

TORNADOES TAKE TOLL OF 20 LIVES

Twisters Strike With Devastating Effect In Oklahoma

PAWHUSKA, Okla., May 3.—(AP)—Storm-battered northeast Oklahoma counted 20 persons dead or missing, upwards of 100 injured and tremendous property damage today in the wake of fierce spring tornadoes.

The savage black twister struck late yesterday about the time other tornadoes lashed three other states to the northeast. Three persons were killed and scores injured in eastern Kansas; one woman was killed in central Missouri and 11 persons injured in central Illinois.

In Oklahoma the affected area was about 100 miles long and 50 miles wide bounded by Pawhuska and Deweu on the north, Okemah on the south, Pawnee on the west and Tulsa county on the east.

They came less than a week after another tornado, one of the worst in Oklahoma's history, devastated the boom town of Pryor, killing 61 persons and wrecking property damage estimated at \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Walter Johnson, state commissioner of public safety, reported that the situation was well in hand throughout the storm area, thanks to fast efficient aid by the Red Cross, American Legion, highway patrol units and hundreds of volunteer rescue workers.

Hardest hit was a negro farming area in Okfuskee county, where 12 persons perished in tornadic winds that smashed more than a score of homes, a store, two churches and a stone school building.

Pawhuska, capital city of the Osage Indian nation, reported a death toll of three, 32 persons injured and property damage of \$20,000 from a tornado that swooped down over a hilltop to destroy the Lynn residential addition.

"It was awfully still before the storm struck," related Jack Richardson, "and then with a low roar it moved around a small ravine. Houses seemed to burst open and fly straight up into the air. It was the worst sight I have ever seen."

Allies Raid Jap Base At Rabaul

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, May 3.—(AP)—United States and Australian bombers struck hard at the main Japanese base at Rabaul in New Britain, hitting a transport directly, damaging another and capsizing a tender while in scattered air battles the Allies accounted for 15 enemy planes, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

Of eight Japanese planes which rose to the challenge at Rabaul, off Australia's northeast coast, two were destroyed and four others were damaged.

Allied fighters intercepted 15 Japanese Zero fighters which attacked the airdrome at Moresby on the Port Moresby in southern New Guinea Saturday and destroyed four and damaged two.

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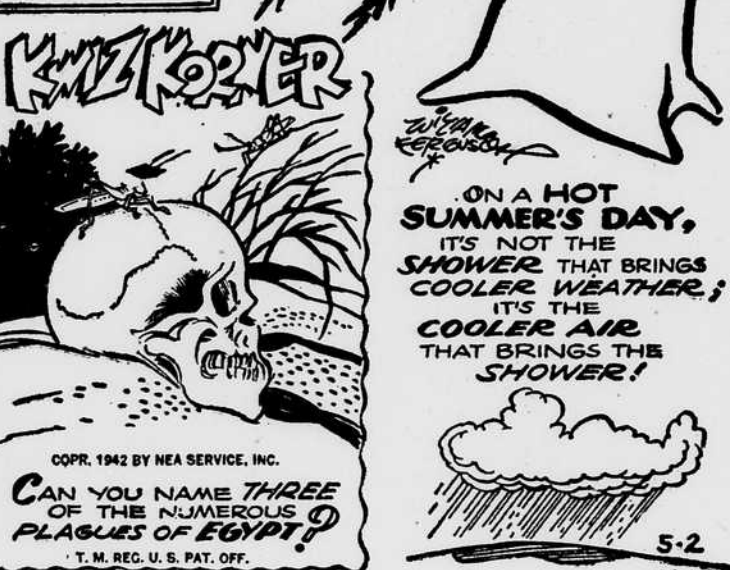
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Trooper At Camp Davis Gives Slant On Hiking

(Editor's Note: Long hikes are the bane of every soldier. The men can't help wondering just why they walk and walk and walk; why they pitch tents only to have to take them down; why they have to hike over the most difficult terrain. A soldier at Camp Davis made such a hike last week, then wrote a little report on it. He doesn't claim to be a writer, but, boy, he's a hiker!)

The 430th went out on an overnight bivouac last week and received a taste of living under field conditions. Leaving the post at 1:00 p. m., we walked and walked until we all began to wonder what is meant by a motorized outfit.

Everlasting Punishment Topic Of Lesson Sermon

"Everlasting punishment" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches and Societies on Sunday, May 3.

The Golden Text was from Psalms 9:16. "The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands."

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon were the following from the Bible: "Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you" (Deut. 4:1).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Do you ask wisdom to be merciful and not to punish sin? Then 'ye ask amiss.' The design of Love is to reform the sinner. If the sinner's punishment here has been insufficient to reform him, the good man's heaven would be a hell to the sinner. They who know not purity and affection by experience, can never find bliss in the blessed company of Truth and Love simply through translation into another sphere. To remit the penalty due for sin, would be for Truth to pardon error. Escape from punishment is not in accordance with God's government, since justice is the handmaid of mercy" (Pages 10 and 35).

Three Policemen Hurt In Detroit Race Riot

DETROIT, May 3.—(AP)—Three policemen were injured by flying bricks today while dispersing a negro mob estimated at 2,000 which looted and burned a restaurant operated by a white proprietor after a negro was shot and seriously wounded in another nearby white restaurant.

All available officers were rushed from Central police station to the scene of the disorders which began shortly before midnight and continued until 2 a. m.

It was Detroit's second major demonstration of inter-racial animosity in a little more than two months.

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VICTORY LEAGUE TO OPEN MONDAY

Chemists And City Optical To Play In First Game For Softball Loop

The new Victory softball league, called the Independent and Commercial leagues in past years, gets under way Monday night at 8 o'clock at Robert Strange park as Max Register's Chemists tangle with Jimmy Moore's Opticians. By game-time the field and stands will be in the best possible shape, and a large opening crowd is expected.

City Optical under the shrewd leadership of playing-manager Jimmy Moore is placing a small but very capable team on the field again this year. The addition of six new players, all of whom played in the night leagues last year with a great deal of credit, has strengthened the club so much that Manager Jimmy has no fear of Register's gang or any other team.

The Opticians present an extremely strong infield combination which can really lather the ball when on the offensive. At the first sack there's Claude Davis, a hold-over from last year who more than played heck with opposing pitchers and covered his area defensively up to snuff. Florida's speedster, Tommy North, who played every position in the infield last year and looked a natural at every one, has settled down at the keystone sack this year. At shortstop Eddie Hobbs again will serve as the team's pepper-pot, and with the mighty big swing he takes at the pill he's always dangerous as a hitter.

At third Billy Pieper, Hanover High star, will be out to prove he's the league's best in third sackers. Not a single member of his infield can be considered a streak of foot—all four move like a slew of lightning and are out to make folks forget Dow's proven inner defense.

In the outfield City Optical is terrific—all four men are known locally as long-bat hitters, and when they come up to bat the runners on base can expect to do some circling. Raeford Trask, formerly of Godwin's, will be in shortfield; Skimp Johnson, who clubbed 326 for Wertheimer last year, will be in center; reliable Dick Futch will be in right; Rudy Gelschen, formerly the crack fielder with Wertheimer, will hold down left field. All are 300 hitters, with Trask supplying the biggest punch.

As first string reserve, Rivenbark will see plenty of action. Moore has a strong-arm act for his battery—Robert Shipp doing all the chucking and Elmo Fountain doing the receiving. Last year Shipp pitched for Royal Bakery and proved to be the league's best pitcher, but his won and loss record did not bring out that fact since he consistently had poor support. With the Optical defense behind him, his record should read well this year. Elmo Fountain needs no introduction—he was regarded as the best receiver last year and led his team at with a mean 324.

The Victory league schedule as yet, hasn't been completed, but the schedule for the first week of play is as follows: Monday, May 4, 8:00—Ethyl-Dow vs. City Optical; 9:30—Moldloft vs. Apprentice Maroons.

Tuesday, May 5, 8:30—Shipbuilders vs. Air Base Blues. Wednesday, May 6, 9:30—Air Base Reds vs. Ethyl-Dow; 8:00—City Optical vs. Moldloft.

Thursday, May 7, 8:30—Apprentice Maroons vs. Shipbuilders. Friday, May 8, 8:30—Air Base Blues vs. Air Base Reds.

Brother Of Camp Davis Soldier Is Shipwrecked

By Corporal E. G. MONK
While a Camp Davis officer candidate soldier wrestled with anti-aircraft guns pointed out to sea last week, his sailor brother tossed in an open boat off this same Carolina coast, it has been disclosed.

The Camp Davis soldier is Frederick B. Pickering, 26, a member of Battery Anti-aircraft Artillery Officer Candidate School. His sailor brother is Langdon Pickering, Jr., 28, who was aboard an Orient bound freighter which was torpedoed off Cape Hatteras, N. C. nearly three weeks ago. The elder Pickering is recovering from the effects of 16 days of exposure and hunger at Morehead City, N. C., Marine Hospital.

The seagoing Pickering was brought to the hospital Wednesday after being picked up with several companions at sea. They were in a small lifeboat, equipped with tiny sail. Other crew members were picked up by a destroyer not long after their ship was sunk, it was learned.

Officer Candidate Pickering was amazed and jubilant. His family, who live at Annapolis, Md., had written him they were gravely worried about his brother. The freighter had been reported sunk, they had written, and Sailor Pickering, for the time being, was missing.

The letter had not arrived however, early last week and a long distance telephone call apprised Candidate Pickering of the sinking of his brother's ship and his rescue simultaneously.

Reconstructing the events of the past few days, Candidate Pickering told of several days of busy instruction in the intricacies of anti-aircraft fire at a nearby beach head. Little did he dream, he said, that as he pointed his gun to sea, that his brother and boon companion of earlier days was in distress out beyond the horizon.

Candidate Pickering, "s now under" with classwork and the other busy doings of the school, hopes to visit his brother shortly or arrange a meeting. There will be much mutual spinning of yarns, he vows.

A graduate of Dartmouth, Candidate Pickering is a former All-American La Crosse player. He stayed in the sport at Severn Prep, near Annapolis, and then at Dartmouth. He was a member of an All-American La Crosse outfit which went to England several years ago for Anglo-American competition.

The older Pickering was turned down as a volunteer for the armed forces because of poor vision. So he shipped as a deck hand on a freighter bound for a far eastern Mediterranean port, feeling that in that way he might take part in the war effort. He attended St. John's College, Annapolis, where he was an all-around athlete.

The Pickeringers are sons of Langdon Pickering, Sr., of Annapolis, Md., vice president of the Baltimore Shipbuilding Company, and a former Naval officer and Annapolis graduate himself. Candidate Pickering was inducted January 17, 1940 and served in the cavalry prior to assignment to Anti-aircraft Artillery School. He formerly was connected with the New York National Guard.

Camp Davis Volley Fire

"DOUBLE JEOPARDY"

From Battery D of the 430th CA Battalion: "Jim Henderson is only waiting for a furlough to make it a twosome. She is a 'back home girl' and we hope her answer will be yes, because if a person isn't satisfied with one war he deserves another."

FOR NAVY RELIEF

At Camp Davis the officers and men are being urged to attend the Navy Relief Fund dance, to be held Friday night, May 8, at the Lumina, Wrightsville Beach. Which goes to show that the Army and Navy are working hand in hand in more ways than one.

A STIFF PENALTY

"Unlawfully obtaining or permitting to be obtained information affecting national defense" carries with it a whopper of a penalty, a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years or both. The government is even harder on anyone "unlawfully disclosing information affecting the national defense"; death or imprisonment for not more than 30 years is the penalty. Authorities at Camp Davis made these penalties known to the command last week.

AH, FAME!

The girls working at the Signal Corps switchboard in camp are taking all sorts of bows, now that they have their new uniforms. A photograph was taken showing two of the girls reclining on bunks provided for the telephone exchange night shift. The picture made the cover page of New York's tabloid, PM.

RIGHT CALL, WRONG TIME

A standard call for waking a squadroom of men at Reveille is, "Let's go, hit the deck." A corporal in the Medical detachment, whose job it is to sound off every morning, retired early the other night. When taps sounded at 11 p.m. he awoke with a start, and bellowed, "Let's go, hit the deck!" He was quite subdued about it at the real Reveille next morning.

FRUSTRATION

Pvt. Martin and Kelly of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 514th CA, love coffee. There is no way a soldier can get coffee at Camp Davis after 11 p.m. Comes word from a battery correspondent that Martin and Kelly "got out of bed in the middle of the night and try to figure a way to get some coffee; they discuss the matter for a few minutes, shrug their shoulders, then climb back into bed." It all sounds so very futile, but the correspondent says it probably has something to do with misery loving company.

ADMISSION BY IMPLICATION

Another soldier news hawk from Battery C of the 514th forwards this springtime item: "I asked one of the fellows what he did when he went home on furlough and he told me a lot of things he did and the last thing he told me he went to the Park, and I asked him if he didn't go out with any girls and he told me he didn't go to the park just to see the squirrels. I believe he's got something there."

NO RUBBER HEELS

We heard from Corps Area headquarters last week that there won't be any more rubber heels put on soldiers' shoes; you know the reason. The step will save twelve million pounds of crude and reclaimed rubber, enough rubber for use in 40,648 anti-tank gun carriages; six

SPIKING A "RUMOR"

There's nothing to it, men. Don't believe that guy who said the War Department will award wound stripes to Camp Davis mosquito victims. There's not enough cloth to do a thing like that.

OUCH!

He's in a bad way, but hospital attendants think he will pull through. It seems that the soldier, a member of the Medical Detachment, Station hospital, purchased two new tires for \$70, then picked up a newspaper and read that gas was going to be rationed at the rate of two and a half gallons a week. He said it was just like stepping out of a hot shower into ice water.

USO Club Dramatic Group Presents Plays At Davis

The Dramatic group of the USO club, Women's division, Fifth and Orange street, Saturday evening presented two one-act plays at Camp Davis.

The plays, entitled "The Castle of Mr. Simpson," and "Consolation," were presented at the Red Cross Recreation building, Station hospital and were enthusiastically received by a large group of convalescent soldiers and staff members.

Mrs. Elizabeth Frey, recreation director at the Red Cross center, was in charge of the details at Camp Davis. She was assisted by Gaston Hamans and Nick Polus. Mrs. Frey acted as spokesman for the Camp Davis audience and thanked the club for the fine presentations.

During the evening a sextet, composed of members of the USO Glee club, rendered two numbers, "On Great Lone Hills" and "The Pagan Love Song." The program ended with the group and audience singing, "Hats Off to MacArthur."

The plays were under the direction of Howard Gantier. Stage managers were Mrs. Charles Chenworth, Mrs. William Hulsizar, Miss Nina Henderson, and Ledley Symmes.

Murray Defends His Stewardship

COKEBURG, Pa., May 3.—(AP)—CIO President Philip Murray in an impassioned, 90-minute extemporaneous address which took his closest associates by surprise, defended his administration yesterday from a "whispering campaign" he attributed to "paid purveyors of poison."

Without mentioning John L. Lewis by name, Murray left no doubt among his listeners in a dusty, little miners' union local hall that his defense of his CIO stewardship was directed at the shaggy-browed United Mine Workers' leader.

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