

Anti-Aircraft Guns Thunder At Huge Blimp Or Plane Over California Coast

"Work Or Fight" Legislation May Be Asked To Eliminate Stoppages In Arms Production

MIDLAND AREA AIR RAID PLAN NEARS FINISH

Haigh Announces Setup Aimed To Give People Full Training Courses

With Midland only 600 air miles from, for example Guaymas on the west coast of Mexico, where Japanese submarines are lurking and where plane bases may be maintained, it is folly to fail to have adequate air raid warning in this area. And, with tank farms only four miles east, and the Midland Army Flying school only eight miles west, and with oil pipelines throughout the area, reasons for air alarm training becomes even more apparent.

Add to these the fact that many citizens of Midland might at any time find themselves transferred to a coastal or other zone that has been and may again be under actual attack, it is obviously the fair thing to do to help such present citizens to be alert and acquainted with air raid precautions before they leave Midland and its immediate area.

Such are the views of Berte R. Haigh, who has been named by County Judge Elliott Barron as Air Raid Warden for Midland County, and who is setting up an organization to inaugurate a full air warning system in the area. Haigh left for Austin Wednesday and will get complete instructions from the state department while there.

Haigh has named as assistant wardens for the county Jerald H. Bartley and Paul A. Nelson, who will assist him in the general program. Zone wardens named are Alden S. Donnelly for the western half of the county, and Ben T. Rogers for the eastern half. Precinct wardens are, for the northwest precinct: Surce J. Taylor; for the northeast, R. W. Bob Patterson; for the southeast, Watson LaForce; and, for the southwest, H. M. Bayer. Other personnel, including senior wardens and deputy wardens, as required in the setup, will be appointed next week after Haigh's return from Austin.

A senior warden for each 125 residences, or each 500 people; and a deputy warden for each 25 residences, or 100 people, will be among those named next week. The appointments, when complete, will give coverage throughout the county.

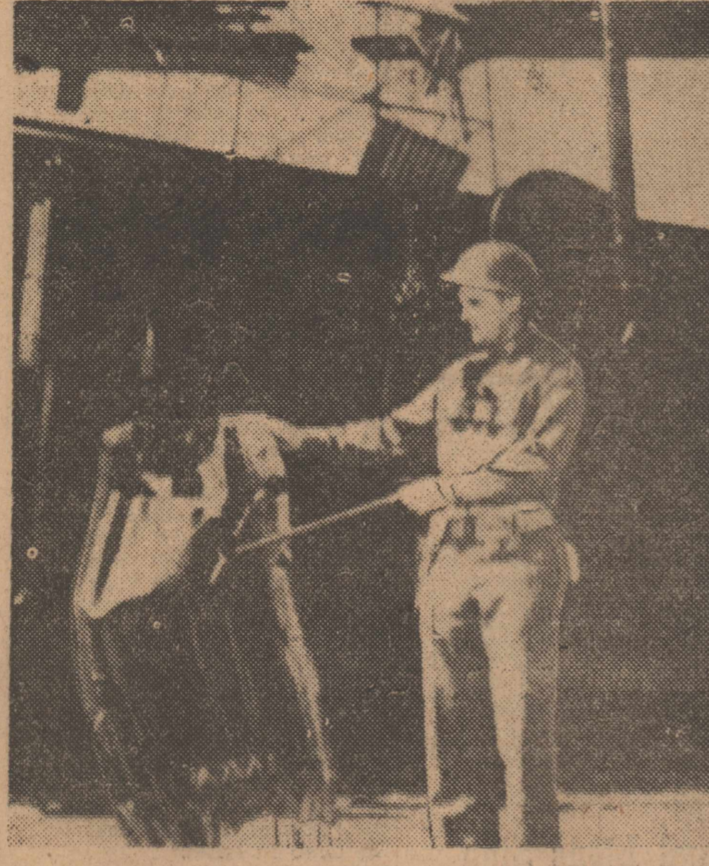
The Midland Air Raid Defense area will include the city and the county, divided into the two zones, western and eastern. Each zone will in turn be divided into two precincts. Within each precinct the organization will be organized, and then coordinated with all other units.

David Allen Is Listed As Guam Prisoner Of Japs

David Martin Allen of Midland was listed Wednesday by the Naval Department as among those missing following the fall of the Island of Guam. He is presumed to be a prisoner of the Japanese.

Allen is a gunner's mate, second class, and had served in the Navy about 3 years. The list published Wednesday contains the names of 44 additional men who are known to have been on the island at the time of the attack. Allen's wife, Mrs. Irene Allen, resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lord in Midland. She received a letter about three weeks ago from the Navy Department stating that he was safe. A short time before that she had had a letter from him written from Guam before the attack on the island. His mother, Mrs. Minnie Allen lives in Midland, as do other immediate relatives.

Where Jap Shell Landed On U. S. Soil



Capt. Barney Hagen inspects Japanese shell damage to a steel portion of an oil derrick near Santa Barbara, California, after the first enemy shell fell on the mainland of the United States in World War II. (NEA Telephoto)

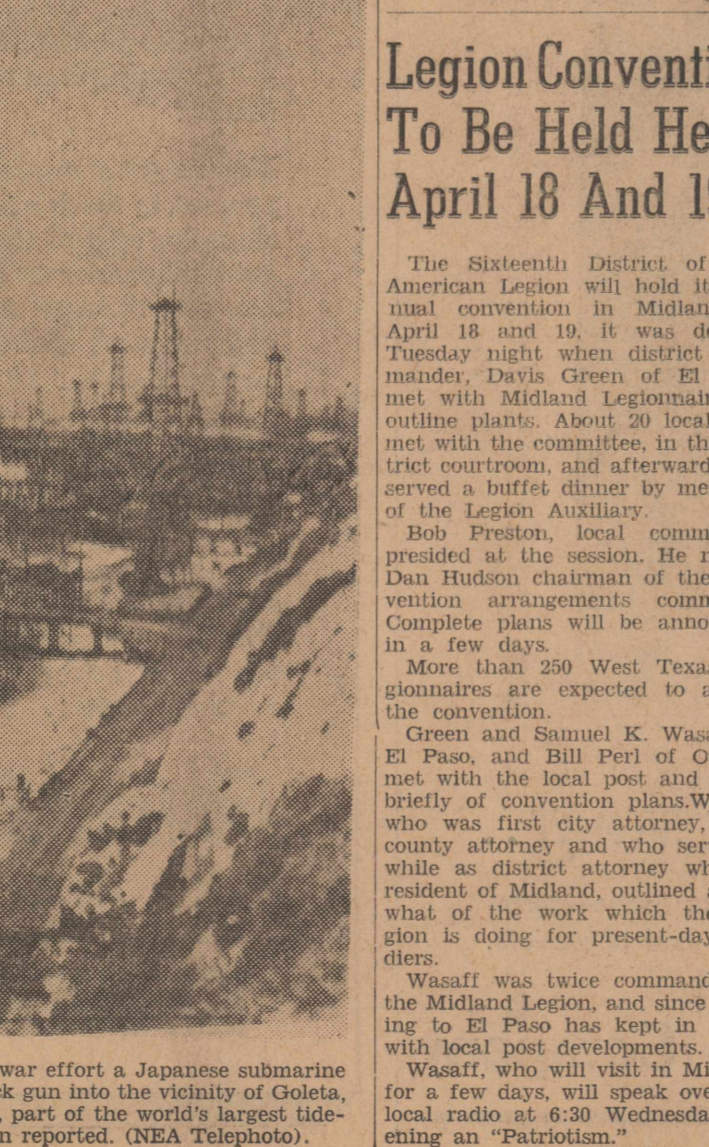
Isolated? We Don't Know Geography, Folks! Schools Must Alter Study Course To Face Small World, Says Wiggins

Rodeo Boosters Here Thursday

Citizens of Midland and vicinity are invited to be in downtown Midland Thursday afternoon to welcome San Angelo Goodwill Trippers who are scheduled to arrive here at about 3 p. m. for an all-night stop. The San Angelo Boosters are touring this section of West Texas to advertise the annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo. The trip is sponsored by the San Angelo Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce have arranged special entertainment for the visitors. The San Angeloans will be met by members of the Midland County Sheriff's posse who will escort them into the city. Midland Jaycees will be hosts to the visitors at a supper at the Crawford Hotel at 6 p. m. A fun program will follow.

Jap Target On West Coast



As President Roosevelt spoke on the war effort a Japanese submarine was busy firing 25 rounds from its deck gun into the vicinity of Goleta, Calif., its oil refinery and these wells, part of the world's largest tide-land oil field. No damage has been reported. (NEA Telephoto)

Youths Pledge Increased Food Supplies Future Farmers Of Three Counties Rally In Midland For Home Defense

Eight-five Future Farmers of America and guests, from Martin, Glasscock and Midland counties, meeting around the banquet table at the Crawford Hotel in Midland Tuesday night, pledged a heavy increase in garden, farm and livestock yields for the year, as their contribution to national defense. Eugene Jones presided as toastmaster, and began the program of the evening by hearing the severest officers of the organization state the purpose of their particular trusts and formally open the session.

A transcription was given of an address broadcast by Governor Coke Stevenson at an earlier hour and addressed to FFA's of the state and nation, who are this week celebrating the anniversary of their founding. The governor commended the high spirit of endeavor which characterized the organization, and called on the young farmers and livestockmen to meet all calls that may arise in the national defense emergency.

Mrs. Mable Kimble Is Shot At Odessa; Her Assailant Escapes

Mrs. Mable Bishop Kimble, society editor of the Odessa American, was shot and wounded seriously at 9 o'clock Tuesday night while walking across the street toward her home from a neighbor's residence, on South Lincoln Street in Odessa. The assailant, who has been identified but who is still at large, approached Mrs. Kimble and a companion, Private Jack Steele of Midland Army Flying School, as they left the neighboring residence, and shot twice at the couple with a 303 Savage rifle. He attempted to shoot again but his rifle jammed and he jumped into a car and drove away.

Roosevelt Opposes Farm Price Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt stepped directly into the Senate dispute over farm prices Wednesday with a letter protesting that a pending bill represented "selfish interests" at a time the very existence of the country was at stake.

The Chief Executive, in a letter read at the opening of the Senate session, said a proposal to restrict sales of government-held stocks of farm commodities would do "irreparable damage to the war effort and farmers of the country."

Protesting that the original bill to restrict such sales might add \$1,000,000,000 to living costs, Senator Brown (D-Mich) urged farm state senators to accept his amendment intended to keep market prices of cotton, corn and wheat near present levels.

Majority Leader Barkley planned a floor speech in support of the Brown proposal before the vote. "My amendment puts the farm bloc in a bad position if they do not accept it," Brown said. "All they have been asking for is a parity price and they will get it under my amendment."

The pending bill, approved unanimously by the Senate agriculture committee, would prohibit sales of any government stocks of farm products below a parity price, which is the one computed to give a farm product the same relative buying power it had in a past period, usually the years 1909-14.

Freighter Torpedoed; 24 Men Are Missing

BALTIMORE (AP)—Six men, the only known survivors of the torpedoed Norwegian freighter Blink whose sinking was announced by the Navy Department Wednesday, told haltingly of their 66-hour fight for life in a swamped lifeboat in rough, shark-infested seas. The 2,700-ton freighter was torpedoed without warning off the Atlantic Coast with a probable loss of 24 lives.

No Bombing Reported; No Planes Shot Down; Blackout Los Angeles

Japanese Arrested On Suspicion Of Signalling To Strange Craft; Believe Blimp Or Plane Squadron

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—No bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down during the anti-aircraft firing in the Los Angeles area early Wednesday, the Western Defense Command announced. "Cities in the Los Angeles area were blacked out at 2:25 a. m. Wednesday on orders from the 4th Interceptor Command when unidentified aircraft were reported in the area," the Western Defense Command said. "Although reports are conflicting and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts, it is clear that no bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down. "There was a considerable amount of anti-aircraft firing. The all-clear signal came at 7:21 A. M."

Three Big Jap Transporters Are Sunk In Indies

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—Anti-aircraft guns thundered over the metropolitan area early Wednesday for the first time in the war, but hours later what they were shooting at remained a military secret. An unidentified object moving slowly down the coast from Santa Monica was variously reported as a blimp and an airplane. Some observers claimed to have seen two planes over Long Beach. Army intelligence, although uncommunicative, scoffed at reports of civilian observers that as many as 200 planes were over the area. No Bombing Reported There were no reports of bombing, but several instances of damaged property from anti-aircraft shells. A garage door was ripped off in a Los Angeles residential district and fragments shattered windows and tore into a bed where a few moments before Miss Blanche Sedgwick and her niece, Josie Duffy, had been sleeping. A Santa Monica bomb squad was dispatched to remove an unexploded anti-aircraft shell in a driveway there. "Wailing air raid sirens awakened most of the metropolitan area's three million citizens. A few minutes later, they were treated to a gigantic fourth-of-July-like display as huge searchlights flashed along a 10 mile front to the south, converging on a single spot high in the sky. Moments later the anti-aircraft See (LOS ANGELES) Page 6

Leases On 22,000 Acres In Andrews And Gaines Taken By Midland Firm

By Frank Gardner Oil Editor A large block, comprising approximately 22,000 acres, has been assembled in Southeastern Gaines and Northwestern Andrews counties by Fuhrman Petroleum Corporation. It was announced Wednesday by Fred H. Fuhrman, Midland, president of the firm. Fuhrman has taken 10-year commercial leases on the acreage, which lies in leagues 307, 308 and 310, Terrell County school land; leagues 311 and 312, Gaines County school land, and leagues 316 and 317, Farmer County school land. Most of the block is in Southeastern Gaines. Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-11-37 B. B. Ralph, west outpost to the deep Permian pool opened in Northwestern Andrews by Fullerton Oil Company No. 1 H. M. Wilson, is drilling below 1,550 feet in red beds. A west offset to the discovery, Fullerton No. 2 Wilson, is drilling in anhydrite below 3,866 feet. It encountered Yates gas from 3,115 to 3,125 feet and blew out at the latter point with an estimated 6,900,000 cubic feet daily. Fullerton No. 2 Wilson, north offset to the discovery, is reported to have cemented 13-inch casing on bottom at 285 feet with 200 sacks. Brown lime was topped at 4,090 feet by Ray A. Allbaugh, Lamesa, and Richmond Drilling Company, Midland. No. 1 Mrs. Katherine Weaver Rose, Dawson County wildcat west of Lamesa. It had drilled to 4,190 feet in anhydrite and lime shells at last reports. Price Ellenburger Top Released Magnolia No. 1 Ella C. Price, deep (See OIL NEWS, Page Six)

WAR BULLETINS

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australian bombers, striking an encroaching rim of Japanese lodgments in islands 400 to 500 miles north and northwest of Australia, attacked both Rabaul and Timor, a Royal Australian Air Force communique announced.

BERN, Switzerland (AP)—The devastating effect of Russia's scorched earth policy, serious labor shortages, and the flight of thousands of potential workers before the German Army were reported Wednesday to have crippled Germany's attempts to gear the economy of occupied Russian areas to that of the Reich.

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Scores of San Antonio and Bexar County residences are being raided Wednesday by FBI agents, deputy constables and deputy sheriffs, state highway police and city detectives and patrolmen. The raids, under the direction of M. W. Acers, in charge of the local FBI office, were directed against enemy aliens, who were being taken into custody for questioning.

RANGOON, Burma (AP)—Thirty Japanese fighter planes were destroyed Wednesday according to an official announcement which did not say whether the planes were shot down in the air or destroyed on the ground.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority
 The table of blind opening leads that I have given, and the discussion of negative and positive responses, by no means exhausts the subject of conventions as to leading. There are other conventions as to specific situations.

For example, you have opened from A-K-Q-x. In accordance with accepted practice, your first lead was the king. If you are going to lead a second round, what card do you lead?

If you lead the ace, your partner has no way of knowing whether you have the queen. If you

- ♥ K J 10 4
 - ♦ J 5
 - ♣ K J 9 8
 - ♠ K 6 5
- ♠ 7 6 3 ♠ 9 8
 ♥ Q 8 7 3 2 ♥ A 6
 ♦ 10 7 6 2 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ 3 ♣ A J 9 8 7
 Dealer 4
- ♠ A Q 5 2 ♠ 9 8
 ♥ K 10 9 4 ♥ A 6
 ♦ A 5 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ Q 10 2 ♣ A J 9 8 7
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- Duplicate—None vul.
- | | | | |
|--------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| 2 N.T. | Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass |
- Opening—♠ 3. 25

be fairly sure that you have the ace, both from the declarer's failure to win the trick and because you must have either the ace or the jack to continue with an honor lead. Therefore, your second lead should be the queen.

On the same principle, if you have opened the king from A-K-Q-J or K-Q-J, your second lead, if you hold the first, should be the jack. But be wary of carrying this down to low sequences.

For example, if you open the jack from J-10-9, dummy turns up with Q-x-x, and your jack holds the first trick, it is risky to continue with the nine-spot. Your partner may imagine that you have led from J-9, and credit declarer with the ten. If, however, you open the queen from Q-J-10 and hold the lead, dummy having K-x-x, it should be safe to continue with the ten.

The "suit-preference" signal was devised to meet a very special situation. One defender has given the other a ruff, the ruffing hand will want to give his partner immediate re-entry to lead for a second ruff. How is he to guess which of two neutral suits to lead?

The partner may be able to direct this return at the time he leads for the first suit. If he can get in through a return of the higher-ranking of the two neutral suits, he leads an unnecessarily high card. If his entry is in the

TO TELEPHONE SCHOOL

FORT SILL, Okla. (Sp)—Private James M. Betts, son of Mrs. Emmet Betts, 210 S. Colorado Street, Midland, has completed his basic training in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill, and has been transferred to the Field Artillery School for a special three months telephone communication course. The Field Artillery School at Fort Sill is the only one in the United States and was established in 1911.

lower suit, he leads his lowest card of the suit to be ruffed.

For example, in the hand shown today, East wins the first lead with the ace of clubs. Reading the lead for West to ruff. But to indicate his quick re-entry, he leads the jack of clubs, which tells West to return a heart, not a diamond.

Alternate Dances For Cadets And Enlisted Men, Is Council Plan

In the future a dance for cadets of the Midland Army Flying School will be held one week and a dance for enlisted men the next week, it was decided at a meeting of the Midland recreational council, Tuesday evening, at the city hall. The dance this week will be for cadets, with the place to be announced later.

Cadets are seeking a place to establish a cadet club.

Present were: Mrs. R. M. Barron, council chairman; Mrs. Ernest Sidwell, Mrs. John M. Hills, Geo. D. McCormick, Harry Gossett, Truett Fulcher, WPA recreational supervisor, and four MAFS cadets, Joseph H. Burke, John D. Odum, Al J. Spahn, and Larry Krogh.

Fuel Oil Problem Worries Oil Men

By Edward Curtis
 TULSA (P)—The problem of supplying fuel for the East Coast apparently remained one of the oil industry's biggest worries Wednesday.

Diversion and loss of tankers upset the fine balance between supply and demand which the industry had maintained during peacetime.

One of the first appeals to Midland and Texas refiners for fuel oil came from W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). Farish wired refiners:

"We are in desperate need of kerosene, range oil, number two heating oil and bunker 'C' or number six fuel oil. Will appreciate any help you can offer."

Another Proposal

Another proposal also is being studied to aid the East Coast supply situation. From Houston, Harry C. Weiss, chairman of the transportation committee of District 3, Office of the Petroleum Coordinator, said he had named two sub-committees to study the transportation problem.

Results of the committee's study, it was said, "may involve such unusual measures as moving some existing pipelines for use elsewhere or the conversion of gasoline to oil

plant producing high test gasoline and components of synthetic rubber in this area. J. O. Newberry, manager of the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce, told representatives of East Texas refiners.

T. A. Bath of Henderson, J. D. Waddell of Longview and E. F. Richardson and C. E. Wharton of Gladewater were named by the refiners as an engineering committee to determine what facilities were needed.

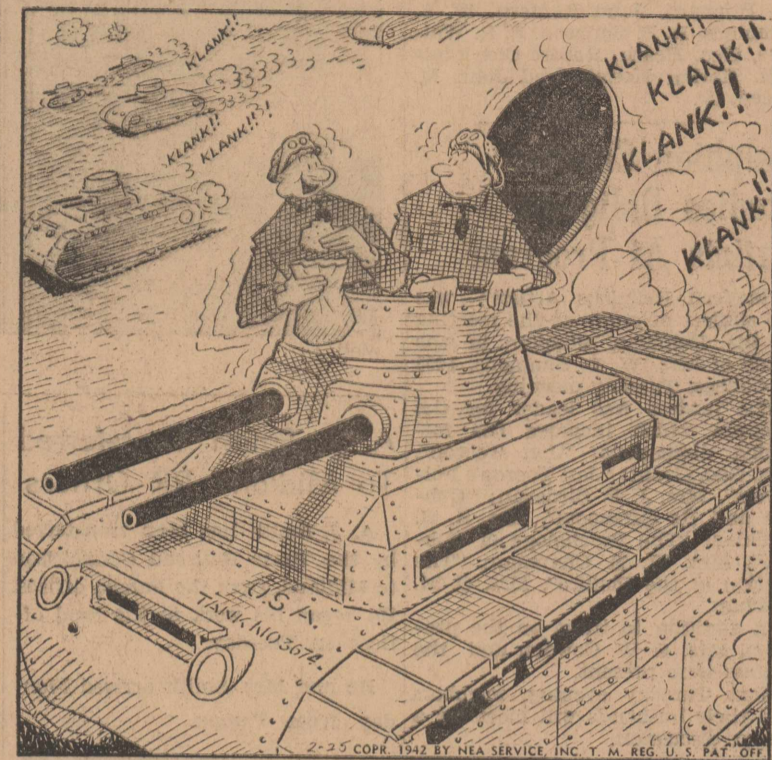
PLAN LARGE REFINERY FOR EAST TEXAS AREA

GLADEWATER (P)—The government is willing to spend \$10,000,000 for building a federally-operated refinery for emergency movement.

In the field, completions continued below last year. The Oil and Gas Journal listed 367 for the week, compared with the same number for the previous week, and 461 a year ago.

By J. R. Williams

FUNNY BUSINESS



"At last I can eat my fill of peanut brittle without annoying anybody!"

SIDE GLANCES



"Have you a book about the Spartans? I feel so much like one since I decided to give up sweets for the duration!"

Button Front



Shoulder yokes, double scalloped and button trimmed, are an unusual bit of style excitement in this comfortable, efficient house dress. A button front closing makes it quick to get on and off and the side sashes which tie in back permit you to adjust the frock smoothly at your waistline! A dress of gracious lines and generous fullness throughout. Make it in a pretty flowered cotton and trim it with cheerful ric-rac.

Pattern No. 8131 is in sizes 34 to 48. Size 36 requires 5 yards 39-inch material, 2 1/4 yards ric-rac.

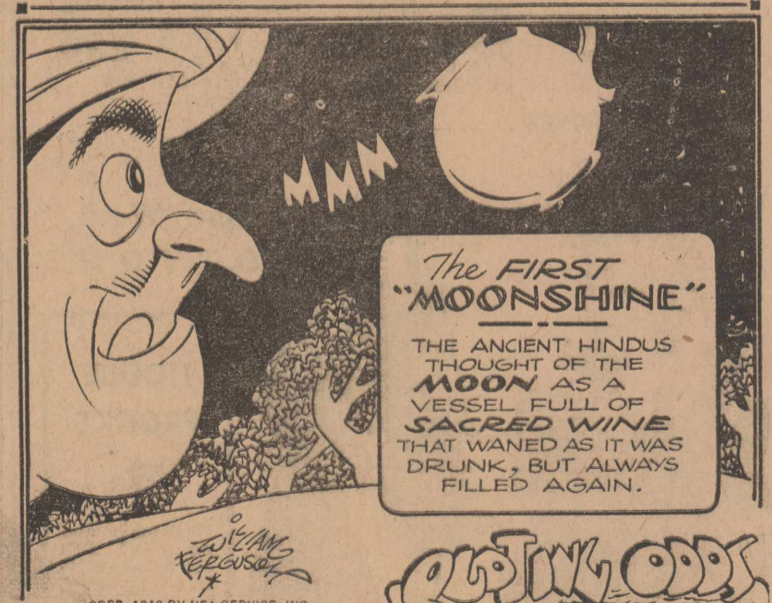
For this attractive pattern, send 15c in coin, your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Service, 211 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE FIRST "MOONSHINE"

THE ANCIENT HINDUS THOUGHT OF THE MOON AS A VESSEL FULL OF SACRED WINE THAT WANED AS IT WAS DRUNK, BUT ALWAYS FILLED AGAIN.

FLORIDA IS NOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF SPONGES!

To keep a cow from going dry, one must milk her dry. Says James Figg, Linton, Indiana.

FOR BARGAIN USE OUR MARK

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF. 2-25

Our Boarding House

with Major Hoople

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

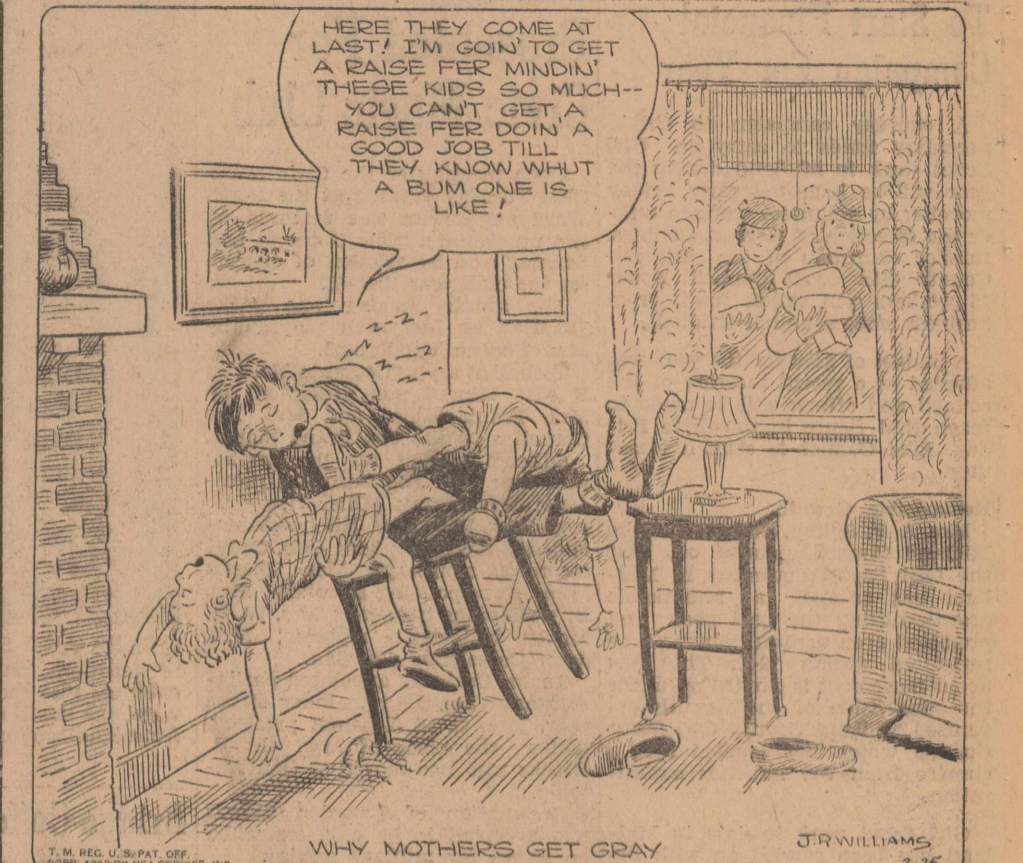


EGAD, CLANCY, WHAT BETTER TRAINING FOR YOUR FIGHT WITH ROUNDHOUSE GOOGAN COULD YOU GET THAN A SESSION WITH YONDER THOODPILE?—UM-KUM!—DID YOU KNOW THAT GENE TUNNEY MADE HIMSELF HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION BY WIELDING AN AX IN THE NORTH WOODS?

MARTHA HAS BEEN AFTER ME FOR A WEEK TO CHOP THAT WOOD! I HOPE RIOT CALL TAKES THE BAIT!

EASY, MAJOR! I JUST AIN'T RELIABLE WITH AN AX IN MY MITTS! I WAS HIT ON THE HEAD WITH AN AX WHEN I WAS A KID, AND NOW I GET DIZZY SPELLS WHEN I LOOK AT A WOODPILE! BESIDES, MY AIM'S BAD—YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD CANCEL YOUR POLICY IF THEY KNEW I WAS CHOPPING YOUR WOOD!

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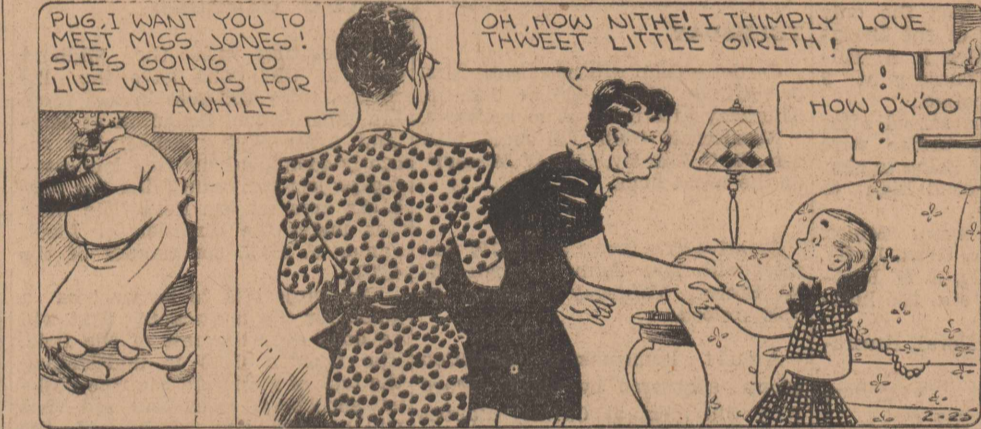
HERE THEY COME AT LAST! I'M GOING TO GET A RAISE FER MINDIN' THESE KIDS SO MUCH—YOU CAN'T GET A RAISE FER DOIN' A GOOD JOB TILL THEY KNOW WHUT A BUM ONE IS LIKE!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

J. R. WILLIAMS 2-25

Boots And Her Buddies

By Edgar Martin



PUG, I WANT YOU TO MEET MISS JONES! SHE'S GOING TO LIVE WITH US FOR AWHILE.

OH, HOW NITHE! I THIMPLY LOVE THWETT LITTLE GIRLTH!

HOW O'Y'DO

WE'LL BE GREAT FRIENDTH—JUTH YOU WAIT AND THEE

YES'M

AUNTIE CORA'S GOSH. I ALREADY HAVE PLENTY OF FRIENDS! I THOUGHT Y' WERE RENTIN' TH' ROOM FOR TH' DOUGH

SHHH!

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WELL, EASY, MY LAD, YOU'RE A FOOL! YOU MIGHT HAVE PULLED THAT POST OUT O' THE GROUND AND ESCAPED, BUT NO, YOU WAITED TOO LONG! YOU STAKED EVERYTHING ON A GIRL SAVING YOUR NECK, AND SHE'S LET YOU DOWN!

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Wash Tubbs

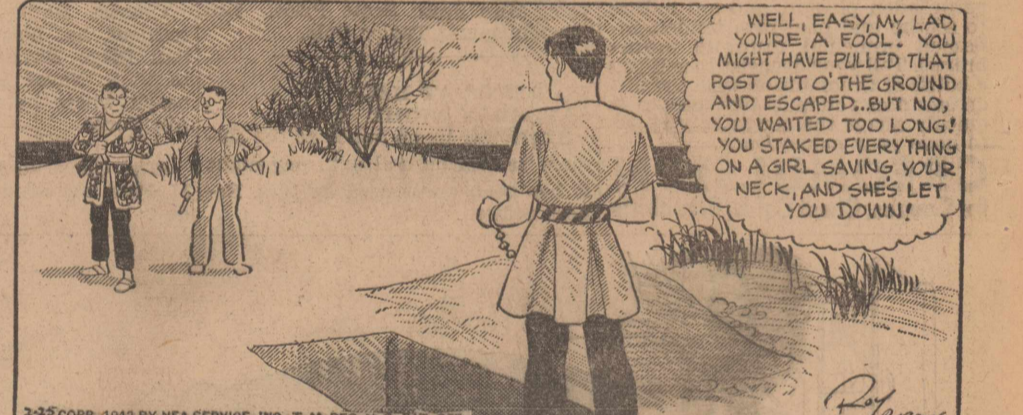
By Roy Cran



THEY ARE TAKING HIM AWAY TO BE SHOT! HE—HE LOOK AT ME—HE SMILE...

BUT I CANNOT BEAR TO MEET HIS EYES! OVER AND OVER AGAIN I SAY TO MYSELF, "HE IS NOTHING TO ME, THIS... THIS STRANGER... SOON HE WILL BE DEAD... SOON I WILL FORGET"... BUT WILL I FORGET?

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Buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

Alley Oop

By V. T. Hamlin



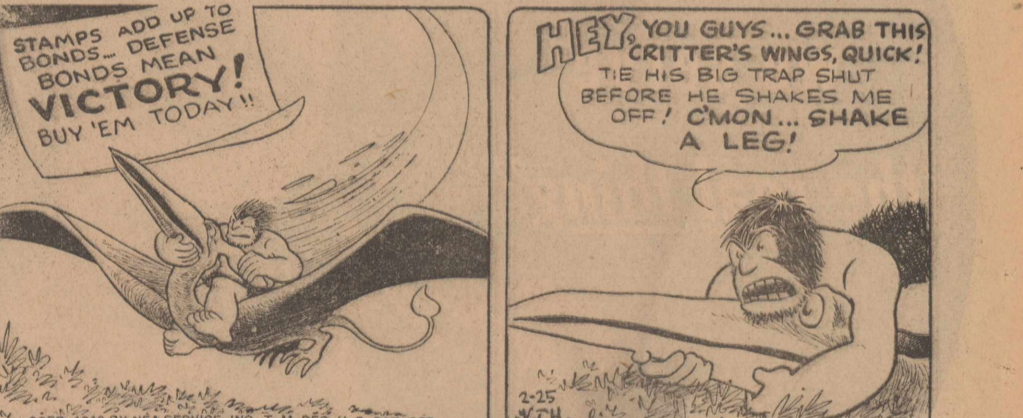
BY GOLLY, OOP DONE IT! HE STEERED THAT PTERODACTYL BACK OVER THIS CLIFF!

NOW IF HE'S GOT SENSE ENOUGH TO UNLOAD, HE WON'T HAVE SO FAR TO FALL!

BUT HE AIN'T GONNA UNLOAD... HE'S STEERIN' TH' CRITTER IN FOR A LANDING!

SCATTER, YOU DOPES! HE'S DIVING THAT MESS O' WINGED MURDER RIGHT AT US!

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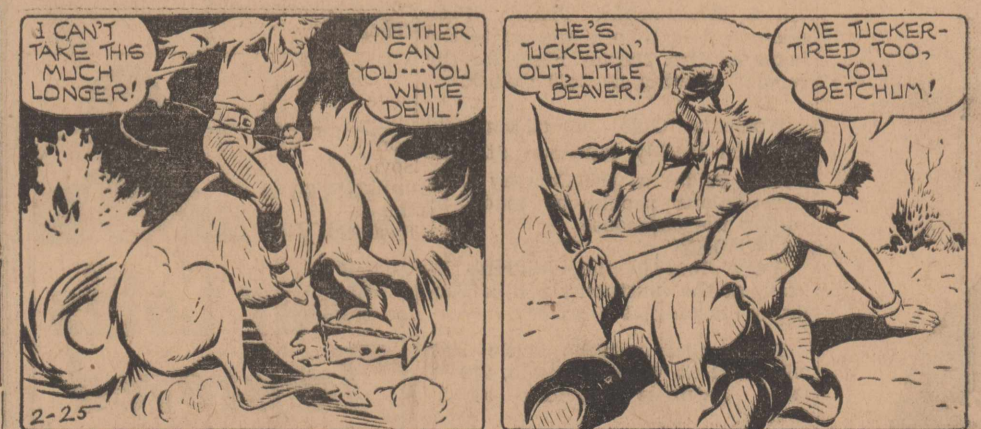
STAMPS ADD UP TO BONDS—DEFENSE BONDS MEAN VICTORY! BUY 'EM TODAY!!

HEY YOU GUYS... GRAB THIS CRITTER'S WINGS, QUICK! TIE HIS BIG TRAP SHUT BEFORE HE SHAKES ME OFF! O'MON... SHAKE A LEG!

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Red Ryder

By Fred Harman



I CAN'T TAKE THIS MUCH LONGER!

NEITHER CAN YOU... YOU WHITE DEVIL!

HE'S TUCKERIN' OUT, LITTLE BEANER!

ME TUCKER-TURED TOO... YOU BETCHUM!

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ANOTHER DAY AND I'LL HAVE HIM BROKE TO RIDE DOUBLE AND HE'LL TAKE US 'O WATER!

ANOTHER DAY? ME DIE-UM FOR WATER BEFORE THEN!

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Freckles And His Friends

By Merrill Blosser



THE KIDS HAVE GOT THE WHOLE TOWN OF SHAYSIDE TALKING TO ITSELF!

THAT GOOK BOY IS CLEVER!

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE HE WROTE—"GIVE THE MAYOR ENOUGH ROPE AND HE'LL TIE UP A BIG DEAL."

OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IN SPENDING MONEY IT HASN'T GOT FOR SOMETHING IT DOESN'T NEED.

LISTEN TO WHAT ELSE HE WROTE—"IT'S NOT THE OVERHEAD THAT BOTHERS US, IT'S THE UNDERHAND."

HE'S A SMART BOY!

SOMETHING WENT WRONG AND IT GOT INTO THE PAPER BY MISTAKE! IT WAS ONLY WRITTEN TO BE USED IN CASE WE DID PROVE THE MAYOR WAS CROOKED!

WELL... LET'S PROVE IT THEN!

BUY DEFENSE BONDS NOW!

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NEXT: As smart as a fox.

