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MORPHINE WAS STOLEN FROM MULLINS STORE

THIEF BREAKS PLATE GLASS IN FRONT DOOR TO GAIN ENTRANCE

The front door of the R. P. Mullins drug store was broken open some time before 1:25 o'clock Friday morning by a morphine addict, as the prescription case was stripped of more than 1,000 morphine tablets by the person breaking the door.

The city night watchman found the broken door and called Mr. Mullins. The city police, the sheriff and state police were called. Finger prints found on the broken glass were made of record and an attempt to trace the robber will be made in this way.

A small amount of change was also taken from the cash register, but nothing else was disturbed.

The morphine, along with other drugs of that nature, were kept in a small locked drawer in the prescription case. The night light was still burning when the police discovered the robbery, and it was supposed the doper worked with the light burning for fear of having it noticed if he turned it out. It would throw sufficient light for him to find the bottles he was hunting for. He used a heavy pair of scissors to force open the drawer containing the drugs.

V. F. W. Installs Officers Tonight

New officers of Gen. Jesse M. Lee Post 1550, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be installed this evening at 8 o'clock by Lee King, of Indianapolis, Senior Vice Commander of the state department of the V. F. W. All members, who can possibly do so, are urged to attend as there will be a social meeting following the installation.

Officers to be installed for the ensuing year are:

Morris Crawley, Commander
Donald Lear, Senior Vice
Eugene Toney, Junior Vice
Roy Newgent, Quartermaster
Lloyd Perry, Adjutant
Oscar Haverly, Chaplain
Edward Allee, Roy Thomas and A. J. Wilde, Trustees.

CITY FIREMEN ANSWER THREE QUICK ALARMS

City firemen answered three alarms in an hour and 35 minutes Thursday afternoon which is something of a record so far this year. The first call was from 416 east Hanna street when a garden fire got out of control at 1:50 p.m. The next run was at 2:50 p.m. to Commercial Place to extinguish a grass fire. And then, at 3:25 p.m., the firemen went to 410 north College Avenue to put out another grass fire. There was no damage to speak of, Fire Chief William Lawrence reported.

Willkie Leaves Race Wide Open

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(UP)—The scramble for the Republican presidential support cast loose by Wendell L. Willkie was underway today with Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio the first in the field.

Bricker, the only remaining announced candidate among the top contenders, told the Indianapolis Press Club last night that Willkie's withdrawal would intensify his own campaign for delegates to the GOP national convention at Chicago late in June.

Whether Bricker can assemble enough strength before the convention to outstrip Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, generally accepted as front runner at the moment, remained problematical.

20 Years Ago

IN GREENCASTLE

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnum and daughter presented a recital at Harry Hall.

Rotary had "Ladies' Night" with a dinner served at the College Avenue church.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. O'Hair visited in Indianapolis.

Will Gidewell of Putnamville was in Greencastle on business.

HOW ABOUT A SAMPLE, SOLDIER?



K-RATION? NO, SIR, it's a batch of fudge and the cooks, using a G. I. mess kit, are battle-hardened fighters taking time out from the excitement on Bougainville. Left to right are Pvt. Jimmy Simon, Perkins, Cal; Pfc. L. G. Taber, Indianapolis, and Pfc. C. E. Setzer, Newton, N. C., who is melting butter for the confection. Official U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph.

(International)

Music Students Entertain Kiwanians

Members of the Kiwanis club were entertained with a musical program at their luncheon meeting on Thursday afternoon. Those participating were the high school winners at the district musical contest held in Terre Haute last Saturday.

Miss Maryellen West, Miss Ann Buchheit, Miss Susannah Shelly and Charles Layne played together in a clarinet ensemble.

Miss Eugenia Irwin and Miss Marian Greenleaf performed at baton twirlers. Miss Greenleaf also played a piano number.

Bob Williams, Richard Crandall, Glenn Fisher and Miss Doris Houck played on French horns.

RUSSELLVILLE SENIORS WILL GIVE CLASS PLAY

The Russellville senior class will present its annual play Saturday evening. The title is "Here Comes The Prince," and the cast of characters will include the following:

Fred Halliday Ernest Sellers Carol, his daughter Maxine Everman

Joan, his niece Beverly Wilson

Granny Halliday, his mother Betty Anderson

Prof. Chipper Lyle Smith

Terry Donovan, an optimist Philip Carrington

Mrs. Lovejoy, a social climber Betty Jean Francis

Wanda, her daughter Margaret Perry

Sonya, an impetuous visitor Doris Ellen Wood

Winks, the Butler Wayne Everman

Prince Rudolph, of Zenobia Junior Rivers

DRIVERS STEAL GAS

LOS ANGELES, April 7. (UP)—Thousands of gallons of scarce high-octane aviation gasoline have been stolen from army and navy bases by truck drivers who withhold part of their deliveries for sale in the black market, assistant U. S. Attorney Charles S. Veale said today.

The hard-to-get fuel brings fancy prices from service station operators who use it to bring up the octane ratings of their inferior gasoline.

MISSING OVER GERMANY



Sgt. James R. Monnett

Sgt. James R. Monnett of this city was reported missing over Germany by the War Department on Thursday, when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Monnett received a telegram reporting that his plane did not return from a mission on March 16.

Italian Leaders Ponder Proposals

LONDON, April 7.—(UP)—Military sources said today that the promise of Tehran was beginning to unfold in the Balkans, where allied bombers have battered strategic targets in cooperation with the Red Army in the great "battle for oil" which may turn the tide of the war.

No one here will make an official admission that close strategic contact between the Russians and the allied air leaders was behind the bombing of Budapest, Bucharest and Ploesti, but the fact remains that this is the sort of common effort which popularly has been expected to batter Germany beyond hope this year.

It has been accepted since the meeting of President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill at Tehran that the Anglo-American western front would be timed to coincide with Russia's supreme land effort this year. In giving the Red Army direct assistance as the American Air Forces, and to a lesser extent the RAF, are doing in the Balkans, the western powers are helping to set the stage for the final, common offensive.

FREAK EGG PRODUCED BY A CLOVERDALE CHICKEN

Mrs. Margaret Lapossa of Cloverdale has collected a freak hen egg which she has sent to The Daily Banner. It is an ordinary size, but near the center many believe there the various letters the entire circumference of the egg, which puts it in the freak class. It is hard to make any words from the letters, but by holding the egg close to the light, one can distinguish the letters, which may mean that the war will soon come to a victorious end.

BRAZIL TRACK ATHLETES OUTCLASSED TIGER CUBS

With only two practice sessions behind them, Coach Fred Fechtman and the Greencastle high school track squad went to Brazil Wednesday afternoon only to return home on the short end of a 90 to 18 score in a dual track meet.

Handy, who won the mile run, was the only Tiger Cub to cop a first place. Lady finished third in the century dash; Agnew and Buckner were third and fourth in the 440. Wiles of Greencastle took third in the 880 and Lady was third in the 220; Haven was third in the pole vault and Dunn tied for second in the high jump. Dunn also placed third in the shot put.

PUTNAM COURT NOTES

Henry O. Perkins et al vs Harley Monnett, complaint for \$150 damages as result of traffic accident, May 28, 1943, at the intersection of Washington street and College Avenue in Greencastle. Frank Stoessel is attorney for the plaintiffs.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Lloyd F. Jones, Route 4 Greencastle, and Ruby C. McCullough, Route 2 Greencastle.

ELEVEN MORE PUTNAM MEN INDUCED INTO SERVICE



Included above are the following: Louis William Jones, Donald Fay Chiles, Glenn F. Williams, Warren Maxwell Schatz, Rexford Carroll Hammond, George Thomas Fitzsimmons, Paul Thomas Rising, Theodore Henry Wilson, Allison Ash, Laurence E. Miller, Forest Herschel Skinner.

NO DECREASE IN INDUCTIONS BEFORE JULY

NEW MEN TO BE TRAINED TO MEET ANTICIPATED CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(UP)—The army was revealed today to have reached its peak strength of 7,700,000—sending the combined size of the armed forces to about 11,000,000—but officials warned that induction rates cannot be reduced materially before July.

The Office of War Information, in a report based on information from the War and Navy Departments, gave this picture of the armed services and their future needs in manpower:

Army—Now has reached peak strength of 7,700,000 officers and enlisted personnel but will require from 75,000 to 100,000 more men a month throughout 1944 or a nine-month total of from 700,000 to 1,000,000—for replacements to maintain that strength. The emphasis in replacements must be on men who are "young and physically qualified for the rigors of combat duty."

Navy—Now totals over 3,200,000, including marine and coast guard, will need 300,000 in new personnel and replacements to reach 3,500,000 by July 1; and will reach its peak strength of 3,600,000 by Sept. 1.

The War Department said that the army would actually surpass its planned strength this month but emphasized that this was necessary "to start training of men who will be required to meet anticipated losses"—a reminder that gigantic new operations, involving unprecedented casualties, are impending in Europe.

The army made it clear that it needs, and expects to get, hundreds of thousands of new men under the age of 26, despite any hardships it may work on industry.

"There can be no diminution of the efforts of local Selective Service Boards to deliver the maximum possible number of men in the lower age groups within the army's calls," the statement said. "This will require continuous pressure on industry and agriculture to eliminate all but the vitally essential deferments between the ages of 18 and 26."

Fire Chief Offers Some Timely Tips

Fire and disease can often be traced to rubbish accumulations, Fire Chief Wm A. Laurence said today in discussing the importance of Spring Clean-Up. He urged that every family take advantage of the warm days ahead to clean up attics, basements, storage places, garages, back yards and vacant lots.

"Protect the health and safety of your family by getting rid of waste materials," he said, "and help the war effort by donating paper, rubber and other needed materials to salvage."

He also advised householders to make all repairs that may be needed to keep their homes safe from fire. "Track down frayed electric cords and defective electrical appliances and see that they get fixed. Inspect your chimneys and flues. They may need cleaning or repair after a winter's use. The same thing goes for defective heating equipment—furnaces, stoves and heaters. And, if you do any paint-up jobs, don't smoke or allow open flames to come in contact with flammable vapors. Replace lids on cans, clean paint brushes immediately after use, and dispose of all paint soaked rags."

The chief then reminded family heads to check up on the home's fire-fighting equipment. "You may not need an extinguisher for more than two minutes out of twenty years," he observed, "but during those two minutes you really want it to work." He explained that extinguishers should be recharged with materials supplied by the manufacturer, following directions on the label, and that the types of Underwriters' approved extinguishers usually installed in homes can be recharged "right in your own back yard."

"Finally," the chief said, "why not do a thorough job and 'clean up' some of those dangerous habits that cause so many fires? Careless smoking is the nation's No. 1 fire-breeder. Using flammable cleaning liquids, polishes and insecticides is another. And don't forget that children make up the largest class of fire victims. Keep matches out of their reach and warn them against playing with fire."

SERVING COUNTRY

Pfc. Robert L. Smiley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Smiley, Greencastle R. 3, and has been transferred from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and his new address is: Pfc. Robert L. Smiley, 35141588, P. O. 12909-A, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

Robt. L. Smiley

Bombers Blasted Japanese Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific April 7.—(UP)—Allied bombers, sweeping over debris-cluttered airfields at Hollandia, blasted the Japanese northern New Guinea supply base again Wednesday in the wake of new double-pronged attacks on Truk, big enemy bastion 1,000 miles to the north east in the Carolines, it was disclosed today.

A fleet of more than 250 Liberators, Mitchell mediums and Boston bombers from Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force assaulted Hollandia with 320 tons of explosives and over a quarter million rounds of ammunition, leaving fires that still burned the next day.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command said many buildings and gun positions were destroyed and smoke from flaming fuel dumps rose 15,000 feet into the air. The raid, coming three days after Sunday's big attack which temporarily wiped out the enemy's air power there, was carried out without interception and all the planes returned safely.

Australian ground forces continued to press the Japanese back through the Mintjim valley and pushed the allied advanced line to within three miles of Baudashak, six miles below the enemy seaport of Bogadjim and about 400 miles south of Hollandia.

Front reports said the Germans were counter-attacking fanatically but futilely in attempts to break through the Soviet ring, then blowing up their tanks and heavy equipment to prevent their falling into Soviet hands after they were repulsed.

Other elements of Marshal Gregory K. Khukov's 1st Ukrainian Army beat off all German attempts to break through from the southwest to the relief of the encircled garrison of Tarnopol in old Poland, where one of the fiercest street battles of the Russian war was in progress. Official dispatches said the Germans were suffering heavily in men and armor.

For the fourth straight day, there were no new reports of the Soviet advance across the plains of north-eastern Rumania.

The Russians advanced to within 14 miles northeast of the center of Odessa, biggest Soviet city still in German hands yesterday with the capture of Sverdlov, only nine miles from the mile-wide land corridor into Odessa from the east between the Black Sea and the Kuyalnits lagoon.

To the northwest, the Russians drove down the Odessa-Kiev railway to Karpovo, 23 miles from Odessa and 21 miles north of the Odessa-Ovidopol railway, the only land escape line remaining in German hands.

The fall of Karpovo also narrowed the land corridor between advancing Soviet units and the Black Sea west of Odessa to 29 miles.

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NAZI UNITS AT BLACK SEA PORT DOOMED, BELIEF

POWERFUL RED FORCES NEAR OUTSKIRTS OF ODESSA IN FAST ADVANCE

MOSCOW, April 7.—(UP)—Soviet tanks and mechanized forces neared the outskirts of Odessa today at a pace that was believed to have smashed all German hopes of a protracted stand in the big Black Sea port.

With Russian columns closing in rapidly from the northwest, northeast and east around a 50-mile arc, the German garrison—a month ago estimated at more than 100,000 men—literally was jammed against the Black Sea with virtually the only hope of escape by sea.

Heavy rains turned the terrain to mud, but it appeared to be hampering the German retreat more than the Soviet advance. Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 3rd Ukrainian Army swept up more than 100 towns and villages on the near approaches to Odessa yesterday, severing the last vestiges of the enemy's escape routes except for a single inadequate coastal railway that depends on a ferry line to ford the mile-wide Dniester lagoon.

Some 250 miles to the northwest, the battle of annihilation against the 400-square mile German Skala pocket appeared to be entering its final phase with the enemy attempting to evacuate high-ranking officers from the encircled area by transport planes.

Red Air Force fighters blockading the shrinking pocket shot down 19 German planes in dogfights yesterday while ground forces captured 29 big transport planes on airfields overrun in their advance.

Nearly 4,000 more Germans were killed inside the pocket yesterday, boosting the toll since the encirclement was completed to 12,200. Four towns were seized, including the main center of resistance, Skala, 38 miles northeast of Cernauti.

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