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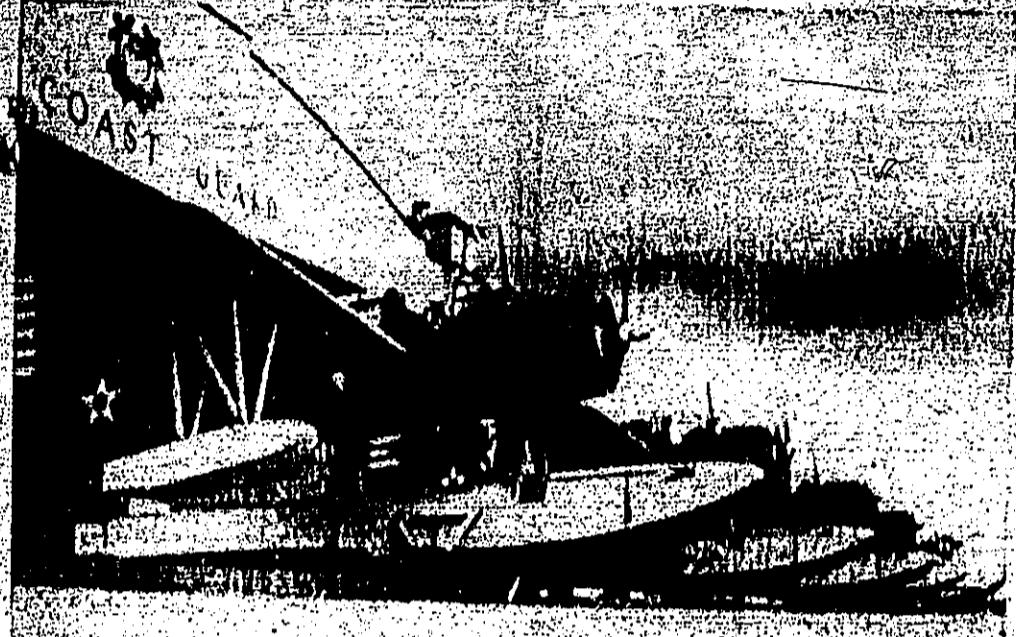
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NOTABLE NEWS EVENTS IN PICTURES



WINGS FOR THE GUARD—Overcoming all dogger-moments, recently reported by Washington, is the motto to wings of U. S. Coast Guard. These "Sea Birds" carry powerful depth charges. They're aligned at East Coast base ready for take-off.



PALL AT TYLER—Harkness or fall in this Glen plaid skirt, modeled by Joyce Reynolds, film actress. It is in feather shading, accented with blacks. The gored skirt is lined with a placket.



MESS KIT FOR KING—Jefferson King George eats an informal lunch from a Yank mess kit, in woods during his tour of North African Allied ports. With him are Lieut. Generals Mark W. Clark, left, and George S. Patton, right.



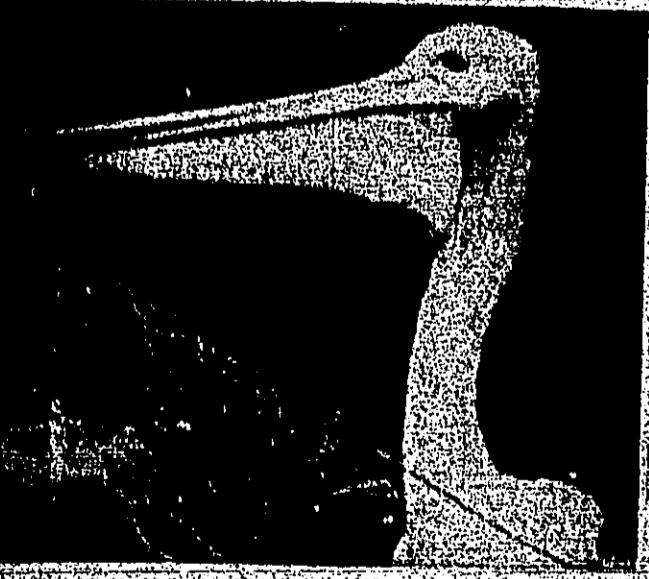
THIS IS THE WAY WE DO IT—From left: S. Sgt. John Rummel, Fort Worth, Tex.; Ssgt. Henry Thurot, Chicago; and Ssgt. Walter Sandberg, Duluth, Minn., get out an electric washing machine. In northern Australia, we do a week's wash of kiliks and other things.



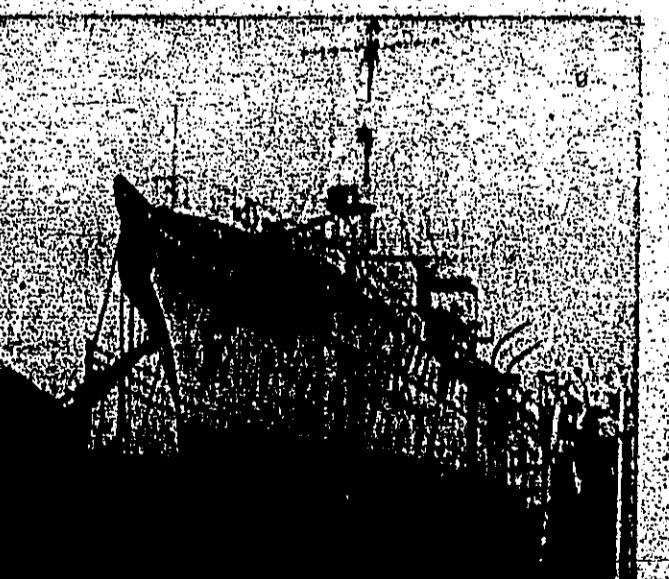
NEARLY EIGHT MILES UP—Lieut. Colonel William Randolph Lovelace, 35-year-old surgeon, who made the longest glider jump on record, of 40,000 feet, at Fairchild, Wash. He did it in test new oxygen equipment. His glove came off and hand was frozen to 30° below stratosphere temperature.



AXIS BLASTERS—These three cadets won first place for San Angelo, Texas, bomber school, among eight Army schools, in a recent bombing contest at San Angelo. From left: Walter H. Cackowski, Allenton, Pa.; Edward J. Roskowsky, Tarrytown, N.Y.; and Edward L. Brown, Shivelyville, Ky. Wings and bars were given them July 14.



PLEASE VAIN THE FISH—This queer-looking bird is a resident of Australia. He's a pelican, but he has more important things on his mind than merely thinking of himself as a pelican. Among his deepest concern is how when and where to find a fish dinner.



MAYFLOWER (MONGOOSE)—The newest and last Mayflower under construction, a 1,000-ton guard escort vessel at Newport, Nava, Va. She will be named the Little. Famed craft has carried Presidents Roosevelt and other Presidents.



CARRIES ON—Dressed in her new WAVES uniform, Apprentice Seaman Genevieve Sullivan carries on the tradition of her five brothers lost in the Pacific war. On completion of her training course in Bronx, N.Y., she'll be another true fighting Sullivan.



FORWARD PASS FOR JAP—Captain Maurice (Ollie) Smith, of Marine Corps former big-time football coach, plans to use his ace forward pass technique when he starts hurling grenades at the Japs. He warms up above at Camp Elliott, Cal., Marine base.

The ALLIED INVASION of Sicily

By James W. Fife

AT 4 o'clock on the morning of July 10th, the Battle of Europe began. The Second Front was opened. The moment which the Allied world has long awaited came with dramatic suddenness at the hour of a thunderous thunderclap. From North Africa moved the assault of Allied troops, having for months been in training for just such an assault on the fortress of the modern continent.

The assault force came in sea and air. Over the quiet waters steamed battle-cruisers, battleships, destroyers, invasion barges, powerful warships of all kinds. Above them were big transports flying planes, joined by fighters in minute timed co-ordination. The Allied forces kept ashore or dropped from parachutes to assault the eighth draw defences of the Italian island of Sicily. A naval barrage and days of aerial attack had helped to clear the way. But the ultimate task was the fighters in fast, maneuvering combat of the tough dogfights.

It was truly an Allied attack. The bulk of the assault forces that had been gathered in North Africa were made up of British, Canadian, and American troops. But there were also Polish, Czech, Yugoslav, and Greek units and large French contingents. In all the Axis reported, there were more than a million United Nations fighters headed. The Allies spoke no statement, but Berlin claimed that there were forty-four infantry divisions, fifteen 120 twenty armored divisions, at least 3,000 airplanes of all kinds. A considerably



Allies invaded Sicily on a 100-mile beach front from the south tip of the island.

in its 9,000 square miles. Many thousands are reported to have been evacuated in the face of the Allied invasion threat. It is a land of upland wheat fields, hillside vineyards, citrus and olive groves.

Malta is Sicily's island of strong coastal defenses. Its mountains and

coastal cities in the north command the sea approaches. The southern coast is sloping, but the terrain that lies between it and the strategic center northward and onward is cut by many valleys, which afford the principal lines of communication. These present a tough fighter's environment. On those natural harbors had their capitaled by the Axis, large coastal guns and anti-aircraft had been installed in profusion.

Hitler's important bastion, their objective was one of Hitler's most important objectives—Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean. It is Italy's second largest "conquest"—in terms of area third largest in population. Until recently more than 4,000,000 people lived

Minos, had been driven down thickly in the coastal waters and pointed so accurately along the beaches. Barbwire and machine gun nests bristled everywhere facing the sea. Naval patrols, including submarine destroyers, ringed the island. The sole safe harbor had been taken for underground landing and paratroopers. Troops at 10,000 to 15,000 are believed to have been stationed in Sicily.

Vast Preparations

It was obvious the Allies had not moved without vast preparation, the assembling of great strength and the most intensive planning possible. The presence of the Canadians was apparently accompanied surprise to the enemy. He had been in England for more than two years and in all that time they had been refresher landings on the beaches of the south and the task groups of the north.

By these signs the importance the Allies attached to the Sicilian assault could be gauged. It was a big stroke in both sides. Sicily is the doorstep of Southern Europe. It looks directly to the mainland of Italy and the Italian peninsula looks toward the African mainland. The Alps are a barrier, but they need not be traversed. The conquest of Italy would give the Allies an important foothold on the continent, a powerful base for seaborne operations. Moreover, Italy thinks the balance of power in the Mediterranean is shifting, and she is anxious to bring down the curtain幕 that has shown down

On Rommel's Laughing

I had made the first landing on Rendova island, leaving there because I wished to be in on the Rice anchorage landing coming in a little later.

During the ride back from Rendova, I found an opportunity to board this cruiser. The mission was to support

millions of troops, including 26,000 new mobilization, but they failed to do so in which he could possibly draw on his most needed resources—or power—to meet the enormous demands being placed upon it. Much as it was anchored in Sicily, there is believed to be a large concentration larger than recent Axis activity would indicate in the Mediterranean theatre. And yet there was the serial use of over 500 air defenses against the bombing from the West.

On July 10 of 1943 had brought to the test the Hitlerian plan of world domination. No one in Allied circles expected an easy and early decision. The more violent Sicily, simply indicated the whole gigantic task of the reoccupation of Europe. It seemed clear that other moves in other sectors were inevitable. But the attack, launched simultaneously in the words of a London newspaper, "One nation brings the rest of the coalition to her joint," a point to which all the United Nations are pursuing every enemy and an Allied press conference on Hitler's forces in Sicily and the United States military leaders were equally cautious, warning that heavy losses could be sustained in Sicily. Sicily was finally conquered.

An Bombarding

In the air in much of the secret of the Allied success. British and American freight dominated the skies. With Sicily the tools over which Axis troops were moving were battalions of bombers, including the leading air United States invasion force on the island of Sicily. The ships were handled by a force totaling more than 400 officers and men. Reconnaissance flights of naval patrols in the Allied drive into the Italian and the Navy said that the high fleet included an early large combat units and a unit of bombing craft but also a number of anti-submarine patrols. As a result, the sky was filled with fighter aircraft and a swarm of smaller bombers.

The men had been especially trained



PLANES FOR PARATROOPERS—These Douglas C-47 transports were the kind used by paratroopers during the invasion of Sicily. Note the exits on the side doors through which Allied aircraft dropped behind Axis lines.

again and again. In Italy, Rome and Naples, the rail centres through which Axis reinforcements could be rushed to Sicily, were hammered. Naples was a shambles, with Allied planes hitting over 100 for six hours at a stretch.

The ground troops also received strong support from the Allied navies. British and American fleet units boldly sailed the waters about Sicily. The British bombarded Crotone on the Italian mainland, a town through which goes a secondary route to Sicily. The Italian fleet—three battleships, seven cruisers and twenty-five destroyers, all that was left of the five battleships, twenty-one cruisers and 120 destroyers that started the war—declined the challenge and remained in port, half in Trapani, on the east coast, and half in Messina, on the west coast.

Ready for Knockout Blow

Two weeks after the invasion, only a

EPIC SEA BATTLE of Kula Gulf

By H. J. McQUADE
U.S. NAVY

ABOARD A LIGHT CRUISER IN NEW GEORGIA WATERS, July 6 (Continued). It will go down in naval history as a classic. It was this night that the battle of the South Pacific was fought.

During the ride back from Rendova, I found an opportunity to board this cruiser. The mission was to support



NIGHT BATTLE OF KULA GULF.—"Our planes harassed by returning, shooting away at the

Pacific war. It was a thing of incredible perfection."

American naval gunners judged that it had solved difficult problems in these assaults in the darkness.

Through the battle of King gulf, I stand on the bridge of the One alve. It seemed unbelievable that, notwithstanding we were sure, we could wipe out this big Japanese fortress.

Five to Five Minutes

In the minute opening phase of the battle, we advanced or sank, or blew to bits three Jap destroyers and two light cruisers.

In the second phase, we had captured one of their heavy cruisers and set the other afire. And for the rest of the hour-long struggle we stood by calmly and almost leisurely, shooting at their crippled ships, exploding them, jumping on their exploding ships, and blowing fragments of their hulls all over Kolombangara Island.

We watched a single Jap—the sinking of the U.S.S. Helena—but we paid a cheap price for the complete destruction of all those Japanese men of war. Japan is now confronted with a hard decision. Japan's dilemma is simple this:

We shall surely take New Georgia and

the Rendova landing.

Our support mission came off on schedule and our bombardment was definitely successful. I had intended to leave the cruiser after the bombardment and rejoin the amphibious force nearly did just that. A pilot offered to fly me to a point from where I could recon the amphibious force. A bunch called me to rejoin the after, though no one knew at the time that within fourteen hours this ship would be in the greatest night battle of the war.

One of our aircraft reconnaissance missions from Guadalcanal soon sighted a powerful Jap naval concentration in Shortland Harbor. The admiral reported two of the newest of Japan's 8-inch gun cruisers, two light cruisers and screening force of destroyers.

To Engage Enemy

Minutes after this report flashed over the short wave, the commander of the South Pacific railroad orders from his base. We were to turn back to Kula Gulf, find the enemy and engage him.

We approached our rendezvous with

but much hope of finding our quarry. It was only speculation that the Japs

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VICTORY School Band Concerts

THE State Board of Education this year sponsored eight Victory Band Concerts among the schools of Texas which featured the selling of war bonds and stamps. A total of \$14,700, 247.77 in bonds and stamps were sold by the 328 schools that participated in the 8th concerts. The Victory Con-

certs were the more notable because only three other high schools in Texas exceeded the Floresville School in the sale of bonds and stamps. These three were San Antonio, Dallas, and Longview.

Floresville also won first place for the entire State of Texas for highest average concert attendance. This small Southwest Texas community, with a population of 3,000, had a total attend-

ance of 1,000 persons at the concerts, an

average of 16.17 per cent of the total school district population served by its public school system.

For this honor the Floresville School will receive the framed Victory Concert Certificate proclamation of Governor Coke P. Stevenson.

Sam Rose, publisher of the Flores-

ville Chronicle-Journal, who is the local chairman for war bond sales in the 14th Congressional District of Texas, made this comment:

Naturally I am proud of the fine honors won by my home town in this State-wide contest. The true American spirit was exemplified in such a noteworthy cause. All races and creeds, fathers, mothers and children, were fighting on the home front for the sons and brothers in establishing a record.

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won State honors but developed a spirit of loyalty and patriotism that will live through the years.

In a letter to the Floresville School, Governor Stevenson said: "WE MEND THE EXAMINER'S STOOL VILLE IN THE VICTORY CONCERT CAMPAIGN TO THE ENTIRE NATION."

CLASSIFIED ADS

FARMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Large farm land, 1000 acres, located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, just west of San Antonio. The property is well developed with modern buildings, including a large barn, several smaller outbuildings, a house, and a garage. The land is well suited for agriculture, with a mix of pastures and cropland. The property is located in a rural area, with good roads and utilities available. Price: \$10,000.

SALESMEN WANTED

FOR SALE - Miscellaneous items, including farm equipment, household goods, and clothing. Price: \$500.

WANTED TO BUY

FOR SALE - Miscellaneous items, including farm equipment, household goods, and clothing. Price: \$500.

MACHINERY

FOR SALE - Miscellaneous items, including farm equipment, household goods, and clothing. Price: \$500.

WELL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT COMPANY

FOR SALE - Miscellaneous items, including farm equipment, household goods, and clothing. Price: \$500.

HEDGEHOG INSTITUTE

FOR SALE - Miscellaneous items, including farm equipment, household goods, and clothing. Price: \$500.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUPPY TRAINING

The North Texas Agricultural College is a State-supported branch of the University of Texas at Austin. It offers, through its Research Department, a variety of courses, including advanced training in agriculture, engineering, and business.

Graduates who have completed their four-year course will receive a Bachelor of Science degree. The college offers two years of post-graduate training conducted by staff members of the college, including army, navy, and marine officers. Basic infantry, drill, and weapons training will be included in the course of study.

More than 2,000 students of the college are now in the nation's armed forces.

ELIZA POPPIN

A Miss Poppin is looking for her boy friend. Please write to her.

15 MY BOY FRIEND IN SGTANT?

YES

WELL MAY SEE HIM NOT NOW

HE'S IN PARIS

FOR DADS

By Olsen and Johnson

Our Boys and Girls

Kiddies Can-Do-It

BY LUCILLE BROWN

Illustrations by Sam

The Watermelon Patch

Modest Sam

Sambo

Modest Sam

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WATERS

A STORY OF
LOVE AND
ADVENTURE
BY ONE OF
AMERICA'S
DIST WRITERS—
**BEN
AMES
WILLIAMS**

Seriously
In This Paper

ATTITUDE POINTS

After a long time of being the best, I am learning to be the best again. My father has been called to other things, and I have to do it. I have created a past where I feel comfortable to lay down a little and I don't feel that that's the time to do it. This doesn't have to be my last, and I am learning to be the best again.

Now, after many months of being the best, I am learning to be the best again. My father has been called to other things, and I have to do it. I have created a past where I feel comfortable to lay down a little and I don't feel that that's the time to do it. This doesn't have to be my last, and I am learning to be the best again.

MEMPHIS

OF WOODVILLE

Are included in the

WEEKEND IN DIXIE

Summer of Mem-

phis

APPROXIMATELY 100

ENTERTAINERS, ACTRESSES,

CELEBRITIES, STARS,

AND OTHERS ARE

INVITED TO WOODVILLE

FOR THE 1940

WOODVILLE SUMMER

WEEKEND, JULY 11-12

IN THE HOTEL

WATERS

IN THE HOTEL

