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Bitter Fighting Still Raging For Pin-Point Positions In Cassino

Artillery Breaks Up Two German Attacks And Continues To Pound Hotel Positions; Allied Airmen Blast At Enemy Communication Lines North of Rome

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 28.—(AP)—Allied artillery broke up a German attack north of Cassino and continued to hammer the two hotel "key point" areas of the German defenses within the ruined town of Cassino, announced today.

The Nazi attack was broken up on the road from Terni, which lies about four miles northwest of Cassino. The Germans replied to the shelling of the hotel Continental and Des Roses with a nightlong bombardment of Allied positions south of the town.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that three small German attacks of platoon strength on the left side of the beachhead below Rome were beaten off Sunday afternoon and the Germans remained on the defensive in that sector. Six different patrol clashes were reported in the beachhead, mainly in the Cisterna and Catecelo areas.

Gunfire diminished in the lower Garigliano sector of the main Fifth army front, but patrols clashed at several points. The Germans shelled the Orsogna area of the Eighth army front, but that sector also was generally quiet except for patrol clashes near Tollo and Arielle.

Allied artillery, bearing the brunt of the battle on the Cassino front for the second straight day, considerably battered the Continental and Des Roses hotels, a military spokesman said.

Formations of Boston light bombers and invader dive-bombers attacked railway yards, warehouse and factories in the northeastern outskirts of Rome. Marauders escorted by Spitfires bombed a railway bridge at Foggionia, hitting a 40-car train.

Mitchells bombed railway bridges north of Rome. Baltimore hit at a railroad bridge 35 miles southwest of Ancona, and scored a direct hit on a power house southwest of Pescara.

Airacobras bombed highway and rail bridges at Monte Pescali and a railway bridge 50 miles northwest of Rome.

About 65 enemy planes were reported active over the battle area. Two were destroyed for a loss of three Allied planes.

Inland Fishing Regulations
The closed season for inland water fishing as set forth in the regulations provides that the season shall close on April 6 and reopen on May 20. J. O. Teel, Pitt county game and fish protector, said today, but this year the Board of Conservation and Development has ordered that the season shall be closed on April 11 and remain closed through May 19.

Oppose Farm Bureau
Washington, March 28.—(AP)—Rep. Cooley (D-NC) said today he will oppose a request of the American Farm Bureau Federation that further action on legislation transferring duties of the Farm Security Administration to another agency be postponed until the entire farm credit structure is investigated. The measure now is under consideration by the House Agricultural committee.

Today On The Home Front

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—Uncle Sam may have outgrown himself when he boosted the charge on postal money orders 662-3 per cent.

Banks throughout the country—selling money orders of their own—generally are expected to charge less than the government.

This probably will mean more money orders sold by the banks, fewer by the government.

Congress did the raising, boosting all postal rates until six months after the war.

The other kinds of postal service may not suffer much from the increases, but this was the comment at the post office on the new money order rates.

"It is the general impression here that they will reduce the number of money orders sold by the government."

The postmaster general had protested against the general increase in rates, wishing to wait until some experts now busy on the problem had finished their work.

Last year the post office issued 346,440,854 domestic money orders. The total money transmitted that way was \$4,445,287,711. The government's net was 35 million dollars.



ROCKET TARGET—A rocket target is released from a wheeled projector designed to be fired at varying angles to give U. S. anti-aircraft gunners practice with a target closely simulating the speed of enemy aircraft. This device replaces sleeve targets.

Allied Airmen Continue Smash Jap Installations

PONAPE HIT BY FIGHTERS Marine Fliers Take Part In New Offensive

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, March 28.—(AP)—American fighter planes continued to pound Japs in their first announced participation in the mountain aerial offensive against the enemy's Ponape island base in the Eastern Carolines.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in two press releases yesterday told of the raids Saturday and Sunday, when Corsair fighters of the fourth marine aircraft wing accompanied by army air force Mitchell medium bombers on the over-water attacks.

As well as being the first announcement that speedy fighters had helped attack the base which is 440 miles east of the big Japanese naval and plane bastion at Truk, it also was the first mention of enemy interception over Ponape.

In the Saturday attack on Ponape, 425 miles south of Eniwetok atolls, the American air base, the Corsairs downed four out of 15 intercepting Zeros and probably got one more. None of the American planes was lost.

Returning Sunday with 7th AAF Mitchells the Corsairs knocked down nine of another group of 15 intercepting Zeros and three more probably were destroyed. Nimitz made no mention of American losses.

The bombers' targets were the town of Ponape and military installations, intense anti-aircraft fire was penetrated in strafing runs.

The raids were the 20th and 21st on Ponape since the American bombers started visiting the island Feb. 15 and Saturday's was the 16th assault in March.

Ujelang atoll, a small atoll 125 miles south of Eniwetok, was hit Saturday by the same raiders that attacked Ponape.

Coronado search planes of fleet airwing two visited the vicinity of Ujelang atoll.

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Churchill Says Invasion Jitters Just Beginning

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Washington, March 28.—(AP)—The invasion jitters are just beginning.

From here on there will be "false alarms, feints and dress rehearsals" by the Anglo-American high command and phony reports and rumors put out by the Germans. This will continue until the smartest deceptionists on both sides of the English channel have exhausted their bags of tricks in the greatest battle of nerves, preceding the greatest amphibious assault in history.

The quoted words are from Prime Minister Churchill's Sunday broadcast. His brief reference to the forthcoming attempts to receive the enemy about exactly where and when the blow or blows will fall was interpreted here today as a warning to the Allied world to get ready for some strange maneuvers.

Surprise is one of the deadliest weapons in the Allied arsenal of attack and the Germans are believed to be working along similar lines. They need deception primarily to arouse the underground forces of Europe prematurely, and thus expose them to betrayal. The Allies are counting on these forces to strike at exactly the right moment to wreck enemy communications, tie up enemy occupation and reserve forces, blow up supply centers and otherwise create confusion in the German rear.

The German maneuvering is reported working feverishly—impressing French, Dutch, Belgian and other dominated people into service to help them—to strengthen their already powerful "Atlantic wall" defenses. Dutch reports made available here from underground sources are especially detailed in such activities.

These say the Germans already have flooded some of the Dutch coastal lowlands, which the industrious Hollanders spent five centuries draining, and are ready to blow out all the dikes if necessary. They add that the Germans are particularly concerned about Dutch territory because once penetrated it leads quickly into the industrial heart of western Germany.

Another Dutch report, credited by the news agency Aneta to an underground newspaper, is that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the German commander, has established headquarters at Breda in western Europe.

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Meadows Asks Retirement

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—A highly authentic source said here today that President Leon R. Meadows of East Carolina Teachers College had requested that he be retired as president of the institution effective this summer, when he reaches retirement age.

The source, who requested that his name not be used, said the retirement probably would be granted at the end of the present school year, August 31.

Meanwhile, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction and chairman of the board of trustees of the college, said that the board would meet here April 7 instead of April 4 at Greenville, as previously announced. Principal matter to be considered at the meeting is expected to be Dr. Meadows' retirement.

Dr. Meadows will become 60 years of age and eligible for retirement pay within the next few weeks. His retirement would become effective under the state employees' and teachers' retirement system.

The college head recently was exonerated by his board of trustees of a state auditor's report that he had not satisfactorily accounted for more than \$18,000 of college and student funds. The board voted vindication by a count of 8-4.

Efforts to contact Dr. Meadows at his office this afternoon for a statement regarding the Raleigh report were unsuccessful.

Rabaul And Wewak Pounded Again; Japs Thrown Back At Bougainville

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 28.—(AP)—Rabaul, Japan's one-proud bastion on New Britain which is now isolated by American landings around the Bismarck sea, is being steadily leveled by Allied bombs in a new phase of warfare aimed at the enemy's warehouses, shops, barracks and other buildings.

More than 70 tons of explosives and incendiaries were poured on these targets Friday and Saturday, and 145 structures of all types and sizes were destroyed or damaged, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command said today.

The nature of the targets was noteworthy since previous raids have concentrated primarily on Rabaul's five big air-dromes.

Mitchell medium bombers, Dauntless dive-bombers and Avenger torpedo planes carried out the raids, hitting also fuel and ammunition storages, while Liberators and Mitchells pounded the northeast New Guinea coast with 178 tons of bombs and destroyers shelled Japs shore and defense positions in support of ground troops mopping up the Admiralty islands, invaded Feb. 29.

The Wewak area of northeast New Guinea, last Japanese stronghold in the Bismarck sea sector, took another terrific pasting. Its airbases and supply dumps were hit, the waterfront smashed, gas positions silenced and large fires started. A 1,000-ton cargo ship off shore and seven barges were sunk, or severely damaged.

Aitape, 90 miles up the coast from Wewak, was hit by 24 tons of bombs concentrated in bivouac areas, buildings and small shipping. One attack plane failed to return. These New Guinea positions have been bombed almost daily by the Fifth army air force during March.

While first cavalry division troops (Continued on page four)

The WAR TODAY

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Hitler will have to be quick on his feet to sidestep the fresh crises which are rushing at him in the Soviet and Balkan theaters.

The collapse of the army under Prussian Field Marshal Von Manstein in the southern Ukraine has developed two other dangerous situations for him to handle.

1. The route into Rumania has been laid open to the onrushing Muscovites. That means a new front for the Hitlerites to defend in the strategic Danubian basin. The fate of the Balkan powder-keg has been lit.

2. The defense of the present Nazi line in southern Poland—one of the west-bound lanes which lead to Hitler's inner fortress and Berlin—has been rendered all but hopeless. His whole scheme for holding Poland and the Baltic states is in fresh jeopardy.

Marshal Konev's Russian army had no sooner slashed through Bessarabia to the Prut river, which is Rumania's frontier, than the Red artillery cut loose with an intense barrage, signalling the intention to launch an offensive into Rumania proper. The beginning of that push, which is likely to drive another nail into Hitler's coffin, may even be under way as this is written.

In this connection the Soviet army newspaper Red Star sang a psalm which appears on the face of it to be of such significance that I especially call your attention to it. Said Red Star:

"For the Red army there are no boundaries; her boundaries are victory, Berlin, and straight-jacket for the mad German Valkyrie."

Intentionally or otherwise, this psalm is an answer to the story that when the Soviet forces have expelled the enemy from Russian territory, Moscow will make peace with Berlin and let the rest of the Allies fight it out with Hitler.

On the southern Polish front the Russians have captured the important railway junction of Kamenets. Podolsk—one of Hitler's strongholds. A little to the northwest another even more important key junction, Tarnopol, is surrounded and fierce fighting is proceeding.

Quite as sensational is the Berlin statement that the Russians are massing troops east of Kovel—170 miles southeast of Warsaw—for a big offensive aimed directly at the Polish capital. Further, the Nazis say there's fighting inside Kovel—a remarkable statement in view of the fact that Moscow doesn't even claim to have reached Kovel.

As the Russians start their drive into the Balkans, a great question mark appears in the sky to the south. What will Turkey do? Will she cling to neutrality or will she join the hour for her to take her place beside the Allies as they administer the coup de grace to the world's most dangerous gangster? Now is the time when the Allies must need her strength.

German Report Indicates Reds Have Entered Rumania

TWENTY-TWO DIE IN FIRE

Police Believe Hotel Fire of Incendiary Origin

San Francisco, March 28.—(AP)—Twenty-two persons were known dead and a score of injured were in hospitals after a blaze which Fire Chief Albert J. Sullivan said "undoubtedly must have been of incendiary origin" swept through the New Amsterdam Hotel early today.

The three-story frame structure in the industrial district south of Market street housed about 100 tenants in its 72 rooms, firemen said after talking to some of those who escaped. Most of the tenants are shipyard and war industry workers, police said.

The operator of the hotel, a woman, could not be found immediately, and firemen expressed fear she might have been among those killed.

Police in the southern district station, half a block from the hotel, responded at the first alarm, only to find the flames had spread so quickly the entire structure seemed already ablaze.

Lt. E. J. Glover, in charge of the district police station, said he ran to the scene and with other officers attempted to enter the door which led from the street to the second floor.

"Flames swept down at us and drove us back," said Glover. "We could not enter. My men turned to giving first aid and rescue work to many who dropped from windows."

Three persons who jumped from windows landed in life nets spread by firemen. Many others made their way to safety on the roof-top of an adjoining garage from which firemen led them down ladders.

One woman was killed when she jumped from a second story window just as the first fire trucks arrived.

The fire broke out "too suddenly and swept through the hotel too quickly to have been of ordinary origin," Fire Chief Sullivan said.

Three other fires of unknown origin had been reported within a radius of five blocks of the hotel earlier in the night. Last week 11 fires in small hotels and rooming houses in Oakland, across San Francisco Bay, were attributed to arsonists.

Several hours before the hotel fire police had broadcast a "pick up" (Continued on page two)

Opponents



Democratic Candidate W. D. Stigler (top) opposes Republican O. Clark (bottom) in a special congressional election today in the Second District of Oklahoma. The outcome of the election is watched eagerly for clues to presidential prospects. (AP Wirephoto).

JAPS DRIVING AHEAD IN INDIA

Determined Attacks Against Allies Near Imphal

New Delhi, March 28.—(AP)—Japanese forces pushing through the Somra hills inside the Indian border are pressing home determined attacks in the vicinity of Imphal, 32 miles northeast of Imphal. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced today.

To the south of Imphal, meanwhile, Allied troops are continuing operations to clear the Tiddim-Imphal road, along which the Japanese have been moving steadily northward since crossing the border from Burma several days ago.

Near the Palel-Tamu road, where the Japanese are pushing upon Imphal from the southeast, a small enemy party was driven from one position, and a Nipponese attack was repulsed.

In northern Burma, American-trained Chinese troops stormed and seized the village of Hkawglawyang in the Pogaung valley, killing a number of Japanese. The Chinese (Continued on page four)

Soviet Artillery Blasting Nazi Ranks On 80 Mile Front Along Prut River; Important German Communications Being Straungled; Dniester River Stronghold Falls

London, March 28.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that Russian troops had attempted to storm the town of Iasi, indicating that the Red army had crossed the Prut river border of Rumania.

Iasi is 10 miles south of Skulany, Prut river town which the Russians announced taking last night.

The broadcast gave no details of the attack, but said it had failed.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
Moscow, March 28.—(AP)—Russian troops inside Bucovina appeared today to be strangling the communications of Cernowitz (Cernauti) from positions in that provincial capital's outskirts, while Red artillery along 80 miles of the Prut river poured salvo after salvo into enemy ranks.

There was no positive indication that the Russians had crossed the Prut, which divides Rumania and Rumania proper. Nor was there any report of answering fire from German and Rumanian guns, indicating the foe was in flight toward Iasi (Jassy), headquarters of Marshal Von Manstein's retreating army of the south. The Russians were ten miles from Iasi on the Prut at Skulany.

Street fighting was reported in Nikolev, Black sea port on the Bug estuary, 215 miles to the east of Iasi. Nikolev was reported ripe for imminent capture.

Forty miles northeast of Cernowitz, the capture of the strong Dniester river base of Kamenets Podolsk and the town of Bogovitsky was swiftly fashioning a "death pocket" around Germans in a 1,400 square mile salient to the northeast. Main escape routes were snapped; the Germans could retreat only through a muddy corridor being closed from the north by the first Ukrainian army and from the south by the second Ukrainian army.

Investia, government organ, said the ominous thunder of Russian artillery already was audible in Iasi and that "the German command cannot halt our troops."

Red Star declared in a dispatch from the Prut that Marshal Ivan Konev's second Ukrainian army tanks and tommy-gunners were driving Germans and Rumanians to death in the narrow stream.

Cernowitz has 110,000 population and was the third largest city of pre-war Rumania.

Of the 22 towns and villages officially reported captured in yesterday's fighting, 91 fell to Zhukov's forces in their drive into Bucovina. Thirty-one were swept up in lower Russia on a 60-mile front between besieged Belts and Pervomaisk in lower Russia, the communists said. The rest were taken by the armies of Konev and Malinovsky.

Peace Strike

Stockholm, March 28.—(AP)—The Free Danish News Service said today that 30,000 German and foreign workmen recently staged a peace strike in Berlin, using the slogan, "End it by Easter."

(The story was unconfirmed by any other source and the Associated Press bureau in Stockholm urged that it be treated with reserve.)

Complaints About Employing Minors

Parents and school authorities are making complaints about children under 18 years of age working in public places for hours longer than those allowed by law. It seems that many boys who regularly attend school are not holding work certificates and are being employed in various places in Greenville and around the state.

In order to advise the general public of the provisions of the State Child Labor law a synopsis follows: Minors under 18 years of age are required to hold a public employment certificate. Minors 14 and 15 years of age may not work more than eight hours a day, forty hours per week, six consecutive days a week before 6 a. m. and not after 9 p. m. and only during vacation and outside school hours. During the school year, hours must not exceed eight hours per day and 40 hours per week.

The employer is required to have on file a certificate for all minors under 18 years of age. Blank forms for obtaining these permits are issued at the Welfare Department in the Court House.

"Inspection of all public places for violation of the child labor law will be made in the immediate future," stated O. V. Rowe, labor inspector.

Watch Oklahoma Voting For Presidential Trend

By The Associated Press
Democrats and Republicans watched the progress of a special Oklahoma congressional election eagerly today in the hope the outcome might give them some clue to the future course of two silent men of politics—President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

These two, who have given no public indication they would be candidates, were chief beneficiaries of routine delegate-chosing primaries in New York today. A fourth term slate of 90 district Democratic delegates was being selected with a gate way being selected with a group representing six at-large votes to be picked at a state convention later.

Dewey was assured of the support of most of 85 district Republican delegates, and will have the backing of most of the eight to be elected at the party's state convention. At Milwaukee, Wendell Willkie clinched his Wisconsin campaign for the Republican presidential nomination with the assertion that the United States "is bogging down internationally."

Observing that the President and other Allied leaders early in the war had laid down broad general principles of foreign collaboration, Willkie said "at each successive step we have violated the very principles we have announced as principles for which we fight."

As instances, he listed the "Polish boundary question, the Vichy policy, the Yugoslav policy, the policy toward Italian Fascists."

In Oklahoma, W. G. Stigler, Democrat, and E. O. Clark, Republican, battled for a Democratic House seat in a contest that brought senator Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky into the campaign with the declaration that if the opposition wanted to make the New Deal the dominant issue, the Democrats were ready to accept the challenge.

Senator Moore (R-Okla.) asserted that Clark's election would "end fourth term talk." And there were many Republicans who contended that a victory for their party in that traditional Democratic stronghold might well influence the President's decision.

Last night, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, who also is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, said he believed Barkley's participation in the contest over the seat in Oklahoma's second congressional district.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

PRAYER THE BATTLE GROUND

There are certain modern religious movements which lay great emphasis upon prayer, and they particularly emphasize the fact that prayer is best offered up when we are in a relaxed and peaceful state of mind. There is a religious meeting held every Sunday in a certain large city, and the people are urged to relax, assume a peaceful state of mind, and offer up their petitions.

It is interesting to note that the only time Jesus did not enjoy a peaceful state of mind was when he was in prayer. It was said that in Gethsemane he prayed until the sweat like heavy drops of blood, fell down over his face. He struggled and agonized in prayer, attempting to find the will of God and to find power whereby He might follow it. Then, the prayer ended, he arose from His knees and thereafter struggled and worried not at all. We are often peaceful in prayer and agitated in action. Our Lord was the opposite—He was agitated in prayer and peaceful in action.

The New Testament seems to indicate that prayer is the Christian's battle ground. It is not a sweet asylum where he lies back and takes the rest cure. It may result, as it once did during our Lord's career, in the glorious transfiguration of one's whole life, until light and peace succeed conflict and strife. But the essential characteristic of prayer, as described in the New Testament, is conflict.

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Watch . . .

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district, indicated that the administration was "greatly worried." Asserting his belief that the administration "should be" worried, Bricker added:

"I can not understand how he (Harkley) can come into Oklahoma demanding unqualified support of the New Deal in view of his recent repudiation of the President's veto of the revenue measure."

Democrats generally scoffed at the idea that Mr. Roosevelt would chart his course on the outcome of any special election. They said a Democratic victory would demonstrate that there is no basic revolt against the President's policies.

Some Republicans, who have been wondering if Dewey wouldn't rather take his chances of getting the party's presidential nomination in 1948, speculated that a victory for their side in the Oklahoma election might help him make up his mind whether 1948 is the year of opportunity.

Dewey has insisted that he is not a candidate but there have been indications he would accept a draft nomination.

Churchill Says . . .

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Holland and converted the historic town into a fortress. Another underground newspaper says the enemy has invented a type of work called "special services" under which people are routed out in the middle of the night and forced to dig trenches and erect barricades.

The flow of such information to Dutch diplomats here suggests that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower probably is receiving highly informative data on the state and disposition of German preparations from underground sources all over western Europe.

Aerial Blows . . .

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the ground since few German aircraft rose to intercept the attackers. Four other fighters fell to bomber gunners, for a day's total of 42. Six American bombers and 10 fighters were missing, a supplemental communiqué said today. Five fighters previously listed as lost were found to be safe.

Twenty Two . . .

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warning on a man who had been seen in the vicinity of the earlier fires.

In England



L. A. T. Humble, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Humble, of Greenville, Route 2, has arrived safely in England. He was on a bomber. L. A. Humble was graduated from Greenville High School and received his army training in Nashville, Tenn. He is now in the 8th Air Force, based at a base in Nebraska.

Alex Fields Buried Farmville Monday

Funeral services for Alex Fields, 79, farmer of the Ballard's Cross Roads community, who died at his home Saturday morning, were held Monday afternoon at the home of a son, J. R. Fields, Rev. W. E. Lee of Farmville officiated. Burial was in the Farmville cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, four sons, Jimmie Fields of Belvoir, J. R. Fields of Ballard's, P. L. Fields of Greenville and Tommie Fields of Farmville; four daughters, Mrs. Alex Tingen of Shine, Mrs. Floyd Craft of Farmville, Mrs. G. D. Case of Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Chester Worthington of Ballard's; a brother, Richard Fields, La. Grange, and a sister, Ophelia Fields of La. Grange; 37 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

John Briley Died Monday Afternoon

John S. Briley, 59, died at his home near Greenville at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon after about six weeks illness.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of Bethel, will officiate. Burial will be in the Meeks family cemetery near Bethel.

Mr. Briley was born and reared in Martin county. He had been living in Pitt county about 36 years. He was a member of Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Allie G. Briley; four sons, John, Jr., and Joe H. and Walter E. Briley of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Estelle Hannah of near Greenville, Mrs. Flossie Carter of Port Harbor, Mrs. Louise Taylor of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Annie Wetherington of Orifon, and Mattie Lee Briley of the home; and two sisters, Mrs. George T. Moore of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. Annie Meeks of Greenville.

Rocky Mount Girl Wins

Rocky Mount, March 28—(AP)—Competing against three other district winners from eastern North Carolina, Doris Proctor, local high school senior, was declared area winner of the American Legion oratorical contest held last night in Tarboro. Miss Proctor won over William Nelson of Elizabeth City, Harvey Johnson of Conway and Henry Carroll of Washington, N. C. She will compete in the state finals in Durham April 2.

Fishing Regulations

Raleigh, March 27.—(AP)—The season for warm water fishing in Eastern and Piedmont North Carolina has been extended from April 5 to 11. In the western part of the state this season lasts until April 15, when the trout season opens.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Juice of a woody plant
4. Room
7. Pronoun
12. Church dignitary
14. Statue
15. Illuminant
16. Positive electric pole
17. Place of labor
18. Edible bird
20. Addition to a document
22. Victim
23. Exceed with anticipation
24. Exclusive persons
26. Those that bring into
29. Weights
30. Antacid
31. Exclamation
32. Fish eggs
33. Large body of water
34. Calm
35. Like
36. Selected
37. Walking stick
38. State
40. Soldier
41. Acquiesce by labor
42. Period of reduced prices
43. Marsh
44. Make less dense
45. This
46. Ours
47. Devoured
48. Rotten
49. Sewed
50. Drudge
51. Gaily
52. Muddy

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Kind of starch
2. Edible weed
3. Piece of fabric
4. Main body
5. Island of the Philippines
6. Presently
7. Massachusetts case
8. Give loose to
9. Heavy hammer
10. Fish
11. Pickle
12. Chief
13. Character of
14. The last days of Pompeii
15. White color
16. Running boat
17. French river
18. Series
19. Part of the oak
20. Keenest
21. Without covering for the feet
22. Shallow
23. Young cow
24. Stopped
25. Hurt
26. Short for a name
27. Exhibition
28. Mercantile
29. Character
30. Feminine name
31. Ship of the

Rankin Issues Tobacco Report

R. C. Rankin, supervisor of sales of the Greenville tobacco market, has issued the following report on plant bed conditions and the outlook for progress in the planting of this year's tobacco crop.

"Despite a month that brought unusually heavy rains and several freezes the general condition of Eastern Carolina plant beds is satisfactory. There are complaints of yellowing plants but on the majority of the beds they are thick, healthy and growing, and the present outlook is for a plentiful supply. Weeds are also thick and growing fast. The usual amount of bed yardage has been sown, from 75 to 100 yards per acre to be planted, in some instances more, and even though there are individual failures there should be plants enough for all. Of course blue mold is always a threat of an undetermined amount of damage, or of delay in planting.

"The frequent and heavy rains have slowed up spring ploughing and tobacco growers are very much behind in this work. Much of the land worked up during the little favorable weather this part of the state has had, was packed hard by later rains and will have to be prepared again. But most everyone is of the opinion that better weather in the immediate future will enable them to catch up with this part of their farm work and get the 1944 crop planted by a normal date. However, some will be hard pressed if this is done.

"The labor situation is expected to present a serious problem but reports from practically every county in the Eastern Belt, except parts of Halifax, say the majority of the growers will take advantage of the acreage increase granted them."

Boys Damage Shrubs On Courthouse Lawn

By CHESTER WALSH

The lawn and shrubbery at the courthouse, one of the attractive spots in Greenville, has fared badly at the hands of small boys making a playground of the place. Some of the shrubbery has been damaged by the youngsters and a beautiful spruce pine was killed and had to be removed as a result of the boys' swinging on it. The lawn is not a playground, it was set out in the original plans of the courthouse to add to its attractiveness. The post-office and the City Hall lawns were laid out for the same purpose, but the boys do not use them as playgrounds.

There is no law against using the courthouse lawn, but boys, especially in the afternoon, give it a "hard-going-over" in their games. A visitor in the city seeing the sights Monday afternoon wondered why the youngsters are allowed to play on it and she pointed out that if boys did the same thing on some householders' lawn, damaging flowers and shrubbery, that there would be a sudden call for the police by parents of the same boys mutilating the courthouse lawn.

Lions Club Employs Weekly Supper Meet

The Greenville Lions Club at a supper meeting at the high school last night endorsed the American Legion and Forty and Eight in their work to curb juvenile delinquency during the war. The club voted to entertain Capt. Jasper L. Jones, commanding officer, and the officers and members of the Greenville State Guard company in the near future. Plans were outlined for another scrap drive some time in April. President Godfrey Oakley presided. Larry Averette, one of the club's active members, will go to Fort Bragg for induction into the army on April 8.

Superior Court April 17

A number of important cases are on the docket for trial when Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford convenes a criminal term of Superior court here on Monday, April 17.

ACROSS
1. Juice of a woody plant
4. Room
7. Pronoun
12. Church dignitary
14. Statue
15. Illuminant
16. Positive electric pole
17. Place of labor
18. Edible bird
20. Addition to a document
22. Victim
23. Exceed with anticipation
24. Exclusive persons
26. Those that bring into
29. Weights
30. Antacid
31. Exclamation
32. Fish eggs
33. Large body of water
34. Calm
35. Like
36. Selected
37. Walking stick
38. State
40. Soldier
41. Acquiesce by labor
42. Period of reduced prices
43. Marsh
44. Make less dense
45. This
46. Ours
47. Devoured
48. Rotten
49. Sewed
50. Drudge
51. Gaily
52. Muddy

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Kind of starch
2. Edible weed
3. Piece of fabric
4. Main body
5. Island of the Philippines
6. Presently
7. Massachusetts case
8. Give loose to
9. Heavy hammer
10. Fish
11. Pickle
12. Chief
13. Character of
14. The last days of Pompeii
15. White color
16. Running boat
17. French river
18. Series
19. Part of the oak
20. Keenest
21. Without covering for the feet
22. Shallow
23. Young cow
24. Stopped
25. Hurt
26. Short for a name
27. Exhibition
28. Mercantile
29. Character
30. Feminine name
31. Ship of the

Promoted



Claude H. Christopher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Christopher of Route 4, Greenville, has been promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant. He is serving with the Arm Air Forces in England.

Will Celebrate Pan American Day

The Spanish and Latin American History students wish to call to the attention of the citizens of Greenville that Pan American Day is approaching. Pan American Day—the day of the Americas—is observed each year on April 14, and commemorates the political, economic, and spiritual unity of the 21 Republics of the American continent. Pan American Day is observed on April 14 because on that date in 1890 the first international conference of American states, meeting in Washington, adopted a resolution which resulted in the creation of the Commercial Bureau of the American republics, the organization known today as the Pan American union.

On April 14, 1931, the day was formally observed throughout the American continent for the first time. With each succeeding year, the commemoration of Pan American Day becomes more widespread. The presidents of the 21 republics proclaim Pan American Day. In the United States the proclamation issued by the president designating April 14 as Pan American Day called upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, thereby giving expression to the spirit of continental solidarity and to the sentiments of cordiality and friendly feeling which the government and people of the United States entertain toward the peoples and governments of the other republics of the American continent.

Hoping to bring to Greenville the real meaning of Pan Americanism, the Spanish and Latin American History students of the high school during the following three weeks will present a number of radio programs entitled "Cruising Through Latin America," which will ask the local papers to carry stories and interesting facts about the Latin American republics, and on April 14 invite the citizens of Greenville to commemorate the day by participating in a Pan American Fiesta at the high school. It is the hope of the students that the day will be an "All American Day."

Colonel Rodman Speaks At Rotary

By WYATT BROWN
The right of small boards to regulate certain phases of the citizen's rights is good in so far as the broad principles are concerned, but trying to people in certain small details, was the opinion cited by Col. William B. Rodman III last night at an address at the Rotary Club. He was discussing the trend toward delegating certain powers to small boards for execution. Colonel Rodman was presented by Fordyce Harding, program chairman, who called attention to the distinguished family of the speaker and contribution of that family in public life.

Colonel Rodman said, "We are in a period of revolution or evolution." Then he mentioned previous periods of social revolution.

"New knowledge brought about those periods of revolution," declared the speaker. He painted a picture of modern progress with master strokes with a perspective of social significance.

Pules Verne's fantastic tales made reality and passed by with annihilation of space and time by modern invention. Mail in five days from Greenville to New Caledonia and witnesses not awed. Radio news roundups compassing the globe nightly.

"Is it any wonder then with these changing conditions that we shall have changes in government. Not changes in fundamentals but in the way one deals with the new problems that arise. You find high praise and bitter criticism of the way the government handles problems. We are concerned today with the government of an area geographically the same size but in time and space shrunk relatively to the size of a May pea.

"It presents the problem of control and how those controls shall be exercised. Two lines of thought have been developed. They are not so fundamentally different—the difference is in the manner of administration.

"In this time of war the Congress has given to the chief executive of the United States broad powers to be given to small boards for administration and these boards have the power to enforce their rulings.

Then he mentioned the board to control prices and the anti-inflation controls board commenting that many benefits had been derived from their creation.

"Under these things men have fretted and said they wanted to tear the whole structure down. Why? Because of petty annoyances. No matter how you feel, you cannot throw them overboard. No matter whether you are a Democrat or

a Republican you are not going back to the way things were. They came as a result of social needs. You have the responsibility to keep informed," he declared having just cited the instance of undue hardship on an acquaintance who is penalized for breaking a price ceiling regulation unwittingly.

"Keep informed. Don't let the multitudinous little annoyances destroy plans that will make ours a great country. Where there is good work done come forward with praise," exhorted Colonel Rodman in conclusion.

President John Fleming commended Sam White, retiring chairman of the program committee, for excellence of his programs. Herbert Waldrop reminded Rotarians of Rotary Anne night April 10. It was announced that election of a new board of directors will be held next Monday night.

Did You Know?

1. Guatemala is buying United States War Bonds?
2. Costa Rica's President is one of the great surgeons of our time?
3. Nearly every man in Costa Rica is a land-holder?
4. Voting in Costa Rica is secret, direct, and free, a practice which is very unusual in Latin America?
5. Guatemala furnishes a great deal of chicle, product from which chewing gum is made?
6. In San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, the men go around the park one way and the women another? Just an old Spanish custom!

NEWS OF GREENVILLE HIGH

By DAVID WHICHIARD AND HOWARD WILLIAMS

Latin American Program

Tonight at 8:15 the second in a series of programs entitled "Cruising Through Latin America," will be presented over WGTC by members of the GHS Spanish and Latin American history classes, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Mims.

Ends Thursday

Voting for the kings and queens of the high school will close Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the sophomore class announced today. The boy and girl in junior high and the boy and girl of senior high who have the most votes when the balloting closes will be crowned kings and queens at the Coronation Ball on Friday night.

Assembly

The S. C. A. delegates who went to the Lexington congress will give a report to the students of senior high tomorrow morning in an assembly. This assembly program is being given to more familiarize the students with the work being done by other high school student councils all over North Carolina.

Radio Program

The junior chorus under the direction of Miss Shindler will present a musical radio program over WGTC tomorrow morning from 11:45 to 12.

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Essay Contest.
A prize of five dollars will be given to any high school student of the Greenville High School who writes the best essay on "Blockade Running During the War Between the States." This blockade running may be by water or through the lines. The prize is given by the George B. Singletary Chapter, U. D. G. of Greenville, Mrs. J. L. Fleming, president.

The following rules to be observed:

The history teachers of the high school will decide who may enter this contest. Consult the history teachers.
Age and grade will be considered in the judging.
Essays must be submitted on or before May 10, 1944.
All contestants must attach bibliography and other source material to insure authenticity of information.
Essays must not contain over 1,800 words. Number of words must be stated at top of left-hand corner of page one.

Essays must be typed and signed with fictitious name. Real names, age and grade must be placed in a sealed envelope and attached to essay. Age and grade must be with fictitious name also. This will aid in judging.
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Tuesday, March 28, 1944

Social and Personal

Mr. W. A. Sugg of Cincinnati, is spending a few days here with his family before entering the navy.

Mrs. Annie Pittman has returned from a visit in Memphis, Tenn. She was sick during the entire time but is recovered.

Mrs. Ned Carville has returned from Lebanon, Tenn., to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey.

Mrs. W. A. Pope of Enfield, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Annie Pittman.

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. W. R. Skinner is ill in Pitt General Hospital.

Miss Evelyn Scheller has returned to Katherine Gibbs School in Boston after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Scheller.

Cpl. Jimmie Harris arrived on Thursday of last week from overseas duty to spend an eighteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris of Chicod.

Mr. J. D. Simpson of Athens, Ga., spent last night and today in Greenville.

Show War Films At College.

Two films on subjects connected with the war were shown last night at the college under the auspices of the International Relations Committee of the A. A. U. W., and were seen by a good number of students from the city schools and the college.

"The Japanese - Our Enemy" showed how carefully the Japanese had prepared for the struggle and how everyone in their country now is hard at work in some way - either fighting or helping feed or arm the fighters.

"The World at War," an OWI film, showed how the various nations are engaging in the war and the cost of war in human life.

Mrs. R. L. Humber, Jr., is chairman of the committee which sponsored the films.

Legion Auxiliary Meets.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Frank Brown on Ninth street, Monday afternoon. Mesdames Flye, Bridges, Bowling, Lanier and Frank were assisting hostesses.

Mrs. Brown's lovely home was attractively decorated with spring flowers.

Mrs. D. M. Clark, president, presided. The meeting was opened with the "Salute to the Flag," after which the preamble to the constitution was read in unison. Mrs. Clark read a lovely poem.

Following this the Auxiliary voted to give \$50 to the Red Cross.

The Auxiliary voted to sponsor the opening of the city park through the months of April and May. If interest and financial support is given from individuals and other organizations.

It was decided to send four girls, daughters of Auxiliary members, to "Girls' State" in Greensboro, June 11-14. Mrs. Coburn announced she would give full plans for the sale of 9,000 poppies for "Poppy Day" at the next meeting.

Mr. George Snyder, expert architect, gave a most interesting talk on "City Planning." Mr. Snyder said that the gigantic task of developing our city is possible only through public cooperation and expert advice. The public must have control of the use of urban lands. Neighborhoods with lasting qualities must be created and if we do one thing in our neighborhood we must have regard for the other parts of the city. Our plans for tomorrow must be unified and they must be elastic. Natural beauty must be used to best advantage. Plan now for tomorrow.

The hostesses served delicious hot tea and assorted cookies. -Reported.

Visits Health Department.

It was announced today by County Health Officer Dr. N. T. Emmett that Miss Mary Louise Hewitt, public health nursing consultant of the State Board of Health, is now visiting the Pitt County Health Department.

Miss Hewitt visits the departments in her district periodically and on this visit she is emphasizing midwifery work, maternal and infant clinics and the tuberculosis follow-up program.

Commandery Meeting.

Bethlehem Commandery Knights Templar will hold a special meeting Wednesday night at which time the Order of the Temple will be conferred in full form. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 and the degree work will get under way at 8 o'clock. All Sir Knights are invited and urged to attend. Those having uniforms are requested to wear them in order that they may participate in the degree work.

Birth Announcement.

Seaman Second Class and Mrs. Starling Bissette announce the birth of a daughter, Lorna Star, on Tuesday, March 21, 1944, in Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. Bissette was formerly Miss Margaret Rouse of Greenville.

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Recent Bride



Mrs. Victor Bernard Blanc, who before her marriage on Friday, March 17, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church was Miss Josephine Schneider Flanagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flanagan of this city.

Celebrates Birthday.

Little Miss Alice Leota Edwards was hostess recently to a large number of her little friends, celebrating her fifth birthday.

An Easter bunny, holding a basket of daffodils and other spring flowers on his back, stood in the midst of a bed of green grass, from which peeped multi-colored Easter eggs. The bunny was looking gaily at a lovely birthday cake with five pink candles. Pansies, jonquils, spirea and other spring flowers were used as decorations throughout the house.

Little Miss Edwards and little brother Edwards greeted the guests at the front door and in many instances even further than that. Games and songs were enjoyed, after which ice cream and cakes were served. Vari-colored baskets filled with candy bunnies were given as favors.

Those enjoying the party were: little Misses Anne Evans, Doris Davenport, Nancy Lane Evans, Nan-nie Sue Crawford, Pattie Jean Crawford, Patsy Baker, Dolly Best, Judy Jolly, Masters Perry High-smith, David Evans, Harold Edwards, Freddie Fugitt, Amos Bay-Tvans, Billy Barber, Mrs. Hubert Crawford, Mrs. Amos Evans, Miss Anne Morton and Mrs. A. T. Fugitt.

Cantata At Methodist Church.

Mauder's sacred cantata "Olivet to Calvary" will be sung on Palm Sunday night at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church at 8 o'clock, by the choir.

The cantata simply and reverently recalls the scenes which mark the last few days of the Saviour's life on earth, and some of the reflections suggested thereby. The reciting of the multitude with hosannas and palms, the view of Jerusalem from the steep of Olivet, the lament over the beautiful city, the scene in the temple, and the lonely walk back over the mount at night, form the chief features of the first part.

Part two opens with the Supper of the Passover, at which Jesus washes His disciples feet, and gives to His friends the new commandment of love for one another as the sign of true discipleship. From this the scene passes to the infinite pathos of the Garden of Gethsemane, the sudden appearance of the hostile crowd, Jesus forsaken by His disciples, His utter loneliness among ruthless foes, the tumult before Pilate in the judgment hall, the passage of the Cross, the tragedy and triumph of Calvary.



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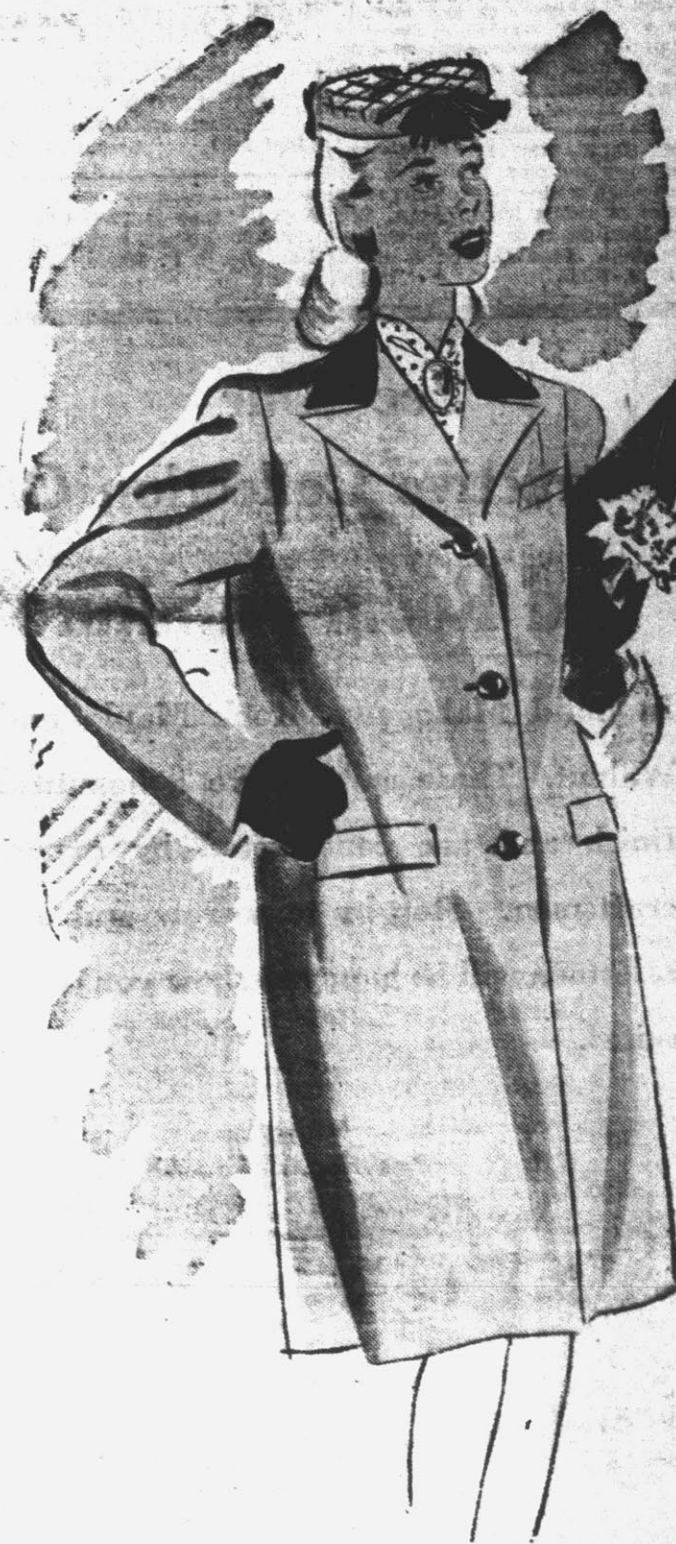
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NOTICE—SOY BEANS FOR SALE—Improved Yellow Mammoth. Do not pop out early. At H. C. Smith's Store, Clay Root Crossroads, Ayden, N. C. 27-3t

GAS RANGE WANTED FOR cash. Must be clean and in good condition. Call 2321 after 1 p. m. 27-3t

NOTICE TO HOMES AND BUSI-ness places—W. R. Carson of Carson & Smith Ext. Co., is in town for a few days. For dependable exterminating service such as ants, roaches, mice, rats, etc. call me at Garris Grocery Co., phone 3168. 27-3t

FOR SALE—COX TRANSPLANT-er truck and plow. Saves man and mule when setting tobacco, fits most makes of riding transplanters. See your local dealer or write us for in-formation. Leon O. Cox & Sons, Grifton, N. C. 16-10t

FOR SALE—1934 CHEVROLET Coach Master Deluxe, with five good tires. Car is in good condition, with low mileage. Can be seen at Carolina Dairy, pr Dial 4397 after 6 p. m. 27-3t

TWO ACRE CHICKEN RANCH about seven miles on Farmville highway, with modern five-room bungalow. Twelve acres clear, and twenty-eight acres in woods ad-joining can be bought at right price. For more information, see Stall-worth, Hadley and Tripp, 312 Evans St., Dial 2401. 27-17

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Highs Begin Ball Practice

Yesterday afternoon approxi-mately 35 Greenville High School boys reported for the Phantoms' first baseball practice of the season. The late start of the Phantoms' practice was because of the rainy weather which prevented getting the field in shape for the daily workouts.

This year's baseball squad is be-ing coached by Mr. John Turnage, boys' physical education instructor at the high school. Mr. Turnage stated yesterday that the Greensies would meet Kingston on April 19 in the locals' first game of the sea-son. He also stated that the Greensies, whose schedule which is still incomplete, would probably play New Bern, Goldsboro and Tarboro high school teams.

Calisthenics took up most of yester-day's work-out which was com-pleted with fielding practice for the infielders and outfielders.

Ponape Hit . . .

(Continued From Page One) Ujelang Sunday and strafed a small enemy vessel, then passed south to bomb Kusaie island and Pingelap atoll in the Eastern Carolines. It was the 11th raid so far this month on Kusaie and the third on Pingelap.

Allied Airmen . . .

(Continued from page one) continued mopping up the remain-ing Japanese on the main island of Manus in the Admiralties. American destroyers shelled Rambutoi island, 20 miles to the southeast, wiping out the village of Lenkau which was thought to contain a number of Japanese and possibly supplies. They also bombarded Loniu and Mataan villages on the southeast coast of Los Negros island, imme-diately adjacent to Manus on the east side, where small detachments of Japanese were believed to have taken refuge.

Davis Makes Denial

Washington, March 28—(AP)—Elmer Davis, war information di-rector, vigorously denied today that OWI employs any "Communists or fellow travelers," or that the agency is engaging in partisan political activity.

New York Cotton

New York, March 28—(AP)—Cot-ton futures opened 15 to 30 cents a bale higher. Noon values were 30 to 40 cents a bale higher. May 20.94, July 20.61, October 20.14. Cotton futures closed 5 to 20 cents a bale lower.

Grain Market

Chicago, March 28—(AP)—Wheat and rye futures closed with a weak undertone today after dis-playing firmness through most of the session. Oats were weak throughout the session on a report that permanent ceilings, to be es-tablished in about a month, would mean a slight rollback from the present temporary maximums. Declining swiftly just before the close, wheat closed unchanged to 1/4 lower than the previous finish. May \$1.73 1/4, July \$1.69 1/4, oats were off 1/4 to 1/2, May \$1.17 1/2, rye was down 1/4 to 1/2, May \$1.28 1/2, and barley was off 1/4 to 1/2, July \$1.24.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, March 28—(AP)—Stocks weakened on expanding vol-ume today. Turnover was over 1,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS	
Alleghany	2 1/2
Al Chem and Dye	14 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	38 1/2
Am Can	86
Am Car Fdy	35
Am Roll Mill	13 1/4
Am Smelt and Ref	37 1/4
A T and T	157 1/2
Am Tob B	61 1/4
Anaconda	26
Arm Il	5 1/2
A C L	38 1/2
Atl Ref	28
Aviat Corp	3 1/2
Baldwin	19 1/4
B and O	8 1/4
Barnsdall	17
Bendix Aviat	36 1/2
Beth Stl	58 1/2
Boeing Airpl	15 1/4
Borden	30 1/2
Budd Mfg	6 1/2
Case J I	35 1/4
Caterpil Trac	48 1/2
Ches and O	82 1/2
Chrysler	46
Coml Credit	40
Coml Solv	15
Cont Can	37
Corn Prod	56 1/2
Curiss Wright	50 1/2
Doug Airc	119 1/2
Dow Chem	143 1/2
Dupont	164 1/4
Eastman Kod	42 1/2
Firestone	36
Gen Elec	42 1/2
Gen Foods	42 1/2
Gen Mot	46 1/2
Goodrich	42 1/2
Goodyear	70 1/2
Int Harvest	13
Int Tel and Tel	90 1/2
Johns Man	30 1/2
Kennecott	74 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	60 1/4
Loews	18 1/2
Lorillard	11 1/2
Mont Ward	21 1/2
Nash Kely	21 1/2
Nat Bisc	28 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	32 1/2
Nat Dist	18 1/2
N Y Cent	83 1/2
No Am Aviat	4 1/2
Packard	25 1/2
Param Pic	26 1/2
Pennney J C	20 1/2
Penn RE	49 1/2
Pepsi Cola	45 1/2
Phillips Pet	40 1/2
Pullman	16 1/2
Pure Oil	9 1/2
Radio	16 1/2
Repub Stl	30
Reynolds B	26 1/2
Sears	23 1/2
Son Ry	30 1/2
Std Brands	53 1/2
Std Oil N J	13
Stewart Warner	31 1/2
Swift	48
Tex Co	79
Un Carb	28
United Airc	13 1/2
United Drug	38
U S Ind Chem	45 1/2
US Rubber	52 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	51 1/2
US Steel	20
Vanadium	4 1/2
Va Caro Chem	46 1/2
Warner Pic	96
Western Union A	39
West Ed and Mfg	39
Woolworth	39

Charge Coercion Of The Farmers

Washington, March 27—(AP)—Spokesman for the Office of Price Administration, the Agriculture De-partment and National Selective Service today promised prompt in-vestigations of reports that "pres-sure" had been used to get farmers to sign up for the Agricultural Ad-justment Administration programs. Rep. Harness (R-Ind.) raised the charge before the House Military Committee, listing a half dozen cases in which he said it was in-dicated that pressure was applied on farmers through draft deferment and rationing procedures. All of the spokesmen heard in re-sply said they did not condone any such plan.

Japs Driving . . .

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are astride the upper Mogau valley road in contact with the enemy south of Hwanggiyang. In this same valley area, troops of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell were wiping out Japanese suicide squads with bayonets and grenades after compressing the invaders between the Hwangglaw Hka (river) and Shandunp.

Near the western coast on the Arakan front, Allied operations went forward east of the Mayu range and in the west tunnel area between Maundaw and Buthedaw, with the Japanese suffering "heavy casu-alties in abortive counterattacks," the communique said. Allied heavy bombers hit enemy supply dumps in the Kamaing area and lighter planes shot up the main street of Kamaing, 42 miles north-west of Myitkyina.

Notice To 4-F Men

Providence, R. I., March 28—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, na-tional director of selective service, said here today that he believed the nation would have to dip into young men now classified in 4-F to meet the needs of the armed forces. "There is where we will have to do a little mining," he said. "There are men in that classification, young men, who maybe can't fight, but they can do something else—they just must."

Victim of Hydrophobia

Washington, March 27—(AP)—The capital's second death from rabies since an epidemic of mad dogs broke out last summer was reported today. Latest victim was Mrs. Estelle Kirby, 65, who was knocked down and bitten last October by a large dog which attacked her in front of the Shoreham Hotel. She was given the Pasteur treatment but died on March 17.

Ballot Job For Maxwell Raleigh, March 27—(AP)—Ray-mond C. Maxwell, secretary of the State Board of Elections, has been appointed special assistant to the Secretary of State in the adminis-tration of the federal absentee war ballot act. Thad Eure, Secretary of State, announced yesterday.

Telephone Strike Impends. Atlanta, March 27—(AP)—A strike vote is scheduled early in May by the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers who claim to represent a majority of the em-ployees of the Southern Bell Tele-phone and Telegraph Company, federation officials have announced.

Serious Charge

Charlotte, March 27—(AP)—Pate J. Beal, president of the Young Republican Clubs of North Carolina, charged today that the state school system had become so enmeshed in politics that its effi-ciency was seriously impaired.

Tar Heel Appointed

Washington, March 28—(AP)—The National Education Associa-tion announced today the creation of a commission on safety education with Robert W. Eaves, a native of North Carolina, as full-time execu-tive secretary.

Colored News

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our son, Western Pitts, who departed this life March 28, 1943. That takes our minds back to the day you left us, but God knows best. March brings sad memories of a loved one gone to rest. You will never be forgotten by the ones who loved you best. The Pitt Family.

The pastor and members of the Holy Trinity Church wish to thank our many friends, both white and colored, and also the pastors of the various church for helping to make our rally a success. Thank you one and all. (Signed) Pastor and Trustee Board. By Arthur Midgett.

For House Of Representatives

I hereby announce that I am a Candidate for election to the House of Representatives, sub-ject to the Democratic Primary, May 27th, 1944. Your Vote and Support Will Be Appreciated

George W. Davis

The Movies Today

PITT—"Rationing," Wallace Bee y. Marjorie Main. STATE—"Whistling Bullets," with Ken Maynard. Also cartoon.

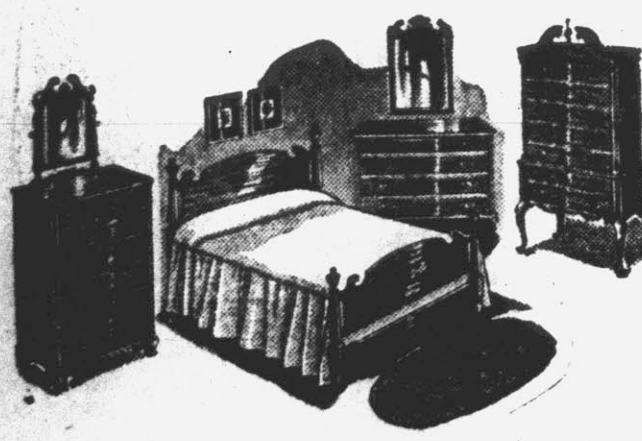
Roosevelt and Dewey. New York, March 27—(AP)—New York will elect tomorrow unin-structed district delegates to the Democratic and Republican na-tional conventions, but the com-plexion of the delegations will be decidedly pro-Roosevelt and pro-Dewey for the respective presiden-tial nominations.

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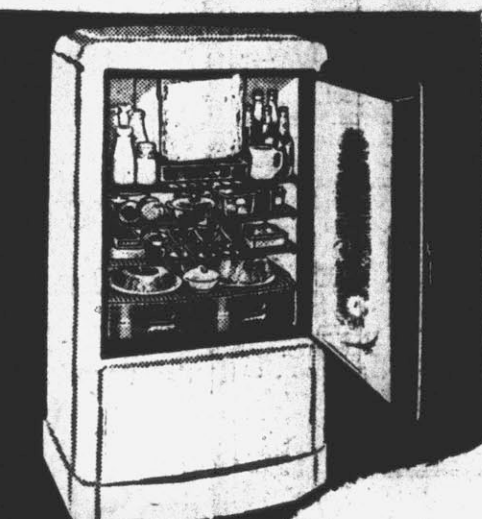
Again...head of the hit parade

You'll see a lot of these good-looking pin stripes this season. The pattern has a quiet good taste that makes it ideal for both business and social wear.
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