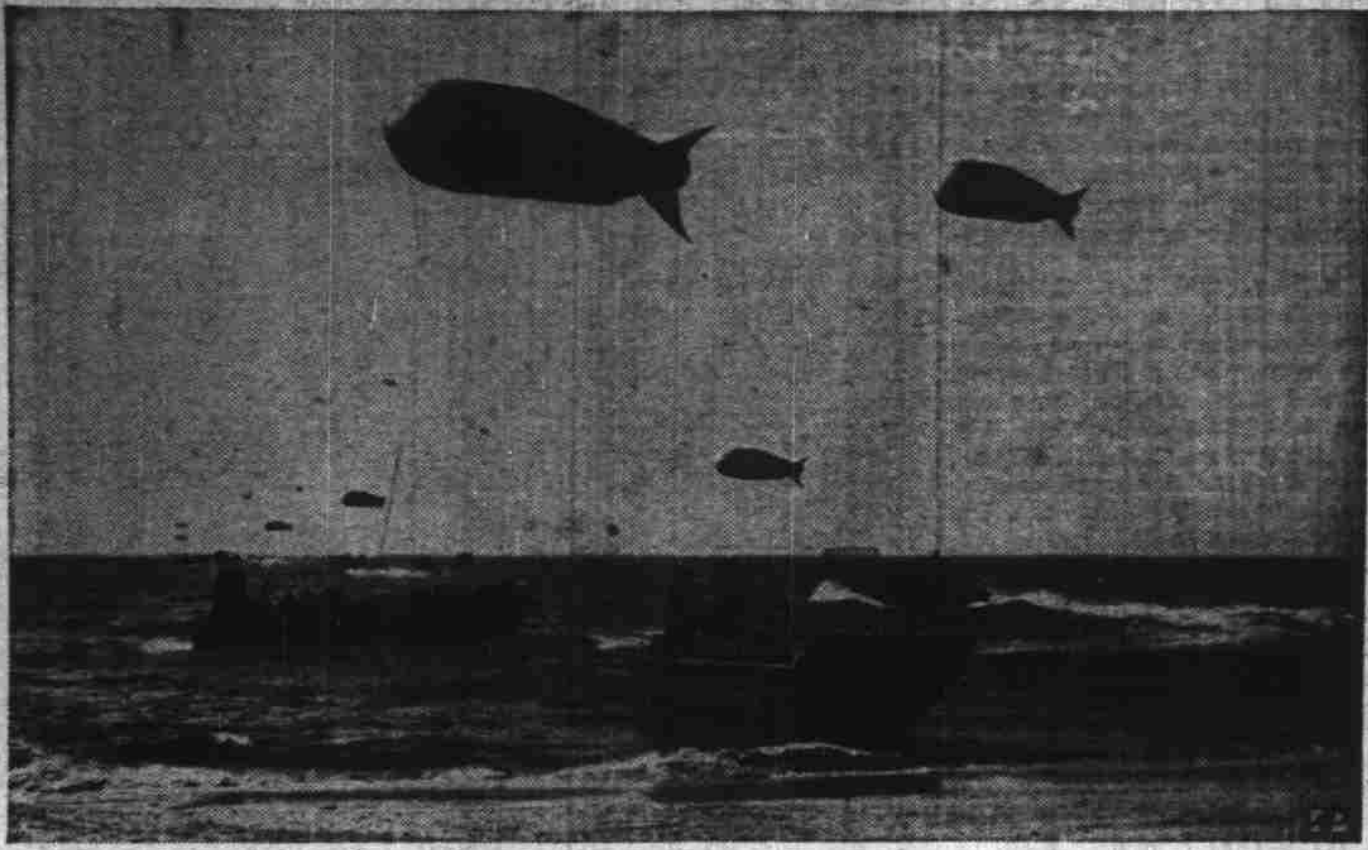


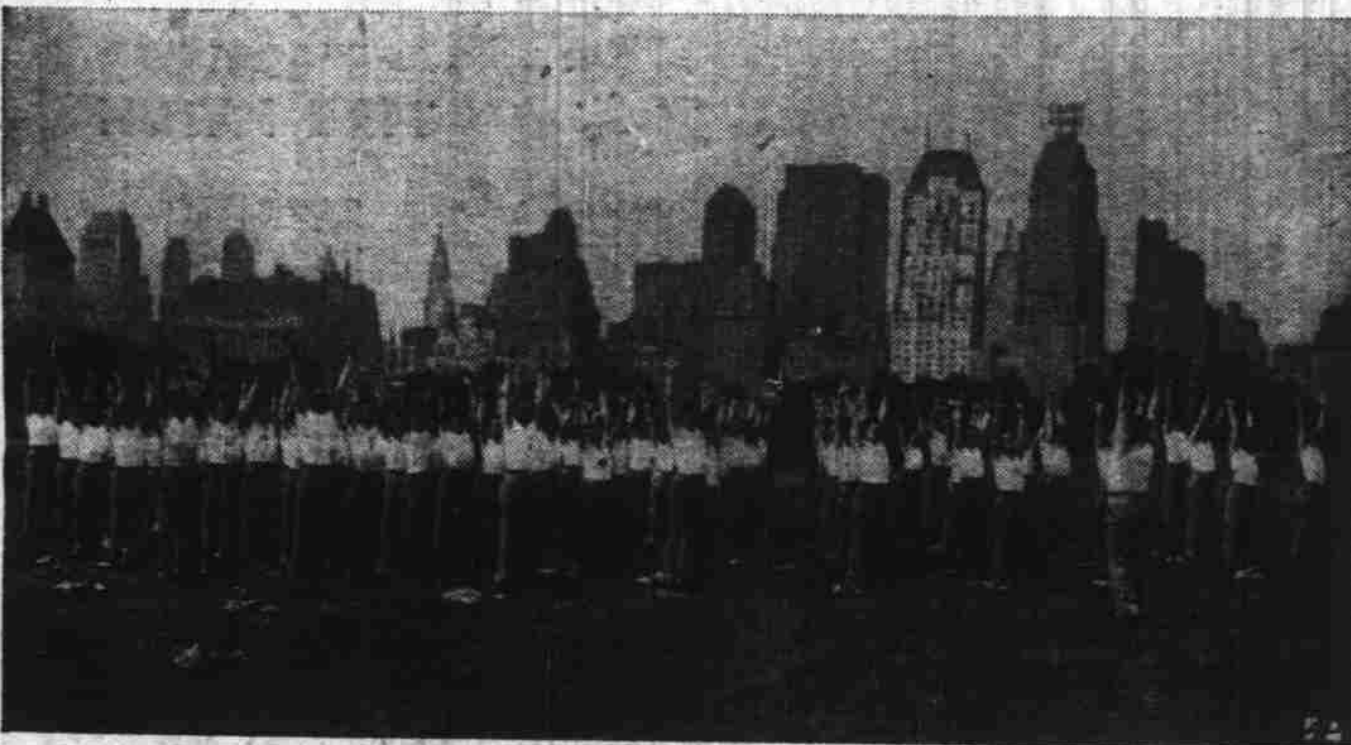
PICTURE NEWS



PORTABLE AIR PROTECTION—Army Amphibious Engineers tow low altitude barrage balloons during Florida maneuvers. Balloons prevent strafing by enemy aircraft.



SHIPBUILDING COUPLES — Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kole and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fitzsimmons (l. to r.) help weld destroyer escort ships at the Federal shipyard, Fort Newark, N. J.



CENTRAL PARK DRILL — Enlisted men of the U. S. Army Air Forces Headquarters Squadron, Transport Command, exercise in New York's Central Park, against skyscraper background.



WRENS AT GUNS—Qualified in ordnance work, these members of the Wrens assemble the breech of a four-inch gun on board a corvette at an unnamed British port.



MOTHER — Lady Montgomery, mother of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, British military hero, shown as she inspected a civil defense guard of honor in Belfast.



50 YEARS AN ACTOR—Marjorie Ann Rutchie, 3-year-old film actress, helps the veteran Charles Coburn celebrate his 50th anniversary in the theatre.



JUST TIE IT—No priority hooks, snaps, buttons or zippers make this New York creation one of the most patriotic of dresses. It simply ties at throat and sides.



WINNIE — Little Winston Churchill, grandson of the prime minister and son of Capt. and Mrs. Randolph Churchill, leaves St. Margaret's church, Westminster, after serving as a page at Lady Sarah Spencer-Churchill's wedding.



CUP—Lady Dugan, wife of the Governor of Victoria, admires a Napoleon Bonaparte cup and saucer donated for a Red Cross benefit sale held at Sydney, New South Wales.



HONOR MAN — Cadet Thomas K. Oliver (above) of Vicksburg, Miss., was the unanimous one or Honor Man of West Point Military Academy's graduating class of 514 members.



LUCKY KITTY—Survivor of a torpedoed merchant ship, "Minnie the Cat" gets just recognition from Actress Irene Manning and a National Maritime Union "torpedo pin."



WAACS GO SIGHT-SEEING—A group of American WAACS, among the first to arrive in England, look over London's Houses of Parliament on a sight-seeing tour while off duty. Famed Big Ben appears in the background.



DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE—James G. Wainwright (left), U. S. envoy to Britain, and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden chat at London thanksgiving service for North African victory.



WOMEN BUGLERS, TOO—Buglers have their place in women's branches of the armed services as Cadet Rosemary Ardrif of Shokle, Ill., demonstrates at the Marine Corps Women's Reserve Training School, Northampton, Mass.



QUEEN AND TWO KINGS—Radio Songstress Connie Haines holds two champions in their class, Tintaph of Ested (left) and Sonnie of Ested, Great Danes owned by Jack Supple of Hollywood, Calif.



NEW DANCE—A step from a new dance called the "mill, lion dollar" is performed by its creator, Arthur Murray, and his pretty partner, Jeanne Allen.



RAGGING RIGOLETTO — The famous quartet from Rigoletto got a real going over when these celebrities performed it on a Stage Door Canteen program. (Left to right): Giovanni Martinelli, Willie Howard, Carol Bruce and Walter Hampden.



WINNER FOR WESTROPE — Star Jockey Jackie Westrope and his wife, Radio Actress Nina Gray, proudly exhibit their month-old daughter, Pamela Ann, at their Hollywood residence. Pamela Ann seems a bit bored.