

## Schricker Urges FDR Support In Women's Club Speech Here

(Continued From Page One) statements made in support of the President last night were the strongest he has ever made publicly.

Observers believed that the governor's speech would serve as a sort of text for the Democratic oratorical campaign this fall. Highlights of the speech were these statements:

"I think we might as well prepare ourselves for the most bitter assault ever made on an American President. And I am not unmindful of the assault made on Lincoln in 1864. Lincoln wrote only a few months before that election that he expected defeat. Perhaps we face a similar situation in this critical hour."

### What Substitute Is There?

"These critics that are hollering about the New Deal . . . I wonder if they would like for us to adopt the Old Deal. Just what are they offering as a substitute? The truth of the matter is that they wouldn't have the courage to destroy any of it."

"If there is an American citizen who is unwilling to recognize that the President is the commander-in-chief during time of war, then that fellow's education has been sadly neglected."

"The people should remember that we had the leadership in those dark days that lifted the country from bankruptcy to prosperity . . . All we hear about now is leaf-raking. We forget the long lines of people who stood in this very city, Indianapolis, waiting for food."

"I remember when the bankers were on the mourner's bench. I tried to crowd in too."

"Tonight, one-third of the gasoline in the country is going to the armed forces. Is there anyone here tonight who would withhold one gallon of this gas? And yet they say it is just too bad we have to regimented. You and I know how important this business is."

"There have been mistakes made, of course."

"Perhaps no one will have the audacity this year to wear a button which proclaims 'I want to be a captain, too.'

### Emphasizes National Issues

"The will of the people put the President in the White House for three consecutive times and the only way he'll go back another time is by will of the people."

"The great mass of Americans are more interested in HONEST enterprise than they are in some of this so-called free enterprise."

"We should be happy, regardless of the inconveniences to us at home, that our boys at the fronts are well fed and that the boys perhaps going over Europe in bombers at this very hour have plenty of gas."

The governor's speech made it clear that the Indiana Democrats expect to have to fight the coming campaign on almost entirely national issues.

The governor reviewed the records of the Democratic state administrations of the last 12 years, crediting the gross income tax law enacted under the McNutt regime

## Helen Traubel, Met Opera Star, Here For Two Concerts

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with being directly responsible for the present healthy financial condition of the state. (There is more than \$30,000,000 in the general fund balance.)

He reviewed the improvements that have been made in the working conditions of institution employees and said that he wanted the Democratic party to champion and underwrite a retirement fund set up for the institution employees.

Miss Anna Cronin, Terra Haute, president of the Indiana Democratic Women's club, was toastmaster.

## NAZIS ARE HOARDING AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

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on land and, secondly, to undermine their morale.

In the view of competent American air officers it would be a waste of time to attempt to undermine the morale of the population.

Unlike the British and American leaders, Germany's leaders are relatively unconcerned with the morale of their own people. But once the morale of the high command is affected, the end of the war will be in sight.

And the best way to affect that is to deprive the Nazis of essential weapons.

It cannot be too strongly underlined that this is not a war against cities, as such.

It is an intricate and integrated program, approved by the combined chiefs of staff in Washington, and designed to handicap German armed forces, first by reducing the Luftwaffe to the lowest possible figure, and second, by depriving the German army of weapons.

The extent to which the air program has eaten into German fighter production can be judged from the fact that our air force no longer makes feints but goes direct to the day's targets.

That the raids are hitting Germany where it hurts can be seen from the lessening number of German fighters sent up to block the path of the bombers.

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## ARMY TESTS PASSED BY MICKEY ROONEY

HOLLYWOOD, March 10 (U. P.) — Mickey Rooney's draft board today said he had passed his physical examination and would be inducted into the army within the next three weeks.

The five-foot movie star was reclassified after having been in 4-F for a year because of high blood pressure.

The movies' Andy Hardy asked for army service in preference to other branches, his board said.

## COUNTRY CLUB BURNS

FT. WAYNE, Ind., March 10 (U. P.) — A fire believed to have been started from chimney sparks, destroyed the Orchard Ridge Country club yesterday afternoon. C. R. Hicks, club house chairman, estimated the loss to be \$18,000.

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## FLIER LOST ON 10TH MISSION

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Lt. John E. Maguire fails to return from 'Fort' Trip Over Denmark.

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was married. He received his wings at Big Springs, Tex., bombardier school and went overseas last October.

Lt. Maguire, who is 26, earned his first air medal for completion of five missions and had named No. 4 engine and his right gun on "Dotty," after his wife, and the left gun "Baby," after the baby that Mrs. Maguire is expecting in June.

Lt. Maguire has two brothers in service. First Lt. Thomas A. Maguire is with the 5th armored force overseas and Pfc. James C. Maguire with the medical division attached to the air forces at Turner field, Ga. His brother-in-law, Pvt. Alvin L. VanHorn, is stationed with the field artillery in Italy.

His sister is Mrs. Irene Schneider, 1105 N. Bosart ave. Mrs. Maguire is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer VanHorn, 3702 N. Parker ave.

GEORGE MICHAEL MURPHY of Indianapolis today was reported missing in action with the merchant marine. He is a third assistant engineer.

S. SGT. HOWARD D. GRINDSTAFF, waist gunner on an 8th air force Flying Fortress, was wounded in action and recently was awarded the purple heart.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grindstaff, 1347 N. Kealing ave. The award was made by Col. Alfred Kessler Jr., combat wing commander.

Based in England, Sgt. Grindstaff recently received the air medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement on five separate bomber missions over enemy-occupied Europe.

The 21-year-old gunner was employed as a machine operator at the Allison division of General Motors before entering service.

PVT. CHARLES J. ENGHaus, brother of Miss Lola M. Dill of Indianapolis, was wounded in marine there.

The war department today confirmed the previous report that Pharmacist's Mate 2<sup>c</sup> Walter MacLomson Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sharp, 5250 College ave., was wounded in action.

FIRST LT. WILLIAM M. BRANDT, 810 West dr., Woodruff pl., has been awarded an oak leaf cluster in lieu of an additional air medal for service with the 13th army air force in the South Pacific.

CAPT. CHARLES J. BECK, pilot with the troop carrier unit of the 5th air force in New Guinea, has been decorated with the distinguished flying cross for participation in more than 50 missions in combat areas.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary L. Beck, 21½ W. 27th st., and a graduate of Shortridge high school. Before entering service June 18, 1941, Capt. Beck was a salesman for the Ross Jewelry Co.

He took pre-flight training at Kelly field, Tex., and received his wings July 3, 1942, at the Ellington field, Tex., advanced flying school. Soon after being promoted to first lieutenant Aug. 6, 1943, he flew overseas. Besides being pilot, he also serves as operations officer of his unit.

Since coming overseas, Capt. Beck has actively participated in completion of the Salamaua, Lae, Finschhafen, Saidor, Huon gulf and Markham valley campaigns. He had no sooner arrived in New Guinea in his plane, "The Hustlin' Hoosier," than he began flying combat missions, flights which entailed landing on rough strips, freshly cut out of Kunai grass in territory subject to attack by the enemy.

SECOND LT. JAMES R. STOUT, pilot of a Flying Fortress, won the air medal recently for meritorious achievement in five 8th air force bombing attacks over Europe.

Lt. Stout, former district manager for the L. B. Price Mercantile Co., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stout and husband of Mrs. Norma Stout, all of 53 W. 32d st.

CAPT. JAMES A. WISEHART, pilot of the Fortress, "Slightly Dangerous," has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for completion of 25 missions over Europe.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Wischart, 834 Park ave., he has been reassigned in England and also has been awarded the air medal and oak leaf cluster.

Capt. Wischart, who recently was promoted from first lieutenant, was employed at Link Bell Corp. before enlisting in the army air forces Jan. 20, 1942. He was commissioned Dec. 13, 1942, and has been overseas since June.

MACHINIST'S MATE 3-C DONALD STEHMAN, husband of Mrs. Rosetta T. Stehman and son of Harry P. Stehman, both of Noblesville, has been killed in action.

FIVE HOOSIERS outside Indianapolis are missing in action in the European theater.

They are Sgt. Eugene Baillie, son of Mrs. Clara Baillie, Ft. Wayne;

Lt. Marvin Garber, son of Lawrence Garber, Manchester; Sgt. Charles Howard Jr., son of Charles Howard, Washington; Lt. David Waldo, son of Mrs. Theo Waldo, Ft. Wayne, and Sgt. Robert Waldo, son of George Waldo, Ft. Wayne.

## Wins Purple Heart

### IRVIN S. COBB DIES IN N. Y. APARTMENT

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first newspaper to cover the German army's drive through Belgium.

In 1934, Cobb went to Hollywood and appeared in several motion pictures beside writing a daily news column replacing his old friend, Will Rogers.

Noted for his corpulent figure, Cobb once described himself as "an ugly-faced old man, with beetled brows and a big bay window."

Col. Alfred Kessler Jr. (left) pins the purple heart on S. Sgt. Howard D. Grindstaff.

## Thousands Fleeing Blazing Berlin After 4 Yank Raids

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young men with specialized knowledge of fighter defense will get power."

Flying nearly 1200 miles round trip, the four-engined British heavy bombers dropped thousands of incendiary and demolition bombs on one of the few undamaged Nazi aircraft plants in central and western Europe supplying Adolf Hitler's hard-pressed Luftwaffe.

Large numbers of troops, mostly from S. S. elite storm troop units, and police patrolled streets, one traveled was quoted as saying. "Life in Berlin has not broken down completely," he added, "but confusion is tremendous. Day and night raids, which all Berliners now anxiously are expecting, will create a state of emergency such as no great city has ever known."

### U. S. TANKS PACE NEW BRITAIN DRIVE

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strengthening their positions and American warships and supply vessels moved into Seeadler harbor without interference. Planes were operating from Momote airfield and apparently carried out the newly-disclosed attacks on Lorengau and the north coast of Manus, the main Admiralty island.

Virtually isolated Japanese forces on Bougainville, in the northern Solomons, attempted an artillery attack on American positions at Torokina, but their guns were quickly silenced by counter artillery barrages. It was disclosed yesterday that American forces had occupied without opposition the tiny Magine islands in the mouth of Empress Augusta bay on Bougainville Feb. 27.

Allied airmen continued their daily attacks throughout the Pacific, centering the assaults on the Bismarck archipelago, New Guinea and the Marshalls.

## PLAYGROUND TRACT INDICATED AS GIFT

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man under the maintenance division at \$1920 a year.

Both were recommended under Superintendent Brown's reorganization of the department to include six principle divisions.

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