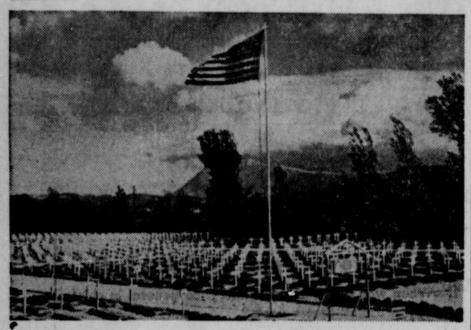
Nazi Forces Retreat Toward Rumania As Russians Regain Rich Farm Lands; Allied Troops Drive New Wedge Into Germans' Main Defense Line in Italy

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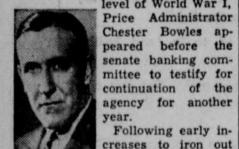


Italy-Row on row, these little white crosses in Mount Soprano cemetery mark the graves of fallen American Doughboys in Italy.

OPA:

Renewal Sought

Claiming that OPA has held wartime price increases to half the level of World War I,



mittee to testify for continuation of the agency for another Following early increases to iron out prewar depression

prices, the cost of living has been held absolutely stable during

the last 11 months, Bowles said. Asking for retention of present powers, Bowles said OPA would continue with present techniques for keeping down prices, including subsidies, which he called essential.

Cattle Subsidy

To bring cattle off the range and prevent a market glut in the fall, OPA considered increasing packers' subsidies by 30 cents to enable them to offer higher prices for the stock during spring and summer.

le same time, government officials considered placing a floor under medium and lower grade cattle the tight feed situation, with floors about: for the spring and summer above those for the fall.

While increased subsidies were being considered for cattle, lower subsidies were being studied for hogs. in line with government policy for decreased pig production. Now \$1.30 a hundred pounds, the hog subsidy may be cut by 30 cents.

SOLDIER VOTE:

President Gets Bill

Passed by congress; the compromise soldier vote bill, allowing use of the short federal ballot if certified by the governor and state ballots are unobtainable, found its way to President Roosevelt's desk for signature or veto.

Once outspoken in his opposition to a bill limiting soldier voting to DRAFT: state ballots alone, the President took up the compromise measure with caution before acting, wiring all 48 governors to report to him whether they would permit use of the short federal ballot, which only lists the presidential and congressional offices without including the names of the candidates.

If the governors O.K. the short federal ballot, servicemen will only be able to use it if their states have no absentee voting laws, or if they have applied for state ballots but have not received them.

RUSSIA:

Free Ukraine

Germany's remaining foothold in the Ukraine was loosened as Russian troops smashed into Nazi lines along the Bug river, and as the enemy's forces fell back toward Rumania, the Reds regained the rich farm and mineral land.

As Russia scored its military success in the south, Finland in the north turned down Moscow's armistice offer, based on restoration of the 1940 borders and internment of German troops entrenched in the little country.

Russia's southern drive carried Red troops to within 30 miles of the prewar Rumanian border, while farther to the northwest, they were within 100 miles of the old Czech and Hungarian frontiers.

Drive Wedge in Italy

EUROPE:

Having driven a wedge into the Germans' main defense line by leveling Cassino with a devastating aerial attack by heavy bombers, Allied forces fought hard to advance up the road to Rome and get at the rear of the enemy hemming in U.S. and British troops on the Anzio beachhead.

Although the thunderous leveling of Cassino left that once-fortified village standing directly on the road to Rome a pile of jumbled mortar, Nazi guns established in the surrounding hills continued to rake Allied troops, making progress slow.

Preliminary to the big showdown in the west, Allied bombers continued to roar over Axis Europe, ripping at Nazi channel defenses, France's network of rails over which the enemy plans to shuttle troops to meet invasion armies, and German industries turning out the weapons of war. To counter the raids, the Nazis sent up swarms of fighter planes, and great sky battles raged.

PACIFIC: Troubled War-Lords

As U. S. army and naval forces kept up a running fire over the entire Pacific area, Japan's jumpy litwhose quality may be affected by the war-lords had this to worry

> Continued Allied bombings of Weewak, New Guinea, and Rabaul, New Britain, feeder bases for Jap troops in those regions.

U. S. control of the Admiralty islands lying along the supply route to Rabaul.

General MacArthur's increasing isolation of the 30,000 Jap troops hemmed in on Bougainville island in the Solomons, with the U.S. fleet and air force in control to prevent major reinforcement or general withdrawal.

Navy and army bombers continuing attacks on the Jap fleet's big outpost of Truk, guarding the entrance into the waters of the enemy's South Pacific empire.

Tighten Deferments

In order to meet the services' demands for 1,160,000 men by July to bring military

strength to 11,-300,000, local draft boards have been directed to tighten up on all deferments, particularly for those in the 18 - 25 age group.

Under the new directives issued by Selective Service Chief Lewis B.

Gen. Hershey Hershey, only indispensable employees, regardless of family status, are to be deferred, and only the state draft head or national headquarters is to pass on any deferments for the 18 to 25 year age group.

Only farm workers producing 16 units will be eligible for deferment, and careful consideration will be given to the cases of 470,000 farm workers under 26.

While Selective Service pressed for more men, General Hershey said few of the 3,485,000 4Fs will be found acceptable for military service. Only about 11 per cent of those with dependents, including fathers, have been taken thus far, he said, and only about 1 in 10 will pass physicals.

the balance in its favor. POPULATION

commerce.

At the present rate of increase, the Russian population will number about 250,000,000 people by 1970, or 25 million more than there will be in all northwestern and central Europe, according to a survey by a railroads will be conducted by a League of Nations committee. The newly established railroad manpower 1939 census of the Soviet Republics gave a total of about 170 millions. Current estimates place the figure at 180 millions.

The survey stated that the population of Europe as a whole is now

Washington Digest

GOP Leader Places Faith world if German and Japanese officials are permitted to remain in Dublin and carry on alleged espic-

Republican Victory as Result of Complete Effective Local Organization.

Washington, D. C.

On a recent sunshiny Washington afternoon, I made a pilgrimage to the Republican National committee headquarters. As I entered the white-pillared portal of the modest little house they have rented on Connecticut avenue, a number of thoughts, which may be omens of good or ill in the coming election, floated into my ken.

The house was once a private home but now it is situated amidst shops and restaurants and looks across the avenue toward a towering apartment house taken over by the Civilian Defense administration.

As I ascended the stairway to the second floor office of Chairman Harrison Spangler, memories rushed about me and I was transported Frozen fruit stocks were 29 per back to the days when the Republicent over those of a year ago, frozen | can party was suffering in the slough vegetables 107 per cent, creamery of its deepest despond. The rooms butter 792 per cent, cheese 85 per about me then housed one of the cent, frozen eggs 75 per cent, and many trade organizations created by that wonderful and awful National Recovery administration presided over by the late and stormy General Iron Pants Johnson.

> And later, as I chatted with Mr. Spangler, I was reminded of another circumstance, gently symbolic of the days when the elephant sulked, impotent and neglected, in his tent -the Republican committee was forced to move some two years ago from its snappier, modern quarters on Lafayette Square where it could gaze longingly at the White House on the right hand, and not too hopefully at the United States Chamber of Commerce on the other. The reason the committee had to move was because it was only a tenant on Lafayette Square and the CIO (which had tossed a million into the Democratic electioneering fund) was the landlord.

Tempora mutantur. Ninety-two-year-old Mrs. Christine Lorenzen of Clinton, Iowa, is an old diers, and other apparel for vets of the Spanish-American and World War I conflicts. Now, Mrs. Loren-

fering little deprivations compared are the precursors of victory.

Well-Used Word

and that's the word he uses most. "The precinct is the squad," he said. "If you have good squads, you

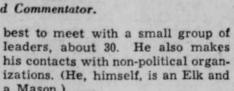
the squad to a very simple formula. Get one energetic worker and assign him or her 20 Republican voters. See that they vote. Mark Hanna used that system. It works. Iowa (Spangler's own state) uses it. Many

mutantur, again. Sangler believes been changing for some time.

can governors, he pointed out to me, already have pretty good machines which are working now.

the Middle West. His speech and his speeches are pretty much basic English except when he "rises to pronounce" on party principles. Then he uses good old substantial political phrases marshaled in the con; he can talk about platforms stabilization fund on the basis of its but not about planks.

prewar trade, thus tending to favor He is, according to his associates, countries which had heavy foreign With a comparatively small preplan more acceptable, thus swinging



The Farm Problem

The farm organizations will be of all the farm organizations have corporation in the party platform. They will meet with members of the Republican postwar advisory council's committee on agriculture. Its chairman is Governor Hickenlooper, who succeeded the late Senator Mc-Nary, father of the farm bloc.

Agriculture is one of the eight 'problems" listed by the advisory council at its meeting in September, 1942. The others are foreign policy; postwar industry and employment; social welfare; federal administration; finance and currency; labor; agriculture; and international economic problems.

A staff of experts under Dr. Neil Carothers, dean of the school of business of Lehigh university, has been assembled, who assist the council, which hopes to produce timber for the party platform by scientific methods

Chairman Spangler admits that we face a world in which conditions which will affect the election in Noly, perhaps before the conventions; certainly before the elections. But he believes that insofar as possible, the various "problems" listed by the advisory committee should be threshed out in as much detail as the convention.

have changed, so have Republican "We made several surveys covhand at knitting for the boys, having spirits. "Roosevelt won't carry two ering different periods in the East control and regulation."

believe that the Republican party difficulty lies with the faucet; the will win-first, because of the ener- constant water level at this point getic response of people which has seems to indicate it. If the faucet made the rebuilding of an effective is not used, remove it and plug up political organization possible; sec- the hole; however, if it is necessary, ond, because they consider trends remove the old faucet and replace it already evident are a factual indi- with a drain valve. cation of a turn of the tide.

Mr. Spangler did not attempt to argue the case of the Republicar. ing that "the times have changed." changed with them). The "tve" meaning a voting majority of the American people.

Of such is the optimism which fills the workshop on Connecticut avenue where the one concern is the practical side of politics-there, where the sulation, the kind that comes with a stands near Kansas City, Mo. shadow of the Blue Eagle once fell waterproof covering, between the across the portals, not even the flut- floor joists. Your local building mater of a ghostly feather can now be detected.

Service Education

gram for servicemen overseas, the United States Armed Forces institute has set up branches in five theaters of war-Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, Middle East, European and Alaskan theaters. Members of all branches of the American armed forces serving overseas may now apply directly to the new are given in the states through institute headquarters at Madison, Wis. The curriculum covers the range subjects. An enlisted man may apmaterials are supplied free of.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

A campaign to fill 100,000 present | and impending job vacancies on the the united efforts of the government months. and railroad labor and management.

The pay-as-you-earn system of income tax collections is being considered in Australia.

approximately 143,192,000 cups of coffee and 70,000,000 doughnuts at Red Cross clubs, canteens and clubmobilization committee representing | mobiles overseas during the last 12



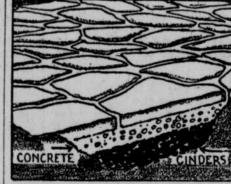
FIRST-AID to the **AILING HOUSE**

By ROGER B. WHITMAN Roger B. Whitman-WNU Features.

FLAGSTONE TERRACE

Question: I have a spot in my yard about 6 by 12 feet that I want handled en masse. Representatives to fix up as an outdoor sitting room with a flagstone floor. What should been invited to attend a meeting in I put in first and how many inches Chicago early next month in order to should I dig out? I have the flagexpress their views for possible in- stones and want to know if I should put cinders in first, and then lay the flagstones on top with cement be-

Answer: Excavate to a depth of about 10 inches. Cinders (not ashes) are then placed in the excavation, rolled and tamped well to within 5 inches of the level that you have



decided on. Over this place a 3inch bed of concrete (1 part portland cement, 2 of sand and 3 of stone, the stones no larger than 1 inch). vember are likely to change radical- Use no more water than necessary to make a workable mixture. Follow at once with the setting mixture (3 parts sand and 1 part cement). As soon as the setting bed is leveled, sprinkle with dry portland cement and lay the stone in the possible before the convention so prearranged pattern. The stone that they will not have to be dealt must be thoroughly wet when you with superficially at the last mo. set it. Point all joints with a morment by the platform committee at | tar mix of 2 parts sand and 1 part cement. The surface must be kept damp for several days.

Water Cistern

Question: We have a cistern in the a few years ago," he said, "and we basement which does not hold water found that the New Deal vote rose above the faucet level. During a rein direct proportion with the amount cent storm the cistern was full to of relief in the community. The the top at night, but the water had people were grateful for the help disappeared to the faucet level by they got and gave Roosevelt the morning. We have had three difcredit; they forgot that it was the ferent people re-cement the walls people's money they were spending. and floor of the cistern. During my When they are able to pay their own absence my husband put a thin coat bills, earn enough for what they of cement on the outside, and it need, they want to be independent. looks terrible—but I guess he meant They want to shake off government well. Can you offer some suggestion?

Mr. Spangler and his associates | Answer: It is possible that your

Cottage Floor Is Cold Question: We have a four room

party, nor are these columns a place frame cottage, heated with oil for such a political debate, but any- stoves. But the floors are not warm one can see that he and his staff be- enough, and we would like to know lieve that they share a popular feel- if there is some way we could remedy this? There is no basement, but "et nos mutamur illis" (and we are even though it is entirely closed to the ground all around the cottage, it gets quite cold. We do not want to go into anything too expensive. What can you suggest?

Answer: If there is enough space under the house, place blanket interial or lumber dealer should be able to supply you with this type of insulation. Should this be impossible to do, cover the floor with a car-To facilitate the educational pro- peting; a rug cushion under it will add to the comfort.

Piano Keys

Question: The smooth, glossy finish on the ivory keys of my piano has become very rough. What can be done to restore the original finish? Answer: The ivory has been worn down, and restoration of the keys to branches for the same courses that their original finish cannot be done at home. A piano repairman could replace the ivory covering. You can, however, improve the appearance of from grammar school to university the keys with a coat of white enamel. Rough the surfaces by rubbing ply for as many courses supplied with fine sandpaper, then clean directly by USAFI as he wishes for them by wiping with turpentine. For only one enrollment fee of \$2. For a first coat use an enamel underself-teaching courses, text books and coat or flat paint, and finish with a good quality white enamel.

Shingles or Siding Question: Which would be the

more practical to use on the exterior of our house, shingles or siding? Do the shingles make a tight finish, or will they become loose in time?

Answer: Both types of exterior wall covering are practical, and if properly applied wood shingles or siding should give you long service, when protected against the elements by paint or a wood preservative. The choice of one or the other is up to yourself. Inspect several houses covered with siding and shingles, and see which you like best.

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HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

Harrison Spangler, Party Chairman, Sees

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, | best to meet with a small group of

But if the times and the quarters Votes and Relief fidentially informed by one of the modest laborers in the GOP vine-

yard. Harrison Spangler made no tall predictions to me. He made no predictions at all. He simply told me about what he is doing, the results so far obtained. He has a simple faith that results already achieved

Spangler's forte is organization,

have a good regiment." He has reduced the training of

others do. The important word in the last sentence is "do." Important because Spangler used it in the present tense. In the days of the Blue Eagle, and for many years thereafter, any statement about an effective Republican political organization had to be used in the past tense. But tempora

that times have changed and have Chairman Spangler is not starting at scratch with his organizing; 26 states which have elected Republi-

The chairman is a typical, successful businessman of a middlesized town (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) in conventional manner. But like all pre-convention committee chairmanships, his job is eschewing the overspecific. He can talk about candidates, but not a candidate, pro or

a man of action. Already he has visited all of the northern states and that is what he is still doing. dividing his time between the field and the Washington office. He likes charge.

American servicemen consumed

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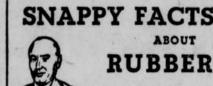
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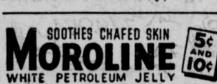
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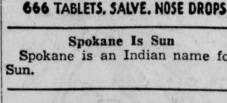
At least 16 Latin-American countries have soil and climatic conditions

In war or peace

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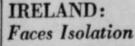
Useful Milkweed The floss of milkweed is used to make life preservers.





parts copper to 5 parts zinc. Production rate currently is at 150 million one-cent pieces per month. It is expected that the annual output lieves, though prisoners of war and will exceed a billion steel pennies.

er food processing plants this year, Paul McNutt, manpower commissioner, says. This is 100,000 more than were needed last year. Stu-



Traditionally strained, Ireland's relations with Great Britain have again tensed, this time over London's threat to completely isolate the Emerald Isle from the outside Dublin and carry on alleged espionage activities detrimental to Allied invasion forces massed in the Unit-

Anxious to maintain its neutrality, one reason being given that its cities were open to destructive bombings, Ireland replied that it could not banish Axis diplomats without inviting war, and insisted that it had clamped down on any suspicious

enemy activity. As the U.S. refused to sell Ireland ships for carrying needed imports and Britain closed all travel between the two countries, Eire grimly awaited events, its economy already hard hit by unemployment caused by a scarcity of imported

COLD STORAGE:

raw materials.

More Meat, Produce

With cooler space 73 per cent occupied and freezer capacity 92 per cent filled, U. S. storage holdings as of March 1 were at record levels. with only apples at a low mark.

Beef stocks aggregated 276,300,000 pounds; pork, 792,700,000 pounds; trimmings, 151,300,000 pounds; lard and rendered pork fat, 354,300,000, of which War Food administration held 200, 200, 000

poultry 117 per cent.



zen knits for the Red Cross for

Declaring that Americans are suf-

with Civil war days, Mrs. Lorenzen

said: "We had no coffee at all, and,

sometimes, little to eat but corn-

Labor's efforts to revise the War

Labor board's stabilization formula

limiting wage increases to 15 per

cent over January, 1941, were

thwarted by the public's and indus-

try's representatives on the board.

who advised holding off considera-

tion until congress goes over the

In an effort to revise the stabiliza-

tion formula, labor asked that the

President be requested to modify

the wage ceiling to reflect actual

living costs, and the War Labor

board hold public hearings to bring

out facts which might justify higher

pay. Steelworkers pressed for pub-

lic hearings on their demands for a

Long in consideration, the United

Nations' plan for an international

money system after the war is tak-

ing shape, with gold to play an im-

portant part as a result of Russia's

Based on a plan drawn by the

U. S. treasury's monetary expert,

Harry D. White, the new money

system would require each country

to contribute a certain percentage

of gold and its own currency to a

stabilization fund, which would then

operate to prevent any nation's ex-

White's plan differs from Brit-

ain's, which considered having each

nation contribute to an international

war trade, Russia found the U. S.

change from rising or falling.

17-cents-an-hour raise.

MONEY SYSTEM:

Shaped for World

whole question of price control.

World War II's heroes.

Control Attacked

WAGES: