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LS. S. LEXINGTON SUNK



A "fish-eye" view of the Midway battle was Ensign G. H. Gay's who is shown here chatting with Nurse Ann Davidson in a Honolulu hospital. His plane shot down, he floated for 24 hours on a rubber life raft before he was rescued. He saw havoc wreaked on Japanese ships in the water about him.

8 Nurses Arrive Home from Bataan tires. If a man has four tires now, the President said he should reduce

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12. (UP)-Eight army nurses as possible to save rubber because from Bataan and Corregidor who cared for sick and wound- we have no idea when new tires swimmer but the suction caused ed American fighting men during the furious battle of the will be available. Philippines have arrived in San Francisco, it was disclosed before tires are available for any today. The eight nurses are: 1st Lieut. Florence McDon- large segment of the civilian popu-

Send The Reserves!-

Mrs. Paul Blenkiron was holding

down the fort alone and only a

der 100 soldiers who happened to

Bedlam broke out in the place.

The radio blared, the piano banged.

Suddenly there was the tramp of

few service men dropped in.

be passing through town.

versation grew to a roar.

the speed of desperation,

tions she wanted answered.

as busy as two cranberry mer-

He would brag on the cakes so

enthusiastically that the audience

just had to buy them. Everytime

there was a particularly tempting

As a result he had to think of a

cake, Jenkins would bid on it him-

It was just his appetite.

by the El Centro city council.)

an attorney?"

attorney now.

chants.

cakes on sale

Continued Story-

"Why, honey,"

a practicing atterney."

The Cake Walk-

of cantaloupes and served them.

ald, Brockton, Mass.; 2nd Lieut. lation, the President said. Dorothea Daley, Hamilton, Mo.; Juanita Redmond, Swansea, N. C.; **AMBLING** Mary Lohr, Johnstown, Penn.; Harriet Gwin Lee, Boston; Sue Gal-

The nurses were quartered at the army's Letterman hospital. Everything was peaceful and Under almost constant fire, U. S. quiet at the El Centro canteen for Army nurses valiantly performed service men Thursday afternoon.

their errands of mercy during the long Japanèse siege of Bataan. Virtually on the front line of fighting, the nurses cared for casualties of fighting and the many men feet, the hum of voices, and the who were stricken with malaria. canteen was practically buried un-Looking back over the ordeal at

> Bataan, one said: more than flesh and blood could stand - even American flesh and

music boxes roared, ping pong paddles smacked, and the hum of conblood' She told how bodies, legs and torsos were flung into the trees And what was Mrs. Blenkiron when Japanese bombed and strafed doing all this time? Working with

their hospital, at Manila. "On New Year's Eve we watched squeezed two sacks of grapefruit Manila burning from Bataan and into juice and carved up two crates we thought some of our nurses were there, but we learned later they'd Then she called for help and more supplies. And we don't blame got to Corregidor. When we couldnn't get Manila on the radio, we knew the Japs had taken over".

The Sign Said So-Allison Smith, 3, is very fond of 50 4-H Members her uncle, Clarence B. Smith, the El Centro attorney. He visited her To Attend Camp recently at her home in San Diego and Allison was eager with ques-

A total of 50 members of the 4-H "Uncle Clarence," she asked, "when are you going to get to be their leaders, and two directors will attend the annual summer camp at Camp Seeley in the San Bernardino mountains June 21-25, inclusive-"Oh, I see," Allison said thought-

The group will leave the mornfully, "but your card says you are ing of the twenty-first aboard truck and trailer. Miss Florence Glenn, county home demonstration agent, and H. Lee Landerman, as-While officiating as auctioneer at sistant county farm advisor, will a cake sale Boy Scout Troop No. 71 had recently, Homer Jenkins was

Scrap Rubber Sought

Roosevelt Orders Salvage Campaign Beginning Monday

WASHINGTON, June 12. tionwide scrap rubber collec- history. tion campaign to begin at 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 15.

ber stockpile to determine whether a Japanese aircraft carrier. nationwide gasoline rationing is necessary to conserve tires.

He said he wanted the drive to be intensive, extending into homes, offices, factories and farms. The campaign will end officially at midnight, Tuesday, June 30.

BUYER DESIGNATED

The rubber collected in the naionwide drive will be sold to the Rubber Recovery corporation, a new government unit under Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

ed the necessity for people in all They were in the group fighting the parts of the country to exercise ut- fire in the hold of the ship. Officers

President said, he should reduce ESCAPE DROWNING his mileage and drive as slowly

It may be a very, very long time

SERIOUSNESS STRESSED He urged the people to search any articles containing rubber.

Commenting on the seriousness lagher, Petersboro, Va.; and one of the situation, the President said other boys grabbed it. They were in who requested her name not be the army and navy already had been the water an hour and a half beforced to cut their use of rubber 25 fore they were rescued. per cent, placing solid tires on many of their vehicles although that slows Texas, to take his place in active down their speed and makes trans- service with the Army ar corps, portation more difficult on armed Cadet Burdette Kinne, son of Mr. personnel

new type of substitute tire?" the in an army press release to be the President was asked.

ron wheels.

"It doesn't seem possible. It was filling stations and oil company which now includes football, bas-

Valley Warriors Snag Ply Share Of Day's Glory

Five I. V. Men Gure Prominently in News from Fronts; Three Are Survivors Of Lexington in Coral Sea Struggle

Imperial Valley men now in the armed forces of the (UP) - President Roosevelt United States figured prominently in the news Friday as today ordered a 15-day na- part of the story of World War. No. 2 was written into

Lieut. Leonard Moore of El Centro, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Moore and former Post-Press: The scrap rubber will be collected, employe, was pictured in newspapers he said, by 400,000 filling stations all over the world as one of the which will serve as rubber collec- heroes of the Midway battle. He was tion depots. The filling stations will shown holding one corner of the pay one cent a pound for the scrap. nameplate of the B-26 medium The campaign was ordered by bomber, the Susie-Q, all that was Mr. Roosevelt to determine the ex- worth salvaging after the plane act size of the nation's scrap rub- reached its base from an attack on

LEXINGTON SURVIVORS

LeRoy Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Patton of El Centro, Gerald Peyton, brother of Mrs. Clyde Lee of El Centro, and Chesley Cawthon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cawthon of Niland, were among the heroic survivors of the Lexington, whose fate was revealed by the gov ernment Friday.

Patton, Peyton, and Cawthon were on board the Lexington in the battle of the Coral Sea and were among Discussing the rubber situation the last to leave the blazing craft in general, the President emphasiz- before it sank beneath the water. most conservation of their present ordered all men left to jump overboard.

Young Patton is an excellent by the sinking ship prevented him stroyer shot a rope to the officers Extreme Need in Calif. from making any headway. A deon the Lexington, Patton told his parents on a visit home last week, and as it sagged into the water, he grabbed it. His hand was horribly Eunice Hatchett, Lockhart, Texas; their attics, cellars and garages for burned by the rope but he succeedhis arm. He held the rope while today reported only quick

> While preparing at Foster Field, and Mrs. F. C. Kinne and former "By solid tires, do you mean a Post-Press sports editor, was said most versatile of the west coast The President said he referred to athletes now in training there.

Army officers quoted Kinne as Rubber collected in the scrap saying he planned to add enemy campaign will be weighed at the plane hunting to his list of sports

(Continued on Page 6: Column 6) ketball, baseball, and tennis. Valley Sand No Good for Bombs

incendiary bomb on your home should be used, Reed said. don't cover the missile with Imper-

ing part in preparing the public "Sand, sand everywhere and not for such emergencies.

The proper method of handling clubs in Imperial county, 11 of the bombs is with sand, Reed as- desert where suitable sand can be from sured, but the kind of sand is very fine silt massed in dunes in the gravel pits and dry stream beds valley are not composed of heavy where course sand can be found enough soil to be of much help in and east of Holtville there is a seccombatting the menace. The bomb tion containing the heavier grains. would simply blow the fine silt

in river bottoms and dry washes, every household should be stockwhich is commonly used in mix- ed with.

If an enemy airplane drops an ing concrete, is the kind that

This practically eliminates ial Valley's ordinary dune sand in desert that surrounds the irrigated section of the valley as a reservoir This was the warning issued Fri- on which citizens could draw to day by El Centro's fire chief, C. S. fill their sand buckets. Instead Reed, who has been taking a lead- of "Water, water everywhere," it's

many grains of it of much use.' There are a few places on the obtained, Reed said. In the Mt.

Reed said that the city's lumberyards also carry the kind needed Instead, the heavier sand found to fill the three-gallon buckets that

Farm Labor Draft Policies Studied

(SEE EDITORIAL) SACRAMENTO, June 12 (U.R) - Gov Culbert Olson today asked Brig. Gen. J. O. Donovan, state director of selective service, to obtain clarification of policy relative to drafting of farm laborers,

"Every effort should be made to keep a sufficient supply of farm labor, since the harvest of our crops is important not only to our civilian population but to the military as well,"

Axis Presses for Great Offensive

Germans Seize Initiative in Russia, Libya to Forestall Allied 2nd Front With Major Drive Toward Caucasus

- By UNITED PRESS -

The Axis seized the initiative at heavy cost in Libya and Russia Friday in an effort to get Hitler's 1942 offensives moving before the United Nations can establish their promised second front in Europe. Moscow dispatches acknowledged

fields

Disaster Foreseen Unless Farm Labor Supply Increases

Committee Reports on To Prevent Shortages

LOS ANGELES, June 12. reinforcements of men and machines will prevent possible disastrous shortages of food and war materials before the end of the

The 60-day survey included 24 public hearings from El Centro to

Problems probably will be permanent, rather than merely for the Free French strongpoint of Bir duration, the committee held, and Hacheim, southwest of Tobruk, and temporary measures will be in-

The farm labor supply April 1 was almost half that of two years earlier, and no reserve of migrant labor was in prospect, the committee reported. High-paying war industries have drawn off the reserve, and even a federal draft of labor still might leave a shortage, certainly for this season. Four new sources of farm labor being considered were regarded as inadequate.

Recruiting of teen-age youths is limited by transportation, farmerettes generally respond in small numbers, relief and pension roll candidates are few, and even the proposed importation of Mexican labor would fail to meet . the demand, since Mexico is also sharing in a war boom and increased agricultural growth.

Suggested measures to alleviate the shortage included coordination of farm labor policies and hiring activrecruiting of new workers ities, every available source, effioperation, breaking of red important. The hills and hills of Signal area there are numerous tape, and adequate representation with responsible federal agencies.

3 More Candidates **Enter Campaign**

Nomination petitions for three candidates for offices in Imperial county and for the Holtville Central Democratic committee members were filed with County Clerk W. J. McClelland Friday

E. J. Smith, justice of the peace at Holtville, will be a candidate for re-election and Dave C. Harris and Lawton W. Porter will be candidates for constable at Winterhaven At noon June 20 is the last hour

for filing candidates' nomination potitions, giving sponsors a week yet in which to get the petitions signed and filed.

Baseball

Only day game, either league.

Olson said.

Olson explained he had received several protests against the drafting of persons essential to farm work.

a grave situation, on key fighting

fronts in Russia despite an estimat-

ed 60,000 Axis casualties-and no

gain— in attacks on the Crimean naval base of Sevastopol. The threat to Sevastopol and the enemy

attacks on the Kharkov front were

obviously increasing and both were

raine toward the Caucasus oil

and south of Leningrad.

east to Bir El Harmat.

result of capture of the British-

Argument Over \$20

Ends in Death for

Negro at Imperial

ly during an argument over \$20.

The killing occurred Thursday

night on the Brill ranch 41/2 north-

and told Chief W. H. Burton about

the shooting. Williams said he

killed James because he struck Mrs.

Williams while they were all quar-

reling over \$20 James advanced for

a payment on the Williams car sev-

Officers held Williams in the

county jail in El Centro while in-

vestigating his statement that he

had been an inmate in an insti-

David Benjamin Hall, 32, truck

driver for Imperial county road

district No. 2, was recovering in El

Herbert Hughes said.

eral months ago.

tution for the insane.

Blowout Causes

Truck Accident

went out of control.

ADVANCE IN LIBYA

by enemy bombs in the battle of the Coral Sea and several hours later blew up like a Fourth of July firecracker. The end came when flames from leaking gasoline lines reached her General Staffs in torpedo lockers, detonating them with a mighty roar. Most of the great ship's personnel, however, had been safetly re-

Jap Loss Tallied

At 15 Warships

To Three for U.S.

Final Count in Coral Sea Battle Shows

Naval officers considered her loss a light price to pay for the de-

BULLETIN HONOLULU, June 12-(UP) -A Naval spokesman revealed today that four Japanese aircraft carriers probably were de-

stroyed in the battle of Midway, including two of the largest type in the carrier class. Commander Murr E. Arnold, leader of a U. S. aircraft carrier bombing group, said one Japanese carrier of the Kaga class, one of the Akagi class and another medium sized carrier were sunk within 24 hours after the first attack on Midway. He said a fourth Japa-

directed toward preparing the way struction of 23-perhaps 24-Japfor the Germans' long - heralded anese warships in the Coral sea enmajor offensive through the Uk- gagement, which was the first big clash between U.S. and Japanese

nese carrier, medium

probably was destroyed.

naval and air forces. Whether that offensive can be A few minutes after her torpedoes developed on the vast scale that is explcded, the Lexington heeled over essential to achieve Hitler's goal and slipped from sight beneath the mendous problems involved, held of fresh oil supplies remains to blue waters. The blast was so ter- that Britain, the United States and (UP) — The Kenny state com- be seen, but front line dispatches refic that destroyers lingering neared in getting a half hitch around mittee on economic planning to Moscow made it clear that the by after aiding in rescue of the that formation of such a front real crisis on the Kharkov front is carrier's crew were almost lifted immediately was impossible; that yet to come, Meantime, the Rus- from the water. sian correspondents reported that

a heavy toll was being taken of the loss of the Lexington was released ing ferocity and commando - like Germans in the Ukraine, on the for publication by the navy depart- raids on an increasing scale along Kalinin front northwest of Moscow, ment today simultaneously with issuance of a navy department communique on the Coral sea engage-In Libya, the Germans had great- ment, which raged from May 4 ion in London. This opinion is that ly improved their position as the to 9).

15 JAP SHIPS SUNK

of the two months' Coral sea cam- this summer had advanced some 18 miles northpaign, revealed that more than 15 SECOND FRONT NOW Japanese ships were sunk, including Although fighting continued over an aircraft carrier, while the Una wide sector and included Allied ited States lost three naval vesstabs at the enemy's rear lines, the sels, including the Lexington. important developments was that Besides the Lexington, the U.S. Nazi Col. Gen. Erwin Rommel had Navy lost the tanker Neosho and (Continued on Page 6; Column 5)

the destroyer Sims. The Japanese casualties, in addition to the ships sunk, included loss of more than 100 aircraft, the probable sinking of two other warships and severe damage to more than 20 ships. The damaged Japantse ships included a carrier, Japantse ships included a carrier, three cruisers, two aircraft tenders, and three restroyers. and three restroyers. The navy's summary, which in-

cluded attacks by our forces on Salamua and Lae on the island of Raymond Williams, 24, Negro, said a moment before he fired two shots New Guinea and the actual battle of the Coral sea, listed the folinto the body of Roy James, 28, another Negra, killing him instantlowing Japanese vessels as sunk:

ENEMY LOSES CARRIER

west of Imperial in front of the rier Ryukaku; three heavy cruisers; Williams hon't, Deputy Coroner one light cruiser; two destroyers; several transports and small ves-After the killing Williams went to the Imperial police department

navy's communique began early in law enforcement officers assisting (Continued on Page 6; Column 4) the FBI in its activities.

Smashing American Victory; Carrier's Loss Called Light Price for Results - By WILLIAM F. TYREE -ABOARD U.S. CRUISER IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, May 10. (Delayed)—(UP)—The U. S. Navy's oldest aircraft carrier, the 33,000-ton U.S.S. Lexington, was damaged

Conference on 2nd moved a few minutes before the Front for Europe blast.

> Informed Quarters See Land Offensive Least Likely of Prospects

LONDON, June 12. (UP) -Allied general staffs are in contact on "the urgent problem of creating a second front in Europe in 1942," it

was understood today. Only a few men in Washington, London and Moscow know when, or even how, the blow will fall under the agreements reached by Great Britain and the United States with

The British man in the street, and the Russian, interpreted the identical second front announcements here and at Washington at their face value. He expected an actual land fighting front in western Europe this summer by an invasion of the continent.

CONSERVATIVE VIEW More conservative quarters, especially those who knew the trethe Allied contribution would be (This delayed dispatch revealing limited to bombing attacks of grow-2,000 miles of the European coast.

This is the view held generally by well informed, if unofficial opinit is almost fantastic to expect the British and American armies to invade the continent within the The navy, in a final accounting brief months left for a campaign

> But there is already a second front which day and night is eating at the Germans and Italians. Resistance by the heroic patriots of all occupied countries is growing; big scale commando raids in which eager, superbly equipped American troops will soon take part are on the Allied date list; the United States Army air corps is soon to (Continued on Page 6; Column 2)

In Parleys Here

Harold Nathan, chief special agent in charge of the San Diego field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was in El Centro The new Japanese aircraft car- Friday for a conference with the heads of all law enforcement departments in Imperial county. He visits Imperial county at intervals to explain developments in The campaign covered in the defense and to answer quetions of

Dependents' Pay Measure Okayed

WASHINGTON, June 12. (UP)-Senate and house conferees agreed today on a bill authorizing payments to dependents of men in the armed services and authorizing deferment of men with wives and children.

Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, one of the conferees, said the bill does not provide for blanket deferment of married men forestall any widespread drafting but Maj. Francis V. Keesling, jr., of married men whose families explained the measure would per- would suffer severe financial hard-

juries suffered when a tire on a dump truck blew out on highway defer married men until further notice. 80 west of El Centro and the truck The loaded dump truck ran off the highway and turned over on its side after careening 80 feet,

quarters here.

Centro hospital Friday from in- mit selective service headquarters ship even with the assistance rento instruct local draft boards to dered under the allowances bill. Under the bill payments to dependents would vary in accordance

Keesling, who is attached to se- with a scale of benefits based on lective service headquarters, em- family relationships, beginning with phasized that local boards were to \$50 a month for a wife; \$62 if she make no change in existing regulation had one child, and \$72 if there are lations until instructed by head- two children. Of this amount, \$22 would come out of the soldier's pay The conferees apparently agreed and the remainder would be conon the married-man provision to tributed by the government,

Daughter-in-Law Knew Too Many Numbers, Claim

lot of new excuses to keep from being stuck with about half the son's divorce trial today that daughter-in-law Virginia Beard, 20. would come home evenings and (Here is the continuation of the even looking up their numbers." letter on air conditioning received

"We will take foreign matter out the numbers." "In an incredibly short time." oside gas, fog, snow, and cold. and father-in-law --- ard testified, "a sions were not disclosed. render you a cool, clean, all brac- man would show up. She would

ing inspiring weather. Heat waves greet these men with hugs and an astronomy lecturer for the Uniand such as you have just had will kisses, and usually they would go versity of California extension di- their in-laws then because Damon Chicago have no terror for you. Property for automobile rides."

Beard's alleged extra-marital love stairs, and found two sailors "on affairs.

Other witnesses have identified "I threw the sailers out," said call up a long list of men, without frequent callers on Mrs. Beard as Clarence Beard. "I was disgusted a Nevada telephone lineman, a and demanded that my son take Mrs. Beard, he said, "knew all member of Phi Beta Kappa, two his wife and leave the house. He sailors, a marine, one unemployed, pleaded with me to let them stav and others whose crafts or profes-

The husband, Damon Beard, 25, moved out.' was considerably damaged and The elder Beard thus joined tion a "crusade against vice." (Continued on Page 6; Column 3) other witnesses who have told Su- Father-in-law Beard said he once university, he testified.

-Clarence Beard testified at his perior Judge James Quirm of Mrs. was awakened by a "row" downthe floor, with Virginia.'

at least until the next day. I let them stay that long, then they

The Beards were living with Boston vision, has called his divorce ac- at that time was getting only \$43 a month "for winding clocks" at the Cullough

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2 Highway Patrolman V. R. Eick said Javery & Lombardi: Olsen & Mc- Hall suffered bruises and dislocations but was not in a critical condition, his physician said.