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Orris Lane came out second best in a wrestling match with the largest cat fish ever seen in these parts, according to Orris. Orris had the catfish on the bank and in the tussel Orris sprained his knee and the fish got away.

The moon, during the recent evenings, is one of the most beautiful sights presented this season.

It is large, almost full and a deep orange color as it first comes up. It is being admired by others than the younger bobby sox set.

Bill Auburn, of the Hawbakor Cafe, writes to more boys in service perhaps than any other person in the county.

Bill writes and receives as high as ten long letters every week to boys from Sullivan, who are in all parts of the world.

He has a cigar box that he has filled and overflowing all of the time with letters telling of interesting experiences of his friends who are in the armed forces.

Bill served in the army in the first World War and knows of the importance of getting letters to the boys.

Pat Baumgartner, son of Bill Baumgartner, brought into THE NEWS office several German bank notes that Bill sent to him from Germany. Along with the notes Bill also sent the case of a German anti-personnel mine that Bill recovered in Germany.

The mine is of wood and is about six inches square. It has a hinged lid, that when stepped on and pressed down will explode.

The articles are on display at the News office.

For many years a small red metal box was seen in the bank. The word "suggestions" was painted on the side of the box as it was a place where suggestions could be posted for the Chamber of Commerce.

Recently the box was opened for the first time in many years and the contents disclosed the suggestion of one person as how to beautify the lawns of Sullivan and there was also a campaign of Clarke Lowe of the election if 1940.

Rex Bolln, money order clerk at the Post Office has been swamped with requests for money orders from those auto drivers anxious to beat the deadline for drivers licenses that were due the first of May.

On Saturday filled out 200 money orders for drivers requesting license to drive.

The invisible fish that were sent in from the Southwest Pacific are attracting a lot of attention. They are on display at the NEWS office window.

There seems to be an epidemic of boys riding their bicycles on the sidewalks in the business district. Several "near misses" were recorded during the week.

Sullivan Men In Germany



The above picture was taken in Germany, March 23. Left to right are—Austin, Purdy - Illinois; Bill Baumgartner; Colteaux, (husband of the former Lucinda Walker) Weiland, Minnesota.

T-5 Pat Malone member of 593rd sent two copies of his organizations Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment newspaper to this desk.

The name of the papers is the SW-PA Ramp and the front page carries a picture of a landing craft. The news is that of the war fronts and news of the United States, with a full cover of sports stories of the major league baseball games.

LIONS CLUB TO HEAR RABBI

Dr. Iwan J. Gruen, Decatur Rabbi, will speak to the Lions club members and their wives at the meeting, Thursday, May 10.

Members of the Eastern Star will serve the dinner at the Masonic dining room at 7:00 o'clock.

Rabbi Gruen will speak on his six years under Nazi atrocities.

Jap Horses Organized By Col. Fred Curl

A "converted" horse pack train that is completely Nipponese except the handlers today was packing water, food and ammunition into the rugged mountains leading up to Baguio and bringing back wounded American soldiers.

After a "round up" that smacked of wild West Days, the horses were corralled captured Jap saddles, bridles and equipment brought out, and the former enemy transportation has made its debut under a new name of "33rd Division Provisional Pack Platoon."

They will be employed to ease the burden on Filipino civilian carriers who have been "toting" supplies deep into the hills where the 33rd is pushing the Japs from Northern Luzon the nature of the terrain making it impossible to get Army trucks into the rugged reaches of the Benguet Mountains. Where eight civilians were required to bring back one severely wounded soldier he can now be brought back on a "travois" drawn by one horse or on a little swung between two. The less seriously wounded can ride the horse back to the medical aid stations. A travois consists of two long shafts that drag behind the horse, Indian fashion.

It all began when the 33rd Division, commanded by Major General P. W. Clarkson of Texas (San Antonio), captured a large number of Jap saddles and bridles, apparently equipment for a Jap pack train or artillery.

Col. Curl, who is County Superintendent of Highways for Moultrie county, Sullivan, Ill., where automobiles not horses are used, was immediately given the job of organizing the 33rd's Pack Platoon, the only one in the Sixth Army.

He immediately called in to help him Corp. Carmel Boone of Prescott, Arizona, a ranch owner and old cow hand and Sgt. Roy Greene of Phoenix, Ariz., nationally known rider and ranch owner. "In the round up that followed they assembled 49 horses and five Brahma steers in various states of malnutrition after having been abandoned by their fleeing Jap masters. A corral was constructed and the Quartermaster was able to contribute a blacksmith outfit, with the exception of the soldiers the only American contribution to the enterprise.

Saddles, packs and bridles were acquired from captured Japanese dumps all in a bad state of disrepair were put in shape with improvised instruments.

Pvt. John Treet of Caboo, Mo., a blacksmith and graduate of the Army Farrier's School, was brought in to do the horseshoeing job, a large batch of shoes and nails also having been found in the captured equipment.

After the horses had been brought back to condition by captured Jap oats the training began and the pack train was ready to go.

Now the horses, having quickly acquired the GI language are "ree-ing" and "hawing" up the trails but on "the other side of the mountain" from Baguio.

Lieut. James W. Wickersham of Tulsa, Okla., is commanding the 33rd Provisional Pack Platoon.

Parking Rules Changed By Traffic Commission

Angle parking was assured for Sullivan streets by action taken at the official meeting of the recently appointed traffic commission. Along with the recommendations of the parking regulations the Traffic Commission announced certain streets that would be resurfaced as a part of post-war work.

The report submitted to the City Council, that must receive the official sanction of that governmental group, was signed by L. P. Dickerson president; Cecil Hamilton, Paul Hanka and John Gauger, secretary, all members of the Traffic Commission.

The resolution that was presented to the Mayor and Commissioner recommended that there be one way traffic, to the right, around the Court House Square and that there be angle parking everywhere within the business area except that parallel parking should be used on both sides of Van Buren, between Harrison and Jefferson streets.

The Traffic Commission further recommended that there be a time limit placed on parking on certain specified streets and that "double parking with certain limitations be permitted. Portable, no parking signs were suggested for restricted areas where certain business and professional places needed the space.

Courtesy to motorists driving into Sullivan was one of the keynotes of the report and the Commission asked that merchants and business men driving to their offices and places of business refrain from parking on the square to keep that area open for those who wanted to trade.

The Commission stated that, "we further recommend that your Police Department be imbued with the spirit of courtesy to visitors and citizens and that first and second violations of parking regulations be leniently dealt with so that Sullivan may become known as a friendly and courteous city."

Sgt. Dean Cochran Wounded In Russian Base

Sergeant Dean Cochran, who was reported as being in Russia after being shot down in the bomber on which he was a gunner has notified his parents that he is in a hospital at the American base in Russia.

A telegram from the War Department to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cochran stated that Sergeant Cochran had been seriously injured from injuries received in aerial combat as the plane was on a mission to Germany.

It was believed that Sergeant Cochran received his wounds from machine guns fired from enemy aircraft that attacked the huge American bomber as it was flying to drop bombs on a Nazi stronghold.

The Commanding General of the Air Force, which Cochran is a member said that the last reports from Cochran's plane was that the plane was under attack and was slowly losing altitude as a result of damage from the battle miles up in the sky.

Other details of the accident were not available from official sources.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF GERMANY

Official sources announced the unconditional surrender of all German armies in Europe a few minutes ago.

News of the surrender was received at the Moultrie County News of fice from the United Press teletype report shortly after the stopping of hostilities was made known to the public.

The announcement of the news was made following one false report a week ago and coming on the heels of the rumor that Prime Minister Churchill had been absent from the Parliament Building because of his meeting with high ranking Nazi officials in Germany. The report had it that General Eisenhower also attended the meeting.

Hugh crowds poured into the NEWS office to read the reports as they came in by wire and to discuss V-E Day and its significance.

The news was received by the citizens of Sullivan in a manner of awe and respect realizing that there was still a war being carried on with the Japs on the other side of the world.

Church leaders immediately opened their churches for meditation and people marched to the churches to attend prayers for the occasion.

The fire siren was blown to announce to the people of Sullivan that V-E Day had been confirmed and an extra edition of the NEWS was put on the streets soon after the announcement was made public to the world.

V-E Day Schedule

Germany Surrender is completed today.

Go to your church now for meditation.

Union services at the Methodist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

All places of business will close until 6 p. m. today.

The Sullivan churches will be opened immediately following the official announcement that war has ended in Europe and that V-E Day has been confirmed by Washington and meditation services will be held in the afternoon at each church. There will be no program other than meditation.

Tonight at 7:30 Union V-E Day Union Services will be held at the Methodist church.

The fire whistle signified V-E Day.

Old Story
Plant diseases have been occurring for centuries. Fire blight was first discovered on wild crabapples in 1780 in the Hudson valley. Grape mildew which broke out before the Civil war resulted in the abandonment of thousands of acres in southern Ohio in 1869.

Clean Metal
To clean copper, brass or pewter, apply a paste made of equal quantities of flour, vinegar and salt. Let paste stay on metal for an hour, rub off and wash article with water, then polish.

Poppy Day For Sullivan May 26th

Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Sullivan on Saturday, May 26th, 1945, president Mrs. Katie Murphy of Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary announced today.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies. The renew that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the Sullivan Unit of the Auxiliary here under the leadership of Mrs. Katie Murphy and Mrs. Hazel Monroe, Unit Poppy chairman. Everyone in the city will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets all through the day.

The flowers are made of crepe paper on the pattern of the wild poppy of Flanders. They have been ordered from a Veteran Hospital where disabled veterans made them under the direction of the rehabilitation Department of the Auxiliary. Making the poppies has helped these veterans keep their minds and fingers occupied, causing the otherwise tedious months to pass quickly and at the same time furnishing the men with a means of livelihood.

This year it is expected that more Americans than ever before will wish to wear the poppies as a salute to the dead soldiers and their bereaved families, and as a financial aid to the living but disabled soldiers and their needy families.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET A CHRISTIAN CHURCH MAY 9TH

The Mother-Daughter banquet of the Christian church will be held Wednesday, May 9, at the church. Serving will start at 7:30 p. m.

It is urged that tickets be reserved not later than Sunday evening, May 6th. Contact Mrs. Reta Wilson or Mrs. Alta Brandenburger for reservations. The dinner will be 50c per plate.

An interesting program is being planned. Mrs. W. F. Gammill will be the speaker.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

The Birthday Club met Saturday night with Mrs. Kilton for a pot-luck dinner.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, May 7th. All members are urged to attend.

N. N. N. CLUB

Mrs. A. D. Miller was hostess to the N. N. N. club Tuesday afternoon of this week.

WATCH THE NEWS window for the latest United Press Teletype-writer War News.

Bombs Away

Japan Next!!

