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ROMMEL CALLS OFF OFFENSIVE

OPA ANNOUNCES ADJUSTMENTS AND CHANGES IN FREEZING AND RATIONING REGULATIONS

Suspended sales of canned fish and meat to last not more than 60 days and adjustments to be made in milk prices

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 18.—Acting at the request of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, the OPA has suspended sales of canned fish—including canned shellfish—and canned meat, effective 22:01 a. m. Thursday, Feb. 18. The ban on sales will continue until a rationing program now in preparation under which all persons will have equal opportunity to share in the limited supply—can be put in operation. The freeze will not last longer than 60 days.

U. S. COMBAT FILM PREPARED
The office of War Information today announced through the War Activities Committee of the motion picture industry of a 41-minute technical motion picture at the front, a combat report of American action in North Africa filmed by cameramen from the U. S. armed forces. The film will be released for public show March 25.

ADJUSTMENT POWER GRANTED
Eight regional administrators have been instructed by the OPA to move immediately in making price adjustments under two circumstances in connection with the recent "freeze" of milk prices at the producer's level.

(1) Where a producer price can be increased without the necessity of increasing either wholesale or retail prices because the distributor's margin is adequate to absorb the increase in producer prices.
(2) Where lower prices in one milk marketing area are resulting in an unnatural drain of milk from that area to contiguous areas and leaving the former with less than its fair share of the necessarily limited supply.

ADDED GAS RATIONING ALLOWED
Car owners who drive to and from work can get coupons allowing additional mileage if they show that they cannot get to their jobs except by auto and that even the maximum B ration book will not give them enough mileage, OPA announced. Under the order, effective Feb. 24, motorists must apply to local war price and rationing boards. Successful applicants will receive C ration books.

WPB STOPS WORK PROJECTS
During the last 16 weeks, WPB has halted non-war construction projects having a total cost of \$1,301,230,566, to free materials, equipment and other resources for more essential war uses. Types of projects halted include highways, power projects, housing, schools, and reclamation projects.

Parade of the Wooden Shoes



Right along with footgear rationing come canvas-topped wooden shoes for men. Streamlined in comparison with Dutch sabots, the American wooden shoes, like pair being fitted above, will be available without ration coupons.

Class V-1 College Program Closed In Eighth District

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—Enlisted College Program, United States Naval Reserve, have discontinued in class V-1. Accredited in the Eighth Naval District, The Office of Naval Officer Procurement announced today.

The Bureau of Naval Personnel has set up quotas for each Naval District and the figure for the seven states in the Eighth has been exceeded, according to Commander E. D. Walbridge, Director of Naval Officer Procurement.

Only those seventeen year-old students whose enlistments were in process at an Office of Naval Officer Procurement as of Feb. 15th may now be accepted, it was said.

Qualified students who are members of the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps and have expressed choice for service in the Navy may still be enlisted without restriction as to quotas, in accordance with existing directives.

New Use Found For Cactus By Texas Students

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 18.—Cactus plants have more uses than just furnishing "scenery" for movies about the "wild west," Mrs. Neil Hutchinson, director of the Texas Union, student recreation center at the University of Texas, has discovered.

Gas rationing brought a request from students for the creation of a Saturday night "night club" of their own, and the result was the Longhorn Room at the Union. The room is complete with red checked tablecloths, student floor show, a nickelodeon for dance music—and cactus. The cactus, which Mrs. Hutchinson and some student helpers dug up and transplanted themselves, serves a number of purposes other than decoration. The heavy "pots"—in reality, pre-ration coffee cans—keep the table cloths in place; the sand in which the cactus is planted is a protection against any small blaze such as burning paper napkins; and the plants serve as windbreakers for the candles with which tables are lighted.

Lions Club Gives Dinner For Ladies Thursday Evening

Lions Ladies night was observed by the local Lions Club, Thursday evening when members of the club entertained with a turkey dinner at the Paramount Hotel at 8 o'clock. A. N. Larson served as toastmaster.

About 15 couples attended the affair which was said to be one of the most successful yet held. Following the dinner, games of "42" and bridge were played.

Assisting committees from the club in arranging the evening was a committee of ladies headed by Mrs. Paul MacDonald and composed of Meses. W. Davis, Floyd Killingsworth and A. N. Larson.

Jobs For 45,000 Workers Were Stabilized Today

BEAUMONT, Tex. (UP)—The jobs of more than 45,000 workers in the Beaumont area were stabilized for the duration today through a voluntary agreement promulgated by the area war manpower committee and area war man power director John D. Howard.

Employers of 80 per cent of the war workers and representatives of all labor unions signed the agreement.

'These Are Europe's Children of Fear'



"The bread was old and he held it under the pump until it was soft."



"This child of want could have no shoes, but the father painted a little flower upon the wall beside her bed."

AT LEAST 14 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18 (UP)—Edmund (Eddie) T. Allen, world famous test pilot, and at least thirteen others were killed Thursday when a four-engine Army bomber crashed into the fifth floor of the Frye meat packing plant, touching off a three-alarm fire.

The victims included the eleven passengers aboard the big bomber and at least three packing-house workers. The first to be identified were Allen, director of flight and aerodynamics for the Boeing Aircraft Company, who apparently was in charge of the flight; Charles E. Blaine, Harry W. Ralston and E. I. Wersbee, Boeing engineers. The plane struck the building at the top of the fifth story, crashing through the outer wall and coming to rest with its huge tail structure protruding.

Seconds after the impact a terrific explosion sent flames 200 feet into the sky and spread airplane parts and burning gasoline over a wide area inside the sprawling meat plant.

Witnesses said the plane, was flying south at a low altitude. When it was about two blocks from the Frye plant, a flash was seen from a port motor and the left wing dipped sharply.

Two or three of the occupants were seen to jump from the plane, plunging to their deaths when their parachutes had insufficient time to open.

J. D. Paul, president of the Frye company, said bodies of 3 workmen had been recovered from the charred building and that a search was underway for others who may have been unable to escape.

At least eleven persons were taken to hospitals with burns, or injuries suffered in jumping from windows. Two workmen clung to a pipe outside a fifth story window for ten minutes before they were rescued unharmed.

When the fire was extinguished, a command post was established in the plant by Col. Wally R. Wright, Army Air Forces area supervisor. Military police, armed with machine guns, patrolled the plant.

Seaberry to Speak Before Methodist 11 o'clock, Sunday

Sunday is being observed as Layman's Day in Methodist churches everywhere and in keeping with the custom for this day, services for Methodist churches will be conducted by Layman at the 11 o'clock hour.

Judge V. T. Seaberry, teacher of the 9:45 Bible class at Eastland will occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock service at the Ranger Methodist church. The public has been invited to attend.

Antrim Fault Zone Mapped By Bureau

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 18.—The Antrim fault zone of Northwestern Houston County, which may have a bearing on the occurrence of oil, has been mapped by the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, Dr. E. H. Sellards, Bureau director, has announced.

The first detailed geologic description of the zone was prepared by H. B. Stenzel, of the Bureau's staff. The Antrim faults, which influence structural conditions, occur as a continuous belt, Stenzel reported. The belt enters the county at the north end of the Rock Hills, and may be traced for about six miles.

John Hickman Is Top-Ranking Man On Tennis Squad

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 18.—John Hickman of San Antonio is top-ranking man on the University of Texas tennis squad this year, as result of defeating Walter Driver, El Paso ace, in a squad tournament to determine top-ranking men on Dr. D. A. Penick's 1943 pet crew.

Texas' first meet of the season will probably be that with Eugene late in March.

Representatives Kill Isaacks' Bill

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—The House of Representatives today killed the bill by Rep. S. J. Isaacks of El Paso to curb loan shark activities. The bill failed to pass to enactment by a vote of 52 yeas to 60 nays.

Enemy Plane Over Sydney Thought to Be From Enemy Ship

SYDNEY, Australia—Saturday—Authorities announced today that an enemy plane, apparently operating from a naval vessel, flew over the Sydney area during the night.

LT. BOYVEY IS BURIED TODAY IN DES MOINES

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neil received word this morning from their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Boyvey, that she had arrived safely in Des Moines, Iowa, where she was called by the death of her husband, Lt. Boyvey, of the ferry command. Funeral services were held in Des Moines this afternoon with interment in a Des Moines cemetery.

Lt. Boyvey was killed Monday afternoon in the crash of a bombing plane near Columbia, Mo. Full details of the accident have not been learned but it is known that he is the only one of the flight crew killed, the other five having parachuted to safety.

Joint Meeting Of Auxiliary And Legion I-Held

A joint meeting of the Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion and of the Legion Auxiliary was held at the Legion clubrooms, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Plans were discussed with reference to the George Washington banquet but due to the fact that it was uncertain as to whether a speaker could be obtained, it was decided not to have the banquet this year. In the place of the banquet a chicken spaghetti supper will be held at the clubrooms, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All Legionnaires and their families, and all members of the Auxiliary and their families are invited to attend.

Plans for the regular weekly dance to be held Saturday evening were also completed at the meeting.

Texas Minerals Bring Billion Dollars To State

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 18.—Texas mineral production brought nearly a billion dollars into the state in the year of 1941, the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas has reported.

While crude oil and gas led the way in quantity and value, the report showed that Texas also yielded coal, copper, gold, lead, silver, helium, iron, and many other minerals.

Great amounts of road-building equipment were consigned to the Alcan Highway, other materials went to the armed forces and electric irons from WPA sewing projects went to the Navy for use of the Waves.

GERMANS TURN TO STRENGTHEN MARETH LINE BEING TESTED BY THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY

Russians nearly half way to Dnieper on their drive from Kharkov southwest to junction of river and railway

LONDON, Eng. Feb. 20, (UP)—Marshal Rommel appeared today to have called off his offensive in Central Tunisia to stiffen his southern defenses against the British Eighth Army, which was deploying before the Mareth Line to test its strength.

Allied planes turned on Rommel's northern wing to blast his communications and positions around Feriana he had won from American forces stretched too thin over too long a front.

The United States troops were reorganizing and digging in among the hills to the west of the lost Feriana-Sbeitia line, apparently un molested by the German armored forces.

After taking Fom Tashouine, before the lower end of the Mareth line, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's desert-hardened men turned northward and advanced half way to Medenine, outpost near the center of the Axis barrier.

London military sources cautioned against expecting an immediate onslaught on the line. If the British found it too tough, they were in positions for flanking thrusts either through the coastal corridor around its lower end.

Russia's army rounded out the third month of its winter campaign with a thrust through the Ukraine carrying within 40 miles of Poltava, half way from Kharkov to Kremenchug on the Dnieper river. It also was closing in on Orel, last bastion of the shattered German winter line.

CRASH OF BIG TRANSPORT IS STILL MYSTERY

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18, (UP)—United States Embassy officials Thursday night admitted that they were mystified over the fact that nobody has claimed the huge United States Army transport which crashed in the mountains 500 miles north of here eight days ago without revealing what happened to its crew.

Neither the United States War Department nor the Army Ferry Command has reported such a plane missing. The fact was doubly puzzling because the craft was one of the world's largest of its type—a four-engine Consolidated Liberator-Express, capable of cruising 4,000 miles with a ten-ton cargo.

Indians, singly and in groups, continued search for survivors. Not the slightest trace of any victims was found in the wreckage scattered over the top of 12,000-foot Old Man Mountain in the southern part of Nuevo Leon State. Some of the crew might have parachuted but none has emerged from the wilderness of the area.

Returning members of an official searching party believed the plane was either beginning or finishing a long flight.

Some rifles and machine guns were found which are usually not standard equipment on such a transport. There were some new shoes, spark plugs and a boat compass indicating the ship might have been loaded with a miscellaneous cargo.

Searchers found scraps of messages made out of a P. H. Iron Field Doctor, Ohio.

Commercial State Bank Will Be Closed Monday

Officials of the Commercial State Bank today reminded the public that Monday, February 22, is a bank holiday and that the bank will be closed.

The public is urged to attend to their banking business on Saturday and secure sufficient change to carry them over the holiday. It was pointed out that the holiday follows a Sunday, and business houses should be in mind in securing change.

Weekly Singing is To Be Held This Evening at Church

The weekly singing will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Second Baptist church and all singers are invited to come and help to make the occasion a big success.

Price Control On Fresh Vegetables Expected Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that price control will be extended within the next two or three months to most fresh vegetables—one of the last remaining food stuffs in the average family diet not yet brought under price control.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Little temperature change this afternoon and tonight. Occasional light to rain and drizzle, south and central portion.

Elastic Gold



Gold Coast may become Rubber Coast before the war ends. Native watches latex trickle down tree in the forests of Ashanti, which lost the race in rubber output to Malaya in 1890, but which have been equipped.

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BACK TAXING IS BACK BREAKING

If something constructive isn't done by March 5 about putting individual income taxes on a pay-as-you-go basis, the present "back-taxing" system (paying taxes this year on last year's income) will be a back breaking load for the 2 million new tax payers who were not prepared for the tax bill passed last October, and it is bound to affect the efficiency of the nation's productive effort. The possible repercussions after the war seem too vast to contemplate. Pay-as-you-go income taxes mean just one thing—each one of us pays as he earns, and hasn't got a year-old debt to worry about. Three proposals have been made: (1) Pay two years taxes in one year, which would be too burdensome; (2) Pay taxes on 1943 income and postpone taxes on 1942 income until after the war which would keep us in chains indefinitely; and (3) Wipe out the debt on 1942 income while we all concentrate on paying taxes this year on this year's income.

The last of these three proposals is the only workable one, as to the effects both now and after the war. A small percentage of the citizens might benefit from a "windfall"—where their income was greater in 1943 than in 1942. But this would be a relatively small inequity and could be corrected by compelling revised returns in such cases.

What the country cannot stand is a hangover of income tax debt after the war. This is particularly true of people living in small communities and the farmers, whose year-to-year incomes change radically from climatic and economic conditions over which they have no control.

The question of pay-as-you-go taxes is summarily up to Congress which has shown it can act quickly when convinced the folks back home want something done. Members of Congress were elected to represent citizens, who have it in their power to give directives to their Senators and Representatives.

Among many influential organizations that have endorsed pay-as-you-go income tax legislation are the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau Federation. Their endorsements need individual backing.

No one objects to paying a fair share of taxes, especially with the nation at war. Millions of new income taxpayers do not yet realize what they face on March 15 under the present tax law. Pay-as-you-go taxes are merely a matter of bookkeeping for the Treasury Department, except in a relatively few "windfall" cases. Can we allow this to stand in the way of constructive legislation that will free our productive citizens from financial debt and worry, at budget and the mind can hinder the effectiveness of war production for the forces on the fighting fronts?

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Martin Dies, Chairman of the Dies Committee, made an attack on "radical bureaucrats" and "crack pots" on the floor of the House and he suggested that the way to get rid of them was for Congress to withhold funds from agencies employing such persons. Democrats and Republicans joined in applause. As usual, Dies furnished particulars, and this time he named 40 government employees whose records he said would "make crystal clear just what we mean by irresponsible, unrepresentative crackpot and radical bureaucrats." The Administration has never liked Dies or the Dies Committee, but Congress has continued the organization, notwithstanding.

Another straw in the wind has been furnished by Rubber Administrator Jeffers who is described in a Washington newspaper as a "bull-necked Irishman who rose from office boy to president of the Union Pacific Railroad." "He is doing his own job in his own way. After a wordy row with the Undersecretary of War Patterson and Undersecretary of the Navy Forrestal, he told a Committee of Congress: 'The Army and Navy think you can take this country off rubber. I say you can't.' He followed that remark with a bill of particulars that left no doubt in the minds of lawmakers about his determination and ability, to

"bull through" the rubber program, despite the belief that Patterson and Forrestal evidently think that the bull might have got into a china shop.

GOOD IDEA

Price Administrator Prentiss Brown has made it plain that he intends to "follow the law," which means that he will hold prices to September levels, as far as possible, and that he will only allow increases which the price control statutes compel him to make. This is a wonderful improvement on Henderson's bureaucracy, in which Leon Henderson didn't hesitate to make his own laws.

AMERICA'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

There seems to be a great deal of loose thinking as to how this country can most contribute to winning the war. This is resulting in overmuch pulling and hauling among various agencies, each seeking manpower and materials.

Such competition, within bounds, is healthy. It is not necessary to cite chapters and verses to convince the public that it has been told yet what should constitute our major contribution to the war.

The determination must be made by persons possessed of information not available to laymen. Ultimately, President Roosevelt has to be arbiter. Yet there are some considerations which no reasonably well informed person can fail to have in mind.

It was announced early and has been reiterated often that the United States must be the arsenal and the granary for the anti-axis world. Possessing an unrivaled industrial capacity, a limited but nevertheless superior supply of raw materials, and being located far from the zone of action this is the only United Nation which can produce the weapons, ships, foodstuffs in the necessary quantities.

If we do not fill and maintain the arsenal and the granary, nobody can do so. If we divert over many men from manufacture of the materials of war, and from the growing of foodstuffs, then the United Nations will be forced to fight a 20th Century war with a 19th century army.

It is easier and more gratifying to human vanity to produce more fighters than workers, at the expense of war production; it is easier for the individual to leave a vital civilian job to do routine military duty because the uniform makes him feel heroic and self-sacrificing.

We must not and will not shrink our duty in this war. When peace comes it will be easier to argue "who won the war" if we have put millions of men into the battle and piled up huge casualty lists.

But is that how we can best serve? Is our desire for a big army and navy based upon considered knowledge that these will help most, or upon national pride and the desire not to be outdone in demonstration of courage?

We civilians do not know. Sometimes we wonder if our leaders know. The estimates for armed services keep going up and up, at the very moment when the need for capable industrial workers is most critical. Unless the Commander-in-Chief makes a firm decision soon, it may be too late.

A Boston man broke a robber's nose. More proof that it's smart to keep your nose out of other people's business.

Americans had their feet on the ground long before Uncle Sam started shoe rationing.

Now we can wear to the office clothes that we hesitated about before—and blame it on rationing.

The loss of their Maikop will help to put an end to Germany's show.

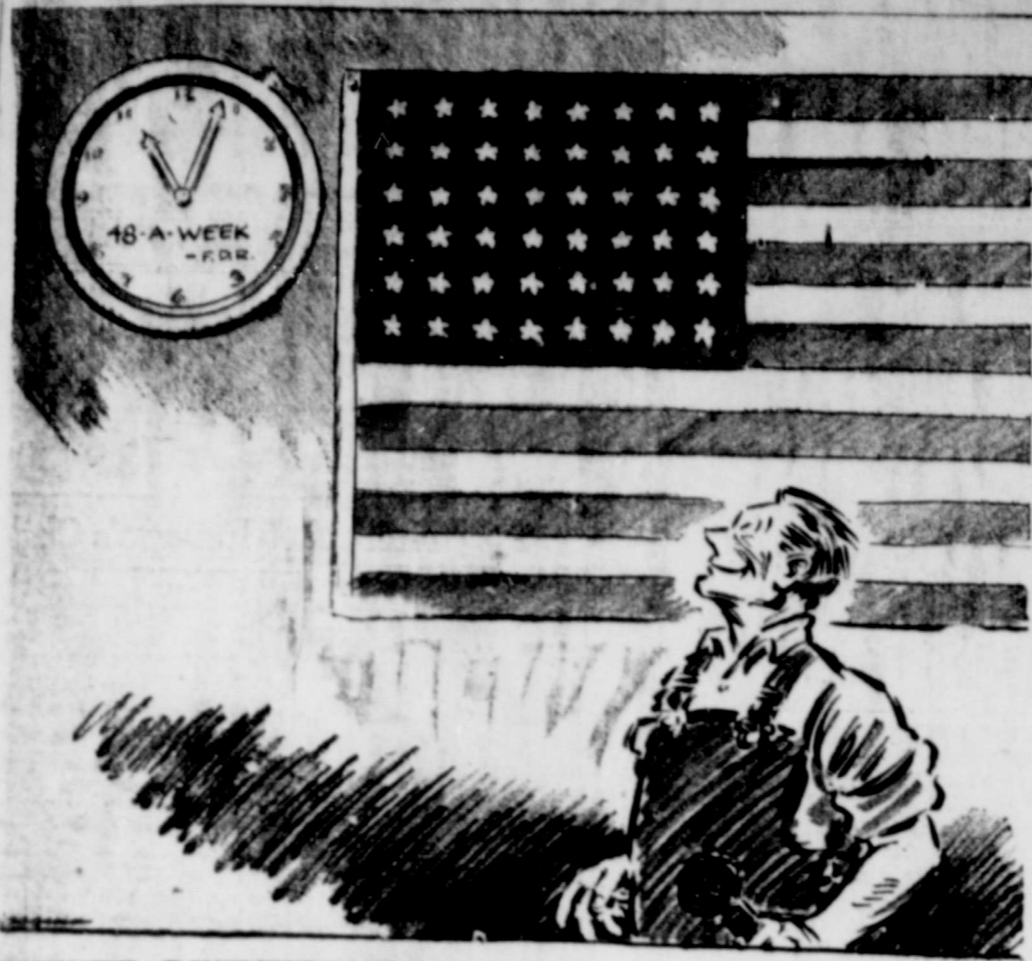
Any man can have his own way if there isn't someone in it.

Mussolini has ousted his son-in-law as foreign minister and taken the post himself. Well the bigger they come, the harder they fall.

The world is not alone in being full of a number of things. Sergeants in Oregon found a pocket knife and key in a nan.

The right kind of political bunk often is swapped for an easy berth.

Symbolic Number



BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

While Gov. Herbert Lehman has been organizing his Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, the Nelson Rockefeller Office of Inter-American Affairs has been carrying out a practical experiment in post-war rehabilitation of its own down in the El Oro province of Ecuador.

This is the border country, you won't recall, between Ecuador and Peru. The two countries have been fighting over it for 125 years without reaching any decision. All the geography maps have pointed this area in two colors for years, blood has been spilled all over it, no one could live there in peace, and thousands of square miles have degenerated into a kind of international No Man's Land.

Every effort by third parties to settle this century-and-a-quarter-old squabble failed—until the third meeting of Pan-American foreign ministers in Rio last January. Then Ecuador and Peru got together and agreed to end their war, Ecuador getting some 80,000 square kilometers of territory and Peru withdrawing its troops just a year ago.

That was the beginning. Ecuador wanted to colonize the area but had no money and lacked technical experts. A March 4 deal was made with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, a Rockefeller office subsidiary corporation, to lend a hand. A U. S. mission of engineers, specialists in tropical medicine, agricultural economists, nursing administrators, sanitary engineers, relief workers and assorted experts was recruited to go into the area.

Forty thousand colonists were ready to move in, but were totally lacking in equipment and know-how. Nearly 90 per cent of these people had tropical dysentery and malaria which had to be cured before anything could be accomplished. They had no food to last all they could get their own crops producing, no seed, few tools. It was strictly from scratch. The list of supplies for the colonists included everything from 2000 machetes, to cooking utensils, to 80,000 pounds of food—principally rice, beans, lard.

It was mid-summer before the first colonists moved in and the six months that have elapsed since the El Oro expedition got going haven't given enough time to tell how this is all going to work out. Already the Ecuadorians have improved the little harbor of Puerto Bolivar at the mouth of the Guayas river as a trade center. A hospital and medical training center have been opened. A model stock farm is being established, demonstration farms set up.

THIS is the type of rehabilitation work which this Institute of Inter-American Affairs is tackling in other distress areas of Latin America as part of the Rockefeller office program of Basic Economy. The whole thing is an effort to help these countries which have lost their export trade become self-sufficient, on seed, few tools. In Costa Rica it's a food-raising program to supply U. S. forces in the Panama Canal zone. In Honduras it's a trans-isthmus road-building program. In Peru it's sanitary engineering preliminary to development of the Amazon coal and iron fields. In Haiti it's an effort to shift the country away from coffee, sugar and bananas to production of fibers, spices, essential oils and hardwoods. In Brazil there's a \$4 million development, half financed by the U. S., half by Brazil, to raise food for the rubber tappers.

BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

THIS Victory garden campaign has some strange angles. The big idea is to get six million farm gardens and 12 million city and suburban gardens under cultivation. As there are approximately 36 million families in the United States, this means that one family out of every three is supposed to spade up and start planting.

The six million farm gardens figure will do you. Offhand you might think that every farm had a garden, but it doesn't work that way. It used to be that nearly every farm had a vegetable patch and raised most of what it ate, but in this modern age of automobiles and specialization, many farms have given up raising vegetables altogether and in some areas the farmers are the largest consumers of store foods, consuming more canned goods than city folks. So, the Department of Agriculture's campaign to get a garden dug on every farm is what you might call revolutionary. Some farms do now produce as much as three-fourths of all the meat, eggs, milk, vegetables and other groceries consumed on the place. Therefore, the expert figure if they can raise the national farm garden yielding average to the point where farms produce three-fourths of all the food farm families consume, that will be relieving the tightness of the national food situation considerably.

As for the 12 million town and city gardeners—roughly three out of every eight urban dwellers will be expected to raise a bean, a tomato, a radish and several calliopes—there aren't any definite goals or quantity. Anything is supposed to be a help. The average adult eats away about a ton of groceries a year. That's a little over five pounds a day, which seems high but is a statistic nevertheless. If the average urban garden plot yielded 15 pounds of vegetables for 15 weeks, that would be a harvest of 225 pounds, or between 3 and 4 per cent of the three-person family's food consumption. It would also be a miracle.

GETTING down to the specific problems of the victory garden, he will have his troubles. Implements, for example, in hardware stores will not offer as wide a variety of tools as heretofore. War Production Board has cracked down on the manufacturers of garden tools, and has issued an order, L-157, which reduces the number of forks, rakes and hoes from the former 855 models to a mere 158 in order to conserve steel and good ash handles. But don't let that worry you. All the average gardener needs is a shovel—four if you include the bottle of liniment—wire spade or rake, one hoe. If these are labeled with the catch line of "Victory Tools for Victory Gardeners"—that is, if they are manufactured after April 8, 1943, they will be sold in Grades A, B and C, the best being the best.

Department of Agriculture gardening experts say anyone can manage a Victory garden with the three clubs aforementioned. Golfers giving up golf for gardening may find themselves a little handicapped if they have been used to having some poor knock-kneed and undernourished boy tote their hodful of golf hardware, but in gardening, unless you are a Burbank, you do not need a No. 3 iron for approach shots, nor a chrome-headed putter for putting the ball



The two young fellows were strangers in town and, being about noon, they went to the leading hotel for dinner. Afterward, as they looked about the lobby, one remarked, "Beckon we could play a hand or two of dominoes before we hit the road again? Maybe we could get up a four-handed game?"

Two middle-aged townsmen perked up at this and one said, "We might take you on—and, to make it sporting, what do you say to a little bet?" The older man was the best domino player in the town and, having played so much as partners, they knew each other's style. Nevertheless, the strangers proceeded to take them like Grant took Richmond for five games in a row at a dollar a game, then departed.

The defeated pair were unable to understand how they could have been beaten so thoroughly and were telling several friends about it. "Them fellers sure was nervous and would fidget with their dominoes and rap on the table quite a bit."

"No wonder! I know them. They dropped by the station to say howdy to me this mornin', on their way to San Antonio. They're telegraph operators and no doubt when one had the double five or the six-ace, he'd tap the information off to his partner in the Morse code!"

A proposal to do something that will help the farmer has been made in Austin where Representatives Hartzog and Morse have introduced a Constitutional amendment.

Out Our Way



RE-DRAWN BY REQUEST

JR. WILLIAMS

ment to cut the interest rate on loans secured by a lien on farm machinery and equipment, live stock, crops or other farm produce, or real estate. The maximum rate on such loans would be 8 per cent under the Constitutional amendment, whereas 10 per cent interest is permitted now. Authorities may, or may not, have received the following letter—which is going the rounds of the papers: Dear Adjutant General: My husband was killed in the surface 18 months ago and I ain't received no pay since he was gone.

TODAY'S SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

INTENSIFIED interest in boxing at Army camps and Naval Coast Guard and Marine bases is made evident by the many requests for paraphernalia sent regularly by athletic officers to sports editors and editors in position to furnish it quickly.

Nat Fleischer, editor of The Ring magazine, for example, now has 50-odd such requests on his desk.

One from Lieut. Darwin C. Dudley of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Sioux Falls, S. D., is typical.

"This is a very large station (the size I'm not permitted to disclose) and we have made boxing the major sport," writes Lieutenant Dudley. "There are at least 100 men daily in our boxing classes, and on Thursdays we have shows which fill our arena. We emphasize boxing because it is a fine sport with carry-over value which will be of vital importance when these boys get into combat."

Lieutenant Dudley would greatly appreciate punching bags and 10-ounce gloves, light and heavy bags, punching bag supports and platforms, skipping ropes, trunks, shoes, supporters, raps, hand wraps and mouthpieces. Editor Fleischer alone has spent hundreds of dollars since Pearl Harbor furnishing this material. Quartermaster departments supply it, but it takes them several months to get around to it.

Only the other night, Pvt. Harold Mullane announced that one-fifth of \$3000, sent his mother in pennies as the result of a radio broadcast, would go toward athletic equipment for Marines at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., where he is stationed.

It strikes me that United Service Organizations could do something about this. The USO raised millions for entertainment.

To prove that he was an amateur boxer who won a tournament in Czechoslovakia, Kurt Baum, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Association, expresses his willingness to meet in a three-round bout with six-ounce gloves any heavyweight artist in the operatic field, whether tenor, baritone or bass. Baum could, of course, demonstrate his fitness only by punching a pugacious canary, if there is another, on the beeper.

The referee's instructions would go: "Now you men are well acquainted with the Marquis of Steinway rules. Keep your high notes up, and no vocalizing in the clinches."

After which Killer Kurt would come out yodeling.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a man.



Cartoon by William E. Williams showing a man talking to a woman about a rowdy gentleman.

Diligence Recovers Stolen Automobile

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. Feb. 16. (UP)—Diligence has its own rewards, and Detective Bruce Weatherly can prove it.

Accompanied by another detective, Mike Ellis, Weatherly was cruising the downtown district checking on stolen cars. Weatherly's own automobile had been left parked near detective headquarters. Suddenly, Ellis exclaimed,

"Bruce, that car looks as if it might be yours."

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SERIAL STORY

THE TERRIBLE EYE

BY EDWIN RUTT

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Remarkable indeed is the device invented by Jonah Logan. It is called "The Terrible Eye" and it is a camera that can be re-created and re-transmitted through use of the fantastic instrument. Jonah Logan tries unsuccessfully to reach his multi-millionaire camera king Henry Channing at his office, and his assistant, Mahoney, finally over the wall to gain forbidden entrance. They are discovered by a girl who immediately becomes The Girl in Jonah's life.

IT'S DYNAMITE

CHAPTER III
"THIS," he said, "will tell you everything. Except your weight."

"Logan, Logan, Logan," the girl read from the card. "Historical Panamas, Inc. Jonah A. Logan, Pres." She looked up. "My goodness, our stocks of Logans are certainly complete. All colors, all sizes, all prices. But where are the rest of them?"

Mahoney sounded off unexpectedly from the tree. "See!" he said to Jonah. "That name's cousin. Now if you'd look my advice and called the firm plain Logan & Mahoney, people wouldn't . . ."

"Boys, boys," said the girl. "No fighting."

Jonah turned to her apologetically. "Don't mind, Mahoney. He's always glooming."

"I don't mind Mr. Mahoney at all," the girl said. "But I am beginning to mind your not telling me why you're here?"

Jonah camouflaged a feeling of uncertainty by a bold remark. "I mean to tell you better if I knew your name," he said.

She considered. At last: "Oh, it's right. It's Hildy."

"Hildy," Jonah repeated reverently. "That's perfect. Makes me think of autumn leaves just as they're turning from red to yellow. Or is it yellow to red?"

"I wouldn't," said Hildy. "The autumn leaves were your idea."

"So they were. But, to answer you, I came to see Mr. Henry Logan, Channing."

"Well," said Hildy, "I don't like to discourage you. But you've got a fat chance of seeing him as long as that thing is in evidence." She pointed suddenly at the model of the Terrible Eye.

Jonah blinked. "What's that got to do with it?"

"Practically everything. It's a camera. And Mr. Mahoney is carrying photographic equipment. Well, Mr. Channing is very allergic to photographers."

"But I don't get it. He's the camera king of America, isn't he?"

I should think he and a couple of photographers would be Brother Elks."

"You would think so," Hildy said, in a sympathetic voice. "But Mr. Channing has had plenty of trouble with photographers."

From on high Mahoney repeated a gloomy prediction. "They'll run you out by the seat of your pants. Like Jimmy Durante."

"Silence, Mahoney! Listen, Hildy. I assure you that I'm no common photographer." Jonah patted the Terrible Eye affectionately. "This little gadget is a kind of camera, of course. But what a camera! Why, this neat faw-cold housing conceals a machine that could knock the whole darn world on its beam ends."

Hildy gave a little shriek. "Oh, Lord! It's a bomb. And you're subversive. Go away."

"Relax," said Jonah. "The mechanism, though colossal, is harmless."

"All right," said Hildy. "I'll take your word for it. Why do you want to see me—Mr. Channing?"

"So," said Jonah, who had quick ears, "Mr. Channing is something to you?"

"Well, you could say that we're related. He's my father."

"Goah, he's playing in luck, isn't he? I mean, having a daughter like you."

Hildy Channing kicked at a nest of pine needles. Her blue eyes were clouded. "Listen, see, said surprisingly, 'I don't understand all this. But if you're trying to sell my father a bill of goods or take him for a ride or something, I'm with you. Heart and soul.'"

Jonah stared at her. "You actually mean that?" he asked incredulously.

"I certainly do. I might as well tell you, Mr. Logan . . ."

"Jonah," she said. "The plain fact is that Father and I are having a feud. Compared to us, the Hatfields and the McCoy's were chums."

Jonah grinned. "You don't say. Tell me about it."

"Not yet," said Hildy. "The floor's yours. I'm simply dying to know about this infernal machine you have."

"Well," Jonah's brows wrinkled, "it's a little involved. But I'll try to explain without getting too technical. You see on that card the words, 'Historical Panoramas'?"

Well, believe it or not, this invention of mine which, for lack of a better name, I call the 'Terrible Eye' can reproduce past events."

Hildy shook her head. "I don't get it."

"To grasp what I'm talking

about," Jonah said, "you have to realize that everything that happens on earth, or ever has happened, makes an impression on the light rays current at the time of the event. Do you follow?"

Hildy Channing sighed. "This must be a special brand of double talk."

"Okay. Don't believe me. But I'm telling you facts."

"Well, go on. It's fascinating."

"Darn it," said Jonah. "I can prove it. Look, the light rays that have passed off into this limbo aren't necessarily lost. And they still retain the impressions that events have made on them. Now, by means of this invention"—he tapped the Terrible Eye—"coupled with some apparatus that Mahoney carries, I can recall certain of these light rays. Stacks of 'em, in fact. They undergo a kind of refining process in my machine and I'm able to project them onto a screen just as you do the pictures on an ordinary movie film. Catch?"

Hildy looked at him narrowly. He seemed sober.

"For the benefit of my backward feminine mind," she said, "let's take a concrete example. Not that I'm falling for this utter tripe. But suppose I wanted to see—oh, say the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Could you go into this limbo place and get it for me with your—your what-do-you-call-it here?"

"Certainly," said Jonah.

"How far back into history can you go?" Hildy asked, in the tone one adopts when humoring a lunatic.

"Pretty far," Jonah told her. "I picked up a shot of Cleopatra the other day. Incidentally, she wasn't so hot. Black as the ace of spades."

"You're telling me that you did that with this innocent-looking little gadget?"

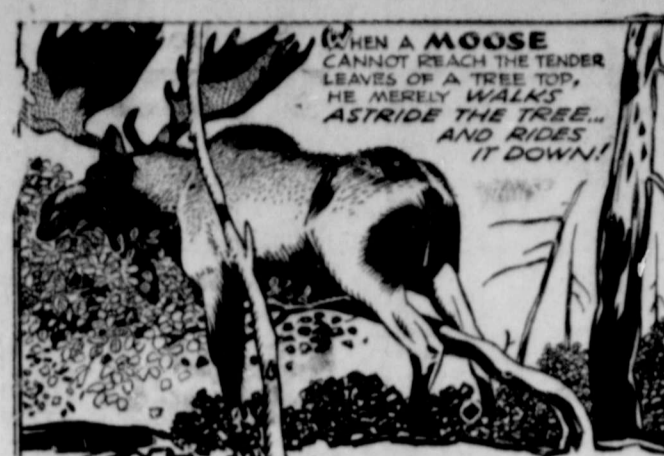
"No, no," said Jonah. "This is just a working model. I've got a larger machine in a place I've recited near here. That's the baby that brings in the real stuff."

Hildy looked fearfully at the model of the Terrible Eye. "But what will this thing do?"

"Well, this works pretty good," said Jonah. "It records anything that's happened around here in the last few days."

"Oh, my goodness," said Hildy. She gave him a searching look. "Listen, Jonah, this is pretty hard to swallow. But you seem awfully earnest about it. So let's assume it's true. If so, you ought to smash your machines into little pieces and forget the whole idea. Why, it's just plain dynamite."

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A. A. U. W. HAS MEETING
The Ranger Branch of the American Association of University women met Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Blue Room of the Ghelson Hotel, with the president, Miss Izetta Woods, presiding.

Mrs. W. D. Conway, Fellowship Chairman, gave an interesting discussion on "Fellowships" and pointed out why fellowships should be kept up during the war.

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Personals

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Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Mrs. C. L. Sutherland and Mrs. Will Ready of Strauss were Ranger shoppers, Thursday.

Eastland County School Superintendent Hooty Smith and wife of Eastland, visited in Ranger, Thursday.

Mrs. Carol Clarke returned Thursday evening from Abilene, where she visited her daughter, Marjorie, who is playing in Jack Free's Orchestra. While there Mrs. Clarke talked with Herschel Eyles, who was spending the day in Abilene.

Mrs. and Mrs. K. C. Jones of Killeen spent Thursday night and today visiting in Ranger.

Mrs. R. C. Green and sons, James and Lewis, have just returned from California, where they visited Mrs. Scott Neal, and Mrs. Fred Jones, daughter of Mrs. Green.

Hugh A. Moore, flight instructor at Orange Field, returned to his base Thursday, after a short visit with relatives and friends.



The enemy wants Johnny, but so does Fifi! George Montgomery and Lynn Bari in a scene from "China Girl." Starting today at the Arcadia.

Iron Ore Mines Aim To Move 100,000,000 Tons

DULUTH, Minn. (UP)—Thousands of workmen in Minnesota's north country are braving sub-zero cold and driving snows to prepare for the greatest movement of iron ore in history during the next shipping season on the Great Lakes.

miners are repairing hundreds of machines in preparation for the resumption of activities when warm weather arrives, but most spectacularly of all, they are removing a lake from the map of Minnesota.

They are draining Mountain Iron Lake to open up the oldest mine on the Mesabi range. During the 35 years that the mine has been idle it has become a lake, a half mile long, a quarter mile wide, and 140 feet deep.

The Oliver Mining Co., a U. S. Steel subsidiary, has pumped water from the lake at the rate of 6,500 gallons a minute. It will be ready for operation this spring.

Another big mining company is removing 16,000,000 cubic yards of overburden to get at the ore underneath. This involves digging through about 6 feet of frost and heating the overburden from 4 to 6 miles. Sometimes the temperatures in which the men must work are down to 30 to 35 degrees below zero.

The men who work in Minnesota's vast open-pit mines are getting ready to move more than 100,000,000 tons of iron ore between the spring and fall of this year. If the goal is achieved, the record easily will surpass the previous all-time high of 92,000,000 tons shipped at the Great Lakes last year.

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