

## Married Women May Live in Sororities, Council Says

Pi Beta Phi Authorized to Establish Chapter

By JANICE BOFFA

Permission for married women to live in sorority houses "for the duration only" went into immediate effect last night after PanHellenic council's acceptance of rules governing the new situation, Pres. Jean McKerring, Flushing Junior, announced.

In admitting married women to sorority houses, a privilege heretofore not extended on the Michigan State campus, regulations presented from the office of the dean of women stipulated that priorities must be given elected officers and upperclass undergraduates. Chapters to Not Quota

Each chapter shall determine the quota of married women to be allowed in its house, but applicants must satisfy a board composed of the sorority adviser and three members of the PanHellenic advisers' auxiliary as to their worthiness before being admitted.

Other regulations accepted by PanHellenic council stated that a widow returning to school undergo the same procedure as any married woman, that married women must accept all undergraduate rules, and that residence must be maintained away from the sorority house, except for guest privileges, when a woman's husband is in town. In all cases, room rent shall be paid in advance.

### Installation Date Fixed

Installation of new PanHellenic officers was set for Tuesday, April 18, Miss McKerring said. Officers to be installed include Miss McKerring, president; Suzanne Graff, Lansing sophomore, vice-president, and Helen Munde, East Lansing Junior, secretary-treasurer.

Newly-elected junior representatives are: Jeanne Anderson, Delta Zeta; Jo Carey, Kappa Delta; Jean Collingwood, Kappa Alpha Theta; Esther Gardner, Alpha Chi Omega, and Suzanne Graff, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Pi Phi to Organize

Others are Joyce Halbert, Alpha Phi; Norma MacRae, Alpha Omicron Pi; Jane Malicki, Alpha Gamma Delta; Marian Murdoch, Sigma Kappa; Barbara Quayle, Chi Omega; Elaine Simon, Zeta Tau Alpha; Shirley Tubbs, Alpha Xi Delta, and Ada Winkelman, Epsilon Chi.

The national chapter of Pi Beta Phi was authorized by the council last night to organize a local chapter, Pi Phi Gamma, at Michigan State. The organization, sponsored by the Lansing-East Lansing alumnae, plans to send a student member from a neighboring college to act as leader of the petitioning group for the fall of '44 and spring of '45.

## Today's Campus

### ... Science Lover?

Prize believe-it-or-not story for the week: For the love of science, she insists, Eunice Gillespie, Pontiac junior, has 1:30 permission to leave her dorm to pull plants in Lever? the horticultural building for a special experiment. Sounds like a new angle on the late permission deal. No doubt other coeds will develop a sudden interest in science.

### ... Just Fur Fun

Emily Kimbrough, the "sensation" who appeared here recently on a radio show, has another little episode to write in a future book. While lecturing at a ladies' literary club in a fair city not far from here, she looked up from a conversation following her lecture to see her fur coat on the shoulders of a departing listener. It was a case of mistaken identity for sure. She and the listener exchanged coats and Emily called after her, "Better heading next time."



JEAN McKERRING  
... panhellenic president ...

## Mannix to Show Technicolor Film on Mexican Life

Jule Mannix will show a color movie, "Noah's Ark in Mexico," on the World Adventure series Saturday night at 8:15 in College auditorium.

The film was taken by Mrs. Mannix and her husband while on a recent trip to Mexico. They chartered an airplane to reach islands off the coast to photograph colonies of thousands of birds. For a climax to the movie, the Mannixes have reconstructed an old legend of Acapulco where a young native fisherman fights a giant devil fish with only his hunting knife.

Before starting out with cameras and trained eagles to hunt the "dragon" lizards of Mexico, Jule Mannix had been an actress in New York, working both on stage and radio.

Students will be admitted by treasurer's receipt and servicemen will be admitted free.

## Foreign Lecture Series to Begin

Ernesto Montenegro, Chilean journalist, will be presented by the institute of foreign studies April 10 to 22, in a series of talks on Latin-American geographical, economic, and intellectual features, the march of democracy in South American countries, problems of the Latin-American "melting pot," and Spanish-American literature.

T. A. Raman, Indian political observer, will speak on "India and Britain," "India—The Economic Background," and "India and Postwar World Reorganization." Raman will appear on successive evenings, April 26, 27, and 28.

These lectures are a continuation of a series of international relations studies sponsored by the department last term. The lectures are held evenings for students and faculty as well as well as for interested townspeople.

## Allied Bombers Blast Own Men at Cassino

ALLIED HDQ., NAPLES, April 6 (AP)—Allied bombers accidentally killed Allied troops and failed to blast the Nazis out of Cassino in their great assault March 15, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker conceded today, but the Texas-born commander sharply insisted the operation "accomplished all that was expected of it by the air force commanders."

An unstated number of Allied troops were killed at Venafro, 12 miles east of Cassino, when Allied bombardiers mistook that town for the target, Eaker said.

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## Russians Tighten Nazi Noose

### Rodney Lists Draft Status Possibilities

Deferments Must Come Within Quota Allotted by Manpower Board

Clearing up the deferment status, selective service memo 33-6 states that several fields will be considered for deferment, Col. Dorsey Rodney, MSC student deferment coordinator, announced yesterday.

Agriculture students who will be graduated before July, and chemistry, engineering, geology, geo-physics and physics students who complete their courses within 24 months will be considered.

Deferments, however, must come within the quota allotted to MSC by the national roster of scientific and specialized personnel of the war manpower commission, Colonel Rodney said.

All deferments will be considered but are not mandatory for the draft boards.

Pre-vet, pre-dental and pre-medical students who complete their preparatory course in 24 months and have a mental, dental or veterinary school acceptance also will be considered.

"It takes three weeks to clear up necessary papers through the national roster in Washington and therefore students should make timely contacts," Colonel Rodney said. Men who will reach draft age soon should have their papers completed by the time they are 18, he added.

## Newman Club Honors New, Retiring Heads at Church Rectory

New and retiring officers of Newman club, student Catholic organization, were honored at a reception at St. Thomas Aquinas rectory last Tuesday.

The officers for the coming year who were elected recently include Sally O'Connor, Grosse Pointe sophomore, who will serve as president; Florence Gregorie, Calumet sophomore, as first vice-president, and Mary Ellen Haack, Royal Oak junior, second vice-president.

Beth Murphy, Flint freshman, was named corresponding secretary; Rose Potter, Lansing sophomore, recording secretary; Helen Kroil, Lansing sophomore, treasurer, and William White, Detroit freshman, sergeant-at-arms.

## Good Friday Observances Scheduled by East Lansing, Lansing Churches

Good Friday will be observed in the Lansing and East Lansing churches today in the traditional manner. At Peoples church the ritualistic service of the cross will take place from 12 to 2 p. m. At 1 p. m. instructors, students and others who wish to leave the service will be given that opportunity.

The Good Friday Passion service of the Christ Lutheran church will be conducted by Rev. E. L. Woldt from 1 to 2:30 p. m.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," a cantata, will be presented at the First Presbyterian church at 8 p. m. in an all-musical program.

A continuous service from 12 to 3 p. m. will be conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal church. The Right Rev. F. W. Creighton, Ltd., bishop of Michigan, will speak

## Soviets Encircle Two German Armies in Move to Spring Trap at Odessa

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—Russian troops closing in for the kill tightened nooses around two encircled German army forces at Tarnopol and Skala on the northwest sector of the Ukraine front today and on the southern

### Poetry Winners Selected After Preliminaries

Edward Hawley, Hart Junior, read "The Creation" by James W. Johnson, to take first place in the men's division of the Michigan State poetry contest yesterday at College auditorium.

The three judges selected Barbara Chandler, Muskegon freshman, as the winner of the 12 women who participated in the preliminaries, the prose portion of which is scheduled for Thursday. Miss Chandler read "Pattern" by Amy Lowell.

Placing second, Fred Meyer, Fair Haven sophomore, used two pieces of poetry for his individual choice, "The Heritage" by Abbie Farwell and Louis Untermeyer's "Prayer".

Lois Banzet, East Lansing sophomore, used "Early Morning" by Kenneth Neal as the reading which placed her as second in the women's division, and Myrtle Curtice, Dighton freshman, took third with "Headlines" by John V. A. Weaver.

The two winners will enter the State finals at Albion May 5. Mrs. Mairie Compere, speech instructor, said.

## Nips Inflict Minor Hits on Yank Ship

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Japanese shore batteries on Wotje atoll scored two hits on an American destroyer when the ship moved in on that eastern Marshall islands base to rescue a fighter pilot who had been shot down, the navy said today.

The announcement said only minor damage was caused by the two hits and that the destroyer turned its guns on the shore-based artillery.

The short exchange of fire came in the course of bombing raids on four unidentified enemy-held atolls in the Marshalls which have been bombed and strafed regularly by American bomber and fighter planes.

The Pacific fleet press announcement told also of other American airmen hitting for the 13th time at Truk, once-strong air base in the Caroline islands.

### Infantry Beaten Back

At Tarnopol itself the Russians announced they beat off attacks by large German infantry and tank forces that tried vainly to break in from the outside to release their encircled comrades. Street fighting already has been in progress in Tarnopol for days.

On the Odessa front, the Russians announced the capture of the railway station of Karpovo, 23 miles northwest of Odessa, in a drive from liberated Razdelnaya down the line that once was the Germans' main hope of supply or escape.

Germans Reinforced  
For the third successive night Moscow was silent regarding the Rumanian front, where the Germans claim to have brought up reinforcements.

German and Rumanian reports stressed the theme that the Russian campaign in Rumania had been stalled, but Moscow's silence did not necessarily bear them out, and repeated British and American air raids on key Balkan targets were paying the way for the Russians to push further into Rumania.

## Boardman Robinson Speaks on Travels at Art Lecture

Speaking from behind a bushy white beard at last night's lecture in the Music auditorium, Boardman Robinson told of his Balkan travels, Russian adventures, and the 31 times he was arrested. The talk, entitled "Behind the Front in the Balkans and Russia in 1915," was sponsored by the art department.

Robinson described his journey into Rumania, dwelling on his sneaking into Russia via a "drygood box" ferry across the Prut river, now overrun by the present day Russian advance.

After Robinson's talk, slides of his on-the-spot sketches were shown, among them a picture of the first Russian officer to claim that Robinson and his companions were German spies. The accusation followed them constantly during their stay in Russia and almost caused their deportation across Siberia.

With the help of the British ambassador, Robinson finally returned to the Balkans, only to be forced to leave by a Bulgarian advance into Serbia.

## Army Attains Quota; to Continue Drafting

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—The army has reached its full strength of 7,700,000 but that fact will not change the present rapid tempo of the draft, the office of war information announced tonight.

Draft calls must continue at levels sufficient to expand the navy, which will reach its peak strength of 3,000,000, including marine corps and coast guard, by Sept. 1.



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## THIS IS YOUR WORLD

By JOHN HICKEY

**THE DEMOVABLE CARPA-**  
**THIANS.** The might of the Red Army rolled on to the foothills of the Carpathians this week, leaving in its wake a scorched earth of former villages now reduced to rubble. The Russian-Ukrainian front was intact, fast moving.

With the taste of victory ever fresh in his mouth, Marshal Zhukov's army was the first to reach the famous Carpathian passes, famous from World War I when in bitter winter battles the Russians found these passes impregnable.

The battle of the Ukraine left only clean-up operations for the Russians; the battle of Rumania lay ahead. There they would meet a reorganized German war machine, salvaged from the Ukraine and Russian battles complete with fresh reserves and additions from the Rumanian army.

There too they meet for the first time the resistance of mountains, such as those at Cassino where our forces have been stalemated. It is to be anticipated that Red tactics will continue to force the battle upon the enemy, to pursue and fight, to ever advance.

The question before the Soviet high command is, "Can we get by the Carpathians?" The world awaits the answer, which should be forthcoming in the not too distant future.

Regardless, the Reds could look back on another successful week of triumph over the enemy. The 200,000 Germans grouped about Odessa were being cut off from the last railway escape route. There remain two methods of escape for these beleaguered Nazis. They can fall back into the Black sea or resort to a combined rail and ferry route.

It is unlikely that the former will be attempted inasmuch as the Soviet fleet stands off the Odessa shores ready for such a move. The ferry route would also bring the enemy under Red shell fire. The penetration into Rumania was greatly aided by American bombings of Ploesti's oil fields and rail yards.

Twice within 24 hours planes of the 15th air force were over Rumanian territory. The Americans hit Budapest in the initial raid, the first such attack on Hungarian territory in this war.

**WAR COMES TO THE NEU-**  
**TRAL.**—Saturday there arose one of the unfortunate circumstances of warfare when American planes accidentally bombed Schaffhausen in neutral Switzerland. An air minister to the Swiss government was about to deliver the state department's official apology, air raid alerts were sounded in Bern and other sectors. At the same time, funerals were being held for the 35 victims of our most regrettable bombing to date.

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## THE LESS SAID...

By NEVA ACKERMAN

**A** COED look through the Acryl ball at next fall seems as if State is finally destined to be a female seminary with women even roaming Mason and Abbot.

The 1,500 aircrewmembers will be gone June 30. With most of the AST men gone already and the remaining advanced engineers with only one term to go it looks as if next year we will be having few civilians and even fewer soldiers.

One encouraging note is still possible—if legislation now under consideration to send discharged service men back to school is passed, we can expect an increase of the civilian enrollment.

Certain men about campus are prophesying that few women will show up next fall since not many men are expected. They are either feeling sorry for themselves or they are diehards from the group who believe that women come to college because of the male enrollment and that women are attracted because of the male resources rather than the enlightening courses.

The dean of women's office has facts to refute the argument because already 300 dormitory room applications have been received as compared to the usual 100 at the corresponding time. The dorms for next year will be filled up sooner than ever, the office predicts.

And the second guessers have it all figured out that women will be living in fraternity houses next year doing away with crowded dormitory conditions.

**A**T THE University of Virginia they must have the filing system down to a science at least so far as the student paper, "College Topics" is concerned. In a recent issue the paper carried these classified ads, one beneath the other:

"Wanted—dates for Easter week-end. See Coed Editor." and "For Sale—Six new wolf pelts."

This should come under the "don't tell the California chamber of commerce" department because if they only knew about it they could easily steal away the few men remaining in the other colleges for the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

While Michigan State college is running notices of help wanted for B and G or for Union waiters, the Southern California Trojan is running help wanted boxes on the front page for all men students interested in acting as extras on Hollywood sets.

## Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



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## Germana Offer No Resistance in French Raid

**Liberators Make Hits in Pas-de-Calais Area, Northern Yugoslavia**

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—American Liberator bombers, heavily packed with high-explosives for the short haul across the Straits of Dover, hurled 600 tons of bombs on the Pas-de-Calais area of France today while the Germans broadcast reports that another American formation was over northern Yugoslavia.

It was the second successive day that the eighth air force heavy bombers have smashed at the German fortifications around the Pas-de-Calais, running the bomb total up to 1,200 tons, and was the third big operation in April for Britain-based American heavies.

Just as yesterday, it was carried out without loss of a single bomber or escorting fighter. Crews reported they saw no German planes and were hardly ruffled by the meager amount of anti-aircraft fire.

The Yugoslav operation, which the Germans reported took the bombers over the Marburg-Zagreb area almost to the Austrian border, probably originated from Italian bases of the 15th air force.

The Germans also broadcast that single Allied planes were over north Germany.

## Snooping in the Shops

By BARBIE and BOBBIE

SUNDAY the Easter bunny pays his annual visit, and in preparation for such a momentous occasion every little chick is decking herself out in the newest and most fashionable garb.

The stores are chuck full of gorgeous things to catch the fancy and the sheekles of all damsels. Sometime in the near future, the tulips and crocuses should make their belated appearance to let us know that we may have spring yet this year.

Bright new cottons are a sure indication that the weather is warm somewhere, and now those very cottons are present in all the stores. There is one special little blue chambray that is the color of blue denim with the texture of the most expensive cotton.

It has the precious U neck, a gathered dirndl skirt, and slit pockets in the sides of the skirt, but its selling point is three white spirals of white waffle pique that swirl down the front of the skirt. It's waiting at Sprowl's on South Washington, at \$9.75.

Brilliant colors and unusual shapes in handbags are prevalent this season, and Nancy's is showing a big, roomy, practical bag with all the spring charm of a cherry tree in bloom after a long, hard winter. In luscious rayon faille, these bags have zipper closings accented by plastic bracelet handles. Lots of purse for only \$2.95.

Dickies—the light of the life for your Easter suit—are exciting and new. For those of you who swoon, Jenison's feature the Sinatra bow on a satin flecked taffeta.

In every imaginable color, this retail at \$2.98. In the same shop on Michigan by the Olds hotel, we saw a strictly tailored dickie. Open V neck, it is excitingly transparent in white chiffon. Other styles from \$2.50.

We discovered a tiny flower shop that carries everything from cacti to orchids. Jon Anthony is the name; Michigan avenue near the Lansing theater, the place. A nice place to order Easter posies. Men please note.

Again out of the clothing line are lucite-handled magnifying mirrors. Nice for complementing your dresser equipment in pastels that Sunday morning's rabbit will envy, at Mademoiselle's on Washington.

Back closer to home, Jacobson's have admitted through their secret underground that in their back room they have a very few honest-to-goodness cashmere sweaters. In larkspur and cherry, only two sizes are available, 36 and 38. Knock on the back door and ask for Joe.

Sportswear, Inc. has opened a new branch of its national chain on North Washington. Carrying a complete line of casuals, blouses of all kinds are the specialty.

## Governor Dewey Remains Mute on Candidacy

ALBANY, N. Y., April 6 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey, declining comment "on any political question," stood firmly tonight upon his previous statements that he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

The attitude of the 42-year-old governor, leading all other prospective nominees in the number of national or convention delegates pledged or claimed, was disclosed at a press conference 24 hours after Wendell L. Willkie's withdrawal from the presidential race. He refused comment on Willkie's action.

"In view of Willkie's withdrawal from the race and your own long lead for the nomination, will you become an avowed candidate?" a reporter asked.

Dewey answered, "No comment," then amplified his reply with: "I have discussed that subject so many times, my position on it is entirely clear."

## Coed Fencers' Group Elects New Officers

Pat Hathaway, Detroit sophomore, has been elected president of Delta Gamma Mu, women's fencing honorary, for the following year.

Other officers chosen by the organization include vice-president, Joan Preuthen, also a Detroit senior. Beatrice Luce, Grosse Pointe sophomore, will be the new secretary, and Virginia Boehler, Lansing sophomore, will take over the treasurer's duties.

Retiring Pres. Pat Johnson, Wyandotte junior, will act as publicity chairman.

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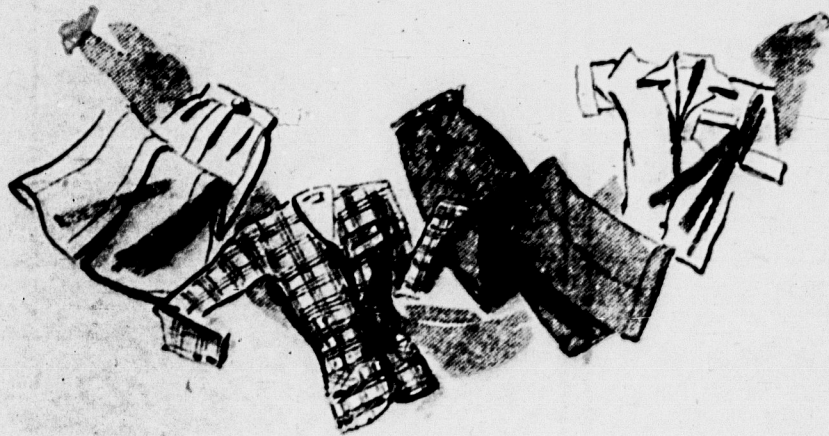
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## Allied Planes Bomb German Border in Spring Offensive

Americans Strike from Southern Italy

ALLIED HDQ., NAPLES, April 6 (AP)—Out of the bitter stalemate on the blood-soaked Italian front, Allied air power is emerging with virtually complete responsibility for the "spring offensive" against the Nazis in southeastern Europe.

In sharp contrast to the way Allied armies have been checkmated south of Rome after a succession of costly attacks, hundreds of American heavy bombers have ranged from southern Italy in the past seven days to strike four of the most heavily defended targets east of Germany's own border—Sofia, Budapest, Bucharest and Ploesti.

Artillery duels and patrol clashes continued today to drain both the Allies and the Germans of manpower along the trans-Appennine line without a glimmer of a decision in sight.

U.S. "air trucks" in a week dumped nearly 2,000 tons of explosives on enemy targets as far as 500 miles from the Italian battle fields and within 200 miles of Soviet armies advancing from the east.

In yesterday's assault on the great oil refinery center of Ploesti, 30 miles north of the Rumanian capital of Bucharest, Flying Fortresses and Liberators and their fighter escort shot down more than 40 Nazi fighters.

### Carillon Concert

Denzil Treber, Lansing senior, has chosen the following selections for her special Good Friday carillon program today at 1 p. m.:

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
In the Garden  
Agnus Dei—Bizet  
Selections from The Crucifixion—Stainer

## Baseball Practice Begins as Spring Weather Clears

Taking advantage of clear spring weather, the baseball team held its first outdoor practice today on the turf of Old College field. Taking part in the first real workout of the season were about half of the 40 who signed up as candidates.

Rustiness, to be expected during the first week of practice, was very much in evidence during the workout. Flies were muffed and infield drill was rather slow.

Coach John Koba declined to comment on the possibilities of the team, saying that it was still too early to judge. Indications seem to be that the pitching staff will be especially strong, but in other departments, especially in the infield, no remarkable talent has shown itself.

Definite plans about the schedule that the team will play have not been made, but are pending the decision of the faculty with regard to intercollegiate athletics. The decision will probably be made today at the regular monthly faculty meeting. Indications seem to tend toward a return of Spartan teams to intercollegiate sports.

### Strikers Return to Work

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—The Yorkshire mine strike of 60,000 workers appeared to be cracking tonight under intense pressure of public opinion, determined government warnings and union appeals.

## In Campus Quarters

By NANCY WEEPER AND BO HOWLAND

IT LOOKS like the fuse of spring has been ignited, and although the smooth sun has not yet branded students with spring fever, it has bitten through the first two layers of raw air that have been hanging over the campus lately.

The Thetas, especially, find this a bad time to be confined to isolated quarters because they had to have two of their members locked up in the measles ward.

Barb Thompson discovered her week was to be devoted to measles Sunday, and on Wednesday the bug hit Sue Boyce.

LA. CMR Goodband stopped to shake the hands of several of his old State pals Wednesday on his way to Chicago. Mary Ellen Stuck, Theta, and Cliff's fiancée, was certainly happy that he is being transferred with the Vet corps from Boston, Mass., to the Windy City.

The Sigma Chis held formal initiation Sunday morning for nine pledges and two alumni. The new actives include freshmen Bob Bastian, Adrian; Ike Hampton, Weldman, and Bob Nuttall, New York, N. Y., and sophomores George Bodfish, Breckenridge, and Frank Heck, Great Falls, Mont.

Other new initiates are juniors Warren Evers, Bristol, Wis.; Glenn Snoeyenbos, Glenwood, Wis., and Robert Zwick, Albany, Wis.; and senior Ken Hathaway, Holly, William Seifert, '19, and Al Waach, '32, were the two alumni initiated into the group.

Big elections at the Alpha Chi house result in a brand new group of officers. Marilyn Wilson, Huntington Woods junior, is the new president; vice-president, Susie Moore, East Lansing junior; secretary, Mary Ellen Haack, Royal Oak junior, and treasurer, Jean Shaver, Birmingham sophomore.

The Alpha Chis have also enjoyed a visit from their province president, Mrs. Perrin Smith, Trenton, N. J. Mrs. Smith arrived Monday and the hostesses bade her a handsome farewell yesterday.

More spirit-stirring news about a wedding halls from Detroit. Betty Jane McConnell and Ens. Dea Meadows, Jr., Psi U, will be married one week from today at 8 p. m. in North Woodward Congregational church.

## THIS IS YOUR WORLD

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**THE UNWANTED HIGHWAYMEN**—A determined, aggressive Japanese force seized a 15-mile stretch along the Imphal-Kohima highway and are driving toward Dimapur, the lifeline into upper Burma. The Jap effort is now concentrated toward the north where they are heading for the Manipur road leading to the rail junction of Dimapur.

If the enemy can sever this line, they will have attained probable isolation by rail for the American and Chinese forces in Burma. The rail line has been operated by the U. S. army transportation corps since March 1. The Jap offensive in this theater consists of a four-pronged attack.

One force is coming north from Tiddum, another approaching Imphal from the southeast, a third attacking the capital from Ukhrul in a southwestern movement and another attack launched toward the east at Kohima. This latter offensive may be presumed to be the one that succeeded in severing the supply line.

The situation has been minimized in importance by the Allies but the seriousness of the Jap victories in that area may warrant increased Allied activity within the coming week.

**A BEACHHEAD AND A MOUNTAIN**—Excepting the withdrawal of British ghurkas from one mountain, the capture of three others by Italian troops and the reported strengthening of our position at Anzio, the Allied attempt to take Rome appeared to be an idle sideshow to

the other theaters of war. It was admitted that the German had held us. Only a concentrated effort is now expected by the Germans who are busily engaged in constructing more defenses.

**THE RING GROWS SMALLER**—Striking with continued success and meeting little resistance from a quickly disappearing enemy, our forces gathered in 10 more atolls in the Marshalls, clearing 14 of the 15. In another move, our bombers wiped out the entire Japanese airforce at Hollandia on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea.

Hollandia served as a rear base for the Japanese garrisons at Wewak and Madang on the northwestern coast of New Guinea. Major action of the week came from the air and involved the bombing of Ponape, Wake, and the Marshalls. Ponape, eastern outpost of the enemy's Caroline island fortress of Truk, received its 27th and perhaps heaviest bombing.

**KIDNEY PUNCHES**—In communications almost repetitious in tone, the Allies announced continued pounding of the invasion coast and vital points in Germany and her occupied territories. The vital punches were aimed at the air forces around Berlin and Munich. Pas-de-Calais on the invasion coast again suffered Liberator bombings.

Enemy resistance ranged from light to heavy; our losses were small. Strafing of grounded planes by our fighters and long range bombings composed the nucleus of our past week's efforts over Europe.

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