

## Americans Hammer Germans Back

### Germans In Budapest Doomed Doughboys Cross Sure River In Four Places

#### Russians Storm Through Streets Over Tough Foe

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP)—A doomed Nazi garrison reeled backwards in the smoke-filled streets of western Budapest today but clung with suicidal resistance to positions in the eastern sector of the capital.

(A Berlin broadcast monitored in London said early today that the German garrison in Budapest "has taken up positions on an inner defense ring of the capital" after several Russian penetrations of the German-Hungarian lines.

"The Russians are now attacking from the southeast, northeast and west," the broadcast said.

The German and Hungarian defenders were reported to have one of two remaining airports for evacuation of troops as Soviet forces pounded toward the heart of the once beautiful city.

With the Red air force holding complete mastery in the skies German transports were able to operate only at night from this last field, near Pest, and the casualties were reported great.

Russian troops pushed across the eastern arm of the Danube north of Budapest yesterday, splitting the Nazi troops and driving part of them into the mountainous area in the great Danube bend. The remainder were pressed back into Buda, where Soviet units engaged them in house to house fighting.

Other Red army troops stormed into Buda from the west and southwest in numerous new penetrations of the suburban arc.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's forces north of the Danube continued preparations today to storm the Hron (Garam) river line guarding Austria as the Russian communique reported a drive to clear the Germans from the area between the Hron and Ipoly rivers in the Czechoslovakian-Hungarian frontier region.



**BOMB SPLITS FRENCH HOUSE IN TWO**—Half a house remains standing at the end of a street in a French town on the U.S. Third army front, after the other half was destroyed by a high explosive bomb. (AP Wirephoto).

#### Mindoro Shelled By Enemy Ships

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

American bombers relentlessly pursued surviving Japanese warships from a once powerful task force that shelled U.S. airdromes in the Philippines while a Pacific fleet force steamed away almost unscathed from a similar bombardment of an enemy air base island 750 miles south of Tokyo.

The Nipponese attack on Mindoro Island cost the Japanese three destroyers sunk and one battleship and a heavy cruiser damaged. Only three destroyers in the force of eight warships escaped unharmed from a persistent counterattack by PT-boats and every plane available on Mindoro.

Two American warships were hit by shore batteries when they joined Saipan - based bombers in pounding Iwo Jima for the third time this month.

Iwo was shelled to protect Saipan, from which some 50 Superforts yesterday attacked Tokyo, leaving flames raging in the big Musahim aircraft plant.

Japanese bombers also raided Mindoro, Leyte and Morotal island airdromes — all unsuccessfully MacArthur said.

Powerful interception met the B29s over Tokyo resulting in perhaps the greatest bag of Japanese fighter pilots ever scored over Honshu island. One Superfort was lost to the persistent Nipponese attacks. One B29 was attacked 50 times.

Tokyo tried to hide under a smokescreen pouring out of smoke pots, it was a futile attempt. Aside from the first formation overshooting the aircraft factory under the impetus of a strong tailwind, returning airmen reported they hit the target squarely.

As the B29s were overhead Adm. Mitsumasa Yonai, Nipponese naval minister, called for increased air production to replace losses in the "war of attrition in air strength."

Speeding the attrition Yank fighters shot down 13 of 20 interceptors put up in the weakening defense of Clark Field, near Manila. Other bombers ranging over the Philippines and Borneo sank seven small Japanese cargo ships of 1,000 tons or less.

American ground troops mopping up on Leyte Island, main U.S. base in the Philippines, killed 827 more trapped Nipponese.

In Burma British troops continued their steady southward drive down the railway and Irrawaddy river toward Mandalay. Advances of up to 20 miles against light resistance were reported by forward patrols.

#### Suicide Stand At Bastogne Is Another Bataan

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Dec. 28 (AP) — If the Alamo had been reached in time, if fleet-guarded troops could have gunned their way through to Bataan, that would have been the story of Bastogne, the American Arnhem, as it appeared today.

It was a bloody, heroic, suicide stand with promise of a bright ending.

The men who fought and died in the tank-pounded outposts around the town for a week, and some of them probably still are fighting and dying there, cannot yet be identified.

They are several thousand strong — or were when the battle started in which they tied up the better part of five German divisions and denied Field Marshal Von Rundstedt the most important road hub in his offensive bulge.

The Bastogne pocket was under day and night pressure from every side against odds comparable to those which British parachute troops faced at Arnhem, in Holland. There was no way of telling how much longer the American garrison could hold out—but the stories of the men who fought there now make clear how they withstood the siege.

When the relief column burst through it found the Americans not smashed back into the streets but clinging grimly to the outpost line.

#### Montgomery Ward Properties Are Seized By Army In Seven Cities

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—The army seized Montgomery Ward and Company properties in seven cities today under a presidential order in a showdown on the company's refusal to comply with War Labor Board directives.

Simultaneously government attorneys filed a petition in federal court asking for an injunction to restrain the company and its officers from interfering with federal operation of the plants. Presumably this was precautionary in the event Ward's should offer legal resistance to the seizure.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, director of the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, Washington, accompanied by his staff, served the seizure order on Sewell Avery, Ward's chairman of the board, in Avery's private office.

Avery greeted Gen. Byron pleasantly and they shook hands.

Maintenance of union membership was a fundamental issue in the cases, Avery having refused to grant it on the contention it would deprive employees their right freely to join or not to join a union and still work for the big mail order concern.

Justice department specialists from Washington worked until 5 a. m. in the U.S. district attorney's office preparing it was understood, for federal court action in the event Montgomery Ward resisted the seizure. This action would be a petition for an injunction to restrain Avery and other company officials from interfering with government operation of the property.

Washington reports indicated seizure would be effected in six other cities where similar controversies existed.

Meantime, a strike was called at

#### Churchill - Eden Head For London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden have left Athens for London to urge King George II of Greece to approve creation of a German regency, BBC's correspondent in Athens reported today.

ATHENS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Warring Greek political factions were agreed today to formation of a regency in a step towards peace, as British military authorities reported a withdrawal of some ELAS forces from Athens to positions on highways leading into the city.

A majority of the conferees expressed themselves in favor of an immediate regency while a minority favored postponement, it was announced by Archbishop Damaskinos, the chairman.

An Allied force headquarters communique said insurgent troops which entered the city appeared to be evacuating and leaving the fighting in the "built up" areas to the original Athens ELAS corps, concentrated at Piraeus and in the northern and southern districts of the city.

The communique said the process of clearing Athens of the ELAS was progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

In a prelude to the political discussions a sniper's bullet narrowly missed Prime Minister Churchill yesterday morning as he stood in front of the British embassy.

The regency issue was voted upon yesterday at an all-party conference, after which Churchill announced that he, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin would take up the Greek question at a meeting in the near future.

"Of course we must expect that in a not very long time President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and myself will meet again and we will certainly review the situation," Churchill told a press conference.

Asked what was likely to happen if no settlement were reached at the all-party conference, Churchill replied:

"If no agreement is reached, the guns will go on firing, the troops will clear the district and we shall establish peace, order and security in Attica."

Churchill was fired upon by an ELAS sniper yesterday morning as he stood outside the British embassy. He was with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Ambassador Reginald W. A. Leeper. The bullet whistled close by the prime minister and struck a young woman 300 yards away.

#### Nazis Continue Counterblows In Serchio Valley

ROME, Dec. 28 (AP)—German forces are continuing their counterattacks in the Serchio valley sector on the western flank of the Italian front and Fifth army troops have made further withdrawals in that area, Allied headquarters announced today.

The town of Barga, captured a month ago by the Fifth army, was enveloped in the German counterassault that struck out on a six mile front on each side of the Serchio.

Barga is a mile and a half east of the river and about 15 miles north of Lucca.

Meanwhile, Eighth army troops in the Adriatic sector fanned out along the east bank of the Senio river and slashed into fortified German positions at Alfonsine, nine miles northwest of Ravenna. Allied positions below Monte Sole, 12 miles south of Bologna, underwent several attacks by the Germans, who were repulsed with a number of casualties.

The extent of the American withdrawal in the Serchio river section was not given, but it was known that the doughboys had been at least a mile above Barga two weeks ago.

#### Roosevelt Says Country Cannot Tolerate Strikes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Saying "we are today at a critical point in the war," President Roosevelt today directed the army to seize Montgomery Ward properties in seven cities.

The government "cannot and will not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour," Mr. Roosevelt declared in a statement saying he had issued orders for the military to take over the company's properties in Detroit, Chicago, Jamaica, N. Y., St. Paul, Denver, Portland, Ore., and San Rafael, Calif.

The president said Montgomery Ward, under the leadership of Board Chairman Sewell Avery, "has waged a bitter fight against the bona fide unions of its employees throughout the war, in reckless disregard of the government's efforts to maintain harmony between management and labor. Its record of labor relations has been a record of continuous trouble."

Montgomery Ward, he added, will not be allowed to set aside the government's wartime policies "just because Mr. Sewell Avery does not approve of the government's procedure for handling labor disputes."

#### Japanese Up To Usual Tricks . . . Failure As Enemy Attempt To Shell Mindoro Defeated

By SPENCER DAVIS  
BOMBING HEADQUARTERS, Mindoro, Philippines, Dec. 28 (AP)—The enemy attempt to bombard American installations at Mindoro with a formidable surface battery force can be added to the long list of failures of the Japanese navy suffered in the Philippines campaign.

Although an enemy battleship, a heavy cruiser and six destroyers stood off Mindoro's western coastline at what might be considered a safe distance to lob star shells and a few five-inch shells toward the airfields they were not prepared to withstand the fury of an almost continuous air assault.

Arriving at one of Mindoro's airstrips a few hours after the Japanese naval attack, this correspondent was not able to find a single shell crater marring the field.

The force consisted of one Kagi class battleship, one heavy cruiser and six destroyers which was heading toward Mindoro at 28 knots.

Brig. Gen. Donald F. Hutchison, chief of staff of the 5th air force, immediately ordered all available planes gassed and bombed.

Before this could be completed, enemy fighters swept over the hill and onto San Jose's air-dromes for bombing and strafing runs.

Thunderbolts, Lightnings, Mitchells and Black Widow night fighters had to take off whether or not they had bombs snugged under their wings.

The pilot who first spotted the

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—American forces cutting into both sides of the Von Rundstedt bulge at its thinnest neck have fought to within less than 20 miles of a junction, 36-hour old reports from the front said tonight.

The whole southern flank of the enemy salient from Bastogne to the German border yielded slowly to hammering. Doughboys and tanks crossed the Sure river at four places and threw the enemy back into the reich at two places in the Echternach area at the eastern end of the wedge.

The razor-thin relief corridor to epic Bastogne held firm against German infantry and armored attack.

The Germans were buffeted back farther in hard fighting near Grandmenil and Marche, points 20 miles away on the other side of the bulge.

Part of the German spearhead which had driven deepest into Belgium at Celles was encircled and being hammered into disintegration by a ring of guns and armor, and another pocket along the underbelly of the salient was receiving similar treatment.

The probing armor that had pushed close to Ciney, 15 miles from Namur in the northwestern tip of the bulge, had been beaten back into the battlement seven to eight miles southeast of the village.

The main fighting in the Celles area was now in the vicinity of Verre, two and one half miles to the southeast.

Along the southern flank the Americans continued to gain and were across, up to or almost up to the whole line of the Sure river from the Bastogne area to the German frontier. Where they were not across the stream they held the high ground on the south side.

The village of Liefrange, 10 miles southeast of Bastogne, was seized in one crossing north of the village of Bonnal.

It was too early to foresee the outcome, for the Americans in their counterattack now underway faced formidable obstacles.

But there were clear indications the bold Nazi bid for a great December victory had butted into serious trouble.

The German army had been held for more than 48 hours up to Wednesday dawn without a significant gain.

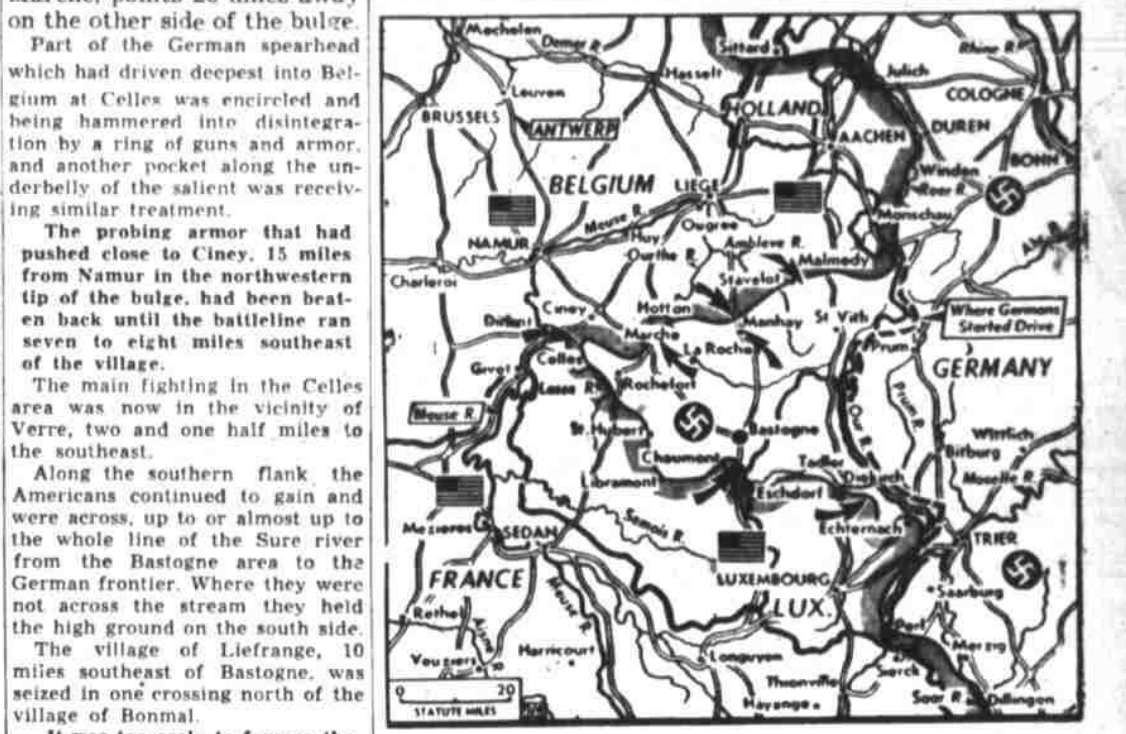
German pockets were surrounded in the western head of the enemy offensive and on the southern flank and were under tempests of shellfire.

Southwest of Echternach the Germans were retreating and northwest of that southern hinge of the salient, they were preparing an escape bridge under American fire and were preparing to pull back into Germany across the Sure.

A bit farther northwest 250 Germans were seen swimming the Our river, back to Germany.

Three of the American crossings of the Sure, which Berlin broadcast said were by the U. S. Third army under the command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, were near Bonnal, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Eschdorf. The fourth was at a place three miles northeast of Martelange. All the crossings were within about 15 miles of Bastogne.

Von Rundstedt's armored patrol probing toward the Meuse were being beaten up badly, though one did thrust out eight miles south of Celles to the vicinity of Beauraing, only 1 1/2 miles from the French border.



**GERMANS CHECKED, AMERICANS COUNTER-ATTACK**—American troops have driven a deep salient into German lines, it was announced Dec. 27, but the exact location of the push was not disclosed. Supreme headquarters announced earlier that a German armored thrust toward the Meuse river had been checked at Celles and Ciney and the Germans rolled back. Arrows show center of action indicated by field dispatches. (AP Wirephoto Map).

#### Rail Targets Hit By Allied Bombs

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — Seventeen hundred heavy bombers hammered 11 rail targets in western Germany today despite bad weather which curtailed close air support for American ground forces.

Five hundred British bombers struck just before dawn, aiming their bomb load of about 2,500 tons on ground flares planted by Pathfinder planes at Opladen, 12 miles north of Cologne.

The U.S. Eighth Air Force's 1,200 heavies, also based in Britain, bombed the other targets by instruments through dense clouds. They were escorted by 700 U.S. fighters which encountered no opposition from German planes. The British escort, likewise, had no opposition in the air.

The 4,000-ton bomb load of the American armada fell on ten rail yards and bridges and on junction points between the German salient in Belgium and the Rhine. The RAF hit the railway workshop at Opladen, where the Germans have been trying to repair damaged military rolling stock.

The German radio said day raiders also were striking into the reich from the south, suggesting operations by the Italian-based U. S. 15th air force.

Official accounts said almost 2,000 pieces of German rail and road transport were demolished yesterday and 90 German fighters were shot down by some 4,000 Allied bombers and fighters which took the air.

Allied losses were five bombers and 23 fighters.

The tactical air force in Italy, enjoying the best stretch of weather in weeks, flew 1,500 sorties against the enemy's battle-field strongpoints and rear area communications yesterday.

#### US Submarine Is Presumed Lost By Navy Heads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The U. S. Submarine Seawolf is overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The navy's announcement today said the vessel was under command of Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bonlier of White Plains, N. Y., who is listed as missing.

The 1,500 ton submersible was of a class which normally carries a complement of 62 men. No announcement was made of the number lost, but the navy said next of kin of all casualties had been informed.

The Seawolf brought to 34 the total of United States submarines lost during the war—4 sunk, 28 overdue and presumed lost, and two destroyed to prevent capture. It was the 23rd naval vessel of all types lost since the beginning of the war.

#### Pump Contractors Arrive For Work

City Manager B. J. McDaniel announced Thursday that the contractors for the setting of the pumps, Lane - Texas Co. from Dallas, arrived Wednesday to begin the installation in the well field in Glascock county.

For the past several weeks the pipeline from the well field to Big Spring has been under pressure test, McDaniel said.

NO V-BOMB ATTACKS  
LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — For the second time in less than a week England has had a 24-hour period unmarred by German V-bombs, the air ministry disclosed today.

#### BROWN RIGG WORRIES

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — Sir Douglas Brownrigg, a retired lieutenant general, said today that Gen. Eisenhower was trying to carry too heavy a load in personally directing the land fighting and suggested that he delegate some of his duties. Brownrigg was adjutant general to the British expeditionary force in France at the time of his retirement in 1940.

#### KILLED IN MISHAP

GAINESVILLE, Dec. 28 (AP) — Two Gainesville residents were killed and five persons injured in a three-way traffic collision five miles east of Gainesville on U. S. highway 82 shortly before midnight Wednesday.

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Russian railways consume more than 30 per cent of all coal produced in the country.

# Service Plus Aim Of Ollie McDaniel

Operating one of the most modern service stations on the Alcan-Pan American highway Ollie McDaniel has fast become one of Big Spring's leading filling station operators. McDaniel opened his station June 25th, 1941 and since that time his list of customers has continued to grow and with his fourth anniversary approaching the list continues to have new names added every day.

McDaniel now is employing six helpers, well versed in the servicing of automobiles quickly and efficiently, but still says he is short-handed. However, the genial owner and manager said, "I can still take care of all my customers with a maximum degree of efficiency." Patrons of McDaniel affirm this statement.

(McDaniel has long been known by residents of Big Spring and the entire area. He was formerly in the hardware business before taking up his present profession and his list of friends dates back through many years of serving the public in this section.)

No recapping or tire vulcanizing is done there, but for minor tire troubles and ordinary flats McDaniel stands ready to give fast and qualified repair work.

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# Westex Oil Now In Seventeenth Year

The Westex Oil company is now in its 17th year of business in the Permian Basin area. At the present time the company has 14 members of its personnel in the oil and drilling contractors in armed forces.

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of the company, said. A staff of 15 employees includes in its force, Mrs. Jo Wells, office manager; Mrs. Emmaline Eastman, assistant office manager; Cecil Snodgrass, sales manager who recently joined the firm; Dewey Young, distribution department head who was one of the original employees of the company; B. F. Mays, who has been in charge of the Big Spring plant since 1933.

This company offers lubrication for any type motor or engine and sell petroleum products of the Shell Oil Co. Inc. to southwest Texas and northeastern New Mexico. The headquarters were moved to Big Spring from McCamey in 1935 and now has branch offices in Odessa, Denver City and Hobbs, N. Mex.

The business was begun on May 4, 1927, with a partnership of Ted and Al P. Groehl. Ted acquired the firm in toto on Sept. 30, 1944.

The Westex Oil Co. is working especially to keep the oil drillers producing in order that essential commodity is kept flowing to help speed victory. In addition to this activity for the war effort, Groehl has been chairman of the war bond drives, and in that capacity he urged that everyone buy war bonds first and then buy other things.

## Confusing Wardrobe

POINT BARROW, Alaska, Dec. 26 (AP)—War Correspondents Olen Clements of the Associated Press and Russell Annabel of the United Press among the first to visit to the far north.

Chief reason for the excitement: the correspondents' boots and parka-style coats. None of the Eskimos could figure out what all the heavy clothing was for.

## GOLDEN SILENCE

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Staggs employs five men who are well trained in repairing, re-coreing, and cleaning radiators, repair and sell starters, brake service, motor tune-up, and carburetors repaired.

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"A few appliances have been made and ordered but there were so few and what little we had disappeared so quickly that we have ceased orders on these for the duration," he said.

Bloomshild also urged the citizens of Big Spring to keep plenty of fuses on hand. By doing this, he said, there will be few "blow-outs," and in case they do occur in the dark the remainder of the evening or create fire-hazards by the use of candles.

The Texas Electric Service, located at 324 Runnels has, during the shortage of help and equipment of these war years, done their best to serve you in every possible manner. Their work has always been speedy and efficient and done to the best of their ability. It is their desire and sincere wish to continue their service to you and hope that it proves satisfactory.

"We must remember that the length of the war has not and cannot yet be determined by any one or one set of individuals. Perhaps dark times are confronting us, but they lead to a free future, and one worth giving up comfort and luxuries, and fighting for."

Treaty-Making Group Renews Attempt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Leaders of a move to give the house a hand in future treaty making will renew their campaign as soon as the new congress meets.

"We want to get a constitutional amendment resolution passed through the house and over to the senate early in January," Rep. Kefauver (D. Tenn.) said today.

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Available Tires For Civilians Lowered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Tires available for civilians in January will be pared sharply by rubber have slashed the January low the December figure.

OPA says military demands for allocation of passenger tires to 1,800,000 from 2,000,000 in December, small truck and bus tires to 116,000 from 200,000, heavy truck and bus tires to 110,000 from 120,000.

"LAREDO VICTORY" LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Mayor Hugh S. Cluck has been advised that a maritime commission ship now under construction will be named "Laredo Victory."

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# Is Compulsory Training Necessary?

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two stories in a series on compulsory military training.)

By JAMES MARLOW  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The main point in all talk about national compulsory military training in peacetime for American youth is this: Is it necessary?

The army and navy say it is. They want every able-bodied youth, after reaching a certain age, to undergo at least one year of military training.

Some arguments for such a program:  
By training one million youths a year, and then returning them to civilian life, in 10 years we could build up a reserve of 10 million trained men.

We'd need it if we joined a league in order to back up our efforts to preserve peace. If we didn't join, then more than ever we'd have to have a great reserve of trained men.

If we had had a large military force this time we might not have been attacked. Our underpreparedness figured in Axis calculations against us.

Fortunately, in this war and the last one we had Allies who held off the enemy until we got into fighting shape.

The next time the attack upon us may be sudden. We may have no allies.

So, we'll need plenty of trained manpower: either in uniform as a standing army or ready to be called into uniform quickly from civilian life.

We wouldn't need compulsory training or a large reserve of regular, standing army, navy and trained men if we had a huge airforce.

But the upkeep of such a regular military machine would be far more expensive than maintaining a fair-sized machine backed up by a reserve.

Some arguments against compulsory training:  
Military training trends to war. Our young men would want to use what they learned.

Military training would take out of a young man's life, by interrupting his schooling and occupational plans.

Such training isn't necessary. We've done pretty well by waiting until war came and then using our wartime draft system.

If there is a real league to preserve peace, a big reserve force wouldn't be necessary.  
Compulsory military training

would make other nations suspicious of us. They, too, would consider it necessary for them. Then there'd be an armament race. Compulsory military training didn't save France.

## Private Breger Abroad by Dave Breger



"MUST you always stand there and watch sergeants suffer?"



REUNION—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gage have received this picture from their son, Tommy Gage, F/1c, and a letter telling of a reunion with his brother-in-law, E. J. Davis, Jr. in Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Davis is residing here with her parents at 1209 Nolan street while her husband is in the navy.

## Publishers Oppose Union Law Changes

DALLAS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Opposition to changes of union laws by the International Typographical Union, was voiced in a statement issued by publishers and publishers' representatives of four states in session here yesterday.

"While relations between newspapers and their printers have been generally harmonious in the past," the statement said, "publishers now see the danger of a disruption of happy relations by the union's attempt to make its own laws supersede the process of collective bargaining and arbitration."

C. W. Tabb, manager of the Dallas office of the Southern Newspaper Publishers association, said the group agreed that:

The principle of collective bargaining in determining wages, hours and working conditions should be maintained;

Labor contracts should be complete in themselves and should be equally binding on employer and employee;

The principle of arbitration of disputes should be maintained;

Collective bargaining should be free from influence of one-sided laws enacted by or affecting only one party to the bargaining.

Tabb said today's action followed the Typographical union's recent changes in its laws, which, the group felt, departed from the principle of free collective bargaining and arbitration of labor disputes.

Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana were represented at the meeting.

## Yanks Hide While Germans Ransack

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM, Dec. 27 (Delayed) (AP) Nine members of a quartermaster company trapped by the recent German breakthrough in this area told today how they hid in an old creamery storage vault while Nazi tankmen ransacked bins of new American combat clothing "like a bunch of children."

"The Heinies were tickled pink to get that clothing," said Pvt. B. C. Mallory of Mineral Wells, Tex. "They all picked some up, waved it around and kept yelling: 'Americans kaput! (Americans finished.)'"

The nine men hid in the creamery seven hours watching through a window as the Germans helped themselves to American equipment before pulling out when U. S. artillery started to shell the town.

The other eight included these Texans:

Corp. Benjamin E. Ondrusek, Yoakum; Pvt. Herschel C. White, 1422 26th st., Wichita Falls; Pvt. Mandred E. Davis, Pampa; Corp. E. J. Kopecky, Sweethome, and Pfc. Dale L. Phelps, Lytle.

## Texas Pilots Have Field Day With 36th

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The 36th fighter group, which boasts five Texas pilots, had a field day at the Nazis expense near Trier Saturday, downing 20 out of 85 German planes in one of the most furious air battles of the war.

Lt. Ernest H. Understadt, Jr., San Antonio, bagged three Focke-Wulf's.

Other Texans who each were credited with one kill were: Lt. Hayden W. Head, 1207 S. Travis, Sherman; Lt. Daniel Leftwich, Jr., 934 Northwest Charles St., Brownsville; Lt. Fred S. Welch, 3205 Ayre St., Corpus Christi and Lt. Sterling U. Price of Price, one-half.

## Authorities Deny POW Sit-Down Strike

PALACIOS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Army authorities had denied today that news of the German counter attack had inspired some 200 German war prisoners at Camp Hulen to stage a sit-down strike here yesterday.

The refusal to work was said to have begun when prisoners on duty in the camp mess refused to work at breakfast time. It spread among other prisoners. The strikers were placed on a bread and water diet.

## POSTWAR PLANNING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Ten American lieutenants, now prisoners in Germany, have at least one postwar plan made. A New York hotel reports they have filed a standing order for reservations for use as soon as they reach the United States.

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**Eight Navy Fliers Return To Leyte**  
LEYTE, P. I., Dec. 28 (AP) — Eight Navy airmen returned to Leyte Island safely today after evading Japanese for more than five weeks in the mountains of an enemy-held Philippine island.  
They were shot down by anti-aircraft fire during November carrier raids and later united in the mountains.  
"We had to keep moving all of the time to avoid the Japs," said Ens. Eric Rellis, of Chicago. "For five weeks we never slept on a bed or cot. Mostly we ate rice three times a day but sometimes we could get hold of papayas or chickens."  
"You're speaking for yourself now," interjected Lt. (jg) A. E. Summer, Jackson, Miss. "Where I was in the hills, rice was just about all we could find."  
Summer and Radioman George Bogil, Perth Amboy, N. J., said they had a vantage point for a while where they could watch a Japanese garrison. Once a Japanese spotted them and blew a whistle to stop them but they fled into the woods.  
Others who returned with them were Radioman Chester Knozek, Baltimore, Md.; Lt. S. R. Johnson, (1926) Sycamore) Denton, Tex.; Ens. Ross Edite McAlpine, Houston, Tex.; Alan Pray, Peru, N. Y.; Robert Jones, Miami Springs, Fla. (No ranks were given for Pray or Jones.)  
All appeared well and expressed hope for a trip home soon.

**COMMISSIONED** — Milton Alfred Cate, son of Mrs. Letha M. Cate, Big Spring, was graduated from the naval air training bases at Corpus Christi and was commissioned an ensign in the US naval reserve. He received preliminary flight instruction in Norman, Okla. air base and also had navigation, aerology, gunnery and radio training to qualify him for either carrier-based or land-based operations.

**Sea Going Skunk**  
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 28 (AP)—Ever hear of a sea-going skunk?  
There'll be one aboard the submarine USS Quillback tomorrow when the vessel is placed in commission at the Portsmouth navy yard.  
This particular skunk first reported for duty in November as a recruit from the Wisconsin state game commission. It has been adopted as the sub's mascot.

**SAFE LANDING** — ?  
WOODWARD, Okla., Dec. 27 (AP) — A pilot and his four passengers escaped injuries in a crash landing near here, Highway Patrolman W. I. Fletcher said. But they had a grim warning. They lit in a cemetery.

**QUIET COURT DOCKET**  
Following a busy court Tuesday after a long week-end there was only one man charged with drunkenness in the Big Spring jail Wednesday. Three women are being held for VD check-ups.  
Bamboo canes for brush making, formerly imported from Japan, now are being grown in Elre.

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Pictured above is Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Pettus, who held an open house December 26th in their home at 1000 Lancaster Street in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

## Belgian Fascist Head Will Be Executed

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Leon Degrelle, chief of the now outlawed Belgian Rexist (fascist) movement, has been condemned in absentia to be shot to death.

The Brussels court of collaborators and traitors pronounced the judgment yesterday by default. Degrelle has been in the hands of the Germans since before they left Belgium.

## SATISFIED APPETITE

PORTLAND, Ore. Dec. 28 (AP) — A burglar broke through the second floor of a vacant building adjoining a downtown cafe, forced a door, and dropped into the cafe kitchen through a trap door. His loot: One 40-cent sweet potato pie.

## Port Arthur College Announces New Prexy

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 28 (AP) — George M. Sims yesterday became president of Port Arthur college.

Sims succeeded Carl Vaughan, formerly of Texasiana, Texas. He has been superintendent of the Port Arthur public school system for the past 30 years.

## Merrily We Roll

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28 (AP) — The unsuspecting motorman continued merrily on his way, his streetcar motor ablaze.

After a passerby turned in the alarm, firemen chased the streetcar four blocks before the motorman could be stopped — and the fire quenched.

## Andresen Charges Vinson As Swindler

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The Office of Price Administration and Economic Stabilizer Fred Vinson were accused today by Rep. Andresen (R-Minn) of having swindled millions of "thrifty American housewives."

This, Andresen said in a statement, resulted when Vinson and OPA boss Chester Bowles "conspired to issue the new ration order which cancelled unused red and blue stamps."

A member of the republican congressional food study committee, Andresen said he is convinced that the War Food Administration was "by-passed and not consulted when the OPA fixed up this Christmas present for the American people—especially when we consider the latest report from the department of agriculture."

That report, he recalled, stated that "this year (1944) total production of food was the highest in history."

"I hate to see my government deliberately cheat patriotic Americans who are doing everything possible to help win the war and back their boys on the fighting fronts," he added. "We need more honesty on the part of our officials in their dealings with the people."

Andresen recalled a speech he made in the house last May in which he predicted that after the election "the new deal will x x x reinstate and make more drastic all rationing policies to further regiment and socialize the economy of our country."

## Hog Production Is Lower During Year

AUSTIN, Dec. 28 (AP) — Hog production in Texas this year was about 41 per cent below the record total of 1943 although it was about 11 per cent above the average production for the previous 10 years.

The U. S. department of agriculture reported the state pig crop for the year was estimated at 2,460,000 head, compared with a peak of 4,183,000 head saved in 1943 and the 10-year (1933-42) average of 2,210,000 head.

Both spring and fall farrowing in 1944 were substantially below those of last year.

## Wheat Price Rise Will Not Be Felt

The four cent a bushel increase in wheat will cause no increase in the price of bread, OPA District Director Howard R. Gohlsen announced Wednesday.

The standard-size loaf of white bread will continue to be sold for 11 cents. Flour prices will also remain at their present levels until Dec. 31, at which time announcement will be made of a new subsidy rate to apply after Jan. 1.

The increase in wheat was necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Stabilization Extension Act of 1944.

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But Mike still keeps plenty busy. For as cars get older customers need his help more.

He must see that tires are cross-switched regularly and recapped in plenty of time—that batteries are recharged often enough to counteract the effects of short-trip driving. He must check oil and oil filters often and keep a watchful eye out for little things that could cause trouble.

His days begin early and end late and he works short-handed most of the time. But whether you drop in to spend a precious "A" ticket or just get some free air Mike greets you with a genuine smile of welcome. For as Mike says—his job today is to be a good Humble Service man—with accent on the "service."

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Also in the interest of conserving war-vital tetra-ethyl lead, P. A. W. has directed that less of it be used in the manufacture of all Regular gasoline. Consequently the octane number of this product has been reduced from 72 to 70.

So, if your Humble Station is temporarily out of Esso Extra, or if Humble Regular does not perform in your car like it did in the past, please remember that tetra-ethyl lead is really at war . . . just another of those small sacrifices all of us at home are asked to make in the interest of an earlier Victory.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HOWARD. To the Resident Property Tax-paying Voters of Howard County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 13th day of January, 1945, within Howard County, Texas, to determine if said County shall issue bonds and if ad valorem tax shall be levied in payment thereof.

On this, the 11th day of December, 1944, the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas, convened in regular session at a Regular Term thereof, at the regular meeting place in the Court-house at Big Spring, Texas, with the following members of the Court, to-wit:

James T. Brooks, County Judge, J. E. Brown, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

H. T. Hais, Commissioner Precinct No. 2.

R. L. Nall, Commissioner Precinct No. 3.

Akin Simpson, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Lee Porter, County Clerk, being present, came on to be considered the petition of A. J. Stallings and 231 other persons, praying that an election be ordered to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued by said Howard County, Texas, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed three (3%) per cent per annum, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed twenty (20) years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied on all taxable property within said County for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

And it appearing to the Court that said petition is signed by more than fifty (50) of the resident property taxpayers of said Howard County, Texas, who own taxable property within said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation; and it further appearing that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property of said Howard County; IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ORDERED by the Court that an election be held in said County on the 13th day of January, 1945, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said County shall be issued in the amount of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, within said County, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed three (3%) per cent per annum, maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed twenty (20) years from date thereof; and whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied upon all property in said County subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on

said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. A sufficient amount of the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used in purchasing right-of-way for highways and/or roads that have been and that may be located by the State Highway Commission and that may be constructed by the State Highway Commission in Howard County. The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1925.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property taxpayers in this County, who own taxable property within said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

At the Courthouse Building, in Big Spring, Voting Precinct No. 1, with G. C. Broughton as Presiding Officer.

At the Courthouse Building, in Big Spring, Voting Precinct No. 2, with W. L. McColister as Presiding Officer.

At the Courthouse Building, in Big Spring, Voting Precinct No. 3, with G. C. White as Presiding Officer.

At the Courthouse Building, in Big Spring, Voting Precinct No. 4, with S. P. Jones as Presiding Officer.

At the Vincent School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 5, with Willis Winters as Presiding Officer.

At the Gay Hill School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 6, with C. B. Lawrence as Presiding Officer.

At the R-Bar School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 7, with R. E. Martin as Presiding Officer.

At the West Ward School Building, in Big Spring, Voting Precinct No. 8, with L. R. Mundt as Presiding Officer.

At the American Legion Building, in Coshamo, Voting Precinct No. 9, with Leroy Echols as Presiding Officer.

At the Forsan School Building, in Forsan, Voting Precinct No. 10, with Mrs. C. M. Adams as Presiding Officer.

At the Center Point School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 11, with Glenn Cantrell as Presiding Officer.

At the Moore School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 12, with A. K. Merriek as Presiding Officer.

At the Garner School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 13, with A. J. Lloyd as Presiding Officer.

At the Morris School Building, in Voting Precinct No. 14, with W. L. Wilson as Presiding Officer.

At the R. N. Adams Rent Building, in Voting Precinct No. 15, with J. A. Iden as Presiding Officer.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes hereinbefore referred to.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in "Big Spring Daily Herald," a newspaper published in Howard County, Texas, for three successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted copies of this order at four public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Courthouse door, for three weeks prior to said election.

The County Clerk is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the return of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, with the seal of the Commissioners Court affixed, this 13th day of December, 1944.

LEE PORTER, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, Howard County, Texas. (SEAL)

The Museum of Natural History in New York contains 53 pieces of moveable metal printing type which were invented in Korea in 1406 A. D.

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"I'm going out to wunchy—I'll be back at jee!"



BARBERSHOP QUARTET — Lauritz Melchior, Metropolitan tenor (left), and Edgar Bergen, John Berg's drummer, Mortimer Snerd and Charlie McCarthy in a barbershop quartet.

Simple Supper For New Year's Eve

By CHARLOTTE ADAMS

- Casserole of Baked Beans
Fruited Gingerbread
Green Salad
Broiled Grapefruit

(Recipes serve four) Casserole of Baked Beans 1 No. 2 can of beans 3 tablespoons molasses 3 tablespoons tomato catsup 2 tablespoons brown sugar 4 slices bacon

Broiled Grapefruit 2 grapefruit 1-4 cup brown sugar 1 tablespoon fortified margarine Wash, dry and cut grapefruit in half. Loosen each section by cutting with a sharp knife along each fiber division. Preheat broiler at 350 degrees for ten minutes.

Fruited Gingerbread 4 tablespoons shortening 2-3 cup sugar 1 egg 1-2 cup molasses 1 cup warm water 2 1-2 cups flour 1 teaspoon soda 1 teaspoon baking powder 1-2 teaspoons cinnamon 1 teaspoon ginger 1-2 teaspoon cloves 1-2 teaspoon mace or nutmeg 1-2 teaspoon salt 2-3 cup chopped dried figs or dates or raisins

Cream shortening, sugar and egg. Add rest of ingredients and beat 2 minutes. (This is rather a thin batter but it will thicken when baked.) Pour into shallow pan, lined with waxed paper. Bake 30 minutes in moderate oven.

Clear Conscience

ARKANSAS CITY, Kans., Dec. 27. (AP) — Mrs. Ralph Oldroyd received a package of scissors, costume jewelry and knickknacks — plus \$2.50 — from a person employed in her home years ago.

A note said the articles were to replace some that were lost or broken during the employment, and the money was to cover any incidentals that had been forgotten.

It was news to Mrs. Oldroyd. She hadn't known anything had been lost or broken.

Ranks of the Suez canal are chiefly sand and gravel, although in places concrete has been laid to prevent erosion.



GIANT'S TAIL — Communications ground crewmen of B-29 forces on Saipan check antenna equipment on the tail of a giant Superfortress just before it takes off on a mission. Photo by U. S. Army Air Forces.

Second Massacre Of Americans Disclosed

WITH U. S. FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 28 (AP)—An Army investigation has disclosed the second authenticated case of Germans shooting American prisoners, six being shot near Bastogne, it was announced today.

A survivor said that a lieutenant and five other men, captured in an ambush, were lined up and shot after perfunctory questioning. The lieutenant, badly wounded, was kicked in the face while he lay on the ground, but played dead and after the Germans left got back to the American lines.

GERMANS WARNED

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower warned the Nazis today not to harm foreign workers in Germany, declaring "grave penalties will fall on those who are guilty of treating them badly."

Influenza Epidemic Reported In Reich

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Brussels radio said today an influenza epidemic had broken out in Germany.

The broadcast said the situation was particularly serious in the southern sections of the Reich, where the cold weather and shortages of food, doctors and medicine have been felt acutely. It said there have been many deaths in Munich.

COMPENSATION PAID

DETROIT, Dec. 28 (AP)—General Motors corporation announced today that it had paid more than \$18,800,000 in extra compensation to factory employees eligible to receive pay in lieu of vacations in 1944.

El Salvador ranks fourth in world production of coffee.

Ham For New Year's Dinner

By CHARLOTTE ADAMS

- Baked Ham in Madeira Sauce
Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Quick-frozen Green Peas
Sour Milk Corn Bread
Fruit Cobbler

(Recipes serve four)

- Baked Ham in Madeira Sauce 1-2 tenderized ham 2 cups Madeira wine 1 cup brown sugar Cloves

Rub sugar into the outside skin of the ham and stick well with cloves, about one inch apart. Place in a roasting pan with heated Madeira. Bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes, basting frequently with the liquid in the pan.

Sour Milk Corn Bread

- 1 cup corn meal 1 cup flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 3-4 teaspoon soda 2 tablespoons sugar 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup sour milk 2 eggs, beaten 2 tablespoons fortified margarine, melted

Sift together twice cornmeal, flour, baking powder, soda, salt and sugar. Combine beaten eggs with milk and shortening. Add egg mixture to dry ingredients and stir well. Turn into greased pan and bake at 400 degrees for approximately 45 minutes.

Another Fish Story

SIDNEY, Neb., Dec. 27 (AP)—Art Closeman, a veteran Sidney Hunter, is anxious that lots of people see the duck he shot—he's quite sure they won't believe it's the real McCoy when they see it mounted.

The bird has the body of a mallard hen and the bright green head of a mallard drake.



The Bride Blushed

when she opened her suitcase and found her clothes had been stolen. A Personal Effects Floater covers these losses.

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Newest Estimates Find Service Vote In Presidential Election Below Par

By D. HAROLD OLIVER WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Best estimates obtainable from election officials place the service vote in the recent presidential race at around 2,800,000.

This is far below the 3,392,000 estimated by state officers prior to the Nov. 7 election as likely to be cast. But it is a far greater percentage of the service strength than that recorded in the 1942 congressional elections.

The total military and civilian vote this year was 47,971,156, corrected to date.

The 1944 estimate of the service vote is around 35 per cent. That compares with the less than one-half of one per cent who voted in the off-year elections in 1942.

Pending a more complete estimate of the military vote, official returns and estimates from 24 states today placed it at 1,399,308.

Only five states broke down the vote by parties—Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. They gave Roosevelt 293,328 and Dewey 207,063, or roughly three to two in the president's favor.

Here's the way the 24 states recorded or estimated their uniformed ballots: (x) denotes estimate.

- Alabama 5,000 (x); Colorado 28,348; Connecticut 39,419 (x); Florida 27,492; Illinois 200,000 (x); Iowa 47,362; Kansas 30,597; Kentucky 31,673 (x); Maryland 39,549; Minnesota 62,517; Missouri 79,277 (x); Montana 9,340; Nebraska 23,484; New Hampshire 12,212; New Jersey 30,329; New Mexico 7,032; North Carolina 49,541; Ohio 184,472; Oregon 33,377; Pennsylvania 255,226; Rhode Island 23,100; Tennessee 27,933; Virginia 38,475; Wyoming 7,885. (Wyoming's total is incomplete.)

BACKACHE, LEG PAINS MAY BE DANGER SIGN Of Tired Kidneys

If backache and leg pains are making you miserable, don't just complain and do nothing about them. Backache may be warning you that your kidneys are not working properly. The kidneys are the chief way of taking excess acids and poisonous waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 2 pints a day.

If the 15 million of kidney tubes and filters don't work well, poisonous waste matter stays in the blood. These poisons may start nagging headaches, nervousness, fatigue, loss of pep and energy, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or smelly passages with smarting and burning sensations show these poisons are wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't wait until it's too late. Get Duon's Pills, used successfully by millions for over 40 years. They give happy relief and will help the 15 million of kidney tubes flush out poisonous waste from the blood. Get Duon's Pills.

McDONALD INDUCTED AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (AP)—Harold B. McDonald, zone deputy collector for the bureau of internal revenue and youngest son of J. E. McDonald, commissioner of agriculture, reported today at Fort Sam Houston for assignment in the armed forces.

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LYRIC QUEEN TODAY ONLY SHE'LL TUG AT YOUR HEART! My Pal WOLF Plus "Lot It Be Me" And "Trail Breakers"

Weather Forecast Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Light rain this afternoon, tonight and early Friday morning.

Livestock FORT WORTH, Dec. 28 (AP) - Cattle 900; calves 600; active, fully loaded choice mixed steer and heifer yearlings; medium to good steers and yearlings 11.50-14.50.

STATE Today Only Damon Runyon's THE BIG STREET Starring Henry Fonda Lucille Ball with Barton MacLane Eugene Pallette Ossie Nelson and His Orchestra



FOUR BROTHERS IN SERVICE—Four sons of Mrs. Gregoria R. Mendoza, 57, are in service in widely separated theatres of war. Robert H. Mendoza, 22, top left, volunteered on Nov. 11, 1942 and was assigned to the armored tank division and trained mostly at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Courthouse Officials Look Ahead Toward Annual Reports; No Changes

Some courthouse offices Thursday were in the process of preparing for a change in personnel come Jan. 1, but most merely looked toward annual reports with no official changes stated.

Reeder Stresses Need For Nurses

At least 11 army combat medical units have called for battle duty without nurses because of the failure of communities to understand their responsibility in releasing nurses from civilian duties.

Captured Films Show German Atrocities

MALMEDY, Belgium, Dec. 28 (AP)—A captured German picture showing a group of dead American soldiers lined up in front of their guns is being investigated, it was disclosed today.

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 28 (AP)—A proclamation reminding San Antonians that Jan. 1 is the 12th anniversary of Good Neighbor Day was issued today by Mayor Gust Mauermaann.



SUPERFORCES' TARGET—This map of a section of Japan's Kyushu Island shows several cities bombed by U. S. airmen. Inset shows area in relation to rest of Japan.

IN UNIFORM

T-Sgt. Lloyd R. Nichols of the 142nd Infantry Regiment, of the 36th "Texas" Division, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement in combat" in France from Sept. 27 to 30.

Robert F. Williams, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Williams of 206 Goliad St., Big Spring, has been promoted to the grade of sergeant, it was announced by the Sixth Air Force headquarters.

Master Sgt. Collin R. Biffle, 31, of Chicago, Ill., and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Biffle of Big Spring has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Cpl. George M. Hatch, son of Mr. R. D. Hatch, route 1, Big Spring has been cited by the 11th Armored Infantry Battalion of the First Armored Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy.

Here And There

District Clerk George Choate was showing improvement Thursday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Choate, where he has been ill for several days.

Enrique Sanchez entered a plea of guilty before County Judge James T. Brooks Wednesday on a charge of assault and was fined \$25 and costs. He had been charged with an assault upon Antonio Sanchez, a female.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crenshaw have returned from Lubbock where they spent the holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Whiteside.

Estes To Return To Politics In Texas

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 (AP)—Lt. Cmdr. Carl L. Estes, executive and public relations officer at nearby Willow Grove (Pa.) Naval Air Station said today he is leaving for Pacific duty after two years of pleading with naval authorities to send him "while the war was on."

Cmdr. Estes, in addition to being tendered a formal farewell by enlisted personnel at the base, was honored at a dinner during which he received a watch inscribed to "Pappy, our executive officer."

It was announced at the dinner that Cmdr. Estes developed the fighter and bomber squadron of the Aircraft Carrier Princeton, recently sunk off the Philippines. Asked if he plans to enter politics when the war is over, the commander said "of course — in Texas — and democratic politics of the Jeffersonian type."

HUNGARIAN GENERAL DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Budapest radio announced today that Gen. Ivan Hindy, identified as commander of the Hungarian troops defending the capital against the Russian advance, was killed in action.

Almost all of Egypt's 16 million people live in the lower Nile valley and delta.

CLEARANCE COATS SUITS DRESSES HATS SLACK SUITS GOOD REDUCTIONS BUT SHOP EARLY The FASHION WOMEN'S WEAR MAX S. JACOBS

Cotton Crop Trailing Last Year's Results

Howard county's 1944 cotton crop continues to trail the harvest of a year ago, the census report released by J. L. Hudson, special agent for the department of commerce census bureau, Thursday.

Farm Bureau To Aid In Return Filing

Preparing for the income tax rush, the Howard County Farm Bureau announced Thursday the continuation of its policy of aiding its members in filing returns.

Hearing To Establish Right Of Ownership

A hearing to establish right of possession to a service station at W. 3rd and Gregg streets was underway Thursday before Justice of Peace Walter Grice.

OPA Officials Meet With Livestock Men

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28 (AP)—Office of Price Administration officials from Washington met with 25 members of the advisory committee of the livestock industry of the middlewest today to discuss the proposed price ceiling schedule of live cattle.

Texas Cattle Raiser Head Seeks Hearing

FORT WORTH, Dec. 28 (AP)—Joe G. Montague, attorney for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association, told the Star-Telegram by telephone from Kansas City today that he was seeking a hearing before Stabilization Director Vinson to give the cattle industry a chance to present its opposition to the OPA's proposed price ceilings on live cattle.

Selective Service Board Due To Meet

Howard county selective service board is due to go into session this week to begin consideration of cases in the light of new regulations.

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Stars And Stripes Appeals For Unity

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The U. S. Army publication Stars and Stripes urged the Allied nations today to close ranks for a united fight against Germany.

The newspaper editorial referred to British troubles in Greece, the controversy over Italian politics, the unrest in Belgium, the Canadian crisis over conscription, the disputes about the Polish-Russian setup, and complaints concerning the international air conference at Chicago.