

## You Pays Your Money and You Takes Your Choice



Ever hear of the Anzio Turf club? This club has been established only a mile behind the firing lines, at Anzio, Italy, for the amusement of British and U. S. soldiers. Wooden horses are used, which are moved according to numbers shown by throws of dice. Betting is brisk. In picture at left the entries in the "spring handicap" are chalked on the blackboard. At right, the barrier is sprung and they are off.

## Lumber Jacks Do Their Bit in Biggest Log Roll



Jean Mullins, 15, lives in one of the many logging camps near Allagash, Maine, which recently contributed a total of 10,000,000 feet of lumber to the largest drive in the East since 1900. The drive was aimed to tie in with the European invasion, since every foot of this wood will go to the war effort. Jean is shown at left rolling a log with her peavey from the pile into the St. John river. Right: Here "Jacks" with their pike poles and peaveys clamber over the floating logs, separating and guiding them through the boom.

### Sisters of Mercy



Aboard a coast guard-manned assault transport heading back from Europe's battlefronts, two U. S. army nurses minister to two wounded warriors convalescing on deck. The nurses are Second Lieutenants Elizabeth (left) and Margaret Collopy, sisters of Lawrence, Mass. Their patients are Private Hawthorne (left), and Pvt. William Schreibeck.

### 'Blockbuster's' Blind Inventor Visits U. S.



Air Commander Patrick Huskinson, 47-year-old blind hero of the RAF, who invented the most lethal weapon of World War II, the 12,000-pound blockbuster, has been in Washington participating in Allied discussions on armament design and development. He was robbed of his sight by the German blitz of 1941. Photo shows Commander Huskinson and his wife during a press conference.

### Ace Speaks at Rally



Speaking at a rally at Aurora, Ill., Lieut. Ira ("Eke") Kepford, leading navy flying ace, looks up to watch a plane piloted by Comdr. J. T. Blackburn, leader of the "Skull and Crossbones" Corsair squadron.

### Span U. S. in 6 Hours



Col. Jack Carter, left, shakes hands with Col. Clair Peterson, after the fliers landed their P-51 Mustangs in New York, to break transcontinental records. Peterson's time was 6 hours, 32 1/4 minutes.

## The 'Big Push' in Italy



French forces, eager for another smack at the traditional foe, have taken the spotlight in the big Allied drive in Italy. They struck westward from Castelforte (1) in a sensational assault on Mt. Maio, and captured the important town of Ausonia, cutting the only road through the valley and ripping a hole in the Gustav line. To the south (2) U. S. forces drove the enemy from Santa Maria Infante, and northward (small arrows) the British Eighth army extended its Rapido river bridgehead.

### Hitting Beach Behind Curtain of Fire



Landing barges carrying troops ashore in the assault on Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, move in behind a curtain of fire laid down by navy ships and planes. So accurate was the bombardment that barges swept up to the shore right on the heels of the forward moving explosives. Operations in the three Dutch New Guinea sectors are believed to have cut off some 60,000 Japs.

### Summer Comes to 'Big Town'



Among the hot weather scenes in Bronx zoo, New York, this one (left) was about the cutest. Six-year-old Gordon Gaynor is shown enjoying an ice cream cone as his companion, a "honey bear," enjoys a cone of his own. Right: When the mercury jumped to 88 degrees in Chicago, Jimmy Flala, two, and his pup, jumped for the water at the beach.

### Portable Kitchen for Nazis on Eastern Front



This picture, received through a neutral source, shows members of a German anti-aircraft gun crew snatching a few moments from Russian air attack to grab a bite to eat, somewhere on the Russian front. The food which they seem to be eating with great relish, apparently was prepared on a portable stove.

## Saved From Japs



A happy smile is worn by August Johnson, a small Australian lad, who has been a captive of the Japs occupying the Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea area. When found, little August was wearing a pair of discarded Japanese army shoes three times too large.

## Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO  
By VIRGINIA VALE  
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

SMILEY BURNETTE, Western public's robust comedian, is celebrating his tenth year in films with his current "Border Town Trails." He's had quite a career. After barnstorming the Midwest for years he became the operator of a one-man radio station in central Illinois; he did everything, including writing songs for his programs. One night Gene Autry heard him; next day Smiley joined Autry in Chicago, and shortly afterward they went to Hollywood and into pictures together. Smiley has written more than 200 songs for himself, Autry, Roy Rogers and others in Republic films, and has made almost 100 pictures—and an enviable name for himself.

Nice spot Allan Jones landed in, with Universal Pictures demanding that he return to Hollywood to star in a new picture, while he, starting in his own radio show on Wednesdays and on "Broadway Matinee" Thursdays, could afford to refuse.



ALLAN JONES

He thought they could have used him before he signed his radio contracts, that it was his radio work that made them want him back—and he still shudders when recalling that he was assigned to a picture called "Paradise Isle," in which he was to play a singing newspaperman.

Cantinflas, Mexico's spectacular comedian, said to combine Will Rogers' acting gifts and Charles Chaplin's pantomime, is to make a picture under the auspices of RKO and Posa Films of Mexico. It will be his first appearance in an English-speaking production, and Mexican and American talent will be combined for the picture, which will get under way within the next three or four months.

Dennis Morgan's fan mail has been steadily increasing since the release of his first starring picture, "The Hard Way"; now it's reported that he received more than any other Warner Bros. star during April. He's starred in two pictures now in general release, "The Desert Song" and "Shine On Harvest Moon," and will play the lead in "Christmas in Connecticut," opposite Barbara Stanwyck.

Keenan Wynn says that, on that trip to China, Burma and practically everywhere, the GIs, sitting in the rain, insisted that he and Bill Gargan work out in the rain. Andy Arcari could stay under the canvas covering, to keep his instrument dry. And as for Paulette Goddard, she could work under the cover; in fact, the soldiers made every effort to do everything they could for her.

If anyone thinks that Ginger Rogers is afraid of competition, the line-up for "Tender Comrade" is the answer. Three top-flight women stars who've made their mark on Broadway as well as in films are in the cast—Ruth Hussey, Patricia Collinge and Mady Christians.

Dix Davis, who plays "Judy's" brother on NBC's "Date with Judy," has just turned 16, and is a freshman at the University of Southern California, but he seems to have a touch of superman in his makeup. He keeps near the head of his class, and maintains a schedule of eight radio shows a week; he's heard on six other radio shows beside "Date with Judy."

Arthur Lake, "Dagwood" of the "Blondie" series, has spent most of his life as an actor bringing comic strip characters to life. He first came to prominence with his portrayal of "Harold Teen"; then was chosen as a natural for "Dagwood" on both air and screen.

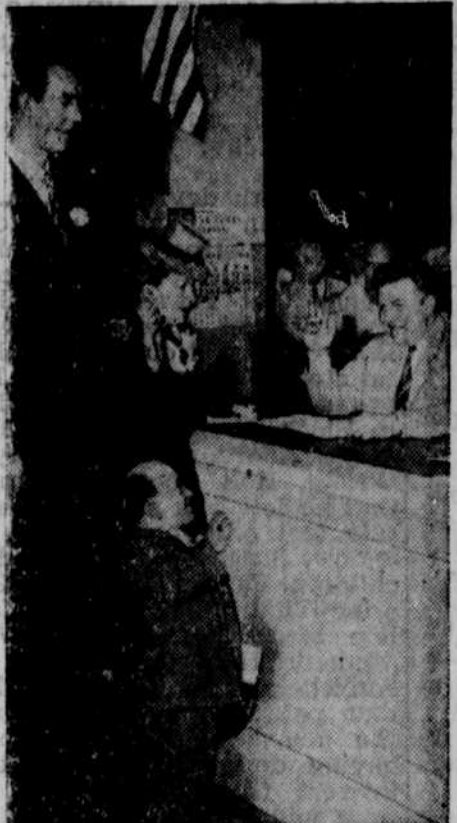
ODDS AND ENDS—The slogan Sammy Kaye features on his "Sunday Serenade," "Let's all do more in '44," has received commendation from the U. S. treasury department. . . . Nita-Rosa, 18, new singer on Xavier Cugat's program, made her radio debut on Major Bowes' amateur program when 15. . . . During the final days of production on "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" Gail Russell suffered from tooth trouble; it seemed that the greater the ache, the more comic the scenes. . . . Burgess Meredith, now an army captain, learned Japs haven't forgotten him. They mobbed him for autographs after he appeared on the "Kate Smith Hour."

### Corn on Guadalcanal



Agricultural expert, William Dorsey, discusses the finer points of corn culture with native farmers on Guadalcanal. This field is one of many in the Solomons tended by natives that produce fresh fruits and vegetables for hospitals servicing American wounded in this area.

### Here Comes Groom



Long and short of it is—they got married! Stanley Ross, 34, three-foot-two vaudeville comedian, and Evelyn Lucas, five-foot-eight, of Cincinnati, obtain marriage license in Chicago from clerk Virgil Dresser, as seven-foot-nine Henry Hite, Ross' stage partner, looks on. Marriage was performed later by Judge Paul A. Jones.

### Induction Note



Albert Caponette, 29, who reported for induction at Fort Sheridan, Ill., with infant son, saying he could find no one to take care of child. He was given a 24-hour pass and warned to report next day, minus the baby.