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Prisoners of War In The United States —How They Live

Of more than 180,000 prisoners of war now held in over 100 permanent camps in the United States, 130,000 are Germans and 50,000 are Italians, the Office of War Information reports. Only 200 Japanese prisoners of war, taken captive on the high seas or in isolated outposts have been brought to this country.

German and Italian prisoners are here for three reasons: 1, it is more economical to bring them to this country than to ship food overseas for them; 2, it is dangerous to keep a large group of the enemy in the rear of the fighting troops; and 3, American soldiers overseas may be better utilized otherwise than in guarding prisoners of war.

Although Japan did not ratify the Geneva Convention, which governs most of the civilized nations in their internment of prisoners of war, this country is treating the Japanese with the same consideration given Germans and Italians. Japan agreed to follow the convention "so far as applicable" but has not permitted neutral observers to visit camps where Americans are held.

While Japanese prisoners in this country may be visited by representatives of the International Red Cross, the YMCA, and the protecting power, Spain, the Japanese prisoners are disinterested. The Japanese refused to send "capture-cards" to their families and they want no reports made to their government. They have never received any mail or gifts from their homeland. In Japan, they are considered dead, and funeral services already have been held for them. Italians and Germans, however, are eager for mail and parcels from home and talk freely with representatives of the International Red Cross, the YMCA, and their protecting power, Switzerland. Their "gripes" are the usual complaints of a soldier.

Most German prisoners are confident of a Nazi victory and they look upon American newspaper accounts of Allied victories as propaganda or temporary setbacks.

Prisoner of war camps are like a few square miles of Germany or Italy transplanted to America. Occasionally a German or Italian soldier may be seen wearing all his insignia or his decorations on his American uniform, on which are stamped letters "P. W."

Prisoners may listen to the radio, tuned only to local stations. They may subscribe to American newspapers, even foreign language papers, but none printed in their own countries. German communiques as printed in the New York Times are translated and regularly put on bulletin boards.

There are libraries in all prisoner of war camps, and the PWs may own books passed by the camp censor. Nazi propaganda literature is not permitted, although many German language books are included in library collections. Scientific textbooks are favorites, but German classics are widely read. In one camp with 2,000 prisoners, 300 are now studying English.

The International Red Cross, the life-line between the PWs and their own people, operates seven ships that regularly cross the seas. From Philadelphia they head toward Marseille, with parcels and mail for Americans in prison camps, for other Allied soldiers in Axis hands and for the American Civilian internees of Europe. On their return they bring parcels and mail to the German and Italian PWs here. These seven ships are the only ones in the world that may sail from one belligerent country to another.

The PW spokesman, elected by the prisoners, keeps close contact with the International Red Cross representative, but the visiting

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Graduate Club Elects Officers

During chapel period on June 22 the graduate club organized and elected officers for the summer term.

The officers elected were: president, Laura Jean Taylor; secretary-treasurer, Glonda Claiborne; and chairman of the social committee, Marjorie Ballard.

About 27 members of the class were present.

Masonic Bodies Install Officers

The three Masonic organizations installed officers for the ensuing year Monday night, June 26th, with joint ceremonies. There was a large attendance. Supper was served in the lodge room buffet. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

The new officers are as follows: Commerce Lodge No. 439, A. F. & A. M.

Forrest L. Sheely.....W. M.
C. B. Barclay.....S. W.
James W. DeLay.....J. W.
F. H. Morgan.....Treas.
Herbert Wheeler.....Sec.
Hal O'Neal.....S. D.
C. W. Hevron.....J. D.
A. B. Cranford.....S. S.
L. G. McCullar.....J. S.
W. W. Freeman.....Chap.
J. H. Brigrance.....Tiler
Commerce Chapter No. 201

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Chas. B. Barclay.....H. P.
E. W. Weems.....E. K.
Paul C. James.....E. S.
F. H. Morgan.....Treas.
Herbert Wheeler.....Secretary
W. W. Freeman.....C. O. H.
C. R. Griffiths.....P. S.
L. G. McCullar.....R. A. C.
H. M. Dyer.....M. 3rd V.
C. W. Hevron.....M. 2nd V.
W. P. Arrington.....M. 1st V.
J. H. Brigrance.....Guard
Commerce Council No. 139,
R. & S. M.

S. C. Tucker.....T. I. M.
L. G. McCullar.....R. I. D. M.
C. W. Hevron.....I. P. C.
F. H. Morgan.....Recorder
Herbert Wheeler.....Recorder
Chas. B. Barclay.....C. O. G.
D. C. Abernathy.....C. O. C.
Paul C. James.....Steward
J. H. Brigrance.....Sentinel

Cars Must Have New Stickers By July 1

Hon. W. A. Thomas, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second Collection District of Texas, Dallas, Texas, announces that instructions have been forwarded to all Zone Deputy Internal Revenue Collectors in the 14 North Texas Counties comprising his District to be on the alert for automobiles in use on and after July 1, without having properly affixed and displayed the automobile use stamp for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944. The stamps evidence payment of the \$5 automobile use tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and must be purchased on or before that date.

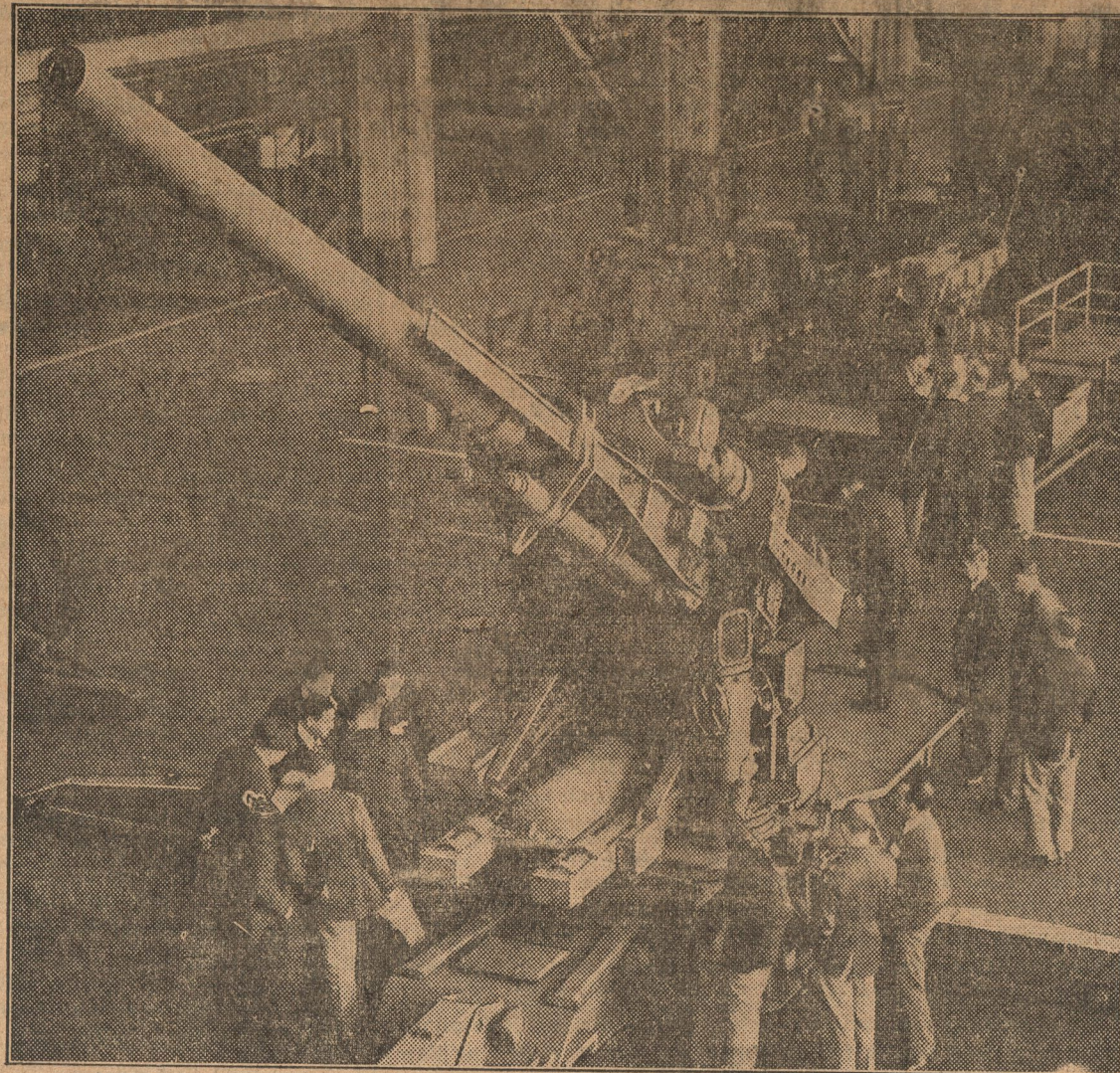
Every owner of a motor vehicle which is used upon the highway should call at his local Post Office to secure the \$5 use tax stamp and affix it to his vehicle on or before July 1.

Commerce Man Quinlan Principal

QUINLAN.—The Quinlan board of trustees elected J. W. Bigony of Commerce, as principal of the Quinlan school. Mr. Bigony has been teaching in West Texas for the past ten years. He received his degree from East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce.

The AAF has more than 200 heavy bombardment, medium bombardment, fighter and reconnaissance groups, of which almost all are committed to action overseas and to continental defense.

Army's New 'Stratosphere' Gun



THIS GIANT 4.7 anti-aircraft gun, the largest mobile weapon of its kind, was produced at the Grand Rapids Stamping Division plant of the Fisher Body Division of General Motors. Size of the weapon dwarfs man as can be seen in the photo above, taken at a time when United States Army officers toured the plant with Fisher officials. The gun which was designed by the Army and is being built by Fisher Body can fire a shell higher than present-day planes.

Baptist Students Begin Activities

Beginning activities of the Baptist students on the campus was a "ridiculous wedding" held on June 23. The wedding was followed with refreshments and all the other trimmings.

Another part of the Baptist student work is the Y. W. A. All young women are asked to come to the meeting on Monday night, July 3, at 7:00. Patty Jones will sing "O Zion Haste."

Repairing And Oiling Streets

The City has started patching and re-oiling the streets of the city. Mayor Patman states that the weather is right for this work and that a number of additional streets are to also be oiled, that is, streets that have never before been oiled.

"Much time and effort is now being given to the streets of Commerce and the work will continue until they are once more put back in good state of repair," said Mayor Patman.

Perry M Smith Commissioned

Perry M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Smith of Commerce, was commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve at Plattsburg, New York, June 26.

He received his training as a member of the V-12 program at Arlington and T. C. U. before being sent to Plattsburg.

Ensign Smith is a graduate of the Training school and attended East Texas State before entering the Navy. He was member of the Friar Fraternity.

He will arrive here shortly to visit his parents before being assigned to active duty.

Tom Young, Jr., OK

Tom Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Young of this city, was burned by an explosion some two weeks ago. It was thought at first that his eyes were injured but it is learned that he has fully recovered and has been dismissed from the military hospital. He is in the army stationed at Honolulu Hawaii islands.

Buy More War Bonds.

Independents Meet To Plan Picnic, Elect Officers

The Independent students on the campus met Monday night for the purpose of electing officers and for planning a picnic. The picnic is to be on Friday night, July 7. All persons interested in attending the picnic should pay 25c to Joy Harper or Dorothy Wood by Wednesday night, July 5. The Independent's plan to meet at the "T" bench Friday at 7:00 and leave from there to go to the picnic grounds.

Officers elected to serve during the summer term are: chairman, Dorothy Wood; vice-chairman, Rose Marie Hughes; secretary-treasurer, Joy Harper; and reporter, Margorie Dodson.

Any student on the campus is asked to attend this by paying 25c to either of the two persons mentioned above.

Lt. Louis Smith, Jr. Honored In Italy

Lieut. Louis I. Smith, Jr., United States Army Air Forces, who is stationed somewhere in Italy, has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, along with three other officers of his crew, for action over enemy territory, according to information received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Smith, Sr.

Two members of the bomber crew, of which Lieut. Smith is the bombardier, have been awarded the Purple Heart. They have been in action over seven different countries.

Staley McBrayer

Staley McBrayer, one time E. T. student and later a member of the Journal staff but who now owns a printing plant in Fort Worth, entered the army about six months ago. He is stationed at the Reception Center, Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells. He is an instructor for new army men and is editor of two army publications and bears the rank of sergeant. Mrs. McBrayer is running the business in his absence.

Thunder is rarely heard at a distance of 15 or 20 miles, but the discharge of a cannon as far as 100 miles.

Annual Homemaking Conference To Be Held Here Soon

The Annual Conference for Homemaking Teachers in this area will be held here in the Homemaking department in the Science building. The meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Oneta Pierce, and Lenora Walters, area supervisors.

The principal speaker will be Miss Ruth Huey, Homemaking Education State Board for Vocational Education. Other speakers will be Mr. James R. T. Eddy, Director of Trades and Industries, State Board for Vocational Education and Dr. Kenneth Evans, head of the sociology department at E. T.

Approximately fifty homemaking teachers are planning to come to the conference which will be from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on July 6 and 7.

Public Invited To Hear Miss Luce

Miss Allent Luce will present a program on the music of Latin America at 8:40 Monday morning, June 26, in the College Auditorium. She has had wide experience in the music and teaching field in several countries of Latin America, having lived in Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Argentina. She compiled for publication a collection of Latin American music which has been extensively used in music and school centers of this and other countries.

Miss Luce is coming to the College under the auspices of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs of Washington. She will be the first of several outstanding consultants in special fields who will present special lectures here this summer and will also be available for conferences with participants in the Inter-American Workshop as well as with other student and faculty members.

Map On Egg Laid By Commerce Hen

DALLAS NEWS — An ordinary Rhode Island Red probably influenced by world events, has laid an extraordinary egg on which there is an outline of a map of the United States.

The egg was received by Clarice Williams, 2700 Hibernia. It came from the Commerce (Hunt County) chicken yard of her mother, Susie Williams.

The states on the map are slightly raised. One not any too familiar with geography could vouch that the shapes are exactly accurate, but the hen did all right by Texas.

The same hen is said to have laid a second egg portraying a map of some country not yet identified. Perhaps another post-war plan.

Commerce Men Attend Road Meet

J. G. Grove and T. A. Smith attended the annual meeting of the Texas Goods Roads Association in Austin last Wednesday. While in Austin they conferred with the State Highway Engineer and with members of the Highway Commission in regard to the road plans for Hunt County, and especially the road from Commerce to Wolfe City.

Mr. Smith is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Grove is Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Road Committee.

According to a Gallup poll, sixty per cent of the people believe Germany will begin making plans for another world war as soon as she is defeated. Such being the case, one hundred per cent of the Allies should be more determined than ever that Nazi plans do not reach first base.

George Pixley And Olva Broadfoot Have Been Added To E. T. Music Department

Greenville Child Electrocuted

(From Greenville Banner)
Billy Ray Edgar, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edgar, 2308 Fickett street, was electrocuted about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon when he picked up a battery radio ground wire while playing in the yard. His grandmother, Mrs. Alfred Edgar, was badly burned on the right hand when she rushed to the child's assistance.

It is believed that the child died instantly after coming in contact with the wire which investigation disclosed was not connected with the ground. The radio was in operation at the time and it was estimated that the youngster received at least four hundred volts.

Mrs. Edgar is said to have observed her grandson lying on the ground and when she attempted to jerk him loose from the wire she was burned. Hearing her scream, W. T. (Skipper) Wright, who was nearby, rushed to her aid and was himself jarred by the voltage before he succeeded in knocking the wire loose with a piece of wood.

The child was badly burned on the right hand and arm. He was rushed to a hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival. Artificial respiration efforts failed to produce any signs of life.

Pfc. Roi Cornish, Seeing the World

Pfc. Roi H. Cornish, Jr., son of Roi Cornish, Sr., manager of the Gulf State Telephone Co., at Commerce, has been doing some fast traveling since being inducted into the Army at Camp Wolters Reception Center, Mineral Wells, March 19, 1943.

From Mineral Wells he was sent to Atlantic City, N. J., which was well known in pre-war days as a place where "Miss America" as the most beautiful girl in the world, was selected each year from representatives of every state in America. Later he was transferred to Camp Charles Wood, Fort Monmouth, N. J.; then to the Army Air Field, Birmingham, Ala.; from there to the maneuvers area in Tenn. He was then sent to Esler Field, La., and afterwards up to the Aiken Army Air Field, Aiken, S. C., and in a card received here by his father several days ago, Roi Jr. informed him that he had arrived, by request of the Army Air Forces, at Cross City Army Air Field, Cross City, Fla.

Oh, well,—"Just a chip off the old block."
His address now is: Pfc. Roi H. Cornish, Jr., 38433953, 340th Air-drome Sqdn., Cross City Army Air Field, Cross City, Fla.

Baby Hogue

Little Miss Verde Kathleen, who arrived here last week, June 15, at Allen's Hospital, kept her grandmother, Lilly Hogue so busy that she forgot to tell the paper about her, until Wednesday. Verda Kathleen is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Murrel E. Hogue, and is planning on making sister and brother, Aunt Kathleen and Grandmother step-around.

Mrs. John Cory

Mrs. John Cory has begun her work as student secretary of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cory is taking the place vacated by Ouida Barnes.

Those "shall nots" in the Ten Commandments look pretty hard, but it doesn't pay to go "agin" them.

Some of our biggest troubles got their way because they were carefully nursed from infancy.

Billy Cotton Saved From Volcano Isle

Eleventh Army Air Force Headquarters, Alaska, June 26 (AP).—The eruption of Mount Cleveland, which began June 10 and is still continuing, has prompted the evacuation of an army installation on Chuginadak Island and possibly has taken one life, the 11th Army Air Force announced.

Mount Cleveland is a volcano on Chuginadak Island in the islands of the four mountains group in the Eastern Aleutian area. Eruptions accompanied by severe earthquakes began in full force during the afternoon of June 10. Army personnel stationed there reported rocks "as automobiles" belched from the crater over the entire island.

A rescue party headed by Capt. Donald Drewes, Minneapolis, Minn., arrived that night but while evacuation and recovery of material was going on the following morning "the entire mountain top blew off," army witnesses reported. Lava and rock were scattered over the island and the Bering Sea for miles around.

Capt. Drewes said the missing soldier was probably lost in the first hour of the eruption. His companions said he apparently had advanced too close to the volcano in an attempt to evaluate the danger and was knocked unconscious or killed by falling rock and his body later covered by lava which had poured down the mountain for three miles when the rescue party left.

Taken from the island were: Pfc. Billy J. Cotton, Commerce, Tex.; Pfc. Kenneth L. Tilsenberner, Lead, S. D.; Sgt. William Bigger, Hill, N. C.; and Sgt. Alexander Alcantara (1836 N. E. Davis St.), Portland, Ore.

James Wallace Gets Recognition
James Wallace, Cotton Belt engineer and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wallace of Commerce, was sent by the company to Chicago to familiarize himself with the new giant CB Diesel Electric engines being put into service on the Cotton Belt. These are 5-400-horse power locomotives for freight service.

Engineer Wallace's run is from Pine Bluff to Memphis. This big new locomotive that he will drive is 193 feet long, over 14 feet high, and nine feet ten inches wide and weighs about 450 tons. This is a responsible job for a 29-year-old engineer. James was a paper carrier for the Commerce Journal when a small boy.

A picture of this big engine will be found in this issue of the Journal.

The U. S. Army Air Forces has more than 75,000 airplanes of all types, of which approximately 34,000 are combat aircraft. More than 17,000 of the combat planes are overseas.

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IT LIVES IN HEARTS

This Fourth of July many Americans will not pause from their busy routines to commemorate the day of their country's birth. Many parks, beaches, and other picnic grounds usually crowded on this holiday will miss the light-hearted pleasure-seekers. No fireworks will brighten the heavens and add brilliance to the day.

Yet in the heart of every American there will be rejoicing—rejoicing over every inch of Nazi soil taken by our troops, over every Japanese plane shot down. A fierce rejoicing knowing there is much ahead, but that victory is certain.

We have not in the least forgotten the significance of this day. We realize more than ever its true meaning, a meaning that set it aside as a national holiday. We realize now that it is not just picnics, carnivals, and fireworks, but that it means peace to the heart of every American. It means no more devastation of peace-loving communities, no more wrecked lives and dreams, no more casualty lists.

And until the time comes when we can again observe such a day, America will continue to hope and pray and fight. Whether it be July 4th, or any of the other 364 days of the year, its significance will not be inferior, not even to Independence day.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Today, America is facing the greatest crisis in all its history. The democracy that is so dear to all of us is under cruel and treacherous attack. The soldier is marching forth once more to defend the Four Freedoms—the foundation of our government. If he is willing to sacrifice his life's blood so that democracy may survive, surely we students should express our gratitude by capably preparing ourselves for an important position in the world of tomorrow. In order to preserve the fundamental institutions of our government and promote the advancement of society, we MUST practice courage, service, honesty, and fellowship—the high qualities that constitute character. It is essential that we set a goal to attain, build up confidence in ourselves, and express our opinions freely, or we can never be of any value to ourselves, or friends, or our country.

Listening to and reading after the multitudinous reformers afflicting the world at this time with their proposed "cures," one would think that everything our forefathers and ancestors did for 5,000 years back was wrong.

The war is not nearly over but the prospect looks good enough that Government and business are already taking steps to be ready for peace times.

The people who buy enough war bonds will be able to retire in old age instead of just give up or ask for an old age pension.

Bond Rally Yields Over \$187,000 Wed.

The bond rally held in Commerce Wednesday drew a large crowd. Maybe it was the movie stars, the Majors Field band, etc. Anyway the people from town and country gathered on the public square, roped off for the time with a platform built for the occasion, and stood their ground in a broiling sun to listen to the patriotic talks and appeals to buy bonds.

And they bought them—more than \$187,000 worth, exceeding considerably the bond sales at a similar rally held in Greenville by the same talent Wednesday morning. The crowd was scattered for awhile by a shower, which tempered the heat, but the buyers came back and kept buying.

A number of articles, contributed by local merchants, were auctioned off to the highest bidder (the person who would buy the most bonds). For instance:

Gus White kept bidding until he made a \$5,000 bond purchase to get an automobile tire. Must have had a flat.

W. H. Chadwick got so stuck on a bull calf that he bid a \$25,000 bond purchase to get it.

The total bond purchases here have not yet reached the quota of 275,000, but if the people who have not yet bought bonds will do so right away, and those who have bought will buy a little more, the quota will be reached, and the committee and the community will be proud.

UNITED NATIONS AT WAR

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALIANS

Approximately 5,000,000 pounds of clothing already have been collected by various organizations in the U. S. and are being prepared for shipment to civilians in Rome and other liberated areas of Italy, officials of the American Relief for Italy, Inc., have reported to the president's War Relief Control Board. Early this month, the President's WRBC recommended approval of the application for \$1,600,000 to provide supplemental relief for Italian civilians in liberated areas, and to date the National War Fund has advanced \$450,000 toward that program. The public will not be asked to donate funds toward this particular program, although full support is urged in the current clothing collection program.

AMERICANS WITH POLISH CORPS

Six young American ambulance drivers, some of Polish descent, are among the auxiliary forces attached to the Polish Corps, the Polish Facts and Figures booklet says. The American volunteered for a year's service. They do not receive pay and they pay their own board.

CHINA'S FIRST BLOOD BANK

China has established its first blood bank in Kunning and the wounded Chinese soldiers will soon be given transfusions with blood plasma that Chinese blood bank members made in the U. S., the Voice of China reports. Arriving in Kunning from America, the director of the bank brought with him many specialist and large quantities of apparatus and medicine. As soon as the apparatus, all donated by the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, is set up, Chinese blood donors may begin offering blood to the bank.

DAMES TO RESCUE ALLIED FLYERS

The Danes consider it an honor to get the opportunity to hide Allied airmen who either crash or are forced to make emergency landings in Denmark, according to the Danish Information Service. The Danish underground organization recently formed life-saving squads who are to specialize in tending Allied airmen and prevent them from falling into German hands.

CHINESE EXPERTS TO AMERICA

One of the Chinese shipbuilding experts assigned to the United States to study construction methods has already arrived, and another 22 will leave for the U. S., according to a broadcast reported by U. S. government monitors. China also plans to send more than 40 experts in economics, agriculture and social affairs to the U. S. to discuss plans to be carried out in China under the lend-lease program.

NEW TOWN TO BE NAMED LIDICE

A new town in the interior of the state of Rio, Brazil, will be named Lidice, July 10, in commemoration of the Czechoslovak town whose inhabitants were massacred by the Nazis, the Czechoslovak Government Information Service announces.

AUSSIES GET NEW RATION BOOKS

New ration books and cards good for 12 months were issued to Australian civilians, the Australian News and Information Bureau says. Clothing coupons are now on cards and food coupons are in books. Food coupons for butter, sugar and tea are printed in black, red and green for different age groups.

NAZIS IMPRISON HUNGARIANS

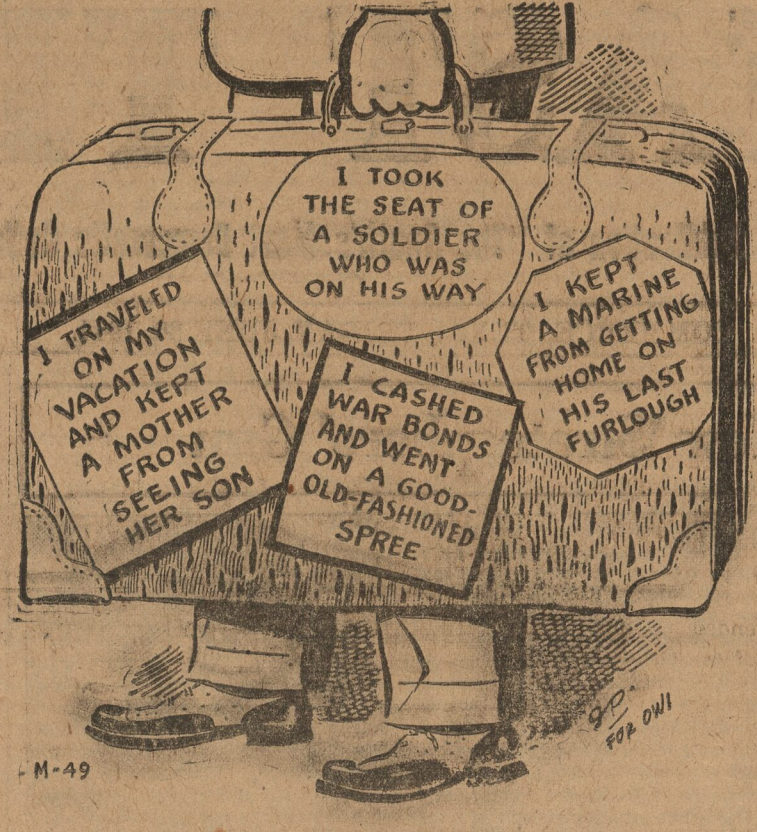
The Nazis have imprisoned more than 200,000 Hungarians who refused to support the puppet regime, according to a Swedish article reported to the Office of War Information. In Budapest, several hundred teachers were dismissed for using "the wrong educational methods."

CANADIAN RED CROSS FOOD PARCELS

The ten-millionth Red Cross food parcel for Canadian and British prisoners of war was packed June 5 by Canadian women, the Canadian War-time Information Board says. These prisoners each receive one parcel weekly. In the future prisoners of allied countries will receive one parcel monthly from the Canadian Red Cross.

NAZIS BAN SUNDAY RAIL TRAVEL

Inter-city passenger railway



TRAVEL STICKERS OF 1944

TOWN AND FARM

ARMY TRUCKS FOR FARM USE

The farmer in critical need of a truck may apply to his county AAA Committee for a used army truck, the War Food Administration announces. Upon the basis of applications on hand and further investigation, AAA offices prepare letters certifying to the needs for available trucks. These letters authorize truck dealers to negotiate with proper authorities and buy the trucks for resale to approved applicants. WFA warns that for some time relatively few persons who need trucks for essential agricultural purposes will get them.

GALVANIZED WARE FOR CIVILIANS

Increased production of galvanized pails or buckets, tubs, wash-tubs, wash boilers, funnels, garbage cans, ash cans, fire shovels, coal hods and scuttles for civilian use have been permitted by easing of the War Production Board restrictions.

PLENTIFUL FOODS FOR JULY

Foods that will be plentiful in most of the country during July include—eggs; canned green and wax beans; frozen vegetables; dry-mix and dehydrated soups; peanut butter; citrus marmalade; soya flour, grits and flakes;

travel is forbidden on Sundays throughout Germany and the occupied areas of Poland and Czechoslovakia in order to make locomotives and crews available for handling freight traffic important to the war effort, according to a DNB dispatch reported by U. S. Government monitors.

wheat flour and bread; macaroni; spaghetti; noodles; oatmeal and rye breakfast foods, WFA says. Fresh apricots will be plentiful in the Pacific Coast area and fresh snap beans in Eastern U. S. Fresh peaches are expected to be plentiful in July and August.

PRICES ON LOW COST CLOTHING

Retail prices on new cost clothing items that meet specifications of WPB, as announced by the Office of Price Administration, will be—cotton house dresses, \$1.49; women's cotton slips, 65 cents; men's printed, solid color and white shirts, \$1.39; and men's shorts, 39 cents. WPB is allocating the fabrics for clothing items to be produced and distributed during July, August and September.

DISABLED VETERANS TO GET TRAINING

Disabled veterans of the present war may apply for job counseling and vocational training and rehabilitation at centers to be established at colleges and universities throughout the country, according to the Veterans Administration and the Office of War Mobilization. The Veterans Administration will provide, free of charge to eligible disabled veterans, transportation to centers, meals, comfortable quarters, medical service, aptitude tests to determine veterans abilities, interests and occupations in which they could be successful, and professional advice on vocational training. The first of the proposed centers will be opened at the College of the City of New York.

THESE THINGS ARE HARD TO FIND

Severe civilian shortages now exist in washtubs, alarm clocks,

TREND OF THE TIMES

In assembly the other morning I noticed only a very small percentage of the student body present. Now, is that any way for us to act? What do we want with assembly programs if we don't intend to attend them? Most schools have compulsory assembly programs at least once a week and others have them every day. Are we going to "stint" our growth or ruin our life by going to assembly every week? A group of teachers formed a committee for the purpose of presenting assembly programs to the student body for the summer on each Tuesday and Thursday. How about it? Are more students and TEACHERS going to start coming to some of these programs, or shall we be forced to start having compulsory assemblies? It is up to you students.

The second all-college sing-song was held Thursday during the assembly period. These informal get-togethers should create a more friendly spirit and stir up a collegiate air around here. When students can come together and lustily sing their Alma Mater, they feel a closer union to one another. Come on, all of you students and teachers come to the all-college sing songs, we are to have the rest of this summer.

Today marks the end of the blood donors unit that has been in Commerce. Did you give your blood? If you did not, start thinking about doing that very thing the next time the donor unit comes to Commerce. Remember. A pint of blood can save a life: the life of one of our fighting men overseas.

Have you bought that extra bond? If not a bond, what about an extra War Stamp. The typical coed fritters away 10c each day. Why not take that dime and turn it into a Defense Stamp and help our invading Army over there.

Lynn Fuller Enters Naval Training

Lynn Elliot Fuller, 24, husband of Mrs. Jamie Kelley Fuller, 1514 Caddo Street, Commerce, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fuller, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

Approximately 925 U. S. Army Air Forces bases have been established outside the continental United States, excluding bases on U. S. territories. Of the foreign bases, 750 are airfields. Others include radio and weather stations, hospitals, depots and storage bases.

In May, the Army Service Forces moved a record of almost four million measurement tons of Army cargo overseas. The peak tonnage moved in the last war was 829,000 measurement tons, in November, 1918.

window screening and flashlights, WPB reports, with less severe shortages in flashlight batteries, clothes pins, double broilers, egg beaters, pails, radio tubes and umbrellas. Mild shortages exist in wood and coal stoves, thermos bottles, baby carriages, mops, rope, bedsprings and bobbin pins.

ROUND-UP

OPA announces that it may establish ceilings on wage rates for independent contractors for services rendered on farms, where the War Food Administration has established maximum wage rates of farm workers. Used car rationing is not planned at this time or for the future, so far as OPA knows. Unused farmers Pr-19 certificates held by dealers have the same standing as new certificates for the purchase of farm supplies, WPB says. Passenger travel for the first quarter of this year was 25.5 per cent over traffic in the same quarter last year.

Secret Sources (and Otherwise) Coverage On Campus Capers

The Artema shindig in Greenville last Sunday was tops. AUDREY KELTON was overheard to say that he had eaten so much chicken, he would like to neck—How about that?

CHRIS SCUDDER just what was it that you lost last Saturday? Could it have been a piece of wearing apparel?

This week's hit parade: GI Jive—Neil Draper. My Buddie—Francis Jenkins. Salt Lake City Blues—Evelyn Lumby.

Scatterbrain—Mary McBrayer. Soldier Boy—Peggy Ashburn. You'll Never Know—Bransy Bennet.

MOP GRISHAM, with hair a la top of her head caused one fellow to loose his heart at Club Jarden. MARY SULLIVAN and GLADYS TAYLOR didn't do so bad, while JOE TOEWS brought her boy friend back to Commerce with her.

JACQUE CHESHIRE is living in a memory these days, so we have heard.

Life in college is supposed to be full of fascinating experiences and ANN TOLSON has really been having fun with these Commerce High School boys. What's the score, ANN?

Letter to Bill: Dear Bill, Come back to Commerce soon... I enjoyed the dates. Signed: MARY LEE HUGHES.

EMMA JEAN SHANNON is really getting a rush from LUTHER KILGORE out at Camp Howe. Could these reporters hear wedding bells for a certain couple?

GLENN TAYLOR has been hit by the love bug in a great big way. The boy is a childhood sweetheart answering to the name of FRED PARKS down Cunningham way.

If by chance you have noticed AMENETTA CLANTON gazing wistfully at a map of England, it's simply because her boy friend, JACK SMITH, is stationed there.

BRODIE THOMAS, a home town boy, came back from Italy and was very fascinated by our coed NELL GEE.

ANN BRUTON is still swinging on a star since her boy friend came down to Commerce to see her.

JEAN YOUNG really looks cute driving around town in pigtails. BOB ENGLISH, that devilish fish, is casting an eye down 1317 Greenville way. Just who is she, BOB?

The men who go to sea in ships are particularly interesting you, LAVERNE OWENS. Now, LAVERNE, what's the score?

Wild horses couldn't keep RUTH DELL MCKAY from going to Wills Point every week end. It must be a terrific guy to make MCKAY swoon.

BETTY BUTLER is keeping her love life a secret. What is this, BETTY?

Just say CAMP MAXEY to LANELLE TAYLOR and she faints right on the spot... and who said that there was a man shortage now days.

MARY MANESS and JOE BREWER very quietly and very lady and gentlemanly like called that romance of two years quits—but seems to these reporters that they have heard that song before.

Why is ANN BELL PIERCE such a man hater? Could it be that she is carrying a lighted torch for some guy that lingers in her past.

HAZEL DRAKE breezed all over town in a Chevrolet the other night. Now HAZEL, just what is Broadfoot going to say to that?

At last it's here! Our MARY JANE OVERALL is in love. She went down like a torpedoed ship when PINKY looked at her. By the way, OVERALL, that wasn't telling what you were doing out by the library the other night. Or was it?

DID YOU KNOW? That OTIS TOMINE is an army girl with a parent in the WAC?

That DIXIE ROACH is only sixteen and she lives in the East Dorm?

That ELAINE ROWELL lives at 1800 Mayo and comes from Merit?

That MARY HERIGAN is supposed to be very much in love?

That LENORA HUDSON is a teacher, and so pretty too! That BONNIE HUDDLESON is really one swell person? If you hear mournful cries echoing out over the campus, it's probably because RACHEL BEN-

NINGTON has just lost her man, so the rumors go. THELMA BOYD is madly in love with a Lt. in the air forces in Idaho and that explains why she is always singing Idaho.

The airport and flying might be fascinating to ANN OVERALL and SIS SMITH also could or might be interested in some flyers that breeze into Commerce every few days. What say, kids? JOHN WEEVEN GILL is one whip when it comes to soaking in this English language.

SARAH LOUISE DICKINSON was overheard saying when a certain soldier walked by, "I have just decided what I want for Christmas." Now SARAH, are you really in earnest.

One of the best personalities that E. T. has seen in many a day belongs to a little freshman girl by the name of JANICE COOPER. She really has that certain something that makes people want to see more of her.

DORIS DOWNS was sending a solid conversation over the telephone the other night to some mysterious fellow. Come on, DORIS, give up the low-down on that love life of yours.

Some boys on this campus don't seem to realize that in E. T. we are not supposed to smoke in the various buildings. So let's control our smoking urge until we get outside. What say?

JEAN POTTS and that TAYLOR kid seem to have found that mysterious substance called love.

MATTIE SUE WARE has been doing a lot of day dreaming in the last few days. I wonder who the guy is?

IMOGENE SHANNON is really one intelligent person.

PATTY JONES is the girl that can make with the voice when it comes to this classical music.

Grand Saline really has all of PATSY TUNNEL.

ELLA TADLOCK loves to walk to town at night. We wonder why. Especially after seven thirty. So a certain boy on Jefferson told us.

JOHNIE, that girl down at 2209 Mayo is probably JUANITA TARBUTTON and she is all that you say. Why not get up the courage to ask her for a date?

EVELYN ROGERS that works over in the Dean's office has one terrific personality.

It's nice to see old E. T. students back like MARTHA FREEMAN. Martha, remember a black headed boy from Greenville and his side kick who used to listen to you play CHLOE?

Speaking of dancing, BETTY NELSON can really get hep to the five, and as for romancing, there was a certain G. I. that serenaded her all the way from Paris Saturday night.

HAROLD TAYLOR what do you find interesting in the "Ladies Home Journal"?

JOE TOEWS you seem to be an outstanding character this week. First we see you in the show with BILLY ACKER, and next, you receive a beautiful watch from that good looking Ensign.

CHESTER COKER, LEWIS ENSLEY, and dates were seen Wednesday night in the show.

BINKY SNODGRASS, who is the guy named George. You certainly were excited the other day after receiving a phone call.

LOU SHURTLEFF'S heart hastened a few beats when that cute soldier of hers from Maxey, came over Saturday afternoon.

ALMA WILLIAMS you seemed to be very happy SATURDAY night, and we wonder why? (and who was that G. I. Joe?)

CANDY NEAL was seen on the Campus last week end, as well as other visiting students.

BOIDS AND BOQUETS: BOQUETS: To PEGGY ASHBURN for that sweet personality of hers.

BOIDS: To WILLIAM SALMON for being late to his first period class nearly every morning.

BOQUETS: To WILLIAM (BILLY) MEAD. Another very pleasing personality, with a million dollar smile.

BOIDS: To MEARL FLANIGAN for the type of music she prefers.

BOQUETS: To all the blood donors on the campus. This includes a large percent of the students.

BOIDS: To all the girls in the East Dormitory that insist on playing their instruments when other people are studying. Can't you go the Band House girls?

Jean Abernathy Becomes Bride Of R. J. Gump

Miss Jean Abernathy, daughter of Mrs. G. E. Abernathy, Dallas, became the bride of Robert Joseph Gump, Dallas, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hanrahan, Dallas, Saturday evening at the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. McNeff, Dallas.

The Rev. James F. O'Dea of Holy Trinity Church performed the ceremony before the improvised altar banked with greenery, baskets of white gladioli and white candles in seven-branched candelabra. An arrangement of white stock ornamented the mantel. Miss Lucile White, vocalist, and Miss Floylee Hunter, harpist, presented traditional wedding music.

The bride wore a gown of white silk marquisette designed with a sweetheart neckline and long, fitted sleeves terminating in points over the hands. Tiny covered buttons extended down the back of the elongated bodice, and the very full skirt swept into a graceful train. Her fingertip-length veil of illusion was caught with crystalized orange blossoms to a cap of heirloom princess lace. She carried a white prayer book topped with white orchids.

Miss Shirley Pitts attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a yellow marquisette gown with a high neckline accented with a tiny lace collar. Tiny buttons extended down the front of the bodice, and her flowers were gardenias.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanrahan. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of white gladioli. White flowers were used to decorate the living room. Miss Pitts served the wedding cake, and Miss Dorothy Hall presided at the punch bowl. Miss Mary Charlotte Gay registered guests in the bride's book, and others assisting in the house party were Mrs. McNeff, Abernathy and Hanrahan.

For traveling, Mrs. Gump chose a black-and-white checked suit with a black Milan picture hat, black shoes and bag, a white organdy blouse and white gloves. She wore a white orchid corsage. The couple will reside at 4232 Wycliff, Dallas.

The bride was graduated from Commerce High School and attended E. T. Mr. Gump is a graduate of Highland Park High School and the University of Texas, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.—Dallas News.

H. M. Patterson

H. M. Patterson, Jr., MoMM 1-c, whose father resides at 1306 Park St., Commerce, is preparing for duty with the amphibious forces aboard an LST—Landing Ship, Tank—one of the biggest ships in the Navy's invasion fleet.

Patterson has been assigned to the crew of an LST at the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, Va., where he is going through the strenuous training required of bluejackets who man the beach-hitting tank carriers.

Heavier than a modern destroyer, the 300-foot LST lands assault troops and equipment directly onto enemy beachheads, under the protective bombardment of heavy warships and Navy planes.

Despite its size and weight, the landing vessel is designed to navigate shallow approaches to hostile beaches, spilling its troops and tanks ashore through huge bow doors.

Lyric Friday and Saturday



Russell Hayden in a bit of action from "Wyoming Hurricane," with Dub Taylor, Alma Carroll and Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys.

Palace Thursday and Friday



Donnie Reed, Robert Walker in a scene from "See Here, Private Hargrove," with Keenan Wynn, Robert Benchley and Bob Crosby.

Seen By A Senioita

MARY NAN DAVIS
Jiving is E. T.'s chief method of amusement so it wasn't hard to understand why the Chatterbox last week-end was a mixture of OLIVE DRAB and co-eds as the army took over. A jitterbugging madhouse was the box as everyone tried to initiate the new floor—one of the initiators was CHRIS SCHUDER and her handsome date in the kiki . . . and speaking of kiki WINNIE ROGERS seems to have hit the jack pot when it comes to her Arthur, they dance together like a dream.

MARY DELL MCKEE is one of the smoothest dancers that ever waltzed on a floor.

JANICE McCULLEN was ending a solid seven when it comes to those fast and breath-taking numbers.

WANDA BENNETT was heard to explain that she wouldn't need P. E. for a week after one particular fast number, musical number of course.

JOHN and IRMA were supposed to be dancing but to the casual observer looked more like a case of romancing.

DAVENPORT, that very handsome guy, was seen dancing with several different people, in that smooth, even pace that he is famous for.

BESSIE JEAN JOHNSON, that ducky little fish was seen around town in her very best dancing dress but on the handle bars of a bicycle.

If you fellows are looking for a girl that just chucked full of rhythm, just feast your eyes on ELIZABETH ANN YEAGER from Greenville. She is truly a dream.

ILA EDLIN isn't available for dancing any more since she married Dale from Camp Maxey.

KATIE JO VANCE is another co-ed that is plenty fast with the feet!

JOY KNIGHT doesn't need a walking cane on a dance floor for that matter, she can really get around.

Black-headed little JERRY PRICE really has a technique, when it comes to this dancing.

The music stopped, so be back next week to Swing on a Star with the Jitterbugging News.

Miss Luce is from the Office of the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs. She is well known in Latin America in the field of Music.

The number of U. S. soldiers overseas will be increased to more than five million men by the end of 1944. One year ago, 1,466,000 men were overseas.

Miss McCord And Lt. Sockwell Wed At Pittsburg

PITTSBURG, Kan., June 28.—Miss Sara Patricia McCord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses S. McCord, Little Rock, Ark., became the bride of Lt. William Byars Sockwell, son of Mrs. J. T. Sockwell, Pecan Gap, Saturday evening at the First Methodist Church here with the Rev. W. B. Slack of Little Rock officiating.

Mrs. Albert L. Prichard of Pine Bluff, Ark., was matron of honor and Miss Wanda Wetzel of Little Rock was bridesmaid. Lt. James P. Lawrence was best man.

The bride attended Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, La., and was graduated from Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss., where she was a member of Delta Beta Sigma and Sigma Psi Isota sororities. Lieutenant Sockwell was graduated from East Texas State Teachers College and is a past president of Phi Kappa Nu fraternity.

After a short wedding trip, Lieutenant and Mrs. Sockwell will be at home in Pittsburg, where the lieutenant is stationed as a liaison pilot with the Army Field Artillery.—Dallas News.

B. W. M. S. Presented Special Program

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society presented a special program, June 26 at 3:00 p. m. in the Altheath Class room. The program, given in honor of the "Endowment and Enlargement, Emphasis Week of Prayer," was attended by thirteen members.

The following program was presented:

Song—"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Prayer—Mrs. C. L. Thomas Mrs. W. F. Garner read from 3rd chapter of Ecc. for a devotional and gave a prayer that set forth her central thought for the day.

Mrs. C. W. Standifer discussed "Our Institutions, the Seminaries," and what they mean to young preachers and all who attend them.

Rev. Corey discussed, "Our Young People Need Christian Education." Prayer—Mrs. J. W. Hawkins.

Four of AAF's 10 combat Air Forces are striking at Germany from the United Kingdom and Italy, and six are striking at Japan from the Central, South and Southwest Pacific, from the Aleutians, and from China, Burma and India.

A. W. Wortham has three hobbies of which he doesn't know is the most important. They all make for a good sport; tennis, swimming, and stamp collecting.

Mark Wilson's hobby will make the pin-up's happy since he loves to collect gals pictures: By the way Mark where did those luscious pictures come from that you have been sporting around lately. I sure would like to get a look at those signatures. Seems like she's from Fort Worth too. Now!!

Well gang that's all the low-down for this week, but keep a lookin' for me and I'll be back. Till then your Sleuth.

Student Christian Fellowship Meets

The Student Christian Fellowship met at its regular time, 8:00 Thursday evening, and presented a program of scripture readings, hymns, and prayers.

Mary Jernigan presided over the meeting and Harold Taylor, president led the singing.

All students on the campus who are interested in religious activities are asked to come to these meetings. Held every Thursday night at 8:00.

Tasks performed by the Army Service Forces overseas include the building of ports, roads and railroads through which men and supplies must move, the establishing and stocking of depots, unloading ships and running harbor boats all over the world.

Connie Lea Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson of Temple has been promoted to captain, according to a letter re-

Miss Hudson And Sgt. Wilson Wed Recently

The marriage of Miss Imogene Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hudson of Quitman to Sgt. Lorell Wilson has been announced recently. The couple were married in El Centro, California by the Rev. Carter, pastor of the First Christian Church on April 28. Mrs. Hudson, who is a member of the WAVES, attended East Texas State.

Memorial To 36th Division

TEMPLE, TEXAS.—Every man who fought with the 36th division in World War I and in the bloody campaign in Italy in World War II will be paid a lasting tribute in the memorial to be erected at Temple by the people of Texas for that gallant division.

The memorial will be of utilitarian design, built around a museum. The design is being selected by statewide competition among the architects of Texas and directed by the Texas Society of Architects under a committee headed by E. B. LaRoche of Dallas.

A cash prize of \$1,000 will go to the architect submitting the best design and cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 to second, third and fourth place winners.

Major Gen. Fred L. Walker, commanding general of the 36th division now fighting in Italy, has written his congratulations to the 36th Division Memorial Commission president, Walter R. Humphrey, editor of the Temple Daily Telegram, on the plans for honoring his great division.

The Memorial Commission has undertaken a statewide campaign to raise between \$250,000 and \$500,000 to erect this shrine. All contributions, the collector of internal revenue has advised, are deductible for purposes of income tax consumption.

The commission has asked that contributions of both cash and war bonds be sent directly to W. Guy Draper, treasurer, 36th Division Memorial Commission, Box 419, Temple. The commission also has acquired full rights to a new Texas song, "I'm a Texan," dedicated to the 36th, copies of which may be obtained for \$1.00, with all profits to the memorial.

Today, 3,657,000 U. S. soldiers are overseas striking or preparing to strike victory-winning blows against Germany and Japan by land, from the sea, and in the air.

Buy more War Bonds.

LIONS IN THE FIGHT

Sam T. Montgomery, Jr., C. Sp. instructor in P. E. at V-12 school at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, was a recent visitor on the campus. His specialty is swimming. He was also a football star in school here.

Bill Swindell is stationed at Scott Field, Ill. Bill was a member of the Friar club while in school here. He also attended the University of Texas where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Richard Carpenter, Seaman 1-c, stationed at Corpus Christi, is on furlough at his home at Cumby. He was outstanding in basketball while in school at E. E. and was a member of the "T" association. His wife is the former Sude Baker of DeKalb.

Lt. James A. (Mutt) Schulz, was recently promoted to 1st Lt. He writes that he recently visited London and enjoyed seeing Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, the King of England the Tower Bridge, and Big Ben. Lt. Schulz was in E. T. from 1939 to 1941 and made a fine record as a tennis player, being a member of the undefeated freshman team varsity of 1941. He made several trips to France on D-Day and the days that followed.

Sgt. Harry Lee Graham, whose twin interests at E. T. were industrial education and tennis, is in the control tower at a Ninth Air Force Base in England. He formerly taught at Wichita Falls and Van.

Jimmy (now Lt. James B.) Kroesen, former doubles partner of J. A. Schulz, is in the infantry in California. Kroesen and Schulz won 16 consecutive victories in doubles for E. T. Kroesen won the conference singles title in 1941 and was the only player ever to represent E. T. in the National Intercollegiate, where he made a brilliant record.

Jimmy's brother, another E. T. ex, Lt. Joe B. Kroesen is a fighter pilot instructor at Luke Field, Arizona. Joe was also a good tennis player at E. T.

Robert Prim of Houston was a Commerce visitor last week. Though he has had only one arm for many years, Prim was a star athlete while at E. T. He was captain of the 1932 championship tennis team.

P. G. Murray, Signalman's Mate 3rd class, in the Coast Guard at Florence, Oregon, was captain of the tennis team while in E. T. and came within two points of winning the conference in doubles with Robert Hayes, now an ensign in the navy. The Murrrays have a son who was born May 29. He is a tow head like his father and P. G. writes that he may play tennis for old E. T., but he hopes that he will do better at it than his father did. P. G. was a very popular student and fine leader while here.

A-C Hubert J. Walker and A-C Robert L. Hargrave, both E. T. exes, write saying they receive the East Texan, sent to all exes in the service. Walker is stationed at Mission, Texas and Hargrave is at Luke Field, Ariz.

WILMINGTON, Calif.—Alma B. Harrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington of Church St., Ladonia, Texas, has been promoted from private first class to technician fifth grade (corporal) at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation, where she is on duty with a Women's Army Corps detachment. She is assigned to the Identification Branch of the Intelligence and Security Division.

Cpl. Harrington enrolled in the WAC in June, 1943, took her basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and then attended Army Administration School at Conway, Ark., before being assigned to the port here last November.

Before entering military service she taught in the public school at Diboll, Texas, and is a graduate of E. T. She has two brothers in the service, Sgt. Jesse E. Harrington on duty in the South Pacific and Cpl. Ralph E. Harrington stationed at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

Palace Saturday Only



George Sanders and Virginia Bruce caught in a web of international intrigue in RKO's timely thunderbolt, "Action in Arabia."

Dedicate Two Films to Brave Of Army Buddies

A pair of former privates in Uncle Sam's army find themselves "glorified" in the approved Hollywood manner in not one, but two motion pictures.



Today they are Sergeant Marion Hargrove and Lieutenant Tom Mulvehill but they are better known to millions of readers throughout America as Private Hargrove and Private Mulvehill, the leading figures in Private Hargrove's hilarious account of his first days in the Army, "See Here, Private Hargrove."

M-G-M has brought "See Here, Private Hargrove" to the screen with Robert Walker and Keenan Wynn as Privates Hargrove and Mulvehill, respectively. The film will open Thursday at the Palace Theatre.

The same characters, however, appear prominently in Maxwell Anderson's "The Eve of St. Mark," although they are called Private Marion and Private Mulveroy. Anderson, many will remember, helped Hargrove to publish his book and became a great friend of the pair, later writing them into his prize-winning play.

Approximately 2,357,000 men are serving with the U. S. Army Air Forces, of whom fewer than one-half are already overseas.

Artemas Have Regular Meeting

The Artemas met in a regular session Monday night, June 26, with President W. A. Cannon presiding.

A count was taken which proved that every member who was of age had pledged to give blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. Edward Deaton was elected to fill the office of pledge captain. Ex-members, John Jack and "Tex" Ellis were present.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the club song and the repeating of the motto.

War Ration Books

GASOLINE — Coupons 12-A good for 3 gallons from June 21; through Sept. 23; B-3, B-4, and C-3, C-4 good for 5 gallons until used up.

SUGAR: Book 4: stamps 30, 31, 32 good for 5 lbs., Stamp 40 valid for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

PERIODIC tire inspection no longer necessary; tire inspection records must remain with the car.

PROCESSED FOODS.—Book 4: Blue stamps A-8 through V-8, (ten points each) good indefinitely. Blue tokens may be used as change.

STEAKS AND ROASTS — BUTTER, CHEESE and CANNED MILK

A-8 through W-8, Book 4, good indefinitely. Red tokens may be used as change.

SHOES — Book 3, airplane stamp No. 1 and 2 valid for an indefinite period.

Capture One-Man Submarine Crew



TOP: This 17-year-old Nazi was captured off Peter Beach, Anzio beachhead area, when he was discovered by an American officer in his one-man torpedo submarine. He had been in service only 6 months.

BOTTOM: The one-man submarine is examined by United States soldiers. The tube on the left is the torpedo, and the other is the driving compartment, housing one man. The torpedo tube is shackled to the driving tube and can be released, allowing the pilot to return safely. Ordinarily the torpedo is underneath the drive tube.

Anita Summerlin And Edwin Low Exchange Vows

Miss Anita Summerlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Summerlin of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mr. Edwin Low, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Low, Commerce, were married June 18 at Ingleside Baptist Church, Shreveport.

Reverend T. C. Fennell, pastor of Ingleside Baptist Church, performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Carl E. Johnson sang "I Love You Truly," and Mrs. W. A. Marshall played the traditional wedding march on the organ. Miss Janet Summerlin attended her sister as maid of honor.

The bride wore a powder blue two-piece crepe suit, with three-quarter length sleeves and a white jabot. Her accessories were white. She carried a corsage of split white carnations surrounding a large white orchid. The flowers were interlaced with white satin ribbon. The maid of honor was attired in pink, fitted dress with white accessories, and carried a corsage of white gardenias.

The bride is a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College where she was a member of Pi Kappa Delta and the college choir and president of the Baptist Student Union.

The groom is also a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College. He was a member of Epsilon Kappa Alpha, chemistry fraternity, and Alpha Phi Omega. He is now in his junior year at Southwestern Medical Foundation in Dallas.

Following the wedding ceremony, the couple left for a trip to Texarkana. They are now at home at 2525 Oaklawn Avenue, Dallas.

WESTERNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Webb and two children, of Brownfield, Texas, are here visiting relatives, Ed Hoover and family and Tom Nelson and family. Mrs. Webb, daughter of the late Bob Cornelius and niece of the late W. F. Cornelius, is a cousin of Mrs. Hoover. Mr. Webb is a West Texas product, this being the first time he ever visited this part of the State. Ed is trying to convince him that East Texas is a better country than West Texas but he will have a hard time doing it, though it is so, for Westerners are sure sold on their part of the world.

Sgt. Marcus Branom On Famous 249-K

(Technical Sergeant Marcus H. Branom, of Cumby, was a member of the crew of one of the most outstanding fighting airplanes in all the European war. Read the following story of his ship, the 240-K—Editor).

A 15th Army Air Force Base in Southern Italy—Whenever this 15th Air Force Heavy Bombardment Squadron rides the skies over Nazi-occupied Europe today, a ghost ship leads the way. You, who are earthbound, may scoff at this fantasy; but the men who fly the sky will tell you it is true.

Old 240-K, "The Big Operator," didn't come back home the other day. The big, sand-colored B-24 was marked up as missing on her 43rd trip over a Nazi target, after posting a record of 42 consecutive missions over the target without a turnback—42 straight times through the hell of flak, German bullets, shells, and rockets; but she had always come back.

There may be other big U. S. bombers which can top "The Big Operator" on total missions; but somewhere in the record for these ships, in the massive array of metal, the million and one mechanical parts—each "just so"—the miles of wiring and tubing, something went wrong; and it was necessary to leave formation and limp back home before "bombs away."

It was never so with "The Big Operator."

This is the story of that gallant airplane; the gallant, unassuming men who flew her and the too-often unsung, unheralded men who sweated over her on the ground, patching her up time again to fly again.

Capt. Mark R. Lauer, 34, of Weissport, Pa., who in the early days of the war rode as Master Sergeant Engineer-gunner on the famed Col. John R. (Killer) Kane's Liberator, and who is now this squadron's engineering officer, praised old 240-K:

"One day, she came back home, the worst shot-up airplane I've seen in my 17 years in the Army Air Force. No one could figure why she hadn't fallen to pieces. She was a big operator all right."

Nearly everything, which could be in need of repair or replacement on a combat airplane, was wrong with "The Big Operator." Yet, two weeks later, she was over Nazi-occupied Europe again. Its ground crew, headed by Master Sergeant Frank Betley, from 118 Dunbar street, Manchester, N.H., had done an amazing, Herculean job of repair.

"You might say," Capt. Lauer commented, "that they practically rebuilt the airplane."

Working nearly around the clock, stopping only to eat and rest, were Master Sergeant Betley; Staff Sergeant James Calvi, 26, of 215 Mott Street, New York City; Sergeant Donald R. Smith, 22, of 23 Auburn St., Waltham, Mass.; Sergeant William P. Barker, Jr., 21, R. D. 1, Morgantown, W. Va.; Staff Sergeant Oscar T. Long of Chattanooga, Tenn., who returned to the States a month ago after 21 months overseas; and Sergeant William C. Wasem, 24, of 1807A S. 3rd St., St. Louis, Mo.

It wasn't the only time "The Big Operator's" crew put her back in commission with long hours of work, ingenuity, sweat. It happened many times.

The day she came home "The worst shot-up airplane" these air war veterans "have ever seen," Capt. Philip A. Drees of Carroll, Iowa, was her pilot. When he completed his required combat flying the Iowa man and his crew had blown "The Big Operator" on 32 missions. She had been flown during this time by other pilots, other crews; but not very often. Twice, out of North Africa, Col. Kane was at her controls; and "The Operator" was leading the way on these raids.

For the day's mission, Capt. Drees—then a 1st Lieutenant—received the Distinguished Flying Cross in a citation which was the highest tribute to him and, at the same time, to his gallant airplane.

The citation told of:

"How 15 minutes before reaching target, the hugh German Messerschmitt Aircraft Factory at Augsburg, Germany, one engine went out; how ME-109's jumped "The Big Operator," shooting out

the plane's tail turret, hitting another of the engines and setting it on fire.

Only two engines left, and "The Big Operator" straggled back, all alone... approximately 50 enemy pursuit which "sub-jected the B-24 to a furious series of attacks"... Nazi bullets severing the elevator control bar and rudder trim tab, with these controls jamming... the last hit engine refusing to stay "feathered," cutting in and out.

A second series of attacks... left-wing stringers broken, antennae shot off, one of the bomb-bay doors knocked loose from its hinges.

"It now appeared highly probable," the citation continues, "that the ship would have to be abandoned."

"With uncanny skill and cool courage... under these almost impossible conditions, Lt. Drees was able to so successfully uncover his top, belly, and waist guns to the deadly passes on his tail that for 20 minutes their attacks were beaten off and one enemy pursuit was shot down in flames. During these attacks, the ship was further riddled with bullets."

Relief finally came in the form of friendly fighters; the shattered control cables were spliced and partially repaired in flight; "The Big Operator" limped back home.

One man was wounded. It was the only time, until the last ill-fated trip, that a combat crewman was even scratched when he rode "The Big Operator"; and she took some terrific lacerations in the steady, daily pounding she handed enemy targets.

Another time, "The Operator" came home from a mission in support of the beach-head below Rome, an .88 MM. had ripped clean through the engine mount, slashing the main part of the engine to bits.

The next morning, when the big B-24's combat crew piled into "The Operator" for another bombing ride against the Nazis, its ground crewmen were fastening of the last piece of cowling, after working straight through the night on an engine change.

All Master Sergeant Betley would say of this was that "every time she was scheduled, she went out; and she never turned back."

The proud "Big Operator" came into a proud outfit—shortly after Col. Kane had led the storied August 1, 1943, first low-level bombing attack on the Ploesti oil fields, which won him the Congressional Medal.

She started flying out of Bengasi, Libya, when Rommel was threatening Egypt, in support of Montgomery's 8th Army. Bengasi—where Captain Daniel H. Hickok of (119 State St.), Harrisburg, Pa., said: "There were such intense dust storms you could barely see the airplanes at times. You can't say enough for the ground crews who kept these planes flying. I can't tell you how they ever did it. Dust was in everything."

"The Big Operator," operating over Cassino, Naples, Catania Harbor, Palermo, "Ack-Ack Alley," The Straits of Messina—all then held by the Germans, vital supply points for Rommel.

Moving up into Tunisia, flying every mission during a rainy season that made the home field "a big lake—many times with a foot of water over the landing and parking strips," Capt. Hickok said.

Smashing out at Nazi-held airfields in Sicily, stretching back even so far as to face Nazi airdromes in Greece.

The Allies moved up; and "The Big Operator" came on, too, to fly out of Southern Italy—hammering at the German in Northern Italy, the Balkans, Southern Germany.

The other day, the ground crew men at this 15th Air Force Field, scanned the sky, unbelieving, as their planes came back home. "The Big Operator" was missing, and the swell lads who had been flying her.

It was nothing new for veterans of nearly two years overseas to look up and count less planes landing than had taken off; but "The Operator" had built up a proud record. Everyone bragged about her.

Those who were there that day,

say that the men's jaws tightened; and they didn't say much. They couldn't. Some things you can't put into words.

The official report read: "When last seen, ship 240-K had just passed over the target area, made a 180 degree turn and was not seen again."

Whenever this 15th Air Force heavy bombardment squadron rides the skies over Nazi-occupied Europe today, a ghost ship leads the way. You, who are back over the same area and disappeared into the clouds, and earthbound, may scoff at this fantasy; but the men who fly the sky will tell you it is true.

All but one of the original crew of "The Big Operator" are back in the States after riding 32 of the big B-24's 42 bombing missions.

Capt. Philip A. Drees, the pilot, of 109 N. Court St., Carroll, Iowa, was assistant operations officer of the squadron when he left.

1st Lt. Robert J. Bak, the copilot, of 77-5th St., Lowell, Mass., is still attached to "The Big Operator's" squadron.

1st Lt. Vernon L. Bingham of 2168 S. 3 East St., Salt Lake City, Utah, was squadron navigator, when he completed his combat flying.

Capt. James R. Munro, Jr., of 71-2 Winter St., Augusta, Maine, was squadron bombardier.

Enlisted members of the crew were:

TECHNICAL SGT. MARCUS H. BRANOM, CUMBY, TEXAS, engineer-gunner.

Staff Sergeant Ray L. Rencehausen, 4007 N. Pittsburg, Spokane, Wash., tail gunner.

Staff Sergeant Melvin M. McHahan, R. D. 4, Sullivan, Ind., waist gunner.

Staff Sergeant Tony Wolosuk, 12204 Linden Road, Clio, Mich., waist gunner.

Technical Sergeant John D. Blyth, 124 3rd St., Wadsworth, Ohio, assistant engineer-gunner.

Technical Sergeant Paul J. DePaul, Joffre, Pa., radio-top turret gunner.

All of this crew hold the Air Medal and Seven Oak Leaf Clusters. Capt. Drees, Lt. Bingham, Capt. Munro, Sgt. Rencehausen, Sgt. McMahan, and Sgt. Wolosuk have all received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Sgt. Wolosuk (ASN 16109393), only man on the crew ever to be wounded, also holds the Purple

Prisoners--

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representatives from German and Italian prisoners—all of them Swiss—say "no serious complaints" have ever been made.

Early in February 6,000 Italian PWs were put to work repairing salvaged clothing at the request of the Procurement Division, U. S. Treasury, which provided sewing machines formerly used on WPA sewing projects. Laundry equipment came from WPA, NY A, and other government surplus stocks. Buttons, thread and other material came from WPA supplies on hand when WPB was liquidated. Repair centers were set up in midwestern areas and supervisors were sent to start the assembly lines.

Among the Italians several hundred experienced tailors were found who could train their fellow PWs in sewing. Material now being salvaged includes 10 million pounds of Army clothing and equipment. The PWs receive 10 cents a day—the amount they would receive for outside labor.

Outside employers of prison labor pay the prevailing wage and the difference between that wage and 80 cents a day goes to the U. S. Treasury.

College Students Visits Herald

The Herald had some pleasant visitors Friday night when D. C. Butler, head of the Journalism Department of the East Texas State Teachers College brought a half dozen or so of his class to see how a newspaper is actually printed. Among the group visiting the Herald was Miss Dorothy Wood, who resides near Commerce and who is editor of the weekly East Texan newspaper, printed by the Commerce Journal, one of the best college publications that comes to this desk.

—Greenville Morning Herald.

One of thirty men who graduated June 24, from the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, and commissioned lieutenants (junior grade) in the U. S. Naval Reserve, was John L. Roan, route 2, Commerce.

Heart. During the rough ride "The Big Operator" had, when 50 ME-109's jumped her, he sent one Nazi plane down in flames.

Cotton Congress In Dallas July 13

College Station, July 6—Control of cotton insects which now



DR. H. G. JOHNSTON

Texas Extension Entomologist, threaten Texas 1944 crop will be discussed by Dr. H. G. Johnston, Texas Extension Entomologist, on the program of the opening session of the Cotton research Congress in Dallas, July 13. "How Cotton Can Meet Today's Challenge" is the theme of the Congress, sponsored by the State-Wide Cotton Committee of Texas, and the theme will be carried out in discussions at the three half-day sessions and numerous exhibits of mechanical cotton harvesters, choppers, dusters and cotton and cottonseed products.

CONCEPT OF TIME

In a world full of precise knowledge, no one has any arbitrary concept of time at all. An hour at the circus and an hour waiting outside the door of an operating room at a hospital are not the same thing. The four years between 16 and 20 and the four years between 58 and 62 bear no resemblance. Why even so little piece of time as three minutes depends for its meaning on whether you are an the long-distance telephone talking to your best friend, or boiling an egg, or in a boxing ring with Joe Louis. —Lloyd C. Douglas.

Dam Dedication At Denison, July 1

Denison, Tex., June 28.—Dedication ceremonies for the \$54,000,000 Denison Dam will begin at 9:30 A. M. Saturday, July 1, with a concert by the Perrin Field Army Air Forces Band, according to a program announcement by U. S. Army Engineer Corps, Denison District. Speaker Sam Rayburn will speak at 12:00 M.

The invocation by Rev. Charles W. Estes of Whitesboro will be given at 10:15 A. M. followed by a welcoming speech by W. L. Ashburn, Jr., Mayor of Denison. Other speakers, in order of appearance, will be Major General Eugene Reynold, Chief of Army Engineers, M. E. Ewing of Oklahoma, representing Red River Lake Development Association, Representatives Ed Gossett and Wright Patman of Texas, Representatives Lyle H. Boren and Paul Stewart of Oklahoma, Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, and Speaker Rayburn.

The entire program will be broadcast over a series of radio stations and networks as follows: KRRV, Denison and Sherman, 10:00 A. M.—12:30 M.; Texas Quality Network, 11:30 A. M.—12:30 M.; Mutual Network, 12:00 M.—12:30 M.; Dallas 12:00 M.—12:30 M.

Master of Ceremonies will be Tom Suggs, former judge of the 59th District Court. The committee in charge of the program urges that those planning to attend allow plenty of time for reaching the dam site as traffic will be routed to give a good view of the powerhouse and to include a drive over the three-mile dam embankment.

HE OUGHT TO KNOW

A colored soldier had been peeling potatoes until his hands ached. Turning to a fellow K. P., he said: "What dat sergeant mean when he calls us K. P.?" His co-worker gave a moment's thought to the matter; then replied, "Keep Peelin'!"

Buy War Stamps and Bonds—

Capt. O. D. Clark Wades In Wine

Capt. O. D. Clark, with the Army in Italy, before entering the service was the Chevrolet dealer in Commerce. The following interesting stories, including one about Capt. Clark, were written by Wick Fowler staff correspondent of the Dallas News:

NORTH OF ROME (By Air Courier).—Picking off a German sniper is like hunting deer back in Texas, according to Capt. Bernis W. Sadler of Port Arthur, whose mother, Mrs. Mary Sadler, lives in Huntsville.

Sadler, called The Fox by his associates, organized a posse to hunt down snipers annoying the advance of our troops. They ran onto a horset's nest of them—thirteen in all.

One of the Krauts made an escape attempt. Captain Sadler spotted him running across a field and at 300 yards leveled down on him with his M-1 rifle. The Jerry hit the dirt and the group captured his twelve companions.

"It was just like hunting deer," the rugged Texan said.

It seems to me that almost every man in this unit has had close contact with the Germans in the last two weeks' rapid drive. Some of their experiences follow:

Two Texans were laying communication lines from a forward infantry command post to another unit. Their mission completed, they drove their truck into an abandoned Italian barn and prepared for a well earned rest.

"There were seven of us when we started out," said Cpl. Ray T. Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cummings, of Bonham. "We were counting on a good night's sleep but, as usual, we didn't get it."

Three hours after the men had dozed off they were aroused by a shell exploding outside the barn. "It sounded like the crash of thunder and threw us out of bed," said Pvt. Joseph C. Hock, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Hock, of Denison.

The men sought safety in their truck but the second Jerry shell exploded alongside the building and injured four of the men. Shell fragments ripped into the truck.

The dust was so thick the men couldn't see who was hit.

"We just lay there praying the next shell would miss the building," Cummings related. "We sent after medics. One of the wounded men was lying next to me. No medical men were near so we loaded them into our jeep and left the vicinity. The shells were still falling there."

But the experiences of Capt. O. D. Clark, Fifth Army ordnance man, who was an automobile dealer in Commerce before the war, were much more pleasant.

He was driving into a town taken a few hours before by French troops. His driver understood the language and there was plenty to talk about.

The troops had discovered a huge cellar in which thousands of gallons of champagne were stored in casks. The men were tapping the casks and filling every container they could find—jugs, gasoline tins, canteens and bottles—with the cellar-cold fluid.

"You can believe it or not but when we got into the cellar we waded through champagne ankle deep," Captain Clark told me. "The stuff was dated 1933."

His proof of the incident was in a five-gallon bottle in his jeep—enough proof for me.

S-SGT. ARLEN MOORE

S-Sgt. Arlon D. Moore, husband of Doris Lee Moore, route 2 Commerce, is now overseas and participated in a course designed to bridge the gap between training in the states and soldiering in an active theatre of war. At one of the Air Service Command Stations, known as control depots, somewhere in England, S-Sgt. Moore was carefully processed by classification experts who make certain that he will be well fitted for the job assigned him.

Before entering the Army he was a student of Commerce High School.

There are more things I hope I will never have to ask: The first is to ask my friends to suspend judgement and the other is to ask the editor of the paper to leave out something I have done.

PALACE
Commerce, Texas

Sunday - Monday
JULY 2-3

FRANCHOT VERONICA
TONE LAKE

"The HOUR
Before
The DAWN"

Tues. - Wednesday
JULY 4-5

It's love in bloom!

Henry Aldrich
Plays
Capitol

Jimmy LYDON
Diana LYNN
Charles SMITH
A Paramount Picture

Thursday - Friday
JULY 6-7

BLAZING ACTION!

BUFFALO BILL

Joel McCREA
Maureen O'HARA
Linda DARNELL

Saturday Only
JULY 8

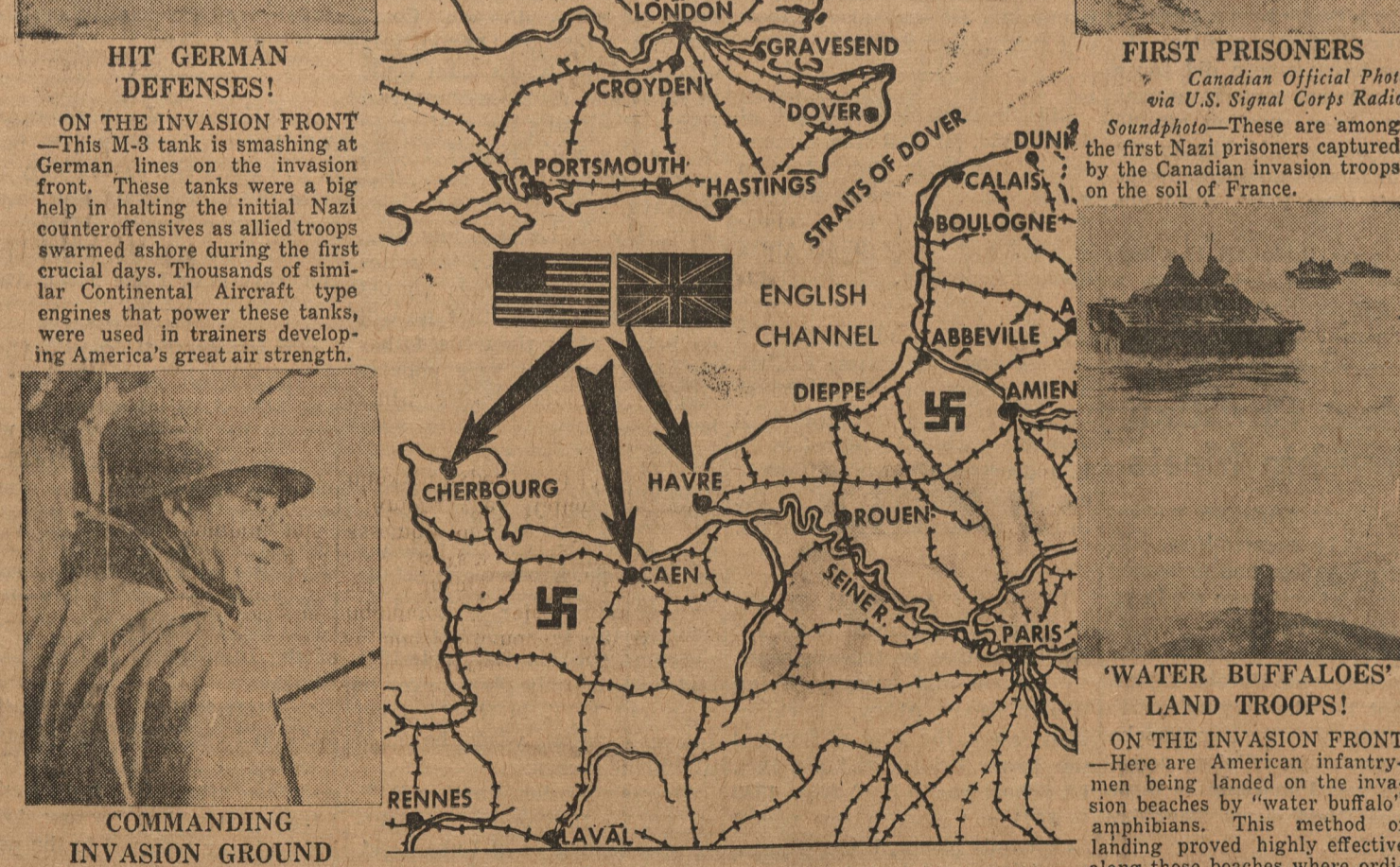
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HIT GERMAN DEFENSES!

ON THE INVASION FRONT—This M-3 tank is smashing at German lines on the invasion front. These tanks were a big help in halting the initial Nazi counteroffensives as allied troops swarmed ashore during the first crucial days. Thousands of similar Continental Aircraft type engines that power these tanks, were used in trainers developing America's great air strength.



COMMANDING INVASION GROUND TROOPS

FIRST PRISONERS

Canadian Official Photo via U.S. Signal Corps Radio Soundphoto—These are among the first Nazi prisoners captured by the Canadian invasion troops on the soil of France.

WATER BUFFALOES' LAND TROOPS!

ON THE INVASION FRONT—Here are American infantrymen being landed on the invasion beaches by "water buffalo" amphibians. This method of landing proved highly effective along those beaches where ordinary landing craft couldn't approach the shores because of shoals or other barriers. These amphibians are powered by Continental, makers of famous Red Seal engines, in peacetime found on tractors, combines and other dependable farm equipment.

FOCAL POINT OF INVASION

This map, based on latest available information on the invasion of Europe, shows the points where the main assault seems to have been concentrated. They are Cherbourg, Caen and Le Havre. British and American Paratroopers were dropped in this area to open the attack. Map shows the various routes to Paris.

Milk Is Important Food if Kept Pure

AUSTIN, Texas, June 27. Milk has been called the most nearly perfect food because it contains, in easily digested form many elements required for body nourishment," said Dr. Cox, State Health Officer. "The milk proteins promote body development and growth and generate energy. The minerals, especially calcium, assist in the growth and maintenance of bones and teeth. The vitamins, which are essential to growth and health, give protection against the attack of many infections."

The state health officer specifically warned that if milk is not clean and properly handled, it is an excellent medium for growing germs. Cleanliness in the milking process and in the milk container is very essential. All milk handlers should be very healthy, and all equipment should be properly washed and sterilized and protected from flies and dirt. The State Health Department has long urged that the consuming public insists upon either pasteurized milk or raw milk produced under approved conditions.

Oil Shortage Confronts Nazis

London, June 24. J. A. spokesman for the Ministry of Economic Warfare asserted that Germany's critical oil shortage has crippled the German army's operational mobility on the fighting front and could shorten the war. As a result, the Wehrmacht is getting less than half the gasoline it needs, the spokesman added.

Son, it isn't any disgrace in the battle of life for them to be shooting their big guns at you. The question is how do you stand fire?

Buy More War Bonds.