

The Giddings News

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THIS WEEK

Dorriss Emmrich of Giddings who is with the ground service crew at Brooks Field of aviation was home this week. He says he is working twelve hours every day, Sunday included, that the men work in only two shifts and it never stops. Coal miners who have been working 40 hours a week and wanted to work less, did graciously agree this week to work 48 hours a week provided they get time and one-half over-time pay. We predict that when the people begin to feel the nip of winter and the shortage of coal, miners will be working longer hours or be in the fighting trenches.

You will remember that it was the miners union and their president that defied our government only a few months ago and got away with it for a time. Praise Washington, and pass the free groceries.

Stalingrad is holding out and receiving fresh forces. The Russians seem to fight better in winter than in summer.

The battle in Egypt is improving for the British who are cutting supply lines of the enemy.

The battle at Guadalcanal continues hard with U. S. A. getting the better of the siege to date. The Japs made eighteen attacks in eight days but were repulsed. They withdrew for a time but are expected to come back stronger than ever.

George M. Cohan, 64, noted actor and composer, died Thursday morning at his home in New York. A real Irishman, son of both actor parents, he and his sister had been on the stage the past 54 years. He was renowned in all the arts of a "Troupier" but his greatest work was his song "Over There" which was the leading song of World War I and still is full of the American spirit. He said he hoped there would never be another World War song, tried to write one two years ago but his health failed. The small statured Irish actor was perhaps the best known before the footlights of any of his day.