

ALLIES CAPTURE PRIZE IN BURMA

KANDY, Ceylon, Feb. 26.—(AP)—British and Indian troops, plunging into the heart of Burma's rich oil fields, have slashed across the Irrawaddy river 92 miles southwest of Mandalay and captured the ancient Burmese city of Pagan.

A bridgehead four miles deep and two and a half miles long was established and troops of the 14th Army were thrown across the river in strength for a two-pronged drive on the big oil field towns of Chauk and Yenangaung.

Pagan, seized in the initial assault, is known throughout the world for its 5,000 glittering pagodas and is considered one of the wonders of the East.

The latest crossing gave the Allies three strong bridgeheads across the Irrawaddy above and below Mandalay. Earlier today it was announced that British and Indian forces had cleared the Japanese from a 20-mile stretch of the eastern bank of the river north of Mandalay.

"Progress southward continues," a communique said.

Man In Assault Case Reported A Fugitive From Georgia Prison

HARRY E. FALES, of the City-County Bureau of Identification, disclosed yesterday that Leon Beary Queen, 22, who with another youth is accused of criminally assaulting a 14-year-old girl, is a fugitive from the State Department of Corrections in Atlanta, Ga.

Superintendent Fales said he had been advised by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Queen is wanted by the State Prison at Reidsville, Ga. and by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, Atlanta, for his escape from the Department of Corrections.

Queen is being held in New Hanover jail pending trial in Superior Court. Sixteen-year-old Gordon Fowler, Jr., scheduled for arraignment with Queen on the same charge, was released under bond.

Warsaw Woman Receives Word That Relatives In Luzon Prison Are Saved

WARSAW, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Charles F. Carroll, of Warsaw has received a communication from the War Department stating that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Norwood Carroll, and three children, have been liberated from the Santo Tomas concentration camp in the Philippines, following the invasion of Manila.

Mrs. Carroll previously had received a postal card from her son written in Japanese Internment Camp No. 1. He was connected with Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. for many years and was located in the Philippines at the beginning of the war.

WANTS BRASS RAIL BACK SACRAMENTO, Feb. 26.—(UP)—Polishing the brass rail with the sole of your foot would be an exclusively made prerogative under terms of a bill now pending before the state Legislature. The measure would prohibit women and minors from being served at bars, allowing them to be served only at tables "not less than four feet from the bar."

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Thirteen-Year-Old Bride Mothers Big Family



Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou Houdeshell (second from left) has taken charge of the large family of her farmer-husband, Ralph Houdeshell (left), a veteran of World War I.

WASHINGTON CALLING by MARQUIS CHILDS

HEADQUARTERS, 29TH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, IN HOLLAND.—Wind blows across the field, and the gray sky seems pulled down tight to the horizon.

These flyers are constantly slugging bridges, railway trains, highways and other targets in advance of American Ninth Army. It is a never-ending cycle of danger.

The first thing about the danger is its impersonal quality. The P-47 pilots these days rarely see any enemy fighters, but the anti-aircraft fire in the Roer and Rhine valleys is persistently heavy and the pattern of the flak is constantly shifting.

Colonel Harold N. Holt, 28-year-old commanding officer of one of the fighter-bomber groups I visited, feels that the public back home doesn't appreciate or understand the job our tactical air forces are doing.

What is even harder to understand, it seems to me, is the utter boredom of waiting out weather through a rainy, foggy, snowy winter. Pilots sit around in draughty, dimly lighted tents, talking or playing cards against a background of incessant radio.

One such day has occurred while I've been visiting this command. Holt's group flew three missions that day, in beautiful clear weather.

NOTHING BETTER FOR COUGHS Mentho-Mulsion quickly soothes the irritated throat membranes, helps loosen the tight phlegm, allays the cough.

MENTHO-MULSION

MEETING The Young Men's Civic club will hold a special meeting Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. at club Del Morocco.

St. John's Lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M. A stated communication of this lodge will be held this Tuesday evening, February 27, at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

MANN ACT ABUSED, MURPHY DECLARES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Mann Act is being abused, Supreme Court Justice Murphy contended today.

Congress aimed solely at "the pernicious white slave traffic" when it passed the law in 1910, the Justice said, leaving voluntary vice to local laws.

The act forbids transporting a white woman for immoral purpose across State lines or in the District of Columbia, Murphy said.

Civilian Dairy Supplies Expected To Drop In '45

RALEIGH, Feb. 26.—(P)—Although there probably will be a slight increase in milk production this year, supplies of dairy products available to civilians on a per capita basis will likely be less than in 1944, but about the same as in 1943 on a whole milk equivalent basis, according to C. W. Pegram, head of the State Department of Agriculture dairy division.

PAWTUCKET R. I. Feb. 26.—(UP)—The manpower shortage has been nicely solved by the Pawtucket Community Players.

TOLEDO ZOO AIMS HIGH TOLEDO, O., Feb. 26.—(UP)—Officials plan to spend \$500,000 to improve Toledo's Zoo to an extent that will make it the world's largest concentration of zoological, botanical and natural history exhibits of its size.

INCOME TAX ABCs WHO MUST FILE A RETURN

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EVICITION RULES STILL IN FORCE

Clarifying eviction laws, Maurice H. Moore, associate director of the Wilmington Defense Rental area said yesterday that three months must elapse, as a general rule, between the time a rental house is sold and when action can be started under the local law to evict the present tenant.

The OPA rent director said that he felt it necessary to restate the conditions governing eviction of the existing tenant by a purchaser when a house is sold, in view of the increasing number of such sales in recent months.

Chaplain Neighbours was born in Millerville, Oklahoma. He resided in Tecumseh in his youth and where he graduated from the Sunset High School. In 1937 he was graduated from the Salvation Army College at Atlanta, Georgia.

There are exceptions to this, Moore said, "One of which is that equivalent accommodations can be found into which the tenant can move without undue hardship or loss."

Obituaries MRS. KATHERINE WOLF Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Wolf, of 304 South Second street, were held at 4:30 p. m. yesterday from Andrews mortuary chapel.

Former Salvation Army Leader Tells Of France

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Chaplain James L. Neighbours, who is with an infantry regiment advancing toward the Siegfried Line, has described to a representative of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., certain marks of similarity between Christmas in Normandy and the original Advent season.

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Chest Welfare Division Slates Conference Today

A regular meeting of the Welfare division of the Community Chest and Council will be held at 4 p. m. today in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Tide Water building, according to Mrs. William M. Henderson, division chairman.

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WATCH OUT! Winter ills are prevalent. If you are constipated you may be sure you are more susceptible to certain of them.

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