

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 doctor 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 pull 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 Meadbury 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 Glidewell 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.

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 Finner 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
- Perry Donovan, an optimist Philip Carrington
- Mrs. Lovejoy, a social climber Margaret Perry
- Wanda, her daughter Betty Jean Francis
- 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.

Tehran Promises Begin To Unfold

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 pounding 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 R.A.F., 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 eggs close to the light, one can distinguish the letters, which may mean that the war will soon come to a victorious end.

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.

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. Lawrence 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 advises 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 do any 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



Robt. L. Smiley

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, A. P. O. 12909-A, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

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 communiqué 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 Mintjima 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.

Salutes Accorded Tirpitz Conquerors

ABOARD A BRITISH WARSHIP
April 6. (Delayed) (UP)—The British naval force whose planes knocked Germany's super-battleship Tirpitz out of the war for months—perhaps for good—returned to its home base today to be greeted by resounding salutes from other warships at ready at anchor.

Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander in chief of the British home fleet stood on the quarterdeck of his flag ship waving his cap with those of the entire ship's company. Each of the ships making up the force was cheered as it filed into the anchorage.

The Tirpitz was hit at dawn Monday as she lay in Alten fjord in northern Norway by Barracudas from the largest force of aircraft carriers ever concentrated against a single ship, and was left blazing fiercely.

Reconnaissance photographs showed at least 24 direct hits with bombs totalling eight tons, but officials said the scarcity of water spouts from masts indicated that actually the number of hits was "far greater." It also was pointed out that no photographs were taken after the final wave of bombers attacked.

The bombs silenced the Tirpitz's guns and wrecked the ship with terrific inner and other explosions. At least four heavy armor-piercing bombs hit the forepart of the ship between the bridge and turrets and 20 medium bombs were scattered along the decks.

Set adrift, the Tirpitz was believed to have grounded by the stern. Carrier-based fighters also shot up anti-aircraft posts and set fire to a tanker.

The captain of one carrier signalled the flagship of the force that he believed the Tirpitz to be useless as a warship for months, perhaps for the rest of the war. The fleet generally hailed the victory as decisive as that scored over the 26,000-ton Scharnhorst, sunk in arctic waters earlier this year.

NEW MANAGER

H. A. Hollingsworth, of Lebanon, is the new manager of the local Montgomery Ward store. He is taking the place of O. W. Fowler, who is being transferred to Lafayette. Mr. Hollingsworth's family will come to Greencastle within a short time for future residence.

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 Cernauli.

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 Sverdlovo, only nine miles from the mile-wide land corridor into Odessa from the east between the Black Sea and the Kuyalinitz 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 advance Soviet units and the Black Sea west of Odessa to 29 miles.

HAMBURG RAIDED

LONDON, April 7. (UP)—Swarms of British Mosquito bombers raided Hamburg, Germany's biggest port, and objectives in the industrial Ruhr and Rhineland last night. One plane was lost.

Today's Weather and Local Temperature

Showers and scattered thunderstorms today ending early tonight. Cooler tonight and Saturday.

Minimum	46
6 a. m.	50
7 a. m.	51
8 a. m.	46
9 a. m.	47
10 a. m.	49
11 a. m.	51
12 noon	52
1 p. m.	57
2 p. m.	57