

Russians Menace Kursk in Annihilation Battle

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Weather

Warmer in afternoon.

1943 J-Hop Tonight to Be Top Feature of Formal Season

With final arrangements completed and the College auditorium decorated on a Valentine's day theme, over 1,200 students will dance tonight at the 1943 J-Hop, to be held from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m.

This year's dance will be the largest J-Hop ever held, with 300 more couples than any previous year, Glen O. Stewart, junior class adviser, said yesterday.

Theme Is Red and White

Bob Chester's band, featuring vocalists Betty Bradley and Bill Howard, will have a sweetheart theme as background. A red satin backdrop and panels with white satin hearts will form a surrounding for the band.

Gov. and Mrs. Harry F. Kelly, Pres. and Mrs. John A. Haslam, and members of the state board of agriculture will head the parade.

BLACKSBURG, Va., Feb. 4 (AP)—Michigan State's varsity boxing team continued undefeated here tonight by downing Virginia Tech, 5 to 3, in a dual meet. The Spartan ringmen, who hold a 4-4 headlock with Penn State, will move on from here for meets with Virginia and Catholic university on Saturday and Tuesday, respectively.

list. Other guests will include Sec. and Mrs. Karl McDonell, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Elliot, superintendent of public instruction, the college deans, and college administrative officials.

Short of Favors
Because of the additional number of tickets sold, favors will not be available for everybody, Pres. Hal Neumann said yesterday. Favors will be given out as long as they last. Those not able to obtain favors will be given a ticket which may be exchanged for a favor at the accounting office, March 15, he said.

Pre-J-Hop dinners were scheduled at five fraternity houses and, as usual, at the Union. Houses listing such dinners were Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Farm House, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Nu.

Canning Plant to Operate Soon

A canning plant presented to the college recently by Henry Ford has been completely moved here from Dearborn, College Secretary Karl H. McDonell said yesterday.

Although the equipment is at present being stored until a suitable site can be found for setting it up, cans have been ordered and the plant will be put into operation.

Only foods grown on college-owned property will be used, and the canned goods will be used exclusively by the Union and dormitories, McDonell said.

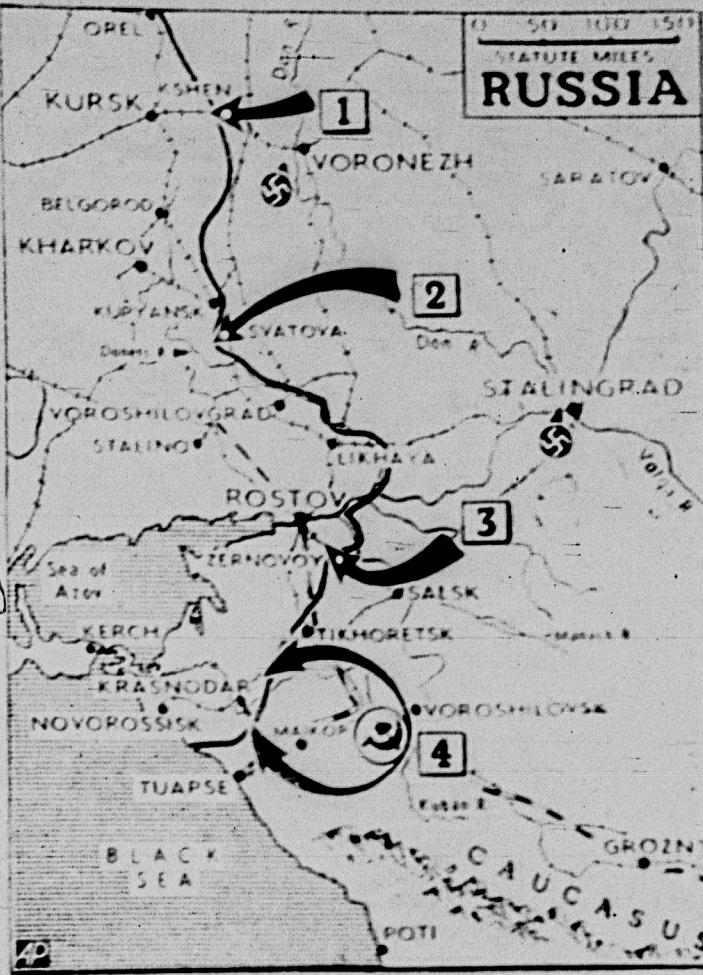
MSC Coeds Keep Smiling, Walk to Formals

By BARBARA HAFFORD
Although most Michigan State coeds don't like to walk—especially in formals—most of them are taking to it rapidly for, as Jean Pomeroy, H.E. '44, stated yesterday, "If ya' gotta go, ya' gotta walk."

Ginny Jackson, L.A. '45, thinks it's perfectly all right to walk "as long as your date is healthy enough to carry you over the ice and mud-puddles." Shirley Kittling, L.A. '46, agrees with Ginny, but stipulates that she doesn't like it if the weather is inclement.

Jane Westover, H.E. '43, looks at the situation with a cynical

Red Offensive Push Nears Nazi Base



Soviet troops were poised at Kursk, important Nazi base for 1941-42 offensives today (1) as the Reds moved forward on four fronts. At the Kharkov front they had taken Svatova (2), while the Donets drive had progressed beyond Zernovoy (3) and a Russian pincer threatened Krasnodar (4). Swastikas on the map show where Nazi armies before Stalingrad were annihilated, and where the Germans were encircled west of Voronezh.

Skirmishes Between Jap. U.S. Fleets Go on As Troops Make Gains

By HAMILTON W. FARON
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—American troops made further advances against the Japs on Guadalcanal Tuesday despite aerial bombardment from the enemy, the navy announced today. While warships of the rival fleets apparently still skirmished throughout the Solomon Islands area.

The American ground forces continued their advance to the west, driving the Japs toward the end of the island. They occupied elevated positions west of the Bonagi river, killed 39 Japs and captured considerable equipment.

The sea fighting, the navy said, consists of recurrent engagements in which air forces of both sides have taken part since the sparring for position began several days ago.

Tokyo radio reports that the fleets have started the emergency big battle were described at the navy department as false.

BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 4 (AP)—If Pope's Dilemma of Milan published in Ankara dispatch today reporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was flying to the United States with his general headquarters officers and high Chinese functionaries.

Nazis Disclose Red Marine Landings at Novorossisk

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 4—The Red army was poised tonight within striking range of Kursk, the big Nazi 1941-42 offensive base in southern Russia, after killing and capturing 44,000 encircled Axis troops in a week-old and continuing battle of annihilation, Moscow announced in a special communique recorded by the Soviet radio monitor.

This boosted the Axis toll of dead and captured since Jan. 13 to more than 100,000 on the Novorossisk front alone.

The huge new Axis reverse, coming only two days after the final slaughter of capture of 339,000 German, Russian and Czech troops at Stalingrad, was announced by Moscow almost simultaneously with a Berlin disclosure that the Axis army of the western Caucasus—perhaps 200,000 men—now is being attacked from the rear by Soviet commandos landing along the Black sea coast to forestall a "Nazi Dunkerque."

Marine Menace

Berlin said the Red commandos landed on the Taman peninsula, above Novorossisk and opposite the Crimea, which is separated from the western Caucasus by the Isthmus of Kerch strait.

On the Voronezh front, the Russians were threatening Kursk after nearly a 100-mile advance west of Voronezh.

If Kursk can be taken, the north-south rail line between Smolensk and the central front, Kharkov, Leningrad, and Minsk and the Crimea in the south would be cut. Kharkov would be flanked, and the fluidity of the entire network of German supply lines would be hampered.

Kharkov Endangered

The Russian armies on the Ukraine already are within 43 miles of Kharkov after capturing the strategic rail junction of Kupyrsk yesterday, and the fall of Voronezh is expected soon by many observers.

Krasnodar, Kuban provincial capital and the second major Caucasian city left to the enemy, was reported pressed from three sides, and one Soviet column was only 30 miles away.

FDR Compliments Stalin on Red Win

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt tonight congratulated Premier Stalin of Russia on the "brilliant victory at Stalingrad" of the armies under his supreme command.

Mr. Roosevelt's message said in part:

"The 193 days of epic battle for the city which has forever honored your name and the decisive result which all Americans are celebrating today, will remain one of the greatest chapters in this war of the peoples united against Nazism and its enablers."

"The commanders and fighters of your armies at the front and the men and women who have supported them in factory and field have combined not only to power with glory their country's arms but to inspire by their example fresh determination among all the United Nations to bend every energy to bring about the final defeat and unconditional surrender of the common enemy."

TIME TABLE

TODAY—
Student club, 8:30 p. m.
Peoples church
Musical interlude, 12:30 p. m.
Town Girls' lounge, Union
Pre-J-Hop dinner, 7 p. m.
Union ballroom

Today's Campus

Roses Are Red

Men F. T. Mitchell re- the freshmen men have been asked to ask for roses at formal dances. He explains for Not then that several years ago a student body vote passed a ruling which states that no roses, including boutonnières, will be allowed at open dances which does not include any of fraternity dances. The campus coverage will pass and is generally ap- he said.

You'll Lap This Up

A. Young, instructor in has devised a novel of impressing the pro- details of marine deposition his students. "On lap" and lap are actual technical which must be mastered by scholars. But Young says it this way: When a has a date, that's on lap. her father comes down, off lap.

Effort Praised Stassen in Speech Farmer Visitors

Addressing an audience of 4,000 farmers, week Gov. Harold E. Stassen Minnesota warned yesterday of the misrepresentation of farmers' stand in post-war

agriculture is not in favor of country cutting itself off from the rest of the world but culture must have its fair share of the national income," he pointed out.

Stassen lauded Michigan farmers for their role in production for the nation and its defense forces. Speaking of the basis of scientific agriculture by Michigan State college commented, "Who can measure what this has meant to agriculture and the country?"

"I award and the kind of honors that are being awarded today," Stassen said. Approximately 7,500 Michigan farmers attended the final day of the three-day session at the 17,000, according to figures released by the college. In attendance in recent years, represents a 50 per cent

Plays Pay-as-You-Go House Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Senator Russell pressed his pay-as-you-go income tax plan today as a device to make it fair to rich and poor alike and assailed the Treasury's substitute proposal as "an intolerable burden on taxation."

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THINKIN' OUT LOUD

BY SHELDON MOYER

ONE of the primary functions of a columnist is to say a lot of things without being able to offer any official source or authoritative basis.

When he is able to do this, he is said to have what is known in the newspaper lingo as "the inside dope."

Sometimes he's right and sometimes he's wrong. In the final reckoning, he only is trying to satisfy the curiosity of readers with what he has pieced together.

Therefore, we're winding up today and pitching the following predictions of things to come at Michigan State:

First of all, Michigan State will continue to operate on a co-educational basis.

Michigan State will be activated by the army, probably as a pre-flight school, sometime between now and May. At least 1,500 to 2,000 students will be sent here under the army specialized training program. In addition, another 500 to 800 engineers and veterinary students will be detailed to continue their study here.

Will Sign Contract

Present women's dormitories and sorority houses will remain intact, but the college will lease all of its men's dormitories and necessary buildings and equipment to the army. Fraternity houses also will be taken over by the college and leased to the army. However, adequate facilities will be maintained for women students and physically unfit males to continue their course of study.

Student soldiers who are returned to school under the army

specialized training program will find no bed of roses during their stay here.

They will be required to attend 44 hours of class per week, including one hour daily of each physical education and military drill. The courses which they will study include English, history, physics, mathematics, geography, languages. They will arise at 6:30 a. m. and tuck themselves in around 10:30 p. m.

Classwork on Saturdays probably will last until 4 p. m. Sunday, of course, will be an off day, but it probably would be a good idea for the coeds to organize a few sewing circles for the rest of the week.

No Time for Lounging

Soldier students definitely won't have time for extra-curricular activities or outside work. Moreover, they won't have to work outside because they will receive room, board, tuition, uniforms and regular army pay.

Two of the major problems to be encountered will be conversion of the faculty to teach the subjects requested by the army, and finding enough full time labor to maintain dormitories, kitchens and buildings.

The demand for faculty members in the scientific fields will not be altered from the present, but in the Liberal Arts group, any member who can teach such courses as physics or mathematics will be a blessing in disguise.

Perhaps our viewpoint is somewhat dogmatic, but if we're wrong about any of these predictions, it's only because we weren't consulted.

Need for Blood Donations Increases

OUR army and navy have asked the American Red Cross to procure 4,000,000 pints of blood during 1943, more than three times the amount obtained from volunteer donors at Red Cross centers last year.

The army and navy surgeons general who made the request asked that weekly donations of blood be increased immediately to at least 70,000 pints, with increases thereafter as required to reach the goal. The request dwarfs the total of 1,300,000 pints obtained in 1942.

Immediate action has been taken by the Red Cross. Chairman Davis announced, and officials from all Red Cross donor centers have been working out details of the vastly expanded program. Additional centers and mobile units will be set up wherever possible, Davis reported.

Stating that the army and navy request for 4,000,000 pints of blood proves the efficiency of plasma in treating burns, wounds, and traumatic shock, Davis called on the public for "even greater support" of the donation program during the coming year. He urged colleges, business and industrial groups to push the program and asked every person who has contributed "to appoint himself a one-man committee to get his family and friends to donate."

Spartans At War

By AL BERGLUND

MORE about ex-Abbot hall men. Looies Dick Cross, Traverse City, and Max Reger, Parkersburg, W. Va., are both at Fort Bragg, N. C. Reger is in the army's first battalion of parachute artillery.

Bernard Parks, '41, from Cedar Springs, is now stationed with glider troops at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. A technician at Chanute Field, Ill., is Bob Emerson, "Abboteur" from Baldwinville, N. Y.

Two more men from Abbot hall are in civilian pilot training, and on completion of training will join the army transport command. They are Jim Griggs, Akron, Ohio, and Tom Wage, from Coldwater.

All the following men have recently left school for the service, but their exact military whereabouts is unknown: Howard Estes, Birmingham; Warren Fromath, Detroit; Otto "Bugs" Klein, Harrisville; Chuck Maxfield, Petoskey; Jim Ochs, Charlevoix; Sgt. John Spalink, Grand Rapids; Bill Randall, Detroit; M. P. Pete More, Elizabeth, N. J., and Signal Corpsman Dick Russell, Lansing.

Grin and Bear It

By Lie



"Only 30 minutes to get home, dress, and get ready for the proper ladylike frame of mind for my dinner date."

Labor Frozen in Essential War Jobs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Chairman Paul V. McNutt announced tonight that the War Manpower commission would take control of the hiring of labor in shortage areas, a step expected to freeze millions of persons to war industries or other tasks deemed essential.

Under the system, McNutt said, the manpower commission or agencies approved by it will furnish workers to employers on a priority system based on the importance of the employers in the war effort. New barriers will be raised to prevent workers shifting from vital occupations to less essential ones, and limits will be placed on the authority of employers to fire workers assigned to them through the manpower commission.

The controls, it was announced, will go into effect "as soon as practicable" in "critical labor shortage areas" scattered throughout the country. The latest list of such critical areas, issued today, names 32 localities (including Detroit), but officials emphasized that the list may be changed before the hiring controls take effect.

INFORMATION

What, When, Where

Job News Posted

Prof. Dean Kuykendall, head of the job placement bureau, says Liberal Arts placement news will be posted on the board for the convenience of job-hunters. Kuykendall's new office location is room 3, Union annex, telephone number ext. 209.

Cavalry Class Changed

Sophomore Cavalry Class, Th-S, 9:10 a. m., will not meet Saturday morning. Details must attend Friday 8-9 a. m. and Saturday 1-2 p. m. Failure to attend of these classes will result in an "F" grade according to regulations.

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Spartans Finally Win Second Basketball Victory, 69 to 27

Michigan State registered its second basketball victory of the season last night, swamping the visiting Air Force team, 69 to 27, in a game played before a crowd of 1,200 spectators in the J. Edgar Hoover Gymnasium.

Spartans dominated play throughout the contest, rolling to a lead at halftime and using reserves in the entire second half. The Mustangs were out of the game for three quarters.

White, forward from Cleveland, Ohio, paced the attack in the first half with 10 points.

Heads East Millrose Games

Michigan State Spartans will leave for New York today to compete in the Millrose Games Saturday. The affair is held yearly at Madison Square Garden and features the top collegiate basketball players from all over the country.

White, known best for his speed of one shot on a jump, holds all state indoor and outdoor jump records. His top score of 44, attained in the indoor jump.

White led their large number of points in three quarters. Jack Cawood of Lansing paced the scoring with 20 points, while White led with 19.

TEAM	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
Michigan State	69	15	12	8	5
Air Force	27	10	8	3	2
Michigan State	35	8	6	4	3
Air Force	15	5	4	2	1
Michigan State	34	7	6	4	2
Air Force	12	5	4	1	1

Culver Jumpers Beat Spartans

The Culver Military academy jumping team took a decision over the Michigan State jumpers by eight points, according to results received by Maj. Gerald Peterson last night.

The meet was jumped off at both schools Saturday, and scores were tallied through the mail.

The junior class was won by Jim Walker of State.

Spartan Bob Robinson won fourth position in senior open jumping while in the junior open jumping, State swept the field, placing Walker, Ray Vainold, Bill Konde and Fred Wilson in that order.

Frosh Eagers Play in Intra-team Tilt

A powerful Freshman Blue team romped to a 22 to 11 victory over the Freshman Green five last night in an intra-squad game staged for the Farmington week visitors in Jackson field-house at 8:30.

Earl Munkachy, guard from Newark, Ohio, led the evening's scoring when he outscored the entire Green squad with a total of 13 markers. Tom King of East Lansing and Earl Snodgrass of Newark, Ohio, paced the leaders with two baskets each.

In a preliminary game, the Green team No. 1 dropped the Blue team No. 2, 18 to 6. Dick Noran, Green forward from East Detroit, led the scoring with 8 points. Don Funk of Miles ran up all of the Blue's 6 points.

Hockey League Head Frank Calder Dies

MONTREAL, Feb. 4 (AP)—Frank Calder, the man who made the National Hockey League work, died today a short time after his return from Toronto, where he suffered a heart attack during a league meeting a few days ago. He was 65.

His death removes the outstanding figure in the development of the National League into the biggest and most important professional hockey organization.

McCaffree Banks on Sophomores for 'M' Tank Duel

Coach Charley McCaffree is preparing his Michigan State swimmers for a meet with the powerful University of Michigan tank team next Wednesday. The Wolverines are decided favorites.

Teams under the tutelage of Matt Mann invariably are the best in the nation. This will be McCaffree's second season at State and he is gradually building the Spartan crew into a mid-western threat. In its single meet to far this season State lost to Ohio State.

The Wolverine swimmer will provide good competition for the steadily improving Spartan tankers. The two best sophomore prospects, Harry Cocker, backstroke, and Bob Knox, should show good form. Knox is filling the spot left by Chuck Bigelow, retired breaststroker who is unable to compete because of a knee injury.

Coach McCaffree expects Jim Thomas, Saginaw junior, to be the chief threat in the middle distance events with September Johnny Nichols also helping out in this event.

Mishap Can't Stop Athletic Plans

An automobile accident last summer shattered the sports outlook for Don Knutson, member of the Michigan State college tennis team. Knutson, a senior at Bridgport, Conn., was in a basketball and tennis player. He hoped to continue his tennis in college. Then he permanently crippled his right arm in a traffic crash. The 21-year-old athlete turned to tennis and learned how to wield an ace with his left hand. He is a senior member of the Spartan team having won a tennis letter last year.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Great Lakes 68, Carleton 22.

SIDELINE SLANTS

By TOM KING, JR.

This Week the Spartan Spotlight shines directly on Jack G. Heppner, popular State swimmer. Jack has remained an institution at Michigan State for the past 27 years. He has seen stars come and go and been under the regime of seven head coaches. For all of this, and being a real Spartan booster, he is known as the granddad of the Michigan State athletic department. Everyone is counting on 27 more years. Jack—keep pitching.

Prize Cage Score of the Week—Comstock 10, Galesburg 1. Match over these lads from Galesburg, Mo. Probable quote of a Galesburg fan: "Shucks, we were just boxed out."

The Smoke Shop Gang was passed to hear that two of its former members, who played football at Michigan State, reported for duty Wednesday at the armed forces. Anthony (Mr. A.) Arena, center, joined the army air forces and Bill Kennedy (Mr. K.) guard, joined the marines. Both played professional football with the Detroit Lions last year.

Good for a Laugh—A few English winter sport was proud of its clever wags. Come up and see the scene this. Cuts the war and the ultimate result long time to see.

Slap on the Back Department—Today's hearty backslap is bestowed very firmly on the DZVs, a group of athletes who have done such a splendid job with the war bond and stamp drive. They have a unique organization and have contributed a great deal to the Spartan tradition.

Keep An Eye on Roy Dyer, who currently holds the high school pole vault record in the state of Michigan. "Bonds" was forced out of M.S.C. football action with a knee injury but will be able to compete in track this year. If past performances mean anything a new member will be added to the potent pole vault club headed by Ted Wench.

Likeable Guy—Frank Crane, football end, who also doubles on the DZV basketball team.

Wet Towels

Have a soft, lady, for Coach Charles McCaffree of the Michigan State college swimming team. He has lost no fewer than four student managers on the tubercular eligibility front this fall. Coach McCaffree is packing up the wet towels named.

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MSC Entomologists Develop New Nicotine Spray Compound

By KAY RESEMER

The green on a popular brand of cigarettes may have gone to war—but nicotine has stayed behind to help the farmers in their speeded-up food production program.

According to Prof. Ray Hutson, head of the entomology department, 10 years' work by the college and various manufacturing concerns has resulted in a bigger and better nicotine insecticide.

Is Longer-Lasting

The old nicotine sulfate sprays were good only for three days after application and were a source of some danger because of the poisonous residue they left on fruit. The new compound, when mixed with oil, will be effective for three weeks and leaves no poisonous residue.

The new insecticide has been developed by combining nicotine with bentoite (a clay substance) in varying proportions to make either a spray or dust product. The spray will do two jobs at once, thus reducing expenses and time involved.

Does Double Duty

While using the compound as a spray for codling moths and similar insects, it will also be effective in destroying leafhoppers and aphids. In 1942 it was discovered that by adding more bentoite a dust is made that can be substituted for pyrethrum and rotenone.

The federal government has taken low grade tobaccos off the market and reserved them for the manufacture of nicotine insecticides. These materials are being produced commercially and last year over 100 tons were sold. In view of the increasing shortages of many insecticide materials it is probable that sales will be even higher in the future.

Deadline Set on J-Hop Dinner Reservations

All reservations for the Pre-J-Hop dinner at the Union must be made at the Union desk by 3 p. m. today, according to Bob Bowersox, chairman. Ticket sales for the dinner will close at that time also.

Bowersox states that reservations should be made for the number of people and not couples attending.

The Western (Big Ten) athletic conference has voted against admitting freshmen to varsity competition.

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DANIEL MANNIX catches dragons with eagles.

"Mexican Adventure," narrated by Daniel Mannix, photographer and naturalist, will be the featured World Adventure series movie Saturday at 8 p. m. in College auditorium, according to S. E. Crowe, chairman of the series.

Mannix's movie and lecture will portray in color his 3,000 mile trip into Mexico.

For pastime Mannix and his wife go falconing, "catching dragons with an eagle." The dragons are Mexican iguanas and the eagles are 100 per cent American.

The iguana, because of its extreme speediness and general elusiveness are rare and in constant demand by zoos. The Mannix hobby has provided the Philadelphia zoo with six live iguanas.

"Mexican Adventure" will also show action shots of cock-fighting, bull-fighting, and a death battle with a giant Manta ray in the Pacific off Apapuleo.

Catchers Must Prove Throwing Accuracy

Catchers trying out indoors for the Michigan State college baseball team must improve their accuracy. Most of the candidates assure Coach John Kobs they can throw the baseball in a tub if he places one at second base. Kobs makes them prove it. He has rigged up a target, which includes a tub, for the indoor practice field. It is placed on second base and the receivers take a daily workout. Only with steady practice can they hit the tub with any degree of consistency.



DON'T FORGET SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14 AND VALENTINES

FROM

LINN'S

Opp. the Union

Allies Sink 16 Axis Mediterranean Ships by Bombers and Subs

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 4—New successes in the Allied campaign of attrition against Axis sea communications—the destruction of 14 and perhaps 16 Axis ships in the Mediterranean by submarine and bomber action over a period of several days—were announced today as land action in Tunisia again fell into a lull.

In what the Allied headquarters communique described as "a limited success," the British in a local attack seized a height six miles south of Bou Arada, in the central mountainous area of Tunisia, and threw back a German counterattack.

At the eastern end of the line, the British eighth army pursuing Marshal Rommel westward from Libya reported only patrol activity against his rearguard. The bulk of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British forces were at, or very near, the Tunisian frontier.

Custer's New WAACs Drill Early



A group of WAACs under the command of their executive officer drill near Battle Creek. The first of the WAACs to take residence at Fort Custer, they turn out early in the morning for this drill.

Allies Slash by Air at U-Boat Works

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP)—Large formations of American Flying Fortresses and their four-motored mates of the RAF dropped hundreds of tons of high explosives on northwestern Germany in an around-the-clock offensive last night and today which was aimed at the area where Adolf Hitler's most essential submarine works are concentrated.

Preliminary indications were that the powerful night attack by the British on Hamburg, followed today by large formations of Flying Fortresses, was meant

to be one of the biggest Allied aerial offensives of the war, but icy clouds and deadly opposition were encountered and 21 bombers were lost in all—five of them American.

While the Flying Fortresses were over Germany, fighter planes manned by Norwegians swept over Ypres and St. Omer in France, the air ministry announced.

In return the Germans struck lightly at the Isle of Wight with four fighter planes which dropped bombs and killed a few people.

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