

PICTURE NEWS



WACS ON ITALIAN FRONT—A group of air WACs pass slit trenches as they walk toward headquarters of the 15th air force in Italy, where they are stationed.



B-25'S NOSE BATTERY—Eight .50 caliber machine guns protrude from the nose of the North American B-25 Mitchell bomber, boosting its armament to 18 guns of this caliber.



RECRUITS TAKE OATH—Six thousand recruits for the Portuguese army, assembled on the Plass do Imperio in Lisbon, take the oath to the flag before high government officials.



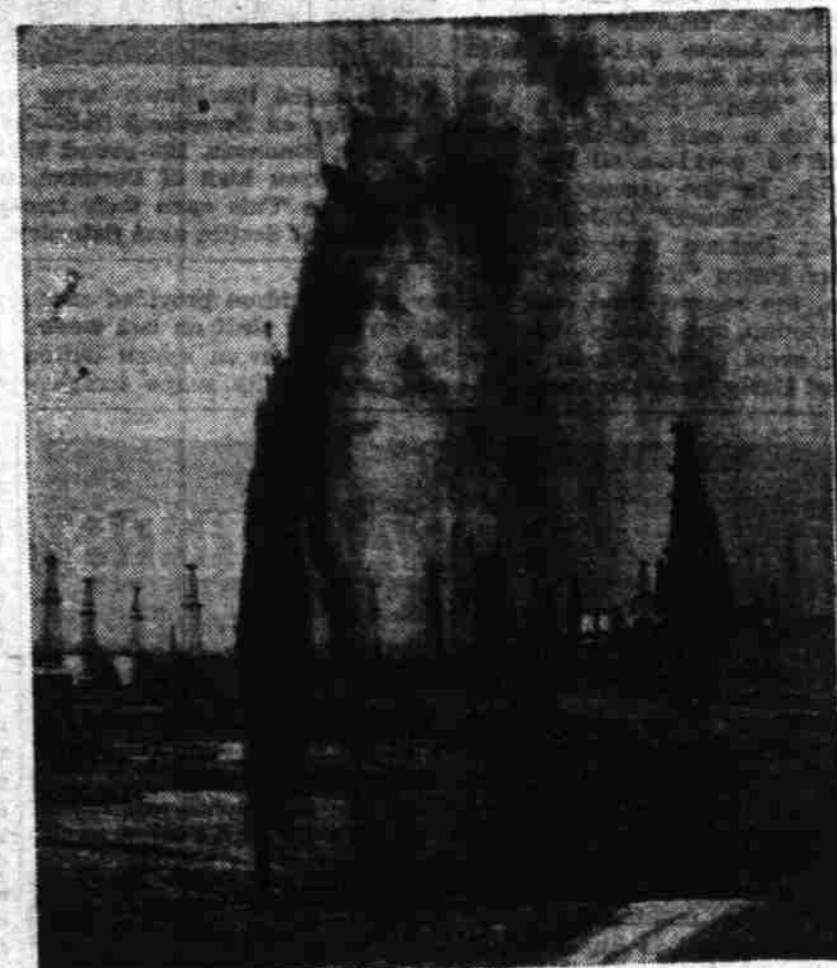
'MISS AMERICA' ENTHRONED—Miss America of 1944—Venus Ramey, "Miss Washington, D. C."—sits on the throne of beauty at the Atlantic City pageant, wearing the crown and ermine of royalty and holding the royal scepter.



NAZIS' FAKE HOUSE—Maj. Stanley Koch, Lexington, Ky., and Maj. James Hanley, Providence, R. I., inspect a "stone house" of plywood and netting built by Nazi camoufleurs in France.



HEALTHY—Ten-year-old 'Johnny Granite' (above), son of a Birmingham coal miner, was adjudged healthiest boy at Camp Lightfoot, at Hinton, W. Va. Johnny weighs 87½ pounds—with his father's mine helmet.



How come? Steam, gas, water and mud are being sprayed over the Huntington Beach oil fields from these gushers and efforts to stop them only cause new bubbling areas to appear. Four craters, erupting from sub-surface gas pockets, are spewing sand and water onto the lowlands. (International)



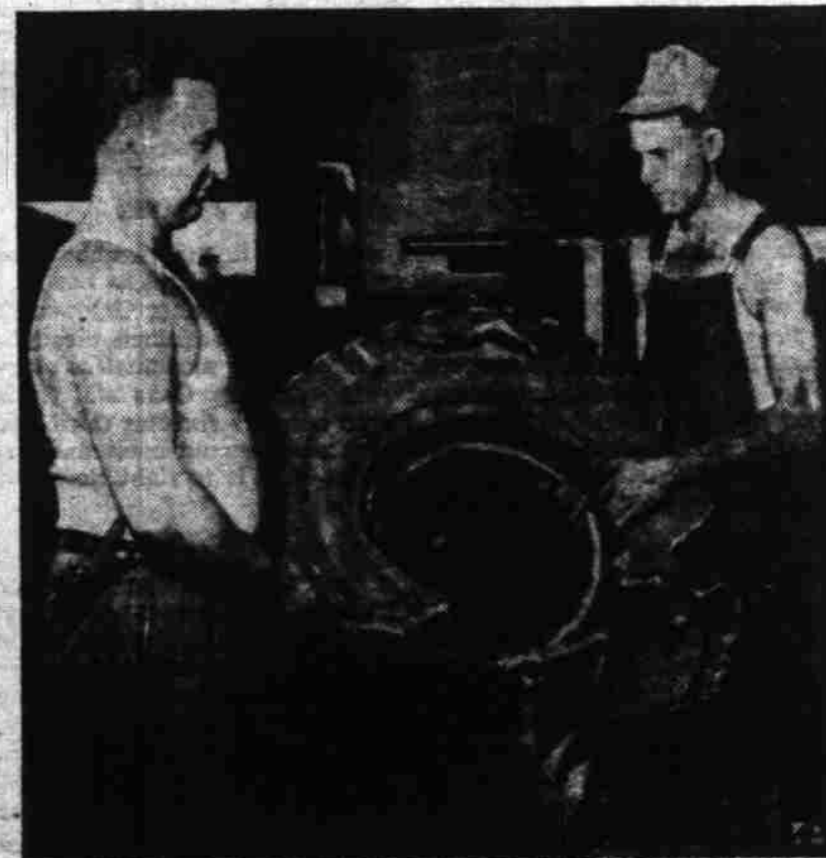
YOUTHFUL MECHANIC—In a practical test of instruction methods at the Bendix Aviation war plant in Chicago, Jack Butler (above), 11-year-old schoolboy, learned to assemble the 500-odd parts of an aircraft injection carburetor in 90 minutes. Here he demonstrates his newly acquired skill.



ADMIRAL—Rear Admiral Ralph Wood (above), veteran of air war command in the southwest Pacific, is now commander-in-chief of 17th naval district, including Alaska and the Aleutians.



AIRPLANE SEAMSTRESS—Inside the wing of a big clipper plane at Pan American's base at LaGuardia Field, N. Y., Marion Randall of Flushing, L. I., sews on the fabric section of the wing of the 43-ton flying boat.



WOUNDED VETERAN—Two fire builders in Good-year's Akron, O., plant look over remains of a 8.00 by 10 military tire, delivered to the Army in 1942, which was ruined by a Nazi land mine near Naples, Italy. Numerous carcasses like this were brought back to tire plants to show workers the urgent need for replacements on the war fronts.



MUSTERING OUT VETERANS—Ready for discharge from the Army, these GI's reach the separation center—reverse of induction center—at Fort Dix, N. J.



Fury of the hurricane that recently swept the Atlantic seaboard is evidenced in these heaps of debris that once were comfortable homes in Milford, Conn., below New Haven, where the storm reached the height of its fury. Great loss of life was averted when the entire exposed section was evacuated. At Atlantic City, N.J., great damage was wrought to piers and the boardwalk. (International Soundphoto)



ON TOUR IN WAR ZONE—Young U. S. nurse in the European theater, Katherine Cornell and her landing man, Brian Aherns (right), chat with Coast Guard Signaller I/C Edward L. Johnson of Gloucester, Mass. Guthrie McClintic, Miss Cornell's husband, is at the left.