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U. S. DEFENSES IN PHILIPPINES ACCELERATED

By ROBERT P. MARTIN
United Press Staff Correspondent
MANILA—The Philippine army has engaged in its first island-wide mobilization and maneuvers in two years, with 30 specially detailed U. S. army officers assisting in the 10-day training.

Other groups of American officers were scattered throughout the islands acting as observers and taking notes on weakness and strength of the trained Philippine Army reserve in anticipation of the time when they would take over active command and direction of the 150,000-man Philippine Army in event of a Pacific war. Major Gen. George Grunert, commander of the Philippine department, U. S. Army, also observed the maneuvers.

Approximately 23,000 participated in the maneuvers this year, undergoing the most intensive instruction and training possible in the brief period, with the emphasis placed on repelling landing parties, use of civilian transport and concentration at given points with the maximum speed.

Activity at Peak
The Philippines have become a network of army activity the past few months compared to the years between 1936 and 1939 when the U. S. army concentrated on keeping up superficial strength with a little expenditure as possible in view of the scheduled independence of the commonwealth in 1946. The crisis in the Pacific changed that, however, and the army is rushing efforts to make up for lost time.

Every army and navy transport reaching the Philippines the past few months has been loaded with manpower, plus quantities of war material, including light artillery, munitions, trucks, scout cars and other equipment.

Chief pride of the U. S. army in the Philippines is that every American soldier is equipped with the new Garand automatic rifle, and army officials recently revealed a tremendous increase in combat group firepower which would meet any expeditionary force attempting to land in the Philippines.

The U. S. army took an unprecedented step when it recently asked for 5,500 volunteer Philippine army recruits to join the Philippine Scouts—Filipino unit of the U. S. army—for one year of active training. Within three weeks, the 5,500 men had been selected and enrolled and now are engaged in intensive instruction under U. S. army officers. This group almost doubled the present strength of the Scouts, who are American-officered.

Air Strength Increased
The U. S. army has settled down to the grim task of preparing the Philippines for war. Ten dive-bombers originally assigned to Thailand but held here by order of the State Department, were taken over after five months of delay. The dive-bombers enormously increased the army's air strength in the Philippines.

Army officers have received orders that all army wives and dependents must be evacuated from the Philippines by July 1, and the hundreds of new officers and reserve officers who arrived here in the past few months were not permitted to bring their families with them. With the families evacuated, the army has ordered full concentration on defense activities and training.

The two chief units strengthened by the recent officer arrivals were the coast artillery and the air force. It was understood that numerous heavy guns arrived here recently.

Despite the increased supplies routed to the Philippines the past few months, Commonwealth officials still are seeking means of obtaining weapons and munitions for the Philippine army with most of their hopes based on the belief that Congress ultimately will authorize use of \$50,000,000 now due the commonwealth in sugar excise rebates and gold revaluation payments for defense purposes.

Leslie Cook In Bach Festival at N.T.S.T.C.

DENTON, Texas.—Leslie Cook, son of Mrs. A. L. Cook of Eastland, will participate in the three-day Bach Festival to be presented at North Texas State Teachers College May 2, 3, and 4.
Cook is a junior music major at the college, and a member of the A Capella Choir.

Stops the Home Fires Burning



Asbestos-clad British fire fighter pictured here and hundreds like him hold Nazi destruction down by snuffing incendiary bombs as soon as they're spotted.

Only 527 Appeal From Decisions Of Draft Boards

With 272,005 selective service registrants classified by Texas' 351 local boards as of April 1, on the basis of their availability for military service, only 527 appeals had been made to selective service boards of appeal, and only one request for adjudication of decision had been submitted to the President, it was announced today by General J. Watt Page, State Director of Selective Service.

"This is a splendid record for our State," General Page declared when making the announcement. He said:

"It is a record that speaks highly for the work of the patriotic citizens who are serving without pay as members of Selective Service boards and as examiners and advisors, and also to the credit of our State as a whole. It is more heartening to all Americans to know that this spirit of cooperation for National Defense prevails throughout the country, for, according to information from National Headquarters, more than 4,000,000 registrants now have been classified with only a comparatively infinitesimal number of appeals from the decision of Selective Service Boards."

At the same time, General Page said, the Selective Service System is anxious to make certain that all registrants, their dependants and others interested in their welfare, have opportunity to obtain review of any classification they consider unjust. "There is an obligation," he said, "upon all members of the Selective Service System who come in contact with the registrant to make certain that he understands, not alone that he has the privilege of appeal, but also when he must do it and how he must do it. We cannot afford to permit registrants who want to appeal to lose their opportunity simply because they do not understand the what, when and how of so doing. While we do not want the appeal machinery clogged up with claims of those who merely seek to delay their induction, it is equally important that no registrant be induced until he has had ample opportunity to exercise all his legal rights."

Any registrant, or his dependants or others interested in his welfare, General Page said, can obtain full information concerning his right to appeal a classification by consulting his local board for registrants.

To date, Eastland County Local Board members have classified 1192 questionnaires and have had only three appeal their classification to the Board of Appeals.

No Judgement In Damage Suit Yet Returned by Judge

Following a week's testimony in the 91st District Court, starting Monday of last week, a jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of Lloyd Browning vs. Ross R. Wolf.

The case grew out of a suit brought by Browning against Wolf purporting that Wolf who owns a nursery at Stephenville had sold him infected fruit trees.

Browning sued for approximately \$18,000 damages. The case was filed on May 9th, 1940. Judge Davenport announced Wednesday that he had not issued judgment in the case, but expected to do so by Thursday.

PEANUT QUOTA ELECTION WILL BE SATURDAY

There are only two questions to be considered when the peanut marketing referendum is held Saturday. If you want a fixed price of all the peanuts raised on your allotted acres and the oil price on all the peanuts produced on the over-planted acres, vote for marketing quotas. If you want to sell all peanuts harvested to whom you please, when you please, and for what you can get, vote against marketing quotas.

The main idea is to vote. Producers should vote in their home communities. Voting boxes will be placed in the following communities:

Gorman Community: Gorman, Higginbotham's store; Desdemona, City Hall; Alameda, School Building; Kokomo, School Building.

Cisco Community: Cisco, Chamber of Commerce; Nimrod, Store, Pleasant Hill, School building.

Rising Star Community: Rising Star, City Hall; Pioneer, Fore's Store; Okra, Store; Crocker, School building.

Carbon Community: Carbon, Carbon Trailing Co.; Long Branch, School building; New Hope, School building.

Eastland Community: Eastland, Court House AAA office; Flatwood, School building; Ranger, City Hall; Colony, School building.

All polls open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

Low Fire Losses In Army Camps Aim of Industry

Fire loss experiment in army camps comparable with the outstanding record achieved in 1917 and 1918 is the object of the National Board of Fire Underwriters which has offered the engineering services and facilities supported by its 290 member capital stock fire insurance companies to the United States Government in the defense emergency.

Records of the Board, which is now celebrating its 75th year, show that cooperation with the Government in World War I resulted in a per capita fire loss in army camps which was only one-fifth that of civilian cities. This despite the fact that two and one-half million men were housed in wooden buildings speedily planned and constructed.

Investigators of the National Board work closely with local authorities in watching for evidences of sabotage on the properties of companies engaged in filling defense contracts. Available also to the Federal Government are the vast files of the insurance business respecting manufacturing establishments and potential sources of supply for every conceivable article needed in national defense.

Albany Is To Be Host To Meeting Of History Group

ABILENE, Texas.—Annual spring meeting of the West Texas Historical association will be held in Albany on May 10, with a day's program devoted to the section's historic Fort Griffin. It was announced here today by E. M. Landers, association secretary.

Story of Fort Griffin and Camp Cooper will be told by Col. M. L. Crimmins, of San Antonio, association vice president. Judge R. C. Crane, Sweetwater, will preside, and Prof. E. M. Landers, acting head of the Hardin-Simmons university history department, is secretary-treasurer.

The day's program will include talks on Early Days in Eastland county, by Ed T. Cox, of Eastland; The Organization of Mitchell county, 1881-1890, by Mrs. J. Lee Jones, Colorado City; and the Story of a Tree Indian Burial, by O. W. Williams, Fort Stockton.

Dr. C. D. Eaves of Texas Tech, Lubbock, will discuss Problems of Transportation in the C. W. Post colony, Ernest Wallace of Lubbock will speak on Population Study of Western Civilization and Its Relation to World Unrest, and Judge Crane will discuss phases of western development.

U. S. Rearmament, Rolling



Ma light combat tanks for U. S. Army roll out of American Car and Foundry Company at Berrick, Pa. Plant formerly made subway cars, now has contract for \$70,000,000 worth of these tough babies.

Blackout Reaches Canada When a Test Puts a Hush Over Port Cities

By BRIAN A. TOBIN
United Press Staff Correspondent.

SAINT JOHN, N. B.—With eastern Canadian ports staging periodic blackouts and Pacific coast cities preparing to do likewise, here's a description of the 1941 Canadian model.

In experiencing my first one on this side of the Atlantic, I found it even blacker in some respects than the permanent London darkness which I recently left behind. I was standing in the lobby of a local hotel about 10 o'clock when the brightly-lighted room was plunged into complete blackness. Almost immediately the glow of a flashlight appeared at the registry desk. I groped my way over. "What's all this?" I asked. "Blackout," said the clerk. "Didn't you hear the sirens?"

It's Seaside Note.
I heard them at that moment. Not so loud, not so eerie as London's Moaning Minnies, but with the same wavering seacoast note. With both hands following the wall, I stumbled to the doorway. Lights throughout the hotel, as in other buildings, had been extinguished by a single throw of the switch.

I reached the pavement. Here it was a little better, as starlight showed things up dimly. Street lights were out, though London's still function in a feeble way. Hardly a window in the city showed the tiniest gleam. I had that old London feeling as I walked carefully along the street, getting my eyes accustomed to the darkness. The intervening weeks slipped away and once more I was in the Strand—Regent Street—Ludgate Hill.

I walked on, past the lines of hushed, standing people. Soon I came to the scene of Saint John's recent fire, in which a six-story building and a three-story building were wrecked. A hose line or two still lay about. Bricks and charred timbers were tumbled in the street. Against the faintly-lighted sky the sharp, gaunt pinacles of fire-blackened brick walls stood etched.

This was like London, all right. Scene reflects reality. Hundreds, thousands of streets in this war-torn metropolis could duplicate this scene, where only a few hours before a workman's body had been carried from the wreckage.

Staff Club To Be Host to Two Clubs

The Staff Home Demonstration club met Friday, April 18, at the home of Mrs. Tom Utley, when the club voted to entertain the Morton Valley and Flatwood clubs. Miss Ruth Ramey, county home demonstration agent, will be present at the meeting to discuss foods.

A birthday shower was given for Mrs. O. T. Hazard and Mrs. T. A. Utley. Both received a number of beautiful and useful gifts.

The club will meet again May 1, at the home of Mrs. Ola Jordan. Those present were Meses. O. T. Hazard, John White, Opal Lowry, M. O. Hazard, H. P. Barber, Tom Lowry, Cecil Alford, and the hostess, Mrs. Utley.

NAVY BUILD'S TREASURE ISLE INTO A BASE

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO—Treasure Island, in the middle of San Francisco Bay and the largest man-made island in the world, has been taken over by the navy for the duration of this present national defense emergency.

The island was the site of the 1939-1940 Golden Gate International Exposition, but for the next four or five years, at least, it will be used as a seaplane and small-craft training base.

Navy officials found the island an almost ideal location for the purposes for which it is to be used.

In the first place, it is entirely surrounded with navigable water except for the small ramp that connects it with the San Francisco Bay bridge and which brings it within 10 minutes from the center of the city.

The navy also was able to utilize 17 of the principal buildings of the exposition and thus save greatly in construction expense, and what was even more important, time. The navy was able to move in immediately and expects to have its first contingent of 1,000 men in training within a few months. Eventually, it expects to train 5,000 men at one time there.

Of the 17 buildings which the navy will take over, three are permanent. They are the administration buildings and the two vast hangars of the Pan American Airways. The latter will continue to operate its Far Eastern and Australian Clipper services from their permanent base at the south end of the island, but they have consented to have the hangars used as barracks during the navy occupation.

The remaining 14 buildings include all the major exhibition structures of the exposition and are of vast proportions. They are not of permanent construction but have weathered the three years of their existence so well the navy is confident they can be utilized, with proper re-conditioning, for the four or five years they will be wanted.

Under the terms by which the state deeded to the city the 400 acres at the bottom of San Francisco Bay, the island eventually must become a city airport. Arrangements were made between the navy and the city whereby the former will contribute much to the development of the island as an airport.

The navy will use its influence in obtaining \$1,650,000 WPA funds for construction of the airport, which will go forward while the island is being used by the navy.

The navy will need for its own two runways, one 4,100 feet long and the other 3,710 feet in length. These will be built immediately. They will be permanent and will serve when the island reverts to its eventual use as a municipal airport.

Three more such runways that be constructed by the city when the navy lease expires.

Some of the more suitable buildings on the island will be used for machine shops and repair works.

Jones County Has In First Bid for Quick-Freeze Unit

AUSTIN, Texas.—First bid for the newly-invented University of Texas quick-freezing process has come from Jones County in West Texas.

Less than a week after announcement of the new streamlined food-freezing process—designed to bring quick-freezing of Texas food products within the reach of all Texas communities—the Jones County Observer, weekly newspaper, wrote University engineers offering to help sponsor a plant in that area.

Other inquiries have been coming in steadily, but no definite plans can be made until the patents have been fully registered in Washington, W. R. Woolrich, engineering dean here, said.

The new machine is being patented in the University's name, and will be leased to users in "strategic" sections of the state for experimental purposes. Woolrich explained. A second machine is now being built in University laboratories. The ultimate aim is to increase the markets for Texas fruits, vegetables, meats and sea foods.

HARD PRESSED ANZACS IN LOWER GREECE FIGHTING A BITTER END BATTLE TODAY

Swastika Brands Him as Nazi Spy



Admiral for Adolf Hitler put the Indian sign on Bruno Johannes Valinski, 31, above, Riverhead, N. Y., hotel waiter. After swastika was found branded on his left arm, he admitted to federal agents he was a German Gestapo agent.

Former Eastland Couple Celebrate An Anniversary

The Pioneer Women's club of Eastland drove to Fort Worth Tuesday to help one of its charter members, Mrs. Miles Westbrook, celebrate her seventy-first birthday and her fifty-third wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, who resided in Eastland until two years ago, reside with their daughter, Mrs. R. H. Birmingham.

Mrs. Westbrook was presented a handkerchief shower, a book of favorite poems, a special birthday cake and a miniature churn with wooden dasher, the latter gift to remind her she was a pioneer.

The Pioneer Women's club is a group banded together five years ago to perpetuate their own neighborliness and preserve some of the Eastland County's early history. All eight charter members were women who had lived in Eastland for at least 55 years.

The day's activities for the Eastland women and their Fort Worth hostesses began with the making of movies Tuesday morning, which was held at the home of Mrs. J. T. Perryman, Jr., and then the luncheon and afternoon reminiscing at Mrs. Westbrook's.

The Pioneer Women's club has memories of Eastland going way beyond the latter days of oil booms. Mrs. Anna Townsend, the founder, has seen three courthouses built on the same square. The first Eastland courthouse, remembered by the club, served not only for court, but for school, church, Sunday school, wedding receptions, and old-fashioned square dances. C. U. Connelley gave the building to the county to get the county seat moved from Merriam to his town.

Hostesses assisting in the entertaining Tuesday were Mrs. Birmingham, Mrs. R. E. Sikes, Mrs. Jim Peerman, and Mrs. W. P. Everhard, all of Fort Worth.

Among those attending were Meses. Berry Hargus, May Harrison, Jim Beard, Maude Braly, Sallie Hill, R. F. Jones, Ida Jones, Annie Day, Anna Townsend, Eker Hunt, Callie Hague, T. M. Johnson, Ernest Wood, Will Martin, Milton Lawrence, Frank Castleberry, Roy Townsend, and Miss Sallie Day, all of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pettit, Mrs. Wesley Beard of Dallas; Mrs. Mary Richardson, and Meses. Lon Day, Henry Zweifel, Callie Mae Courtney, B. H. Hague, Muriel Hornbeck, Mellie McCord, J. P. Hearne, E. C. Blankenship and Bettie Taylor, all of Fort Worth.

MASONS TO MEET

The Eastland Chapter, 403, Royal Arch Mason, will hold regular stated meeting Thursday night, April 24, at 8 o'clock in Masonic Temple, it was announced today. Members cordially invited to be present.

THE WEATHER

West Texas—Showers tonight and Thursday. Moderate south-east winds on the coast.

Allied forces, buttressed by fierce but weary Anzacs, fought a bitter-end battle before Athens today after the Greek Western Army had capitulated. King George of Greece had fled with his government to Crete and the Nazis were reported to have smashed through the ancient battlefield of Thermopylae Pass.

The impending end of the battle in Greece and breaking of Great Britain's last foothold on the continent was implied in dispatches from London as well as from Berlin and Rome.

The British said a new line had been formed somewhere between Athens and the advancing German blitz armies, and that the fight continued under aerial bombardment of roads, ships and harbors.

There was no definite indication as to whether the British, if forced back through Athens, would attempt to fight on in Peloponnesus, but the flight of the Greek government to Crete to carry on from the island stronghold indicated another "Dunkirk" was in progress in the Mediterranean.

Axis sources reported that heavy casualties had been inflicted upon the retiring British forces along the roads leading to Athens, where 160,000 tons of shipping, including two British destroyers and several armed merchantmen, and possibly 30,000 tons of troop ships were claimed to have been lost in the last few days.

On other fronts the war went on in sporadic fury. In North Africa the British reported that desert forces still were taking the offensive across Libya into Egypt in a drive toward the Suez Canal.

Australians from the besieged port of Tobruk struck hard at the enemy lines, a Cairo communique said, and had captured 17 Italian officers and 480 men in one raid. In Ethiopia the British still pressed the fascist armies back but encountered severe resistance before Dessie. London revealed that a British force had raided and damaged Bardia Saturday.

Air activity over England continued with another great raid on Plymouth, where the city appeared reduced almost to wreckage as the result of continued bombardments.

Sen. Houston Will Answer Charges Of "Era of Buffoonery,"

LA PORTE, April 23.—United States Senator Andrew Jackson Houston, 87, will answer statements in the Texas State Senate that he is "in his dotage" and that his appointment by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel was the "crowning act of an era of buffoonery," his daughter stated here today.

In Austin Rep. Jack Love of Fort Worth was turned down a request to determine what authority the governor had in placing Highway Patrolmen around Houston's cottage to bar reporters and photographers.

20 Fast Boats To Be Sent Britain By the U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Secretary of the Navy Col. Frank Knox announced today that the United States Navy is delivering 20 fast, small torpedo boats to Great Britain.

The United States Navy is discussing a mutual small craft construction program with Canada, to hasten the allotment of additional small boats to Britain, to use in helping to break the German blockade.

Half of Litter Of Pups Is In Army

ABILENE, Texas.—Snapper had pups, and four of them joined the army. The others would have, but, you see, there is no peace in Uncle Sam's army for little girls. Snapper is the mascot of the 89th brigade headquarters company of the 45th division. Four of her litter of eight pups have been adopted by members of the detachment.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Defense Growth Spreads Across U. S.

The first orders in the defense program went largely to three parts of the country which were already highly industrialized. That is natural, because plants already in existence, and concentrations of skilled labor already assembled, could be turned to defense production more quickly than new plants could be built.

But the second phase has now begun. New plants which had to be built to supplement existing facilities or to fill gaps in munitions production are being located inland. In Washington offices hang maps with a red line drawn 250 miles inside the seacoast and land boundaries of the country. That is a "safety zone," inside which plants and populations are assumed to be relatively secure from bombing attacks. New plants which did not exist at all before the defense program are being located well within this "safety zone." Lake City, Mo., and Denver, Colo., see new small arms plants rising. Milan, Tenn., has an ordnance plant, and powder and loading plants rise at Charleston, Ind. The southern and western areas of the country have been promised "every possible preference" in locating new plants.

This is all to the good from every point of view. In the first place, the events of the European war have shown the priceless advantage of having a country's productive facilities scattered. If a few terrific air raids on a concentrated industrial area can cripple a country's production, that country is in a bad way. But if it has many airplane, steel, auto, and munitions plants scattered all over a vast country, it is much better protected against raids or sabotage.

There is the further fact that it is not good for a country to be completely divided into sections entirely devoted to one kind of production. If a vast section of a country has nothing but farmers, that section will have interests which may be different from a section which is largely made up of industrial cities. Whereas if industrial production is scattered so that all sections have their factories and cities, and all have their farms, the whole country is better balanced, and sectional differences are far less likely to arise. Therefore it is possible that great benefits will come to the whole pattern of the nation due to the sheer necessity of building industrial plants for safety's sake in regions where they had not gone naturally.

Here is another of those changes which is going on so quietly that we scarcely realize it. Yet this, too, like so many other changes that are taking place today, they may greatly change the America that is to be.

Belgrade schools have been closed indefinitely—which may give the kids a different impression of wartime than grownups.

PIONEERS' BOAT

HORIZONTAL

1 Vessel which brought colonists to America.

9 It could be a burden of 180 tons.

14 Needle-shaped.

15 Native of Indiana.

17 Horse food.

18 Surfleite.

20 Quota's pin.

21 By.

22 Bearing city.

23 To card wool.

25 Low Dutch (abbr.).

26 To challenge.

28 Liliaceous tree.

29 Homelike.

30 Exclamation.

32 Rodent.

34 Graduated set of bowls.

38 Mica.

39 Small oak.

39 Knife wound.

41 Soft cap.

44 Fiddler.

46 Reverence.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VERTICAL

1 Mother.

2 Pained.

3 Twelve months.

4 Offspring.

5 Behold.

6 To change into.

7 Fatigued.

8 Gentes of ostriches.

9 Company (abbr.).

10 Tree.

11 Public disturbances.

12 To contradict.

13 Year (abbr.).

16 Hoop's kiln.

19 Transposed (abbr.).

21 This boat landed at Rock.

22 Causes to grieve.

24 Errors.

26 Portions of medicine.

27 Mercenary.

29 Cabin.

31 Female owl.

33 Bone.

35 Thereabout.

37 Diplomacy.

40 Sweeping tool.

42 Pertaining to air.

43 Heavy club.

45 God of sky.

46 Footway.

47 Fil.

48 Epilepsy symptom.

49 Small bird.

51 Limb.

53 Chum.

55 Doctor (abbr.).

57 Plural (abbr.).

SERIAL STORY

LOVE POWER

BY OREN ARNOLD

YESTERDAY, despite the widespread destruction caused by the explosion, only a few lives are lost. Police blame sabotage. Carolyn, who explains the blast. Only half of the previous X-999 was lost, but the remainder is a constant threat. Carolyn is angry when Leana takes Robert away.

LEANA PLANS POWER

CHAPTER VIII
IN Bob Hale's office the telephone rang. Carolyn, as his secretary, arose to answer it, but plainly Bob was not used to having a secretary yet. He reached for the handpiece himself.

"Hale talking," said he.
"This is Ken Palmer, Dr. Hale," came the voice. "Oh, would it be all right if I inquired about Miss Tyler? Carolyn? Fact is, I'd like to talk to her, if it won't be too much trouble."
"She's right here." He motioned to Carolyn. "It's Mr. Palmer."

Ken, it developed, wanted mainly to know where she had been keeping herself, and did she go out to the explosion yesterday, and was she trying to dodge him, and could he have a date tonight.

"Ken, you're an old darling," she said, with some fervor. "The truth is, I have been quite busy. This is a new job, you know. And Ken—I think I'd better not"—she glanced at her employer, who was feigning no interest—"better not set any dates this week, because I'm expecting a lot of night work for a while. Dr. Hale's secretarial work had been rather neglected."

Dr. Hale, who technically hadn't been listening, interrupted, "Oh, please go right ahead, Miss Tyler!"
She stuck her ground. She and Ken talked a bit more and she bade him goodnight perhaps a little more sweetly than necessary. Something inside her made her do this, she realized. She felt at once guilty and pleased.

IN studied manner, too, Bob Hale resumed their conversation where it had left off. "And as we cannot admit having caused the explosion, Carolyn, or admit having produced the X-999 at all, because if we do the news will bring all manner of cranks, foreign agents, and such."
"Of course, Bob."

"And yet, it is my fault. I ought to tell the police."
"There is no fault," as you call it. I keep repeating that. This

thing is new! Untried. That explosion was an accident pure and simple. You say you have already arranged to pay money secretly to the bereaved families, which is well, if you can avoid being traced. Their tragedy can't be helped. And industry can absorb its own losses. Can't it? For so important a thing as you have, Bob? And when you do announce your discovery, you can make payment in full. The men financing your work insist that it be kept secret now."

He suddenly looked straight at her. Carolyn Tyler was an eternal surprise to him. One hour she was a swift stenographer, nothing more. On a moment's notice she could be an altogether dainty and feminine somebody with conversation and mannerisms far removed from anybody's office. And now again she was talking in calm business sense, crystallizing his own thoughts for him, helping him face the problem at hand in a practical way. He nodded at her, slowly, appreciatively.

"I have an idea," she went on. "You are distressed to death, Bob, about what to do with the remaining X-999, now that you have actually produced a quantity of it. You say you don't dare experiment on it here because of the danger, and yet a tragedy occurred when you tried to move a part of it. Now look—wouldn't it be feasible to—"

The telephone rang again and this time it was long distance wanting Bob himself. She waited. But the conversation turned out to be a long one, not concerning the matter at hand.

Presently, she retired to the small anteroom off his office, which was now her own private office. She sat there scanning her shorthand notes, waiting for him to finish. The connecting door was left open but she couldn't see Bob nor his desk. She could just hear him. And—she liked to hear him talk. She liked the basso profundo hint to his voice, a deep rumble which could rise much higher in moments of stress. He had known much stress in the past 48 hours.

SHE was hurriedly reviewing those things when she heard an outer door open and she knew, by some strange subtlety of sound and intuition, that Leana Sorini had come to Bob. Even then the telephone conversation was ending.

"Leana," Bob greeted her. "Sit down."
"Robert, I have been thinking." She plunged right in. "I do not believe you fully appreciate the magnitude of what we have here."

"But, Leana—"
"You have power in your grasp, Robert! That explosion merely proves it."
"I cannot even go see the stricken families, Leana! Because I must keep the secret. I have sent them money, considerable money, anonymously. Later, we will send more. But in six homes there is tragedy because of us."
"You are a scientist, not a sobbing preacher!" She was out of patience with him already, Carolyn discerned. In spite of herself, Carolyn had to listen.

"Leana, you don't mean that. Not that way."
"I mean that you have infinite power now in your hands—you and I together."
Leana's tone suddenly softened, grew more intimate and insinuating. "Don't you understand? Robert Hale, you can become the greatest man alive!"

He did not answer.
"You can have no end of achievement and greatness. Every power over mankind is yours. Think of it! Barely a teaspoonful, and whole factories wiped out! Who would dare cross you if your discovery became known? You can use X-999 for either civil or military action."
"Only two people know of this, Robert. You and I. Together we can be mar and woman of the ages!"

SHE said it so dramatically that this time it was long distance wanting Bob himself. She waited. But the conversation turned out to be a long one, not concerning the matter at hand.

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"But, Leana—"
"You have power in your grasp, Robert! That explosion merely proves it."
"I cannot even go see the stricken families, Leana! Because I must keep the secret. I have sent them money, considerable money, anonymously. Later, we will send more. But in six homes there is tragedy because of us."
"You are a scientist, not a sobbing preacher!" She was out of patience with him already, Carolyn discerned. In spite of herself, Carolyn had to listen.

"Leana, you don't mean that. Not that way."
"I mean that you have infinite power now in your hands—you and I together."
Leana's tone suddenly softened, grew more intimate and insinuating. "Don't you understand? Robert Hale, you can become the greatest man alive!"

He did not answer.
"You can have no end of achievement and greatness. Every power over mankind is yours. Think of it! Barely a teaspoonful, and whole factories wiped out! Who would dare cross you if your discovery became known? You can use X-999 for either civil or military action."
"Only two people know of this, Robert. You and I. Together we can be mar and woman of the ages!"

SHE said it so dramatically that this time it was long distance wanting Bob himself. She waited. But the conversation turned out to be a long one, not concerning the matter at hand.

Presently, she retired to the small anteroom off his office, which was now her own private office. She sat there scanning her shorthand notes, waiting for him to finish. The connecting door was left open but she couldn't see Bob nor his desk. She could just hear him. And—she liked to hear him talk. She liked the basso profundo hint to his voice, a deep rumble which could rise much higher in moments of stress. He had known much stress in the past 48 hours.

SHE was hurriedly reviewing those things when she heard an outer door open and she knew, by some strange subtlety of sound and intuition, that Leana Sorini had come to Bob. Even then the telephone conversation was ending.

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RED RYDER

By Hamlin

SCOUT NEWS
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The following Scouts came up for advancement—Second class—Norman Richardson 103, Eastland, Bob Davis, Karl Armstrong, 101, Cisco, Lewis Croom, Paul Burton, Lonnie Usery, Mae Opler, Charles Osteen, Jimmy Kelley, 12, Ranger, Robert Shaw, Jack Surles, Homer Taylor, Joe Tom Poe, Homer Lee Hensley and Windell Robinson, 49, Cisco. First class: Max Harvey, 103, Eastland 6, Eugene Stiffler, 6, Eastland, Pete Dawn, 12, Ranger, Charles Cotton, Burkett Beskin, O. W. Ford, and Billie Brecheen, 49, Cisco.

Merit Badges—Wid Crawford, 103, Eastland; Farm Home; Bill Mickle, 103, Eastland, Pioneering, Bookbinding, Woodcarving, Woodwork, Handicraft, Troop 6, Eastland—Franklin Swindell—Farm Home, Personal Health, Farm Layout, Cooking, Handicraft; Joe Bob Davenport—Physician—Bill Blackstock—First Aid, Cooking; Bill Collins—Cycling Howard Linton—Athletics, Public Health; Bill Philpott—Bookbinding; I. J. Donohoe—Scholarship, Handicraft, First Aid, Athletics; Lloyd Harrison, First Aid, Poultry Keeping, Personal Health.

Troop 9, Olden—Byrd James, Electricity; Charles Burkett, Pathfinding; John Mac Edwards, Pathfinding.

Troop 12, Ranger—Richard Cox—Handicraft, Pathfinding, Reading; Personal Health, Public Health, Civics, Public Speaking, First Aid; Jack Pearsall, Swimming; Frank Johnson—Swimming; Pete Dawn—Horsemanship, Farm Industry, Athletics, Physical Development, Public Health, First Aid, Dairying, Music, Dog Care, Athletics. David Lee Jameson—Cooking, Reading, Bookbinding, Handicraft, Leathercraft, Mobile Robertson—Printing, Bookbinding, Handicraft; James Croom—Reading, Athletics; Joe Tucker—Bookbinding, Metal Work.

Woodcraft, Handicraft, Troop 49, Cisco—Harry Watkins—Animal Industry, Pigeon Raising, Poultry Keeping, Aviation; Hugh D. Ledford—Architecture, Animal Industry, Bookbinding, First Aid; Animals, Farm Home; Burkett Beskin—Horsemanship, Sheep

Scouts and Scouters of Eastland County gathered in the High School Library at Cisco, Tuesday night for a Court of Honor for Scouts of Ranger, Eastland, Carbon, Gorman, Cisco and Olden.

Mr. O. L. Stamey, chairman of the Court, had the following men on his committee—John Kindig, district chairman; R. S. Bailey, Advancement Committee; Rev. Garey L. Smith, Organization Chairman of Council; Scoutmasters, Hittson, Baker, Ledford, Joseph, Asst. Scoutmaster of 103, Eastland, G. N. Quill, Scout Executive.

Scout Harrison, troop 101, Cisco, opened the court by leading Scouts and Scouters in renewing their Scout Oath.

SERIAL STORY

LOVE POWER

BY OREN ARNOLD

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YESTERDAY, Carolyn and Robert agreed that the X-999 must remain a secret and the remaining portion safeguarded against disclosure. Leana hurried across to Robert's office. Carolyn overheard her impassioned plea to Robert to give her the power that is theirs. "Together we can be the man and the woman of the ages."

SAFETY IN THE WEST CHAPTER IX IT was obvious to Carolyn that Leana Sormi was irrational about the discovery in the Schoenfeld Laboratory, and victimized by her own emotions. At the end of Leana's melodramatic speech to Bob, Carolyn had wanted to interrupt. But a latent, creeping fear of the woman with the foreign name had somehow become intensified in that quarter-hour. It was a senseless fear, she told herself, Leana probably was just wrought up over everything.

But no; no, she wasn't either. She spoke too earnestly, too impressively; plainly she had been thinking all this out. Plainest of all now was the fact that Leana loved Dr. Robert Hale.

"She's crazy about him!" Carolyn half whispered to herself. A flash of practical reasoning told her instantly to quit this strange new secretarial job and go back to her old position in the bank or find a new routine somewhere with good, solid Ken Palmer. Ken, the kindly knicker who loved her sincerely, but who had no more color than the bookkeeper he was.

She knew in the same instant that she would never do that now. If all the X-999 in Bob's laboratory was about to blow up in her face she'd still stick to this new job, even though she couldn't have said why. Here was too much potential; a lot had already happened, and every hour gave promise of a great deal more. It was like being in a mystery play. Intuition rather than practicality also prevented her from revealing her presence to Leana Sormi.

She heard Leana's plea; heard Bob take a courteous, kindly, but somewhat superficial reaction to it. Leana very little to tie to Leana worked herself into a lather and so fled rather abruptly. Bob came immediately to Carolyn's office. Carolyn felt herself blush guiltily, even though she had no actual guilt. To cover her confusion, she feigned deep interest in her shorthand notes, pencil and pad in hand.

"Did you hear her?" "Oh, Why—yes." She wouldn't lie about it. "She sounded rather distressed. Bob, naturally so, of course. At least, I thought I heard her voice indicate that."

"She will be all right. She is a brilliant woman. Girl. She is only 29. I mean, well, that's a woman, isn't it?" He smiled a bit. "Exactly when does a girl become a woman, come to think of it?"

"I wouldn't take that up today if I were you. We still have a moving job on hand."

"That's very true. And you were saying you had an idea."

"My idea was about moving the X-999. It seems to me that the only safe place to store it is away out on the plains or mountains. You said you would need electric power to run the experimental laboratory. I mean, while you and your helpers adapt the stuff to factory engines, and trains, and automobiles, and whatever. Isn't that so?"

"Yes." "Bob, aren't there electric power lines from dams and things on rivers? I saw in the movies, or read somewhere—"

"I see what you mean!" "Good! There's, well, Boulder Dam. That's in Arizona, isn't it? Mr. O'Malley at the bank used to talk about it. It's a long way from any city. But the electric line runs over mountains and things, and—look, couldn't we maybe get the X-999 out there even before you had a laboratory built? Maybe store it in a cave to ease your mind?"

tory needs would be out there and how best to meet those needs. "Okay, I shall catch a plane tonight," he suddenly announced, relaxing. "I don't know why I never thought of this myself. I was reared out there, you know, I can—"

"Were you, Bob? In the West?" Carolyn showed new interest in him. He nodded. "In Colorado. B. S. degree from Colorado U. I'm practically a cowboy." He laughed at that. "My dad was an insurance supervisor over two states out there. Transferred to Pennsylvania when I was 19. I really can ride, Carolyn. Could, I mean. When I had time. In the last year or two—"

He ended a bit wistfully, she thought. But she studied him anew. That rearing accounted for a lot of his physical appearance and his mannerisms. A boy from the West!

"Of course, every conceivable care must be exercised in moving it and, of course, I shall do it myself." He was back at work again. "There must be no mistake this time. First thing, however, is for me—"

HE talked for nearly an hour more, talked and dictated notes, and planned with Carolyn's help. Eagerly, almost hungrily, he seemed to confide in his secretary here, to seek her counsel and advice, her co-operation. She was touched by that; no man could have paid her higher tribute; at least, no employer could have.

When it was done and he had returned to his own office desk and she was making her typewritten copy of his dictation, she heard the outer door open for the second time this morning. But it was a man's voice this time and she recognized it for one of the three elderly watchmen who made constant night-and-day patrol of the Schoenfeld Laboratory buildings, punching clocks and keeping guard.

"Letter, Dr. Hale," the man said. "From Miss Sormi, sir." "Miss Sormi!" Carolyn heard Bob reply. "Why, she was just in here an hour or so ago. And Dr. Hale?" He paused. "Hummum. Well, she sent it. She's the queer one anyhow, if you ask me. Never laughs, nor passes the time of day with us like you always do, sir. Say, when you gonna tell us what you got them cops guarding the main lab for, Dr. Hale? Danged, if you ain't got my cu-rros'ity up!"

The old fellow ended on a genial chuckle, but he passed on when he saw that Bob was already intent on Leana's letter. (To Be Continued)

High School Teams Favor a Regional Grid Championship

By United Press

AUSTIN, Texas. — More than one-third of Texas high schools supporting Class AA football teams favor regional rather than state championships, a poll indicates. The results, published in the Texas Interscholastic Leaguer, show that 38 schools favor the present system of playing to a state championship, but spokesmen for 23 other schools that answered the question said they thought it would be well to end the season with the regional championship games.

Class A teams, representing schools in the bracket below Class AA, now decide only regional championships. In the next bracket Class B, where bi-district games end the season, the vote was 149 to 24 in favor of extending the season to include regional championship games.

Replies to other questions indicated that Class AA schools are satisfied with the 18-year player rule, without semester restrictions, that Class A schools—now under a 19-year, eight semester regulation—favor the 19-year rule but not the semester limit. The replies were almost unanimously in favor of adopting some standard method of deciding district ties in football and in eligibility rule changes. District football champions, in case of ties, now are decided by district committees, because playoffs are not permitted. Opinions also favored, in computing semesters for eligibility in athletics, counting semesters from this time and she recognized it for one of the three elderly watchmen who made constant night-and-day patrol of the Schoenfeld Laboratory buildings, punching clocks and keeping guard.

Ranger HD Club In Meeting Apr. 22

The Ranger Home Demonstration club had their regular meeting Tuesday, April 22, at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hummel, Lone Star plant 103, with 13 members present.

The program for the day was a discussion on wild life conservation. There will be a motion picture of this wild life conservation given Friday night at 7:30 at the Young School auditorium. The public is invited. There will be no admission. After the program a social hour was enjoyed by those present. Mmes. Lee Alams, Marvin Wilson, J. L. Richardson, A. O. Hinman, G. T. Williams, L. E. Wallace, Jack Carothers, Jack Blackwell, E. P. Mills, G. C. Love, J. H. Wallace, J. B. Ferris, and hostess, Mrs. F. W. Hummel.

More Butter Being Used In The State

AUSTIN, Texas.—Texans are spreading more butter on their bread these days, University of Texas business research officials believe. Production of creamery butter in the State was up last month, rising 17.3 per cent above production for May, 1940, and considerably above figures for the first two months of 1941. The month's total was 2,924,000 pounds, according to University of Bureau of Business Research estimates.

RED RYDER

By Hamlin



FIRST PRIZE WINNER Mrs. Eugene Bailey, 512 Oakdale Street, Longview, Texas, winner of the first prize of \$100.00 in Happiness Certificates in the sixth week's Admiration Happiness Club contest and a chance at the \$1,000.00 Grand Prize.



SECOND PRIZE WINNER Mrs. R. F. Tatrow, 119 E. Monroe, Harlingen, Texas, winner of second prize of \$50.00 in Happiness Certificates in the sixth week's Admiration Happiness Club contest.

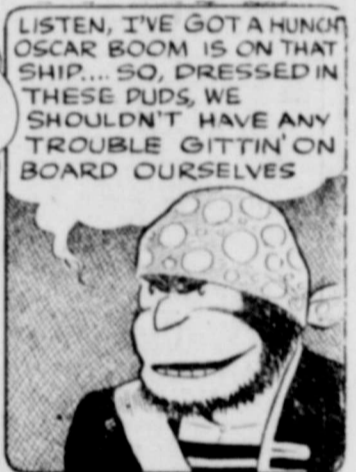


THIRD PRIZE WINNER Mrs. Cecil B. Gray, 579 East McHarg Avenue, Stamford, Texas, winner of third prize of \$25.00 in Happiness Club contest.

ALLEY OOP



By Hamman



Many Bridges Are Built Over a Lake But None Remain

By United Press

EL PASO, Texas.—There probably have been more bridges built over the artificial lake in El Paso's Ascarate Park than over any other equal-sized body of water. But today not a single one of them stands. The explanation lies in the fact that U. S. army engineer units have used the lake in developing technique and speed in the construction of pontoon bridges. Enough bridges have been built already to span the lake's 40-acre area many times. The structures are dismantled immediately after being tested, and the work is started all over again. Records are being shattered almost as fast as they are made, with less time being required each time the area is spanned.

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Society Notes

Scotch Tournament to Be Held Friday

At a meeting of the Ladies Golf Club of the Ranger Country Club held at the club Tuesday afternoon plans were completed for a Scotch tournament to be held Friday. This will be a medalist tournament with all matches being completed Friday and prizes awarded to the couple holding the lowest score.

At the close of the matches an all-club picnic will be held at 7:30 o'clock. All members of the club are invited and each requested to bring a picnic basket. Following the supper various games will be played.

Committee chairmen for the affair are as follows: Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber, tickets; Mrs. G. C. McGown, table chairman; Mrs. E. F. Latham, pairing of couples and prizes; Mrs. Carl Heinlin, games after the supper, and Mrs. Joe Elliott starter for the matches.

Happy Hour Club to Meet Thursday

The Happy Hour Club will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. A. Jones, 305 Hunt St. The meeting was

Junior Play To Be Presented Here Night of April 25

The Junior play, "All on Account of Luella," which will be given Friday night at the Recreation building, promises to provide an evening of absorbing entertainment.

It is a sparkling comedy of school and family life, and you will be interested in the troubles and joys of the Hoppers from the time Stacey (Reid Hunter) hatches a plot to get the mind of the football coach (Walter Artburn) off "Dollah" (Muri D. Marvel) to the last scene when a certain person gets a well-deserved spanking.

Other members of the cast are Norman Bailey, Elizabeth Barker, Dorothea Jean Williams, Louise Younes, Ruth Cox, Gail Eryn, Mary Ferris, Wesley Jay and Carlton Adams.

The play was originally scheduled to be held in the home of Mrs. A. H. Blackwell and members are asked to note the change of the meeting place.

Methodist Choir to Meet Tonight. The choir of the First Methodist church will meet at the church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

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Just a Bit Personal ...

Henry Davenport is transacting business in Austin, today.

Dr. A. W. Brazda, J. H. Holt, Dr. A. K. Wier and Dr. W. L. Jackson were in Cisco Tuesday evening to attend the Eastland-Callahan County Medical Society meeting.

Ranger Encampment To Have Open House

Ranger encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 36, will hold an open house meeting Friday night, April 26, beginning at 7:30, to which all Odd Fellows are invited.

A luncheon will be served at 7:45, after which M. G. Roberts, supervisor of Circuit No. 13 will make an address. Other speakers also will be on the program.

Australia's War Effort Shown In Latest March of Time Film

Australia's war effort, into which the commonwealth's seven million people are today throwing all of their resources and manpower, is pictured in the latest March of Time film, "Australia at War" which comes to the Arcadia Theatre today.

Revealing Britain's defense strategy in the Pacific area from Libya to Hawaii, the film shows how Australia's hard-fighting soldiers, battling side by side with New Zealanders, South Africans and Britons, have routed the Italian Fascist forces in Africa. The film also shows how the famed Anzacs have taken up positions at the British Naval base in Singapore and at other strategic points to discourage further Japanese aggression toward their homeland in the South Pacific.

A great and progressive democracy ranking with the most enlightened nations of the Western World, Australia has been carrying her full share in Britain's all-out war against the Axis powers, the March of Time shows. With all of her natural wealth and industrial strength pooled, and with a single-minded purpose, the film shows, Australia is today serving as a huge storehouse and supply depot for the British Isles, providing not only the wool, mutton and beef for which she has long been famous, but also arms, munitions and planes.

Reside, presenting a panorama of Australia's war effort, the March of Time also shows how the crisis in the Far East today centers around the great commonwealth "down under." The film shows the role that the military and naval forces of her neighboring Pacific islands may take in cooperation with Australia to block any further southward expansion of the Japanese Empire and to maintain and defend democracy in the Far East.

Because Australia's war effort has set an example for the whole democratic world and the commonwealth is destined soon to play an increasingly more important part in the war, March of Time's "Australia at War" is a noteworthy issue that is sure to be viewed with considerable interest by U. S. movie-goers.

Former Ranger Boy Member of Winning Trio of Cornetists

Harry Neville, formerly of Ranger, and now of Grapeland, was a member of a cornet trio which won first division honors among bandmen competing in division contests at Longview, and which won first honors. The trio will enter the national contests, to be held in Waco in May, according to word received here.

The Grapeland High School band, of which young Neville is a member, won first division honors in marching and second honors in concert playing at the meet at Longview in the Class-C group.

Honors were also received in baton twirling by the drum major of the Grapeland band, along with other individual honors.

Hit-Run Walker Is Menace To Traffic

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Meet the latest product of our unshrinking civilization—the hit-and-run pedestrian. First victim of the new terror is A. Campbell, now recovering in hospital of injuries suffered when another pedestrian collided with him and knocked him to the sidewalk. Campbell said the other man did not stop.

SKIN SUFFERERS

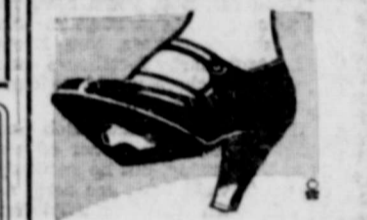
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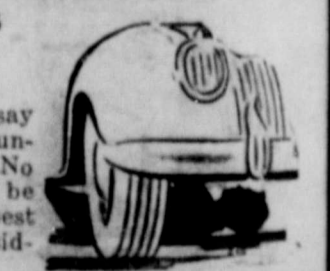
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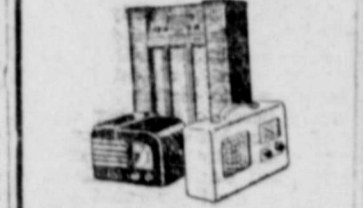
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