at 13.50-14.75; good shorn lambs with No. 1 and No. 2 pelts sold at 14.00; medium shorn lambs 12.50-13.25; good shorn ewes and aged wethers with No. 2 and No. 3 pelts sold at 7.25-50; common and medium shorn ewes 6.25-7.00; shorn culled ewes 5.00 and down.

Superforts Set

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Arthur reported his bombers destroyed or damaged 50 Japanese ships and schooners, including a destroyer and a gunboat. His Monday communique announced the loss of more than 1,100 tons of bombs, including a significantly heavy 387 ton load on Davao, Japanese strongpoint on Mindanao Island.

A Japanese communique claimed suicide planes were continuing "savage attacks" on U. S. ships around Okinawa, sinking 7 and damaging 15 since Thursday. But American reports indicated they had faded out after 265 were shot down in three days.

A major offensive appeared to be shaping up on Southern Okinawa where lines have been stalemated for nine days. But it was doubtful which side would take the initiative.

Three Nipponese counterattacks, described by imperial headquarters, as "suicide drawn-sword attacks," were broken up by American artillery. Another was routed by 96th Division infantrymen. In one charge, the Japanese were armed only with pronged, six foot poles.

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Truman Demanded Government Economy

By GEORGE K. WALLACE

Political Writer, Kansas City Star

INDEPENDENCE, MO.—(AP)—"It isn't business and it isn't politics to run this county into debt and I want it stopped. I want it to be made felony to spend money the county hasn't on hand."

That is the earliest known political philosophy of President Harry S. Truman. He said it at a political rally in Oak Grove, near here, in August, 1922, when he was seeking elective office for the first time—the Democratic nomination for county Judge of Jackson County.

"I want men for road overseers who know roads and who want to work—men who will do a day's dork for a day's pay who will work for the county as they would for themselves. I would rather have 40 men for overseers who are willing to work than to have 60 politicians who care nothing about work. I believe that honest work for the county is the best politics anyway."

Truman thus outlined his first theories of government at a time when the postwar depression was beginning to recede. He spoke from his own bitter knowledge of having gone broke only a few months before in the haberdashery business he had started in nearby Kansas City.

Truman's first political job was as a \$5-a-day road overseer in Jackson County, driving an 8-horse hitch to a road grader.

The Truman family had been rooted in Jackson County for a century; and Truman 40 years ago was an industrious, serious but friendly fellow who knew all his neighbors around Grandview, where the original 600-acre Truman farm was located, and Independence, the Truman home.

The Perdegast organization, then reaching outside Kansas County, to extend its power over Jackson County, saw in Truman a likely youngster who would be helpful as a vote-getter, and he started to the White House behind four span of Missouri mules—working from the ground up.

Files of the Kansas City Star hold a mass of clippings showing that Truman, during his tenure on the county court, harped day and night about cutting taxes and preached constantly the theory of economy and value received in governmental expense as in business.

"Cost of government," he told the Kansas Citizen's League on Dec. 8, 1931, "can be cut only by eliminating some services, equalizing the burden and doing it scientifically. It is an economic problem and must be handled in an economic manner."

PAPER WORKERS SAY 'FISHING TRIP'

LUFKIN—(AP)—Operations at the Southland Paper Mills here were back to normal Saturday night after members of Local Union 401 of the pulp, sulphite and paper mill union voted to end what they called their "fishing trip."

The union had maintained it was not on strike but on a "fishing trip," although the War Labor Board had termed the work stoppage a "strike" and had ordered the men back to work.

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Reds -

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Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky. The enemy said he had replaced Marshal Gregory Zhukov as commander of the First White Russian Army.

Sokolovsky, victor at Smolensk, formerly was chief of staff of the First Ukrainian front.

Moscow dispatches said that if the attack had not started the zero hour was at least near.

At the southern end of the front, Moscow dispatches said the Russians had driven well past St. Foelten, 28 miles west of Vienna, in a drive up the Danube Valley in Austria.

Eerlin said the Russians in Southeastern Moravia, the central section of Czechoslovakia, were driving strongly from Goeding toward Austerlitz. Austerlitz is 12 miles west of the Czechoslovak munitions city of Bruenn.

On both sides of Ratibor, just beyond the Northern Moravian border and 85 miles northeast of Austerlitz, the Germans said Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army was attacking afresh.

Canteen Registration To Be Held Monday Night

Registration for the new Red Cross Canteen course will be held Monday April 16, at 8 p. m. at the opening session. These classes will convene in the home economic room of Midland High School.

Mrs. James D. Transue will be instructor for the 20-hour course to be held three nights each week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton prices at noon Monday were 20 to 55 cents a bale higher; May 22.44, July 22.29, and Oct. 21.90.

NEW PRESS PRESIDENT

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—M. W. Trussell of the San Saba News is the new president of the South Texas Press Association. He succeeds Arthur Kowert of the Fredericksburg Times.

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