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## After 225,000 Combat Miles



"Little Audrey" B-24 Liberator bomber, known as a plane without parallel in the 7th Air Force in the Central and Western Pacific theaters, has brought her second crew back to the United States for a training tour of 10 flying and technical schools in Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command. The crew, pictured above, which is accompanying "Little Audrey" on her tour has completed 40 missions. Front row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Don C. Hallman, Evansville, Ind.; Staff Sgt. William B. Cannon, Cleveland, Ohio; Technical Sgt. Alexander C. Shinsky, Elyria, Ohio.; Lt. Thomas G. Page, Delanco N. J.; Technical Sgt. Lloyd J. Rainbolt, West Eminence, Mo.; Back row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Harold J. Kilpatrick, Bedford, Ohio.; Lt. Stephen J. Coffey, Wilson, Conn.; Lt. Francis Poulos, Pasadena, Calif.; Master Sgt. Lloyd Whyrick Wahoo, Neb.; Lt. Bernard J. Breiter, Bensenville, Ill.; Staff Sgt. Richard J. Martin, Mishawaka, Ind. (NEA photo from AAF Training Command).

## Shoe Builder Has 500 Midgets For Customers

CHICAGO (UP)—Rudyard Kipling didn't have Jack Hoffert, Chicago shoe builder, in mind when he wrote the line, "Boots, boots, boots."

Hoffert doesn't need any literary exemplification of his work. It shows in 500 wooden duplicates of tiny midget feet stacked in neat rows at his store. He also has models of special size 18 foot gear for a circus giantess 8 feet tall and copies for another circus woman whose shoes are as wide as they are long.

Twenty-five years ago, the Chicagoan started designing shoes for midgets when he observed that children's shoes looked so out of proportion on the midget feet. He invented about 500 in miniature lasts. Now he claims to have every midget in the country as a customer.

"I'll take a midget order quicker than one for regular size," he said. "Whenever a midget needs a pair of shoes, he just sends me a picture of the style he wants and it's made up on the last."

He got into the bigger shoe sizes by relenting from a firm promise not to make any shoes other than those for midgets. Now, he has models for above average sizes and "uptoes" shoes with six inch heels, forbidden by wartime government regulations. He still gets requests from the latter from pint sized women—but is an advocate of ballet slippers for the tall girl.

Hoffert also takes the credit for the camouflaged shoes for short men, made to boost them skyward as much as three inches. He claims to have introduced the open toed shoe for women 24 years ago, but says it didn't go over at the time "because it was vulgar."

Probably the most weird—and the most useless creation of the shoe designer now is a woman's pair of footwear with the top of each shoe containing a small pocket for cigarettes and matches.

"I still get about a dozen orders a year for those—you'd be surprised," he said.

## Country Club Has Annual Election Of All Officers

A meeting of the Ranger Country Club members was held at the club Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at which time an informal supper was held.

Following the supper the annual business meeting was held and the following officers and directors named: president, Harry X. Wallace; vice president, St. Landers; secretary-treasurer, J. L. Lattimer and directors, John Bates, H. P. Earnest, A. N. Larson, and H. V. Vaughn.

## Pacific Veteran



After almost two years in the Pacific theatre of war, Pvt. Charles S. Witherpoon, son of Mrs. A. H. Cozart, has returned to the United States and is home for the first time in five years.

He enlisted in the United States Army in May 1940 and in May 1943 was sent to the Pacific. He has been in New Guinea for 21 months and has been returned to the States because of an old knee injury. On April 15 he is to report to Staten Island, N. Y. for further hospitalization.

Enjoying being back in the States, Pvt. Witherpoon says "there's no place like home."

## Eastland Rites Saturday For J. W. Ewing

Funeral services are to be held sometime Saturday for J. W. Ewing, 72, who died Tuesday evening at his home in Eastland. Rev. Homer J. Starves will officiate and the rites will be held at the Eastland Baptist church. Hammers will be in charge of arrangements which will be under the auspices of the Eastland Masonic Lodge. Interment will be in the Eastland cemetery.

Survivors will be the widow, two sons, B. D. Ewing of Berkeley, California, and LaNelle Ewing of Dallas; two brothers, Sam Ewing of Floyd and S. N. Ewing of Dennitt; two sisters, two grand children and a number of nieces and nephews.

Born at Celesta, Hunt county, Dec. 27, 1873, James William Ewing was married to Miss Ora R. Gill in May 1894, and came to Eastland in June 1922. He had been a member of the Baptist Church since he was 18 years of age and was a long time member of the Masonic Lodge.

## C. J. Rayfield Is Made Sergeant With Infantry

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rayfield, Sr., have received word that their son, Charles Jackson Rayfield, has been promoted from the grade of private first class to sergeant.

Sgt. Rayfield, who is a graduate of Gordon high school was employed by the Lone Star in Ranger and a construction company in North Texas and Oklahoma before going into the service at Camp Writen in February 1944 shortly after his 18th birthday.

He received his training at Camp Fannin, Tyler, and Camp Pickett in Virginia. He sailed from the east coast in November 1944 and is at present serving with the infantry with the First Army in Germany.

Another son of the Rayfields, Cpl. Joe B. Rayfield, Jr., is with an armored division in France and a son-in-law, Cpl. Thomas J. Huling, is with a tank destroyer unit in Germany.

## Front License Plates Must Be Taken Off Cars

C. E. May, stated today that he had been informed by the state highway patrolmen that the old front license plates must come off cars when the new back plate is placed on the car.

It was rumored this morning that persons leaving the old front plates on would be subject to a \$200 fine. May could not confirm this nor could authorities be reached who might have straightened the matter out, but May stated that it was certain that the old front plates should be removed when the new one was attached.

## Navy Enlistments From Ranger Are Named By Officer

Chief Tom Gasian of the Naval Recruiting office in Abilene was here Wednesday and announced the enlistment of the following Ranger boys in the Navy: Billy Joe Harrison, son of Mrs. Ethel Leona Harrison of the Gholson Hotel; Max Allen Ervin, son of Oddie Ervin; Wm. J. Anderson, son of T. J. Anderson; Melvin Harbin, son of Tullman Harbin; Loren Squires; R. M. Richards, Jr., son of R. M. Richards; and Robert Bundick, son of Mrs. Otto Bundick.

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Friday. Low tonight 55 to 40, with scattered frost. Not quite so cold Friday afternoon.

# Third Army Driving On Wide Front; 120 Miles Of Berlin

## SAYS SPENDING SPREE THREAT TO BUSINESS

DALLAS, Texas, March 31 — Appropriations approved and contemplated by the Legislature have launched Texas on a spending spree at a time when other states generally are trying to trim expenditures so as to build up reserve funds against the day when the false prosperity brought by the war will end, the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association pointed out Saturday.

"Texas business, including the petroleum industry which pays more than half of all business and property taxes, cannot stand a 25 per cent increase in taxes to meet these appropriations and at the same time continue to maintain present employment at existing wages without going broke," the association said.

"New appropriations, already approved and proposed, call for a total \$66,666,537 in the next two years, or an annual increase of \$33,333,000 over the expenditures by the state of \$182,234,249 in the last fiscal year.

"Emergency appropriations approved thus far by the Legislature total \$14,667,737 divided as follows:

"Salary increases for state employees to the end of this fiscal year, \$908,000;

"Salary increases for those employees for the next biennium, \$2,000,000;

"Rural school aid (new), \$1,675,000;

"Rural aid from surplus funds \$1,184,655;

"Old age pension increase to the end of this fiscal year, \$1,800,000;

"Old age pension increase for next biennium, \$7,230,000;

"Estimated biennial increases in expenditures by the state under proposed constitutional amendments would amount to \$51,992,800, divided as follows:

"Increase in pensions from \$15 to \$20 per month based upon a constant roll of about 170,000 persons, \$20,000,000;

"Increase for dependent children, the blind, etc., \$50,000,000;

"Increase in salaries of the legislators from \$1,200 annually to \$5,000 would take \$1,592,800.

"The additional \$66,666,537 itemized above does not include many incidental appropriations contemplated nor does it include \$1,215,000 for purchase of surplus war materials for state supported schools; \$104,000 for an emergency fund requested by the Liquor Control Board; \$150,000 proposed for construction of a home for negro girls and \$90,000 to operate this negro home until August, 1947; \$3,000,000 for a state office building; \$11,000,000 extra for the school system; and \$1,212,000 for state vocational institutions. These items total \$19,771,000, making a grand total of \$86,431,000 to which may be added still other expenditures called for in appropriation proposals before the Legislature adjourns.

However worthy some of these appropriations may be, funds to implement them can come only from increased taxes.

"The mirage of wartime prosperity has been created by piling up a huge national debt. Texas' present share of this debt already exceeds the total value of all property in this state. This debt must be paid. If Texas enterprises—business and industry—are to provide jobs and fair wages for the greatest number of people, come peace, they will be unlikely to absorb an additional tax load imposed by the state."

## Hitler Appeals To Nazi Troops

LONDON — A Nazi broadcast said today that Adolf Hitler, in his first public utterance since the Allied breakthrough in the west, appealed to German soldiers to hold out to a new German offensive is launched soon.

## In France



Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Peery have received word that their son, Pfc. Billy Barton Peery, has arrived safely in the European theatre of war and is now stationed somewhere in France.

He is serving with an Army Armored Infantry Battalion and received his training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas and Camp Campbell, Ky. He went into the service in April 1944, and was sent to overseas duty late in February 1945.

Pfc. Peery was born in Thurber, December 27, 1925, and attended school in Ranger where for three and one half years he was a member of the Ranger high school band.

He holds the expert rifleman's badge and badges for expert marksmanship with machine gun and bayonet.

## Okra Boy Killed In Action With Patton's Army

CARBON, April 4.—Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Claborn of Okra were a message Saturday informing them of the death of their son, Cpl. Ward Claborn who was killed in action with General Patton's 7th Army.

Cpl. Claborn was inducted into the service April 9, 1942 and trained with anti aircraft units in California until last summer when his company was sent to Gainesville, Texas, where it was placed in the infantry and sent overseas in the early fall.

Cpl. Claborn was in the 410th Infantry, 7th Army. Survivors include, in addition to his parents and several brothers and sisters, his wife, whom he married in California, and a small daughter. His wife and child reside in California.

## Texas Weather Lives Up To Long Time Reputation

Befuddled weather predictors hauled in their signs today as Texas weather pulled a punch and lived up to its reputation for doing the unexpected.

Sheepish countenances betrayed those who did, but knew better than to predict Texas weather. The sudden cold wave also undermined some theories as to the influence of Easter on Texas weather.

Lowest temperature reading reported was 29 degrees Thursday morning and the frost was reported heavy enough to have done considerable damage to young gardens, though most were uncertain as to the damage to the fruit in this section.

## House Approved Court Allotment

AUSTIN — Texas Representatives by voice vote passed and sent to the Senate today a second major appropriation bill allocating \$4,947,450 for courts during the next two years.

The total is \$613,632 more than the current appropriation. The increase Rep. M. B. Morvan, Denison, said, was largely for raising employee salaries and making minor adjustments in operating expenses.

## BLACK LIGHT FOUND AID IN NIGHT FLYING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP)—The new "black light" system of illuminating the cockpit, controls and dials of TWA's fleet of DC-3s and the five improved Stratofliners, now being readied for commercial service, has passed the test of time in providing pilots with improved night flying visibility, according to company officials.

The fluorescent system embodies the use of ultra-violet (black) rays directed on the cockpit dials, controls and instruments, which are painted with fluorescent lacquer. The fluorescent coating is not illuminated except when the black light is on.

The project was developed by Luther Hoffman, senior engineer, in charge of TWA's engineering laboratory at Kansas City, and Merrill Brown, electrical engineer.

It was primarily aimed at providing adequate lighting and eliminating three faults of the old incandescent design.

One of these faults was the inability of the eye to provide adequate area for good vision in the dark outside the cockpit after exposure to the effects of lighting on the instrument panel.

The second was obstruction to vision in the form of windshield images of lighted objects in the cockpit.

And the third element of eye fatigue resulting from the first two.

Several types of lighting were tried by TWA. These investigations revealed a bulb-type ultra-violet light source to be most satisfactory when used in conjunction with instrument dials painted with fluorescent lacquer.

In addition, fluorescent lacquer was found to be available in a considerable range of colors. This combination seemed to give promise of being the answer to the problem, so a development program was successfully undertaken to adapt this type of lighting in the cockpit.

## Reds Denounce Neutrality Pact With Japanese

LONDON — Russia today denounced her neutrality pact with Japan in an action believed to foreshadow her ultimate entry into the Pacific war.

As a result of the Soviet action, announced over radio Moscow, the Russo-Japanese five-year neutrality pact automatically expires at midnight April 24, 1946.

The pact of neutrality Foreign Commissar Molotov, told the Japanese Ambassador "has lost its sense."

## Confer In Washington, D. C.

Secretary of State Edward Stettinius is pictured as he met with British, Russian and Chinese Ambassadors. This was the first time that the Russian and Chinese Ambassadors have conferred together with the Secretary. Left to right: British Ambassador Earl of Halifax; Stettinius; Soviet Andrei Gromyko and Chinese Ambassador Dr. Wei Tao Ming. (NEA Telephoto.)

## UNION OF PATTON'S FORCES WITH RUSSIANS THREATENS TO CUT GERMANY SQUARE IN TWO

Breaching the German Central lines in the west with a 50-mile wide penetration, the American 3rd Army spearhead pushed ahead barely 60 miles from Czechoslovakia and 120 miles from Berlin. Patton's breakthrough on a front from Mulhausen to the Werra river south of Meiningen sent American tanks into the rear supply zones of the German Armies facing the Russian Armies of Marshal Konev and General Petrov, now barely 160 miles to the East.

Squeezed from both sides by the coordinated Patton and Pestrov drives, Germany risked being bisected. After five weeks of inaction, Petrov's

facing Prague smashed its way 25 miles deep into Silesia and Czechoslovakia on a 40-mile front to the south in a 50-mile arc in the plains around Vienna, the Red Army laid siege to the Austrian capital and fought their way through the southeastern suburbs.

North of the Third Army, the American Ninth and First Armies slowly but surely tightened their hold on the Ruhr basin. The Ninth Army had also broken loose for a 20-mile gain east of the Teutoburger forest to reach the town of Hameln on the west bank of the Weser river. There, Ninth Army troops were just 22 miles from Hannover, Germany's 12th city.

A 401-mile stretch of the Western's west bank river is in American hands. On the left flank of the Ninth Army, the British Second, raced 36 miles east of captured Osnabrueck to join the Yanks at the town of Minden, and wheeled southward for 7 more miles.

To the west, the Canadian 1st captured the town of Almdorf, cutting off one of the two main railway lines still open to the Germans in Holland.

In the Pacific, A-1 reports said suddenly stiffened resistance had slowed the 10th Army's advance on Okinawa to a snail's pace. The Japanese were fighting hard from prepared positions little more than four miles north of Naha, the island capital. However, 12 days ahead of schedule with the Americans controlling 20 square miles, about one-sixth of the island.

Gen. MacArthur reported the seizure of Masbate a 1,262 square mile island in the Philippines off the southeastern tip of Luzon. The Philippines campaign, MacArthur said, had reached the final stage with the capture of Masbate which completed isolation of Japan's entire stolen empire to the south.

Heavy foundations of bombers and fighters continued sweeps across the China Seas from the Philippines, maintaining a blockade of the Southwest Pacific.

## Expect No Clean Cut Victory Of German Armies

WASHINGTON — Gen. Eisenhower has written Pres. Roosevelt that there probably "will never be a clean cut military surrender" of the German armies, the White House disclosed today.

Eisenhower said that if the present situation continues, V-E day will be signaled only by an Allied proclamation and not by a definite collapse of German resistance.

## Louisiana Fights To Halt Floods

Held a dozen rampaging rivers threatened today to bring Louisiana the worst floods in the state's history.

All available manpower had been marshaled to reinforce levees.



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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A hundred protests on the closing of race tracks and the midnight curfew on night clubs came into the office of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes for every protest that had been received previously on vastly more important stabilization orders. This was a curious manifestation of the American public's apparent unwillingness to sacrifice its luxuries, yet it was only a insignificant part of the big pattern of civilian curbs which Byrnes has issued since last December. Look at the list:
1. Requests Selective Service to draft older men to replace skilled workers furloughed from Army for essential war production.
2. Named Civilian Advisory Board to OWMR, as required by law. It was headed by ex-Governor O. Max Gardner of North Carolina, but its members were the usual list of business, labor and farm group leaders named to all Washington advisory boards. Theoretically the board meets every two weeks. It has been considered somewhat of a dead letter, but it did approve the orders closing the race tracks and other civilian curbs.
3. Directed the War Production Board to issue sanctions (such as shutting off raw materials) to employers who did not comply with War Manpower Commission employment ceilings.
4. Cut back the Maritime Commission shipbuilding program.

TAKEN together these orders constitute a pretty tough hack at an already drastically cut-back civilian economy. That Byrnes could do these things without a word of consequences, say his associates, is due to the fact that he is no longer politically ambitious. He has already organized the small staff, now working on mobilization, to plan for reconversion and carry it out after the defeat of Germany, at which time Byrnes insists he will resign and leave Washington. Having initiated this program, Byrnes on Jan. 15 left Washington for Yalta with the President. When the full story of the Yalta conference can be told, the part played by Justice Byrnes will be revealed as far from significant.

BECAUSE of the drastic nature of some of the recent Byrnes orders on the home front, there has been a tendency to label him a dictator. He is anything but a dictator. Primarily he is a politician and as such he recognizes the necessity for sacrificing here to gain something there. He has sacrificed his own ambitions, plenty, in the interests of party harmony.

Right now his primary objective is to get the war over with, to get the boys back home, to quit Washington and go home himself. To accomplish these things, he thinks it necessary to compromise with civilian life-as-usual, to make certain sacrifices. That is the reason given for his closing race tracks and telling night clubs when to shut up shop.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

THERE will be an unprecedented sports boom when the war is won, and the leading topic among the millions of returnees will be the return match between Sgt. Joe Louis and Cpl. Billy Conn. So writes Lt. Dewey Fragetta from the South Pacific, where the former New York fight promoter and manager pooled 100 G.I.'s as to their opinion on the outcome.

Fragetta leans to Conn because Billy will be at an age when heavyweights are at their best, especially the Irish variety who mature late. There is every reason to suspect that some of the power in Louis' once potent punch will have disappeared with the years, and he will not be as sharp as he was the night he so quickly disposed of Max Schmeling, for example. Fragetta predicts that the old adage, "They never lose their punch," will prove false.

Louis will be 31 on May 13. Conn will not be 28 until next October 5.

ANOTHER important angle in connection with their second edition will be Conn's increased weight and whether he will retain his speed with added poundage. Naturally, he will hit harder, but the question is whether that will offset any loss in speed. Conn weighed no more than 174 when the 193½-pound Louis caught up with him in the 13th round, June 18, 1941. The Pittsburgh Collier Ad now scales 195, and probably will resume ring work at 185.

Mike Jacobs says the Louis-Conn encore will gross \$2,000,000 and that if television is operating

the combatants will share in an additional \$5,000,000. The action would be piped to theaters, halls and auditoriums from Maine to California, with the promoter and gladiators taking percentages. To the 82,000 persons who saw it their biggest sports thrill came at the Polo Grounds the night of Sept. 14, 1933, when Louis and Angel Firpo clubbed Jack Dempsey out of the ring in the first round. Asked his biggest moment in the ring, Firpo, in a letter from Buenos Aires, asserts that it came when he knocked out Jess Williams in the eighth round at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City the afternoon of July 12, 1923. "It was the first time I fought a man bigger than myself and an ex-champion," explains Dead Pan Lodie. "Winning meant a match with Dempsey for the title. When Willard came helmeted under my body bombardment, I felt as if I had the championship within my grasp. "The Dempsey fight? That was no thrill. "It was my biggest disappointment—until the following day when Tex Rickard handed me a check for \$200,000 for it." Luis Angel Firpo always did get around to money.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



NEWS FROM

Carbon

(By Special Correspondent)

CARBON, April 2.—College students visiting their homes here this week included Misses Bonnie Jean Poe and Betty Jo Hale, attending Teachers' College, Denton, who are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Poe and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hale; Miss Olga Leigh Underwood of Abilene Christian College, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Underwood.

Jack Stubblefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stubblefield and who is with the 35th Infantry Division in Germany, was promoted to Corporal on February 12th, inst. Cpl. Stubblefield is a graduate of Carbon high school and was a student at Texas A. and M. College when inducted into the armed service. He trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, only 17 weeks before going overseas.

Eugene Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guy, has been promoted to Private First Class at Poyte Army Air Base, Pfc. Guy is a graduate of Carbon High School and was employed as an aircraft sheet metal worker at Ellington Field, Houston, before entering the service on March 16, 1943.

Closing the week's service observing Holy Week, the young people's department of the Methodist church, gave a pageant Sunday evening entitled "Even So Send I You," which was directed by Mrs. T. E. Robertson. Music was directed by Ben Stephenson, Miss Laura Francis Hightower accompanying.

Rev. Seba Kirkpatrick, Methodist pastor suggested plans for religious services to be observed on V-Day.

Mrs. Joe Hamilton and children of Gorman visited Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Ford and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Townsend, who has been in Fort Worth several months, spent the past week here.

Mrs. Ira Greenwood visited her grandmother, Mrs. Will Lovell, Friday enroute to Camp Hood where her husband is stationed.

Miss Geneva Jackson, who is teaching at Dadeville, spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jackson.

Mrs. Leo Huckabee, who has been here with her father, M. C. Boone, who is ill, returned Sunday to her home in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tate of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Saturday.

Pvt. Elmer Richardson of Camp Howze, Gainesville, is spending his furlough here with his parents, Tommie Reed, with the Navy, and stationed in California, is

spending his furlough here with Bridges. his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Reed.

Pvt. Julian Greenwood, stationed in California, is spending his furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greenwood.

Sgt. Edgar White has returned from Seagraves where he visited friends.

Mrs. J. W. Vaughn accompanied her daughter in law, Mrs. Maurice Vaughn, home Saturday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burnett and son have returned to their home in Dig Spring after several days visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hays, here.

Mrs. Herbert Phillips and daughter of Fort Worth, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Phillip and Mrs. H. A. Phillips.

Mrs. Luellen Kitchen and children of Fort Worth are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Murphy.

M. C. Tucker spent the past week end in San Angelo with his children, M. C. Tucker, Jr. and family, and Mrs. A. D. Thurman, Jr. and family.

Miss Laura Francis Hightower, who is teaching in Marlin, spent the Easter Holidays here with her grandmother, Mrs. Francis

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Freckles And His Friends



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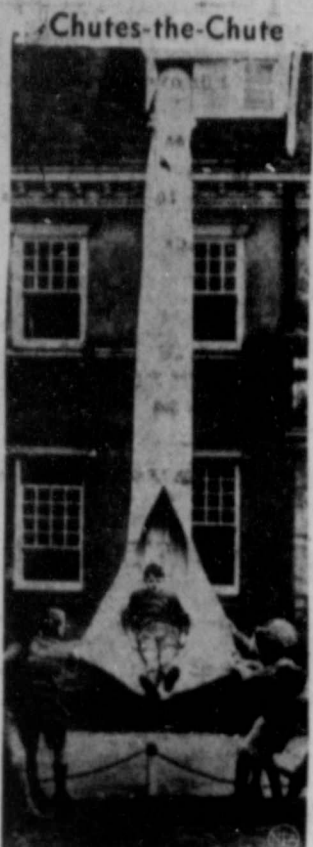
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Chutes-the-Chute  
Fire drill to these young school-children of Hindhead, England, is fun, for they take time out from studies for practice of fire drill at Amesbury school. Rigged through the third-story window, playmates hold one end taut while boy "chutes-the-chute."

### Crossword Puzzle

#### U. S. Naval Air Unit

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depleted is
  - 2 Scouting
  - 3 U. S. naval aviation
  - 4 Father of mother
  - 5 Mountain crest
  - 6 Superintendent
  - 7 Chest bone
  - 8 More facile
  - 9 Sheltered side
  - 10 Czar
  - 11 Roman road
  - 12 Sleeping furniture (pl.)
  - 13 Caterpillar, hairs
  - 14 Ringlets
  - 15 Seines
  - 16 Gaelic
  - 17 Size of shot
  - 18 Any
  - 19 Story
  - 20 Asiatic kingdom
  - 21 More crippled
  - 22 Slaves
  - 23 God of war
  - 24 Lamprays
  - 25 Rabbit
  - 26 Society for Physical Research (ab.)
  - 27 Take into custody
  - 28 Expiry
  - 29 Cuban trogon
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Markets
  - 2 Is ascended
  - 3 Payment back
  - 4 That one
  - 5 Born
  - 6 Equal
  - 7 Arrival (ab.)
  - 8 Rupees (ab.)
  - 9 Catchers of eels
  - 10 Sewing implement
  - 11 Lock of hair
  - 12 Hops' kiln
  - 13 Contend
  - 17 Sixth
  - 18 Clatter
  - 19 Mallet
  - 20 Compound
  - 21 Stop
  - 22 Marine fish
  - 23 Mallet
  - 24 Chaplet
  - 25 Kind of sheep
  - 26 Endures
  - 27 Plants
  - 28 God of love
  - 29 Make a mistake
  - 30 Lion
  - 31 Steamship (ab.)
  - 32 Noah's bow
  - 33 Road
  - 34 On account (ab.)
  - 35 Manuscript (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### CAMPFIRE GIRLS MEET ON MONDAY

The Cheschamaw and Wicks Campfire Girls groups met Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce with the meeting under the direction of Mrs. C. J. McKinney and Mrs. Wyatt, guardians.

A business meeting was held in which plans were made for a meeting to be held at the First Baptist church Sunday, April 8 at 11:00 a. m.

Miss Rita Mooney is expected home today from a visit in Baytown where she was the guest of her brother, Jack Mooney, and Mrs. Mooney.

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### NEWS FROM Olden

(By Special Correspondent)

OLDEN, TEXAS—April 2—Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lee and daughter, spent the past week-end visiting in Japan.

L. Virgil Hamilton from Lubbock Army Air Field, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Miss Bernice Warren, who is taking nurse training in San Antonio, was in Olden visiting her mother and other relatives during the Easter holidays.

Miss Nancy Kuhn was home for Easter Sunday.

Miss Joyce Hendricks, who is a student at Tardion College, Stephenville, spent the Easter holidays here with her family.

The J. G. Hendricks' family were Rotan visitors Sunday.

Pvt. Earl Sims of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, accompanied by his wife and son, visited his parents here a few hours Sunday.

Pvt. Millard Bryant of Camp Hood visited his family here this week.

Pvt. Buster Bryant, who is serving somewhere in the South Pacific, has been promoted to private first class.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Roper of Eastland spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sims.

Miss Laura Simer, a teacher in the Wichita Falls schools, spent several days here last week with her mother.

O. H. Beshell, superintendent of the Magnolia Paper Line, and who has been transferred to Danville, Indiana, was honored with a banquet Saturday night at the Comptel hotel in Eastland. Eighty-five guests were present to wish Mr. Beshell the best of luck in his new position. All agreed that "Tex" is "Loss" was "Indiana's" gain.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Dover of Breckenridge were guests of his sister, Mrs. J. T. Daifern, and Mrs. Lon Crank, Sunday. Mrs. Crank accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs. John Clary, Roy Stewart, Mrs. William Clary and little son, and Roy Nerris, all of Dallas, and Mrs. George Wright and family of Eastland, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Higgins of Eastland, were Easter guests of Mrs. May A. Wright, here. They are children and grand children of Mrs. Wright's.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cherry and daughter, Miss Jo Ann have returned to their home in Dallas after the Easter holidays with Mrs. Cherry's mother, Mrs. John M. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McRae and Children of Midland have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Haganman.

Mrs. Owen Bray and Mrs. Bill Smith of Houston are here for a visit with relatives and friends. Both formerly made their homes in Ranger.

Mrs. A. J. Ratliff, Mrs. M. H. Haganman and Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth are in Cisco today to attend an area conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

C. F. Hicks of Orange is the guest of his son, H. R. Hicks, and Mrs. Hicks. He joins his wife and Mrs. M. Lambright who have been visiting the Hicks for several days.

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### NEWS FROM Desdemona

(By special correspondent)

DESDEMONA, Tex. April 2—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Guthery and R. C. Koonce visited relatives in Munday the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutton Stockton of Hereford visited her father, J. N. Duke, last Monday.

Wilton Wier of Fort Worth is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. C. Koonce, this week.

Arthur Leroy Tarpley A.S. of the Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tarpley, this week.

Lt. and Mrs. W. W. Strassberg left Monday for his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they will visit his parents for a few days before going to Florida where he is stationed.

Sgt. John J. Holland left last Monday for his base at Bosh Field, Florida, after a few days visit with relatives here.

Mrs. C. W. Wier and son, Deayne, have returned to their home in Fort Worth after a visit of a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Koonce.

Mrs. Floyd W. Moore and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byson of Victor, Sunday.

J. E. Rushing, S-1, is visiting his mother, while on furlough.

Pvt. Gerald Langdon visited home folks here the past week end.

Pvt. Thurman Short of Camp Hood visited his wife and parents here over the past week end.

Pvt. Buddie Sharp is home on leave for a visit with his parents.

### A SONG TO REMEMBER

THE STORY: Frederic suddenly blossoms on three people enter the cafe where he is dining with Josef Elmer and a young acquaintance named Sowinski.

XVII

GEORGE SAND

"A!" Josef Elmer said. "Liszt!" Sowinski pushed his chair back and turned to look.

But Frederic's eyes were not for Liszt. They were fastened on the woman with him—a woman the like of whom he had never before set eyes on. She was not beautiful in the sense that women are usually judged to be beautiful. Her complexion was dark, almost olive-skinned. Her hair was black. Her eyes, rather close together, were clear without being lustrous, and as black as her hair. Her nose was thick and not too shapely. But the most remarkable thing was her appearance—she was dressed not as a woman but as a man—in trousers, in a waistcoat and a high hat that set jauntily on her head.

Sowinski said: "You are looking, Monsieur, at the most scandalous woman in Paris."

"Who is she?"

"—Sand—George Sand."

"The writer?"

"She's better known for other things." Sowinski smiled maliciously. "As well, Monsieur, you don't attract her attention."

"—Well!" cried a startled Liszt.

"Chopin!"

Frederic rose.

—And Professor—

Liszt took Josef Elmer's trembling hand. "George, there he is—this fine fellow I told you about. Let me present Frederic Chopin—and Professor—Professor—"

—Elmer—Josef Elmer."

"And this," Frederic said, "is Monsieur Sowinski."

Franz Liszt said: "Gentlemen, George Sand, Gentlemen, Alfred de Musset."

Alfred de Musset nodded with an effort.

"I hope, Monsieur Chopin, you will like Paris," George Sand said. "I am sure Paris will like you."

Frederic gulped as he had gulped first meeting Liszt.

Liszt, Sand and Alfred de Musset moved on to their table.

"—The concert!" called out Liszt. "I'll be there!"

"—FREDERIC, she is a man!" Sowinski roared. Diners turned to gaze.

The waiter had brought the soups, steaming hot.

Josef Elmer said: "The woman—the man—whichever—whatever—"

"—Professor!"

"—Tch, tch, I am only saying. No matter, you heard Liszt? Eh? He will be there!" Josef Elmer spilled some soup on his waistcoat. "Tch, tch!"

"—So that's de Musset?"

"—Never heard of him," Sowinski said.

"Frederic, your soup! It's getting cold."

Frederic said: "What do you know about her?"

Josef Elmer looked out of the corner of his eye at Sowinski.

—Writes books. Wrecks lives."

"She?"

"It's what they say."

"—Humph." Josef Elmer spilled a little more soup.

Sowinski said: "It's what they say. But the way I look at it—if it wasn't true they wouldn't say it."

A waiter interrupted. "Your orders, Messieurs?"

Josef Elmer was looking for the menu—with your music—"Josef Elmer looked with stern eyes at the waiter. "It was here—"

"Excuse me, Monsieur—I took it away—"

"—Away—where?" Josef Elmer half rose from his chair.

"It doesn't matter, Professor—I remember the notes—"

Josef Elmer pulled. "Not the point! Not at all! This is a room full of artists—and artists—are all thieves!"

"Above the scraping of chairs, above murmurs—a whistled tune—a melody—"

Frederic said: "That's it!"

—It was his; the melody he had noted down on the reverse side of the missing menu. It was being whistled by—of all persons—the podgy, middle-aged individual who had so insultingly said the name—Chopin! and whom Josef Elmer had stopped to reprimand.

JOSEF ELSNER reached the table of the grumpy, middle-aged individual. He seized the menu on which Frederic's notes were scribbled. "How dare you! A man of your type should have nothing—nothing to do with music!"

The fat bewhiskered face of the grumpy individual began to quiver.

"—Tch, tch—it goes without saying your whistle—humph—was flat—absolutely flat!"

"—You say that?"

"—Tch—"

"—To me—with my ear—reminiscent!"

"Your ear! With both your ears! I'm not through! That was written—for your information—yes—written by Frederic Chopin! And he is my pupil—my friend and pupil—"

—Josef Elmer—Professor Elmer, his teacher! Yes! And you'll be reading about us, Monsieur!"

Josef Elmer was working not only his jaw, he was working his neck also, to say nothing of his hands.

The bewhiskered individual now on his feet, choked on words, still to be uttered. "On the contrary," he managed to say, "on the contrary! I'll not be reading about you! No! I'll be writing about you!"

"—Humph."

"—Yes. My name, Monsieur—is Kalkbrenner!"

It was Josef Elmer's turn to gulp. He gulped. He swallowed. He craned his neck. His jaw stopped working. "Kalkbrenner?"

"—Kalkbrenner!"

"Oh! Josef Elmer said in a whisper: "My God—"

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