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# NAZI COUNTERATTACK FAILS

## Russians Rip Nazi Defenses Before Berlin

## Germans Say Soviet Tanks Only 20 Miles From City Limits

LONDON—(AP)—The Russians have torn open sectors of the German front east of Berlin and Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army has launched another powerful offensive across the Neisse in a drive to link up with the U. S. Third Army, the German High Command announced Tuesday.

An afternoon German broadcast declared Russian tanks were in action "east of Eberswalde," only 20 miles northeast of Berlin, on the main highway and railroad to Stettin.

Earlier the Germans said Soviet airborne troops had landed less than 23 miles from the Reich capital.

Transocean said a clean breakthrough by the Russians toward Berlin had been prevented.

"At some points the front was torn open, but later these points were sealed off and some of them were narrowed," the propaganda agency added.

Imposed Security Silence  
The German high command imposed a security silence on naming places or details on the Berlin front, the agency said, indicating the situation was considered critical.

The German communiqué said Konev was attacking along a 33-mile front from Forst to Rothenburg, near the Saxony border.

Saying sections of the Berlin front had been ripped open, the German command declared they were "closed again in fierce counterattacks."

The Germans said Konev sent his forces across the Neisse at two points. At the southern end of his attack front, the enemy declared, Konev plunged to Niesky, 48 miles northeast of Dresden and 75 miles from the U. S. Third Army vanguard attacking toward that great city.

On the northern end, Konev struck forward 2 1/2 miles from Muskau to the Neisse toward Spremberg.

The Neisse River offensive, said Transocean, set the front inside Germany ablaze for more than 150 miles from the Bohemian border to Schwedt, south of Stettin.

The Germans also admitted new retreats in Austria and Moravia.

## Humble 1 Parrott Tried To Blowout At 10,739 Feet

By JAMES C. WATSON  
Oil Editor

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Parrott, East-Central Upton County exploration, in section 3, EL survey, started cutting drilling mud while making hole at 10,739 feet in chert.

The test tried to blowout and made one head. Operator mixed and conditioned mud, and was making a trip Tuesday morning.

No information was available as to what came out in the head. Some unofficial observers express

## SMALL AMOUNT OF FREE OIL IN DRILLSTEM TEST ON TEXACO 1-B FRASER

The Texas Company No. 1-B Fraser, in southeast corner of section 31, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, West Ector County wildcat, was to core ahead below 9,300 feet in Silurian lime, after taking a drillstem test at 9,955-9,300 feet.

With a double packer, at 9,987-9,995 feet, the tester was open three hours and 20 minutes. Gas came to surface in 20 minutes. It was at the rate of 6,500 cubic feet per day.

Recovery, when drill-pipe was broken down, was 180 feet of drilling mud, 805 feet of oil and gas cut drilling mud, and 15 feet of free oil.

The idea that the formation might be Devonian, Operator has not reported any identification of the section.

Buchanan Still Digs  
Humble No. 1 Buchanan, East Midland County wildcat, in Baldridge survey No. 32-692, had produced (Continued On Page 2)

## Superforts Hammer Jap Suicide Bases

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

Strong formations of Superfortresses hammered six bases for Japanese suicide planes Tuesday in the growing air war which has cost the Nipponese 1,674 planes within a month over the southern approaches to Japan and the home-land itself.

The big bombers raided Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan, for an hour and a half in mid-afternoon. They followed in the path of carrier planes and Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima in an effort to neutralize airbases which mounted another strong attack Monday against U. S. Naval forces in the Ryukyu Islands.

Amphibious units of the 24th Corps invaded heavily mined Ie Shima, off the west coast of Okinawa, principal island of the Ryukyu, and 325 miles south of Kyushu, seizing another air field to turn against the Nipponese.

Yanks hold two bomber air fields on Okinawa, where 108 Japanese were killed and 391 captured in the first 13 days of fighting.

368 Planes Destroyed  
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced the destruction of 368 Japanese planes in the last five days. Carrier planes destroyed 109 of them attacking Kyushu airbases Sunday and Monday but Iwo's Mustangs couldn't find a single plane when they swept over the same area Tuesday on their first hunting expedition over Japan.

The remainder of the 368 were accounted for in carrier sweeps over the Northern Ryukyus and in knocking down another strong attack by Japanese suicide planes.

Nimitz made no mention of U. S. shipping losses. A Japanese communiqué claimed 18 vessels were sunk and 13 damaged in the last three days with the help of "special attack (suicide) surface units," presumably ramming boats. It said the attacks were continuing.

23 Jap Ships Sunk  
Twenty-three Japanese ships were sunk or damaged by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's bombers ranging down the Asiatic coast from Shanghai to (Continued On Page 2)

## WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

● WESTERN FRONT: Third Army Americans captured Plauen, rail center near Czechoslovak border; Ninth enlarged Elbe bridgehead, 45 miles from Berlin.

● RUSSIAN FRONT: Nazis said Soviet assault forces breached their lines 33 miles east of Berlin; said airborne Russians landed 23 miles from capital.

● ITALIAN FRONT: Americans gained yard by yard in bitter offensive.

● PACIFIC FRONT: Six waves of Superfortresses blasted Japanese airfields on Kyushu in third day of raids; Chinese recaptured Siangyang and Iching in Western Hupeh.

## Group Asks Hundred Million For Navy To Use In Berting Ships

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Preparing for peace, the House Appropriations Committee Tuesday recommended the Navy be given \$20,000,000 for postwar berthing of idle ships.

The committee said another \$100,000,000 probably will be needed later.

The group recommended the \$20,000,000 expenditure in a bill filed with the House, but limited its application to areas which included Orange, Texas.

## Bill Signed To Permit Independent Schools To Up Property Taxes

AUSTIN—(AP)—Bills and resolutions signed Tuesday by Gov. Coke R. Stevens included:

Permit about 30 independent school districts, by vote of the people, to increase the maximum local school property tax rate from \$1 per \$100 valuation to \$1.50. Districts affected are those with a scholastic population of not less than 1,250 and not more than 3,000 in counties with a population of not more than 2,000. All population figures are based on the last federal census.

Authorize guardians of the estates of minors and others to enter pooling or utilization agreements covering interests of their wards in gas producing lands.

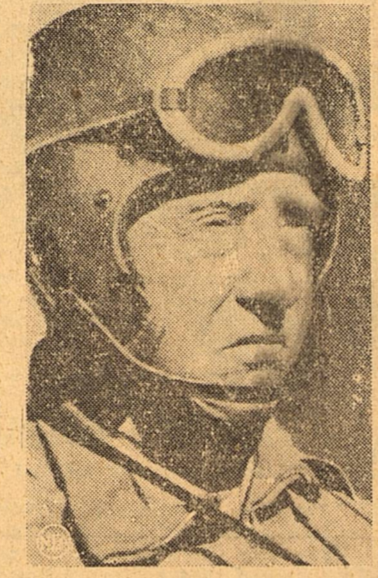
## House Committee Approves Navy Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A \$24,879,510,546 supply bill to support the Navy's knuck out drive against Japan won House Appropriations Committee approval Tuesday. It will finance operations for the year starting July 1.

## Detroit Strike Grows

DETROIT—(AP)—Nearly 10,000 war plant workers were idle Tuesday as the result of a series of strikes growing out of management efforts to discipline a small number of employees.

## Nominated To Full General



GEORGE SMITH PATTON, JR.



COURTNEY HICKS HODGES

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Tuesday nominated George Smith Patton, Jr., and Courtney Hicks Hodges to be full generals.

Patton commands the Third Army, and Hodges the First Army in the fighting in Nazi Germany. They are under the direction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander-in-chief.

The President also sent to the Senate the nominations of nine major generals to be lieutenant generals.

## Eisenhower Says It May Be Months Before Formal V-E Day

LONDON—(AP)—Statement by Gen. Eisenhower that there will be no announcement of V-E Day "until all important enemy pockets on the Western Front have been wiped out" indicated Tuesday that the formal end of the war in Europe may be weeks, if not months away.

The Allied supreme commander told a group of American radio correspondents who visited an advanced post Monday that the war in Europe probably will not end until Allied troops have occupied the Reich completely.

Reiterating his belief that there would not be a formal surrender, Eisenhower added:

"Nazi units, including divisions, corps, armies and finally army groups, will give up separately as they exhaust their ammunition and gasoline, or find themselves hopelessly trapped by Allied encirclement."

Eisenhower's statement might mean that no V-E Day proclamation will be issued until after Adolf Hitler and his fanatical Nazi cohorts are routed from their mountain redoubt in Bavaria into which they are reportedly streaming for a death stand.

Military men have estimated that it may take months to reduce Hitler's craggy fortress.

## Big Spring Bomber Crash Kills Ten

BIG SPRING—(AP)—Four officers and six cadets were killed Monday night when two trainers from the Big Spring bombardier school collided in flight 10 miles south of Big Spring. Names of the victims were temporarily withheld.

## President's Address Liked By Russians

MOSCOW—(AP)—President Truman's address to Congress Monday was warmly accepted by the Russians as assurance that he plans to carry out the program of the late President Roosevelt, of which the Soviet Union feels it is an integral part.

Russians of both high and low degree termed the address "statesmanlike."

## U. S. Oil Production Sets All-Time Record

TULSA, OKLA.—(AP)—United States crude oil production for the week ending April 14 hit another all-time high, 4,801,800 barrels daily or 19,500 barrels above the previous high of March 24. The Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

The increase was 19,700 barrels more than last week's figure.

The only decrease of note was Illinois, which dropped 11,700 barrels.

Kansas Tops Rise  
Kansas came up 12,700 barrels for the most substantial rise of the week and Kentucky and Michigan both had increases, 6,900 and 6,350 barrels respectively.

Oklahoma was up 3,750 barrels daily to 378,300; Eastern fields were up 50 to 64,000; Rocky Mountain area up 1,050 to 133,200; California was down 50 to 806,700; and Texas and Louisiana were unchanged at 2,170,550 and 366,050, respectively.

Mississippi production was 52,200 barrels, 750 barrels higher than the preceding week.

## Weather

MIDLAND AND VICINITY  
Partly cloudy Tuesday afternoon, clearing at night; cool Wednesday, partly cloudy.

## Third Army Captures Saxony Rail Town Of Plauen On Czech Border

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS—(AP)—The Germans launched a heavy attack Tuesday on the Ninth Army's Elbe bridgehead pointing towards Berlin, but the Americans beat off the attack without losing ground.

To the south, the Third Army captured the big Saxony rail center of Plauen, in effect bisecting Germany, and beat down the last six miles to the Czechoslovak border.

More than half of Germany was conquered, 101,000 square miles under Allied and Russian banners and 84,000 square miles remaining to the Germans.

The Germans attacked Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's five-mile deep Elbe bridgehead in the Barby sector 52 miles southwest of Berlin with 2,000 infantrymen and 30 tanks. The Second Armored

Division from Berlin and the Eastern Front—inflicting serious losses and destroying 15 to 20 of the tanks.

In the center of the Western Front, First Army troops crashed through a crumpled belt of 1,000 levelled anti-aircraft guns to within sight of the ruined towers of Leipzig, Germany's fifth city. German military mental cases and uniformed Nazi women auxiliaries were among the captured gunners. The First Army knocked out 324 flak guns, bringing the total for four days to 732.

## Truman Would Be Happy To Meet Big Five

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman told a news conference Tuesday he will be very happy to meet the heads of the other Big Five Allied powers as soon as possible.

In his first conference with newsmen since he succeeded Frank D. Roosevelt, Truman said that he had not initiated any move toward a new meeting of the Allied leaders.

"But in response to a question he said he would be very happy to meet Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and President Chiang Kai-shek of China soon."

Would See De Gaulle  
Truman added that he also would be glad to see General Charles de Gaulle, provisional president of France, if de Gaulle cared to arrange a conference with him. De Gaulle did not see President Roosevelt on the latter's return from the Yalta Big Three conference.

Before a record breaking crowd of newsmen who jammed the Oval Room and overflowed onto a nearby patio the new President outlined briefly his major foreign and domestic policies.

Foreign Front  
He is backing to the hilt the American delegation to the San Francisco United Nations Conference.

He expects to see Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia before the (Continued On Page 2)

## Truman Appoints J. W. Snyder To Loan Post

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Tuesday appointed John W. Snyder of St. Louis, Mo., to be federal loan administrator.

Now vice president of the First National Bank of St. Louis, Snyder has been a warm personal friend of the President for more than 25 years.

He succeeds Fred M. Vinson, who was made director of War Mobilization and Reconversion after James F. Byrnes gave up that post.

Snyder has been in the banking business since serving in the first world war.

From 1930 to 1937, he acted as liquidator of national banks in the insolvency division of the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency.

## War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—Approximately 1,000 American heavy bombers ripped German railways at Dresden and along the Czechoslovakia frontier to the south Tuesday while the destruction of the Luftwaffe was continued by fighter pilots who knocked out a total of 1,116 planes Monday.

LONDON—(AP)—A Nazi radio commentator, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, said Tuesday night that Germany had been cut in two by drives from the east and west and now was forced to fight on two separated battlefields.

FALLINGBOSTEL, GERMANY—(AP)—British tanks broke through a barbed wire barricade Monday and liberated from Stalag 11B, 13,720 men including 2,472 Americans, and from Stalag 357, 6,923 prisoners, including 372 Americans.

## Fifth Army Men Score Bitterly Tough Advances

By MAURICE MORAN

ROME—(AP)—Fifth Army troops fought through bitterly defended and heavily mined areas south of Bologna Tuesday, measuring their advances by yards in the second day of the general Allied offensive to drive the Germans from Italy.

Toward the west coast, Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's men gained 1,000 to 2,500 yards, but on his army's right flank advances were limited by interlacing enemy defenses and closely coordinated enemy small arms and mortar fire.

6,000 Nazis Captured  
The Eighth Army, which already was driving up the Po Valley in its phase of the offensive before the Fifth Army jumped to the attack Monday, now has taken a total of 6,000 prisoners since beginning its advance April 9.

A Gurkha brigade of the Eighth Army consolidated a bridgehead over the Silaro River southwest of Massa and drove forward rapidly 2,000 yards, entering Curtara, about 12 1/2 miles east of Bologna.

British troops advanced northwest and west against opposition after capturing Guelfo in bitter fighting.

Eighth Army forces also pressed beyond Argenta. A new crossing of the Silaro was made three miles southwest of Bastia.

## President Extends Lend-Lease Bill For Another Year

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman signed the lend-lease extension bill Tuesday.

In a statement the President declared the measure a "mighty instrument for victory" and one of the "growing monuments to the boldness, imagination and effective statesmanship of Franklin Roosevelt."

"Lend-lease," he said, "will be carried on until the unconditional surrender or complete defeat of Germany and Japan."

The signing was witnessed by Secretary of State Stettinius, Chairman Connally (D-Texas) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Chairman Bloom (D-NY) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Rep. Eaton (R-NJ).

The occasion was historic for several reasons. Among others, it was the first time White House attaches could recall in which a President had signed a bill which he previously had signed as vice president and presiding officer of the Senate.

## British Press Says Dittmar Is Dead

LONDON—(AP)—The Evening Standard said Monday the German radio had announced that Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, German military commentator generally regarded as the voice of the German High Command, was said to have committed suicide. However, other London monitors did not hear the broadcast.

## Ranstadt Cleared

The Indian Head (2nd) Division cleared Ranstadt, a suburb less than five miles west of Leipzig proper. The Ninth Armored Division wheeled in a giant circle around the city into Borsdorf, less than four miles to the east. The 69th Division completed a three-way clamp on the city, moving to within heavy mortar range of its southern limits. Some 4,437 prisoners were seized

## Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press

Eastern Front: 20 miles (German report).  
Western Front: 45 miles (from Tanageruende).  
Italian Front: 530 miles (from Menate).

from the Leipzig garrison Monday.

The Nazis had turned the center of art, medicine and publishing into one of their main military supply depots. First Army officers said some of the defending troops were "jibbering imbeciles and screaming maniacs." Some wore uniforms, some civilian clothes. Some of the sudden girls at the defense guns were killed as they fired on American troops.

45th In Nuernberg  
The Seventh Army's Thunderbird (45th) Division fought in the second largest city of Nuernberg and other troops captured picturesque Rothenburg (Continued on Page 2)

## More Volunteers Needed Now In Clothing Drive

More workers are needed immediately to help sort clothing which is being collected in Midland in the United National Clothing Collection, Clint Dunagan, general chairman, said Tuesday.

Women who will volunteer to help sort the clothing are requested to telephone Mrs. Russell Howard, president of the City-County Federation of Women's Clubs, or to report at the Boy Scout Mustang Hall from 3 to 5 p. m. each day.

Men are needed to help box the clothing, and Dunagan requested any Midland men who can spare some time between 3 and 5 p. m. to report at the Mustang Hall.

School children of Midland will continue through this week to bring bundles of old clothing to schools. Students Have New Task

The students also have taken on another task for themselves in the campaign as they will call at residences where no students reside in their neighborhoods and offer to help the occupants with old clothing bundles. The students also will deliver the bundles obtained in this manner to the schools.

Citizens who are unable to deliver clothing bundles to the Mustang Hall can make sure their old clothing will serve a worthy cause if they will get in touch with some student.

The total weight of clothing contributed so far is disappointing, and represents only about half of the amount needed to meet Midland's quota, Dunagan said.

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Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.—Haggai 1:2.

## Philadelphia And San Francisco

Suppose it became known on the eve of the San Francisco Conference that all sessions would be conducted in secrecy behind locked doors, and all information kept from the press.

Suppose it should also become known that all delegates would be chosen from among the wealthy, the richest among them to be the presiding officer.

And suppose that, once the conference was under way, it was learned through news leaks that a lot of hard things were being said about democracy and that there was much talk about ways and means of checking any agitation for a fairer distribution of wealth.

If these incredible things came to pass, the results would be catastrophic. There would be a great cry for calling the whole thing off. Cynicism would fall like a pall over most of the world, and many disillusioned countries (this one surely among them) would probably retire into bitter isolation.

And yet these impossible things actually took place during what has come to be regarded—and rightly so, in the perspective of history—as one of the memorable occasions in the history of democracy, the American Constitutional Convention of 1787.

To recall at this time something of the proceedings of that convention, familiar as the story may be, is not to reaffirm the odiousness of comparisons or to disparage the Founding Fathers, but to find some reassurance out of the past of the victory of good will over human frailty.

Delegates of 1787 were truly the landed gentry, and George Washington was the richest among them. They did exclude press and public.

They even, in the midst of a deadlock, refused Benjamin Franklin's suggestion that clergymen be called in to pray for divine guidance, for fear that the public might get wind of the convention's difficulties.

Delegates came to Philadelphia full of sectional pride and jealousy. It took some of them longer to get to the convention than the most remote delegate will require this month to reach San Francisco. They met to amend the Articles of Confederation. But there grew up among them the audacious idea of doing something new and, by 1787 standards, impossible.

They were distrustful of democracy almost to a man, though in varying degrees. Most of them originally conceived of the Senate as a body which, as Robert Morris said, "should love to lord it through pride." They spent four hot summer months of bitterness, bickering and compromise. They did not expect perfection and they did not achieve it.

But if the delegates at San Francisco make as good a start, after their own sessions in inevitable disagreement and discouragement, they can face the world and the future without shame or apology.

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## State Full Employment Bills

Movements to introduce in state legislatures full employment bills patterned closely on the national full employment bill introduced in Congress by Senators Murray of Montana, Wagner of New York, Thomas of Utah and O'Mahoney of Wyoming, are being watched in Washington with closest interest.

California is leading off this procession, with a state full employment bill sponsored by the 36 Democratic members of the state legislature. Accompanying the California bill is a resolution memorializing Congress to pass a national full employment bill as a necessary companion piece of legislation to the proposed state law.

A similar bill is expected to be introduced in the New York State legislature in the near future, and from advices and inquiries received in Washington from various state capitals, there may be other state law-making bodies considering such measures this year, when 44 of the 48 are in session.

The California bill follows closely on the pattern of the present full employment bill introduced in the U. S. Senate, with the one important exception that it makes the primary responsibility for supporting maximum employment a function of the state government, and calls on the federal government to supplement the state aid only to the extent that the state government is not able to meet its unemployment problem for its own citizens.

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## Hide And Seek

First the Yanks stumbled onto Germany's entire gold hoard, plus billions in folding money and priceless paintings. Then they found the Nazi who had stolen most of the manuscripts, and art treasures belonging to German Jewry.

And about the same time British troops came upon Hermann Goering's super de luxe custom-built automobile.

Maybe the Germans did invent Santa Claus and originate our manner of celebrating Christmas, but they have fallen down badly on one tradition—they just don't seem to be able to hide the presents very well.

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What would the average person do if he had a million dollars? asks a writer. We know—wish for another million.

## Another Big Strike



## Sproles Explains Oil Taxes To Geologists

Various federal taxes affecting oil production and development were explained by Lyle R. Sproles, Fort Worth accountant, at the luncheon of the Midland Geological Society Tuesday noon.

Reasons for the 27 1/2 per cent depletion allowance, the intangible drilling expense charge-off, and several other oil tax items were included.

George R. Gibson, president presided, and Addison Young was in charge of the program.

## Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 2-100; calves 700; steady, active; good and choice steers and yearlings 14.50-16.00; common to medium steers and yearlings 10.50-14.25; medium to good beef cows 10.25-50; beef bulls sold mostly at 10.50-12.50; good and choice fat calves 13.50-14.50; common to medium calves 9.50-13.25; stocker calves and yearlings 11.00-14.50, while stocker cows 7.50-11.00; medium stocker cows with young calves at side 9.50, with the calves 12.00-14.00.

Hogs 700; active; good and choice 175-400 lb. hogs 14.55; good and choice 150-175 lb. 14.25-50; sows mostly steady at 13.80; stocker pigs 14.00-75.

Sheep 9.500; steady; good and choice spring lambs 14.50-15.00 with medium grade springers 13.25-14.00; good shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts sold readily at 13.75-14.00, while common and medium shorn lambs 12.00-13.50, with few lots 12.50-60.

## New York City May Have Operator Strike

NEW YORK—(P)—A paralyzing telephone strike by 18,000 metropolitan area operators is in prospect for New York City, where members of two unions have voted overwhelmingly to leave their switchboards in protest against a \$3 weekly wage increase ordered by the War Labor Board.

## Seattle Man Has Perfect Alarm Clock

SEATTLE—(P)—Richard Roth, who is totally deaf, has invented his own "alarm" clock to wake him in the mornings.

A motor connected with a clock and to the springs of his bed shakes him vigorously when it's time to get up—and as an added assurance turns on his bedside lamp.

## COMMISSION INCREASED

AUSTIN—(P)—The House Highways Committee gave approval to a bill increasing membership of the State Highway Commission from three to six and raising the salaries of members from \$4,000 to \$6,000 annually.

## NAZIS SMASH DIKES WITH THE CANADIAN TROOPS

IN HOLLAND—(P)—German forces in Western Holland have breached the dikes holding back the Zuider Zee and sent its waters flooding over the lowlands north of Hilversum.

## EXPRESS 107 YEARS OLD

Express service in the United States has begun its 107th year of operation. Air express is now in its 17th year, and domestic planes carrying essential war materials fly a daily average of 325,000 miles over more than 45,000 miles of air routes.

## Humble 1 -

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gressed to 10,769 feet in lime and shale and was continuing.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-D Settles, section 133, block 29, W&NW survey, South Howard County prospector in the Ellenburger, tried a drillstem test from 10,010-105 feet on a plugback from total depth reached of 10,122 feet. Packer failed and is being re-run.

Rienfeld Oil Corporation No. 1 Bean, section 13, block UV, GC & SF survey, in Northeast Crockett County, was drilling below 8,190 feet in Ellenburger dolomite and scheduled to run a drillstem test when it reached 8,220 feet.

## More Shows In Gresham

Humble No. 1 Gresham, section 2, block Y, Indianola survey, one mile west of the same company's No. 1 Parrott, in East-Central Tipton County, was coring at 7,553 feet in sandy shale. A core at 7,531-37 feet had a slight show of oil at 7,535-36 feet.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 Johnson, in extreme Southwest Gaines County, was to be plugged and abandoned on total depth of 8,692 feet, unofficially reported to be in the Silurian lime.

## Encountered Sulphur

A drillstem test at 8,591-8,692 feet, open for 50 minutes, recovered 450 feet of drilling mud and 2,700 feet of sulphur water. There were no signs of oil or gas.

Informed observers reveal that the project ran rather low when checked with nearest test which had drilled through the same formations—that being Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Federal-Keinath, East Lea County, New Mexico, wildcat abandoned several weeks ago after drilling to Ellenburger.

Humble No. 1 Jones, West Andrews exploration, in section 17, block A-40, psi survey, was to be plugged and abandoned on a bottom of 8,384 feet in lime.

After getting sulphur water in a drillstem test at 8,328-64 feet, operator continued to 8,384 feet. A Schlumberger survey was run at 4,241-8,364 feet, and then orders to plug were issued.

## The Same-In Pecos

Milton Gray No. 1 McMurry, North-Central Pecos development in section 66, block 10, H&GN survey, in the Masterson-Lehn area, has been abandoned at 1,747 feet in lime. It had sulphur water. A slight show of oil was encountered at 1,617 feet.

## Extender Flows Oil

The Texas Company No. 1 Riggs, in northeast quarter of section 8, block 146, T&STL survey, one and one-half miles south of nearest production on south side of the Fort Stockton field in West-Central Pecos County, flowed 113 barrels of pipe line oil in first 14 hours of a 24-hour official Railroad Commission potential test gauge.

Pay section at 2,840-2,903 feet, in the Yates sandy lime, had been given a shot of nitro before the test was started.

Sun Oil Company No. 2 Keystone, North Winkler County possible Silurian discovery, recovered a total of 143.76 barrels of fluid in 21 hours of swabbing through perforations at 8,460-8,594 feet—average shakeout was around 50 percent oil and 50 percent basic sediment and acid residue, which remained after a 15,000-gallon shot.

## Another Lost

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 Honeycut, Edwards County wildcat in section 7, certificate 155, TC survey, is being plugged and abandoned on total depth of 8,931 feet in dry sand.

Skelly Oil Company No. 1 Hogg, in southeast quarter of section 24, block B-10, psi survey, east outpost to furthest north producer in the North Monahans field in Southeast Winkler County, was bottomed at 6,200 feet in Tubb lime, waiting for

## Humble Reports Record Business

HOUSTON—(P)—The annual report of the Humble Oil and Refining Company to its stockholders revealed the company experienced a record business in 1944.

Net income for the year was \$60,525,774, compared with \$45,711,511 in 1943. Taxes totaled \$49,900,000.

Net crude oil production of 112,930,000 barrels was 30 per cent over 1943 and 10 per cent over 1942. Humble Pipe Line Company delivered 214,000,000 barrels through main lines, compared with 165,700,000 in 1943. Refinery crude runs to stills were \$2,600,000 barrels, and the output of critical petroleum war products showed a gain of 50 per cent over the large volume in 1943.

## Provide More Oil

An extensive exploratory and development program in 1944, the report states, probably provided no more oil than required to offset production. Higher costs are being experienced in replacing large quantities of oil which Humble is producing to meet war demands, the report said. This trend is said to be a general one for the industry as a whole and will be a factor causing substantially higher unit costs of production when output declines from the present abnormal levels. The increase in replacement costs is illustrated by the average cost of \$66,500 for each producing well completed by Humble last year, as compared with \$47,000 in 1943 and \$30,000 in 1942.

orders. It cored through some sections showing some porosity, and some fair to good oil staining.

## Waiting To Test

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Martin, in northeast quarter of section 13, block A-47, psi survey, in Central-West Andrews County was on a total depth of 10,118 feet in lime, waiting on a Schlumberger.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1-A TXL, in northwest corner of section 21, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, discovery for Silurian production in the West Ector County TXL pool, was bottomed at 8,642 feet in lime, trying to get hole in shape to take a drillstem test.

Such an investigation was undertaken Monday night but tool could not be run to bottom.

## New President Is Early Riser

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Truman is a devotee of the dawn. His staff made it clear Tuesday that the new Chief Executive plans to start each day's work at 8 a.m.—at the latest.

That hour, said Col. Harry Vaughan, the President's military aide, applies only to the days when Truman oversleeps.

"I might as well let you boys know right now," Vaughan told reporters, "the President is an early riser. He used to live on the farm, you know."

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## Superforts

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Saigon and over into Makassar Strait in the Dutch East Indies.

Japan prepared to extend its popular suicidal defensive fighting to civilians in preparation against the invasion of the home islands. Tokyo radio announced a "civilian special attack corps" will be inaugurated by 200,000 of the nation's leaders April 25.

There were no changes in lines on Southern Okinawa.

MacArthur reported his forces steadily closing in on Japanese Philippines headquarters at Baguio despite a stubborn daytime defense and persistent night counterattacks. Guerrillas were active in the enemy's rear.

Counterattacking Chinese, supported by American fighter planes, recaptured Siyangang and Icheng in North Central China, penetrated defenses of Hsiachikow and were reported eliminating last of the Japanese in Laohokow, former U. S. air base. All towns are within an 80-mile radius of Laohokow, where Japanese chose the compound of a Catholic church for their suicide stand.

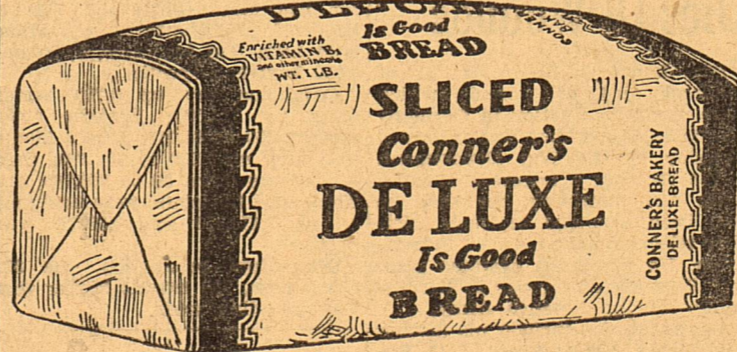
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## Truman Would -

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latter goes on to the San Francisco meeting.

**Domestic Front**  
He supports wholeheartedly President Roosevelt's program of international monetary agreements as included in the Bretton Woods pact.

He has always been for the reciprocal trade agreements program and backs it as it was submitted recently to Congress.

He intends to let the curfew and brownout stand, at least until V-E Day.

## Third Army -

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burg, more than a third destroyed by bombs the day before Easter.

On the Ninth Army sector, one armored and one infantry division fought into the streets of Magdeburg in an all-out attack on the Elbe city of 334,358, first entered April 11. The push started at 3:15 p.m. after a heavy air attack.

The prisoner bag on the Western Front for April ballooned past 750,000 when 144,000 more Germans were captured Monday.

The Ruhr pocket was all but erased and 200,000 of its troops were captives.

Cities captured included Merseburg, Royan on the French Atlantic Coast where the port of Bordeaux was being pried open, Witten, Arnsberg and Offenbach.

Bremen, Chemnitz and Dessau were besieged by troops within two miles or less of the cities. Fighting went on in Halle, Apeldoorn, and Uelzen.

## Frazier Trial Is Postponed To July 9

The trial of Marion Wilhart Frazier, 18, at Stanton on a charge of murdering Jewel Revis Treadwell, 42, has been postponed until July 9, according to the court record. The case was originally scheduled to start Monday but inability of some witnesses to be present was given as the reason for postponement of the trial.

Treadwell's body, pierced by six bullets, was found under a culvert 13 miles east of Midland February 15. Frazier was arrested February 16 at his Montague home.

## NEGRO IS HANGED

BROWNWOOD—(P)—Cpl. Dan Boswell, 26, negro from Selma, Ala., convicted of the murder of Sgt. Otis Wilson, another negro, from Montgomery, Ala., at North Camp Hood last Sept. 1, was executed by hanging at Camp Bowie Monday night.

## ELECTED SECRETARY

AUSTIN—(P)—The Senate in caucus Tuesday elected Noel K. Brown of Austin as permanent secretary of the Senate for the 49th session.

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# Society

## First Baptist W. M. S. Circles Meet Monday

Circles of the First Baptist W. M. S. met at the homes of the various members Monday afternoon for mission study programs.

Mary Elizabeth Truly.

The concluding study in the book, "Home Missions in the New World," was presented by Mrs. C. M. Dunagan at a meeting of the Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle at the home of Mrs. John Dunagan, 1904 West Wall.

Mrs. John Dunagan, who presided at the business period, announced the next meeting will be held at the Mexican Baptist W. M. S. at which time a program will be presented by members of the circle.

Prayers during the afternoon were given by Mrs. Ben Black and Mrs. L. C. Girdley.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses to Mmes. Ben Black, G. A. Wakefield, C. M. Dunagan and B. C. Girdley.

**Mary Martha Circle**

Mrs. Jerry Roberts was hostess for the meeting of the Mary Martha Circle at her home, 201 Ridgela. Mrs. Billy Gilbert called the meeting to order after which a prayer was given by Mrs. Stanley Erskine.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Gilbert with a poem in keeping with the devotional theme "Conversion," was read by Mrs. Frank Monroe.

Introduction of the first chapter of a new study book, "Pray Ye," written by Frances Langren Tyler, was presented by Mrs. Raymond Leggett.

The hostess served refreshments to Mmes. J. S. Griffith, J. D. Hatch, P. D. Phillips Jr., Frank Monroe, Raymond Leggett, Billy Gilbert, Arnold Scharbauer, Harold Cheeves, R. W. Harris, Stanley Erskine and A. A. Jones.

**Lottie Moon Circle**

Eight members and one guest were present for a meeting of the Lottie Moon Circle at the home of Mrs. Thurman Pylant, 1311 West Ohio.

In the business period the group voted to hold their next session at the Mexican Baptist Church. Announcement was made that the circle would furnish cookies for the Red Cross canteen at Municipal Airport on Thursday of this week.

Members were reminded to attend the Young People's meeting Wednesday when a film on missions in China will be shown.

After a review of the last chapters in the book "Home Missions in the New World," a prayer was offered by Mrs. J. P. McDowd.

Mrs. Pylant served refreshments to one guest, Mrs. H. E. Dyer, and the following members: Mmes. J. E. McDowd, S. L. Alexander, D. L. Red, Ernest Nell, E. F. Connor, Rebekah Circle.

The meeting of the Rebekah Circle opened with the group repeating the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. A. E. Houck was hostess for the meeting at her home, 208 Pennsylvania.

Following the short business session, a lesson on "Home Missions in the New World" was taught by Mrs. C. R. Phillips.

A refreshment plate was served during the social hour. Present were three new members, Mrs. E. H. Jones, Mrs. Frank Taylor, and Mrs. Cecil Craft; one guest, Mrs. Joe Truss, and the following members: Mmes. John Godwin, J. R. Truss, R. D. Feemster, W. H. Hall, A. V. Clements, Herbert King, O. R. Phillips and the hostess.

Carrots are descendants of Queen Anne's lace, well-known weed of the countryside.

## Winners Announced In League Meet For Junior High School

Winners in the ready writers event of the Interscholastic League meeting in Midland the past week were: Gerald Kubie, first; Beverly Jo McEwen, second; Helen Cartwright, third; Johnny Arledge, fourth; and Norman Cornelius, fifth.

Thirty-two Junior High School students entered this event. The following topics were used for the contest: "A Letter From One In The Service," "Victory Gardening—What Good Does It Do?" "Our School Managed The Waste Paper Drive," "Stranded With An Empty Gas Tank," and "A Scout Meeting."

**Contest Entrants**

Other students entering the contest were Denzil Ann Kemp, Dwight Worley, Clint Dunagan, Fred Fleener, Janis Slough, Franklin Keb, Jimmy Hadra, Diane Buffington, Betty Jean Wilson, Philip Rhorer, Patricia Baker, Frank Ashby, Rita Dunlap, Jerry McDonald, Eunice Robey, Johnny Van, Sarah West, LaVerne Cherry, Mary Lou Price, Donna Lou Manning, Francine Weaver, Jerry Webb, Duane Fritz, Nick Harrison, Davis Sikes, Jerelen Jowell, and Helene Harris.

In the semi-final spelling contest which was open to all students from the fifth through the eighth grades, 26 students from the fifth and sixth grades entered while a total of 15 entered from the seventh and eighth grades.

**Fifth And Sixth Grades**

Students from the fifth and sixth grades for the final contest were: Emily Hamilton, Mark McKinsey, Caroleigh Kemp, Jo Turner, Jackie Pierce, Jo Ann Nelson, Caroline Schaefer, Toya Chapple, Jan Masters, and Donald Drummond. Ninety words were given with perfect scores being made by Toya Chapple, Caroleigh Kemp, Caroline Schaefer, Donald Drummond, and Mark McKinsey.

In the seventh and eighth grades, five students were in the final contest. They were: Patsy Gray, Harry Loskamp, Sammie Swails, W. L. Thompson, and Johnny Van. Johnny Van and Sammie Swails had the highest scores.

## Mrs. Payne Presents Auxiliary Program

Mrs. Erl Payne presented the second in a series of four lessons from the book, "Gift of the Spirit" by Stephen F. Bane, at the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church Monday afternoon.

Hostess for the occasion was Mrs. J. E. Warren, who entertained at her home, 1006 North A Street.

In giving her meditation at the Auxiliary program, Mrs. Payne selected as her subject, "Life."

During the business session announcement was made that Bishop Stoney of Albuquerque, N. M., would be in Midland May 21 for confirmation at the church.

Refreshments were served by the hostess following the business period to the following members: Mmes. I. E. Daniel, Paul Kolm, Preston Lee, Eric Payne, J. P. Ruckman, D. C. Sivalis, Ralph Hickman, and William Kerr.

## 'The Drunkard' Is Coming To Town

"The Drunkard" is coming to town, according to an announcement made Monday night at the bi-monthly meeting of the Civic Theater. Copies of the forthcoming inebriate melodrama are on the way, members said.

Within two weeks a special meeting will be held for casting of parts, announced Mrs. Nancy McKinley, director of the production. Lt. Walter Burkes will act as stage manager.

Following the executive meeting, a social hour was enjoyed and two radio plays, "The Late Mr. Scarface" and "Girl On the Bronx Express" were read. The program was in charge of Nancy McKinley. Refreshments were served by Gretchen Estes.

## Brownie Group 11 Meets Monday At C. S. Longcope Home

Brownie Group Eleven met at the home of Mrs. C. S. Longcope, 2304 South Main Monday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in learning to set an informal table and playing various games.

Kay Longcope, Carolyn Gray and Gail Hoover served refreshments to the following: Frances Whigham, Betty Lou Parr, Janie Belle Moore, Jean Roberts, Wanda Lou Moore, Fritzie Ann Forst, Mary Ann Cottrell, Feggie Hoover, Darleen Adamson, Jerry Lee Stewart, and Mrs. J. T. Moore, leader. Mrs. C. S. Longcope, troop committee member.

## Women with PILES Get DOCTORS' Tip

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## Women's Council Assists In Drive

Members of the Women's Council of the First Christian Church met at the Mustang Hall Monday afternoon to assist in the United National Clothing Collection for the destitute in liberated countries which is being conducted in Midland.

The afternoon was spent in assorting and patching articles of clothing.

Those present were Mmes. Charles Klapproth, J. H. Elder, Ivan Hood, S. P. Hall, J. E. Pickering, W. E. Fritze, Al Ewing, G. W. Ehreneman, Marshall Hoyt, B. W. Reecer.

## THIRTY MEMBERS ATTEND MEET OF TREBLE CLEF CLUB

Thirty members of the Treble Clef Club reported to a meeting of that organization Saturday and received gold stars for prompt attendance. The session was held at the Watson School of Music.

The group responded to roll call with musical expressions. Donna Rae Dunn and Jan Scott presided at the attendance cards.

Jan Houck presented Wynell Richmond, a guest, and Dana Bodine introduced her guest, Lou Ann Comer, who is a new student at the Watson School of Music. During the business period, plans were discussed for spring programs to be presented May 28 and 29 in the Midland High School Auditorium.

Program for the morning was as follows: violin, "Old Folks At Home," Charles Predegrill; piano, "La Secret," Mary Jo Heil; piano, "The Song Of India," LaVonne Clark.

The meeting was closed with the members repeating the club motto.

## Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

**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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## Coming Events

### 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. Conkling, 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.

Mrs. 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 Fave Averitt and Mrs. G. A. Black will be hostesses for the luncheon meeting of the Ladies Golf Association Friday at 1 p. m. at the Midland Country Club.

A meeting of the Belmont Club will be held at 3 p. m. at the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

### SATURDAY

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

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

## Program On American Music Will Be Heard At Women's Clubs Meet

A program on "American Music" will be presented by members of the Civic Music Club at the meeting of the City-County Federation of Women's Clubs Thursday at 3 p. m. The Modern Study Club will be hostess for the session to be held at the home of Mrs. Foy Proctor.

All Midland club women are invited to attend. A special invitation has been extended to wives of all army personnel of Midland Army Air Field.

**ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSE**

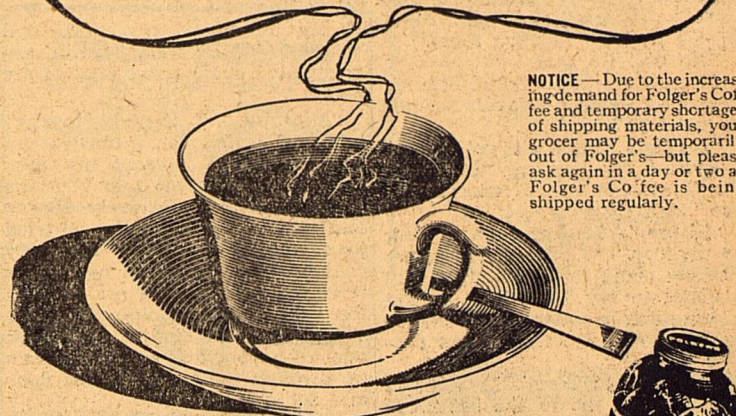
A marriage license was issued Monday at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble for Jose G. Herrera and Pabla Rocha.

## VISITS IN SAN ANGELO

Mrs. H. E. Skipper has returned to Midland after visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. M. A. Hamby, of San Angelo. Also visiting Mrs. Hamby were her two sons who are leaving soon for overseas service; Seaman First Class J. P. Hamby and Ensign Arland Hamby.

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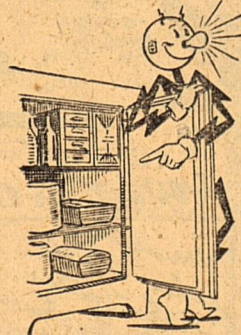
Open the refrigerator door as seldom as possible and shut it quickly.

Never use an ice pick or other sharp instrument to loosen ice trays. You may puncture the freezing coil and cause serious damage.

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# Death's BRIGHT DIAMONDS

By Lionel Masher

## A LITTLE MELODRAMA

XXVI

IN times of stress the eye... and mine roved right into a pair of yellow spats under a too long overcoat that covered an unpleasantly round little man—Mr. P. A. X. himself. He held one hand eloquently suggestive in his pocket.

Booker slid the gun down my back and thrust me towards a chair. I sat down with Booker's pistol ice-cold on the back of my neck. Peter A. Xavier gave me a bleak unilluminative smile.

"Where," he said, "are the gems?" "What gems?" I asked. His lips drew straight over that meaningless smile. His voice became silky. "I am told," he said, "that you have a peculiar sense of honor. The Ostermann diamonds are mine. I bought them. And I propose to have them."

"No dice," I said. The pistol muzzle bored into my neck and Peter A. Xavier seemed to swell at the veins. "I mean I haven't got them," I spread my hands. "I haven't the faintest notion of where they are."

"Listen," Booker leaned close to my ear. "Last night Phineas Hudson came to The Ledges, put a pistol to my head, just as I'm putting one to yours now, and relieved me of the Ostermann diamonds."

"So you had them! It was you who slugged me in the basement corridor?" "Trent, I'm warning you—" "And you killed Phineas Hudson?"

For an instant all sound, all motion, all thought, seemed suspended. Xavier and Booker exchanged glances and I saw the gleam of distrust in the former's eyes.

"Booker," Peter A. Xavier's tone was a mere whisper and his

eyes were dark, bitter pools. "You haven't lied to me?" "I could not see Booker's face, but the pressure on my neck relaxed."

"Xavier," he said, "don't be a fool. Would I stick my head in the noose here—now?" "For five million dollars," Xavier's tongue slithered lovingly over the words, "you would do anything. So would I."

"Then we'd better get busy," said Booker. For one long moment Xavier surveyed him, then nodded briefly and the pistol came away from my neck. I moved my head gently, caught the tense look in Xavier's eyes, then felt the blinding flash of pain as Booker's pistol butt crashed down on my skull.

THERE was a pin-ball game going on inside my brain and bright tinklings, in my skull, accompanied every movement of my head.

"Migraine," I thought to myself and tasted the bitterness on my tongue. I opened my eyes and looked straight into Xavier's eyes that were curiously like a sturgeon's. Deliberately, I tried to put my thumb in the very center of one eye, but my hands were fastened behind me through the slats of a very uncomfortable straight-backed chair. The dank odor of harbor and sea moss came up through the cracks in the floor and against the wall.

Booker sat astride a packing case looking at me expectantly. "A little melodrama," I said. Xavier's teeth showed briefly. Then he whipped out with the flat of his hand and struck me across the eyes.

"Where are the stones?" he asked. The blow stung. The hot blood rushed into my cheeks, but actually it hurt little. I said nothing.

"Booker," I said, "I am inclined to believe him."

"I replied Xavier sucking his hand," "should like to make sure."

Xavier came closer. I tensed. Those fish eyes had a glaze of ice over them. I fettered the chair a bit with my toes and kicked as I went over backward. I missed his chin by an eyelash and lay on my back in the ruins of the chair—helpless, unable to rise.

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# McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

The Team-of-Four championship in the recent Eastern States Tournament went to the team of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jaeger, Joseph E. Low, Mason Lichtenstein and Henry Sonnenblick. I have taken this hand from the Team-of-Four match for two reasons.

First of all, if there is still a thing as a bridge phobia, mine is a phobia against leading queens. I remember once leading from a queen, Jack, ten, nine that did not do me any harm but I am always

"Where are the stones?" inquired Xavier. Booker still watched, Xavier rose and hooked me full in the mouth with his fist. I went over backward in the chair. Like a cat he was on me pulling me upright again and I noted with satisfaction that there was blood on his knuckles.

"Where are the stones?" "I spat out a tooth. It was a good shot. It just missed Xavier's eye. "You," I said, "have a fixation."

"Then he kicked me and I had merciful moments of hot black oblivion. I was conscious of my tongue—a thick, detached lump in my mouth threatening to choke me. I heard sounds that blurred and swelled, finally fading gently into the low tone of voices.

"This is useless," Booker was saying, matter of fact and dispirited. "I don't believe he knows."

"If he does," replied Xavier, "I shall torture it out of him." "We should have got the girl," said Booker.

"Booker," Xavier's ferret eyes were on me. "He is again awake." Booker came over and stood in front of "them." "I know," he said, "if you have the diamonds, you know of course that you can't dispose of them anywhere."

"I haven't the diamonds," I said. "Get me some mouthwash." "Or if you know where they are," pursued Booker, "the information might be worth something to us—a great deal more, in fact, than you might expect to derive from illicit sale of the stones."

"You're contradicting yourself," I said. "I know nothing whatever about the Ostermann diamonds." Booker stared at me thoughtfully. He gave a little shrug and said:

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"Booker," Xavier's ferret eyes were on me. "He is again awake." Booker came over and stood in front of "them." "I know," he said, "if you have the diamonds, you know of course that you can't dispose of them anywhere."

"I haven't the diamonds," I said. "Get me some mouthwash." "Or if you know where they are," pursued Booker, "the information might be worth something to us—a great deal more, in fact, than you might expect to derive from illicit sale of the stones."

"You're contradicting yourself," I said. "I know nothing whatever about the Ostermann diamonds." Booker stared at me thoughtfully. He gave a little shrug and said:

"Xavier, I am inclined to believe him."

"I replied Xavier sucking his hand," "should like to make sure."

Xavier came closer. I tensed. Those fish eyes had a glaze of ice over them. I fettered the chair a bit with my toes and kicked as I went over backward. I missed his chin by an eyelash and lay on my back in the ruins of the chair—helpless, unable to rise.

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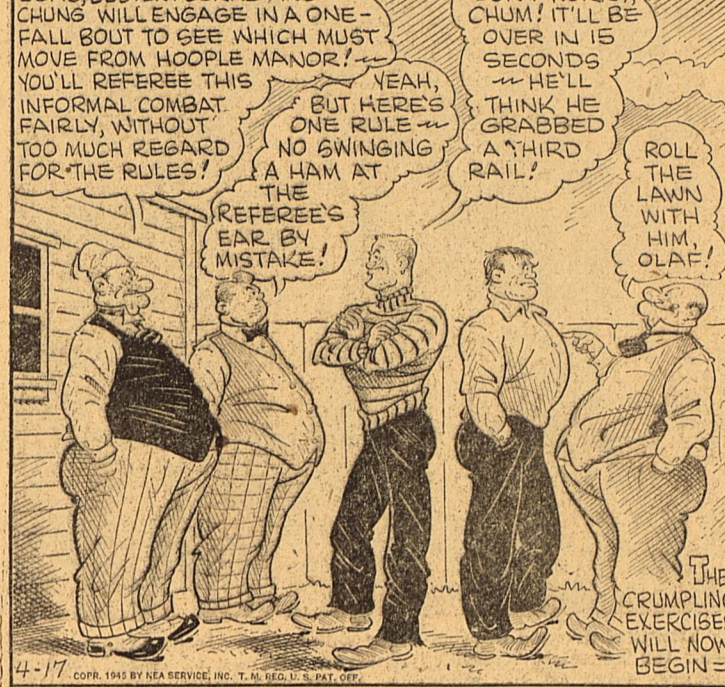
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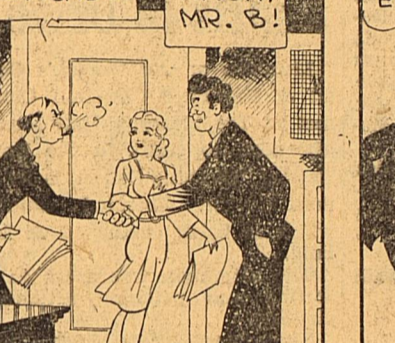
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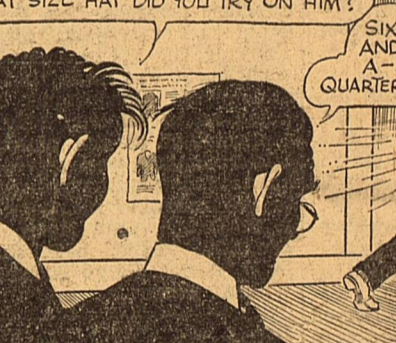
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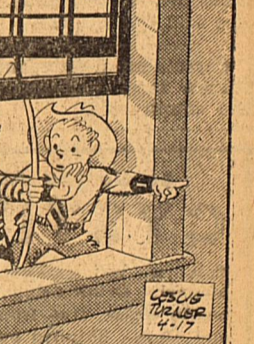
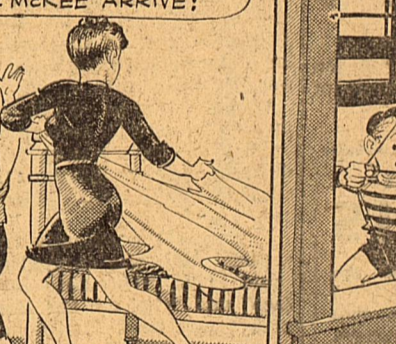
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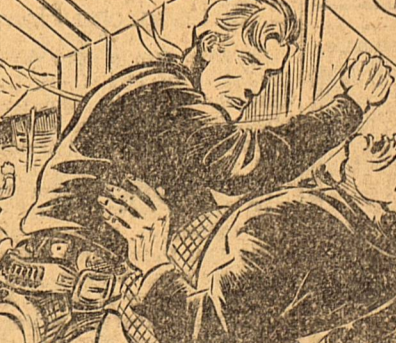
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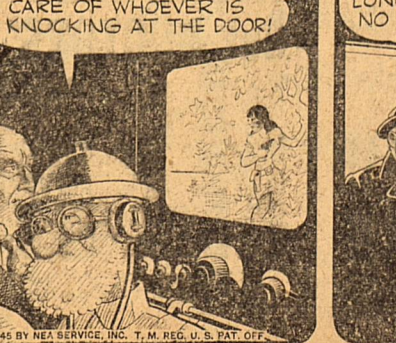
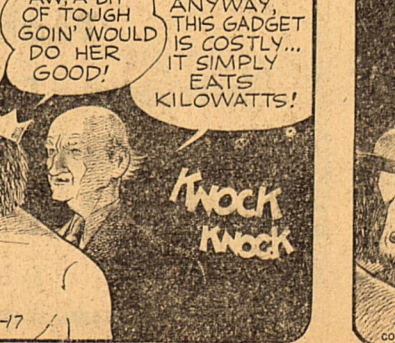
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—By FRED HARMAN



## ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN



## WPB Says Civilian Supplies Will Get Worse, V-E Day Or Not

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Some of the worst shortages may come after victory in Europe.

Some of the really troublesome shortages—the day-to-day needs that worry housewives and cause hours of hunting in the stores—in shirts, shoes, house dresses, children's overalls and infants' underthings, are likely to be worse before they are better, come V-E Day or not.

The War Production Board right now is wondering whether to start a big new campaign to patch, save and wear out.

Fewer Shoes

Fewer shoes will be made in the next several months because of deep new cuts newly imposed on leather supplies for civilians. WPB wants manufacturers to make 150,000,000 pairs of fabric-and-rubber substitutes, but the manufacturers generally are not eager to do it. It would require some conversion of machinery.

The shortages are not confined to clothing. Automobile batteries are scarce right now, for instance, and a 40 per cent drop in manufacture this month was averted only by dipping into the country's depleted lead stock pile.

Lumber will be scarce for months. So will paper, photo film and many other things. Supply of those items cannot be improved for some time after V-E Day.

## DETECTED FOR DESIGN

Land mines were not the only dangers that lay hidden beneath the African sands during the African campaign. The venomous sand viper buries itself as a protection against the midday sun, and soldiers learn to detect its presence by the scroll-like design in the sand.

## In The Dark But Purse Showed Up

DENVER—(AP)—Two years after Mrs. Harry Malone, lost a coin purse she received a telephone call from a man asking about the loss.

She described the purse and contents, but the caller hung up. Soon afterward she received by mail the purse, its contents intact, still with no clue to the finder's identity.

Mrs. Malone said she had moved three times since losing the purse.

## Bullard Lecture Will Be On Friday Night

Officials of the West Texas Geological Society call attention to a typographical error in the cards mailed to members announcing the lecture this week by Dr. Fred M. Bullard, of Austin, of the geological faculty of the University of Texas.

The lecture will be Friday, at 8 p. m. at Midland High School auditorium, which is April 20. The cards gave the date as Friday, April 25.

Bullard will lecture in the new volcano, Paricutin, in Central Mexico, and will show colored moving pictures of it made in the summer and fall of 1944.

## Baptist Deacon Had Never Sat On 'Case'

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP)—A prospective juror in common pleas court was queried by the attorney, "have you ever sat on a liquor case?"

"Sir," he replied, "I am a deacon of the Baptist Church. I have never touched a drop of liquor, let alone sit on a case of it."

The juror was excused.

In Holland, radishes served with toast, cheese, and tea, are considered a breakfast tidbit.

## Capt. J. A. Jorgensen Gets Chinese Award

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, U. S. ARMY—Capt. J. A. Jorgensen, of Midland, Texas, and one of the relatively few Americans ever to receive the Chinese Grand Star of Honor Medal, is on duty at a field installation of the Chinese Command.

Americans of the Chinese Combat Command, under Major Gen. R. B. McClure, work very closely with Chinese armies, divisions and smaller units under General Ho Hsing-chin, supreme commander of the Chinese Army, in the war against Japan's great continental military power in China.

The mission of OCC is to advise and assist Chinese forces in prosecuting aggressive warfare against the Japanese. This mission is concerned primarily with the planning and execution of field training and tactical operations, and with the receipt, distribution and assignment of American equipment and supplies for Chinese military units.

Teaches Chinese Troops

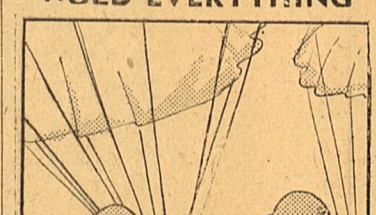
As a member of OCC, he has for some time engaged primarily in teaching Chinese troops the methods of modern warfare.

Captain Jorgensen was presented with the Chinese Grand Star of Honor Medal for outstanding and distinguished service rendered by him to the Republic of China and to the Chinese army, upon recommendation of the Chinese general officer commanding a unit with which the American was on duty for an extended period.

Jorgensen is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he studied geology. Prior to entering the Army, he was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company as a geologist.

While serving overseas Jorgensen's wife is making her home in Midland, Texas.

## HOLD EVERYTHING



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## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

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LOST—Gold wrist watch, "Hallie Carter" on back, Saturday night, near Steak House. Reward. Lt. Fish, George's Courts, 501.

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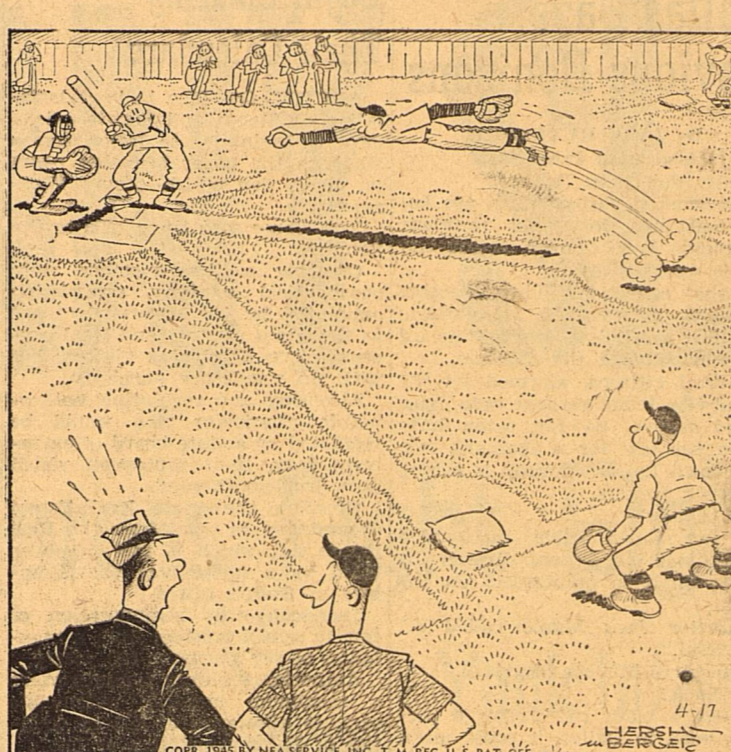
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One Auto License Case Filed Here
Apparently all of the cars, trucks, motorcycles and motor scooters of Midland County are equipped with new 1945 license plates.

Only one case of driving without a 1945 license has been filed with Justice if the Peace B. C. Girdley. When arrested the man had his license, but it was on the rear seat of the car instead of being attached to the rear of the vehicle as the law requires.

SIXTY-SEVEN DEPORTED
LAREDO—(AP)—Sixty-seven persons pleaded guilty of violating U. S. immigration laws before Federal Judge Allan B. Hannay Monday and were ordered deported immediately to Mexico. Judge Hannay sentenced each to 90 days in jail, suspended for five years.

Three Californians Testify In Brewster County Land Fraud

EL PASO—(AP)—Three Californians appearing as government witnesses in a land fraud case involving 11 defendants testified in district court here Monday they had bought acreage in Brewster County, Texas, on representation that the land was valuable oil property.

Earlier Monday government witnesses had testified that a routine abstracting for transfer of acreage in Brewster County from the Central Securities Company of San Antonio, Texas, in the creation of Big Bend National Park, disclosed the allegedly false sales.

The alleged frauds include 20,000 acres in Brewster County which the government charges was purchased by the defendants at \$1.50 an acre and sold to investors at \$20 an acre.

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# Major Leagues Open Season

## Sixteen Clubs Schedule Play In What Is Promised To Be Plenty Hot Pennant Marathon

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK — (AP)—Sixteen well-conditioned major league clubs were ready to open a fourth wartime baseball season Tuesday before approximately 150,000 fans. Both Presidents Ford Frick of the National League and Will Harridge of the American League have forecast tight pennant races and there was every indication that neither the Cardinals nor Browns, favored to make it, another all-St. Louis World Series, would have any cinch.

Luke Sewell's Browns, who had to go down to the last day of the 1944 season before they could shake off Detroit, were to meet the Tigers at Sportsman Park while the Cardinals invaded Chicago, a club expected to be up in the flag chase. Cool weather was expected all around the circuits.

April sunshine left little to be desired in the training period, and most clubs came up to the barrier without serious injuries.

Exceptions were Cincinnati, which lost its ace shortstop, Eddie Miller for an indefinite period due to a broken knee cap; the New York Giants, whose Joe Medwick was sidelined with an ailing back; and the Boston Braves, whose holdover shortstop, Whitey Wietelmann, had the first two joints of a finger amputated.

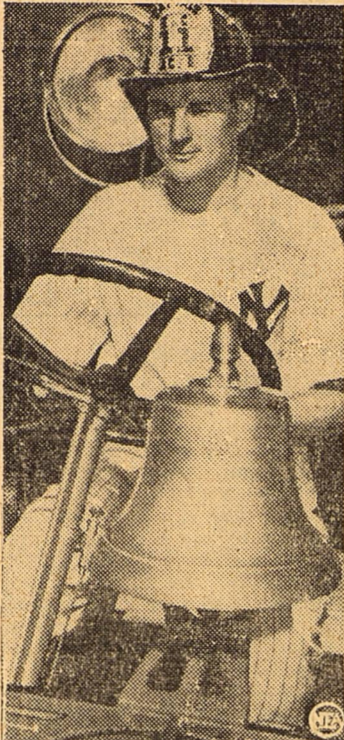
Among the better known absentees were holdout Pitcher Ernie Bonham of the New York Yankees; First Baseman Hal Trosky of the Chicago White Sox, who is staying out this year; Infielder Pete Coscarart of Pittsburgh, remaining in a war job; and Outfielder Jeff Heath, who signed but then decided not to report to Cleveland.

War jobs make several other players part-time weekend and home game players, and imminent service call kept several others stick close to home. The Cooper boys finally decided to call off their "strike" and reported to the Cards in Chicago.

The acid test arrived for such highly-publicized rookies as Pete Gray of the Browns, Red Schoendienst of the Cards, Joe Buzas of the Yankees, Marino Piretti of the Senators, Bobby Maier of the Tigers, the Hamner brothers of the Phillies and Hal Peck of the Athletics.

NEWSMAN TO PITCH PHILADELPHIA — (AP)—Louis (Bobo) Newsom persuaded Manager Connie Mack to let him pitch the opening game for the Philadelphia Athletics with the Washington Senators at Shibe Park Tuesday. Emil (Dutch) Leonard will serve them up for the Senators.

## Chief Holcombe



Joe McCarthy believes Yankees have successor to relief worker Johnny Murphy in Ken Holcombe, appropriately seated at steering wheel of fire wagon. Right-hander won 17, lost 10 for Newark last season.

## Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK — (AP)—Tulsa, Okla., golf clubs have organized a non-profit association to stage a 16-man invitational golf tournament in September with all the proceeds going to the rehabilitation program for wounded servicemen. . . . George La Hood, the Georgia freshman football candidate who had been so thoroughly busted up playing prep ball, kept his record intact by busting his nose in dummy scrimmage last week. . . . That was about the only undamaged bone he had left. . . . Bob Brickman, the Cleveland matchmaker, is talking about building an arena at Tucson, Ariz. after the war and staging fights, basketball and ice skating.

### One-Minute Sports Page

Lt. Comdr. Red Strader, coach at Sampson, N. Y., Naval Training Center, figures the Navy's shifting big-name stars to the combat zones won't have much effect on athletics. There'll be plenty of good players left to complete their normal tours of duty at mainland posts, Red claims.

### Service Dept.

During three seasons of Panama Canal Zone baseball, Mickey Harris, ex-Red Soxer, hasn't succeeded in fanning Terry Moore, ex-Cardinal, once although Mickey struck out 20 in the playoff for the Pacific championship. That's one reason why Terry hit .489 for the season that just ended. . . . In the middle of a recent inter-Allied tennis match of Kunning, China, an officer appeared with a report of a rumor that the Germans had surrendered. Lt. David Price of New York, who was having a dining match with George Lin, suggested they should continue as if nothing had happened. He was right, but he lost the match.

## Connie Mack Sees Boom In Postwar Sports

PHILADELPHIA — (AP)—Connie Mack says there will "definitely" be another golden age of sports after the war.

"We had our biggest sport year after the last war. The boom ought to be even bigger after this one. Believe me, I'm looking forward to it," Connie said in a radio broadcast Monday night.

Beginning his 45th year as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, Mack, 82, said the St. Louis Browns are "the team to beat" in the American League.

## Global Ball Program Involves 32 Titles

By NEA Service WICHITA — No fewer than 32 national and territorial baseball championships will be decided in the 1945 global program of the National Baseball Congress. In this country the title will be determined in the national tournament in Wichita, Aug. 10-22. Clubs will first compete in 48 state tournaments. Details, including listings of leading teams and players, are contained in the just published 1945 National Baseball Guide for non-professionals.

### 17-YEAR-OLD SHORTSTOP

BEAR MOUNTAIN—Tom Brown, 17, is firmly installed as the Brooklyn Dodgers' shortstop.

### COACH HAS STEADY JOB

CHAMPAIGN—Edwin J. Manley is winding up his 34th season as Illinois swimming coach.

## Religious Rookie In City Of Churches

By NEA Service BEAR MOUNTAIN — Brooklyn Dodgers will have to play their Sunday games without the services of Leroy Pfund, 25-year-old recruit right-handed pitcher, whose contract stipulates he is not to appear at ball parks on the Sabbath. Pfund is a Wheaton collegian who split last season between Columbus and Mobile. President Branch Rickey couldn't object, as he has always held himself aloof from baseball parks on Sunday.

## Schoolgirl Hangs Up Bowling Mark

By NEA Service DAYTON, O. — Patty Streibeck, 15-year-old high school junior competing in the women's Central States tournament, bowled a remarkable total of 1809 for nine games in the all-events feature. In her second game of the team event Patty posted an all-time single-game record of 289 for the tournament. She made 10 consecutive strikes and on her 11th ball left the No. 2 pin. Her other games were 210 and 181 for a 680 series. In the doubles she had 607 and in the singles 522.

### NO PLAN

WASHINGTON — (AP)—President Truman declared Tuesday he had no plan to lift the ban on horse racing.

### SLOAN EXAMINED

NEW YORK — (AP)—Bruce Sloan, New York Giants' outfielder, was scheduled to leave Tuesday for Oklahoma City to take a pre-induction physical examination.

### MUST CARRY FOOTBALL

NEW YORK — Greasy Neale, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, refuses to attend track meets, won't pay to see a man run unless he has a football under his arm.

## Daffy Does In Dallas Daze Devious Denizens

By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff Daffy doings in Dallas:

Overworked garbage men are being mistaken for night prowlers, complains J. T. Conroy, acting city public works director. Night collections have become necessary because the 140 garbage men left in Dallas couldn't do all the work during the daytime.

Several citizens, alarmed by the sound of rattling garbage cans, have called police. So far, none have taken the law (or a shotgun) into their own hands. Conroy is asking for more workers.

Well, Really— A cat named Tabby interrupted proceedings at a tent theater by giving birth to quintuplets on the stage.

Director Jack Marco called off rehearsal. The play—Modern Marriage. Bad Luck?

When a black cat crosses a person's path in Dallas, it could mean bad luck—for the cat.

A black cat's hide is worth about 30 cents. Cat hides of other colors also are sold, but prices are much lower. Cats of all hues are being bred and dyed, and then dyed a solid color and converted into collars and cuffs for lady's coats.

### Food Notes

Lynn Bigler, a Dallas radio announcer, wanted a sandwich. His wife found the cupboard bare of ordinary ingredients but managed to whip up a sandwich he termed delicious.

She used K rations. A soldier friend had sent them a can for a souvenir.

Expressive Not so satisfied was a negro who entered a Dallas cafe and ordered a cup of coffee.

He drank part of it, pulled out a .45 caliber revolver, shot out the lights and left.

## House And Senate Begin Clearing Their Calendars

AUSTIN — (AP)—The bulk of legislation on House and Senate calendars is beginning to lessen somewhat as the general session nears its 100th day which occurs Wednesday.

The House sent these bills to the Senate:

Creating a three-member state aeronautical advisory commission appointed by the governor, to act as the agent of state and local government in developing airports but with no regulatory authority.

Licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians who would be regulated by a state board of examiners from their profession which uses drugless therapy.

Creating the State Real Estate Commission to administer the Real Estate Act which is now administered by a division of the Secretary of State's office.

Increasing the remuneration of county school trustees from a maximum of \$36 yearly to \$60 yearly.

Authorizing county commissioners a maximum monthly automobile expense allowance of \$25 in counties of 25,200 population or less.

Giving counties the right to act for the state in delinquent tax litigation.

Requiring members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to visit all units of the state prison system and interview clemency applicants at least once each six months and raising the salaries of board members from \$3,600 annually to \$4,200 annually.

The Senate: Passed a \$343,000 appropriation for assistance to public junior colleges. The bill goes back to the House for consideration of amendments.

Passed and sent to the House a bill giving broader powers of appeals from decisions of state boards, bureaus and commissions.

## Truman Has Three Loves In His Life

By GEORGE K. WALLACE Political Writer, Kansas City Star INDEPENDENCE, MO. — (AP)—Three great loves have influenced and guided President Truman's life since before the turn of the century—affection for family and friends, for military life and for politics—and the military influence was as strong for 20 years in the middle part of his life as politics have been later.

President Truman, if he had had his way, would be a colonel of artillery in Europe or the Pacific today instead of commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States.

For, with the coming of World War II, Harry S. Truman got out his old World War I uniform and tried it on. It fitted as well as it always had, and Truman tried valiantly to enter again the service in which he had served actively and inactively for 36 years. But he was 56 years old, a senator in Washington, and no longer able physically to serve.

Rejected, Truman decided that the next best thing he could do was to watch as closely as possible the government expenditures in the war effort to be sure money wasn't being wasted.

Remembering some of the exposures of graft which followed the first conflict, Truman said:

"It doesn't do any good digging up dead horses after the war is over like the last time. The thing to do is dig this stuff up now and correct it."

Truman sponsored a resolution to set up a committee to check on war expenditures. The Senate approved, but cut the appropriation to \$15,000 and handed Truman the chairmanship.

Truman took that routine committee chairmanship and, by hard work, intelligence and luck ran it out to the presidency.

When the first World War came, Truman helped to organize the Second Missouri Field Artillery, which became the 129th Field Artillery of the 35th Division when mobilized on the United States' entry into the war.

Truman took officers' training at Camp Doniphan and was graduated as a second lieutenant. In France a few months later he entered another officers' school, won his captaincy and was assigned to command of Battery D of the 129th.

Harry Truman performed some feats with his battery which old line experts hardly could believe. Judge Albert A. Ridge, who served with him, now says: "I saw him calculate firing data in his mind faster than some officers could do with instruments."

"Once in the Vosges Mountains in Alsace, Battery D was ordered to fire gas barrages. The Germans opened up and shells began cracking all around. Truman stood in the open giving commands; he didn't know the meaning of fear."

Truman and his battery fought in the Vosges, at St. Mihiel, in the Meuse-Argonne and at Verdun.

Truman was mustered out a major May 6, 1919, and returned to Independence. Soon afterward he entered the Field Artillery Reserve as a colonel and still holds that rank.

The constitutional and military history of the United States today are his favorite studies. He is even yet an ardent amateur military strategist and, as President Roosevelt took great interest in his old first love—the Navy—so President Truman likely always will be close to the Army.

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## New Council To Hold First Regular Meet

Mayor A. N. Hendrickson will begin a second term as mayor at a meeting of the city council Wednesday afternoon in the council room at the city hall. Councilmen Frank in Subbeman and John P. Butler will begin serving another term as council members, and Fred F. Hogan will enter into his first term on the council.

## American Legion To Hold Regular Meet

A number of important matters are scheduled to be considered at a meeting of the Woods W. Lynch post of the American Legion at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel. A. C. Heifer, post commander, announced.

## TECH. SGT. GEORGE ROSS RECEIVES BRONZE STAR

WITH THE 102ND INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY — T/Sgt. George B. Ross of Midland, Texas, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. His wife resides in Midland.

## Congressmen Want Letters From Voters

Activities of the national affairs committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce were outlined to representatives of the Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce at a meeting in the Elliott Hotel Monday night by Hodson Lewis of Dallas, manager of the Southwest division of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

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