



RAF ON 'HUNT FOR HITLER'

Five-Year Army Vets To Get Out

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army plans to start this summer releasing some men who will have been in uniform four to five years.

The release policy, which may preclude any marked out in draft calls after June 30, was disclosed in official but publicly-shy quarters Wednesday.

By next month a considerable number of Uncle Sam's "emergency soldiers" will have spent five years in service.

New Wildcats For Pecos, Tom Green, Runnels Regions

Locations for wildcat tests in Northwest Pecos, Northwest Tom Green and East Runnels counties have been reported.

Gholson Resigns As OPA Director

LUBBOCK—Howard R. Gholson, district director of the Office of Price Administration since October 1942, announced late Tuesday his resignation, effective May 12, 1945.

Weather

MIDLAND AND VICINITY—Partly cloudy, moderate to strong winds Wednesday afternoon. Thursday, partly cloudy.

WAR AT A GLANCE

WESTERN FRONT: Three armies smashed at ramparts of German redoubt area; U. S. Third was 82 miles from Berchtesgaden, 32 from Austrian border.

French Prepare Cell For Famed Marshal Petain

PARIS—(AP)—A cell in an unnamed fortress near Paris was prepared Wednesday for Marshal Petain, former idol of France, as a precaution against disorders when the aged hero of Verdun is returned here to stand trial on charges of high treason.

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Chiefs Of State In Allied Capitols Will Proclaim V-E

SHAFF, PARIS—(AP)—The day of victory in Europe will be proclaimed by the chiefs of state of the Allied governments, and not by Gen. Eisenhower, and there is being brought to bear considerable influence to prevent a premature celebration.

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High Ground Near Ishin Is Yank Held

By LEONARD MILLIMAN, Associated Press War Editor. In two of the most dogged battles of the Pacific war, Yank infantrymen Wednesday tightened their grasp on newly-won high ground from which they threatened to crack the Japanese eastern flank on Okinawa Island and the enemy's Baguio stronghold in the Philippines.

Polish Chair Still Empty As 46 Nations Gather To Open World's Peace Conference

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—With one chair for Poland dramatically empty, 46 victorious nations of World War II will assemble in their first historic political conference Wednesday to try to blueprint machinery for preventing World War III.

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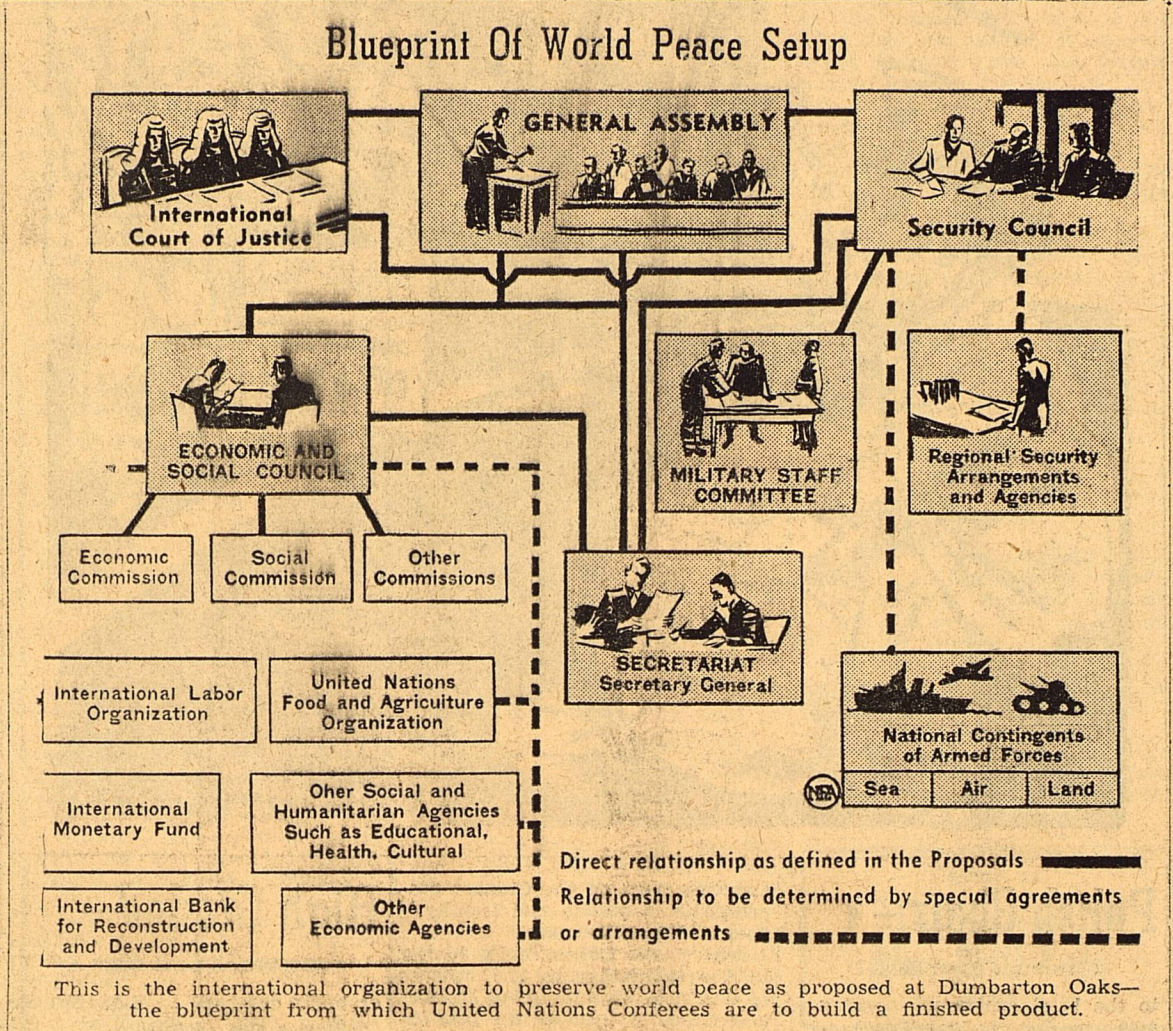
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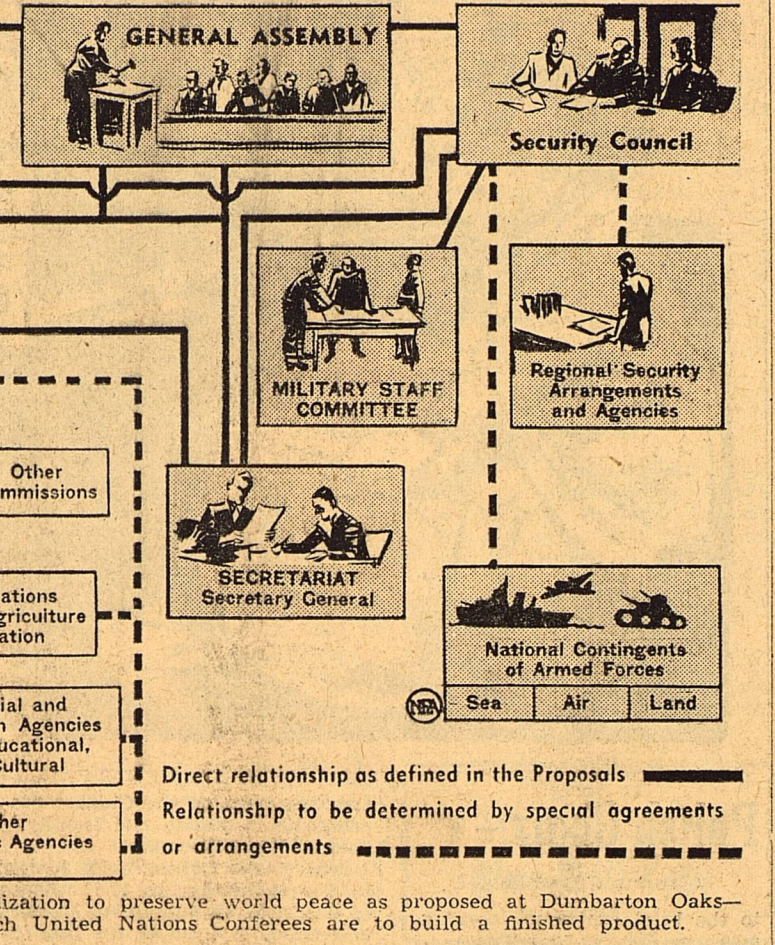
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Heavy Bombers Drop Earthquakes On Berchtesgaden Site

By WILLIAM L. RYAN, Associated Press War Editor. Two separate forces of RAF heavy bombers dropped 12,000-pound earthquake bombs Wednesday on Hitler's chalet at Berchtesgaden as Russian armies drew the steel net tight on Berlin and Western armies stormed the outer ramparts of the German's Alpine redoubt area.

Restricted Use Of 18-Year-Olds Gaining Support

WASHINGTON—(AP)—House members swung rapidly into line Wednesday behind a move to accept a Senate restriction on the use of 18-year-old draftees.

War Department Furnishes List Of Overrun Camps

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A partial list of German prisoner-of-war camps containing American soldiers which have been overrun by Allied armies was released Wednesday by the War Department.

Beauford Jester Praises Natural Gas Conservation Program

Beauford Jester of Austin, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, returned to headquarters Wednesday after a visit to the Midland office of the oil and gas division of the commission and an inspection of the natural gas conservation program in North Winkler County oil fields.

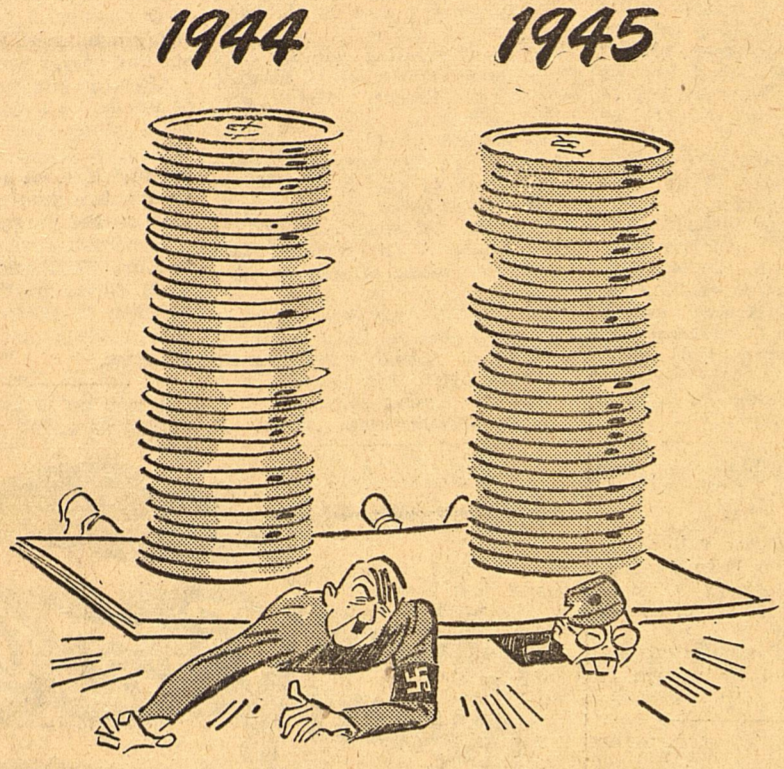
69th Division Has Soft Chair For Reds

LONDON—(AP)—The boys at the 69th Infantry Division's command post on the Elbe River were all set Wednesday for the juncture of American First Army troops with the Russians.






# This year...they're making "2" as big as "3"!



**1.** Uncle Sam needs just about as much money this year to fight the war as he did last. Whether we're fighting Germans and Japs, or Japs alone, there'll be no easing up till every last enemy is on his knees—or dead.



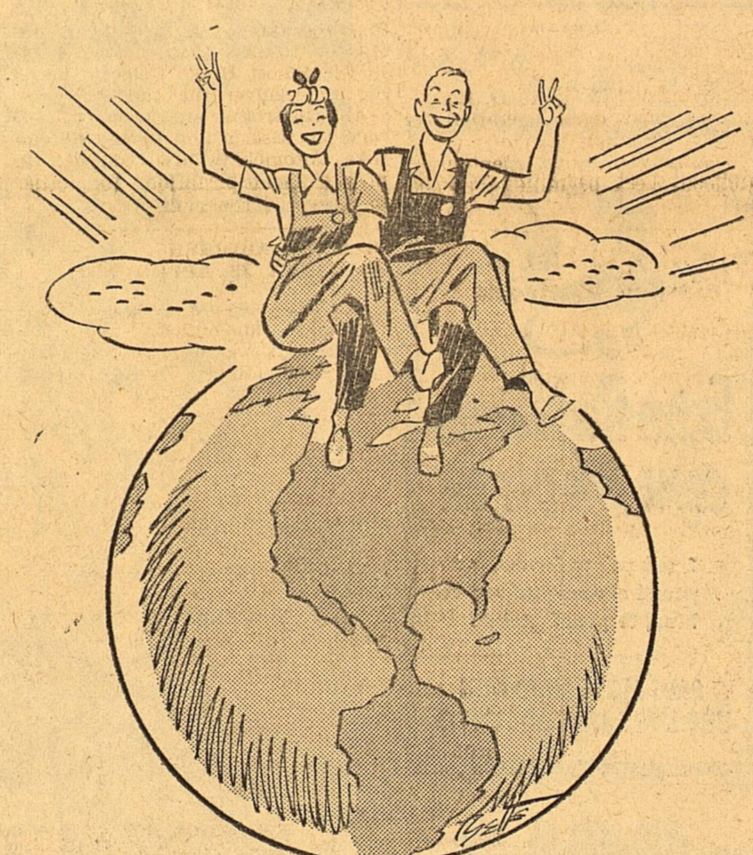
**2.** But—to save time and work, there will be only 2 War Loans this year instead of 3, as there were in 1944.



**3.** So—we've got to make 2 as big as 3! We've got to lend, in 2 chunks, approximately as much as we lent last year in 3. Which means that, in the approaching 7th War Loan, each of us will have to buy a **BIGGER** share of extra Bonds.



**4.** 27 million smart Americans are getting a headstart! The men and women on the Payroll Savings Plan are now boosting their allotments for April, May, and June—so that they can buy more Bonds, and spread their buying over more pay checks.



**5.** Come the 7th War Loan, these people will be sitting pretty. A good part of their extra Bonds will be already paid for. They won't have to scrape so hard for extra cash—because they're putting part of it aside right now!

**REMEMBER...**

- 1. The war costs just about as much...*
- 2. Two loans instead of 3 in 1945!...*
- 3. More extra Bonds in each loan!*

*So... start saving **NOW...** for the 7th!*

**6.** That's a very smart way to handle it. It's better for them—better for Uncle Sam. It's the easiest way to fulfill our obligation to the men who fight. Let's all start saving now for the 7th!

## START SAVING NOW FOR THE MIGHTY 7TH.

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# THE AMERICAN HOUSE

By Virginia Chase

One Saturday afternoon in April my father came home unexpectedly. He did not come into the sitting room where we were playing Authors, but instead called my mother out into the hall. Then the two of them went into the parlor and closed the door behind them. Saturday was my father's busiest day. His coming home meant something important. Going into the parlor portended the momentous. We were all agog.

"Maybe someone's dead," Julia suggested cheerfully.

At first we could make out almost nothing. Then right out clear we heard my father say it. "A note at the bank."

A note meant a letter. A letter brought news. Julia was right, I decided. Someone had died and left us a fortune. I would take a trip to Europe. I would go on the Lusitania. I would buy myself a



red silk petticoat with a flounce. Cousin Victoria was my father's only relation. She lived in a big house called Balmoral on the other side of the Junction. She had been born on the birthday of the Queen whose name she bore, and that circumstance had colored her entire existence, for it gave her, she felt, a real prerogative. She had always told us that every cent she owned would go when she died to the Friends of the Royal Family, an organization of which she was a charter member, but Cousin Victoria was noted for changing her mind.

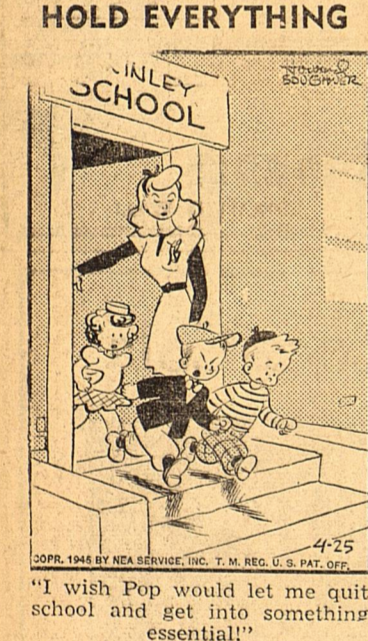
The front door closed, and my mother, her cheeks very flushed, came back into the sitting room. "Girls," she said, "I have news for you."

"Two flounces, maybe . . . " "Yes, Mama," we chorused. "Jim McClure has left town," she told us.

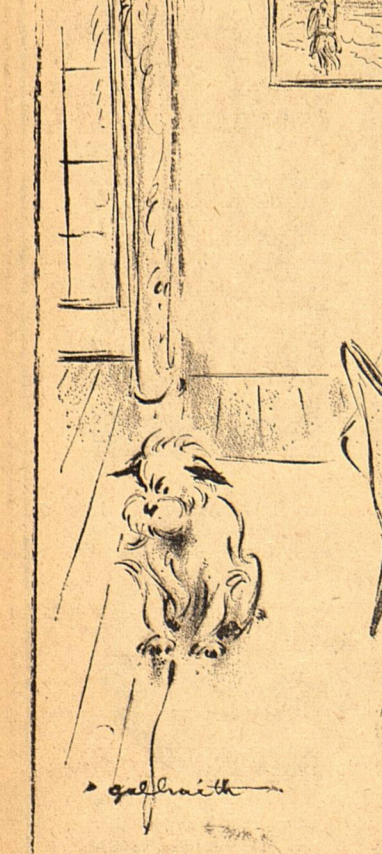
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"He left bills behind him," my mother went on.

That didn't impress us, either. Bills meant little in our life. My father sent them out occasionally, and people paid them in their own way. Sometimes it was with wood or potatoes, sometimes with weekly deliveries of fish and eggs. The grocer was my father's patient. So



"I wish Pop would let me quit school and get into something essential!"



"Yes, I've got enough points, dear, but I haven't the heart to order a steak—remember how poor Buster almost had a nervous breakdown watching us eat the one we had in February?"

## Flight Engineers On Superfortress To Be Commissioned Officers

FORT WORTH—(P)—Flight engineers of the B-29s which are pounding Tokyo and other Japanese arsenal cities to bits are being raised to a new status of importance.

Their course of training has been lengthened and placed on a par with the courses for pilots, bombardiers and navigators and for the first time leads to a commission as second lieutenant or appointment as flight officer, it was announced Wednesday by the Army Air Forces Training Command headquarters here.

The flight engineer is the man who from his separate "office" or control station in the B-29 "engineers" the Superfortress to its destination and back. His controls operate the plane's four huge engines and it is his function to determine how to get the maximum range and performance out of the ship under varying conditions.

"On his computations, his handling of the engines and his foresight may depend the success of the mission," said the AAF announcement.

It was announced that under the new program the opportunity for B-29 flight engineer training is open to all enlisted personnel assigned to duty with the AAF provided they meet the entrance requirements, but that men who have served in combat theaters will be given priority of selection and assignment if they have volunteered for another tour of overseas duty.

The course will consist of ten weeks of pre-flight training at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas, 19 weeks in a new B-29 maintenance and inspection course at Amarillo Army Air Field, and a 10-week flight engineer course at Lowry Field, Colo.

Graduates of Lowry receive their commissions or appointments as flight officers and proceed to one of the B-29 specialized schools for about eight weeks or post graduate training in officer status. B-29 specialized schools are located at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., and Roswell, N. M., and a third is to be established at Randolph Field, San Antonio.

We moved on the first Saturday in May. My mother packed only our toilet articles and our clothing, leaving each of us to judge what else was indispensable. "There is no need of carting a lot of things that will just have to be brought right back again," she warned.

The day was dull and chilly. At 9 o'clock my father came for us with the surrey. We got in gravely and sat throughout the ride in silence. For the first time I could remember we had locked our door. And we had locked it from the outside.

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## Dallas Tenant Has FHA Experts Stumped

DALLAS—(P)—Government officials are pondering the problem of what to do about a dairy employe who moved into a government house and lived there four months.

The tenant told Ray Holder, manager of the Dallas Park Federal Housing Project, that he sent rent money monthly to the project office. The new tenant wasn't discovered until he called at the office asking for a larger place.

"I don't know what we can do about it," said Assistant U. S. Attorney Cavett Binion. "We'll have to check up on the law."

## Try And Collect, Judge, Old Boy

COLUMBIA, MO.—(P)—Judge W. M. Dinwiddie in the Boone County Circuit Court ruled that two safecrackers must pay damages of \$350 each for repairs on a safe which they failed to open.

One is on parole and the other is serving a 3-year prison term for the episode.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ABOUT ONE HALF OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD NEVER MIGRATE.

Quoting Odds  
"MANY NEAR-SIGHTED PERSONS ARE FAR-SIGHTED."  
PETER N. KHOURY,  
Utica, New York.

CALIFORNIA, NOTED FOR ITS "HONEY," DOES LEAD OTHER STATES IN THE PRODUCTION OF HONEY.

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NEXT: Glass Jug sabotage

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority

The name of Wilbur C. Whitehead will always live in bridge history. In the early days of auction bridge, Work and Whitehead were synonymous.

One of Whitehead's chief contributions to modern contract was his theory of quick tricks. He set down a rule that an ace was one quick trick and a guarded king a half trick. His rule then stated that the probable tricks in any hand were roughly double the number of quick tricks.

Today's hand is one of the last hands played by him before he

A 1083  
985  
A 108  
K 96

W E Dealer

Whitehead  
KQ  
J73  
K72  
AQ1042

Rubber—Neither vul.  
South West—North East  
1 N T Pass 3 N T Pass  
Opening—4 25

sailed for a vacation in Europe from which he never returned, dying aboard ship in the summer of 1931.

Of course modern bidding on this hand would be different, but Whitehead got quite a kick out of getting a top score on it when the opening diamond lead gave him the chance to make six odd.

In Tacoma They Fine You For Anything

TACOMA, WASH.—(P)—An attractive blonde young woman told Police Court Judge W. A. Richmond "I mistook him for another man," when asked why she had flung her arms around a blushing policeman on a street corner.

Patrick O'Malley, one of Tacoma's newest and youngest policemen, told about the hugging. It cost the young woman \$15 and costs on charges of disorderly conduct.

T&P PASSENGER AGENT DIES IN DALLAS

DALLAS—(P)—Robert P. Sellers, district Texas and Pacific passenger agent, was stricken as he stepped from a taxi at a hotel Tuesday and died. He was 60 years of age.

## Tooth Sleuth Has Damning Evidence

NEW YORK—(P)—Exhibit A in felony court Tuesday was a set of false teeth belonging to Tom Collins, 61, residence, The Bowers.

A detective said he found the teeth inside a burglar's shop, while their owner stood outside, innocently watching the police investigation.



"Gentlemen, in the interests of justice I think we should deliberate our verdict till morning—also we're sure to get Wheaties for breakfast."

Unanimous decision in favor of Wheaties. Yes, and you'll cast your vote for those whole wheat flakes—when you get acquainted with Wheaties "second helping" flavor. Give 'em a trial. Have milk, fruit, and Wheaties. "Breakfast of Champions"—tomorrow morning.

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## OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

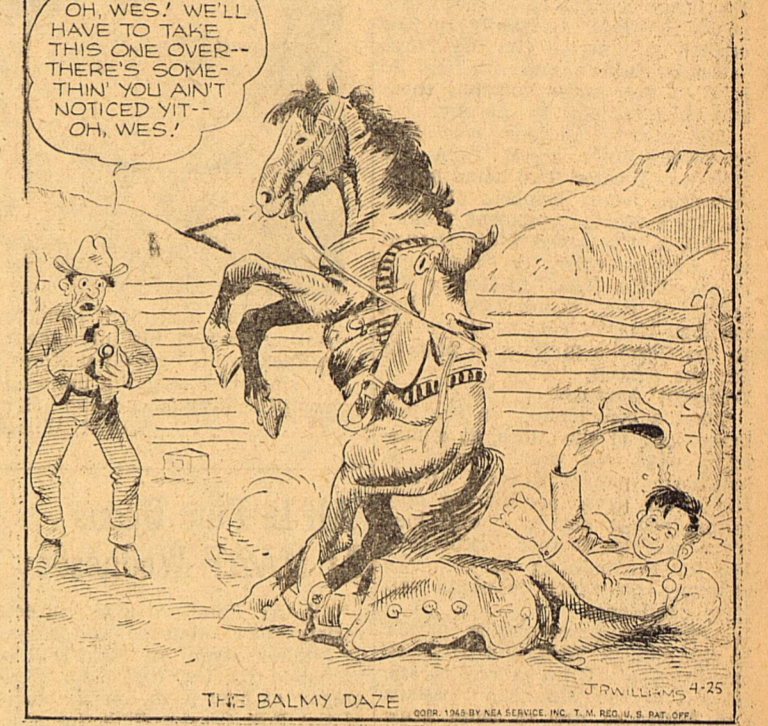
—By J. R. WILLIAMS

BAD NEWS BURKE AIN'T HERE, MAJOR! PENELOPE CAME HOME WITHOUT WARNING AN' GIVE HIM A LOOK THAT WOULD TEE A GORILLA! HE LEFT QUICKER'N A CAT COMIN' DOWN A RAIN SPOUT!

ULP-ANK! BURKE GONE? EGAD, WALDO! BURKE'S AS SENSITIVE AS A HARPSTRING—HE MAY HAVE FELT INSULTED AND LEFT TOWN!

HEAVENS! I CAN SEE MY \$100 FORFEIT WINGING AWAY LIKE A JET PLANE!

MISTER BURKE! CALLING MR. BURKE



## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

—By EDGAR MARTIN

WHAT ARE YOU HIDING, STEVE?

N-NOTHING, WALDO!

NOTHING, R-REALLY!

HEY, UNCLE STEVE! YA DROPPED T'NIGHT'S PAPER OUTTA TH' WINDOW

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

—By MERRILL BLOSSER

LET'S SEE NOW—IF I CLICK, ART WHITING WILL PAY ME \$25 A NIGHT—THAT'S \$150 A WEEK, MINUS SUNDAY!

THAT AMOUNTS TO \$7,800 A YEAR! I'M STILL YOUNG, AND IF I WORK TWENTY YEARS I'LL EARN \$150,000!—IF I INVEST THAT AT 4% INTEREST, IT'LL NET ME \$6,240 A YEAR! WOW!

STOP WASTING YOUR TIME!

I'M NOT WASTING MY TIME, POP! THE LONGER I SIT HERE, THE MORE MONEY I MAKE!

## WASH TUBBS

—By LESLIE TURNER

WHAT IS THIS INSPIRATION YOU HAVE, RAMON?

WHEN MONA AND I PICK UP OUR COPY OF "REMORES" AT MCKEE'S, WHY NOT ALSO LIFT MCKEE'S GENUINE ABELARDO, "SUNSET AND CABBAGES"?

HMM! MAY BE TOO RISKY... STILL, IF YOU GOT THREE BEFORE MCKEE RETURNS FROM JAIL...

EXACTLY! WE COULD TAKE OUR COPY, WHICH YOU CARRIED OUT TO COMPARE WESTH HIS ORIGINAL PAINTING, AND—HOW YOU SAY EET—SWAP THEM!

BRILLIANT, RAMON! THEY WOULD NOT DISCOVER EET FOR DAYS—UNTIL WE ARE FAR AWAY!

YOU MAY GET BY WITH IT

QUEECK! PUT EET BEEN THEE TUBE, MONA! THERE EES NO TIME TO LOSE!

## RED RYDER

—By FRED HARMAN

NON—I GOT TWO MINUTES TO GET OUTA HERE!

UM-HM—WHO THAT? HIM PLENTY BIG HURRY TO WANOOSE!

BOOM

## ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN

NO CIGARETS, NO BUTTER, NO BACON! FOR THREE YEARS YOU TRADESPEOPLE HAVE PUSHED THE PUBLIC AROUND WITH A MESS OF SENSELESS GOVERNMENT WAR REGULATIONS... AND IT'S TIME YOU GOT TOLD OFF... AND I'M JUST THE GUY TO DO IT!

WELL, WELL, A PATRIOT!

HOLD ON THERE, MISTER OOP! TAKE IT EASY! WAIT!

WAIT? WHAT FOR?

BECAUSE DOORS ARE HARD TO REPLACE THESE DAYS!

YEH, THAT'S RIGHT, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!



