

NEWS FROM HOME

64 Pct. Favor Dewey Over Willkie in Poll

N.Y. Governor Is Gaining In Popularity, Gallup Survey Shows

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is a substantial Republican favorite over Wendell Willkie for the Presidential nomination and his popularity is on the increase, according to the latest Gallup poll.

Sixty-four per cent of Republican voters, asked to state their preference if candidates were limited to Dewey and Willkie, preferred the New York governor, while 27 per cent favored Willkie. Nine per cent were undecided.

In a poll taken last November the figures for Dewey were 55 per cent and for Willkie 35 per cent, with ten per cent undecided.

Voters supporting Dewey said they preferred him because of his administrative record and because he was fearless and energetic. Willkie was praised by his followers for speaking his mind on problems, his broad grasp of issues and his liberalism and progressivism.

Republican voters who would support Gen. Douglas MacArthur as a candidate said they valued his familiarity with war problems.

Jalopy Tax to Jump

TOPEKA, Kan., Mar. 12—William L. Jungdahl, taxation commission chairman, says the rule on automobile depreciation has been reversed this year. Although cars are older, the tax valuation will be increased \$50 to \$100 over 1943. He explained that the value of cars was increasing because of their limited number.

2 Die in Oil Plant Blast

MARCUS HOOK, Pa., Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Two men were killed and two others seriously injured when the research unit of the Sun Oil Co.'s new \$13,000,000 high-octane gasoline plant exploded here. Flames shot 200 feet into the air and raged for nearly an hour. The blast shook every house in town.

Navy Takes Mike Todd

NEW YORK, Mar. 12—Michael Todd, 36, theatrical producer, has been inducted into the Navy. Married and father of a 14-year-old son, Todd produced a number of Broadway hits, including "Mexican Hayride," "Star and Garter" and "Something for the Boys."

Six Die in Hotel Fire

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Six people were burned to death and 12 others badly injured yesterday when fire destroyed the three top floors of the fashionable Jefferson Hotel here. The dead included a state senator, four women and a sailor.

Hopkins 'Resting Well'

ROCHESTER, Minn., Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Harry Hopkins was described as "resting well" in a report issued yesterday by the Mayo Clinic. Hopkins entered the clinic last week for a physical checkup.

From Fire Into Frying Pan

CLEVELAND, Mar. 12 (UP)—Hundreds of cattle, sheep and hogs were shot by squads of police yesterday when a fire in the city's huge Union Stockyards drove the animals into the city's streets.

Hendrik Van Loon Dies

OLD GREENWICH, Conn., Mar. 12 (UP)—Hendrik Willem Van Loon, author of best-seller histories and biographies, died here yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 62.

Citizenship for Michele

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12 (Reuter)—Michele Morgan, 24-year-old French-born film star, was granted U.S. citizenship yesterday. She came to Hollywood from France in 1940.

ARP for Liberty Bell

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 12—A fire-proof underground air-raid vault will be built for the 212-year-old Liberty Bell close by Independence Hall.

A Private's Enterprise Is the Public's Delay

BOSTON, Mar. 12—The Boston Elevated Railway found out today why one of its subway trains was delayed at Friend St. station a few days ago. It happened this way:

Pvt. John P. Conway came home on an unexpected furlough. As he stood on the station platform he noticed a pretty young woman guard stick her head from between two cars.

It was Conway's wife, who had taken a subway job without telling him. She explained what happened next this way:

"I'm afraid we held up the whole system while he hugged me. Then the motorman yelled at me to close my doors."

Tar With Gobs of Love To Offer Loses a Taker

PITTSBURGH, Mar. 12—This sentence in a letter from her sailor husband in the Pacific won Mrs. Walter J. Kaiser a divorce: "I sort of wish we lived in a country where more than one wife was permitted because if a man ever loved two women it's me."

Adultery Involving Heiress Puts Golfer Behind Bars

MIAMI, Mar. 12—Admission that he lived in open adultery with Joan Feigenspan, New Jersey brewery heiress, resulted in sentence of a year at hard labor in Florida State Penitentiary for Mario Ricciardi, of Bernardsville, N.J. Ricciardi testified he was the father of two children, had separated from his wife after he met Miss Feigenspan, and had gone to Miami to get a divorce so that he could marry the young heiress.

Miss Feigenspan testified she and Ricciardi had been living together in Miami four or five weeks and that she knew he was married. Asking why she wasn't being tried on a similar charge, the court was told her testimony was needed to prove the charge against Ricciardi. Ricciardi was Jersey public-links golf champion in 1942.

Meeting in London Mar. 28 Shunned by U.S. Airlines

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Nineteen U.S. airlines invited to a conference of air-transport companies in London Mar. 28 at the call of British Northeastern Airways have announced a decision not to participate.

Meanwhile, a three-man Senate subcommittee composed of Sens. Bennett Champ Clark (D., Mo.), Josiah W. Bailey (D., N.C.) and Ralph O. Brewster (R., Me.), announced plans to study proposed post-war aviation policies "to determine what steps are best calculated to permit the U.S. to retain the leadership in air transportation which it attained before the war and to which its resources entitle it."

Lend-Lease Extension Finding Little Opposition

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)—Legislation to authorize extension of Lend-Lease for another year has met no opposition and may be reported with unanimous approval by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "There might be some debate when the question of appropriations comes up," said Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman, "but no one seems to object to continuing the program as long as it is needed."

Diane

Comic strip 'Diane' by Jean Baird. Panel 1: "YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE GUY WHO'S GOING TO CONSOLE LITTLE DIANE NOW SAM'S IN HOSPITAL!" Panel 2: "WHATVA SLICKING UP FOR WOLF, AND WHY THE FRILLS?" Panel 3: "WHY, CHARLIE, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED. YOU COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN ME ANYTHING I WANTED MORE. COME TO TEA THIS AFTERNOON!" Panel 4: "IT'S ALL FIXED, SON, I'M RIGHT ON THE BEAM. TEA WITH DIANE TODAY AND TONITE I THINK I'LL GO DROP A HINT TO SAM!" Panel 5: "YEAH CHARLIE, SHE IS A SWELL KID, AND LOOK AT THE SWELL GIFTS SHE BROUGHT ME JUST BEFORE YOU CAME IN!"

Male Call

Comic strip 'Male Call' by Milton Caniff. Panel 1: "I ALA TIME SEE PITCHERS OF THIS HERE MISS LACE RUNNIN' CLOSE ORDER WITH SO-JERS... WHICH OUTFIT IS IT SHE BUDDIES-UP WITH, D'Y RECKON?" Panel 2: "WHY, ONLY TODAY I CABLED GENERAL MARSHALL, ASKIN' HIM TO CHECK ON THAT FOR ME..." Panel 3: "...AW! Y'KIDDIN'!" Panel 4: "SURE, SPORT!... THAT LACE BABE IS SORTA EVERY G.I.'S CHICK... YOU MIGHT RUN INTO HER ON A PASS INTO TOWN MOST ANYWHERE... DARWIN, BELFAST, ALGIERS, KUNMING, BOSTON, FORT WORTH, SEATTLE, KODIAK, INDIANAPOLIS—WHEREVER YOU HOPE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME..." Panel 5: "I'D LIKE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME RIGHT HERE... BUT I SUPPOSE SHE'S NOT FOR GUYS WITH DIRTY EARS... AND NO HOPE OF A FURLOUGH..." Panel 6: "I GUESS NOT... HMMMM... I MUST BE GOIN' NUTS! I'D SWEAR I SMELLED PERFUME JUST THEN..."

Blondie

Comic strip 'Blondie' by Chic Young. Panel 1: "GOOD! I'VE GOT ENOUGH STAMPS TO GET MY LETTERS IN THE MAIL RIGHT AWAY" Panel 2: "COOKIE WANTS TO LICK THE STAMPS AND PUT THEM ON THE ENVELOPES" Panel 3: "OKAY, THEY'RE ALL ON THE TABLE" Panel 4: "BLONDIE... WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SHE WAS HAVING HER DESSERT?" Panel 5: "SHE CANCELLED ALL THE STAMPS WITH THAT CHOCOLATE PUDDING!"

96 Pct. in ETO Have Insurance

Average Soldier Holds A \$9,000 Service Policy, War Department Says

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—About 96 per cent of soldiers stationed in the ETO and in the U.S. are covered by National Service Life insurance, according to a War Department announcement. In both the ETO and America the average soldier subscriber has a \$9,000 policy.

By the end of January, 1944, the Veterans' Administration had approved Army policies totaling \$75,000,000,000, the equivalent of more than half the volume of life insurance in force with commercial insurance companies in the U.S.

A recent three-month check of military personnel leaving one of the nation's largest ports of embarkation revealed that 96 per cent of all officers and men destined for overseas duty were covered by NSLI.

The maximum coverage of \$10,000 was held by 90 per cent of the men and 97 per cent of the officers and WOs going overseas. The average protection for the men was \$9,500 and for the officers and WOs \$9,800.

Total applications for NSLI, due to requests by some applicants for more than one policy, are in excess of 10,000,000. A year ago approximately 4,500,000 policies were in force for approximately \$26,000,000,000.

Their Billets Doux To Nazi Captives Trap Three WACs

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 12 (UP)—Three WACs have been sentenced to four to six months' imprisonment for writing love letters to German prisoners of war, and two other WACs are accused of the same offense, it has been revealed.

Also, eight U.S. soldiers have been charged with aiding German prisoners to escape. Three of the soldiers confessed their guilt; all will be court-martialed.

FDR Studying Question Of French Recognition

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—President Roosevelt has taken over study of the entire question of recognition of the French Committee of National Liberation as the provisional government of France, Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. said.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Roosevelt told newsmen he had nothing to announce regarding recognition, but hoped to have something shortly.

Organized Mother Love Battles the Demon Rum

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (UP)—Printed tracts entitled "Use Your Bible to Battle the Bottle" were distributed by temperance leaders at a congressional committee meeting which was considering a new Prohibition law.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, 72-year-old president of the WCTU, said her organization stood for "organized mother love battling against the entrenched liquor czars."

Other drys claimed that "bouts with the rum pot" were causing the sugar shortage, plane crashes and war-plant absenteeism.

Denver Republican Wins Congressional Election

DENVER, Mar. 12—The Administration received a setback with the victory of Dean Gillespie, Denver Republican business man, over his Democratic opponent, Maj. Carl Wuertele, in an election to fill a vacant seat in the House. Gillespie polled 41,418 votes to 38,440 for Wuertele, a wounded Pacific air veteran. The district normally is Democratic.

Charges GOP Killed GI Ballot

Lucas Says Federal-Vote Bill Fell Before 'Pure Partisan Politics'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12—Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.), co-author of the Administration-sponsored Green-Lucas soldier-vote bill, charged today that Republican politics was responsible for Congress' failure to approve a uniform federal ballot for servicemen.

"Plain, pure, partisan Republican politics and nothing else" wrecked the bill, he told newsmen.

Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House meanwhile announced he would support a compromise vote bill worked out by Senate and House conferees, providing a restricted federal ballot.

Hobo King Kicks at Cushions

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 12—Jeff Davis, "King of the Hoboes," arrived from Chicago aboard a de luxe coach and did plenty of complaining. "It was terrible," he said. "Give me the good old days when a hobo could ride the rods in comfort." He claimed the coaches were either too hot or too cold and there "weren't enough eats." He said he came to Buffalo "on business."

PRIVATE BREGER



"We're distant relatives. He was my parents' first child and I was the sixteenth!"

By Jean Baird

By Milton Caniff

By Chic Young

New 'Magic Eye'



Adjusting his special goggles, this lookout can make plane blurred against bright sky, appear in good focus..

ETO Pin-Up Boy



Presenting Pfc Curt Poff, winner of an air force GI "beautiful legs" contest. 'Twas all in fun.

A Jack of All Trades



GI Joes serving with the Fifth Army in Italy find a new use for the ever-useful Jeep—serving as powerhouse for a buzz saw.

'She Floats Through the Air'



Graceful Maryetta Evans of the dancing Evans family does a breathtaking, mid-air split in the USO-Camp Show "Boomps-A-Daisy."

Pipe of Peace



Even an MP is a welcome sight to this pipe-smoking Bougainville youngster who escaped from the Japs.

Pretty 'Sheik'!



To beat Hollywood man shortage, Janice Chandler, above, posing as a sheik, left, was exposed when she refused to strip.

'Blowing Jerry to Bits'



An English youngster tests a machine gun at a Liberator division sponsored air force exhibit in an East Anglian town. More than 6,000 attended the show.

Youngest 'Coed'



Ann Landess receives the first war tuition scholarship awarded by Boston...

Plasma Given Under Fire



Here's where a supply of blood plasma proves its worth. A Marine doctor and hospital corpsmen administer plasma to a wounded Marine near the spot where the man was hit.