



HOLLERS UNCLE—Mercy Hernandez, a budding Launtye singing star, swings a pretty mean rhythm shaking those maracas in San Francisco's Copacabana (left) but when it comes to figuring her income tax (right) that's a different story. Mercy finally got help from Uncle Sam's boys at the Internal Revenue office. Born in strident Cuba, Mercy prefers the States, confusing tax and all.

### Is That So?

By Eugene Burns  
Ranger-Naturalist  
Since the beginning of time, men and animals have fought side by side. But never in such vast numbers and in such a great variety as in the last global war with its many diverse theaters of action in jungles, mountains, deserts, plains and Arctic tundra.

As a roving war correspondent, I saw dogs patrolling the foggy beaches in the Aleutians, elephants moving two-ton timbers for bridges in Burma, pound-sized homing pigeons carrying urgent messages over the dense jungles of Guadalcanal, cows and chickens aboard French warships providing fresh milk and eggs for the crew, camels in North Africa packing machine guns and ammunition, horses and mules helping build fighter airplane strips in Noumea in the South Pacific.

In Italy, donkeys and oxen were used; reindeer in northern Europe, buffalo in Indo-China and the Philippines, yaks in China, sled dogs in Greenland, canaries and goldfish in submarines, mice-catching cats in warehouses, carefully-trained falcons in Germany to intercept our allied pigeons with messages. And, after the war I was



tipped off bats were captured in Carlsbad caverns to put the torch to Japan's industrial and war centers.

**Horses Mustered Out**  
And now — during the past few months — the U. S. Army is mustering out its horses and mules; retiring its pigeons; and virtually halting its dog-training program.

Apparently, technological progress has caught up with the pack mule, dog and carrier pigeon. But before we dismiss them, let's take a look at what happened during the last war.

Never have animals been drafted in such prodigious numbers — and as you may recall, the age of mechanization was being hailed with great fanfare. To be modern, troops had to be mechanized. But were they? And are they today in other countries? From what I hear, Russia still has more than 1,000,000 cavalry; hundreds of thousands of trained dogs — even parachute-trained dogs; and in the far north, reindeer.

Let's take a look at the World War II totals. Six thousand four hundred elephants were drafted in Burma — the largest number ever mustered for war duty. (Hannibal's well-publicized campaign over the Alps mustered but 50 with one surviving the camp; gn.) The Finns and Russians used more than 100,000 reindeer in the Arctic regions, principally in the Murmansk area. At least 250,000 were used in all theaters.

Even the Japanese used 25,000 dogs which had been given to them by their Axis partner, Adolf Hitler.

Some 1,500,000 pigeons were mobilized. More than 2,500,000 horses and mules. It may come as a rude surprise to many a western armor division-minded militarist to know that despite the publicized Panzer divisions, the Germans turned up with 800,000 military horses — 75,000 for transport, the remaining 725,000 for cavalry. Russians used more than a million — with more than half a million cavalry

## School News

**McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH**  
Eight student-teachers from Southern Oregon college have been assigned to McLoughlin Junior High classes for the next quarter.

Students and their supervising teachers are as follows: Leon McDougall, Mrs. Dorothy Sutter; Bob Myrick, Miss Annette Gray; Bill Seymour, G. Gordon Morris; Ron Maurer, Mrs. Eula Foley; Ray Thiess, John Reed; George Brady, Donald D. Davis; William Wiggs, Mrs. Louise Davis; Wallace Parmale, Mrs. Marvlei

Yung.  
Standard reading tests were given to all students on April 2.

The girls of Mrs. Jo Anne Henry's physical education classes have completed the basketball tourney. The third period ninth grade winners were captured by Barbara Tyler Karen Sabin led the eighth grade winners. These teams played off, and the victorious ninth graders then played the champions of Mrs. Jeanne Nelson's classes, which were the fifth period eighth graders. The ninth graders won again and

### Colored Television Possibility Eyed

Television station KBES is working on the possibility of using color sometime soon, according to Everett Faber, vice president of the Southern Oregon Broadcasting company.

He spoke at the noon luncheon of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Roundtable at the Jackson hotel.

Faber gave a historical sketch and discussed future plans of the broadcasting company, which own KBES-TV. The company has duplicate stations in Eureka, Calif., and Klamath Falls, he said. They were established after 1953, when the Medford station was organized.

Faber said he did not know when color television would be introduced in this area. Pointing out improvements of KBES-TV, Faber said the station has increased its staff to 30, added a research man and improved its cameras and other TV facilities since 1953.

During the historic Berlin air-lift, which started in 1948 when Russians blocked land and water routes to Germany's divided capital, Allied planes ferried 2,325,500 tons of food and fuel to the city.

—before the war was over. Over 50,000 camels — of which 10,000 were used by Russians. In round figures — during World War II — 4,406,400 animals were used. Add to this 2,000,000 bats making a grand total of almost 6,500,000 animals.

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## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Joan F.—I don't want to live with this nose.  
Mrs. M. F.—It's nothing to make a fuss about.

Joan F.—I'm a 17-year-old girl and I am perfectly miserable because of a terrible problem—my nose. It's so big it makes me look just awful. I never have any dates and I don't even go out with the girls because I am always so self-conscious. Everybody pities me.

I want to have it fixed up by an operation, but my parents are against me. They are so old-fashioned they think the operation might harm me in some way and that, anyway, it's best "to keep the nose you were born with."

All I know is that I just don't want to live if I have to go on looking like this.

Mrs. M. F.—Joan's nose has become an obsession with her. She has a rather prominent nose — everybody in my family has — but it certainly isn't anything to make such a fuss about. Every other word is, "Oh this ridiculous nose of mine." Every time she gets dressed up she says, "What's the use? Nothing could look well on me with this nose."

I don't believe in having unnecessary operations and I do feel it's always best to be natural. You can't go wrong by staying the way God intended

you to be. Joan is pretty enough to have dates—even with her nose as it is.

The Council: Joan should realize that her problem is not at all unusual. Many teen age boys and girls exaggerate some physical defect, or imagined one, as a symbol for their general feelings of inadequacy in social relationships — especially those with the opposite sex. The nose is one of the most popular of those physical symbols.

Joan should realize that she is not in a position to be objective about her appearance at this time. She ought to know that her parents want her to look attractive and they are better able to judge her appearance than she is. Her mother's verdict that the nose is "nothing to make such a fuss about" is likely to be correct.

Another thing Joan should consider is the fact that her face is still changing. It will take a few years for her facial proportions to stabilize themselves. At that time, it is very likely that her nose will be much less prominent. A nose operation at this time could distort her appearance when she is older. Joan should also consider the fact that not all nose operations are as successful as anticipated. A changed nose is not always an improvement.

Nevertheless, Joan's parents should realize that her troubles cannot be lightly dismissed. They should not restrict her social problem to a moral issue—that she simply must bear up with the nose God gave her. She badly needs reassurance and confidence. She should be encouraged to find hair styles and make-up that will lighten her attractive features and de-emphasize the nose. She should learn how stage and screen beauties use such simple methods to disguise a feature they don't like.

This is not the only solution. Joan needs to overcome her self-consciousness and should be encouraged to participate in as many group activities as possible. She should develop skills in which she can excel—sports, singing, dancing, painting or dramatics. These will help her to gain confidence and forget about her appearance. Surgery in later years can be reserved as a last resort.

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### WESTSIDE COOKING CLUB

The Westside Cooking club met March 23 at the home of Laurene Kellow.

Members discussed the Easter basket for a needy family that the club is filling with food. Mrs. Barnes told members to bake and bring something to the next meeting. Marjorie Hattan, county 4-H agent, will visit the meeting and help with judging. Donna Delrick demonstrated how to measure flour and Laurene Kellow did a demonstration on how to make Waldorf salad.

The next meeting will be April 16 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Barnes.

Laurene Kellow served refreshments.

Mary Head Reporter

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