This Week Of The War Showing Progress Of The All Out Effort

A comparative lull pervaded in southern Tunisia last week after the British Eighth Army's decisive defeat of Rommel before the Mareth Line. But although land operations subsided somewhat, the Eighth Army increased its air patrol operations, attacking enemy tanks and motor transports which were retreating back to the shelter of the Line.

In northern Tunisia, the British First Army contacted General von Arim's forces in the region of Sed Jenane, and twice during the week stopped the Axis attacks cold. Von Arnim has made heavy sacrifices in trying to budge the Britis hfrom the northern end of the Allied line, but his gains have been minor.

In central and southwestern Tunisia, other Allied gains were scored. General Jacques LeClerc's French forces, advancing into Tunisia from the direction of the Mareth Line, effected a union with some of General Giraud's troops and occupied Tozeur, on the northwestern shore of Chott Dferid salt lake, and later Metlaoui, an important rail and road center from which to strike at Gafsa.

Air Combat in Tunisia

Air activity, though restricted by weather, continued over the entire line: Allied planes attacked enemy airfields near Tunis, carried out offensive patrols in the northern and central sectors, destroyed a number of Axis vehicles and planes i nthe Sed Jenane region, and attacked targets at Gafsa in the south. Discussing air combat in Tunisia, Secretary of War Stimson said Allied planes continue to show "gratifying superiority," and pointed to last week's score of 58 enemy planes downed at a loss of 31 Allied craft. In one day, he said, Flying Fortresses and Lockheed Lightnings without loss shot down 17 enemy planes, while 2 German planes collided and crashed into the sea.

Stimson Reveals Tunisian Casualties

In the same press conference, Secretary Stimson set at 2,242 American casualties suffered in Tunisia in the week of February 14 to 20—the period of the Allies' retreat toward the Algerian border and their initial counter-attack. This included 59 killed, 176 wounded and 2,007 missing, presumably taken prisoner. Losses during the past month have been substantial for both sides, he said, but the Allies have probably fared better than the enemy, as more than 1,000 Germans and Italians were taken prisoners during the month, and over 100 enemy tanks were captured and destroyed.

American Raids on Europe

Good results have also been clocked up by American planes in their daylight attacks on Axis-held Europe. In one day's raids against Rennes and Rouen in Brittany, U. S. bombers downed more than 20 Axis fighter planes with a loss of only four of the bombers, and Allied fighters, escorting the bombers on their missions, accounted for five more.

Maryland Musings

This country needs to produce more grass seed of every kind than formerly, not only for civil and military uses, but to supply seeds to our allies after the war, and to make up for seed formerly imported.

—M M—

Starting the victory garden early has two definite advantages: The family can begin eating from the garden sooner, and the ground planted earliest can yield a crop and then be replanted to a second crop.

—M M—

Each of the 10c packets of seed of tomatoes, peppers, parsley, and some other kinds of vegetable seeds contain enough seeds to supply four or five home gardens. If gardeners shared their packets of such seeds, much unnecessary waste would be avoided.

—M M—

Read the label on canned goods for all it can tell about quantity, quality, ingredients, and use. You may learn facts—some unexpected—to guide buying.

—M M—

On and after April 1, 1943, according to a regulation announced by the OPA every woman in every city, town and village in the United States will know at a glance the maximum price in cents per pound that any butcher can charge her for any cut of pork.

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Peas, beans and lentils, when bought exclusively for use as seed, are exempt from the processed foods rationing program and do not require the surrender of either point stamps or ration certificates, it has been announced by the Office of Price Administration.

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ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

"Whistling In Dixie" Comedy For Skelton

Red Skelton returns to the screen as "The Fox" the detective character he portrayed in "Whistling in the Dark," in another screamingly funny adventure film, "Whistling in Dixie" which opens Monday night at the New Lyceum Theatre and continuing through Wednesday. Skelton and Ann Rutherford, who plays his sweetheart find themselves enmeshed in a murder mystery in an old Southern town and participate in one hilarious adventure after another.

The story begins on the eve of Skelton and Miss Rutherford's marriage, when she receives a frantic appeal for help from Diana Lewis. All this results in a hurried trip to a little old Southern town. It seems that her chum's fiance has disappeared and she wants Red to find him.

They trace him to an old Confederate fort. The local district attorney and sheriff are taken into their confidence, and "double-cross" them, imprisioning Red, Ann and Diana in a cellar and turning on a stream of water which slowly fills the room. Soon the mystery absolves itself. It's all over a cache of gold in the fort.

Rags Ragland plays a double role as the gangster Sylvester and his brother, a chauffer. Ragland and Skelton stage a desperate fight as one of the thrills in the picture. A whistling parrot provides comical thrills and Skelton's antics enliven his detective work.

Skelton was never funnier, and Miss Rutherford is her charming self. Miss Lewis plays her role skillfully. George Bancroft is an ideal menace as the crooked sheriff, and Guy Kibbee plays a bibulous judge with comic results. Peter Whitney is convincing as the crooked district attorney. Other principals are Louis Mason, Mark Daniels, Celia Travers and Pierre Watkins. S. Sylvan Simon directed with skill and a flair for comedy and Clyde de Vinna contributed outstanding photography.

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Cinemusician At New Lyceum

Setting a new pace in Hollywood versatility, Oliver Drake, the noted associate producer, wrote the words and music for three orginal numbers which are featured in his latest Universal picture, "Raiders of San Joaquin."

The film co-starring Johnny Mack Brown and Tex Ritter will show at the New Lyceum Theatre Friday and Saturday nights. Fuzzy Knight, Jennifer Holt and Jimmy Wakely Trio are featured.

Drake's compositions are "The Hatches and The Morgans." "I'd Ruther Be Footloose An' Free" and "A Carefree Cowboy."

Knight sings the first two and Ritter offers the third during musical sequences of the outdoor adventure drama.

"Raiders of San Joaquin" was directed by Lewis D. Collins. William Sickner was the cameraman.

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Visit To England Aids Movie Maker

A thorough understanding of English psychology is brought to "Sherlock Holmes in Washington", Universal's latest detective thriller starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Director Roy William Neill was responsible for this valuable contribution to the film which will also be shown at the New Lyceum Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights.

Neill returned to Hollywood only recently after a stay in England of several years. During that time he directed and produced pictures for Warner Bros., at the Teddington Studios, and many of his films were completed after the war started.

During the filming of "Sherlock Holmes in Washington," Neill introduced the custom of 4 o'clock tea, and during these daily respites, he would recount stories of eye-witness incidents which took place during "Black September" of 1940.

Marjorie Lord, John Archer and Don Terry have important supporting roles in "Sherlock Holmes in Washington." Howard Benedict was the associate producer.

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SOCIAL NEWS OF KENNEDYVILLE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grantlin on their 60th wedding anniversary. In a short time Mr. Grantlin will be 85 years of age.

Miss Ruth Fogwell spent Tuesday night with her grand-mother, Mrs. Toulson.

Mrs. Mattie McKnett of Philadelphia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Mrs. William Anthony and Miss Betty Scotten spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Redmile, Mrs. Harry Redmile and Mrs. Lula Hill spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Oliffe visited relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia a part of this week.

The Rainbow Circle of the Womans Society will serve pie and coffee on Tuesdays and Friday nights at the garage for the next three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lipscomb and son Robert Lewis of Rock Hall were Sunday dinner guests of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Lipscomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pennington visited Mrs. Hanna Toulson on Sunday.

Mrs. Norman Hopkins and Mrs. Judson White are on the sick list.

Mrs. Othoson and Mrs. Rodger Kennedy spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mrs. James Nickerson and others spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. Joseph Weer and friend Mr. Arthur Revell of the U. S. Navy are spending the week-end at his home.

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NEWS ITEMS OF MILLINGTON

Mrs. Mollie Tarbutton of Crumpton, Md., who has spent the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCosh Walls on West Cypress Street, Millington, returned home this week.

Miss Sue Taylor of Stockton, Md., is the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Taylor.

The Woman's Society for Christian Service, met this week at the home of Mrs. Roland Porter.

The W. C. T. U. met at the Methodist Parsonage on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higman and Miss Betty Rickerson, of Philadelphia, Miss Helen Higman and Mr. Larry McGarrity of Wilmintgon, Del., were Sunday visitors at the home of their Aunt, Miss Mollie Higman.

Mr. LeRoy Moore, Miss Anna Stevens and Mrs. Sidney Dixon, spent Monday in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross of Wilmington, Del., with Miss Marie Vansant who has spent the winter with them at their home, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore in town.

Good TELEPHONE NEIGHBORS, TOO!

With party lines on the increase, it is more important than ever that neighbors on the same telephone line be considerate of each other by answering promptly, by being brief on all calls and by hanging up carefully when a call is finished. Due to the war, telephone lines are heavily loaded—and new facilities can't be added.

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SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AT BETTERTON

Mrs. Martha Crew and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anthony went to the Wilmington General Hospital last Thursday to see Mrs. Emma Jane Taylor, who has been a patient there for about two weeks, they found her very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crew of Phenixville, Pa., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hallie Crew and grand-mother, Mrs. Dill.

Frank Willis, Jr., and family moved in the house vacated by Harry Whitely.

Mrs. Annabel Greenwood of Baltimore is visiting Mrs. Laura Crew and Miss Louise Crew.

Billy Crew of Norwood, Pa., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Hattye Crew, and Mrs. Pauline Von-Culin returned to her home with him, after spending sometime with her mother.

Chas Joiner Jr., of Aberdeen, Walter Joiner of Worton and Mrs. Caroline Luike, were dinner guests last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Smith.

Mrs. Florence Workmen is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Pippin and family in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Turner and daughter of Centreville, spent last Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Turner. The former returned with them to spend a few days.

Miss Maggie Clark has been very sick at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mooney of Baltimore spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crew.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis and children of Phenixville spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Hallye Crew and mother, Mrs. Dill.

Howard Smith, Sr., of Bridgeville, formerly of this town is very sick in a Salisbury Hospital. Mac Smith, his son was called to the Hospital on Saturday and reports him very ill.

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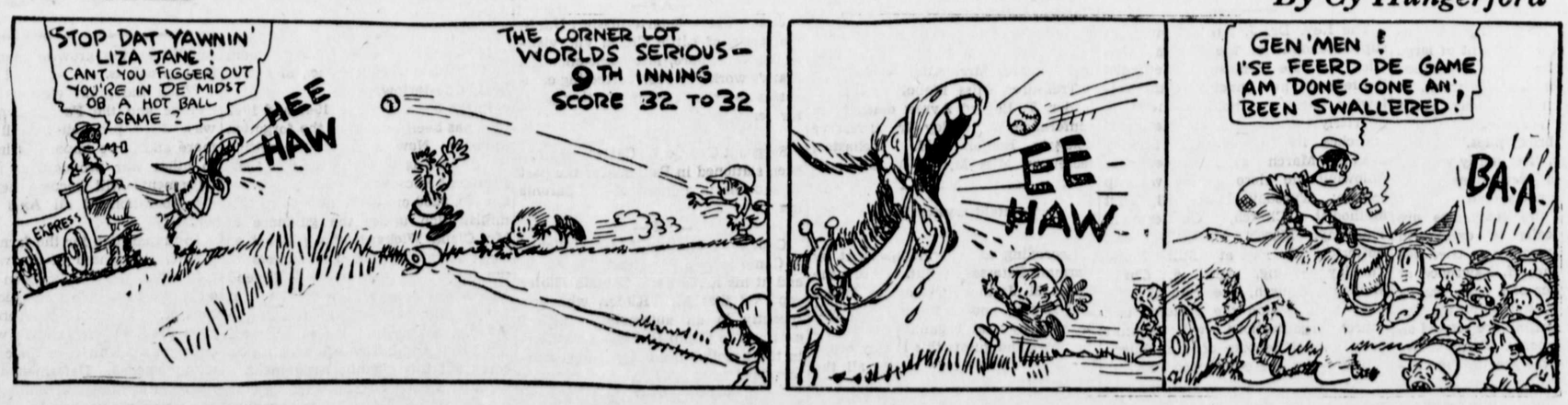

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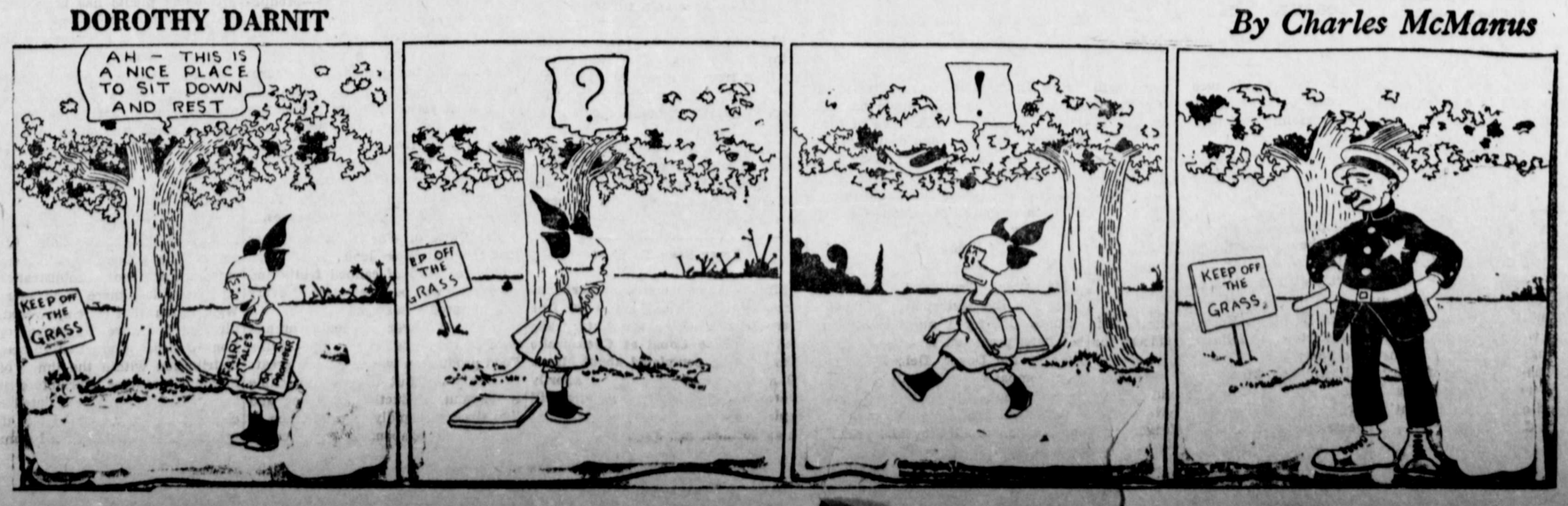

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